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“Where there is no vision, the people will perish.”

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Black community, heal thyself! Reject black socialist elites and Marxists in the Democratic Party and in the Congressional Black Caucus

“The rich man’s wealth is his strong city. The destruction of the poor is their poverty.” **Proverbs 10:15**

By **Ms. Arelya J. Mitchell**,
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Juneteenth and the Fourth of July are America’s celebration of freedom. Freedom is the United States of America’s culture. It is

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not slavery, it is not segregation, it is not socialism, it is not Marxism and their latest reincarnation called DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion). Ironically, all are being pushed by one party in the USA. That party is the Democratic Party which has gone back to its roots of dividing American society into spheres of hatred with its indoctrination of hatred to create a pedagogy of CRT (Critical Race Theory) from kindergartens to colleges. Just as it

We Stand with Pres. Trump and His Policy on Iran

We stand with President Trump, his cabinet, and with our nation which is the United States of America. Yes, we feel strongly that American citizens are ‘united’ in supporting President Trump and his decision to strike Iran. Again, it is evident that one faction of the nation seems NEVER to stand with President Trump and citizens. That is the Democratic Party. This does not surprise us, because this Party shows every second of the day that it is anti-America and anti- American. We knew the first word that would come out of the mouths of Democrats would be ‘impeach’ right off the bat. Thus, it was so. Throughout wartime and/or conflict time, the Republican Party and Democratic Party have stood together because they are American political parties. But today’s Democratic Party is now America’s socialist/Marxist party and has more in common with the CCP than it does the U.S. Constitution. We were not surprised that most of those calling for Pres. Trump’s impeachment were either bona fide socialists/Marxists or were leaning so far in that direction that they might as well own up to being socialists/Marxists. They reside comfortably in the Democratic Party. Of course, we were not surprised that most of them came out the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) which is not your daddy’s CBC from the 1970s. The CBC is comprised of black socialist elites and what it is producing are prototypes of Idi Amin and Baby Doc. Again, we stand with President Trump and his decision as commander-in-chief.

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did during slavery in America, it has implemented tools to take children from their parents—to own these children to keep slav-

ery as chattel reproduction. Through lawfare, the Democratic Party is replicating segregation by institutionalizing DEI

as a 21st Century “No American Whites or Jews Allowed.” Just as it did in the South post-President Lincoln’s Emancipation Procla-

mation, the Democratic Party and its minions successfully used corrupt judges, lawyers, law firms, district attorneys, prosecutors, and any other fragments in judicial branches to codify Jim Crow into segregation to make it the law of the South and the *de facto* law of the nation, violating outright the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, because it knew there would be only murmurs from the general public.

In the 25th year of the 21st Century, the Democratic Party has gotten bolder in pushing its agenda of socialism and Marxism via DEI with the same defiance as it pushed segregation post-the Civil War. But this time, it is adding white Americans--and Jewish Americans, because both represent the fabric of American freedom and culture which is Judeo-Christian. It is no accident that the Democratic Party debated taking the word ‘God’ out of its platform. The

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Some years back when First Lady Michelle Obama was being hammered with being called an ABW (Angry Black Woman), we defended her by saying that there have been some others who might be called the Angry Black Woman such as Harriet Turner, Rosa Parks, Sojourner Truth, Fannie Lou Hamer, etc. Our reason for using these black women as examples was that they used their ‘anger’ in a positive manner to make changes. Fast forwarding, the ABW is now personified as the Democrat Angry Black Woman (DABW) who no longer stands for positive change but for a socialist-Marxist agenda. So, it seems that Michelle Obama is falling into the DABW category. However, hope is not lost. We applaud those black women who embrace conservatism, independence, common-sense, family, marriage, and most of all, they know what a woman is!

Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, a battle for America’s foundation of a culture of freedom



By **David Vergun**
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June 16, 2025 - The Second Continental Congress authorized the creation of the Continental Army, June 14, 1775, and just three days later, the Battle of Bunker Hill was fought between British and Colonial forces in Charlestown, Massachusetts, which is now a neighborhood of Boston.

On that day, about 1,200 men of the Colonial force moved from Boston to the hilly Charlestown peninsula overlooking Boston and hastily set up barricades on Breed's Hill. In response, about 2,200 British troops under Maj. Gen. William Howe were ferried across Boston Harbor and stormed the Colonial positions.

In the ensuing battle of Breed's Hill, incorrectly named after Bunker Hill, which stands nearby, the British drove the Colonials away after three assaults. About 1,000 British soldiers were killed and wounded as compared to losses of approx-

The so-called Battle of Bunker Hill was part of the larger siege of Boston, which started on April 19, 1775, with the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Those battles marked the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Army Gen. George Washington took formal command of the besieging Colonial forces in the Boston area, July 3, 1775, devoting the next several months to building up troops and addressing their logistical difficulties.

imately 400 dead and injured for the Colonial forces.

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Black conservative group cites facts on how fatherhood is a key component in economic advancement and why fathers are essential for Black America’s success over adversity

Washington, D.C., June 12, 2025 - In recognition of Father's Day, ambassadors with the Project 21 black leadership network are speaking out about the important role of fathers, particularly in black families.

Project 21 ambassadors value strong families, entrepreneurial spirits and individual responsibility -- ethics that have not traditionally been echoed by the American civil rights establishment. In this spirit, the ambassadors are crafting new initiatives to promote black fatherhood, which will help advance black opportunity right now and create

prosperity to benefit future generations.

"Father's Day reminds us that fatherhood is not just a role -- it is a divine assignment," said Project 21 Ambassador Emily D. Edwards, MSW. "In a time when stability is scarce and truth is often blurred, godly fathers anchor their families with prayer, discipline and love. A father's quiet consistency can shape generations. We honor the men who choose integrity over ease and legacy over applause."

"This is a generational crisis and we must find solutions to turn the ship. Strengthening fatherhood

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ties and creating public policy promoting the family must be a national priority," wrote Project 21 Director of Coalitions and Outreach Terris Todd in a commentary for The Washington

Stand. "Parenting young adults doesn't eliminate life's concerns, but there is a deep sense of peace that comes from watching your children embrace the values and principles you've instilled -- responsibility, character and purpose. It's a reassurance that your presence mattered and the years of investment were worth it."

"We had something going for us that made us prosper under Jim Crow, under extreme racism, and that was strong families," said Apostle Tommy E. Quick, a Project 21 ambassador and founder of Christian Families Against Destructive Decisions (CFADD),

during a recent Project 21 membership meeting addressing fatherhood issues in black America. "Almost all households had a mother and father. Those mothers and fathers disciplined. They taught respect. They taught love. They taught a work ethic. And they taught that if we work hard, we could accomplish anything, do anything. And, in the midst of Jim Crow, in the midst of racism, we prospered and pulled ourselves up from slavery."

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ration of the family," commented Project 21 Ambassador Jovani Patterson, drawing upon a priority for black liberals that eclipses their concern for fatherhood. "Without the restoration of the family unit, no amount of 'reparations' will fix what's broken. It's the family -- not Congress -- that passes down wealth. It's the family that raises children with purpose, identity and discipline. It's the family that creates stability, accountability and pride."

"In 2023, we saw upwards of 47.5% of black children without fathers in the home. Good fathers

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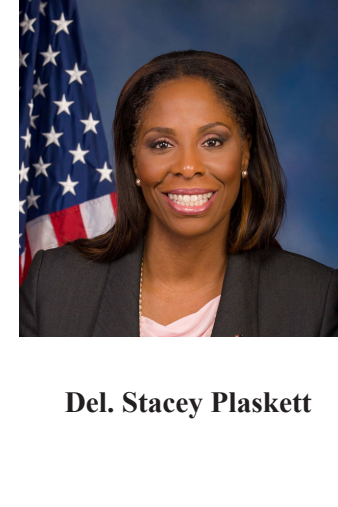
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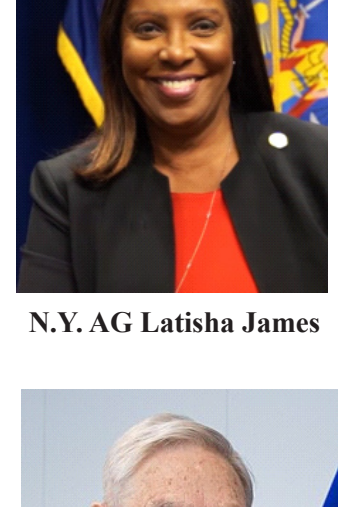
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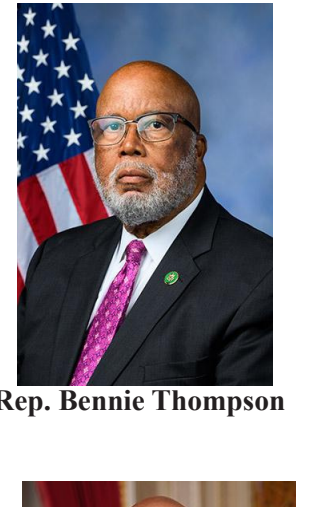
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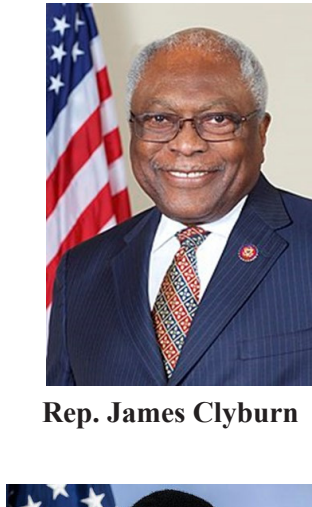
Honorary 'Black Male' George Soros

"I'm going to bring down the United States by funding Black hate groups. We'll put them in a mental trap and make them blame white people. The black community is the easiest to manipulate."

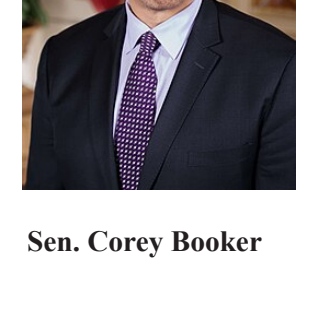
George Soros (interview with Germany's BILD – September 2014).



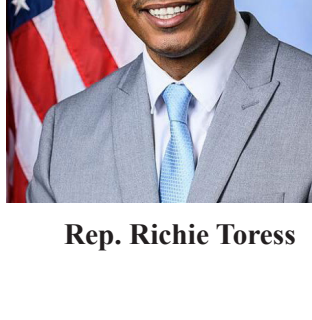
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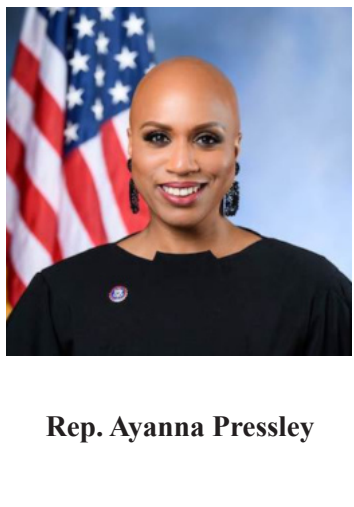
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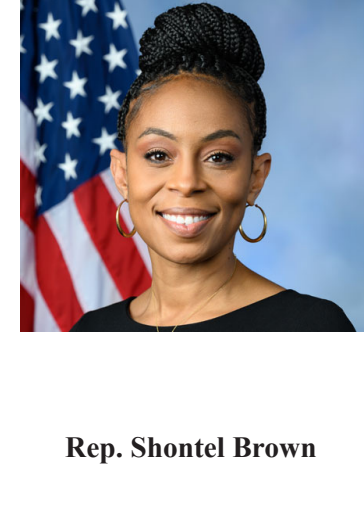
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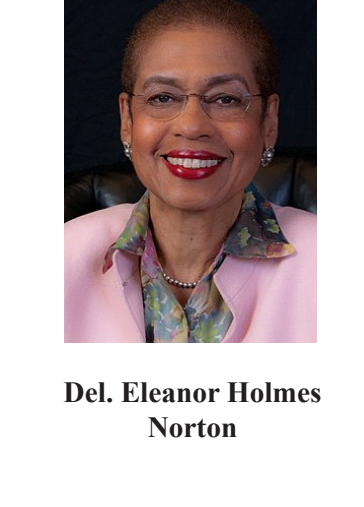
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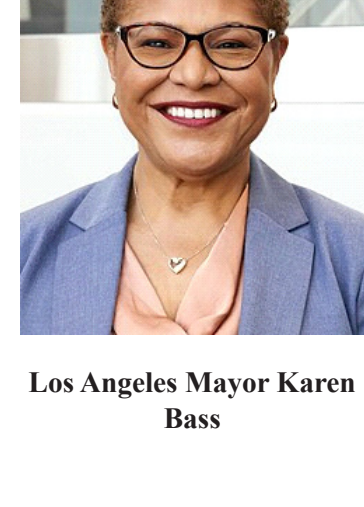
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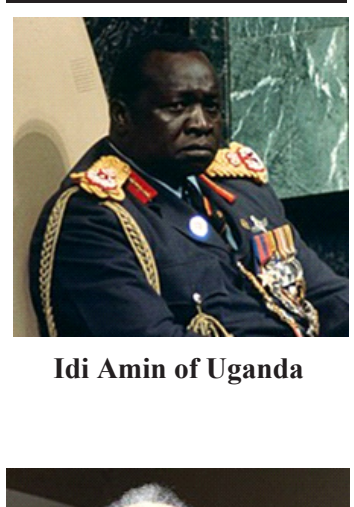


Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass



DC Mayor Muriel Bowser

Two Black socialist elites who took their nations into 'Third World African Nations' while promising 'democracy'



Idi Amin of Uganda



Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier of Haiti



Brandon Johnson , Socialist Mayor of Chicago

Many African American Democratic Party officeholders are beholdng to George Soros, and below is why?

George Soros in an interview with Germany's BILD –, September 2014

Post note: The truth hurts!

Democratic Party Black Non-Birthing Support Team (once known as males)

Meanwhile.... In Poland, the fight goes on against Neo-Marxists (known as Black Democratic Party Socialist Elites in the U.S.A.)

By Lukasz Wojdyga, Director of the Strategic Studies Warsaw Enterprise Institute (WEI)

June 16, 2025 - We encourage you to watch a discussion between Tomasz Wróblewski, president of WEI, and Mike Gonzalez, author of "NextGen Marxism: What It Is and How to Combat It" (also published in Poland by WEI Publishing House). Contemporary Marxism increasingly takes the form of identity ideologies, redefining notions of freedom, equality, and justice. Tomasz Wróblewski speaks with Professor Mike Gonzalez, author of "NextGen Marxism: What It Is and How to Combat It," about how neo-Marxism is infiltrating Western institutions - from universities to corporations - and

NEO-MARXISTS AMONG US. HOW LONG HAVE DISCREDITED IDEAS CAPTURED THE HEARTS OF PROGRESSIVES



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what mechanisms allow it to influence public debate and social policy. The discussion explores key themes in the book: the evolution of Marxist ideas from the October Revolution through the Frankfurt School and Gramsci to contemporary movements such as **Black Lives Matter, DEI, and ESG.** Gonzalez analyzes how cultural Marxism—abandoning class struggle in favor of identity struggle—gained influence in American universities, public in-

stitutions, and corporations. He also shows how the demands of the radical left today transform into concrete regulations, ideological censorship, and restrictions on civil liberties. The discussion also examines the differences between the ex-

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perience of communism in Central and Eastern Europe and its new, Western version. It's a discussion of how ideas become politics and why they can't be ignored.

President Donald Trump wants a special prosecutor to probe the 2020 election

By Charlie McCarthy
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June 20, 2025 - President Donald Trump called for a special prosecutor to investigate the 2020 presidential election because an alleged stolen outcome "cannot be allowed to happen again."

The president and his allies have said voter fraud in several key battleground states gave the election to former President Joe Biden, who served four years before Trump was sworn in for his second term on Jan. 20.

There's also allegations the Chinese attempted to help improve Biden's chances of winning the election.

Biden's term was filled with a wide-open southern border, alleged lawfare and extremely pro-

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gressive social policies.

"Zero Border crossings for the month for TRUMP, verses 60,000 for Sleepy, Crooked Joe Biden, a man who lost the 2020 Presidential Election by a 'LANDSLIDE!' Biden was grossly incompetent, and the 2020 election was a total FRAUD! The evidence is MASSIVE and OVERWHELMING," Trump posted Friday morning on

Truth Social.

"A Special Prosecutor must be appointed. This cannot be allowed to happen again in the United States of America! Let the work begin! What this Crooked man, and his CORRUPT CRONIES, have done to our Country in 4 years, is grossly indescribable! MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!"

Trump was reelected in November when he decisively defeated former Vice President Kamala Harris by winning all seven key battleground states.

On Monday, FBI Director Kash Patel wrote on X that the bureau "has located documents which detail alarming allegations related to the 2020 U.S. election, including allegations of interference by the CCP [Chinese Communist Party]."

Patel said he "immediately de-

classified the material and turned the documents over" to Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa.

Patel linked his post to an article from Just the News, which said an intelligence report raises concerns that the Chinese allegedly mass-produced fake U.S. driver's licenses to further a scheme to use fraudulent mail-in ballots for then-Democrat nominee Biden.

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New Polish president and limits of liberal dominance in historical close election

By Lukasz Wojdyga,
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June 3, 2025 - After a night full of twists and turns, the National Electoral Commission announced the final results of the presidential elections in Poland. These elections will go down in history as one of the closest political clashes in the Third Polish Republic. Karol Nawrocki, the candidate from the conservative camp, defeated Rafał Trzaskowski, a representative of the left-liberal alliance, by a narrow margin of 50.89% to 49.11%. Voter turnout reached a record high of over 71%.

Nawrocki may not be reinventing the Polish state, but he is well-positioned to halt its ongoing erosion. Although his campaign offered no detailed economic blueprint, the election's outcome sends a decisive signal: voters have grown weary of progressive social engineering shaped by EU mandates. They seek a state grounded in a clear sense of identity and purpose. True sovereignty—whether economic or cultural—begins with the ability to make autonomous choices. For this reason, the 2025 election could represent a turning point and the start of a new political chapter in Poland.

EU and eliminating the right of veto. Nawrocki's election may effectively slow down this process. Combined with the Eurosceptic governments of Hungary, Italy, and Slovakia, it could even block it entirely. The president-elect has opposed controversial directives, such as the Digital Services Act (DSA), which are seen as potential censorship tools for social media. Unlike Trzaskowski, who expressed willingness to sign laws implementing EU regulations, Nawrocki has adopted a critical stance.

We now find ourselves in a classic stalemate. The government has lost political initiative, the opposition lacks a parliamentary majority, and the president possesses only negative instruments of influence. As a result, Poland may not be governed in the traditional sense but rather managed, appearing to maintain control without a clear direction. If Donald Tusk's government does not implement radical changes, such as spending cuts, deregulation, and rebuilding trust in the market, it risks not losing to Nawrocki but to its own paralysis.

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For the Record: The National Center for Public Policy Research’s June 5, 2025 Report on Free Enterprise Project’s shareholder proposal to Walmart, PayPal, Netflix & Alphabet to kill DEI

WASHINGTON, D.C. , June 5, 2025-- Over the next 30 hours, shareholder activists with the National Center for Public Policy Research's Free Enterprise Project (FEP) will present shareholder proposals at the annual meetings of four well-known corporations: Walmart, PayPal, Netflix and Alphabet.

At today's Walmart meeting, FEP will request that the board explain why it refused to revise its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives until anti-DEI activist Robby Starbuck threatened to publicly expose the company's policies and practices. (Proposal 9)

"It was apparently not until Robby Starbuck threatened to expose offensive Walmart 'wokeness' that meaningful changes were made, and then within a matter of days," FEP writes in its supporting statement. "In addition to concerns about the time it took Walmart to revise its DEI programs, a major concern for Walmart shareholders is that value-destroying DEI initiatives are merely being repackaged rather than eliminated. Corporate governance missteps revealed by the requested report would help prevent that recurrence."

Carson. It has also used its influence to get social media and tech companies, including PayPal, to adopt acceptable use policies that censor SPLC targets.

Similarly, the Human Rights Campaign has led coalitions calling on major social media platforms to censor "hate speech and harassment" that includes many mainstream views on parental rights and human sexuality.

At today's Netflix meeting, FEP will ask the board to assess how the company's affirmative action initiatives impact Netflix's risks related to actual and perceived discrimination on the basis of protected categories under civil rights law. (Proposal 7)

As he presents Proposal 7 today, Free Enterprise Project Executive Director Stefan Padfield will tell Netflix shareholders: Netflix apparently continues to practice affirmative action in a variety of ways despite the fact that the US Supreme Court ruled in the 2023 case of SFFA v. Harvard that discriminating on the basis of race in college admissions violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment and as a result, the legality of corporate affirmative

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action programs has been called into question, with thirteen Attorneys General warning that SFFA implicates corporate affirmative action programs...

Unfortunately, the most likely outcome here is that our proposal will be defeated by a combination of apparently biased and conflicted proxy advisers, asset managers and corporate executives -- leaving what have been referred to as the "true" and "ultimate" owners of the company stuck with race and sex discrimination being conducted with their money in the name of "diversity" and "inclusion."

At tomorrow's meeting of Google parent company Alphabet, FEP will request that the board consider ending Alphabet's participation in the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index (CEI). (Proposal 6)

In his presentation of Proposal 6 tomorrow, Padfield plans to say: Many believe that HRC's CEI functions like a social credit score for corporations, with the threat of a bad score being wielded by HRC against corporations to force them to do the political bidding of radical activists, including sowing gender confusion in youth, encouraging permanent surgical procedures on confused and vulnerable teens, and effectively eliminating girls' and women's sports and private spaces. This is likely why so many major corporations have recently severed ties with HRC...

Alphabet argues that its engagement with organizations does not necessarily reflect an endorsement of their agendas. However, in addition to cooperating with HRC's survey, Alphabet is also a Platinum Partner of HRC, which HRC proudly touts as evidence that Alphabet provides "generous support of the work of the Human Rights Campaign."

...In opposing our proposal, Alphabet is defiantly refusing to even consider ending its participation in the CEI, which is all our proposal asks. In light of this, Alphabet should at least answer the

following questions. First, what is a woman? Second, can a man become a woman simply by saying so? Third, can a child be born in the wrong body? Alphabet arguably breaches its duties to shareholders by supporting HRC as it does without having answered these questions.

FEP expects that all four of these proposals will be defeated by a wide margin, but argues that the final vote tallies will not reflect the will of the majority of individual shareholders.

Also, in addition to asking shareholders to support these four proposals, FEP has published complete voting scorecards for each of these companies as part of its Proxy Navigator voting guide.

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Arkansas ranks #1 for Election Integrity up from #8 in the Heritage Foundation’s nationwide ranking

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. June 3, 2025 – Arkansas now ranks #1 in the nation for election integrity according to the Heritage Foundation's Election Integrity Scorecard. The State ranked #8 at the beginning of the year and rose in the ranks after a successful session in which Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders prioritized safe and secure elections for Arkansas voters.

"My goal this session was simple: make it easy to vote and

hard to cheat," said Governor Sanders. "I was proud to work with my friend, Secretary of State Cole Jester, to make Arkansas ballot boxes the safest and most secure in America and end petition fraud to protect our Constitution. Today's announcement shows that all our hard work paid off."

"As Secretary of State, I have said from day one we would have the most secure elections in the country. I'm proud of the work

my team has completed implementing new procedures and technology. None of this would be possible without the great work of Governor Sanders and the men and women of the Arkansas legislature," said Secretary of State Cole Jester.

"Heritage has long been the gold standard for ranking states for election integrity and security," said Senator Kim Hammer (District 16). "Legislators, Governor Sanders, and Secretary of

State Cole Jester have worked together as a team, on behalf of Arkansans, to help achieve the number one ranking in election integrity and security in the nation! We must continue our work to protect our number one ranking from those who want to take us backwards. Arkansans can feel confident that our elections are secure. Let's work together to maintain this ranking."

"Arkansas should never sac-

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Black community! Heal thyself! Reject black socialist elites, Marxists from front page

Democratic Party is getting bolder and more confident in pushing its socialist-Marxist agenda relabeling it ‘democracy’, because, dare I say it? Yes, I dare-- because it has in place ‘fixed’ voting mechanisms, judges, organizations such as the 65 Project, quasi-civil rights law firms such as the Southern Poverty Law Center, and an NAACP which no longer functions as the NAACP of the 1950s and 1960s. Today’s NAACP is an extension of the Democratic Party despite its non-partisan 501c status. Today’s black civil rights leaders are not in the ilk of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. or Fannie Lou Hamer, but in the socialist-Marxist-communist ilk that are paid well to live well in their mansions and gated communities. They are usually on standby to go front-and-center at any riot, potential riot, and to join ranks with Antifa and BLM in mostly paid protest marches. Seldom, do they advocate for peaceful solutions to put out the fires of destruction—*destruction* of property, businesses, neighborhoods, or human life. They are pro-destructionists because destruction itself is their tool to destroy America’s capitalism and America’s culture of freedom to ensure that the Democratic Party is America’s only party. The 2026 election will serve as a continuation of the Party’s failed coup until they can yell, “Victory!”

We stressed time and time, that the black community has no *exclusivity* in slavery. Every race has been enslaved at one time or another by every other race. Again, what else is new in the history of mankind? In the 21st Century, it will not be about *white vs. black* but rather about the *Democratic Party vs. any citizen* who does not follow the Party line. All throughout history there have always been those who want to rule the world; thus, it is about those who rule and those who are ruled. This is where the Democratic Party has positioned itself in America’s socio-political landscape. This brings in the significance of another instigator which is quickly securing its place in the

hierarchy of the Democratic Party. This is the Black Socialist Elite which resides in the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). If you think this is your daddy’s Congressional Black Caucus which was founded in the early 1970s when it would have welcomed any black officeholder regardless of party affiliation, it is not. Granted back then the CBC consisted of black Democrats, but it did not discriminate against black Republicans. In black communities, black Republicans and black Democrats worked together. This is no longer the case as we journey into the 21st Century.

These black socialist elites are riding high and mighty inside the Democratic Party. They openly run as socialists, Marxists, and communists on a CRT-DEI-BLM platform which is also the Democratic Party’s platform.

They are the main knife the Democratic Party uses to backstab not only their black constituents but any American who does not agree with the Party which now has the same tenacity and viciousness as the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Some years back I had written and said that the Democratic Party and its elite socialists were setting up the United States of America to serve as a satellite nation to China, just as China once served as a satellite nation to the Soviet Union.

I have often stated that socialism is a lazy man’s capitalism, and these black socialist elites are some of the laziest and most arrogant people in the black community. Case in point is the Congressional Black Caucus which is not only solely Democratic but at its center is a core of black intellectual rot led by the Democratic Angry Black Woman (DABW) as epitomized by Cong. Maxine Waters and her mini-me, Cong. Jasmine Crockett.

If one were to canvass the CBC, I doubt if you get one who would own up to being a capitalist. No, what you will get is a pride in saying that he or she is a DEI socialist. In the history of my life, this dirt-cheap breed of socialism

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By Mr. Frederick Douglass, Editor of the North Star, an African American Newspaper (1845)

“If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want the ocean without the awful thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, or it may be both moral and physical; but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without demand.”

In Los Angeles, Democrats are siding with criminals over law-abiding citizens



U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)

While President Trump is making America safe again by getting criminal illegal aliens off our streets, Democrats are trying their best to oppose his mandate from the American people.

Look no further than Los Angeles. In recent operations in America’s second largest city, Immigration and Customs Enforcement apprehended illegal aliens with appalling criminal histories, including convicted murderers, rapists, child abusers, burglars, drug dealers, human traffickers, and more.

L.A. is safer without these violent criminals roaming free in the city. Yet California Democrats, who have long defied federal immigration law and harbored criminals like these with sanctuary city policies, have lined up to condemn the arrests.

Governor Newsom said that the ICE arrests “are as reckless as they are cruel.” L.A. Mayor Bass claimed that they “sow terror” and “disrupt basic principles of safety.” Rep. Maxine Waters called President Trump a “cruel human being” who is targeting “the most vulnerable people” in our country.

These statements are completely at odds with reality. But they help explain why Newsom and Bass did nothing as violent rioters took over L.A. County streets to

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protest lawful arrests.

In recent days, thousands of far-left activists have set vehicles on fire, looted businesses, thrown rocks and shot fireworks at police officers, blocked off freeways, burned and desecrated American flags, and unleashed chaos across the city. According to Democrats, these riots are “peaceful.” Anyone else can see that this violence is out of control. Even L.A.’s police chief said that his officers were “overwhelmed.”

That’s why President Trump deployed 4,000 National Guardsmen and 700 Marines to Los Angeles to restore law and order. Instead of welcoming this much-needed support, however, Democrats are attacking the President.

In fact, Governor Newsom is suing the Trump administration to remove National Guardsmen from Los Angeles.

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The images you see of barricaded streets, burning vehicles, looted store fronts—that’s what Democrats want. We saw this in 2020. They are on the side of criminals. They are on the side of violent rioters. They want lawlessness and chaos.

The American people, however, have had enough. They are tired of crime. They don’t want Tren de Aragua or MS-13 in their neighborhoods. They want them

Highlights from The Big Beautiful Bill which will put America First and Make America Great Again!

WASHINGTON D.C., The White House, June 10, 2025--Even Democrats admit the tax policies in the One Big Beautiful Bill are needed and popular — but they still oppose the bill. To be clear, that means they’re opposing:

- The largest tax cut in history for working and middle-class Americans.
- A 15% tax cut for Americans making between \$30,000 and \$80,000 per year.
- NO TAX ON TIPS and NO TAX ON OVERTIME.
- Boosting the Child Tax Credit to \$2,500 for 40 million families.
- Historic tax cuts for seniors.
- No tax on car loan interest for American-made cars.
- Preserving the doubled standard deduction for 91% of taxpayers.
- Expanding Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) to give Americans greater choice and flexibility in

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how they spend their money on their health.

- Investment savings accounts to set all newborn American kids on the path to financial security from the very beginning.
- Increasing the Death Tax exemption for two million family farms.

Failing to extend the Trump Tax Cuts alone would stick Americans with the largest tax hike in history.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Will END Taxpayer-Funded Health Care for Illegals

More than 1.4 million illegal immigrants — including cold-blooded criminals, like those arrested this weekend in Los Angeles — are currently on Medicaid, stealing taxpayer-funded health care benefits meant for American citizens.

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Of course, the One Big Beautiful Bill does even more to make good on President Trump’s com-

Arkansas ranks #1 for Election Integrity from page 3

rifice election integrity for convenience,” said Senator John Payton (District 22). “We must fulfill our responsibility to get it right. I believe the commonsense changes made this year are true to these principles.”

“Arkansas’ rise to #1 in the nation for election security is a significant achievement and a clear reflection of the strong conservative leadership and very intentional work done by the legislature,” said Senator Matt McKee (District 6). “The foundation of America’s constitutional republic relies on our ability to hold free and fair elections. While others work to undermine our republic, Arkansas has fought back to set a national example for how states can secure the electoral process and hold elections the people can trust.”

“There can be no doubt — we take election integrity seriously in Arkansas,” said Rep. David Ray (District 69). “It should be easy to vote and hard to cheat, and this new ranking is a testament to the hard work that we’ve done the past few years to fortify our election laws.”

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parties can challenge results,” said Rep. Carlton Wing (District 38). “The Legislature and Secretary of State’s office worked hard to pass laws to restore confidence in the electoral process. Arkansas now leads the nation in assuring our citizens that all legal votes must be counted and only legal votes should count. Today’s announcement demonstrates our efforts are setting a national standard in election integrity.”

"In recognizing the dedication of the Republican-led legislature, the Heritage Foundation has propelled Arkansas to the pinnacle of election security rankings, from #8 to #1 in the nation," said Rep. Howard Beaty (District 95). "As Arkansas House Majority Leader, I take pride in these outstanding results, reflecting our unwavering commitment to safeguarding the democratic process."

“Protecting the integrity of our elections starts long before ballots are cast,” said Rep. Kendon Underwood (District 16). “By strengthening safeguards in the petition process and cracking down on fraud and abuse, we’ve sent a clear message: every step in our democratic process must be uncompromised and trustworthy. Arkansas now stands as the national leader in election integrity because the security of our elections is a responsibility we take seriously every day.”

Governor Sanders’ accomplishments in this legislative session include Act 240, Act 241, and Act 218, which strengthened protections on Arkansas’ ballot amendment process so that bad actors cannot influence and change the Natural State’s Constitution. The Governor also signed Act 998 and Act 999 to protect Arkansas

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Black community, heal thyself! Reject black socialist elites and Marxists in the Democratic Party and in the Congressional Black Caucus ... from page 4

has been growing in the African American community post-1964 Civil Rights Bill. But worse yet, the offshoot of just being proud to be a socialist has morphed into an arrogant black elite socialist who looks down his or her nose at other blacks, especially working-class blacks. This is an example of why Mayor Brandon Johnson, an avowed socialist, does not give a damn when his mostly black constituents complain about illegal migrants and criminals being brought into their neighborhoods. These black elite socialists are aided and abetted by the white liberal who is hung up on the idea and ideal that blacks need them and that their white skin must repent for black slavery in America. Never mind that this is the 21st Century, yet these white liberals continue to suffer from some alleged white guilt to legitimize their own inferiority complex where they devour black victimhood to keep themselves alive with purpose. Yes, inferiority complexes can come in all colors of humankind. Yet, somehow the white liberal has twisted his or her own inferiority complex into either white superiority and/or some excuse of white privilege to unwittingly dovetail with blacks who use slavery and segregation to be forever victims and have a perpetual excuse to destroy the world—well, at least America. Blacks in the past and those in the 1960s who fought for the U.S.A. to live up to its constitutional obligation in the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments are either literally buried or their ideas and ideals are figuratively buried. These were the generations of blacks who gave the na-

There are two groups inside the black community which are festering into pus that will take down the black community. They are the white liberal and the Democratic Angry Black Woman both of whom are clearly anti-black male and anti-male. Yes, it is a sad thing to say, but if the black community continues to let itself be led by the Democratic Party white liberal and the black socialist elite (including the so-called black elite revolutionaries) bent on destroying America as a land of opportunity for all, they will take America into a Third World Nation status.

tion the authentic freedom warriors who built schools, who educated their children that the mind was truly a ‘terrible thing to waste,’ who took to the streets to fight for a better life for the future—not to have a perpetual war between black and white. In spite of the times, they created a black community of the best, the brightest, and most of all, the common-sensical. This was the generation that created via James Brown, “Say it loud, I’m black and proud” or Nina Simone’s “Young, Gifted, and Black”, or who knew that “Lift Every Voice and Sing” (a.k.a. the Black National Anthem) was written in honor of Abe Lincoln and was never meant to replace the National Anthem, or who knew better than to let some alleged guilt-ridden white liberal come in and sing “We Shall Overcome” for some extreme-trans cause (I dare say most in the trans com-

munity are not even in agreement with these extreme knuckleheads who advocate spaying and neutering children!). Yes, the Democratic Party has reclaimed slavery via DEI, CRT, and Democratic Angry Black Woman who serve the same purpose of replacing the ‘castrated’ black male in the Democratic Party to make the “Great Society” and a fake “War on Poverty.” Enough already! I wrote some years back that the white liberal was becoming one of the most hated groups in the black community. It is a topic that has not been covered well or even acknowledged by legacy media. It seemed laughable at the time, perhaps, but more and more in the black community that sentiment is being voiced by blacks who want a better life—who want the American Dream, who want the ‘pursuit of happiness.’ More and more they are realizing not only have they been tricked by the white liberal, but by the Democratic Party, and most unforgivingly by the Democratic Black socialist elites. But do they not deserve it in a sense? This betrayal? Did not Mayor Brandon Johnson of Chicago, Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams, U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock (who now pastors Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s church in Atlanta), and other black Democrats who flat out tell blacks that they are socialists and Marxists; yet, blacks put them in office anyway! And keep putting them office! Did not CBC member Lamonica McIver get herself arrested to break in and protect illegals in an ICE detention center? Yet, she is nowhere to be

found in protecting black children, black farmers, black property owners, black home owners, or from illegal criminals who have more rights than black citizens. Did not CBC members run down to El Salvador and/or march and protest on behalf of illegal immigrants and illegal immigrant thugs and murderers? As black citizens, especially if you are a black male, you are irrelevant and serve no more than black fertilizer to grow socialism and Marxism for the Democratic Party to advance its one-party agenda in America to create the two classes of the Ruler and the Ruled. That classic ying and yang of the Haves and Have Nots. The CBC and too many other black Democrats do not write policy; they write profanity. Yet, generally speaking, blacks continue to break their necks to keep this black trash in office because they are Democrats. The black community now has a culture of *dependency, victimhood, and rage*. If the black community as a collective continues down this path, it will implode. A few years back, I wrote that it is time for those blacks who want a better life, who want to protect their families and livelihoods, who want to strengthen the middle class and build wealth, you must become strong-willed individuals because the black community can no longer work as a community—as a *collective*—as a chain. Why? Because the chain is weak. Break the chain. This means rebuilding the black entrepreneur who in the 21st Century will have the wherewithal to create viable businesses to hire its own as well as others regard-

less of race, color, or creed. It must create an environment where gifted black scientists, mathematicians, agriculturists, and other geniuses and artists are nurtured and not crippled by CRT. This, too, means the blacks must ditch the Democratic Party. In the last century, we advocated that the Black Vote must behave as a swing vote, but because this

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who starved their own people while demanding billions from the United States of America which has become every damn nation’s cash cow while being hated at the same time for its capitalism! Will the Republican Party know how to court the Black Vote and downright obtain it in the 2026 mid-term election? First of all, the Republican Party cannot be nice about getting the Black Vote. The Democratic Party has provided enough fodder and bull out there to be utilized to make some of the best or as we say in the South, some low-down mean-ass comprehensive campaigns. To reiterate, there are two groups inside the black community which are festering into pus that will take down the black community. They are the white liberal and the Democratic Angry Black Woman both of whom are clearly anti-black male, anti-white male, and anti-male. Yes, it is a sad thing to say, but if the black community continues to let itself be led by the Democratic Party’s white liberal and the black socialist elite (including the so-called black elite revolutionaries) bent on destroying America as a land of opportunity for all, it will take America into a Third World Nation status. Blacks and other American citizens must send Democrats a message that the United States will not tolerate a socialist and Marxist revolution where the socialist and Marxist have it all and everybody else will have nothing! Time to vote Republican and kick the donkey’s ass!

Pres. Donald J. Trump makes sure USA flag is flown over White House by paying for flags out of his own pockets



President Donald J. Trump enthusiastically participated in putting two giant flags on both the White House front and back lawns. This monumental project, an homage to America and its citizens, was a bill personally footed by the President. Among those on hand were Trump family members, special guests, and the White House work crews who helped to hoist the 100 ft. flags of red, white, and blue. (Photos/Courtesy: The White House)



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Black leaders with common sense celebrate Juneteenth’s power to inspire and to use as time for self-improvement

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Juneteenth is a perfect opportunity to encourage community, self-improvement and American exceptionalism, say ambassadors with the Project 21 black leadership network.

For 26 years, long before President Joe Biden and a combination of combatant and craven politicians co-opted Juneteenth for political purposes, Project 21 ambassadors have commemorated the anniversary of the June 19, 1865 arrival of Union troops in Galveston, Texas, who came bearing news that the Civil War was over and that the Emancipation Proclamation had abolished slavery two and a half years earlier. Galveston's former slave population called the anniversary of that day "Juneteenth," and it became a motivating and stabilizing commemoration for black Texans experiencing the uncertainties associated with their newfound freedom and a full integration into American society. Over the years, the observance of Juneteenth in small-scale gatherings and governmental proclamations spread across the nation -- focused on the importance of self-improvement and the value of community. In 2021, however, it was repackaged as a race-oriented "national independence day" federal holiday in the wake of the previous year's George Floyd riots.

Four years after the transformation of Juneteenth from a simple celebration to a bank and mail holiday, Project 21 ambassadors advocate for a return to the true meaning of the holiday. "Juneteenth is not only a holiday to celebrate the acknowledgment of the end to slavery, but also a time to celebrate those who had the courage and conviction to bring an end to the enslavement of others," said **Project 21 Director of Coalitions and Outreach Terris Todd**. "As a result, black Americans continue to make major contributions to the greatness of our nation while also fighting on the front lines abroad to defend it."

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fulfilled, thanks to President Abraham Lincoln's leadership and the courage of those like Frederick Douglass who fought tirelessly for freedom," said **Project 21 Ambassador Priscilla Rahn**. "As we honor this day, we celebrate the resilience of black Americans and the enduring strength of the American spirit to correct injustice and move toward a more perfect union."

"When Union soldiers arrived with tidings of freedom and liberty, it unleashed a backlash to the evil of slavery," said **Project 21 Ambassador Angela Shadd Kittrell**. "Our Juneteenth commemorations now are less about the atrocities of slavery and more about the resiliency of a nation that understands the fundamental truth that its greatness must be inextricably connected to its ongoing investment in liberty, justice and opportunity for all people."

"Juneteenth is celebrated due to people not knowing they were free from slavery. To me, in a modern world afflicted with woke culture, we once again have people who don't know they are free from slavery," said **Project 21 Ambassador Steven Perry**. "When we talk about it, we only think of it from the lens of the antebellum south narrative and not from the post-civil rights narrative. Our people paid a very strong price to overcome the whims of slavery. Unfortunately, our forefathers' descendants have forgotten that price they paid. America is a free nation. Although it's not perfect, we all have the opportunity to break every generational issue that has been given to us. The choice is up to us."

"Having experienced a life starting in poverty that progressed to prosperity, I understand the black community is in dire need of a Juneteenth 2.0 -- a symbolic and practical call to free the descendants of slaves from the shackles of dependency crafted by failed

progressive policies," said **Project 21 Ambassador Kendall Qualls**. "The welfare dependency programs that the left ushered onto the national scene 60 years ago, and heavily promoted in black communities, have contributed to a cycle of generational poverty, academic disparities, fragmentation and the near extinction of the two-parent black family."

"As a Project 21 ambassador, I honor Juneteenth as the day when the final announcement of freedom reached the descendants of Africa who were unjustly held in bondage in Texas -- two years after freedom had already been declared. This delay reminds us that freedom withheld is still injustice endured," said **Project 21 Ambassador Tino Smith**. "For me, Juneteenth is more than a celebration of emancipation. It is a declaration that the restoration of memory and identity is just as vital as the moment of liberation itself. When we reclaim who we truly are, we reclaim the future God has destined for us."

"Juneteenth reminds us of the glorious day in 1865 when freedom was first announced to the enslaved in Galveston -- foreshadowing liberty for all," said **Project 21 Ambassador Eric Wallace**. "Yet our celebration is made complete by recalling that slavery's legal death did not arrive until December 1865, when the 13th Amendment was ratified and 'involuntary servitude' was forever outlawed in the United States. Together, these milestones call us to cherish freedom -- and to guard it vigilantly -- for every generation."

"Juneteenth is a powerful reminder of God's justice and liberation, echoing the biblical themes of freedom from bondage and the dignity of all people created in His image," said **Project 21 Ambassador David Robinson**. "It calls believers to celebrate the end of slavery while

continuing to pursue reconciliation, righteousness and love for our neighbors."

"Juneteenth, also referred to as 'Emancipation Day,' symbolizes a perceived freedom and equality for all," said **Project 21 Ambassador Brandon Brice**. "Unfortunately, in many minority neighborhoods across the nation today, blacks may be free in the literal sense -- but it's impossible to celebrate our emancipation until we recognize that the culprit that enslaves us is the inability for so many Americans to access a quality education. Quality education and school choice are the civil rights issue of our time, and

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until we all address education to do what is right for our young people, we will remain trapped and enslaved in failing school districts across these United States."

"There is much confusion -- both willful and ignorant -- about the meaning of Juneteenth, especially amongst those who should know better. Let us be clear: Juneteenth is not a rival to the Fourth of July, but its rightful companion," said **Project 21 Ambassador Ayesha Kreutz**. "The Fourth of July proclaims the birth of American independence while Juneteenth celebrates the extension of that independence to those who were, for too long, unjustly excluded from its promises. Contrary to modern

revisionism, it was largely the right -- those familiar with our nation's true history -- who supported making Juneteenth a national holiday."

"Juneteenth is a time to honor the past. But progress demands we don't dwell in it. June 19th should serve as our annual audit -- to assess where we are and measure real growth," said **Project 21 Ambassador TaChelle Lawson**. "We owe it to ourselves and our ancestors to invest in talent, build infrastructure and restore the black family. We don't need handouts or apologies -- we need accountability and a strategy."

In the spirit of original Juneteenth goals, Project 21's "Blueprint for a Better Deal for Black America" offers 56 actionable policy recommendations across eight primary issue areas -- addressing topics ranging from criminal justice to education to election integrity to burdensome regulations to health care. The Blueprint can be downloaded from the Project 21 website.

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promote stability, prosperity, morality and positive life outcomes for their families," noted Project 21 Ambassador Dr. Linda Lee Tarver. "For example, Project 21 ambassadors include men who are extraordinary fathers and leaders who not only love their children but also advocate policies that advance the concept of 'fatherhood' and a better America for all children. I honor these great and amazing men on this Father's Day."

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Is the National Museum of African American History and Culture a country club for Black elites? We shall address once again the issue of why Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is not included in this museum's "black history"? Why is this museum pushing DEI, a Marxist-socialist agenda to appease Black elites? Is it time to question the membership of this museum's board of directors?
Watch for more.

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RNC and more Statements on the One, Big, Beautiful Bill

RNC Statement on House Passage of President Trump’s One, Big, Beautiful Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. May 22, 2025— Today, Republican National Committee (RNC) Chairman Michael Whatley released the following statement upon House passage of President Trump and Republicans’ One, Big, Beautiful Bill:

“Today, under President Trump’s leadership, House Republicans delivered a huge win for the American people by passing the

One, Big, Beautiful Bill — a bold package that keeps the President’s promises of the largest tax cut in American history, deporting criminal aliens, and sealing the border. Every single Democrat voted against it. They voted against tax relief for hardworking Americans. They voted against immigration enforcement. They voted against 80% of the country who support extending the Trump Tax Cuts. Republicans are fighting for No Tax on Tips and No Tax on Overtime, while Democrats are fighting for the largest tax hike in American history. The difference is clear: Republicans are putting America First. Democrats aren’t. This is what the American people voted for, and Republicans are delivering.”

NRA Statement on House Passage of Reconciliation Bill
Fairfax, VA, May 22, 2025 - Following the passage of H.R.1, the One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act, by the U.S. House of Representatives, John Commerford, Executive Director of the NRA Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA), released the following statement:

"This morning, the U.S. House of Representatives passed President Trump's One, Big, Beautiful Bill, which includes the complete removal of suppressors from the National Firearms Act (NFA). This represents a monumental victory for Second Amendment rights, eliminating burdensome regulations on the purchase of

critical hearing protection devices. The NRA thanks the House members who supported this bill and urges its swift passage in the U.S. Senate." NRA Public Affairs

Incorporated in 1871, the National Rifle Association is America's longest-standing civil rights organization. Together with our millions of members, we're proud defenders of history's patriots and diligent protectors of the Second Amendment. Follow the NRA on Facebook, Instagram, and X (Formerly Twitter).

SAF Leadership Statements on House Passage of H.R. 1 For Immediate Release/Inclusion

Statement from SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut:

“We’d like to thank members of the House for passing H.R. 1 with Section 2 of the Hearing Protection Act included. Removing silencers from the National Firearms Act eliminates a large barrier that infringes on the Second Amendment rights of Americans. While there are many components to the bill, we are cautiously optimistic the inclusion of Section 2 makes it through Senate approval and will finally remove silencers from the NFA. Such a result would serve to allow Americans access to devices which helps protect their hearing and reduce noise pollution to neighboring properties. Even former President Theodore

Roosevelt utilized silencers for these very purposes.”

Statement from SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb:

“We are thrilled House members recognized the importance of removing silencers from the National Firearms Act. Eliminating the cumbersome process of acquiring suppressors would make the shooting sports – whether it’s hunting or shooting at the range – a more enjoyable experience for everyone. Unlike you see in the movies, silencers by no means make a gunshot silent, they merely reduce the noise to a safer level. We are encouraged H.R. 1 passed the House with Section 2 of the Hearing Protection Act in place, and we are hopeful this important piece of the legislation remains intact.”

The Second Amendment Foundation (saf.org) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the fundamental rights of individuals enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. SAF engages in aggressive legal action to ensure the principles of armed self-defense, personal liberty, and the ownership of arms are defended, secured, and restored. Through public education initiatives, SAF teaches the importance of the Second Amendment to promote a society that values and exercises

the right to keep and bear arms.

Chairman Walberg Speaks at Press Conference on House Passage of President Trump’s Big, Beautiful Bill

WASHINGTON, May 22, 2025 – Today, Education and Workforce Committee Chairman Tim Walberg (R-MI) participated in a press conference praising the House passage of President Trump's big, beautiful bill, which included the Committee's Student Success and Taxpayer Savings Plan—critical legislation to strengthen accountability for students and taxpayers, streamline

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mitment to American citizens by fully funding border security — providing for 10,000 new ICE personnel and 3,000 new Border Patrol agents to detain and deport at least one million criminal illegal immigrants annually and giving \$10,000 annual bonuses in each of the next four years to our frontline heroes. Promises made, promises kept.

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A Proclamation: 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States Army

June 13, 2025

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

On June 14, 1775, the sword and shield of our Republic were forged when the Second Continental Congress voted to establish what would later become the United States Army. Today, our Nation proudly celebrates 250 years of our Army’s strength, service, valor, and discipline. We honor its heroic legacy as the guardian of our sovereignty and our fortress against tyranny — and we pay tribute to the millions of warriors who live by the motto: This We’ll Defend.

Following the first shots of the Revolutionary War at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, it became clear to the patriots that — despite their persistent efforts for peace — war against the British was necessary as a final recourse in defense of their freedom. In the wake of the Boston Massacre, the Intolerable Acts, and the enduring injustice of taxation without representation, they established the First Continental Congress in the fall of 1774 to formally address their grievances. After dozens of patriots perished at Lexington and Concord, the Colonies reconvened — and by June 14, the delegates had decided that there was only one path forward.

On that spring day, in a momentous act of unity and resolve, the Congress passed a resolution to formally establish the instrument of our national defense in the form of the Continental Army. “Resolved, that six companies of expert riflemen, be immediately raised in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland, and two in Virginia” the resolution reads.

With the passing of that fateful resolution, the scattered militias of the American Colonies banded together as a single force — boldly declaring that they would never waver in defense of their liberty and their home. The next day, George Washington was unanimously appointed as the Continental Army’s Commander-in-Chief. Weeks later, on July 3, 1775, he took charge of his Army in Cambridge, Massachusetts. “It is hoped that all Distinctions of Colonies will be laid aside so that one and the same Spirit may animate the whole, and the only Contest be, who shall render, on this great and trying occasion, the most essential service to the Great and common cause in which we are all engaged,” he wrote.

In the days, weeks, and years that followed, that very same Army shocked the Redcoats at Trenton and Princeton, won their first great victory at Saratoga, secured the cause of independence at Yorktown, preserved the Union at Gettysburg, held the line at Chateau-Thierry, stormed the bloody beaches of Normandy, and to this day, gallantly defends our inheritance of freedom against every foe with unmatched tenacity, courage, and strength. What was first formed as a ragtag army of farmers, frontiersmen, blacksmiths, and merchants now stands as the most dominant military force ever born of human will — guided by the promise to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

To ensure our Army’s storied legacy continues well into the future, as President, I have purged the sinister ideology of “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion” from the ranks of our military. I directed the Department of Defense to update its guidance regarding transgender — identifying medical standards to ensure our military remains the most lethal in the world. In a long overdue redress of injustice, I reinstated American service members who were dismissed for refusing the COVID vaccine, with full back pay and benefits. Every day, I am restoring a foreign policy of peace through strength — and as a result, military recruitment is soaring to historic highs. Under my leadership, the United States military will remain the mightiest, fiercest, boldest, and most revered in the entire world.

On this 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States Army, we pay tribute to every legend of liberty who sacrificed their life to keep America safe, sovereign, and free. As my Administration continues the work of protecting our homeland and upholding our way of life, we proudly summon the spirit, confidence, and resolve of the intrepid men who won our independence on the battlefield 250 years ago — and we vow that their legacy of courage will never perish, and that our sacred birthright of freedom will never, ever die.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2025, as a day in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States Army. This We’ll Defend.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this

thirteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.

DONALD J. TRUMP

ning of the Revolutionary War. Army Gen. George Washington took formal command of the besieging Colonial forces in the Boston area, July 3, 1775, devoting the next several months to building up troops and addressing their logistical difficulties. On March 4, 1776, Washington installed artillery on Dorchester Heights and later on Nook's Hill, positions that dominated Boston from the south. It was Washington's first campaign as commander in chief of the Continental Army. Recognizing the profound difficulty of his position, Howe evacuated Boston, March 17, 1776, and sailed to Halifax, Canada, with his 9,000 soldiers, along with many loyalists. Today, Boston and surrounding communities celebrate March 17 as Evacuation Day. The Battle of Bunker Hill is considered a British victory but a costly one. Not only were British casualties higher than those of the Colonial forces, but the battle and follow-on skirmishes led to the British later fleeing the city and never occupying it again. British Army Maj. Gen. Henry Clinton, who was present at the Battle of Bunker Hill, wrote in his diary that "a few more such victories would have shortly put an end to British dominion in America." The battle convinced the British to adopt a more cautious approach to planning and maneuvering in future engagements to minimize casualties. The heavy losses also persuaded the British to hire large numbers of soldiers from several German states to fight against the Continental Army. These forces eventually comprised about 25% of British land forces. On June 17, 1875, the centennial year of the battle, a parade and celebration took place in Boston. Notable speakers included former Civil War Army Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman and Vice President Henry Wilson. To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the battle, several events in Boston are planned for June 17, 2025, including a tribute concert performed by the U.S. Army Field Band and its vocal complement, the Soldiers' Chorus — collectively known as the Musical Ambassadors of the Army.

For the Record: National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations seeks to place statue of Buffalo Soldier Brig. Gen. Charles Young at National Museum of African American History and Culture in D.C.

NCBVO partnered with National Park Service and Camp Nelson for 1st Annual Freedom Day Festival



By Charles Blatcher, III
Chairman,
National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations

The National Park Service in partnership with the Camp Nelson Preservation and Education Foundation, National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations, Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, Jessamine County Public Library, Jessamine County Tourism, Huntertown Community Interpretive Park, and the Kentucky Historical Society, announces the 1st Annual Freedom Day Festival. The event will be held from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at the Camp Nelson National Monument lo-



This bronze maquette of Brig. General Charles Young on horseback represents the statue the National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations would like to see on the grounds of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. (Photo/Courtesy NCBVO)



Legendary Buffalo Soldier Brig. Gen. Charles Young

cated in Nicholasville, Kentucky. The special event commemorates the Brigadier General Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor—the 170-mile route from Camp Nelson National Monument in Jessamine County to Mays Lick—and concludes at the Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument in Wilberforce, Ohio. Born to enslaved parents in 1864 in Mays Lick, Kentucky, Young became the third African American to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; the first African American superintendent of a national park; and the highest ranking African American U.S. Army officer at the time of his death in 1922. Charles Young was posthumously promoted to the rank of brigadier general in

the Regular Army on February 1, 2022, at the behest of the National Coalition of Black Veterans and Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear. Among the special items to be displayed at the event is a bronze maquette of Brigadier General Charles Young on horseback. The statuette, placed on temporary loan to Camp Nelson by the Veterans Coalition is a replica of the statue the organization is proposing to establish on the grounds of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. The statue created by sculptor Antonio Tobias Mendez will be on display for thirty days after which it will be returned to the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage in Louisville. The festival features live music featuring The Marshall Law Band, food trucks, arts and crafts, children's activities, guided talks and walks, and a keynote presentation by sculptor Ed Hamilton, creator of the Spirit of Freedom African American Civil War Monument in Washington DC. It is free and open to the public. Contact information: cnmmmf@aol.com

FedEx St. Jude Championship and Big River Steel join forces to honor U.S.A. Military at event during tournament Aug. 6-10

Special ticket packages and exclusive hospitality await military at TPC Southwind

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The FedEx St. Jude Championship, returning to TPC Southwind August 6–10, 2025, announced plans to recognize and celebrate Mid-South military members during tournament week.

"As the eyes of the golf world turn to Memphis, we're focusing our attention on the service members who protect our freedom," stated Joe Tomek, Executive Director of the FedEx St. Jude Championship. "This program represents a small token of our appreciation for the dedication and sacrifices made by our local military members."

In collaboration with U.S. Steel's Big River Steel, this year's program offers exclusive ticket packages for military members. Additionally, all military personnel and one guest are invited to experience the Patriots' Outpost, an exclusive venue for military members on the No. 8 green, offering comfortable



shaded seating and complimentary refreshments.

"The entire team at Big River Steel is proud to once again partner with the FedEx St. Jude Championship to honor and support military veterans. Together, we all express our deepest gratitude to the brave individuals who have served our nation, and we are forever grateful for their contributions," said Daniel R. Brown, U. S. Steel Senior Vice President of Advanced Technology Steelmaking and Chief Operating Officer of Big River Steel.

Military ticket offerings for 2025 FedEx St. Jude Championship: Active-duty, retired, reserve, veterans and National Guard members (plus one guest) are eligible to claim complimentary

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tickets for the Pro-Am presented by First Horizon Bank (Wednesday, August 6) and one competition day of their choice between August 7–10 (Thursday-Sunday), while supplies last. The tournament's youth ticket policy allows each military ticket recipient to bring up to two children (ages 15 and under) for free. Valid identification and credentials are required.

PGA TOUR Fan Shop Discount Throughout the week, active-duty, retired, reserve, veterans

and National Guard members will receive a 10% discount in the PGA TOUR Fan Shop (must have valid military I.D.).

All military personnel should visit www.fedexstjude.com/tickets to claim their tickets, if assistance is needed, please contact: ticketsupport@pgatourhq.com. Parking passes are not included in any ticket purchases. A separate parking pass is required each day of tournament week and must be purchased online in advance.

About the FedEx St. Jude Championship

The FedEx St. Jude Championship is the first of three events in the FedExCup Playoffs, the culmination of the season-long competition that is the centerpiece of the PGA TOUR Season. Played August 6-10 at TPC Southwind, the FedEx St. Jude Championship features the top 70 players in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List at the conclu-

sion of the regular season. The City of Memphis has held a PGA TOUR event every year since 1958, and 2025 will mark Memphis' fourth year hosting a Playoffs event. Since 1970, Memphis' PGA TOUR stop has raised more than \$80 million for the tournament's primary charitable beneficiary, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, helping to ensure patients' families never receive a bill and can focus solely on helping their child.

About U. S. Steel Founded in 1901, United States Steel Corporation is a leading steel producer. With an unwavering focus on safety, the company's customer-centric Best for All® strategy is advancing a more secure, sustainable future for U. S. Steel and its stakeholders. With a renewed emphasis on innovation, U. S. Steel serves the automotive, construction, appliance, energy, containers, and packaging industries with high value-added steel products such as U. S. Steel's propri-

etary XG3® advanced high-strength steel. The company also maintains competitively advantaged iron ore production and has an annual raw steelmaking capability of 22.4 million net tons. U. S. Steel is headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with world-class operations across the United States and in Central Europe.

For more information, please visit www.ussteel.com.

Statements from UofM Athletics Dept., The Memphis Showboats and UFL

From the University of Memphis Athletics Dept.

MEMPHIS, Tenn, June 22, 2025- "We are deeply grateful to Fred Smith and his family for their unwavering support of Memphis Athletics. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones, including the entire FedEx family, during this difficult time.

Fred was more than a visionary businessman — he was an icon and a servant leader whose impact on the Memphis community is immeasurable. Without his foresight and extraordinary generosity, neither Memphis Athletics nor the City of Memphis would be what they are today.

On a personal note, over the past 11 months, Fred has been both a mentor and a friend to me. Tiger Nation will forever remember Fred Smith and the legacy he leaves behind. We look forward to honoring his remarkable contributions in the days ahead."

UofM Senior Vice President and Director of Athletics
Ed Scott, Ph.D.

From United Football League (UFL) and The Memphis Showboats

Registration now open for aspiring players to get chance to try out at 2025 UFL Player Showcase on September 14

Registration is now open at www.showcases.theufl.com

ARLINGTON, Texas – June 23, 2025 – The United Football League announced the dates for its upcoming player Showcases, scheduled to kick off this fall. These events provide aspiring football players with the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in front of UFL coaches and personnel directors.

Position players will be evaluated based on performance for potential free agent opportunities with UFL teams at these seven events. Specialists will have an opportunity to show their skills at a separate event.

The first showcase will take place in Atlanta, Georgia on Sunday, September 14. Additional showcases will be



held throughout the fall in Washington D.C., Sunday, September 28; Dallas, Sunday, October 12; San Diego - Specialist Showcase, Sunday October 19; Orlando, Sunday October 26; Phoenix, Sunday, November 9; Houston, Sunday, November 23 and Los Angeles, Sunday, December 7. Information on each of the showcases can be found below.

UFL SHOWCASE LOCATIONS AND DATES:

UFL Atlanta Showcase
Sunday, September 14, 2025
Kell High School

UFL Washington D.C. Showcase

Sunday, September 28, 2025
George Mason University

UFL Dallas Showcase
Friday, October 12, 2025
Choctaw Stadium

UFL San Diego Showcase
Sunday, October 19, 2025
San Diego Specialist Showcase
Maranatha Christian School

UFL Orlando Showcase
Sunday, October 26, 2025
Celebration High School

UFL Phoenix Showcase
Sunday, November 9, 2025
Temple High School

UFL Houston Showcase
Sunday, November 23, 2025
Husky Stadium

UFL Los Angeles Showcase
Sunday, December 7, 2025
Pennisula High School

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Prospective specialists (kickers, punters, snappers) will be able to participate at the following event:

• **Sunday, October 19:** Novak Kicking & Consulting at Maranatha Christian School in San Diego, California. Register at nicknovak.com. Upon acceptance, formal invitations will be issued.

For any questions about these events or player eligibility, please visit the FAQ page.

About the UFL
The United Football League

(UFL) is the professional spring football league, born from the groundbreaking 2024 merger of the XFL and USFL. With the visionary backing of RedBird Capital Partners, FOX, Dany Garcia and Dwayne Johnson, the UFL is redefining the football landscape. Built on tradition and positioned to innovate and expand fan engagement and player opportunities, the league is poised for growth with its eight teams in key markets: Arlington (TX), Birmingham (AL), Detroit (MI), Houston (TX), San Antonio (TX), Memphis (TN), St. Louis (MO), and Washington D.C.

The UFL is committed to pushing the boundaries of the game and delivering an elevated experience for players, fans, and partners alike.

U.S. Postal Service issues latest U.S. Flag Stamp featuring Old Glory fluttering in the a breeze

THREE OAKS, MI, June 7, 2025 — The Postal Service dedicated a new U.S. Flag stamp at a ceremony at the Vickers Theater in Three Oaks on Saturday, June 7.

"An enduring emblem of freedom, national unity and patriotic spirit, the flag of the United States has flown proudly state-side, abroad and even on the surface of the moon," said Donald Dombrow Jr., the Postal Service's Michigan 2 District manager, who spoke at the ceremony.

Other speakers included photographer Doug Haight, whose artwork is featured on the stamp.

The current American flag consists of 13 alternating horizontal stripes — seven red and six white — and 50 stars on a field of blue. The stripes represent the 13 Colonies that declared independence from Great Britain to become the nation's first states. The stars rep-



Show your patriotism with the new Old Glory Stamp. (Photo/Courtesy: U.S. Postal Service)

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resent the present number of states.

The stamp features an image of Old Glory, fluttering in a breeze, against a bright white background. The words "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" are rendered in blue type above a horizontal red stripe. "FOREVER/USA" appears along the bottom of the stamp in gray lettering.

Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp,

which will be issued in booklets and panes of 20, and coils of 100, 3,000 and 10,000. As Forever stamps, they will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce price.

News of the stamps is being shared on social media with the hashtag #USFlagStamps.

Postal Products Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products through the Postal Store at usps.com/shopstamps, by calling 844-737-7826, by mail through USA Philatelic or at Post Office locations nationwide. For officially licensed stamp products, shop the USPS Officially Licensed Collection on Amazon. Additional information on stamps, dedication ceremonies and stamp-inspired products can be found at StampsForever.com.



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Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi and **Morgan State College** in Baltimore, Maryland were founded by the Methodist Episcopal Church; and **Fisk University** in Nashville, Tennessee was founded by the American Missionary Association. All three were founded in 1866, making them among the oldest Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

On May 1, 1867, **Howard University** (Washington, D.C.) was chartered by Congress as one of the earliest institution of higher learning for African Americans.

U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn visits the xAI’s Memphis headquarters, founded by Elon Musk, for major tour



U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) tours Memphis xAI Facilities to “witness first-hand how xAI is creating hundreds of good-paying jobs, generating millions for Memphis and Shelby County.” (Photo/Courtesy: Sen. Blackburn’s office)

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) released the following photo and statement after touring xAI’s Memphis facilities. In June 2024, xAI announced plans to build the world’s largest AI supercomputer, named Colossus, in Memphis:

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entrepreneurs like Elon Musk choose to set up shop in our state,” said Senator Blackburn. “Touring the site, I witnessed first-hand how xAI is creating hundreds of good-paying jobs, generating millions for Memphis and Shelby County, and partnering with small businesses to give hardworking Memphians exciting economic opportunities. This is only the beginning of what xAI will accomplish, and I’m excited to see how the company continues to grow and flourish for years to come.”

BACKGROUND

•xAI was founded by Elon Musk in 2023.

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student loan options, and simplify student loan repayment.

Chairman Walberg’s remarks, as prepared for delivery:

"Today we are one step closer to delivering on our promise to the American people to cut government waste.

"At the Education and Workforce Committee we were able to save taxpayers nearly \$350 billion and finally fix our broken student loan program.

"It’s time we stopped asking a factory worker in Michigan or a rancher in Texas to subsidize the student debt of a lawyer in Manhattan so colleges can continue to spike their tuition to whatever they want.

"By capping loan amounts and giving some financial responsibility to schools, this legislation addresses the root cause of high college costs and provides schools an incentive to deliver real value for students and taxpayers.

"We have one final hurdle, and I urge my colleagues in the Senate to get this bill across the finish line."

Arkansas ranks #1 for Election Integrity from page 4

elections from hostile foreign adversaries like China, Russia, Iran, or North Korea and ban foreign entities from funding state and local ballot measures.

Additionally, Governor Sanders is fully in support of the Citizens Only Voting Amendment, which will appear in front of voters next election and mandate that only U.S. citizens can vote in Arkansas elections.

The Natural State received perfect scores on Voter ID Implementation, Access of Election Observers, Verification of Citizenship, Identification for Voter Assistance, Vote County Practices, Restrictions on Same-day Registration, Restrictions on Automatic Registration, Restrictions on Private Funding of Election Officials or Government Agencies, and Restrictions on Ranked Choice Voting.

DEI insults

Black mathematicians,

scientists,

non-CRT teachers,

STEM believers

entrepreneurs

business-owners

farmers and agriculturists

The “E” in DEI stands for “Equity” and “Equity” is a Marxist term.

Do Not Confuse “Equity” with “Equal Opportunity.”

Sec. of Defense Hegseth and Air Force General Dan Caine land success in Operation Midnight Hammer



Dept. of Defense Pete Hegseth and Air Force Gen. Dan Caine, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, give historic press conference after success strikes on Iran’s bomb making sites. (Photo/Courtesy: DOD)

By Matthew Olay
Dept. of Defense (DOD)

WASHINGTON, D.C. June 22, 2025 - During a press conference at the Pentagon today, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and Air Force Gen. Dan Caine, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, lauded the success of the U.S. Central Command's overnight strike on three Iranian nuclear facilities.

Dubbed "Operation Midnight Hammer," Centcom deployed multiple combined assets to inflict significant damage at the sites of Fordo, Natanz and Isfahan. "The order we received from our commander in chief was focused, it was powerful and it was clear. We devastated the Iranian nuclear program," Hegseth said at the outset of his remarks, also noting that the operation did not target Iranian troops or citizens.

"Initial battle damage assessments indicate that all three sites sustained extremely severe damage and destruction," Caine told the media. After proceeding quietly and with minimal communication for 18 hours from the U.S. to the target area, the first of seven B-2 Spirit stealth bombers dropped two 30,000 GBU-57 Massive Ordnance Penetrator "bunker buster" bombs at the Fordo site yesterday at approximately 6:40 p.m. EDT, Caine said. The initial mission package also included several decoy aircraft that flew west over the Pacific Ocean as "a deception effort known only to an extremely small number of planners and key leaders here in Washington and," Caine said.

Such tactics were also used in support of the main strike package of aircraft. "The U.S. employed several de-

ception tactics — including decoys — as the fourth and fifth generation aircraft pushed out in front of the strike package at high altitude and high speed, sweeping in front of the package for enemy fighters and surface-to-air missile threats," Caine said. Following the initial strike on Fordo, the remaining B-2s went on to deploy their ordnance, eventually totaling 14 MOPs hitting the targeted areas.

This was the first operational use of the GBU-57 MOP, Caine noted. In addition to the MOPs, Caine said a U.S. submarine operating in Centcom's area of responsibility launched more than two dozen Tomahawk land attack cruise missiles at key infrastructure targets at the Isfahan site, bringing the overall total of precision-guided weapons employed during the operation to approximately 75.

Caine stated there was no detectable retaliation to the strikes. "We are unaware of any shots fired at the package on the way out. Iran's fighters did not fly, and it appears that Iran's surface-to-air missile systems did not see us," he said, adding, "Throughout the mission, we maintained the element of surprise." Both Hegseth and Caine shared praise for the military personnel who worked to execute the mission. "I want to recognize the pilots who flew those bombers, who flew those refuelers; warriors. I want to recognize the sailors on those destroyers, in those subs, on those carriers; warriors, all of them," Hegseth said, also recognizing soldiers who conducted air and base defense. "Every American involved in this operation performed flawlessly," he added, also giving recognition to the Israeli government for its

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contribution to the positioning and preparation of the effort.

"This was a complex and high-risk mission, carried out with exceptional skill and discipline by our joint force," Caine said, also noting that the mission demonstrated the "unmatched reach, coordination and capability of the United States military." "In just a matter of weeks, this went from strategic planning to global execution," he said, adding that he concurs with President Donald J. Trump's assessment that "no other military in the world could have done this." When asked about the overall intent of the strikes, Hegseth said the mission was specifically focused on preventing Iran from developing a nuclear weapon. "This mission was not, and has not been, about regime change. The president authorized a precision operation to neutralize the threats to our national interests posed by the Iranian nuclear program and the collective self-defense of our troops and our ally, Israel," Hegseth said. As to the potential for Iran attempting retaliation for the U.S. strikes, Caine said Centcom is operating under elevated force protection measures throughout the Middle East region and that any retaliation by Iran or its proxies would be "an incredibly poor choice." "We will defend ourselves. The safety of our service members and civilians remains our highest priority," he said.

Bishop T.D. Jakes announces daughter Sarah Jakes Roberts and her husband Touré Roberts as senior pastors of the Potter’s House

DALLAS, TX/PRNewswire/ -- In a deeply symbolic Sunday announcement, Bishop T.D. Jakes—globally recognized faith leader, cultural influencer and founder of The Potter's House—unveiled his plans to appoint Pastors Touré Roberts and Sarah Jakes Roberts as senior pastors of the Dallas-based megachurch. This milestone moment signifies a sacred generational handoff within one of the world's most influential churches, while affirming Bishop Jakes' commitment to evolving ministry leadership for the future. Their appointment will happen later in 2025. The announcement was made on April 27, 2025.

"For nearly 50 years, I've had the honor of connecting with and serving the local and global community as a pastor, global faith leader and unwavering truth teller," Jakes said. "As I enter my 50th year in the public spotlight, I recognize the urgent need to address more challenges of our time, particularly the looming threat of a disappearing middle class, social unrest and closing opportunity gaps. This pivotal moment calls me to focus on a legacy of economic empowerment, serving as a bridge between community, culture, and corporate alliances to help position our nation for a stronger future. Elevating Pastor Touré and Pastor Sarah as the new senior

pastors of The Potter's House, we will honor our rich history while embracing a future that demands innovative, ministry for the coming age. This elevation is not a departure but a rebirth. I will never stop preaching and will continue to minister. This moment isn't an ending, it's an expansion. We are not only passing a mantle we are multiplying impact. Leadership is not static, it is dynamic. It demands the courage to evolve."

Bishop Jakes and Pastor Touré and Pastor Sarah released a public letter available here, expressing the spiritual and strategic thought behind the transition. Sunday's announcement follows a season of profound transition for Jakes, including a widely publicized health emergency he suffered in November 2024, which he spoke about in detail during an exclusive on The TODAY show and the culmination of the International Leadership Summit (ILS), a signature global gathering he launched over two decades ago. Themed "Changing of the Guard," this final ILS served as a prophetic prelude to this very moment. Held April 10–12, 2025, in Orlando, the summit gathered visionaries across industries and generations to address one of the most critical questions of our time: how do we prepare the next generation to lead?



Pastor Sarah Jakes Roberts will co-pastor the Potter’s House with spouse Pastor Touré Roberts as they advance the “Generational Leadership for a New Era.”

Jakes will remain Chairman of the Board and spiritual overseer of The Potter's House, providing vision, counsel, and legacy leadership as the next generation steps into their senior pastoral roles.

Years in the Making

Sunday's announcement reflects the fulfillment of a multi-year strategy designed to ensure the continuity, integrity, and innovation of The Potter's House legacy. Highlights of this journey include:

- 2022: The Roberts family officially relocated from Los Angeles to Dallas, to take on the roles signifying a deep commitment to the ministry's growth.
- 2022: The historic farewell of the annual Woman, Thou Art Loosed conference to continuing the global Woman Evolve movement, led by Pastor Sarah.
- 2023: Pastor Touré and Pastor Sarah were installed as assistant pastors of The Potter's House, taking on significant leadership responsibilities.

Generational Leadership for a New Era

Pastor Touré, visionary leader, entrepreneur and founder of ONE | A Potter's House Church and Pastor Sarah, New York Times bestselling author, media influencer and founder of Woman Evolve, have emerged as vital voices for this moment. Their leadership model bridges generational divides and reimagines what modern spiritual leadership can look like, faithful to its foundation yet responsive to cultural shifts.

"We are committed to building a ministry that carries the heart of Bishop Jakes into a future that is both faithful and forward-thinking," said Pastor Touré. Pastor Sarah added, "This is not just a call to serve. It's a mandate to lead with compassion, clarity, and courage."

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Their elevation reflects the belief that legacy is not something to preserve, it's something to propel. By entrusting this next chapter to leaders who carry both the heart of the house and a clear-eyed vision for the future, Bishop Jakes affirms what thriving institutions have always known: when successors are prepared with purpose, the mission doesn't just continue, it multiplies.

As they continue to build and foster community throughout the region, Pastor Touré and Pastor Sarah will also look to have presence and activate ministry within North Dallas as well. Beyond the Pulpit: A Legacy Reimagined

While transitioning daily pastoral duties, T.D. Jakes will expand his global footprint and continue his work as Chairman of the T.D. Jakes Group, which consists of T.D. Jakes Real Estate Ventures, T.D. Jakes Enterprises and T.D. Jakes Foundation. Chairman Jakes' businesses, social impact companies and partnerships will amplify his efforts to address critical social and economic issues, including workforce readiness, entrepreneurial investment, and community development. This evolution underscores his lifelong commitment to blending ministry with actionable solutions for systemic change.

Expanding his reach and deepening his impact beyond the pulpit, Jakes will soon speak to millions more daily through a new partnership with iHeartMedia, in which he will launch his own slate of shows with iHeartPodcasts. The slate will kick off with his new podcast "My Next Chapter" where he will explore the shifts happening in our world and our lives and how we, together, can rebuild what's been broken, especially during this time of national uncertainty. T.D. Jakes has long been at the forefront of this transformation bringing faith into boardrooms, soundstages, underserved neighborhoods, and now, into a future of greater strategic influence.

Isaiah J. Thompson releases new album ‘The Book of Isaiah: Modern Jazz Ministry’ with special guest artists Herlin Riley & Vuyo Sotashe



Isaiah J. Thompson sits comfortably on the cover of his new album which features his jazz ministry. (Photo Credit: Evelyn Freja)

Album Inspired by Classic Sacred-Jazz Works from Duke Ellington, John Coltrane, Mary Lou Williams & More Produced by Pianist Cyrus Chestnut

June 6, 2025 - Pianist Isaiah J. Thompson released his new album **The Book of Isaiah: Modern Jazz Ministry** via Mack Avenue Records. With its life-affirming meld of swing and blues and its expert command of jazz heritage, The Book of Isaiah: Modern Jazz Ministry draws lines to landmark works of jazz divinity by Mary Lou Williams, Duke Ellington, John Coltrane, and other titans.

Listen to Isaiah J. Thompson The Book of Isaiah: Modern Jazz Ministry

"Today I'm humbled to be able to celebrate the release of my newest recording The Book of

Isaiah: Modern Jazz Ministry," says Thompson. "This suite is something I've composed over the last few years as I've overcome obstacles in my life and put my faith in God. The music is meant to console in its function as a ministry, to confront in its efforts to denounce injustice, and lastly, to honor the jazz musicians who boldly elicited their faith through music. I pray that this album blesses and uplifts you."

Thompson is one of the most acclaimed young pianists of his generation, having earned a slew of high-profile awards, two degrees from The Juilliard School, and work with renowned artists including Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Christian McBride and John Pizzarelli, whose trio, an institution in small-group swing, Thompson joined in 2019. NPR's Jazz Night In America praised him as "a young musician and composer with a mature touch and rare combination of talent, creativity, humility and honesty."

Despite all of his accomplishments, something was missing for Thompson. To start, he was placing far too much of his self-worth on being a celebrated musician. An overcommitment to the piano resulted in a surplus of practice that ended up putting his

career at risk. "I got tendonitis in both arms, and that's a condition you continue to have," he says. Since then, Thompson has been diligent in his rehabilitation, which has opened up new pathways in his musicianship.

Even so, the injury was devastating and led Thompson to a crossroads. "It forced me to think about what is actually important in life," he says. "If I can't play, then who am I? What is my existence? What does it actually mean?" As he continued to wrestle with these profound questions, the pianist was reminded of his spiritual deficiency every time he heard his first name. Although he did spend some time in the church with his family as a child, he was primarily living a secular life.

"I was walking around with this name that I hadn't studied," Isaiah explains. So he began to discover his namesake and his faith in earnest. He dug deep into the Book of Isaiah, one of the Bible's most challenging books. Eventually, independent study wasn't enough, and Thompson pursued his spiritual education in seminary. He and his wife, a ministry director and noted worship singer with several generations of ministry in her family, eventually chose a congregation

where the message of Jesus and salvation felt pure and right.

When it came time to unpack his faith musically on The Book of Isaiah: Modern Jazz Ministry, Thompson tapped trusted collaborators including tenor saxophonist Julian Lee, bassist Marty Jaffe, drummer Miguel Russell, and pianist Cyrus Chestnut, who co-produced the project. New Orleans percussion great Herlin Riley contributes tambourine and vocals on select songs, vocal star Vuyo Sotashe sings on three tracks, and Thompson's wife, Kaitlin Obien-Thompson adds backing vocals to the album-closing "VIII. The Prophet."

A devoted student of jazz history, Thompson wrote the album under the sway of jazz icons who crafted paeans to the Creator without explicitly chasing a "gospel-jazz" fusion. The spiritual works of Duke Ellington, Mary Lou Williams and Wynton Marsalis became major touchstones, as well as the transcendent recordings of John Coltrane and the churchly textures of Charles Mingus. Throughout these eight tracks, Thompson probes his devotional life without fear, underscoring simple but too-often overlooked truths about our relationship with God.

Founded in 1996 by Bishop T.D. Jakes, The Potter's House is a global humanitarian organization and 30,000-member church based in Dallas, Texas. Known for its dynamic worship, far-reaching media presence, and unwavering commitment to social uplift, it remains one of the most influential and innovative ministries in the world.

About The Potter's House

Memphis Grizzlies unveil latest legacy project with Grizz Den Rec Room at Street Ministries

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 24, 2025— The Memphis Grizzlies today unveiled the Grizz Den Rec Room, the team's latest legacy project, at STREETS Ministries, transforming the nonprofit's recreation room into a safe, vibrant and inspiring space for youth in Memphis.

As part of an ongoing mission to leave a lasting legacy in Memphis, the Grizzlies launched a community investment legacy project with STREETS Ministries, a nonprofit organization that provides students with opportunities and resources to find academic, spiritual and physical achievement. Throughout the months of May and June, the Grizzlies revamped the organization's recreation room with fresh paint, new carpet, upgraded lighting, dynamic wall graphics,

comfortable new tables and chairs, gaming and charging stations, arcade games and a fully updated music room.

Alongside the youth of STREETS Ministries and key community leaders, Grizzlies center Jay Huff and former Grizzlies player Tony Allen participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony, hosted by Grind City Media's Jarvis Greer. Following the unveiling, the newly renovated space opened for youth participants to enjoy games and refreshments. Grizzlies Legacy Projects are social impact initiatives focused on leaving a lasting, positive impact on communities. These projects often involve renovating and revitalizing important community spaces – such as recreation rooms, basketball courts, li-

braries and tech rooms – to foster learning, connection and well-being. By investing in these spaces, the Grizzlies Legacy Projects aim to leave behind a positive mark, uplifting communities for years to come.

For more than 30 years, STREETS Ministries has served as a safe haven for young people, offering mentorship, academic support and life-building opportunities. Through this legacy project, the Grizzlies and STREETS Ministries aim to showcase the importance of partnership, community investment and creating spaces where kids feel seen, supported and excited about their future.

For more information on the Grizzlies, visit grizzlies.com, 'like' Memphis Grizzlies on Facebook .

source of anxiety for families due to the costs of school supplies."

Southern Security and the Youth Villages Backpack Heroes campaign are seeking donations for the following school supplies: ballpoint pens (black, blue, and red), one-inch binders, colored pencils, crayons, dry erase markers, folders with pockets and prongs, highlighters, markers (eight count), No. 2 pencils, wide-ruled notebook paper, non-spiral bound wide-ruled composition notebooks, pencil pouches or boxes, large pink erasers, and plastic rulers. Monetary donations are also helpful.

"We are proud to partner with Youth Villages for the Backpack

"We are proud to partner with Youth Villages for the Backpack Heroes campaign to help provide children with backpacks filled with school supplies so that they may each be positioned to have a successful school year," said Dawn Graeter, CEO of Southern Security.

backpacks will remove some of the burden for families as children start back to school."

Southern Security staff will take the collected items, put \$100 worth of school supplies into each donated backpack and distribute to families in need ahead of the school year. School supplies still needed after the donation drive will be covered by Southern Security.

Southern Security strives to create a better community with local investments and to provide superior service to its members by offering better rates and lower fees. Today, Southern Security has more than 23,000 individual members, \$234 million in assets, and 500 partner businesses and organizations.

VUMC icon Mildred Stahlman who died at age 101 to be honored as a figure by sculptor Alan LeQuire in ‘Monumental’ Exhibit at Nashville’s famous Parthenon slated now through September 21

NASHVILLE, TN - When sculptor Alan LeQuire began planning his new “Monumental Figures” exhibit for the Parthenon in Nashville’s Centennial Park, one person kept coming to mind: Mildred T. Stahlman, MD, who pioneered the treatment of lung disease in premature infants at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Although she was but 5 feet, 2 inches tall, with piercing blue eyes and hair usually kept neatly in a bun, Stahlman had a fierce reputation among the physicians she trained. Her severe interrogations during rounds could reduce some of them to tears.

The woman LeQuire knew as a close family friend was completely different. Stahlman, who died on June 29, 2024, at 101 years old, graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1946, the same year as his father, the late Vanderbilt pathologist Virgil LeQuire, MD.

As a child, “I called her Aunt Millie,” said LeQuire, 70. On the wards, “she could be notoriously mean ... She was very stringent with the rules and protocols she developed for treating premature infants ... The side we saw of her was generous and kind.”

A 6-foot-tall clay statue of Stahlman that, on a pedestal, will exhibit at about 9 feet tall will be among 24 “Monumental Figures” sculpted by LeQuire that will be exhibited at the Parthenon June 13 to Sept. 21.

Parthenon reception
The Parthenon’s presentation of LeQuire’s contemporary art up-



Sculptor Alan LeQuire with the statue he made of Mildred T. Stahlman, MD, for his exhibit at the Parthenon in Nashville’s Centennial Park. (Photo by Erin O. Smith)

stairs in the naos (inner temple) coincides with another new exhibit of his work downstairs — “Goddess in Progress,” which commemorates the 35th anniversary of the unveiling of his full-scale replica of the Athena statue that was in the original Parthenon of ancient Athens, Greece. This portion of the event was private.

For more information, visit <https://www.nashvilleparthenon.com/events>.

LeQuire said he chose mostly women for his “Monumental Figures” exhibit, including singer Joan Baez and Nashville’s Doro-

thy Brown, MD, the first Black woman elected to the Tennessee General Assembly, because “the Parthenon, in my imagination, is a space that honors women.”

Mildred Stahlman was natural for the exhibit. “Millie was a big part of my life,” LeQuire said. “She believed in me.” Stahlman supported his first major public art commission, a sculpture of mother and child completed in 1981 for Vanderbilt University Hospital.

Stahlman is “monumental,” of course, because of the profound impact she had on the lives of premature babies. She is credited

with establishing at VUMC the nation’s first newborn intensive care unit to use monitored respiratory therapy in babies born with damaged lungs.

In the mid-1970s, she also helped regionalize newborn intensive care services in Tennessee, and she trained generations of physician-scientists from around the world.

LeQuire remembers the sheep she kept for her research on lung development at his family’s farm in northwest Williamson County and in a grassy courtyard of the old Vanderbilt hospital now known as Medical Center North. By studying fetal lambs, Stahl-

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man and her colleagues developed ways to diagnose and monitor hyaline membrane disease, the failure of the alveoli, or small sacs in the lungs, to expand with air. When severe, this condition, also known as respiratory distress syndrome, was nearly always fatal.

Developing infant “iron-lung” machines

In the mid-1950s, Stahlman began experimenting with infant negative pressure “iron-lung” machines originally developed for polio victims. The goal was to ventilate premature babies until their lungs matured sufficiently for them to breathe on their own.

On Oct. 31, 1961, a baby girl was born at Vanderbilt hospital two months prematurely and gasping for breath. With the permission of her parents and pediatrician, she was placed in a breathing machine.

Stahlman slept on a folding bed in a lab next door so that she could monitor the baby day and night. “On the fifth day,” she recalled in 2005, “we managed to get her weaned off.” That baby

grew up to be a mother of two and a neonatal nurse at VUMC.

Stahlman was intense and demanding when it came to her residents and fellows. “They had to have everything in order,” recalled former fellow and longtime colleague Hakan Sundell, MD. “If a chart wasn’t right, she threw it ... across the room. And it was a metal-bound chart!”

But on her Humphreys County farm, where she kept Arabian horses and a pack of rescue dogs, she was warm and welcoming. “Mildred loved telling stories,” LeQuire recalled. “I still hear her voice and laugh. She had a wonderful laugh ... Underneath, she was a very loving person.”

As Stahlman, who never married, put it: “Virgil and his family have been my second family.” That love of family and down-to-earth generosity is what LeQuire wanted to represent in sculpture.

“The point of the exhibit is not to single out individuals as being especially worthy of praise,” he explained. “The idea is that we’re all monumental because we all have that energy, the living presence that I’m trying to capture in inanimate materials.” LeQuire can relate his art to the medical miracles that Mildred Stahlman achieved. Just as a lump of clay “awakens” when molded into human form, she devoted herself to preserving the “spark of life” in babies born too early.

“It was,” he said, “the motiva-

Here are some Juneteenth Facts

1. President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862 and it went into effect on January 1, 1863.
2. Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865 when the word of the Emancipation reached slaves in Texas. At Ashton Villa, what was known as General Order #3 (the Emancipation Proclamation) was read, declaring all slaves free.
3. Texas was the first state to establish Juneteenth in 1980.
4. By 2008, nearly half of United States observed Juneteenth.
5. Hawaii, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota do not recognize Juneteenth.
6. The first legislation to recognize Juneteenth was introduced in 1996 in the House of Representatives by Cong. Barbara-Rose Collins (D-MI).
7. Juneteenth is a combination of June and Nineteen, the date slaves found out late that the Emancipation Proclamation had been activated on January 1, 1863.
8. The 13th Amendment in the U.S. Constitution ended slavery.
9. The Mascogos, descendants from the Black Seminoles of Coahuila, Mexico, also celebrate Juneteenth.
10. Juneteenth is also known as Freedom Day and or Emancipation Day.

Clean Clothes for Kids (CC4K) celebrates 50th Donation of washer-dryer set to Metro Nashville public schools

Nashville, Tenn. , June 3, 2025 – PENCIL, a Nashville nonprofit supporting Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS), celebrated a major milestone when its Clean Clothes for Kids (CC4K) program donated its 50th washer-dryer set to an MNPS school, at Una Elementary in Southeast Nashville. A ribbon cutting of sorts was held at the school to mark the occasion.

MNPS leadership, PENCIL representatives, and educators whose students have benefitted from CC4K gathered to recognize the milestone as well as honor Blake McDaniel, a successful Nashville talent agent who launched the initiative in 2018 after learning about how limited access to washing machines can create a stigma and embarrassment for young students, leading to increases in absenteeism, or a reluctance to participate in athletic programs. “Absenteeism is one of the leading indicators whether a student will drop out of school and subsequently what their life path will end up being,” said Blake in his address. “You have taken that factor off the table for so many



When you do something good, you smile and showing all smiles from L to R are: Dr. Adrienne Battle (Director of Schools, Metro Nashville Public Schools), Dr. Brit Sikes (Principal, Una Elementary School), Blake McDaniel (Photo Credit: PENCIL)

kids” referring to his friends and family in the room who have donated funds, supplies, and time and the MNPS staff and volunteers who have washed clothes.

The crowd also heard from Dr.

Adrienne Battle, MNPS Director of Schools, and Christiane Buggs, PENCIL President & CEO, before going to view the washer and dryer, which were in use at the time. Dr. Brit Sikes, Principal at Una, shared that

since the machines were installed she has seen attendance improve among her students facing housing insecurity. PENCIL provided Dr. Sikes with two dozen backpacks so that more children can discreetly bring

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their unwashed clothes to school and benefit from this important gift.

About PENCIL

Founded in 1982, PENCIL links community resources to Metro Nashville Public Schools to help young people achieve academic success and prepare for life. PENCIL’s work is guided by the needs of MNPS, is student-centric, and is achieved through partnerships and tangible engagements. PENCIL envisions a world where access and opportunities are equitable for all students to have a successful future. To learn more, visit www.pencil-forschools.org.

Southern Security Federal Credit Union joins call for school supplies for Memphis area children served by Youth Villages in ‘Backpack Heroes’

Southern Security Federal Credit Union asks for donations of school supplies at any Southern Security branch until July 18 for area school children in need

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 27, 2025 – Southern Security, a not-for-profit financial cooperative whose mission is to help its members financially, announces a call for donations of school supplies for children living in the Greater Memphis area who are served by the Youth Villages Backpack Heroes campaign. Those interested in contributing

school supplies or money to purchase school supplies may drop off donations at any Southern Security branch until July 18. Southern Security branch locations may be found on their website at this link: <https://www.southernsecurity.org/locations/>.

The Youth Villages 2025 Backpack Heroes campaign is sponsored by Southern Security and is an annual event that serves children who have experienced trauma or have a history of emotional or behavioral challenges so

they can start the school year equipped to succeed. Youth Villages is a national leader in children’s mental and behavioral health, bringing help and hope to tens of thousands of children, families, and young people across the U.S. annually. To learn more about Youth Villages, visit its website: <https://youthvillages.org>.

“We are so thankful to Southern Security for its support of collecting school supplies and providing backpacks and supply bags for our Backpack Heroes campaign. A new backpack full

of school supplies can have a profound impact on a child’s learning experience. You can be a Youth Villages Backpack Hero by donating school supplies or making a financial contribution to support a child in your community at any Southern Security branch,” said Richard Shaw, Chief Development Officer for Youth Villages. “We believe children do well when boundaries are removed, making learning easily accessible. For many children in our care, starting school can be a challenge and a

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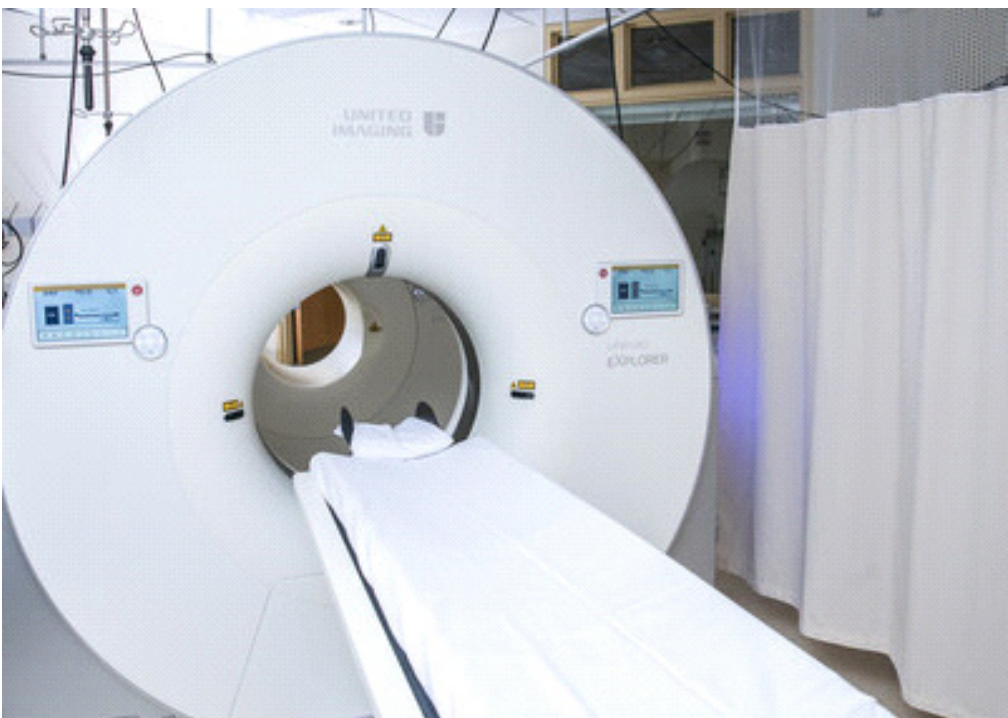
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Yale School of Medicine announces launch of the Yale Biomedical Imaging Institute, one of few technological innovation in area

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 20, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Yale School of Medicine (YSM) announces the launch of the Yale Biomedical Imaging Institute, a cross-disciplinary hub that will unite leading experts in imaging technology, clinical translation, and data science. One of only a few such institutes in the nation, it aims to drive innovation in biomedical imaging to improve understanding of human health and advance the treatment of disease.

"The Yale Biomedical Imaging Institute brings together world-class talent and resources to accelerate discovery and impact across medicine," says Georges El Fakhri, PhD, Elizabeth Mears and House Jameson Professor of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging and of Biomedical Informatics and Data Science, who is the institute's inaugural director. "We are incredibly excited to see the Yale Biomedical Imaging Institute come to fruition and look forward to seeing its positive impact across disciplines for years to come."

El Fakhri is joined by Chi Liu, PhD, and Dustin Scheinost, PhD, associate directors of biomedical imaging technologies; Xenophon Papademetris, PhD, associate di-



rector for biomedical imaging data sciences; and Kelly Cosgrove, PhD, associate director for biomedical imaging translation. The Yale Biomedical Imaging Institute emerged from a year-long strategic planning initiative led by YSM Dean Nancy J. Brown, MD, El Fakhri, Liu, and Douglas Rothman, PhD. More than 40 listening sessions across Yale's science and engineering communities revealed strong enthusiasm for a coordinated approach to biomedical imaging.

The institute aims to:

- Create novel biomedical imaging technologies across diverse modalities

- Translate discoveries to guide diagnostics and therapies

- Apply artificial intelligence and data science to enhance research and clinical care

The institute will integrate the work of longstanding Yale centers and cores—including the Positron Emission Tomography

(PET) Center and Magnetic Resonance Research Center—along with data science and imaging informatics expertise. Initial initiatives will include training opportunities for postdocs and students, along with exploratory funding opportunities.

"There is an unparalleled opportunity at Yale to establish a world-class imaging institute based on the strength of its existing programs," says Brian Smith, MD, deputy dean for research (clinical and translational). The

institute will support research in brain, cancer, cardiovascular, and inflammation imaging, while expanding efforts in early disease detection. Data science will play a central role with scientists leveraging deep learning to process and sharing vast imaging datasets, benefitting Yale investigators and the wider research community.

"This institute solidifies Yale's decades-long leadership in imaging and ensures we remain at the forefront of translational and clinical research," says Rothman.

About the Yale School of Medicine

Yale School of Medicine educates leaders in medicine and science, fostering curiosity and critical inquiry. It is a global leader in biomedical research, clinical care, and medical education.

With over 1,700 physicians, Yale provides compassionate care to patients worldwide. The Yale System of Medical Education emphasizes critical thinking and independent research, producing leaders in academic medicine.

U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn visits xAI, founded by Elon Musk from page 9

• xAI's Memphis facility occupies a 785,000-square-foot former Electrolux manufacturing plant. xAI has committed more than \$10 billion to turn the plant into state-of-the-art super computer.

- Memphis was chosen for a number of strategic reasons, including:

- Existing industrial infrastructure, including access to water and energy resources;

- Logistical advantages due to the city's location as a major freight and shipping hub; and

- Economic incentives provided by local and state governments eager to bring high-tech jobs and investment to the area.

- In March, xAI announced a significant expansion of its operations in Memphis with the acquisition of a one million square foot property.

- The development of the new facility is expected to attract additional tech companies to the region, further enhancing the city's status as the "Digital Delta" and contributing to the local economy through job creation and technological advancement.

- xAI has made numerous commitments to the city of Memphis, including:

- Constructing an \$80 million graywater recycling facility in Southwest Memphis, protecting the Memphis Aquifer for generations to come;

- Developing a battery farm that allows its operations to function independently from the local power grid;

- Creating over 320 high-paying jobs in Memphis, with 80% of the workforce being local hires. Hundreds of more hires are expected in the coming months and years; and

- Generating between \$15 and \$20 million in tax revenue for the city.

Happy Juneteenth!
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New study highlights potential boost to brain stimulation (rTMS) therapy through targeted symptom provocation

NASHVILLE, TN, June 6, 2025 - A new study in JAMA Psychiatry makes the case that symptom provocation may significantly improve the clinical effectiveness of repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS), a non-invasive brain stimulation method used to treat depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and nicotine dependence. The study was conceptualized, designed and supervised by Heather Burrell Ward, MD, assistant professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and director of Neuromodulation Research, in collaboration with Simon Vandekar, PhD, associate professor of Biostatistics and Daniel Bello and Megan Jones, two students in their respective labs. This is the first large-scale meta-analysis to examine whether deliberately triggering symptoms immediately before administering rTMS enhances treatment outcomes.

"The FDA-approved protocols for OCD and nicotine dependence include a 'symptom provocation' immediately before administering rTMS," Ward said.

"The FDA-approved protocols for OCD and nicotine dependence include a 'symptom provocation' immediately before administering rTMS," Ward said. "For OCD, this means provoking obsessive thoughts; so, if someone has obsessions about hygiene, you could have them put their hand in a trashcan or touch the bottom of their shoe immediately before receiving rTMS. For nicotine dependence, this involves provoking nicotine craving, so you can have someone imaging smoking a cigarette, or even take out one of their own cigarettes, hold it in their hand, and even smell it..."

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volves provoking nicotine craving, so you can have someone imaging smoking a cigarette, or even take out one of their own cigarettes, hold it in their hand, and even smell it.

"There is some evidence to suggest that activating a brain circuit immediately before applying rTMS will make the rTMS more effective. However, this evidence has been from small studies and has never been analyzed in large numbers to draw definitive conclusions. We therefore performed a systematic review with meta-analysis, a study that combines results from many previous studies, to investigate the effects of symptom provocation on clinical response to rTMS for OCD and nicotine dependence. Meta-analyses are important because they summarize results across all studies to provide a more reliable estimate of an effect than any single study alone."

In the entire analysis, symptom provocation did not significantly improve clinical response — which is often measured by reduction in OCD symptoms or

cigarette use. However, rTMS was nearly twice as effective when symptom provocation was used compared to when it was not used, which suggests that symptom provocation may enhance response to rTMS.

"It was surprising to see that symptom provocation seemed to enhance clinical response for both OCD and nicotine dependence, despite different rTMS protocols, targets and provocation methods," Ward said. Ward added that it is also possible that symptom provocation has different effects in different populations.

"For example, some studies suggest that, in contrast to the general population, people with schizophrenia do not crave cigarettes upon being presented with smoking-related images," she said. "In that case, perhaps symptom provocation would not be appropriate for rTMS for nicotine dependence in schizophrenia."

Ward, who is currently principal investigator of a clinical trial comparing rTMS interventions for nicotine use in people with and without schizophrenia, sees

these as important questions to address in the future.

"While this meta-analysis is incredibly valuable to the field in suggesting that symptom provocation may enhance clinical response to rTMS, it is critical that prospective, randomized, controlled studies are performed that directly test if symptom provocation improves response to rTMS," she said. "These should be conducted for OCD and nicotine dependence as well as other disorders, including other substance use disorders, and other rTMS targets. Perhaps there are some brain circuits that need to be activated immediately prior to modulation and others that do not. Interestingly, when rTMS is used to treat depression, we do not provoke depressive symptoms."

"As a psychiatrist who administers rTMS in clinical and research settings, I want to know exactly what I need to do to make rTMS as effective as possible for my patients. There is so much left for us to learn about ways to optimize rTMS treatment, and Vanderbilt is a leader in that field."

TN Dept. of Human Services announces Summer Nutrition Initiative Funds Program for underserved

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) announced it will provide a \$120 one-time payment directly to families in need across 15 counties through the Summer Nutrition Initiative starting Friday, June 13, 2025.

"The Summer Nutrition Initiative marks another step in the department's work to strengthen food security for Tennessee children," said TDHS Commissioner Clarence H. Carter. "Our fiscally sound strategy will serve families by providing additional nutritional benefits to those who need it most during the summer months."

The initiative, previously announced by the Lee administration and approved by the Tennessee General Assembly, will serve eligible children in 15 counties who are currently enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Families First Tem-

porary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.

The program will use existing EBT cards to provide the one-time payment to families.

Fifteen counties were identified through Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) data as having limited access to SFSP meal sites and thus qualify to receive the one-time payment: Benton, Carroll, Carter, Cocke, Fayette, Grainger, Houston, Humphreys, Johnson, Lauderdale, Marshall, Moore, Rhea, Sequatchie, and Sumner.

The one-time TN Summer Nutrition Initiative benefit is available to children who are:

- Age 5-18 as of May 1, 2025
- Members of an open and active SNAP and/or Families First case as of May 31, 2025
- Residing in Benton, Carroll, Carter, Cocke, Fayette, Grainger, Houston, Humphreys, Johnson, Lauderdale, Marshall, Moore,

Rhea, Sequatchie, or Sumner Counties as of May 31, 2025

Eligible households do not need to apply for this benefit. Families in the targeted counties will automatically receive the benefit on their existing EBT cards beginning June 13, 2025. Benefits can be used anywhere EBT is accepted for purchasing food.

For more information on the Summer Nutrition Initiative, please visit: <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/summer-nutrition-initiative.html>.

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) consists of multiple divisions with a unified mission to strengthen Tennessee by strengthening Tennesseans. Led by governor-appointed Commissioner Clarence H. Carter, TDHS serves nearly two million Tennesseans to ensure that all state residents have

an opportunity to reach their full potential as contributing members of their community. Among the many services and programs provided by TDHS,

some of the leading programs include the Child Support Program. For more information, please visit: Tennessee Department of Human Services.

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Lifetime expands Terry McMillan Presents banner with acquired film ‘His, Hers, and Ours,’ produced by and starring Taye Diggs and Lesley Ann Brandt

NEW YORK, NY June 3, 2025 –Following the success of **Terry McMillan Presents: Forever**, Lifetime acquires the new indie film *His, Hers & Ours* from The Ninth House. Executive produced by **Taye Diggs** (Terry McMillan Presents: Forever, *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*, *The Best Man*), who returns to the network, and **Lesley-Ann Brandt** (*The Walking Dead: The Ones That Live*, *Lucifer*), the movie will join as part of the network’s continued partnership with Terry McMillan under the Terry McMillan Presents banner. **Aimee Garcia** (*Dexter*, *Lucifer*, *Christmas with You*) also stars in Terry McMillan Presents: *His, Hers and Ours*, set to debut later this year.

In **Terry McMillan Presents: His, Hers & Ours**, single father Darius (Diggs) discovers his teenage daughter in bed with her boyfriend Chase and wastes no time kicking him out. However, a knock at the door changes everything. Kelly (Brandt), Chase’s mother, shows up furious, ready for confrontation. But neither expect the undeniable spark between them. Forced to spend time together due to their children’s relationship, Kelly and Darius slowly develop feelings



“Terry McMillan Presents: His, Hers & Ours” tells the story of a single father Darius (Taye Diggs) and his trials and tribulations with his daughter. Pictured from left to right: Taye Diggs, Lesley-Ann Brandt, Aimee Garcia, and Terry McMillan. (Photo/courtesy: Lifetime)

for each other. As their secret romance blossoms, they steal moments at family gatherings and behind closed doors, they savor the kind of love they both thought they’d never find again. But when it comes time to tell their children the truth, they must decide how much they are willing to risk for family and love. Aimee Garcia stars as Kelly’s best friend and event planner Sofia, who grows suspicious of her budding relationship.

Terry McMillan is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Waiting to Exhale*, *How Stella*

Got Her Groove Back, *A Day Late and a Dollar Short*, *The Interruption of Everything*, *I Almost Forgot About You*, and the editor of *Breaking Ice: An Anthology of Contemporary African-American Fiction*. Four of Ms. McMillan’s novels have been made into movies: *Waiting to Exhale* (Twentieth Century Fox, 1995); *How Stella Got Her Groove Back* (Twentieth Century Fox, 1998); *Disappearing Acts* (HBO Pictures, 1999); and *A Day Late and a Dollar Short* (Lifetime, 2014). In addition, Terry is the Executive Producer

of the Lifetime Original movies, “Tempted by Love” and “Forever”. Her most recent novel was *IT’S NOT ALL DOWNHILL FROM HERE*, and her collected works of fiction and non-fiction, titled *IT WAS THE WAY SHE SAID IT*, will publish in September 2025. She lives in California.

Terry McMillan Presents: His, Hers & Ours is produced by The Ninth House in association with Motion Entertainment, a WPP Media company. Taye Diggs and Lesley-Ann Brandt, Charles

Murray and Terry McMillan executive produce. **Patricia Cuffie-Jones** directs from a script written by **Bart Baker**. **Richard Foster** and **Chet Fenster** are executive producers for Motion Entertainment, a WPP Media company. **Autumn Federici**, **Jake Helgren** and Emmy-winning producer **Shelby Stone** serve as producers for The Ninth House.

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Kid Rock opens The Detroit Cowboy in Nashville to claim his Detroit roots with country rock pride in the Music City



A legend in his own time, Kid Rock pays homage to U.S.A. and the American eagle in his new “The Detroit Cowboy” in Nashville.

‘**GO WHERE YOU’RE CELEBRATED, NOT TOLERATED**’

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — There’s a new kind of electricity running through Capitol View, and it’s got Detroit roots, Nashville grit, and just the right amount of outlaw energy. The Detroit Cowboy, a high-octane mashup of legendary seafood institution Joe Muer Seafood and rock icon Kid Rock, is officially open at 500 11th Ave N, bringing together big flavor, bold design, and the kind of unfiltered vibe you’d expect from both Music City and Motor City’s most unapologetic son.

ultra-private dining room that makes VIP-friendly sections look like sad folding chairs at a school assembly. This is the South’s funkiest, most exclusive fine dining spot, complete with its own private entrance, bathroom, and just enough high-class white trash to make you feel like you’ve been personally invited to party with the man himself. Think of it as Kid Rock’s personal bro cave, but with taxidermy, linen napkins and bone-in ribeyes the size of small motorcycles.

Fine dining, amplified



Kid Rock invites all to “Go Where You’re Celebrated”—the ‘philosophy’ of The Detroit Club.

Why ‘The Detroit Cowboy?’ Because nothing says ‘let’s eat like kings’ quite like sucking down fresh shucked oysters while Loretta Lynn stares at you from a framed photo and Bob Seger plays over the speakers. The Detroit Cowboy is what happens when two Motor City OGs collide: Kid Rock, who got his start galvanizing Detroit’s

hip-hop scene before growing a mullet and moving to Nashville, and Joe Vicari, who resuscitated the iconic Joe Muer Seafood in 2011 and decided, ‘You know what? Let’s bring it to Nashville and let Kid Rock put his stamp on it.’

Originally founded in 1929 by the late Joe Muer, the restaurant

became a benchmark for fine dining in Detroit. Vicari brought the name back to prominence across Michigan before expanding into Music City in 2023, with The Detroit Cowboy now representing a bold next chapter in 2025.

“We’ve built our name on quality, consistency, and hospital-

ity—and now, with Kid Rock, we’re expanding our footprint. Under the culinary brilliance of Chef Marino Bianchi, guests will experience a culinary journey that celebrates two great American cities.” — Joe Vicari, owner of the Joe Vicari Restaurant Group

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“The Detroit Cowboy isn’t just a restaurant—it’s a culinary ride like no other, where like-minded folks who love this country can dine in style. Whether you wear a bow tie, a bolo tie, or no tie—it’s all good. I re-designed this place to share some of my favorite milestones and personal artifacts—cool gifts and mementos from legends like Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton, Eminem, Bob Seger, and Motown—to name a few, plus a few wild stories of my own as well as nods to musical heroes like Aretha, Stevie and both Hanks of course! The Detroit Cowboy is the only place on earth where Detroit grit and Nashville swagger collide for the finest dining hangout. The Vicaris and Joe Muer know fine dining, I know how to hang pictures, create a vibe, and make things fun!... all while still holding two middle fingers up high for the haters!” “To put it simply, I am here to take the foo-foo out of fine dining.” — Kid Rock

VIP private dining
But wait, there’s more. Enter “The Eagles Nest,” Kid Rock’s



Memphis and Shelby County Film, Tape, & Music Commission celebrates 40 years under leadership of Linn Sitler, bringing in such films as ‘The Firm,’ ‘Hustle & Flow’, and many more!

A Report from The Memphis & Shelby County Film, Tape & Music Commission Film/TV

Commission History
In 1985, Memphis Mayor Dick Hackett and the Memphis City Council - together with Shelby County Mayor Bill Morris and the Shelby County Commission - passed a joint resolution creating what was to be called The Memphis & Shelby County Film, Tape, and Music Commission.
In 2025, we celebrate the 40 year anniversary of the founding of The Memphis & Shelby County Film/TV Commission. In those four decades, Memphis Shelby County has become a destination for all kinds of film and television production. However, from 1989 through 2004, the Film/TV Commission recruited a seemingly endless number of big budget studio pictures.
The total documented local direct spend for 1989 through 2004 was almost 80 million dollars in 2025 dollars. Memphians regularly spotted Hollywood legends around town. World famous directors temporarily calling Memphis home included **Francis Ford Coppola, Sydney Pollack, Milos Forman and Joel Schumacher**. Spotting stars from **Dennis Quaid to Reese Witherspoon to Ice T and Ice Cube**



Memphis/Shelby County Film Commissioner Linn Sitler and TN Film Commissioner Chet Frist visit with Sydney Pollack (left), director of “The Firm.” (Photo/Courtesy: Memphis & Shelby County Film, Tape & Music Commission)

to **Susan Sarandon to Matt Damon to Angela Bassett to Tom Cruise** became a favorite pastime for Memphians. NOTE: None of these big budget productions were recruited with the current state production incentives

because the incentives did not yet exist!
With no state production incentives until 2006, the Film/TV Commission reeled in its blockbuster clients from 1989 - 2004 with Memphis' own brand of in-

centives - Memphis Shelby County filming locations, Memphis Music, and Memphis Barbecue. A little Film Commission charm, a lot of Mayoral support, capped off by an evening out on Beale Street went a long way in

pre-incentive days!
Over each of the last 40 years, the clients of the Film/TV Commission have directly impacted the local economy with a documented spend of millions and millions of dollars. Whether



indie films, big budget tv series, commercials or music videos, clients of the Film/TV Commission continue to love filming in Memphis Shelby County.
Although the name of the agency has changed over the years, The Memphis & Shelby County Film and Television Commission/Foundation has always been and continues to be the official economic development agency for Film and Television in Memphis Shelby County.
To Be Continued: The Film/TV Commission's 40th Anniversary Newsletter Special Edition Part 2 -- Don't miss it! Read how Craig Brewer's indie feature Hustle & Flow competed with James Mangold's studio blockbuster Walk The Line at the 2006 Academy Awards. Memphis takes center stage!

Mississippi Arts Commission announces new Public Art in Community Grant partnering with the Levitt Foundation, Mississippi Main Street Association, Visit Mississippi, and the Mississippi Humanities Council

JACKSON, MISS. – The Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) has partnered with the Levitt Foundation, Visit Mississippi, Mississippi Main Street Association and the Mississippi Humanities Council to create the new Mississippi Public Art in Community Grant, which supports community engagement in the design, installation, and activation of accessible public art.
“There has been a placemaking revolution nationally and internationally that has often driven and turned into strong economic development,” said David Lewis, Executive Director of the Mississippi Arts Commission. “Placemaking and public art bring life back to places that often need a creative spark to propel them forward. The goal of this grant is to catalyze resources to create public art that visibly and vibrantly represents our communities. We anticipate that these works will draw someone into that town to see it. Often this work puts fresh eyes and perspective on a space that may have been forgotten and catalyzes resources for future



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economic impact.”
Starting in FY26, two nonprofits in Mississippi will receive a combined grant award of \$27,500+ from MAC, Visit Mississippi, and Mississippi Main Street Association — with additional in-kind support from partner organizations like the Mississippi Humanities Council — to create a public art installation. Additionally, each grantee will receive a combined grant award of \$40,000/year for three years (\$120,000 total) from MAC and the Levitt Foundation to support the grantee in activating their public art site through hosting an annual series of 10 free outdoor concerts in 2026, 2027, and 2028.
“Mississippi was uniquely poised to collaborate with multiple industries such as tourism, main street, art, and culture,” said

Lewis. “We saw an opportunity with leadership of these statewide institutions to work on something to truly transform our beloved Mississippi communities in a way only Mississippi can do best.”
The grant was formed by combining a public art grant with the multi-year Levitt AMP (Amplify Music. Place.) Music Series Grant to create vibrant community destinations.
“The Levitt Foundation is thrilled to be partnering with the Mississippi Arts Commission, combining our support to create vibrant public spaces through public art installations activated by the joy of free, live music,” stated Sharon Yazowski, President & CEO of the Levitt Foundation. “For the past two decades, Levitt concert series have been catalytic in revitaliza-

tion efforts in towns and cities across the country, creating thriving communities and pride of place. We’re excited to see these community-driven projects come to life in Mississippi and for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the dynamic impact of layering the power of art with the power of music.”
Lewis provided examples of public art in action, such as Fishbone Alley in Gulfport and The Pocket Museum in Hattiesburg. “An alleyway could be transformed into a walkable space featuring local art installations or an event space for musicians to perform that might encourage businesses on that alleyway to open additional space on their back porches, or encourage more businesses to open due to the foot traffic of the alleyway.”

The Mississippi Public Art in Community Grant letter of intent period will open on July 1, and the full application will open in August. Mississippi-based, community-focused 501(c)(3) nonprofits are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to rural communities with populations under 25,000.
MAC is administering the grant and its application process through the MAC grant portal. Grant awards for the Mississippi Public Art in Community Grant will be announced in November. MAC is hosted a webinar on Friday, May 30 for those wanting to learn more about the Public Art in Community Grant.
For more information about the Mississippi Public Art in Community Grant, a link to the webinar, and how to apply, visit arts.ms.gov/publicart.

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The Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) is a state agency serving more than two million people through grants and special initiatives that enhance communities, assist artists and arts organizations, promote arts education and celebrate Mississippi’s cultural heritage. MAC is funded by the Mississippi Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts, and other private sources.

For more information, visit www.arts.ms.gov.

Kid Rock opens The Detroit Cowboy in Nashville to claim his Detroit roots with country rock pride in the Music City ... from page 13

Prime cuts, bold flavors
Open for lunch, happy hour, and dinner to start, The Detroit Cowboy is all about high-quality eats with a high-energy edge. Servers wear classic white dinner jackets and bolo ties, a nod to throwback supper club swagger. But don’t let the sharp dress fool you—this place doesn’t stand on ceremony. You’ll find prime steaks, sustainable seafood, and a wine list curated by Napa Valley native and sommelier Scott Herrmann, along with a robust lineup of craft cocktails and ice-cold beer.

Menu standouts include:
* 32 oz Dry-Aged Tomahawk Ribeye
* Veal Chop Parmigiano with Pomodoro and Burrata

* Freedom Run Farm Barnsley Lamb Chop
* Surf & Turf: 8 oz Chairman’s Reserve Black Angus Filet & Tristan da Cunha Lobster Tail
* Shareables like Seafood Tower, Lobster Mac ‘n’ Cheese, Truffle Pomme Frites, and Fire Roasted Portabella Mushroom Caps with Beef Tips

And for the wild at heart, some cocktails even get the rockstar treatment with tableside finishing.

A table set for legends
The décor? Straight-up iconic. You’ll dine surrounded by Kid Rock’s personal memorabilia, stories from the road, and gifts from musical legends—from

Johnny Cash to Dolly Parton, Eminem to Bob Seger, and yes, even a few Motown heroes. It’s a crash course in American music history with a side of killer surf & turf.

To learn more about The Detroit Cowboy, check hours or location info, or beg for a reservation, visit thedetroitcowboy.com and follow @thedetroitcowboy_ on socials.

About The Detroit Cowboy:

The Detroit Cowboy is the bold collaboration between Kid Rock and the Joe Vicari Restaurant Group, pairing the culinary legacy of Joe Muer Seafood—a brand originally founded in 1929

by the late Joe Muer—with the unapologetic energy of one of America’s most recognizable entertainers. Joe Vicari acquired the rights to Joe Muer Seafood in 2011 and revitalized the brand across Michigan before bringing it to Nashville in 2023.

With The Detroit Cowboy launching in 2025, Vicari and Rock bring together fine dining, raw energy, and a cultural collision between Motor City grit and Music City soul. For menus, hours, or more, visit thedetroitcowboy.com and follow along @thedetroitcowboy_.

Happy Juneteenth!
Happy Fourth of July

“365 Days of Real Estate Wisdom” is not about real estate ... from page 15

Each page is a conversation with a mentor, offering sage advice in small, manageable pieces that fit into your busy schedule. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting, you'll find fresh perspectives on the sales mindset, time management, and actionable tips to excel in your career

About the Author:
John Joseph was one of Las Vegas top-selling real estate sales executives and instructors. He

earned accolades including the "President's Elite" distinction, which recognized his high standards of service, productivity, integrity and leadership. As a Branch Manager, he propelled his office to the nation's #1 spot, and as a Vice President he inspired over 2,000 agents to reach their full potential.
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Books! Books! Books!

Noted editors Chris Abani and Kwame Dawes celebrate New-Generation of African poetry in “Toward A Living Archive of African Poetry” set to be wherever books are sold on Aug. 5

Celebrating ten years of New-Generation African Poets, “toward a Living Archive of African Poetry” Presents Kwame Dawes and Chris Abani’s unprecedented disquisition on the State of African Poetry

“Toward A Living Archive of African Poetry” collects the introductory essays of the New-Generation African Poetry chapbook box sets written by editors Kwame Dawes and Chris Abani. Celebrating ten years of their dedication to publishing chapbooks by emerging African poets, this column offers a glimpse into Abani and Dawes’s editorial labor and conceptualization of an inclusive African poetic. Here is African poetry as capacious transnational phenomenon; as polyvocal, linguistically layered journey; as intergenerational conversation; as grappling with traditions and futures in the present tense of modernity; and much more.

From foreword by Siwar Masannat:

In 2024, the African Poetry Book Fund celebrates the publication of the tenth box set in the New-Generation African Poets series. Each of the box sets, edited by Kwame Dawes and Chris Abani, features a selection of chapbooks by emerging African authors who have not yet published a full-length collection of poetry... Many thought-provoking threads related to African po-

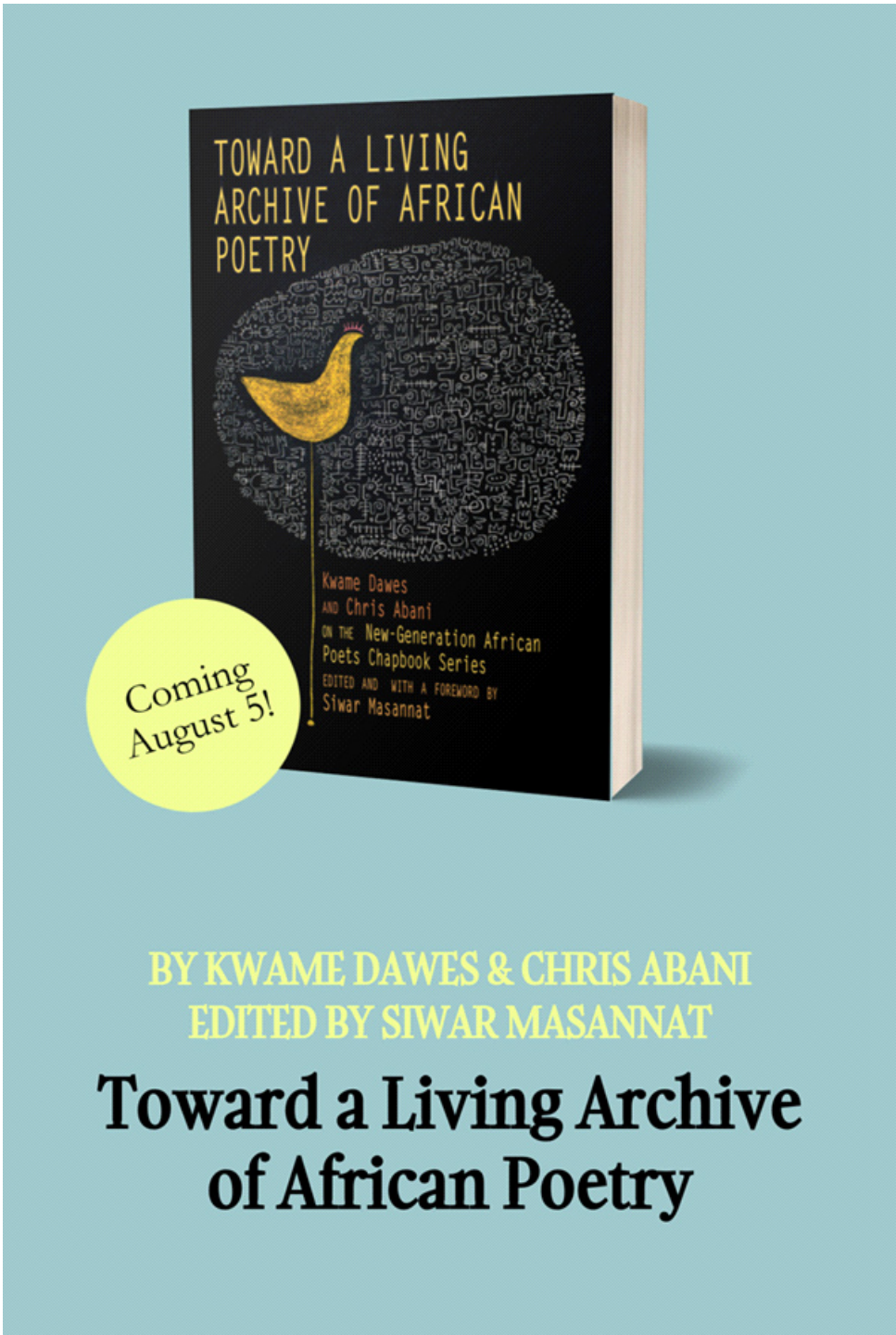


Chris Abani



Kwame Dawes

etics appear across the essays... [T]hey advance a transnational vision for African Poetry. Their literary leadership helps to imagine and create a landscape in which the work of as many poets as possible can thrive, receive recognition, and be preserved for future generations.



In “Light A Candle” author Linda Kay Nealon shares how she learned about the role of slavery played in New York

“Light A Candle” by Linda Kay Nealon (WestBow Press, a Division of Nelson and Zonder-van)

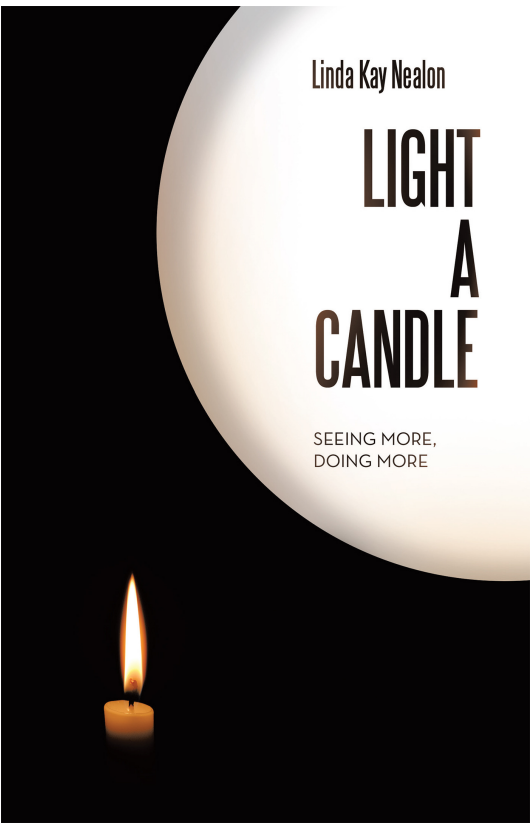
Linda Kay Nealon went to seminary school later in life, at the age of 60. It was here she began to learn about slavery in New York State. A native of the Bronx, Nealon was never taught in school about slave holding in the North. She hopes her book helps readers acknowledge this history so the community can begin to heal.

In “Light A Candle,” Nealon shares the story of how she came to learn about the role slavery played in New York, more spe-

cifically City Island, the neighborhood in the Bronx where she has lived since 1977. Through her work and life experiences, Nealon has met a wide variety of people from all races and cultures. Her personal journey has been enriching and broadening, and she is now sharing what she’s learned with others to help in the healing of ourselves and our nation.

About the author
Linda Kay Nealon is a pastor, now in retired status with the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist church, and an attorney licensed to practice in local, State and Federal courts and jurisdictions. She is a gradu-

ate of Wesley Theological Seminary at American University, Washington, DC., holds a J.D. from St. John’s Law School at St. John’s University, New York City, and a B.A. from Barnard College, New York City. She has held numerous positions in the legal profession from General Counsel to the NYC Tax Commission, to the head of her own firm on Worth Street in Manhattan and on City Island. Pastor Nealon led churches in New York City and in Westchester County. Nealon lives on City Island, in the far northeastern corner of the Bronx. She is married to John P. Woods and they have two sons, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.



Here’s a glimpse into Pastor Linda Kay Nealon’s “Light A Candle”

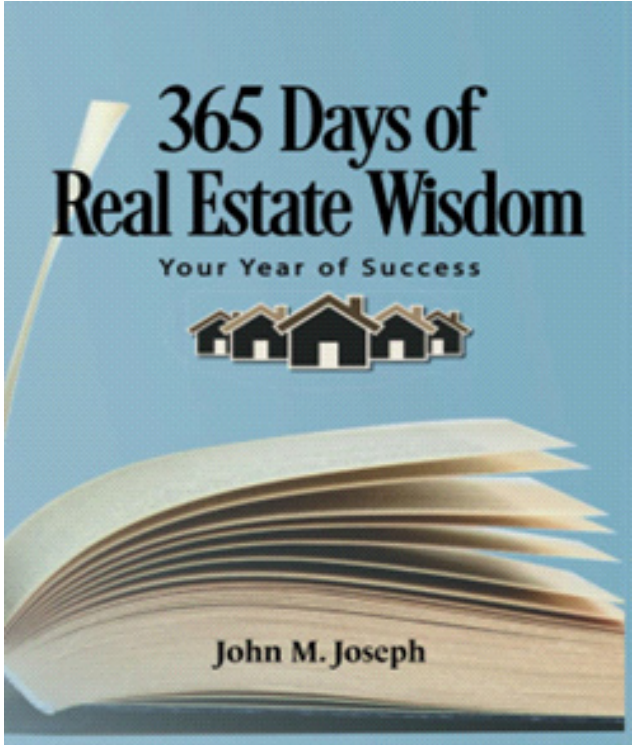
“I did not know growing up that slavery had existed in New York State. I was never taught this in school or otherwise. I found out when I was an adult and read a biography of Sojourner Truth. She had been born a slave in upstate New York where she and they spoke Dutch. Upstate Dutch New York was not New York City. I did not understand even at that point, that slavery had been where I lived in the Bronx. I do not know how many people know this now or knew it then.”

This is an excellent read! Watch for an upcoming review of “Light A Candle” by Linda Kay Nealon!

“365 Days of Real Estate Wisdom” is not about real estate but about the ‘real estate’ of your mindset to grow wisdom



John Joseph



This is not a book about Real Estate, this is a book about having the Business and Personal Growth mindset, Time Management, and Actionable Tips to Excel in Life and Career

Book Description:

Unlock a year of unmatched real estate success with “365 Days of Real Estate Wisdom: Your Year of Success” by the renowned John Joseph. Drawing from a storied career that has seen him rise from a sales agent to a vice president of sales, Joseph offers a treasure trove of practical insights and strategies. Tailored for daily inspiration, this book is your go-to resource, providing a clear path to triumph in

the fast-paced world of real estate.

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Agriculture

John Boyd, Jr. continues fight into 21st Century as the founder of National Black Farmers Association (NBFA) to save black farms to advocate for American farmers



EDITOR’S NOTE

Below is a synopsis of John Boyd, Jr.’s advocacy and legal battles with the USDA dating back from the 1980s. In the mid-1990s, The Mid-South Tribune began covering Boyd’s pioneering efforts to receive justice for Black farmers and to save his farm and other black farmland. Because of this much-needed agriculture activism, Boyd founded the National Black Farmers Association (NBFA). The synopsis can be found at www.blackfarmers.org with more details. His email is johnwesleyboydj@gmail.com.

The History

John Boyd, Jr remains a tireless advocate for farmers. He spends most of his time running his 1,600 acre farm – his other time is spent being a constant voice for change.

The 1980s

In the late 80’s, John applied, as many farmers do, for a loan from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). He recalled watching his loan application get tossed into a trash can during an interview with a USDA official. After trying for multiple years to obtain a loan, he decided to fight back. Boyd filed a discrimination complaint through his local civil rights office. The money he needed to keep his farm alive was not forthcoming, his applications for other forms of farm assistance were disregarded, and routine inquiries about his loan balances and payment schedules went unanswered. Boyd spent the next several years relying on financial help from family members. His finances eventually spiraled out of control, he lost his poultry contract, and he was forced to declare bankruptcy.

John’s willingness to speak out and share his frustrations encouraged other desperate farmers to do the same. He began to hear story after story nearly identical to his own, and in some instances worse. As John has said, “I heard some terrible things, and the further south you go, the worse the story gets...It’s tough for all farmers, but when you throw in discrimination and racism and unfair lending practices, it’s really hard for you to make it.” John’s efforts to settle his own complaint with the USDA led him to uncover an enormous backlog of unresolved discrimination cases, some dating back as far as the 1960s. In many instances, the discrimination was clearly documented and, more often than not, the problems could be traced directly to the agency’s thousands of local field offices.

The 1990s

By the spring of 1995, John knew he had to do something more to salvage his farm and those of his neighbors. With no existing organization to turn to, he had only one option: form one of his own. “The first time I said ‘National Black Farmers Association’ instead of ‘John Boyd,’ people came to the phone, even though at the time it was only me,” says John. Adopting the motto, “We have our mule, now we’re looking for our 40 acres,” a group of 60 farmers led by John, travelled to Washington, D.C. to make their voices heard. In December 1996, the 60 farmers converged on the White

House to wage a boisterous, angry protest against a decades-old system of racial discrimination within the USDA. Among the issues discussed at an afternoon meeting between the farmers and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Daniel Glickman were an end to farm foreclosures, the return of foreclosed land, and financial compensation for the thousands of farmers who had been denied essential loans because of their race. The White House rally and subsequent caucus helped bring the plight of African American farmers into the national spotlight.

The White House demonstration and impromptu meeting with Agriculture Secretary Glickman marked the first attempt by Boyd’s group to create a sense of solidarity among African American farmers. It also gave them the power to reclaim their rights and regain their land. One year later,

following another White House rally, John and 15 other African American farmers met with President Bill Clinton to discuss the magnitude of the problems facing small, minority farmers. Ultimately, a lawsuit was filed on behalf of all black farmers and in January 1999, the USDA settled the suit – agreeing to pay \$50,000 to each black farmer participating in the class action. Unfortunately, many farmers did not learn of the settlement until it was too late to participate, thus over 85% of potentially eligible farmers never even had the opportunity to have their claims determined on their merit. This led John on a new campaign – allow all black farmers the opportunity to have their claims heard.

The 2000s

After nearly a decade of work – from door-to-door canvassing, to conversations on Capitol Hill, and multiple times before Con-

gress, John Boyd was instrumental in securing the biggest Congressional victory in history for black farmers, new legislation within the 2008 Farm Bill that effectively reopened the government’s discrimination settlement with black farmers. John and the NBFA were one of the first to the courthouse steps, initially filing suit on behalf of over 800 farmers.

The suit was filed as a result of the new legislation, however while that “opened the door” with “placeholder” funds, more funds are needed to fully address the literally tens of thousands of black farmers who suffered discrimination at the hands of their own government.

After waiting over a year for more funds to be allocated John decided to take his fight to Washington, D.C.. On April 28, 2009, John led a protest which began in

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front of USDA headquarters and culminated in a march down Independence Avenue with John’s trusty mule, “40 Acres,” leading the way. The demand of the farmers was clear – appropriate enough money to give the farmers a chance to have their claims heard. One week later, President Obama proposed that the government provide \$1.25 billion to settle the discrimination claims.

These funds were in the President’s 2010 budget, it was the President hope that, “...the farmers and their families who were denied access to USDA loans and programs will be made whole and will have the chance to rebuild their lives and their businesses.” The money was never placed by Congress in the budget.

Source: www.blackfarmers.org

Profile: President Donald J. Trump names Brooke L. Rollins as 33rd U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to renew focus on farmers



Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins

Brooke L. Rollins was sworn in as the 33rd U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Brooke Leslie Rollins is originally from Glen Rose, Texas. Most recently, Rollins served as the Founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer of the America First Policy Institute (AFPI). During President Trump’s first administration, she was the Director of the Domestic Policy Council and Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives in the White House.

She also previously served as Director of the Office of American Innovation.

In these roles, she developed and managed the transformational domestic policy agenda of the Trump Administration, leading to historic achievements for the American people.

Rollins graduated with honors from Texas A&M University with a degree in agricultural development and was the first female to be elected student body president. After earning her Juris Doctor with honors at the University of Texas School of Law, she served as Governor Rick Perry’s policy director before running the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF) for 15 years.

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At TPPF, Rollins elevated a small policy organization to a national force and redefined the possibilities for a state-based think tank — setting the model and aspiration for AFPI. Rollins and her husband, Mark, call Fort Worth, Texas home, and spend a large majority of their free time taxiing their four very active children to baseball games, cattle shows, piano lessons, and Aggie football games.

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