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## I got the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. Now what?

By The Associated Press

I got the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. Now what?

Don't panic. U.S. health officials on Tuesday recommended pausing vaccinations with J&J's shot as they look into reports of six clots out of nearly 7 million doses given in the country.

Health officials say to be vigilant, but to remember that reports of blood clots that may be associated with J&J's single-dose vaccine are exceedingly rare.

"It's less than one in a million," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious disease specialist.

Common side effects after getting a COVID-19 vaccine can include arm pain and normal flu-like symptoms for a couple days afterward. Those aren't pleasant, but they aren't what officials are concerned about.

Instead, be on the lookout for

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## Final thoughts from Rep. John Lewis to be published in July

By HILLEL ITALIE

NEW YORK (AP) — Some last thoughts from Rep. John Lewis will be published this summer.

Grand Central Publishing announced Tuesday that Lewis' "Carry On: Reflections for a New Generation" will come out July 13, almost a year after he died at age 80. The book includes comments from the civil rights activist and longtime Democratic congressman from Georgia on "courage, faith, activism, humility, forgiveness, marriage, death, the pandemic and much more."

"The book contains the late con-

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FILE - This Nov. 18, 2016 file photo shows Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., in the Civil Rights Room in the Nashville Public Library in Nashville, Tenn. (AP Photo/Mark Humphrey, File)

## President Biden Nominates Three Black Women for Federal Court of Appeals

By Lauren Victoria Burke, NNPA Newswire Correspondent



For his first three federal Court of Appeals nominations, President Biden named three Black women— Tiffany Cunningham, Ketanji Brown Jackson, and Candace Jackson-Akiwumi.

Remember these names: Ketanji Brown Jackson, Tiffany Cunningham, and Candace Jackson-Akiwumi. These are President Joseph Biden's first three nominations for the federal Court of Appeals.

In 2020, Biden pledged to name the first African American woman to the U.S. Supreme Court. A number of retirements are expected from the federal judiciary now that Donald Trump is out of office.

The percentage of African American judges on the federal appellate circuit is inconsistent with the makeup of the broader U.S. population overall. Former President Trump nominated no African Americans of 54 U.S. appellate nomina-

tions.

President Biden has now nominated U.S. District Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit. She would replace Merrick Garland who is now U.S. Attorney General. The position is also seen as a steppingstone to the U.S. Supreme Court.

President Biden nominated Candace Jackson-Akiwumi to the Seventh Circuit where no African American judge has served in three years. Biden has also nominated Tiffany Cunningham who will now likely become the the first African American judge ever on the Federal Circuit.

In December 2020, Biden said, "We are particularly focused on nominating individuals whose legal experiences have been historically underrepresented on the federal bench. Including those who are public defenders, civil rights and legal aid attorneys and those who represent Americans in every walk of life."

The power of the federal judiciary to be the final decision maker on policies that impacts that lives of African Americans unmatched. Former President Trump, along with Sen. Mitch McConnell, nominated many judges to the federal bench who were defined as unqualified by the leading groups who follow judicial nominees.



### Dallas College to Offer Mix of In-Person and Online Learning in Summer and Fall 2021 to Serve Needs of All Students

Range of options will allow students and their instructors to hold classes in different formats

DALLAS – To better serve all students, Dallas College has announced it will offer classes in-person, online and in hybrid formats during the Summer and Fall 2021 semesters. The decision comes after carefully balancing student preferences with campus safety concerns that keep a range of teaching modalities at students' and instructors' fingertips.

Some students have been incredibly successful with remote learning and the flexibility it offers them and their busy lives," said Dr. Shawnda Floyd, provost at Dallas College. "Other students prefer in-person learning and we are pleased to be able to once again offer this option."

Modalities offered during Summer and Fall 2021 will include:

- Traditional, in-person courses
- 100% online courses where students work at their own pace asynchronously
- Courses where classes meet together in real-time online
- Hybrid courses that meet in-person for part of the course

While Dallas College returned to offering some in-person appointments in March, its full range of on-campus student services – advising, admissions, financial aid, tutoring and library services – will be available beginning with the first summer session in June. Extended hours and virtual student services appointments

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EDITORIAL PAGE

Black Males and Police Encounters

By John E. Warren, Publisher, The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint



Dr. John Warren

While many of us are reliving the murder of George Floyd through the trial of Derek Chauvin for his murder, we are getting constant reminders that police abuse and murder of Black men and women continues with no lessons learned. Sunday's "murder" of Daunte Wright in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, should never have happened over a traffic stop or any nonviolent police encounter. Add to that the graphic video

of the Black/Latino Army officer being abused and pepper sprayed because he questioned why he was being stopped and taken out of his car at gunpoint and hollered at, all of it over a license plate.

It appears that since Rodney King's beating with "nightsticks", the replacement order of the day is shoot to kill if it's a Black man or woman. It also appears that in spite of all the marches, demonstrations, media coverage of such shootings as well as wrongful death lawsuits, law enforcement still feel justified in its treatment and murder of Black people. Clearly there is no national sense of change in attitudes, but rather an increase in police hostility. Since the police don't intend to change their attitude toward us, we

must change our attitude during such police encounters.

Black men and women must live through police encounters to fight another day. Clearly, from what we have heard and seen from video of such encounters, survival of such police contact depends on our ability to not ask questions and do as we are told, no matter how wrong and inhumane or offensive the instructions from such officers. We must remember that the idea is to cause escalation of the encounter so that the initial cause of the contact gets replaced with a more serious charge of disobeying a police officer leading up to resisting arrest if one questions the reason for the stop or contact.

We must remember that the police are inten-

tionally rude and disrespectful, with the aim at provoking resistance to police directives such as "get on the ground," which is offensive and unnecessary. We have also seen cases such as Mr. Philando Castile, in Minnesota, who told the police he had a gun and carry permit, but was still shot while sitting in his car with his fiancée and baby. We must remember that all resistance, questioning of reasons for stops, or any comments other than "Yes" and, or "No" can lead to death. Any sudden movements, reaching for or holding a cell phone, which already caused one Black man his life while standing in his own garage, can cause death. Let's live to fight back, no matter what the insult. Then, we can begin to win.

Florida GOP Lawmakers Vote to Strip Newspapers of Legal Advertising Revenue

House Bill 35 repeals part of the law that requires placement in newspapers announcements about tax increases, special elections, and other public notices. Estimates suggest that such notices provide the state's 100-plus newspapers with millions of dollars in annual revenue. The Republican-sponsored measure passed this week by an 85-34 vote.

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent @StacyBrownMedia



The Republican-sponsored measure passed this week by an 85-34 vote. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

Florida lawmakers are acting like alligators who smell blood – they are out for the kill.

Their sights set on the struggling newsprint industry, the Florida House passed a bill that would strip the state's newspapers of desperately needed legal advertising revenue.

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lars in annual revenue.

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"When the telegram industry died because communication methodologies changed, government didn't step in and require people to continue to send telegrams," a cynical GOP Rep. Randy Fine, the bill's primary sponsor, argued.

Fine called payments to newspapers an unnecessary subsidy and said the government should not save the "dying industry."

The 60-page bill notes, in part, that if a governmental agency publishes a

legal notice in a newspaper, each legal notice must be posted on the newspaper's website on the same day that the printed notice appears in the newspaper, at no additional charge, also in a separate web page titled "Legal Notices," "Legal Advertising," or comparable identifying language.

The measure continues:

"A link to the legal notices web page shall be provided on the front page of the newspaper's website that provides access to the legal notices. If there is a specified size and placement required for a printed

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The Senate version of the legislation, SB 402, is scheduled to be heard in its first Senate committee next week.

"There may be an asteroid out there somewhere, and it may be hurtling towards us right now. But until it hits, there's still some dinosaurs like me left walking around," Democratic Rep. Joe Geller countered during a Floor argument. "We're not as comfortable with what you're proposing as you are."

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## "A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN"

St. JOHN 13:21-38

### CHRIST'S DECLARATION OF HIS BETRAYAL AND SOON DEPARTURE

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

As this section unfolds (St. John 13:21-38), we find that verse 21 reveals the fact that the Son of God was truly human in that He felt acutely that which opposes God. Before our Lord goes to the cross, He felt sharply the utter unbelief and hostility of His enemies, even the Scribes, Sadducees, and Pharisees. In verse 21, our Lord expresses sorrow over one of His apostles' betrayal, for this apostle was one that

witnessed most of His miracles and heard many of His awesome claims for some three and a half years. Yet, Judas Iscariot was spiritually unmoved by what he will do; however, such a betrayal of friendship and love, greatly affected Jesus! Christ's solemn disclosure in the latter part of verse 21, prompted the others disciples to glance in suspense, wondering which one of them Jesus might be referring to (v. 22).

Although Judas will betray our Lord, John, in contrast, is seen as one who remained close to our Saviour (v. 23). Yes, John remained loyal to our Saviour, for love had drawn him (v. 23)! In an effort to discover the culprit, Peter beckoned John to ask Jesus who He was speaking of (v. 24). It is noteworthy that John was close enough to Jesus to ask this penetrating question! From all of the surrounding circumstances

of that fateful evening that took place, the rest of the disciples did not discern who would betray Jesus (v. 26). Judas had truly been unmasked by Jesus, but His disciples were unaware. We come to one of the most solemn verses in the bible, for verse 27, says - "And after the sop Satan entered in him. Then said Jesus unto him. That thou doest, do quickly." After the Saviour's offer of bread as a gesture of friendship, and an invitation for Judas to repent, Judas' career was doomed, for he spurned the love of God. In view of the fact that space was provided for Judas' repentance, Jesus had no recourse but to say - "That thou doest, do quickly." With these words, Judas only fate was eternal

doom! Again, according to verse 28, the disciples did not suspect that Judas would commit such a deed. Although the disciples were in suspense (v. 29), in verse 30, Judas, having received the sop, witnessed his hour of the power of darkness (v. 30). When one rejects the Light of the world (St. John 8:12), darkness will ensue. It was truly night in the heart of Judas. When Judas departed, Jesus said - "Now is the Son of Man glorified in Him (v. 31). In the death of Christ, both Christ and the Father are glorified (v. 31). In Christ's resurrection and exaltation, the Father glorifies the Son (v. 32). It is noteworthy that our Lord waited for Judas to be dismissed before addressing

His disciples with the term of endearment - "little children" (v. 33). An unbeliever is not a child of God! In spite of the fact that the Saviour will leave the disciples (v. 33), He impresses upon them the duty to love one another sacrificially (vs. 34-35). Genuine love is the badge of Christian discipleship! From Peter's question in verse 36, it was still apparent that Jesus' disciples did not grasp the meaning of many of His statements. Our lesson closes with Jesus' forecast with reference to Peter's thrice denial (vs. 37-38). Even a believer, who declared his devotion to Christ, can be guilty of denying the One who chose him!

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On February 11, 2021 the State Medical Board of Ohio mailed an order of Indefinite Suspension to Daniel R. Canchola, M.D. via certified mail, return receipt requested, to his last known address of record, Now Clinic: Attn. Kathy Nelson, 9229 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75243. The Order was not returned to the Board from the U.S. Post Office.

Dr. Canchola may be entitled to an appeal. Such an appeal must be commenced by the filing of a Notice of Appeal with the State Medical Board and the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. The Notice of Appeal must set forth the Order appealed from and state that the State Medical Board's Order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantive evidence and is not in accordance with law. The Notice of Appeal may, but is not required to, set forth the specific grounds of the appeal. Any such appeal must be filed within fifteen (15) days after the last date of publication in accordance with the requirements of Section 119.12, Ohio Revised Code. Please contact the undersigned to ascertain the last date of publication.

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## VOTING

**Dallas, Texas –**

Dallas County Elections Administrator Michael Scarpello reminds eligible voters that Early voting for the Saturday, May 1, 2021 Joint Election begins Monday, April 19, 2021 and ends Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

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ressman's final reflections after a lifetime on the front lines of the battle for America's soul, focusing on the things that mattered most to him and sharing his hard-earned wisdom with the world one last time," according to the publisher.

"Carry On" originates from conversations Lewis had with his editor at Grand Central, Gretchen Young, the last of which took place just three weeks before he died. They had known each other for more than a decade and agreed, after Lewis had been diagnosed with cancer, that they should record some observations for posterity.

"I consider it one of the great privileges of my professional life to have been able to work with this extraordinary man in memorializing his last words for posterity," Young said in a statement.

Fellow civil rights activist Andrew Young (no relation to Gretchen Young) will contribute a foreword. The audio edition will be narrated by actor Don Cheadle.

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different, more severe symptoms associated with the clots, particularly between one and three weeks after the shot. Those include severe headache, backache, abdominal pain, shortness of breath, leg swelling, tiny red spots on the skin or bruising. If those symptoms show up, seek medical treatment right away. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued advice to help doctors spot these rare clots and safely treat them.

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will be available. Registration for Summer and Fall classes starts later this month. Students currently enrolled in classes (even if those classes are fully online), and who are in good standing with Dallas College, are eligible to register starting April 20. Registration for all students opens April 26. "The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff will remain paramount as classes resume.

# SPORTS/NEWS PAGE

## 7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, April 15	Friday, April 16	Saturday, April 17	Sunday, April 18	Monday, April 19	Tuesday, April 20	Wednesday, April 21
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### Dallas Wings control WNBA draft with top two picks

By DOUG FEINBERG



The Dallas Wings basically control the WNBA draft on Thursday night, April 15, 2021. (AP Photo/Morry Gash, File)

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dallas Wings basically control the WNBA draft on Thursday night with the top two picks and four first-round choices.

It's the first time in league history that a team will choose both No. 1 and 2. The Wings acquired the top pick in a February trade after being awarded the second choice in the draft lottery.

"It has made draft preparation a little bit easier," Wings President and General Manager Greg Bibb said in a phone interview

Wednesday. "Typically, you're trying to figure out what you want to do and what everyone else wants to do, and that impacts what you want to do. The first two picks, you don't have to worry about that. It's a nice luxury to have."

The Wings also have the fifth pick as well as the first pick in the second round. Dallas traded the seventh pick to Los Angeles on Wednesday for the Sparks' first-round pick next year. Los Angeles also got a 2022 second-round pick from Dallas.

This draft completes the second half of the team's long-term strategy after they traded away Liz Cambage and Skylar Diggins over the past few years.

"We pivoted our roster construct from a few superstar players to one which would be a on-the-fly rebuild," he said. "We made a decision at the time of those players moving on, rather than take back other WNBA players I knew would be of lesser value to become a speculator to aggregate a number of draft picks."

The Wings drafted Satou Sabally, Bella Alarie and Tyasha Harris last year to complement their young team.

"If we can have the same kind of success this year, we have a very talented young core group that joins Arike Ogunbowale, Kayla Thornton, Isabelle Harrison and Allisha Gray," Bibb said. "It's a very talented roster with a window of success that is opening."

Bibb said that the franchise is looking at a number of players for the top two picks and he hasn't been shy about heaping praise on Finnish player Awak Kuier. The Wings also could draft Texas' Charli Collier with one of the top picks.

### Mayor Johnson, Dallas College announce new workforce study

DALLAS — Mayor Eric Johnson and Dallas College on Monday announced they have partnered with Cicero Group to conduct a study assessing the state of the city's workforce.

The study is funded by a grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies as part of its larger commitment to innovative career and technical education programs. Cicero Group will conduct the study and will look at how the pandemic has impacted workforce and available jobs, identify the growing sectors in our city, and assess skills gaps.

Cicero Group will also make concrete, actionable recommendations for how the City and other partners can move the needle on the issue. Dallas College will manage the grant.

"I am incredibly excited to move forward with this study, which will give us the opportunity to understand how we can tap into our city's greatest asset: our strong, resilient, and dynamic people," Mayor Johnson said. "Because that is

what workforce development is about: investing in people. People like my parents. People like my neighbors growing up in Oak Cliff and West Dallas. And, of course, all the people who have struggled during the COVID-19 pandemic and are looking for a way forward in this new world."

"Thank you to Dallas College, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and Cicero Group for partnering with us on this effort, which can help guide our policy-making and job training efforts in the years to come."

Mayor Johnson has made workforce development a top priority. He created the City Council's first-ever Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee, chaired by Councilmember Casey Thomas. The mayor also advocated for Dallas ISD to expand its Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program for criminal justice. And he created Dallas Works, a

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### COVID-19 Testing and Black America

By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., President and CEO, National Newspaper Publishers Association



Getting tested for important health issues - and understanding the results - empowers people to make informed and sometimes critical healthcare decisions. In fact, 70% of medical decisions are based on results from diagnostic tests.

The COVID-19 pandemic across America and throughout the world is still a serious danger to public health for all communities, but especially for African American and other people of color communities. African Americans are still disproportionately negatively impacted by this deadly virus.

This is why more COVID-19 testing for Black America is so important in 2021: African Americans comprise 13%

of the U.S. population, but more than half of all COVID-19 cases, and nearly 60% of all COVID-related deaths in the U.S., were in cities with large Black populations. Now that federal-government approved vaccines are available, it does not mean that COVID-19 testing is no longer needed.

The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) is very concerned about the current state of health disparities and inequities that are realities

for the majority of African Americans. Facts, data, and truth about the pandemic are vital to our future.

According to a recent survey by the Pew Research Center, a majority of Black Americans (61%) now say they plan to get a COVID-19 vaccine (or that they've already received one), compared to only 42% in November, 2020. As trust increases, we need to also increase access to COVID-19 vaccinations and testing in our communities to create bet-

ter health outcomes.

The Black Press and the Black Church are two fundamental trusted institutions in our communities. We are pleased to learn about a new emerging partnership with Black church leaders which is creating greater access to much-needed COVID-19 testing in our communities. A partnership between Quest Diagnostics, Choose Healthy Life and the United Way of New York City is bringing COVID-19 testing and education to Black communities in cities across the U.S., and they are working with trusted voices in Black churches to increase participation.

The pandemic has also made it even clearer that Black Americans need access to additional resources to take control of their health. In Chicago for example, Black residents make up 30% of the population but account for 70% of COVID-related deaths, and the majority of Black COVID-19 patients who have died in Chicago also had underlying health conditions, like respiratory problems, hypertension, high blood pressure, and diabetes.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, heart disease is the leading cause

of death for Black Americans, and Black people experience risk factors that contribute to heart disease like high blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol more often and earlier in life compared to White people. Thus, overall healthcare testing is needed throughout Black America.

Getting tested for important health issues - and understanding the results - empowers people to make informed and sometimes critical healthcare decisions. In fact, 70% of medical decisions are based on results from diagnostic tests. Because there aren't always obvious symptoms of a health issue, testing is one of the most effective ways to identify health concerns that may need to be addressed.

Quest Diagnostics is committed to creating partnerships with others to increase access in Black and other underserved communities. It's time for the entire healthcare system to step up with similar commitments - with access to treatment and preventative care - to help Black communities move past this pandemic on an even ground with White America. Access, testing, and equity are keys to achieving and maintaining

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summer jobs program to teach career and life skills to young people.

The mayor began discussions about funding and conducting a workforce study in late 2019, but those efforts were paused during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dallas College Chancellor Dr. Joe May, Chairman Thomas, and Kerri Briggs, a partner with the Cicero Group, joined Mayor Johnson on Monday for a news conference announcing the study. Cicero Group, The Commit Partnership, Dallas Thrives, and other partners will work with Dallas College to help guide the study.

"COVID-19 has changed our business landscape and has accelerated some changes that were already underway, such as automation. We need to be at the forefront of these changes so Dallas and its people can continue to thrive," said Dr. May. "Along with the mayor and our wonderful partners, we are ready to embrace this challenge and help our city tap into its full potential."

"The last year has been hard for our students and

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# Nonprofit which supports victims of family violence will use funds to rebuild shelter damaged by severe winter storms



Dallas, TX – Today, East West Bank, one of the 25 largest publicly traded commercial banks in the U.S., which operates 13 locations in the Texas/Southwest Region, presented a \$10,000 contribution to The Family Place, a non-profit organization that provides safe housing, counseling, and other critical services to victims of family violence. The contribution will go to support families and children impacted by the recent winter storm that caused destruction and emotional distress across the state of Texas.

During the winter storm, The Family Place facilities endured extraordinary damage, displacing a significant number of victims across a broad range of locations, making it very challenging and costly to protect those families while serving their daily needs. The contribution from East West Bank

will help bridge the financial gap created by the storms while the facilities are being repaired and reopened.

“The Family Place is extremely grateful for East West Bank’s support. During the Covid-19 crisis and Winter Storm Uri, we have remained open to provide services to families in great need,” said Melissa Sherrill, Vice President of Development, The Family Place. “Close quarters and financial difficulties combine to inflame domestic violence situations, but because of East West Bank’s help, we are here to continue to support our clients and provide safety.”

“Following a storm of unprecedented impact, our goal was to help organizations that are helping people get back on their feet, in the communities where we live and work,” said Mike Burr, Managing Director and Head of Head of Texas

Market for East West Bank. “The storm was another hardship for people who were already dealing with the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

This contribution to The Family Place is one of several contributions across Texas that the Bank is making to support recovery efforts in communities of color, which have been disproportionately impacted by the severe weather crisis. The Bank also contributed \$5,000 to the Salvation Army of North Texas whose Disaster Relief Program is helping North Texans with shelter, food assistance, emergency family assistance, and much more. Additionally, in the Houston area, East West Bank is donating \$10,000 to the Houston Food Bank and \$5,000 to Target Hunger to support their efforts to provide food to vulnerable children, families, and seniors.



## BLACK HEALTH BILL OF RIGHTS

The Council on Black Health proclaims this Declaration of the Black Health Bill of Rights as its frame of reference for all of its actions directed towards the betterment of the health status of all people of African descent. The Black Health Bill of Rights advocates, educates, and promotes solidarity and respect while underscoring the dignity of every individual and every family in our communities. While this current Black Health Bill of Rights has been created with people of African descent in the United States in mind, these statements can be applied to the people of the African Diaspora worldwide.

**We deem these values and principles as a critical framework for thriving and living a full life.**

**ARTICLE 1:**  
We have the right to a **culture of health** that values our whole wellbeing and allows us to achieve optimal health.

**ARTICLE 2:**  
We have the right to receive **respectful and dignified healthcare**.

**ARTICLE 3:**  
We have the right to engage with a healthcare industry and receive health care that is culturally sensitive and that incorporates **cultural humility and structural equity**.

**ARTICLE 4:**  
We have the right to approach solutions to Black health from a strengths-based approach that incorporates **a decolonized and intersectional lens to health equity**.

**ARTICLE 5:**  
We have the right to transform our health by **reclaiming our power and autonomy**.

**ARTICLE 6:**  
We have the right to honor and incorporate lessons from our past, present, and future as a pathway to **restoring our health**.

**ARTICLE 7:**  
We have the right to have **our full humanity honored and valued**.

**About us**  
The Council on Black Health (the Council), formerly the African American Collaborative Obesity Research Network, was founded in 2002. The Council has a mission to develop and promote solutions that achieve healthy Black Communities, which includes addressing important factors that can impact or influence health outcomes. The Council includes academic researchers, community partners, and community members, all of whom collaborate to address variables that directly, and indirectly, impact Black health.

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## COUNCIL ON BLACK HEALTH INTRODUCES THE BLACK HEALTH BILL OF RIGHTS

**April 13, 2021 – Philadelphia, PA** -- The Council on Black Health today released the nation’s first Black Health Bill of Rights, developed to serve as the framework for improving the health of Black Americans in communities across the nation.

“It’s National Minority Health Month and imperative to raise awareness of the Black Health Bill of Rights. The Council advocates for a collective movement to improve health in Black communities,” said Melicia Whitt-Glover, Executive Director of the Council. “The Black Health Bill of Rights demonstrates our commitment to changing the narrative on Black health in the United States and for people of the African Diaspora worldwide.”

The Black Health Bill of Rights includes seven articles: Article 1 states that Black people have the right

to a culture of health that values our whole wellbeing and allows us to achieve optimal health. Articles 2 and 3 reinforce the right of Black people to receive respectful and dignified healthcare that is culturally sensitive and incorporates structural equity.

Articles 4, 5, and 6 address solutions to Black health from a strengths-based approach, reclaiming power and autonomy, and the right to honor and incorporate lessons from the past, present, and future as a pathway to restoring health in communities. Article 7 emphasizes that Black people have the right to live in a society that is free from the violence, hostility, and racism that has for so long, impacted physical and mental health in the Black community.

“We have a national network of partners who collaborate with us and who are going to be instrumental in

making the Articles of the Black Health Bill of Rights a reality,” said Whitt – Glover.

The concept for the Black Health Bill of Rights was conceived by Council member Tandra Raye Stevenson.

The Council on Black Health is a research and action network that provides thought leadership to develop and implement a national agenda for Black health. The organization drives the agenda to realize healthy Black communities by impacting individual behaviors, social and political determinants of health, and chronic disease outcomes through a focus on partnerships, research, policy advocacy, and permanence. The Council includes academic researchers, community partners, and community leaders from across the United States who collaborate to address the variables that directly and indirectly impact Black Health.

## Two books based on '1619 Project' coming out in November

By HILLEL ITALIE

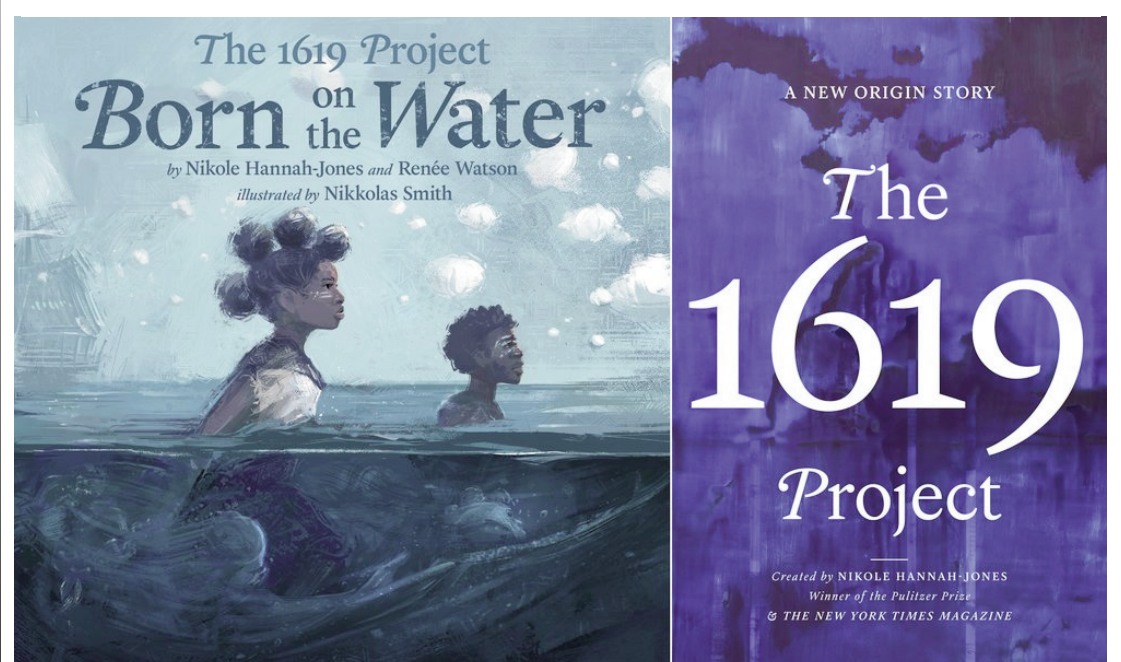
NEW YORK (AP) — Two books based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning “1619 Project” will be released this fall, with contributions from Jesmyn Ward, Jason Reynolds, Ibram X. Kendi, and dozens of others authors and journalists.

“The 1619 Project: A New

Origin Story” expands upon the New York Times Magazine publication from 2019 that centers the country’s history around slavery and led to a Pulitzer for commentary for the project’s creator, Nikole Hannah-Jones. “Born On the Water” is a volume for young

people, based on a student’s family tree assignment, with words by Hannah-Jones and Renee Watson and illustrations by Nikkolas Smith.

Both works were announced Tuesday by Penguin Random House and will come out Nov. 16.



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young adults who are trying to make important decisions about their future in the midst of historic change," said Todd Williams, founding Chairman, CEO and President of The Commit Partnership. "Helping them understand which jobs and sectors are projected to grow as we emerge from the pan-

democ is essential to achieving our goal of doubling living wage attainment in generation. We look forward to partnering with Dallas College and the Mayor's Office on this important work."

"We are thrilled to be part of this important work, which will prioritize solutions to the city's workforce challenges," said Briggs. "We know

Mayor Johnson's vision is for an inclusive economy, and we support that. In working with city leaders, education and civic organizations, and the private sector, we intend to generate recommendations that will ensure the city's economic opportunities are accessible to all those who live here and represent the diversity that makes this city great."