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- Martin Luther King Jr.



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Bank of America Awards \$1M Grant to National Juneteenth Museum



New legacy institution will educate visitors on the past, create growth in the present and inspire future generations

Fort Worth, TX (July 25) - America today announced a The National Juneteenth Museum and Bank of America today announced a foundational gift to support the first-of-its-kind museum.

Selected to be built in Fort Worth, the city is a hub for arts and culture institutions and celebration, and the city's history is closely tied to its identity today. Honoring Fort Worth's past by investing in its future, Bank of America is awarding a \$1M grant for the development of the National Juneteenth Museum ecosystem.

“The National Juneteenth Museum will be a social and

economic anchor in Fort Worth that will serve as a catalyst for community education and growth. The bank's grant support acknowledges the significant role Juneteenth plays in our city's history and is another demonstration of our commitment to advancing economic opportunity and racial equality,” said Mike Pavell, Bank of

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U.S. sues Texas after Gov. Greg Abbott declines to remove floating border barrier

The U.S. Department of Justice made good on its warning last week that it would sue Texas unless the state agreed to remove the barrier in the Rio Grande near Eagle Pass.

<https://www.texastribune.org/2023/07/24/texas-border-rio-grande-floating-barrier-greg-abbott-lawsuit/>

"U.S. sues Texas after Gov. Greg Abbott declines to remove floating border barrier" was first published by The Texas Tribune, a nonprofit, nonpartisan media organization that informs Texans — and engages with them — about public policy, politics, government and statewide issues.

The U.S. Justice Department announced Monday it is suing Texas and Gov. Greg Abbott after the state declined to remove the floating barrier deployed earlier this month on the Rio Grande near Eagle Pass.

The lawsuit, filed in an Austin federal court, alleges the barrier was installed without necessary authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

“Because Texas installed the Floating Barrier without seeking the Corps’ authorization, the Corps and other relevant federal agencies were deprived of

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Biden Pays Tribute to Emmett Till

Acknowledges the Vital Role of the Black Press in the Civil Rights Movement

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



President Biden's decision to establish the national monument is seen as crucial to acknowledging and preserving the painful history of racial violence in the United States. Photo Credit: Mark Mahoney / Dream In Color Photography for the NNPA.

Recognizing the country's painful racial history and honoring the legacy of Emmett Till, President Joe Biden signed a proclamation on Tuesday designating a national monument spanning two states to memori-

alize Emmett Till and his mother, Mamie Till-Bradley.

A distinguished audience included Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., President & CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), as well as

several members of the Congressional Black Caucus, including Chair Steven Horsford, Minority Whip James Clyburn, and Mississippi Democratic Rep. Bennie Thompson.

The NNPA is the trade association that represents the Black Press of America.

Till, a 14-year-old Black teenager from Chicago, was

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Renowned Civil Rights Attorney Ben Crump and Co-Counsel Ray Hamlin Set to “Unveil Shocking Revelations” in Malcolm X Assassination Conspiracy

By Stacy M. Brown

Celebrated civil rights attorney Ben Crump, alongside co-counsel Ray Hamlin, have announced that they will unveil bombshell developments in the alleged assassination conspiracy of

Malcolm X.

A media alert said the event, planned for Tuesday, July 25, promises to shed new light on the tragic event that shook the nation more than half a century ago.

The attorneys filed a notice of claim earlier this year, signaling their intent to sue various government agencies, including the NYPD, for their alleged

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Home Depot Faces a lawsuit alleging discrimination against disabled African American Veterans - **Article Page 6**



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EDITORIAL PAGE

Are You Raising One of the Next Generation of Hoodlums?

TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN INTEGRITY

By: Dr. Joyce Teal



Dr. Joyce Teal-

Integrity means to be of sound moral character. It means to do the right thing whether anyone is looking or not. In other words, it means being incorruptible. It also means our word is our bond. We are committed to our promise, even if something better does come along. When we demonstrate integrity, we have reached a high level of maturity.

A high level of integrity means that we fulfill our obligations to the best of our ability as and when promised. This is what we

want to teach our children. We want them to know and to take seriously their promises.

“Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.” Oftentimes we talk about this idea of integrity without grasping what it truly means. But integrity is not a single action. It is a mind-set that needs to be developed. Integrity is born in the mind and heart of a person. It comes from who you really are as a man or woman, boy or girl, and what you really believe about right and

wrong, good and evil. And integrity is exhibited not in just one act of goodness, but in your whole character.

Those of us who are responsible for raising children are responsible for instilling within our children the importance of integrity, and the only way we can do this is to be peo-

ple of integrity ourselves. When you speak to your children, they need to be able to trust that you will be true to your word. With a mind-set of integrity established, you will find that you’ll be much more likely to speak truth and follow through with what you’ve said. This echoes the reality that we need to be careful to let our “yes” be yes and our “no” be no.

Often parents are heard to complain that their son (or daughter) lies to them. When this happens, parents need to look at themselves and truthfully examine their interactions with their children. The vast majority of children are intelligent, and they know if you lie to them; if you promise them things that you don’t follow through on. So if you want to raise a child who values integrity, you must demonstrate that integrity is important to you. How does one do that?

Remember: what is important to you is what becomes important to your child. You cannot teach integrity if you have none.

Among other things, you can teach integrity by doing the following:

- 1 Drive the speed limit.
- 2 Never ask your children to lie for you.
- 3 Apologize when you wrong your children.
- 4 When you send your child into a store with more money than he/she needs to buy a particular item, when the child comes out, see if he/she offers the change.
- 5 Deal with the child accordingly.
- 6 Never tolerate even the smallest lie.

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“Us”:

America’s Last Line of Defense

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



Dr. John E. Warren

There are a number of things we should all be concerned about as so many around us focus on summer vacations, the excessive heat, fires and floods. We are saturated with the media each day. So many of us are caught up in the acts of survival; facing things like maintaining income or no income at all for shelter, food and living expenses. We have very little time or interest in the politics of democracy playing out each day with the country being divided over personal interest rather than the concern for the nation as a

whole.

In the midst of this, “we”, the everyday people, are the real hope because the democracy in which we live allows us to make decisions concerning our lives with our votes. But if we fail to vote, then those who would take our God given rights, our freedoms which we enjoy without appreciation or commitment, the takers of these rights will do so with our unspoken permission.

I speak of those minority Republican interests in every state who have organized to take over legislative bodies, at all levels of our society, drawing political districts through gerrymandering so that a few can control the lives and activities of the majority by making laws against their interest, and the planning of restructuring America’s checks and balances as provided in the Constitution of the United States.

At the local level, we

must become registered voters with an eye on the issues that we need to address more than on whether we like the candidates that are being placed before us. If we remember that our votes are one of the means we have to safeguard the freedoms we have, even if it looks like we are not getting our share, then we maintain a voice in laws and policies being made that affect us. If we do this at the local level, then we will be better prepared to vote and control outcomes at the state and national levels.

Let’s each of us pick three issues of importance to us right where we live and question what can those who have been elected by us or our friends and neighbors do to make those issues a reality. Questions to be asked: Where do those persons seeking our votes stand on issues of healthcare, homelessness, and feeding and nutrition programs? Those who are

against “our” interest have their own. We must find people who think like us to run against them. We must not allow campaign dollars from big money and slick ads to get us to vote against our own interest.

We must ask, will the people seeking our votes form coalitions against our interest once elected or will they work for our interest? Without the considerations raised here on the part of each of us, it will not be difficult for a few to change our laws, nullify our Constitution and cancel our rights as we see with recent decisions on Affirmative Action, Abortion and Supreme Court decisions rolling back 50 years of equality.

We the people, “us”, can change the people in Congress and State legislatures voting against our interest and the democratic way of life guaranteed by our Constitution. It’s time for us to get “woke” and get involved.

"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly."

RELIGIOUS/NEWS

PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS

ABSOLUTE SPIRITUAL FREEDOM IN CHRIST

GALATIANS 5:1-26 (PART 2 OF 3)



By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

In verse 9, the prevalence of the damnable false teaching of the Judaizers is expressed in the proverbial statement "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" (I Cor. 5:6; Matt. 16:6). Like leaven in bread, the false teaching of the Judaizers would spread and contaminate the whole church if measures were not taken to eliminate it.

In verses 10-12, for all the dangers presented by the legalism being taught in Galatia, Paul was confident that the Galatians' faith was genuine and that they ultimately would agree with his teaching and not be carried away in error. He was also confident that the one who was teaching the error, whoever he was, would

"bear his judgment." The judgment mentioned in verse 10 is "Divine judgment".

In verse 11, there was an allegation made against Paul stating that he had preached the necessity of circumcision but was now preaching a different message. Paul pointed out that if he had taught that the rite was necessary for salvation, he would not have experienced such a persecution from the Jews. The gospel of grace he preached, however, was centered in the cross – the crucifixion – of Jesus as the payment for sin. This teaching was offensive to the Jews, who promoted works such as circumcision as the means of acceptance by God.

In verse 12, Paul was so adamant about the gospel of grace that he could tolerate nothing that would compromise it. He then wished that those who put such confidence in an act of the flesh would mutilate themselves as their pagan neighbors did in their twisted attempts to please God.

II. Remaining Steadfast in the Proper Use of Liberty – Galatians 5:13-15

In verse 13, it is imperative that believers remain grounded in their freedom in Christ, but that freedom is not a license to indulge any and all fleshly desires. The freedom Christ give is freedom from sin and its power and consequences, as well as, freedom from enslavement to a religious

system that can offer no hope of victory over sin. Properly understood, liberty in Christ cannot promote sin. Instead, it should lead to loving service to others. Obedience to the biblical injunction to love one's neighbor as oneself (Lev. 19:18) sums up the whole law. In fact, it fulfills or completes the law (v. 14). Love is the expression of faith.

In verse 15, it was assumed that there was strife within the Galatian churches; and if so, the Galatians needed to be reminded to love one another rather than to consume one another.

III. Remaining Steadfast in Christian Liberty by Walking by the Holy Spirit

– Galatians 5:16-26

The real key to averting the kind of conflict Paul discussed in verse 15 is applying our faith by walking or living in the Spirit. As children of God indwelt by the Spirit, we must submit to His power and control, trusting Him to give us victory over temptation and to bring us into conformity with God's will. When we walk in the Spirit, we will not fulfill the "lust of the flesh" (v. 16). We will not give in to ungodly and selfish desires.

Verse 17 explains that there is a continuing internal conflict between the indwelling Spirit and the flesh. The flesh is the old disposition (tendency or inclination) to sin that con-

tinues even in those who have been born again. In essence, genuine freedom in Christ does not mean freedom to live apart from all restraint. True freedom comes from willingly submitting to the control of the Holy Spirit.

Paul has already discussed that Christ has freed us from the bondage of the law (Gal. 3:25; 5:1) and given us the Holy Spirit to lead us and empower us to please God. Thus, as Christians, we are characterized as those who are "lead of the Spirit" and so are "not under the law" (v. 18). We are free in Christ to live in the realm of the Spirit!

May God Bless!

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America Fort Worth President. "We're excited to work with the National Juneteenth Museum to revitalize the local community and create a new legacy institution."

Fostering a true ecosystem for economic and cultural development, the National Juneteenth Museum will feature far more than its collection of artifacts. The 50,000-square-foot center will host guest lectures, community events and performances in its 250-seat amphitheater, bring families together through the on-site food hall and grand green space, and launch big ideas into reality in its business incubator.

"The predominantly

African American neighborhood surrounding the museum has helped shape Fort Worth for generations. I'm encouraged to see Bank of America helping breathe life into the Historic Southside through intentional investment in cultural education and preservation.

Residents, visitors and local businesses will be able to witness the impact of Bank of America's gift, supporting a space where generational wealth, health and tradition will have a collaborative space to flourish," said Jarred Howard, CEO of the National Juneteenth Museum.

"The National Juneteenth Museum brings to life many of the values

we uphold at Bank of America. From supporting diverse entrepreneurs and small business development, to mobilizing the power of the arts to educate and enrich our societies, we look forward to working together to unite our community and create greater cultural understanding. This partnership is a point of pride for Bank of America not only in Fort Worth, but in every corner of our national footprint," added Pavell.

The museum's targeted opening date is June 19, 2025. To learn more about the museum and construction updates, please visit the National Juneteenth Museum website.

Greenville Avenue Church of Christ's 6th Annual Community Wellness Fair

Summer is here and so is the time for fun, health, and community spirit! Greenville Avenue Church of Christ in Richardson, Texas is excited to invite you to our **FREE 6th Annual Community Wellness Fair** promoting health, unity, and well-being for all. Join us on **August 5, 2023, from 10:00am to 2:00pm** for a day of joy, knowledge, and togetherness! Our Community Wellness Fair is not your average health fair – it's a celebration of all things community, vibrancy and health. There will be a range of health services, educational resources, and fun activities for all ages. We'll also have giveaways, games, karaoke, food, snow cones, school supplies, a kid's corner with face painting, fun bounce houses and water slides and so much more! There is

something for everyone!

Carter BloodCare will be onsite with their mobile BloodDrive Lab. If you'd like to give blood in support of the Dallas County Blood Drive, sign up at www.GACoC.org. Every donation helps!

Mark your calendars and don't miss this exciting Community Wellness Fair on **Saturday, August 5, 2023, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Greenville Avenue Church of Christ located at 1013 S. Greenville Avenue, Richardson, TX 75081!**

Admission is absolutely FREE, and everyone is welcome! Bring your friends, family, your neighbors, and your neighbors' neighbors – the more the merrier!

See you there!

Florida Board of Education Approves Anti-Black History Curriculum

One of the most controversial rules drawing significant pushback is the alteration of the standards of instruction for African American history.

By Stacy M. Brown



Photo Credit: NNPA Files

Florida's Board of Education voted to approve several new rules this week, including teaching that African Americans benefited from their enslavement.

The new curriculum has sparked outrage and accusations of racism, setting up a new school year unlike any other because of these changes and other laws passed by state lawmakers and signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis.

One of the most controversial rules drawing significant pushback is the alteration of the standards of instruction for African American history.

Critics argue that the new standards attempt to rewrite Black history in a deeply concerning manner.

Democratic state lawmakers made their objections known at the board's meeting on July 19, expressing particular concern over one instructional change

implying enslaved individuals benefited from their enslavement.

"Any kind of standards that indicate that slavery benefited Black people is such an insult," said State Rep. Rita Harris.

Added Rep. Anna Eskamani, "The notion that enslaved people benefited from being enslaved is inaccurate and a scary standard for us to establish in our education system."

The new rule faced additional opposition from a coalition of Black leaders and community groups, who wrote a letter to the school board asserting that the standards intentionally omitted or distorted crucial historical facts about the Black experience.

Despite the widespread criticism, the board plans to implement the new rule on African American history instruction, along with several others, in classrooms

across the state during the upcoming school year.

The move adds to the state's ongoing debate over African American history in education, further exacerbated by the education department's rejection of a preliminary pilot version of an Advanced Placement African American Studies course for high school students, citing an alleged lack of educational value.

Under the new standards imposed by the board and DeSantis, teachers will instruct middle school students about how enslaved people developed skills they could use to benefit themselves.

The curriculum omits the brutal horrors of slavery, the inhumane treatment of African Americans, including the rape and torture of enslaved people, selling and separating families, and

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Did they have them all? If your child is entering kindergarten, then they are ready to tackle school and start their first day! If you have older children, Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis boosters and Meningococcal vaccines are required for school.

Want to get the vaccines listed above? Parkland has the playbook for your health. Schedule an appointment for our Community Orientated Primary Care (COPC) health centers in Dallas County. Call 214-266-4000.

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Quinn Minute

My return to fashion

By Rix Quinn

All my life, I've found it hard to resist a good bargain. So, the pandemic a couple years ago briefly curtailed my excellent purchasing decisions.

I was always out in the stores, shopping for the latest in exercise equipment, self-help videos, or ideas to impress my supervisors.

I really liked clothes. At work, I usually wore nice khakis and a golf shirt that made me look semi-cool.

I shopped both in-store and online. Truth is, I want-

ed to look better than I actually am. I believe in that old saying, "If you don't have a good act, you better wear a good costume."

But my shopping stopped when in-office activities got cancelled temporarily. Instead, my company scheduled a series of daily video conferences.

So, I had to adjust to just looking great above the waist. I positioned my home office in a small stor-

age space we call Uncle Bob's Basement, because it smells like old relatives. I put a bookcase behind my chair, so viewers would think I had actually read them.

But each day at home my physical appearance descended closer to Hades. First, I quit shaving my scraggly beard. I looked like a guy who fell face-first onto grass clippings..

I started wearing sweat-shirts with the sleeves cut off. I bought two pair of

gray sweatpants, which I alternated every other week.

One day a cousin came for a social visit, and suddenly appeared in my basement. He said he found me by the smell.

But in recent months, we've returned to the office. I'm showering every other day now, and my wife says I look almost normal again.

Truthfully, my socks don't match every day. But that's a style choice.

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even the brutal mistreatment of children and babies.

The new curriculum will teach high school students about events like the 1920 Ocoee massacre, the deadliest Election Day violence in US history that began when white poll workers prevented Moses Norman, a Black landowner, from voting.

The rule stipulates that instructions also must include details about the

Atlanta race massacre, the Tulsa race massacre, and the Rosewood race massacre.

"Our children deserve nothing less than truth, justice, and the equity our ancestors shed blood, sweat, and tears for," NAACP President Derrick Johnson stated.

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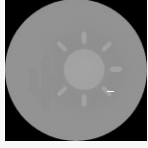
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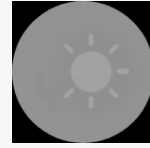
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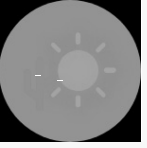
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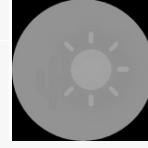
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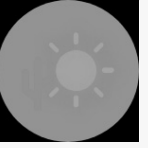
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NHL Player's Arrest Underscores League's Persistent Problems in Attracting Black Players, Viewers

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By Stacy M. Brown

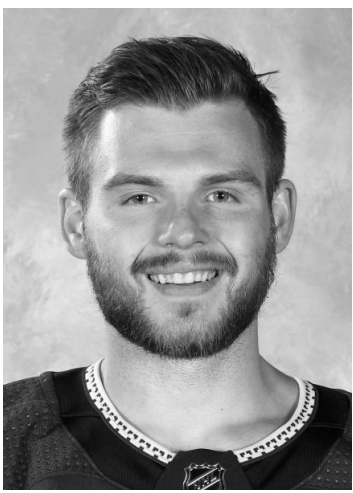


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The NHL's ongoing struggle to attract Black players and fans has faced another setback with a recent incident involving Phoenix Coyotes forward Alex Galchenyuk.

According to a Scottsdale police report, Galchenyuk, who signed a \$775,000 contract earlier this month with the Coyotes, was involved in a hit-and-run accident and

subsequently confronted a Black police officer using racial slurs and making graphic threats.

During the incident, Galchenyuk reportedly exhibited erratic behavior and aggression toward the officers who responded to the scene.

Various reports said he made disturbing statements, including threatening the officer's family and using racial slurs multiple times.

"One phone call and you're all dead, your whole family, your whole blood line is dead," Galchenyuk allegedly told the officers, before using a derogatory term toward African Americans.

"I'm gonna chop you, your wife, your daughter," he continued, the police report noted.

The report also mentioned that Galchenyuk was

slurring his words and smelled of alcohol, indicating possible intoxication.

The Coyotes swiftly terminated Galchenyuk's contract, citing a material breach of terms.

"We are aware of the incident involving Alex Galchenyuk and strongly condemn this type of behavior," the Coyotes said in a statement.

"Once the club was made aware of the allegations, we immediately began the process of terminating his standard player's contract through the proper channels in conjunction with the National Hockey League."

Officers arrested Galchenyuk, who faces charges of private property hit-and-run, disorderly conduct, failure to obey, resisting arrest, and threatening or intimidating.

This incident comes as

the NHL is already grappling with diversifying its player base and fan demographic.

Recent surveys indicate that only 10 percent of Black Americans consider themselves avid fans of the NHL.

The league predominantly consists of white players, with 97 percent being Caucasians.

The remaining 3 percent represent players from various backgrounds, including 34 active Black players.

Throughout its 102-year history, the NHL has only had one Black head coach among its 377 coaches.

The NHL's ongoing efforts to foster inclusivity and diversity have been hindered by incidents like this, reinforcing the perception that the league may not be welcoming or supportive of Black players and fans.

PACT Act Summer VetFest

DALLAS — On July 27, 2023, North Texas VA Health Care System, in cooperation with Veterans Benefit Administration, will host a Summer VetFest to inform Veterans, their families, and survivors about the PACT Act and encourage them to apply for the health care and benefits they have earned. The event will be a casual summer gathering featuring Veterans, their families, Veteran advocates, and the VA health care and benefits professionals who serve them.

More than 480 North Texas Veterans have signed up to sit with a VBA representative to apply for PACT Act-related benefits (or submit an intent to file), enroll in VA health care, get screened for toxic exposures, and more. This event is a part of a nationwide VA campaign in July, when VA will host more than 50 Summer VetFest events across all 50 states, DC, and Puerto Rico.

Veterans will have a 'one-stop-shop' to apply for benefits, enroll in VA health

care services, learn about VA health care services like, Battle Field Acupuncture, Healthy Teaching Kitchen, and more.

Thus far, 312,000 Texas Veterans have applied for PACT Act-related benefits and since the PACT Act was signed into law on August 10, 2022. VA encourages all eligible Veterans and survivors to file a claim — or submit their intent to file a claim — for PACT Act-related benefits now. Most Veterans who do so by August 9 will have their benefits, if granted, backdated to Aug. 10, 2022, the day that President Biden signed the bill into law.

- What: PACT Act Summer VetFest
- When: July 27, 2023, 12:00-8:00 PM
- Where: Garland VA Medical Center, 2300 Marie Curie Blvd, Garland, TX 75042
- RSVP: Media should RSVP to NTXPUBLICAFFAIRS@va.gov

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the opportunity to evaluate risks the barrier poses to public safety and the environment, mitigate those risks as necessary through the permitting process, and otherwise evaluate whether the project is in the public interest," the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit also alleges that the floating barrier obstructs navigation on the river and demands that the state remove the barrier.

Last week, the Justice Department sent a letter threatening legal action against the state if it did not respond with a commitment to remove the barrier by 1 p.m. Central time on Monday. Abbott responded with a letter to President Joe Biden on Monday morning committing to keep the barrier in place.

Abbott defended his decision to do so as the "commander-in-chief of our State's militia" and

blamed the Biden administration's immigration policy for the conditions at the border.

"It has been under your watch that migrants have suffered an unprecedented crisis of inhumanity," Abbott said in the letter to Biden. "If you truly care about human life, you must begin enforcing federal immigration laws."

Abbott's office didn't immediately respond to an email from The Texas Tribune seeking comment.

The controversial barrier, accompanied by rows of razor wire, was deployed by the state earlier this month as part of Operation Lone Star, an aggressive state border security initiative launched in March 2021, shortly after Biden took office. Under the operation, Abbott has sent hundreds of Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and the Texas National Guard to the border and has paid to bus

thousands of migrants from Texas to Democrat-run cities around the U.S.

The Justice Department lawsuit was preceded by a diplomatic complaint about the barrier from the Mexican government and a lawsuit filed by an Eagle Pass kayaking business.

It also comes nearly a week after the Houston Chronicle reported a series of allegations from a state trooper who complained to a superior in an email that a DPS official in Eagle Pass ordered troopers to push migrants — including small children and mothers with nursing babies — back into the Rio Grande. DPS says it is investigating these claims.

This article originally appeared in The Texas Tribune at <https://www.texastribune.org/2023/07/24/texas-border-rio-grande-floating-barrier-greg-abbott-lawsuit/>.

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tragically murdered in Money, Mississippi, on August 28, 1955, after being accused by a white woman of whistling at her.

His brutal killing became a catalyst for the Civil Rights movement when his mother, Mamie Till, chose to hold an open-casket funeral, and a photograph of her son's disfigured body was published in Black media, bringing national attention to the horrors of racism and sparking outrage across the nation.

The Roberts Temple Church of God in Christ in Chicago, where Till's funeral took place, Graball Landing in Mississippi, thought to be the site of his body's discovery, and the Tallahatchie County Second District Courthouse, where an all-white jury found the white men responsible for his murder not guilty, make up the 5.7 acres of the newly designated national monument.

During the ceremony, Biden acknowledged the significant role played by the Black Press in shedding light on Till's tragic story and the broader struggle for civil rights.

He applauded the bravery and unwavering dedication of publications like JET Magazine, the Chicago Defender, and other newspapers and radio announcers who fearlessly reported on the events surrounding Till's

murder, ensuring that the truth reached the American people.

"The reason the world saw what Mrs. Till-Mobley saw was because of another hero in this story: the Black Press," Biden remarked, receiving applause from the audience.

He emphasized the importance of shining a light of truth on the painful aspects of the nation's past, acknowledging that darkness and denialism cannot erase history.

Vice President Kamala Harris, also present at the event, echoed Biden's sentiments and emphasized the critical role that the story of Till and the courage of Mamie Till played in fueling the civil rights movement.

She emphasized her connection to the cause because, while serving in the United States Senate, she sponsored the Emmett Till Antilynching Act, which President Biden later signed into law and made lynching a federal crime.

Harris emphasized that embracing the complete history of the United States, even its painful chapters, is essential to pursuing justice and equality.

She thanked the many leaders at the ceremony, acknowledging their contributions to progress in the civil rights fight.

"Our history as a nation is born of tragedy and triumph, of struggle and success. That is who we are,"

Harris asserted.

"And as people who love our country, as patriots, we know that we must remember and teach our full history, even when it is painful — especially when it is painful."

"Today, there are those in our nation who would prefer to erase or even rewrite the ugly parts of our past; those who attempt to teach that enslaved people benefitted from slavery; those who insult us in an attempt to gaslight us, who try to divide our nation with unnecessary debates." She concluded:

"Let us not be seduced into believing that somehow, we will be better if we forget. We will be better if we remember. We will be stronger if we remember."

The Biden administration has taken strong action by designating the site as a national monument to ensure that future generations will remember and preserve the history of racial injustice.

The move comes at a time when some states are facing debates over how to teach their historical past in public schools, with Biden and Harris advocating for an inclusive and accurate education that confronts the darker chapters of American history.

The ceremony took place on what would have been Emmett Till's 82nd birthday, emphasizing the occasion's significance.

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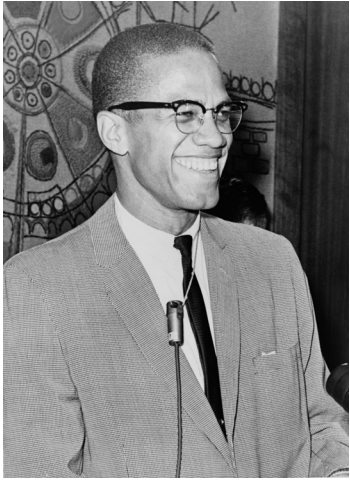
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Malcolm X
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involvement in the assassination and subsequent fraudulent concealment of evidence related to Malcolm X's murder.

They are expected to reveal that they've successfully uncovered a conspiracy to kill the legendary

leader.

Malcolm X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, at the Audubon Ballroom in New York City, at the age of 39.

The circumstances surrounding his death have long been disputed, with allegations of connections to federal and New York government agencies, including the FBI and CIA, generating widespread controversy.

A turning point came in 2021, when two men previously convicted of Malcolm's assassination had their convictions overturned.

The Manhattan district attorney and lawyers for the men revealed that a meticulous 22-month investigation

found evidence of prosecutorial misconduct where prosecutors withheld key evidence that might have led to their acquittal.

Norman 3X Butler and Thomas 15X Johnson, both members of the Nation of Islam at the time of the killing, spent decades behind bars for the murder.

Malcolm's daughters had formally requested authorities reopen the murder investigation based on new evidence.

Ilyasah Shabazz, one of the icon's six daughters, emphasized the importance of pursuing evidence that could provide deeper insights into the truth behind the tragic event.

The most recently revealed evidence included

a deathbed letter of confession from a former police officer, Raymond Wood, who allegedly claimed that the New York police and the FBI conspired in Malcolm's murder.

Wood asserted that his job was to ensure the arrest of Malcolm's security team days before the fatal shooting in Manhattan.

Malcolm had distanced himself from the Nation of Islam at the time of his death, which some speculated added complexity to the motives behind the assassination.

"Any evidence that provides greater insight into the truth behind that terrible tragedy should be thoroughly investigated," Shabazz said in 2021.

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Home Depot Faces a lawsuit alleging discrimination against disabled African American Veterans

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Larry and Denise Boggs/Courtesy Marc Rutledge

Home improvement retailer Home Depot is facing a civil rights lawsuit filed by Larry and Denise Boggs, disabled African American veterans, who claim the company purposefully dis-

criminated against them and denied them services based on their race and disabilities.

The lawsuit, filed in the Southern District of New York, accuses Home Depot of violating

various laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the New York State Human Rights Law, and federal civil rights statutes.

According to the complaint, the Boggs sought assistance from Home Depot to make their home more accessible for Denise, who uses a wheelchair due to a below-the-knee amputation.

The Home Depot Foundation, a nonprofit organization affiliated with Home Depot, had entered into a contract in October 2017 to perform construction improvements on the Boggs' home, ensuring ADA compliance and meeting Denise's needs.

However, the Boggs allege that Home Depot and its affiliates breached the contract and discriminated against them based on their race and disabilities.

The lawsuit claims that the company failed to complete the agreed-upon improvements,

withheld necessary building supplies, and performed faulty work that violated local building codes.

Additionally, Home Depot allegedly misused grant funds for building materials to purchase unrelated tools.

The Boggs also claim that Home Depot employees informed them that work on their home would be delayed due to the return of Hasidic Jewish residents for the summer.

When the couple contacted Home Depot to address the ongoing issues, they said company officials told them to complete the work themselves, with Home Depot employees providing only minimal assistance.

The lawsuit asserts violations of the ADA, breach of contract, violations of the New York State Human Rights Law, and federal civil rights statutes.

The couple seeks compensatory and punitive damages, declaratory relief, attorney's fees,

and other appropriate relief.

Home Depot, which operates over 2,200 stores across the United States, including numerous locations in New York State, has yet to issue a public statement regarding the lawsuit.

Earlier this year, U.S. District Judge Philip M. Halpern rejected Home Depot's motion to dismiss the race and disability discrimination suit filed by the Boggs.

Judge Halpern ruled that the couple sufficiently proved that Home Depot employees had prioritized work for white, Hasidic Jewish residents, causing the abandonment of the Boggs' home renovation.

Halpern dismissed Home Depot's argument that the Boggs' did not have the right to enforce the renovation grant provided by the nonprofit Action Towards Independence Inc.

The judge also found that the Boggs' had a recognizable property interest in using their own

home and that Home Depot's alleged racial discrimination impacted their ability to utilize their property.

Halpern further ruled that Home Depot must face the couple's breach of contract claim due to the terms of the grant contract and the Boggs being third-party beneficiaries.

Additionally, Halpern rejected Home Depot's argument that the disability discrimination claim under the New York Human Rights Law should be dismissed, stating that the law applies when a place of public accommodation discriminates at a private residence.

"This is an elderly Black family in a predominately white and Hasidic Jewish neighborhood," said the couple's attorney, Onyuwoma W. Igbokwe.

"They obviously didn't have the financial capability to take care of their home. Home Depot was supposed to step in there and help them out."

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