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## Kamala Harris is Right Choice to ‘Save our Country’



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By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Correspondent  
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That Democratic California Sen. Kamala Harris announced her candidate for president on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is no coincidence.

For her supporters and those who know her well, Harris has long been a fighter for freedom, justice and equality and she’s often invoked the spirit of Dr. King in talking about the America’s needs today.

“I think we all know when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. talked about the Dream, it wasn’t about being asleep,” Harris said during the recent Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference. “It was about being awake.”

On a day to honor King, and in a brief video from her campaign that was released on social media Monday morning at the same time that she appeared on ABC’s “Good Morning America,” Harris called on her supporters to join with her to “claim our future.”

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“The future of our country depends on you and millions of others lifting our voices to fight for our American values,” said Harris, the first African-American woman, and the third woman overall, to announce her candidacy for the 2020 election.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) have also announced that they will run.

Harris said she’s running to “lift those voices, to bring our voices together.”

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## Jesse Jackson meets with GM workers about racist threats

**TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) —** The Rev. Jesse Jackson says General Motors should sit down with its workers in Ohio who say they’ve been facing ongoing racial harassment, including finding nooses inside the plant.

Jackson visited Toledo on Tuesday to talk with the workers and community leaders.

A group of GM workers have filed a pair of lawsuits against the automaker, saying the company hasn’t done enough to stop the harassment at its Toledo transmission plant.

GM says it’s taking the matter seriously and has taken several steps to address harassment at the plant and is continuing to investigate.

Workers in one of the lawsuits say the racist taunts and graffiti goes back several years.

Jackson says one step the company could make right away is to add more security cameras and guards.



## 11th annual St. Andrew Prom Closet

The 11th annual St. Andrew Prom Closet, run by the St. Andrew United Methodist Women, provides donated dresses from size 0-28 for prom. Additionally there are accessories to go with the dresses such as jewelry, shoes, handbags, and wraps. All of it is available at no cost. Only requirement is that each girl must be present to select her dress and accessories. There are currently 4,500 dresses to give away.

**What |** Donation drive is January 26-February 3 | **When |** Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. | **Where |** St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 1401 Mira Vista Drive, Plano, TX, Room 133

## Dallas ISD William Brown Miller Fourth-grader Jasira King wins top prize in MLK Jr. Oratory finals



Jasira King is pictured with MC Clarice Tinsely and Michael H. Newman, managing partner of Foley Gardere’s Dallas office. (Photo Credit: Dallas ISD)

**(Dallas ISD’s The Hub) -** The winner of the 27th annual Dallas Martin Luther King Jr. Oratory Competition is Jasira King, a fourth-grader at William Brown Miller Elementary School.

The second-place finisher is Tory Robertson Jr. of Clara Oliver Elementary School; third place went to Tynia Matts, a fifth-grader at John Neely Bryan Elementary School.

Competitors write, memorize and deliver the speeches based on the theme. This year, students were asked to provide their takes on “What would Dr. Martin Luther King say to the children of today’s world?”

Campus winners from the 16 participating schools advanced to the semifinals, which were conducted in December. The top eight in that round advanced to the finals. The remaining five finalists are:

- Kaiya Hudson, fifth grade, Charles Rice Learning Center
- Layla James, fifth grade, Ronald E. McNair Elementary
- Presley Rivers, fifth grade, Harry C. Withers Elementary
- Kimberli Rouwtt, fourth grade, J.P. Starks Math, Science and Technology Vanguard
- Alexandra Torres, fifth grade, Wilmer-Hutchins Elementary

The event is sponsored by law firm Foley Gardere.



All eight finalist before competition began. (Photo Credit: Dallas ISD)



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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Kamala Harris is Right Choice to 'Save our Country'

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"On Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) salutes the outstanding courage and leadership of Sen. Kamala Harris as she upholds and embodies the spirit and courage of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by announcing her candidacy for President of the United States," said NNPA president and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

NNPA Chair, and the editor and publisher of the Crusader newspapers in Chicago and Gary, Indiana, Dorothy R. Leavell, also applauded Harris' announcement. "I am excited that Kamala Harris has entered the presidential race for 2020 and look forward to her mounting a vigorous campaign," Leavell said.

"She is imminently qualified, having come through the ranks of politics in the Bay area and has served admirably in the United States Senate these last two years. Just last March (2018), under the leadership of Amelia Ward, who serves as Chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation and is the publisher of the San

Francisco Sun Reporter, Harris was honored as our 'Newsmaker of the Year,'" Leavell said.

She continued: "She has a close relationship with the Black Press and respects its commitment as an institution of the Black community. She is energetic, smart and works hard to be prepared for the duties she undertakes. We are certain that she will be a formidable candidate and wish her the best in the campaign."

"It is quite appropriate that on the day that the nation honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a fresh and vibrant new face announces her run for the Presidency," said Rosetta Miller Perry, Publisher of the Tennessee Tribune Newspaper.

"California Senator Kamala Harris is everything the current holder of the office isn't," Perry continued. "She is honest, a champion of equality and opportunity, and someone who will stand up and fight against the forces of hatred and bigotry. Her candidacy is a breath of fresh air in an environment spoiled by the toxic and incompetent individual whose administration is running the country."

According to CNN, Harris'

campaign will be headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland – giving aides an East Coast hub in a racially diverse city that has struggled with wide income disparities – and Oakland, where Harris was born to immigrant parents who came to the US to advance their academic careers.

Harris chose to announce on Monday to honor the legacies of two of her heroes.

Forty-seven years ago this week, Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman to ever run for president, launched her campaign. And Dr. King has been a role model for Harris throughout her life as a result of what she views as his "aspirational fight for progress."

Harris chose yellow and red for her campaign logo in a nod to Chisholm's bid for president with its red and yellow campaign buttons, CNN reported.

Her signs will carry her campaign theme "Kamala Harris for the people," the words that she spoke each time she rose in the courtroom as a prosecutor.

Meanwhile, Amelia Ward the NNPA Foundation Chair, who also counts as a personal friend of Harris, said her fellow Bay Area resident is a great choice to put the country back on solid

footing.

"Senator Kamala Harris has long been a Champion for the people of the San Francisco Bay Area and the state of California. The Sun-Reporter has supported her since her successful run for San Francisco District Attorney in 2003, and also her campaigns for California Attorney General and U.S. Senator," Ward said.

"As a junior Senator, Harris hit the ground running in Washington D.C. becoming an instant force and outspoken critic of President Trump and his regime. The NNPA – the Black Press of America – honored her last March when the organization's Foundation awarded her our prestigious Newsmaker of the Year award," she said.

Ward continued:

"Now is the time for a national leader like Senator Harris to come forward to help save our country. I believe that now as a candidate for President of the United States, she has the opportunity to connect with Americans across this country and emerge as the people's choice to put our country back on track."

## End the Madness Now!

the nation from the White House that he lacks empathy for the 800,000 government employees who are either working without pay or are simply being told to stay at home.

Not once during his nearly 15-minute address did he mention the awful financial and personal realities that they are facing as he holds them and the country hostage. The fact of the matter is that he is more concerned about the opinions of partisan political commentators, who are imploring him not to look weak, than he is about government employees.

Shamefully, he continues to request \$5.7 billion for a border wall that the vast majority of security experts say is not necessary, and would be a waste of taxpayer dollars. In his speech the president offered tempo-

rary protection for approximately 700,000 young people, referred to as "Dreamers," who were brought to this country as minors. He also offered a reprieve to nearly 300,000 adult immigrants who are facing deportation.

This is not the first time that we have been down this path with the president. There are those who doubt the sincerity of his proposals. Nearly one year ago, Mr. Trump rejected a deal that offered more money than he is currently requesting for a wall in return for a plan that would have offered citizenship to the Dreamers.

While giving his most recent remarks, the president did not address the single most pressing problem that our government faces, the shutdown. It is in his power to reopen the gov-

ernment, bring employees back to work, and return our nation to some sense of normalcy.

As soon as the president reopens our government Democrats in the House of Representatives will continue to pass legislation that will secure our nation's Southern border, and we are also prepared to address and pass legislation that addresses immigration reform.

Frankly, Mr. Trump is not being serious, and until he does government employees, and the people of our nation will continue to suffer. He is presiding over the longest government shutdown in the history of our nation. Certainly he knows what the right thing to do is. Hopefully, he will end this madness!



Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

While furloughed government employees are turning to pawn shops to borrow money to pay their rents and mortgages, and others are standing in line at food banks for groceries to feed their families, the president of the United States continues to be indifferent to their plight and refuses to take the meaningful steps that would lead to the reopening of our government, and their return to work.

It should be obvious to all of those who witnessed President Trump's most recent address to

## "A SURVEY OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS" ROMANS 9:1-13 THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD IN RELATION TO THE NATION OF ISRAEL



Rev. Johnny C. Smith Editorial Columnist

Having arrived at the 9th chapter of the grand book of Romans, we have discussed Paul's awesome argument that both the Gentiles and the Jews stood guilty before Holy God. The Gentiles had God's natural revelation (creation) and they spurned God's revelation, resulting in them being guilty of flagrant idolatry and gross sexual conduct (Romans 1:18-28). Moreover, the Jews were privileged with the Law but they did not live to the standard of the Law (Romans 2:17-29). As a rightful conclusion, Paul declared that both groups were guilty, for in Romans 3:10 it states – "As it is written, there is none righteous, no one."

To further emphasize the guilt of both groups, Paul declared in Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Being in a lost position, mankind needed God's provided righteousness in Jesus Christ to secure a righteous standing before Holy God.

Through faith in God's provided righteousness, mankind can be justified before God, for Romans 5:1 says – "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Despite mankind's lost condition, he needs to know that God expressed His unconditional love in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, to remedy his condition, for Romans 5:8 says – "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

In chapters 6-8, Paul discussed the area of sanctification with reference to the believer. Paul wanted the Roman believers to know that they had died to the reigning power of sin through identification with Christ's death, burial and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4), and that they were no longer married to the Law, but to Christ (Romans 7:1-6). Therefore, victory in the Christian life is only achieved by walking in the freedom or liberty of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:2, 5).

In retrospect, as one carefully reads chapters 1-8 of this letter as it deals with the subject of salvation, it is evident that the next section of this great book will deal with the sovereignty of God in relation to Israel in God's prophetic program (chapters 9-11). As it relates to God's prophetic program for Israel, He did not totally abandoned her. He is presently dealing with a called-out group, the church; and after He finishes His program with the church He will resume His program with Israel (Acts 15:14-16). In Romans 9:1-2, the Apostle Paul's heart is anguishing, because his people, the Jewish nation, have rejected the gospel. Paul is really perplexed, acting even as a mediator for his people, for verse says – "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." The love that Paul had for his people was certainly astounding! Moses also expressed his sentiment for his people in Exodus 32:31-32.

Having discussed his strong

desire for Israel's salvation (v. 3), Paul will enumerate the various privileges that the nation of Israel possessed in verses 4-5, and they were: (1) adoption as a nation - Exodus 4:22; Deuteronomy 7:6; (2) glory - Exodus 40:35; (3) covenants - Ephesians 2:12; (4) law - Exodus 19:5, 31:13; (5) service of God - Exodus 19:6; (6) promises - Joshua 1:2; (7) fathers - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob; (8) Christ, the Messiah. Finally, the sovereignty of God is supremely expressed in relation to Israel, in that, He chose Isaac over Ishmael (9:6-9), and Jacob over Esau (9:10-13). And in so doing, Paul was expressing the fact that the spiritual offspring of promise was the remnant that was true Israelites, not the natural offspring of Abraham. Thus, the Israelites that believed the gospel were sovereignly chosen by God. Although chosen by God, the remnant had the responsibility to believe (Romans 4:1-3).

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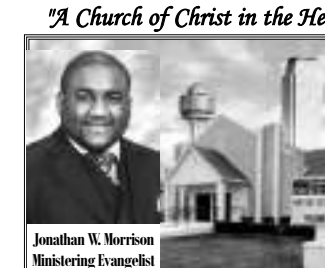


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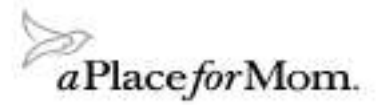
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## After 2016 ruling, battles over juvenile lifer cases persist

By SHARON COHEN and ADAM GELLER

Locked up for life at 15, Norman Brown remains defined by the crime that put him behind bars.

Twenty-seven years ago, Brown joined a neighbor more than twice his age to rob a jewelry shop in Chesterfield, Missouri, and the man shot the owner to death. The shooter was executed. But state officials, bound by a 2016 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, pledged to give Brown an opportunity to get out — then rejected parole in a process a federal judge ruled recently must be overhauled.

Three years after the Supreme Court gave inmates like Brown a chance at freedom, the justice system is gaining speed in revisiting scores of cases. About 400 offenders originally sentenced to life without parole as juveniles have been released nationwide, and hundreds of others have been resented to shorter terms or made eligible for release by law.

But most remain behind bars as prosecutors and judges wrestle with difficult cases. Tensions have mounted and lawsuits have been filed in states like Missouri, while in 21 others, life-without-parole sentences are prohibited for those 17 and younger. About a third of those bans have been approved since 2016, according to the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth.

"The national trend is certainly one where states are moving away from these sentences, whether by legislation or through the courts," said Jody Kent Lavy, executive director of the group. But "there are still some outliers that in many ways are refusing to comply with the court's mandate."

In Missouri, lawmakers decided the more than 100 inmates serving life for adolescent crimes would get a parole hearing after 25 years. But the state is in court because the parole board has denied release in 85 percent of cases it has heard and has yet to free anyone.

Parole hearings have been brief and focused on inmates' crimes, with little, if any, attention on the circumstances preceding them or what offenders have done to rehabilitate themselves, a lawsuit filed by the MacArthur Justice Center alleges.

The board's actions violate the constitutional requirement that inmates be provided a "realistic opportunity for release," a federal judge determined in October, ordering changes. Missouri's corrections agency and attorney general's office declined comment.

After Brown's hearing in May 2017, the board cited his crime in denying parole. The state has since argued he is not yet eligible because he received consecutive sen-



This updated photo made available by the Missouri Department of Corrections in January 2019 shows Norman Brown, 42, who has been behind bars for 27 years for being an accomplice in a jewelry store robbery that left the owner dead. Brown has been rejected for parole in a process a federal judge recently ruled must be overhauled. (Missouri Department Of Corrections via AP)

tences. Brown, now 42, said he hopes the board will eventually recognize his remorse, as well as his thousands of hours in restorative justice programs and work as a prison hospice caretaker and training rescue dogs.

In a telephone interview from Potosi Correctional Center, Brown recounted what he did that night in 1991.

"It's shameful. ... Because I'm an adult now, I know what it is to love your family," he said. "I can definitely see where (opposition to release) comes from, and I think it comes from a place of pain."

Florence Honickman's husband, Stephen, was killed by Brown's companion, and she vividly recalls the teen snatching a pendant off her neck as she lay bleeding from bullet wounds. She lives in Florida but returned to Missouri to oppose Brown's parole.

"My family was turned upside down and inside out," she said in an interview. "Do you really know deep down that this man — he's a man now, not a child — has he really, really changed?"

The high court's 2016 decision, one of four in recent years focused on the punishment of juveniles, hinged partly on research showing the brains of adolescents are slow to develop, making teen offenders likelier to act recklessly but capable of rehabilitation. The court said they must not be punished with the same severity and finality as adults, and that a life-without-parole sentence should be reserved for those inmates deemed beyond rehabilitation.

At the time, more than 2,000 inmates were serving mandatory life-without-parole sentences, most for murder convictions. And most cases were clustered in a few states.

In Pennsylvania, 399 of more than 500 juvenile lifers have been resented and 163 have been released, according to the Department of Corrections. Bradley Bridge, of the Defenders Association of Philadelphia, said the last of that city's 325 lifers could be resented this spring. Judges have recently rejected some negotiated sentences as too light. The last of their deliberations are complicated by the fact that many still awaiting resentencing have served less time and have less of a prison record to assess, or they have mental illnesses or a history of prison violations.

"The cases we have remaining are probably the toughest ones," Bridge said.



In this February 1964 file photo, Henry Montgomery, flanked by two deputies, awaits the verdict in his trial for the murder of Charles H. Hurt, a sheriff's deputy in Baton Rouge, La. (John Boss/The Advocate via AP)

In Louisiana, after years of resistance by courts and prosecutors, the state is reconsidering the sentences of roughly 300 offenders. Through December, 45 had come before a parole committee, with 37 approved for release and 31 of those now out, according to the Board of Pardons and Parole.

Ivy Mathis was released in December after serving 26 years for killing a man during a home robbery. Mathis said that in prison she outgrew the rebelliousness of her teen years, worked in hospice care and got culinary training.

She now works as a cook in two restaurants.

"I'm just thanking God, and I made up my mind, I will never return to prison. ... I'm not taking this second chance for granted," she said.

Henry Montgomery, whose case was at the center of the Supreme Court's 2016 ruling, has not been so lucky. Montgomery, 72, was denied parole last year. He was 16 when he killed a police officer who caught him skipping school. Montgomery, who worked in a prison silk screening shop and founded a boxing association for inmates, will be eligible for another hearing in February 2020.

"He's stoic," said Keith Nordyke, a lawyer with the Louisiana Parole Project. "You know one of the things that prison teaches you — 54 years of prison — is patience."

Louisiana prosecutors are seeking new life sentences for 80 other inmates; the state recently approved \$1.3 million for inmates' defense.

In Michigan, where a case before the state Supreme Court delayed reconsideration of many cases, more than 140 inmates have been resented, and about half of them have been freed. But prosecutors are pursuing new life-without-parole sentences for about 200 others.

Kent County Prosecutor Chris Becker has sought no-parole terms in about half of his 24 cases, and judges so far have agreed for four inmates — including Damon Jackson, 39, convicted in the death of his infant son. The boy was shaken, sexually abused and left blind and deaf before dying 2½ years later.




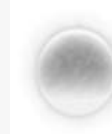



"We tried to take the worst of the worst, the most depraved ones," Becker said.

In some cases, judges have rebuffed prosecutors' bids for new life terms.

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### SUPER BOWL: PATS VS RAMS IN A MEETING OF PAST VS FUTURE

By EDDIE PELLIS, AP National Writer

It began in 2002, back when the Rams were in St. Louis and the Patriots were a plucky underdog standing in the way of a potential dynasty.

So much has changed.

This hasn't: Bill Belichick and Tom Brady.

The duo, every bit as formidable now as when they won that first title, face the Rams, now back in Los Angeles, in a Super Bowl rematch of sorts that pits the NFL's past against its future.

At 32, Sean McVay is the youngest Super Bowl coach. At 66, Bill Belichick has an NFL-record 30 playoff wins.

At 24, Jared Goff is the youngest quarterback to win the NFC championship. At 41, Brady will be the oldest quarterback to start a Super Bowl.

The Rams (15-3) are back in the Super Bowl for the first time since that meeting against the Patriots — and for the first time as the "Los Angeles Rams" since 1980, when they fell to the Steelers. The Patriots (13-5) are back for the third straight time — they lost to Philly last year — the fourth in five seasons and the ninth since Belichick got the New England dynasty on track in the 2002 win over St. Louis.

The Rams duo of McVay and Goff has spent the past two seasons heralding the coming of a new age of football — one in which McVay's reimagined offense has dealt a blow to the old, increasingly dated adage that teams ultimately must win championships with defense. The Rams have cracked 30 points in 13 of their 18 games this season. A generation ago, that would've been novel; now, it's normal.

But to officially usher the NFL into a new era, the Rams will have to get past New England, which is a 1-point favorite for the game in Atlanta, set for Feb. 3 — exactly 17 years to the date of the last Super Bowl showdown, and a bit more than three months since the Boston Red Sox topped the LA Dodgers for the World Series. (Who will Magic and Bird cheer for? Stay tuned.)

Is Brady up to it?

Well, on Sunday, he drove the Patriots down the field for three straight touchdowns — two in the fourth quarter and once in overtime — for a 37-31 victory over the Chiefs, the



only team that gained more yards than Los Angeles this season.

It put an end to the dream of a rematch between two teams of the future — Rams vs. Chiefs — who delivered a wildly entertaining, defense-optional touchdown-fest in a 54-51 Rams victory in November.

Instead, we get a "rematch" of that 2002 Super Bowl, won by the Patriots 20-17.

The Rams came into that game as a franchise on the edge of a dynasty.

They were one season removed from their first Super Bowl win, led by quarterback Kurt Warner and known as "The Greatest Show on Turf" for the fake grass they burned up at their seven-year-old home in St. Louis. They had amassed what was then unheard of — 500-plus points in three straight seasons — and were a two-touchdown favorite against Belichick and Brady, who was in his second year and best known as the sixth-round draft pick Belichick stuck with after Drew Bledsoe got injured.

New England used ball control, defense and a last-second field goal to topple Warner and the Rams. On the surface, the task figures to not be all that different this time around, though Brady is showing he's perfectly capable of matching opponents touchdown-for-touchdown. Sunday's win adds

to a Week 6 victory over Kansas City by the score of 43-40. The Patriots ranked fifth in overall offense this season, only 28 yards a game behind LA.

Theirs is an offense built around Brady, his mastery of diagnosing defenses at the line of scrimmage and his ability to use interchangeable parts on his offense over the years. (Receiver Julian Edelman and tight end Rob Gronkowski have stood out most recently.)

And stability.

Offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels has interviewed for jobs virtually every year since returning to Foxborough after short stints in Denver and St. Louis. He was out the door for Indy last year, but changed his mind and returned once again to call plays for Belichick.

As for the Rams, they improved from 10th last year in offense to second this season, as McVay and Goff found their footing. But maybe the most telling sign of their success is that McVay's offensive assistants are, as a group, the most sought-after sideline talent in the league. Two left after last season. Two more, quarterbacks coach Zac Taylor and tight ends coach Shane Waldron, are drawing attention this season.

Now, the ultimate question: If they leave, will they do so with a Super Bowl ring?

### After 2016 ruling, battles over juvenile lifer cases persist

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In another Kent County case, a judge recently resentenced inmates Chad Maleski and Joshua Rogers to 35 to 60 years, making them parole-eligible in about 17 years. Maleski and Rogers were 17 when they joined two others in abducting 66-year-old Willie Jones outside a Grand Rapids bowling alley. Jones was stuffed in the trunk of his car, repeatedly stabbed and left to die in a field. The judge cited Rogers' remorse and participation in prison self-improvement programs and Maleski's cooperation that led authorities to Jones' body. Both men apologized.

James Jones, the victim's nephew, had planned to speak harshly about Rogers at his resentencing. But after praying and hearing of the inmate's progress, he offered forgiveness.

"Who knows what God has (in store) for this young man?" Jones said.

While the Supreme Court's decision has prompted change, the justices have shown little appetite for revisiting the issue of juvenile sentences, leaving unsettled what to do with the thousands of other former teen offenders who are legally entitled to parole but serving such lengthy terms they are unlikely to ever get out.

In April, the court declined to hear the case of Missouri offender Bobby Bostic, who was 16 when he and a friend held up people delivering donated Christmas gifts to a poor St. Louis family. Bostic fired a shot that grazed one man. The teens also forced their way into a woman's car and demanded cash at gunpoint. Bostic's friend groped the victim before the two teens released her.

Bostic, who turned down a plea bargain, was sentenced to 241 years and won't be eligible for parole until he turns 112. He unsuccessfully appealed his sentence to Missouri's top court. And despite an earlier ruling banning life sentences for juveniles who did not kill, the high court declined to take the case.

"I'm not the victim," said Bostic, 40, who dreams of publishing six nonfiction books and nine volumes of poetry if released. "But a teenager dying in prison, what lesson do you teach him? He's got nothing to hope for."

In Maryland, the American Civil Liberties Union alleges in a lawsuit the state's parole system is unconstitutional because the release of juvenile offenders is rare and decided in secrecy. When the case was filed in 2016, no juvenile offender had been paroled for nonmedical reasons in two decades, said Sonia Kumar, an ACLU lawyer.

State law requires the governor to approve parole for any inmates sentenced to life. Gov. Larry Hogan has granted parole to three former juvenile offenders since taking office in 2015, all for medical reasons, and has granted clemency to two others.



Dr. J. Ester Davis  
Editorial Columnist

#### My Day

Over the holidays I visited the African American Museum at Fair Park. After touring the "Slavery at Monticello" Exhibit, which has an extended stay at the museum through January, 2019, I asked about Dr. Harry Robinson, the Founder/CEO of the museum. And low and behold he was sitting in an adjacent room signing papers. My granddaughter and I were invited in and we sat for another hour in reminiscence of the founding days of the museum. This room Dr. Harry Robinson was sitting in was laced with black and white high profile pictures of some of the African American pioneers that believed in the dream of an African American Museum in Dallas. We travelled all the way back to the beginning of same in the basement of the library at Paul Quinn College now over thirty(30)years ago.

Among other things I was curious about his thoughts concerning the International

### Eye On IAAM

African American Museum (IAAM) in Charleston following in his footsteps and their major milestone of the \$75 million fundraising goal. Actually, we never got to that subject. Dr. Robinson is a visionary, a natural born college professor. . . who is never visionless. There is always a project on the horizon, designing people to propel it; and, of course, a story to qualify its merit and worth.

This past August, the IAAM gave thanks to the generosity of more than a hundred donors who made contributions ranging from \$100 to \$10 million. . . enough encouragement for the Charleston City Council to agree to move forward on the construction process and to hire a construction manager.

"The IAAM has a particularly powerful meaning. Nearly half of all enslaved Africans forced to America through the Transatlantic Slave Trade arrived in Charleston, and the vast majority disembarked at Gadsden's Wharf, the future home of the IAAM, and one of the most significant and sacred sites of the African American experience in the Western Hemisphere. The

museum, a site of conscience, will present, commemorate, celebrate the foundational role that Africans played in the making of America and highlight their diasporic connections around the world".

So, keep your eye on the progress of the IAAM. Former Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr., reported that the IAAM is coming to life through the generous donation and "unwavering support of our donors. A donor pledged \$1 million to the museum in 2015, has doubled her commitment, pledging another \$1 million this week". President and CEO Michael B. Moore, continues that the museum leadership is focused on "adhering to our timeline. We plan to present our construction contract to Charleston City Council in late January, break ground in May and open our doors two years later in the summer of 2021".

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# M. Night Shyamalan's 'Glass' is No. 1 with \$40.6M debut



By JAKE COYLE

**NEW YORK (AP)** — M. Night Shyamalan scored his fifth No. 1 movie as the director's "Glass," while not quite the blockbuster some expected, nevertheless dominated Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend at the box office with \$40.6 million in ticket sales according to studio estimates Sunday.

Universal Pictures predicted that "Glass" will make about \$47 million over the four-day holiday weekend. Some industry forecasts had gone as high as \$75 million over four days. But poor reviews took some of the momentum away from "Glass," Shyamalan's final entry in a trilogy begun with 2000's "Unbreakable" and followed up with 2017's "Split."

Shyamalan's film registered a 35 percent "fresh" rating on Rotten Tomatoes. Audiences also gave it a mediocre B Cinema Score.

Yet the result still proved the renewed draw of Shyamalan, the "Sixth Sense" filmmaker synonymous with supernatural thrillers and unpredictable plot twists. "Split," which greatly overshoot expectations with a \$40 million opening and \$278.5 million worldwide, signaled Shyamalan's return as a box-office force, now teamed up with horror factory Blumhouse Productions. Shyamalan, himself, put up

the film's approximately \$20 million budget.

Jim Orr, president of domestic distribution for Universal, said any forecasts beyond how "Glass" performed were out of whack with the studio's own expectations. Orr granted that better reviews might have meant a larger return and that the winter storm across the Midwest and Northeast may have dampened results.

But he said Universal was thrilled with the results. The four-day total ranks "Glass" as the third best MLK weekend openings ever, behind only "American Sniper" (\$107.2 million) and "Ride Along" (\$48.6 million). "Glass" also picked up \$48.5 million overseas, where Disney had distribution rights.

"This came in at or above any reasonable industry expectations," said Orr.

Last week's top film, Kevin Hart's "The Upside," held especially well in its second weekend, sliding only 23 percent with \$15.7 million. STX Entertainment estimated it will take \$19.5 million over the four-day period, offering further proof that Hart's fall-out as Oscar host over past homophobic tweets hasn't hurt his box office appeal.

But the weekend's biggest surprise was the Japanese anime film "Dragon Ball Super: Broly," which earned an estimated \$8.7 million on the weekend from just 1,250

North American theaters, according to Comscore, and \$19.5 million since opening Wednesday. (It grossed more than \$7 million just on opening day.) The Funimation Films release, an animated martial arts fantasy, is the 20th film in the "Dragon Ball" franchise.

The result for "Dragon Ball Super: Broly" caught Hollywood off guard, prompting many to wonder: Just what is Dragon Ball? And who is Broly? (A nutty anime series created by Akira Toriyama, and the film's warrior antagonist, respectively.)

"The enthusiasm for this movie was certainly reflected in these much bigger than expected numbers for a title that I don't think anyone was that aware of, other than the true fans," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Comscore. "If you ask the average moviegoer if they've ever heard of 'Dragon Ball Super: Broly,' they'd have absolutely no idea what you're talking about."

Shyamalan and Broly could do only so much for the overall marketplace. Other studios held back new wide releases to avoid going head-to-head with "Glass." The box office was down 18.4 percent from the same weekend last year when "Jumanji: Welcome the Jungle" was still packing theaters, according to Comscore.



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Removal and transportation are estimated to take between seven to eight

weeks at a cost of \$155,040. Park and Recreation department will install landscaping at a cost of \$30,000. An outside conservation expert will assist in the development of a plan for disassembly, and archival storage in compliance with established conservation practices. The conservation work will cost \$24,960. There is no plan to sell the work at this time.

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**DALLAS** — Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is reporting the fourth and fifth flu-related deaths in Dallas County for the 2018-2019 season. Both patients were 82 years of age. One was a resident of Dallas the other of Mesquite. For medical confidentiality and personal privacy reasons, DCHHS does not provide additional identifying information.

"We cannot predict the intensity, severity or duration of the flu season from year to year," said Dr. Christopher Perkins, DCHHS Health Authority/Medical Director. "The best way to protect yourself and others is to get your seasonal flu shot."

It is not too late to receive the flu vaccine. DCHHS recently announced free flu vaccines for children at all six immunizations clinic locations [\[county.org/department/hhs/immunizationhours.html\]\(http://www.dallas-county.org/department/hhs/immunizationhours.html\)](http://www.dallas-</a></p>
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