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# Black American Physicians who changed Healthcare




**Dr. James McCune Smith**  
April 18, 1813 – November 17, 1865

Dr. James McCune Smith was the first African-American to hold a medical degree and graduated at the top in his class at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. After his return to the United States, he became the first African-American to run a pharmacy in that nation.

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**Rebecca Lee Crumpler**  
February 18, 1831 – March 4, 1895

Rebecca Lee Crumpler was the first female African-American physician in the United States. She attended the New England Female Medical College of which she was their only African-American graduate in 1864. In 1883, Crumpler published "A Book of Medical Discourses" to advise women on health care for themselves and their children. There are copies in the National Library of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and at Countway Medical Library at Harvard University Medical School.

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### Dr. James McCune Smith


**James McCune Smith** was an American physician, apothecary, abolitionist, and author who was born into slavery in 1813 in Manhattan and was set free on July 4, 1827, at the age of 14, by the Emancipation Act of New York, Manhattan. He was the first African American to hold a medical degree and graduated at the top in his class at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. After his return to the United States, he became the first African American to run a pharmacy in the nation.

Both Smith and his wife were of mixed-race African and European ancestry. As he became economically successful, Smith built a house in a mostly white neighborhood; in the 1860 census he and his family were classified as white, along with their neighbors. In 1850 they were classified as mulatto, when living in a predominately African-American neighborhood.

### Rebecca Lee Crumpler

**Rebecca Lee Crumpler**, born Rebecca Davis, (February 8, 1831 – March 9, 1895), was an American physician, nurse and author. After studying at the New England Female Medical College, in 1864 she became the first African-American woman to become a doctor of medicine in the United States. Crumpler was one of the first female physician authors in the nineteenth century. In 1883, she published A Book of Medical Discourses. The book has two parts that cover the prevention and cure of infantile bowel complaints, and the life and growth of human beings.

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**Alexander Thomas Augusta**  
March 8, 1825 – December 21, 1890

Alexander Augusta, MD, was the first African-American physician appointed director of a U.S. hospital — Freedmen's Hospital in Washington D.C. He earned his medical degree at Trinity Medical College in Toronto, Canada, and established a successful medical practice before relocating to the U.S. in 1862. In the Civil War, Dr. Augusta became the first commissioned African-American surgeon in the U.S. Army. In 1868, he became the first African-American professor of medicine in the United States.

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## Emhoff whisked from Black history event after bomb threat

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doug Emhoff, the husband of Vice President Kamala Harris, was whisked out of an event Tuesday at a Washington high school by Secret Service agents following a bomb threat.

Emhoff was at Dunbar High School to help commemorate Black History Month and was in the school's museum for a few minutes when a member of his security detail approached him saying, "We have to go." Emhoff was hustled out into his waiting motorcade and whisked away.

An overhead announcement then instructed stu-

dents and teachers to "evacuate the building."

District of Columbia Public Schools spokesperson Enrique Gutierrez, who was at Dunbar for Emhoff's appearance, said there had been a bomb threat.

The U.S. Secret Service said in a statement later Tuesday that "at this time there is no information to indicate the threat was directed toward our protectee," meaning Emhoff.

"This afternoon, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) responded to a bomb threat at Dunbar High

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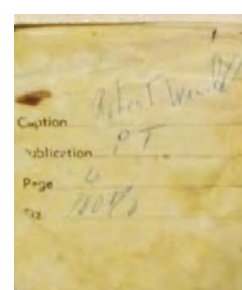


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## Addie Ruth Fox Parker

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ball team, and a visit from the Friendship-West Baptist Church Praise Team, Dallas, TX.

Mrs. Parker was born on December 14, 1917, to an African-American family in Jacksonville (Calhoun County), Alabama and reared in their home located on the fringe of the town square. Her father was Cassie Fox – a

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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Build Back Better: Real Dollars for Media, Not Tax Credits

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

When the Build Back Better Act passed the House of Representatives last year, there was some excitement about a provision which included a payroll tax credit for local news organizations. It was stated that this Act, if passed by the Senate and becomes law, would provide \$1.7 billion for local media outlets. Researchers at the University of North Carolina Hussman School of Journalism found that there are at least 200 counties in the U.S. that lack a local newspaper and the Pew Research Center reported a decline of 71,000 journalism positions in 2008 to 31,000 in 2020, a 57 percent drop.

While the decline in local papers is real and disturbing, those pushing for a payroll tax credit for journalists miss the point. The legislation and the discussion misses a very

important point concerning small community newspapers, in general, and Black newspapers, now in their 195th year, in particular.

Businesses operating at a loss do not need a tax credit. Businesses operating at a loss have a hard time making payrolls and as a result, most small newspapers hire journalists as independent contractors because they can't afford payroll taxes and benefits. The issue is not a tax credit for the journalist, its sufficient revenues for the newspapers as a business that will allow them to hire journalists either on payroll or as independent contractors.

If the President and the Congress really want to help small newspapers, which appear to have declined from 5,000 community newspapers a few decades ago to less than

2,000 today, there is a means of addressing this issue as a win/win for all those concerned. The solution is for the President to issue an Executive Order requiring that all bids for government contracts under Build Back Better must not only adhere to Title V of the U.S. Code's Administrative Procedures Act that requires the publication of "Notice" under due process, but also that such notices be inclusively published in local newspapers as a mandate for local opportunity in the solicitation of responses to Request for Proposals (RFP). The publication of such notices in local newspapers would bring both notice and dollars to the communities of Main Street. Those dollars would help local newspapers hire journalists in a way far more meaningful than tax credits to people



Dr. John E. Warren

who can't afford payrolls. The President could make such an Executive Order so inclusive that the benefit would be far reaching and felt immediately. Perhaps the Vice President, who is from California and familiar with the Black Press in particular, and Mr. Sedgwick Richmond, a Domestic Policy Advisor to the President from New Orleans, might be helpful in making the case for such an Executive Order.

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School," Gutierrez said afterward in a formal emailed statement. "All students and visitors were safely evacuated in accordance with DC Public Schools protocols and given the time of the incident, students were then dismissed for the school day." Emhoff spokesperson Katie Peters said the school had alerted the Secret Service about what she said was a "security incident or a report of a potential security incident." "U.S. Secret Service was made aware of a security threat at a school where the @SecondGentleman was meeting with students and faculty," Peters added in a later tweet. "Mr. Emhoff is safe and the school has been evacuated. We are grateful to Secret Service and D.C. Police for their work."

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### Recognizing Black American Physicians who changed Healthcare Continued Page 1

**Patricia Era Bath**

**Patricia Era Bath** (November 4, 1942 – May 30, 2019) was an American ophthalmologist, inventor, humanitarian, and academic. She was the inventor of laser cataract surgery. Her invention was called Laserphaco Probe. She also became the first woman member of the Jules Stein Eye Institute, first woman to lead a post-graduate training program in ophthalmology, and first woman elected to the honorary staff of the UCLA Medical Center. Bath was the first African-American person to serve as a resident in ophthalmology at New York University. She was also the first African American woman to serve on staff as a surgeon at the UCLA Medical Center. Bath was the first African American woman doctor to receive a patent for a medical purpose. A holder of five patents, she also founded the non-profit American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness in Washington, D.C.

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## "THE SIN OF ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA"

ACTS 5:1-11

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



The early church displayed a wonderful oneness and unity in the Spirit. It was apparent that the early Christians had an unusual love for the Lord who had saved them and they had a love for one another. Fellowship in the Lord was indeed precious and genuine. These believers were drawn to each other by the love of Christ and by the spiritual fruit manifested in their lives (Galatians 5:22-23).

Satan, the arch enemy of God, soon became victorious in disrupting the marvelous fellowship the believers

shared together. Satan had been unsuccessful in his efforts to prevent the message of the resurrection from spreading; now, instead of attacking the church from without, he attacks the church from within! Satan is awfully subtle, for he causes two of God's people to sin, breaking their fellowship with God and with other believers.

Always, sin will destroy fellowship with God. Whenever there is sin, there is a loss of fellowship. Broken fellowship is restored only when the sin is con-

fessed to God. When we admit to God that we have sinned and we view that sin as God views it, we are forgiven and restored to fellowship with Him (1 John 1:9). Relationship with God is one thing. However, fellowship with God is something else. Every believer is related to God through the new birth experience (St. John 3:16; 5:24). The child of God fellowships with God as he walks in the light as God is in the light (1 John 1:6-7).

In our text, the generosity of Barnabas, who had sold his land and brought the pro-

ceeds from the sale to the apostles (Acts 4:36-37), had received much acclaim. Ananias and Sapphira, who were believers, wanted to also receive acclaim. So, they sold their property and pretended that they were giving all of their proceeds from the sale. Nobody instructed them to give all of their proceeds from the sale; however, they pretended that they had given all! They were indeed dishonest and their sin is called hypocrisy!

God used Peter mightily to disclose the sin of Ananias. Peter uttered that Ananias

was guilty of lying to the Holy Spirit, for verse 3 says, "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?" It is interesting in verse 4 that Ananias was not obliged to sell his land, nor was he obliged to give all the money from it. His sin was one of deceit, pretending to have given all of the proceeds from the sale.

God will judge sin in the life of the believer - whether it is a sin committed privately or publicly. The sin of Ananias was conceived privately; however, God demonstrated His hatred of it openly. After Ananias heard Peter's charge against him in verses 3-4, the severe penalty of death followed (vv. 5-6). What happened to Ananias was the result of

God's judgment of him. He died on the spot! Peter did not render the death blow, God did!

About three hours after her husband had come to the Apostles and had experienced sudden death, Sapphira also came to them. She came with the same intention of deceit. When she came, she was unaware of what had happened to her husband. After Peter's interrogation of Sapphira (vv. 8-9), she was found guilty of being in collusion with her husband. For her sin, she too, experienced immediate death and was buried (v. 10).

As a result of God's punitive actions, great fear came upon the church (v. 11). To be a devoted follower of Christ, one cannot pretend to be devoted, when one is not!

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referral to both legal services and emergency shelter. In addition, adjacent to the Lancaster counseling office will be a new thrift store, which will allow Genesis clients to shop for free. The new thrift store location will also sell gently-used items to the community as a whole at a discounted price.

The 75216 zip code, where the new Southern Dallas Genesis Women's Outreach office is located, is ranked in the top five of Dallas zip codes of population percentage that identifies as African American (78%). By expanding into this corridor, Genesis is hoping to make its services more accessible to women of color. "Because the very

foundation of domestic violence is based on power and control, until we break the chains of violence in the home, there can be no equity in the community," said Jan Langbein, CEO of Genesis Women's Shelter. "We are committed to providing a safe space, and it is our hope that by opening the new Southern Dallas office, we will better meet the needs of underserved survivors – and specifically communities of color – in the DFW Metroplex."

About Genesis Women's Shelter & Support:

Since opening its doors in 1985, Genesis Women's Shelter & Support has provided safety, shelter and expert

counseling services to women and children who have experienced domestic violence. Genesis is committed to removing every roadblock a woman might face on her journey to the abuse-free life she deserves. These life-changing services include an emergency shelter, long-term housing, an award-winning onsite, K8 school, daycare, access to legal representation and cutting-edge therapeutics. Genesis serves more than 3,700 women and children each year, and relies on the generous support of the Dallas community to continue providing these services at no cost to clients. For more information, visit [www.genesshelter.org](http://www.genesshelter.org).

## GET YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED.

Your heart depends on it.



Parkland offers blood pressure screenings at the following Access to Care and Coverage community hubs:

**Inspired Vision Compassion Center**  
 2019 N. Masters Dr., Dallas, 75217  
**Every Tuesday**  
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Catholic Charities Santa Clara/Cardinal Farrell Community Center**  
 321 Calumet Ave, Dallas, 75211  
**Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday**  
 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Janie C. Turner Recreation Center**  
 6424 Elam Rd., Dallas, 75217  
**Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday**  
 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.parklandhealth.org/connect](http://www.parklandhealth.org/connect)



## A Celebration of Life Memorial Service

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Marvin E. Robinson, will be held on, Saturday, February 12, 2022 at Concord Church, 6808 Pastor Bailey Dr. – Dallas, Texas 75237 at 10:30 a.m.

Robinson was one of the leading civil rights warriors in the U. S. with a concentration of efforts in the Southern states during the 60s. He was a noted entrepreneur, civic leader, and mentor to many students. Robinson died at the age of 86 on November 27, 2021.

This is a public memorial and the protocol for the COVID virus will be adhered to. For additional information you can call Billy R. Allen at 469-438-5922.

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businessman and landowner – and her mother was Jennie Taylor Fox, a school teacher. She had four siblings, three brothers (Charles, Theodore and Thomas) and one sister (Milton Jo), all of whom are deceased.

She is a graduate of Cobb High School in Anniston, Alabama (Calhoun County) and Alabama A&M College (now Alabama A&M University) in Huntsville, Alabama, where she played tennis and sang in the choir. Divorced with a daughter, she married Rev. (Pastor) Joseph C. Parker, Sr. on July 28, 1951, in Anniston, Alabama and remained married until his death in 1987. Her husband was a pastor, civil rights leader, teacher, principal, faculty member at the Birmingham Baptist College, and Church Relations Director at Bishop College in Dallas, Texas. He also served as pastor of churches in Jacksonville, Anniston,

Montgomery, and Birmingham, Alabama, as well as Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, where she served with him as the pastor's wife and occasional pianist, starting in 1951.

Mrs. Parker has five children: Marvice J. Sims, Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Parker, Jr., Esq. (J. LaVerne Morris-Parker), Gail B. Parker, Lynne N. Wheelock (Rev. Todd M. Wheelock), and Linda A. Zanders (Deacon Calvin Zanders). She also has five grandchildren: Alan L. Sims, Jessica L. Parker-Battle (Rev. Dr. Jeremy D. Battle, Sr.), Jennifer L. Parker, Janetta L. Parker, and Sydney L. Zanders; and three great-grandchildren: Jordan L. Battle, Jeremy D. Battle, Jr. and Jennifer Jocie-Lauren Battle.

Having been raised in her hometown of Jacksonville, Alabama, she also has lived in Anniston, Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama, as well as in Fort Worth, Dallas and DeSoto, Texas. She has been a Texas resident since

1972 and is a member of the Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

She retired from a decades-long elementary school teaching career, having taught in Alabama and Texas. All her daughters continued the teaching tradition as she and her mother, and now retired teachers in Texas and California. Her son is a Texas senior Baptist pastor and attorney-mediator.

While living in Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama in the late 1950s and 1960s, she served in the Alabama Civil Rights Movement as a dedicated and hard-working confidante, partner, participant, and supporter of her husband – Rev. Joseph C. Parker, Sr. – who was a founding pastor, servant, racial justice advocate, and leader of the Alabama Civil Rights Movement, starting in 1955 with his involvement in the Montgomery Bus Boycott; Montgomery Improvement Association; Montgomery Inter-denominational Ministerial

Alliance (Secretary); NAACP; Selma to Montgomery Marches; the Birmingham civil rights protests; and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and alongside her husband's Morehouse College friend, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King, and Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Sr. and his wife, Juanita Jones Abernathy. Mrs. Parker has continuously utilized her voting rights since then to impact the world in a positive matter.

Mrs. Parker's children, grandchildren, other family members, friends, teaching colleagues, and acquaintances use these words to describe her qualities and attributes that they believe have contributed to her wonderfully successful life and career – character: strong Christian faith, integrity, commitment, and action; personality: warm, compassionate, giving, loving, determined spirit, lively, and humorous; and intelligence: has had and still possesses a keen mind.

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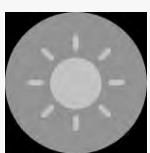
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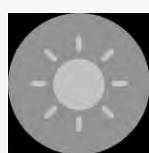
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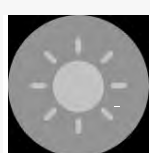
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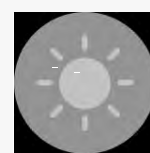
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## Doncic's 33 points, 11 assists lead Mavs past Pistons 116-86

By STEPHEN HAWKINS



Detroit Pistons guard Cory Joseph (18) drives against Dallas Mavericks guard Jalen Brunson (13) during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Dallas, Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022. (A Photo/LM Otero)

DALLAS (AP) — Luka Doncic had 33 points with 11 assists while coming up three rebounds shy of his third consecutive triple-double, Jalen Brunson scored 21 points and the Dallas Mavericks overwhelmed the Detroit Pistons 116-86 on Tuesday night.

The Mavericks won their third game in a row, never trailing after Reggie Bullock's 3-pointer snapped a 21-21 tie with 3 1/2 minutes left in the first quarter. That started a 15-5 run over the rest of the quarter, with Doncic scoring the next six points for Dallas before assisting on consecutive 3s by Trey Burke.

Doncic either scored or

assisted on 29 of the 36 points the Mavericks scored in the first quarter.

"It set the whole tone," Pistons coach Dwane Casey said. "Dallas is a very good team. They have an MVP candidate that affects everything. Passing, he picked us apart when we tried to blitz him. ... We just couldn't stay on him, no matter who we put on him."

The 22-year-old, third-time All-Star had 15 points and five assists — four of those 3s by teammates — in the first quarter. He finished 9-of-18 shooting overall with five made 3s.

"We're trying to move him around a little bit on the court, put him in some

different spots and see how the defense is going to react," Mavericks coach Jason Kidd said. "I thought he took what they gave him."

Hamidou Diallo had 18 points to lead the Pistons, who have lost five in a row and nine of 10. Jeramie Grant had 15 points, and Isaiah Stewart had 14 points and 15 rebounds.

The Pistons played their fourth game in a row without standout rookie Cade Cunningham, their leading scorer who missed the chance to play before family and friends because of a hip injury. The No. 1 overall pick in last summer's NBA draft was born in nearby Arlington, Texas.

Kidd, the first-year Mavericks head coach, shared an embrace at the end of the game with Casey. When the Mavericks won their only NBA title in 2011, Kidd was the point guard and Casey was in his third and final season as a top assistant for Rick Carlisle.

Burke had eight points with four of the 18 made 3-pointers by Dallas, which played the fourth of its season-long stretch of six consecutive home games. The Mavs have won 11 of

their last 13 games played at the American Airlines Center.

Doncic was coming off a foul-plagued effort two days earlier, when he had 18 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds in less than 28 minutes. He got his fifth foul early in the third quarter against the Atlanta Hawks before sitting for a significant period of time.

The Mavericks had a 35-point lead and Doncic only three fouls in 33 minutes when he departed with nine minutes left Tuesday night.

Burke also came back with a strong effort after being plagued by fouls against Atlanta.

"It meant a lot," Burke said. "Like I always talk about, just staying prepared."

### ASSISTS STREAK

Doncic has at least 10 assists in seven consecutive games, a career long and one short of the franchise record.

"He's making all the right reads. He's finding his teammates," Kidd said. "It's a great balance. Guys are getting wide-open shots. It's amazing what he's done in such a short career of the things that he's doing."

## Shirley Cuban mother of Mavericks owner

### Mark Cuban, dies



In this undated photo provided by the Cuban family, Shirley Cuban poses with her husband, Norton Cuban, second from left, and their sons, Brian, left, Jeff, second from right, and Mark. Photo (Courtesy of the Cuban family)

DALLAS (AP) — Shirley Cuban, the mother of Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, has died, her son Brian Cuban said. She was 84.

Cuban died Friday in the suburban Pittsburgh home where she and her husband, Norton, raised sons Mark, Brian and Jeff, The Dallas Morning News reported. Brian Cuban said his mother died after a long battle with lung cancer.

"My mom set her own path and didn't follow convention," Brian Cuban said. "Especially at a time when women were expected to follow convention."

Shirley Cuban was born Shirley Rita Feldman in 1937, the daughter of

Jewish immigrants to the U.S. Her family lived in the predominantly Jewish Pittsburgh neighborhood of Squirrel Hill. Shirley Cuban graduated from Carlow College, today known as Carlow University in Pittsburgh, and worked as a massage therapist and at an addiction rehabilitation center.

She and Norton Cuban moved to Dallas in the early 2000s after Mark Cuban bought the Mavericks' NBA franchise. Her husband died in 2018, and Shirley returned to the Pittsburgh area, living in suburban Mount Lebanon. She was an avid Mavericks fan, Brian said.

Funeral services will be private.

### Continued Black Texas Farmers - 2/10/2022 Edition By James Pollard

Mitchell is the co-director of Texas A&M's Real Estate and Community Development Law program and a member of the Land Loss and Reparations Project, a research team analyzing the impact of land loss on Black wealth. The group's preliminary analysis suggests the millions of acres lost by Black landowners over the last 100 years, known as "the great dispossession," has resulted in over \$300 billion lost.

"There's no way that the [American Rescue Plan] represents anything approaching the level that it would take to make farmers whole," Mitchell said. "It's a lot more substantial than anything the federal government had done previously to try to remedy this incredible, horrible record of discrimination that's been ongoing for 100 years."

Fostering connections A sweeping 1997 report by the Civil Rights Action Team — a group charged by then-Secretary

Agriculture Dan Glickman with developing recommendations to address institutional problems — found that improved department outreach would increase program participation among farmers of color, a failure the agency noted had increased mistrust.

"Underrepresentation of minorities on county committees and on county staffs means minority and female producers hear less about programs and have a more difficult time participating in USDA programs because they lack specific information on available services," according to the report. "USDA does not place a priority on serving the needs of small and limited-resource farmers and has not supported any coordinated effort to address this problem."

Today, people like Mills and Clarence Bunch of Prairie View A&M University are working to fill information gaps.

The Agriculture and Natural Resources unit of Prairie View A&M's Cooperative Extension Program provides knowledge to agricultural producers to help small farmers and ranchers sustain their

practices and become profitable. After the American Rescue Plan passed, Bunch helped organize an educational meeting in June between USDA leaders and Texas producers.

Similarly, the Texas agri-forestry group Mills runs provides outreach to farmers who would benefit from state and federal programs but lack the necessary information to participate.

Mills is focused on getting socially disadvantaged farmers access to the kind of capital denied by slaveholders in the 19th century and then again through discriminatory loan practices in the 20th century.

"You can't get things to put back into your farm unless you have capital," Mills said. "The people who're getting hurt is the ones that got the small operation and can't get access to capital, trying to make it and trying to survive on their land."

Black farming's present and future

Brandon Smith, 43, has been ranching his entire life, a practice that goes back at least four generations in his family.

He learned to ranch from

his grandfather, who once owned 100 acres. By the time his grandparents died, the land had been reduced to 12 acres, he said, because they could not secure loans from the USDA.

Smith's experience was detailed in the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund's unsuccessful motion to intervene in Miller's lawsuits.

"It's common knowledge that white ranchers have access to credit that Black ranchers don't have," he said in a declaration submitted to the court. "That's the way it's always been."

The debt relief program "was a lifesaver for my sons and me," Smith said in the declaration. But the holdup, he said, has left them vulnerable to further land loss.

With the continuous land loss, Mills said many Black farmers and ranchers worry about future Black farmers' prospects.

"You got to make it better for the next generations coming in," Mills said. "We got to do something to help preserve that."

To successfully uphold the new law, Chase Cooper said the defendants need to

outline how USDA practices caused Black and other socially disadvantaged farmers to financially suffer. Cooper — a partner with Winston & Strawn, who submitted the federation's motion to join the suit — said the organization is better poised to fulfill that task than the USDA.

"Frankly, one should not expect the USDA to give the most robust portrayal of discrimination within itself," Cooper said. "It's very important for the people who stand to gain or lose from this litigation to be directly heard and to be a part of the lawsuit."

While U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor denied their motion in December, Cooper said the group is appealing that decision. O'Connor's past rulings against a key Obamacare provision and transgender children's right to use the bathroom of their identity have made his court a favorite among Texas conservatives.

Some big conservative names have gotten behind Miller's lawsuit. The effort has been sponsored by America First Legal, a group founded by Stephen

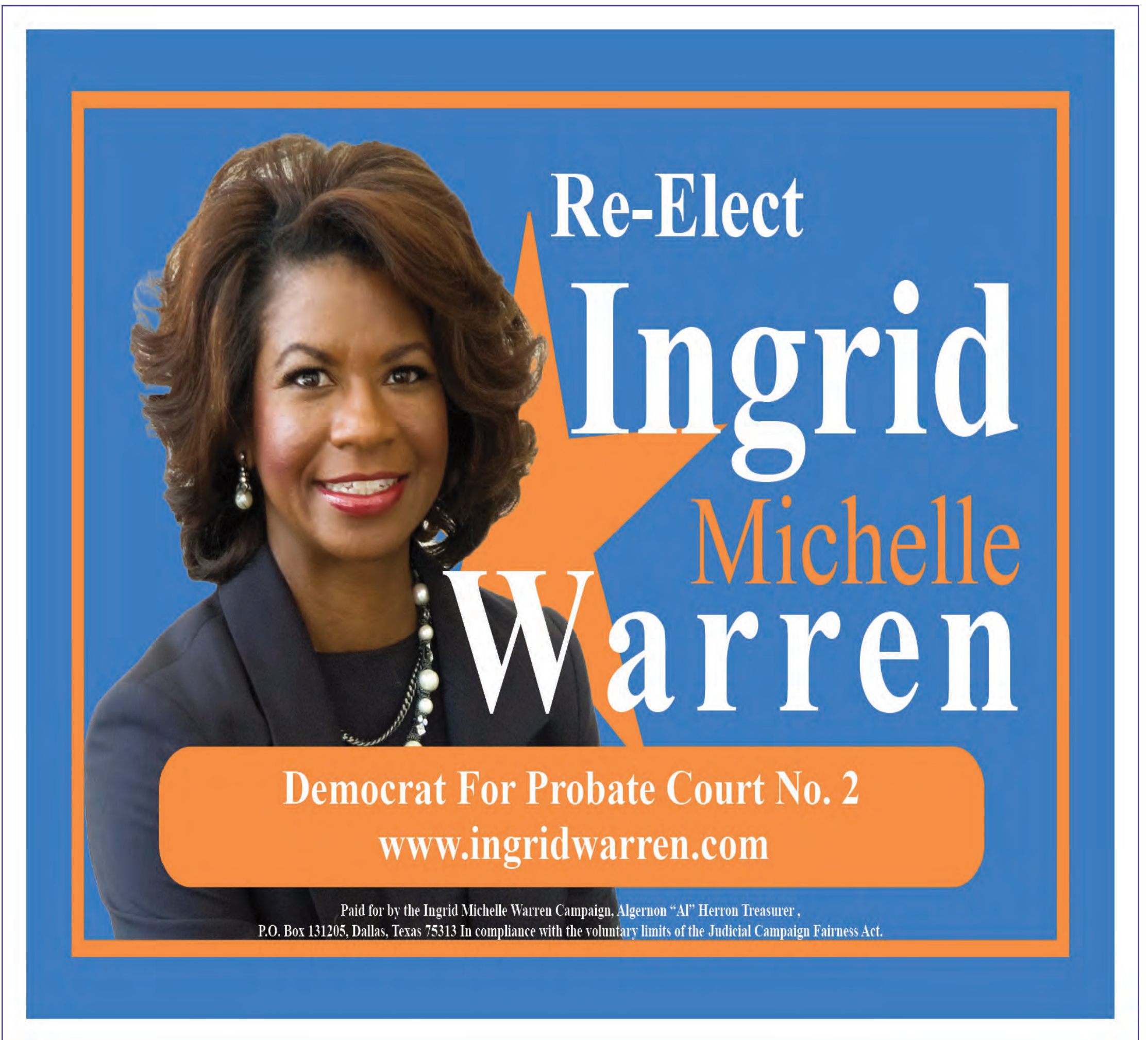
Miller and other Trump-era officials as a conservative version of the ACLU.

With the courts blocking the relief, the Biden administration sought to pass a new program through the Build Back Better Act. The proposed changes would grant debt relief eligibility based on economic insecurity rather than race. But Reuters reported in December that such changes would exclude thousands of the program's originally intended recipients.

The lawsuit has overshadowed the work done by community-based organizations to provide assistance, Mills said, which hurts existing trust-building efforts. But when it comes to ensuring the health of Black agriculture and building trust, Mills said a big piece of that puzzle will be sustained commitment from government officials.

"People, they've seen a lot of talk," Mills said. "They're going to have to see some results."

This article originally appeared in The Texas Tribune <https://www.texastribune.org/2022/01/24/texas-black-farmers-sid-miller-lawsuit/>.



# ‘The Music Man’ hopes to lead Broadway out of winter woes

By MARK KENNEDY



Photo by Charles Sykes/Invision/AP

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the first songs in “The Music Man” is “(Ya Got) Trouble” and the latest Broadway revival has certainly faced its share. It was supposed to open in fall 2020, but rehearsals were interrupted by the pandemic shutdown. In 2021, it jettisoned its lead producer, Scott Rudin, after allegations of bullying. When the show restarted, both lead actors — Hugh Jackman and Sutton Foster — contracted COVID-19. And when the understudies couldn’t keep it going, it

temporarily shut down. Now its producers see light at the end of the tunnel — for the show and Broadway. “The Music Man” opens Thursday as the marquee event of this theater season, commanding hundreds of dollars per ticket and signaling a new dawn for a beleaguered theater industry. “Everything has been thrown at us and we survive,” says Barry Diller, who is producing alongside David Geffen and Kate Horton. “But I won’t say we’ve survived until we

open. I woke up this morning thinking locusts might come.” The musical tells the simple story about Harold Hill, a traveling con man who in 1912 convinces a small Iowa town into forming a band and selling them instruments until love changes him. It’s got classic songs like “Seventy-Six Trombones,” “Goodnight My Someone,” “Gary, Indiana” and “Till There Was You.” “It feels to me like ‘The Music Man’ is sort of the antidote to the stress and

the uncertainty and the fear that everybody has been feeling because it’s such a story of hope and community, love and belief fulfilled,” says Horton, who previously held executive roles at the National Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company and Royal Court in England. The starry revival of the classic musical comedy, which won the Tony Award for best new musical in 1958, includes six Tony winners and 21 cast members making their Broadway debuts.

