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## Supreme Court

### Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson Sworn-in as First Black Woman on U.S. Supreme Court

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



Photo Credit (Supreme Court via AP)

Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson officially joined the U.S. Supreme Court, marking a historic first for an African American woman.

After receiving the

required two oaths – Chief Justice John Roberts administered the constitutional oath, and outgoing Justice Stephen Breyer, provided the judicial oath – Jackson joined a court in turmoil.

Protests have erupted with the recent overturning of Roe v. Wade, and other controversial decisions by the high court, including expanded gun rights at a time where the nation has

witnessed nearly a deadly mass shooting each day.

Judge Jackson’s ascent to the bench still provides hope, she remarked.

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### Mississippi Team Uncovers Arrest Warrant for White Woman Who Lied About Emmett Till

A warrant for the arrest of Carolyn Bryant Donham — identified as “Mrs. Roy Bryant” on the document — was discovered last week by searchers inside a file folder that had been placed in a box, Leflore County Circuit Clerk Elmus Stockstill told The Associated Press.

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AP Photo, File

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Stockstill told the outlet that documents are kept inside boxes by decade, but there was nothing else to indicate where the warrant, dated Aug. 29, 1955, might have been.

“They narrowed it down between the ‘50s and ‘60s and got lucky,” said Stockstill, who certified the warrant as genuine.

In March, President Joe Biden signed into law the Emmett Till Antilynching Act of 2022, which makes lynching a federal hate crime.

Earlier, the bipartisan measure passed both

A search team has found the unserved warrant charging a white woman in the 1955 kidnapping of Emmett Till.

The Associated Press reported that the team searched a Mississippi courthouse basement for evidence about the African American teenager’s lynching, and now relatives of the victim want authorities to finally arrest the woman nearly 70 years

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### Texans face skyrocketing home energy bills as the state exports more natural gas than ever

The cost of electricity in Texas is tightly tied to the price of natural gas, which has more than doubled since Russia invaded Ukraine in late February.

By MITCHELL FERMAN/ The Texas Tribune



A pumpjack next to a home in Gardendale. Texas is the nation’s top natural gas producer but the state has started exporting more of it to other countries, which contributes to rising utility costs for Texans.

Photo Credit: Eli Hartman for The Texas Tribune

Texans are seeing skyrocketing home electric bills this spring and summer, with many customers paying at least 50% more than they did for electric bills at this time last year.

And nobody seems to know when costs will go down.

“I am worried people are going to be shocked,” said John Ballenger, vice president at Texas retail electric provider Champion Energy. “Realizing this is 50 or 60 or 70% higher than what they had paid before, I’m just not sure it’s real to people yet. If it’s not, it will be very, very

soon when the bills hit this summer.”

Here’s what Texans need to know about why utility bills are getting more expensive:

What’s driving electricity and gas bills higher?

The elevated utility bills have primarily been driven

by the price of natural gas, which has shot up more than 200% since late February when Russia, a top gas-producing country, invaded Ukraine and upended the world’s energy market.

Since then, Texas, the

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### Gov. Greg Abbott’s lead over Beto O’Rourke narrows to 6 points, poll finds

BY CECILIA LENZEN/Photo Credit The Texas Tribune



Republican Gov. Greg Abbott’s lead over Democratic challenger Beto O’Rourke narrowed to 6 points last month, according to a poll conducted by the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas at Austin. That’s a smaller gap than when Republican George W. Bush ousted Democrat Ann Richards in 1994 with a 7.6-point win.

Abbott’s unfavorability ratings are also the highest they’ve ever been at 44%, according to the poll, which was conducted after the deadliest school shooting in state history and almost entirely before the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to an abortion.

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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## After Buffalo, civil rights leaders pitch anti-hate plans

By AARON MORRISON and KAT STAFFORD



FILE - People gather outside the scene of a shooting at a supermarket, in Buffalo, N.Y., on May 15, 2022. The NAACP, the nation's oldest civil rights organization said it will propose a sweeping plan meant to protect Black Americans from white supremacist violence, in response to a hate-fueled massacre that killed 10 Black people in Buffalo, New York last weekend. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke, File)

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's oldest civil rights organization said it will propose a sweeping plan meant to protect Black Americans from white supremacist violence in response to a hate-fueled massacre that killed 10 Black people in Buffalo, New York, last weekend.

In a plan first shared with The Associated Press, the NAACP suggests a policy approach to stopping future acts of anti-Black domestic terrorism that involves law enforcement, business regulation and gun control. The proposal points to measures that could be taken up immediately by the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission.

Specifically, the plan calls for holding accountable any corporation that is complicit in the spread of bigotry and racism through news media and on social platforms, for enacting gun violence prevention measures that keep mass-casualty weapons out of the hands of would-be assailants and for reforming police practices so Black Americans experi-

ence the same de-escalation tactics often used to peacefully apprehend murderous white supremacists.

Saturday's premeditated attack by an avowed racist on Black shoppers at the Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo made it clear that "democracy and white supremacy cannot co-exist," NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson said.

He is scheduled to meet with Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday, a spokesperson for the civil rights group said.

The NAACP revealed its proposal as Black leaders across the country fret about inaction on the part of elected leaders to prevent domestic terror attacks by white supremacists against Black Americans. From Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Birmingham, Alabama, to Charleston, South Carolina, and Charlottesville, Virginia, generations of Americans have not seen the rising death toll from such violence met with urgent legislation to prevent or reduce the threat.

The Ku Klux Klan bombing that killed four Black

girls at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham helped spur passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 — historic legislation that outlawed segregation. It did not address the Klan's violence.

Gruesome images of Alabama state troopers and white vigilantes brutally beating voting rights marchers in Selma spurred enactment of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 — landmark legislation that outlawed Black voter suppression. It did not address excessive uses of police force on peaceful demonstrators.

And it had been 67 years after the murder of Emmett Till, a black teen from Chicago who was kidnapped in Mississippi, lynched and dumped in a river after he was accused of whistling at a white woman, before Congress enacted an anti-lynching law. President Joe Biden signed the bill in late March, more than a year after using his inaugural speech to warn of the rise in white supremacist ideology and domestic terrorism.

"White supremacy is a

poison," Biden reiterated Tuesday during a visit to Buffalo. "We need to say as clearly and forcefully as we can that the ideology of white supremacy has no place in America."

As the coronavirus pandemic gave rise to anti-Asian hate crimes, Congress quickly enacted legislation that encourages reporting of such crimes. It also gave law enforcement more resources to handle increased reporting.

But now, in the wake of the white supremacist attack in Buffalo, Black civil rights advocates are wondering if they'll see the same haste from lawmakers on anti-Black hate crimes. The House passed legislation late Wednesday night that would bolster federal resources to prevent domestic terrorism in response to the mass shooting. Supporters of the House bill say it will help officials better track and respond to the growing threat of white extremist terrorism. But the bill still has to receive approval from the Senate.

"We need to know that our top leaders in America react and respond when we are hurt, too, like they acted and responded when others were hurt," said prominent civil rights attorney Ben Crump, who represents the family of 86-year-old Ruth Whitfield, the eldest victim to die in the Buffalo attack.

Andrea Boyles, an associate professor of sociology and Africana studies at Tulane University, said part of the Black experience in America is seeing racialized violence against Black communities treated as a non-urgent matter.

"The message of it all has consistently been that where there is hate towards Black people, there is least likely to be consequences," Boyles said. "We should be clear with elected officials, Black

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leading natural gas-producing state in the U.S., has not been able to keep offering its own residents cheap energy.

Since the war in Ukraine began, Texas has been exporting more natural gas than ever before, sending much of it to Europe as many countries try to wean themselves off Russian gas. Congress lifted a longtime ban on exporting U.S. oil and gas in 2015, which opened world markets to Texas oil and gas producers. "People are lining up around the world to get our product," said Todd Staples, president of the Texas Oil and Gas Association. But demand for natural gas

has also been growing at home as more people and businesses continue to flock to Texas. A hotter-than-normal spring and early summer also have driven demand for power to record-high levels. Most Texas power plants run on natural gas.

"We've seen Texas gas go over to Europe, which has then created a supply issue locally in the state of Texas," said Cory Kuchinsky, chief financial officer and treasurer for CPS Energy, San Antonio's municipal utility that provides energy to more than 1 million customers. "Our customers feel the real-time impact of changing fuel costs." The hike in utility bills

comes during difficult financial times for many Texans, who have also been facing high prices at grocery stores and the fuel pump due to growing inflation.

How long will Texans see higher utility bills? With the war in Ukraine dragging on and upending the world energy market, Texas electricity providers are cautioning customers that the high rates could linger for months or longer. The higher prices will, however, benefit some Texans. As a major gas producer, the state typically benefits from high oil and gas prices in the form of jobs and state taxes on oil and gas production. Cities located in the state's oil fields usually benefit even more.

"I grew up in Odessa in the middle of oil and gas, and there's always been this inverse relationship," said Carrie Collier-Brown, lawyer for the Alliance for Retail Markets, a trade group for Texas electric providers. "For folks out there, it's better for their economy when gas prices are high."

But despite the spike in demand, the oil and gas industry isn't seeing major production growth because of a backlog of orders for vital equipment due to supply chain issues stemming from the pandemic, said Garrett Golding, energy economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

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By Shelton Gibbs III

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 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.  
 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.  
 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.  
 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.  
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 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,  
 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.  
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 12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.  
 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.  
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“It is an honor of a lifetime to have this chance to join the court, to promote the rule of law at the highest level, and to do my part to carry out shared project of democracy and equal justice under law forward, into the future.”

The court’s new term begins in September and Jackson immediately will help decide momentous opinions like the federal government’s jurisdiction over wetlands; an Alabama voter suppression law, and affirmative action cases that challenge admission policies at the University of North Carolina and Harvard.

Jackson has stated she’ll recuse herself from the Harvard case because she served on the school’s board of overseers.

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and white, Democratic or Republican, that talking points can no longer be the trend.”

The NAACP’s policy proposal seeks systemic and institutional changes that look beyond just punishing racist domestic terrorists after they have carried out mass murder. The civil rights group takes to task Fox News, the cable news channel it accuses of using airtime “to sow bigotry and racism, create dissonance, spread misinformation, and promote conspiracy theories that continually encourage violence.”

It also namechecked Fox News host Tucker Carlson, who has openly discussed on air the baseless “great replacement” conspiracy theory cited by the Buffalo gunman. The conspiracy is a racist ideology, which has moved from white nationalist circles to mainstream, that says white people and their influence are being “replaced” by people of color.

The NAACP also called on advertisers, including

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ing out hatred, we are never going to have the type of society in which people are free to live and work without fear,” she said.

Across the civil rights community, Black activists echoed the NAACP’s call for action to address white supremacy and violence.

Amara Enyia, policy and research coordinator for Movement for Black Lives, said it’s important to acknowledge that the shooting in Buffalo was not an individual act of violence, but instead a symptom and evidence of a systemic problem that has grown significantly in recent years.

“These atrocities that are committed are systems, and they’re systems of a structural and systemic cancer,” Enyia said. “You have this person who is fueled by anti-Black racism and a society whose systems are built on anti-Black racism.

“When we understand that, it can’t come as a surprise that this person would act out in this way, because he reflects a certain worldview that unfortunately undergirded the various systems upon which this society was built. And those of us who are organizers, activists, we’ve been working to try to dismantle these systems because they’ve been harmful.”

Color of Change President Rashad Robinson noted that white supremacists and nationalists have access to wider audiences now and are able to spread hateful and dangerous rhetoric across various online platforms. Robinson has called for stricter regulation of social media platforms to prevent the proliferation of supremacist materials and ideologies.

“What we’re seeing right now, with the dominance of social media platforms, is an unchecked corporate infrastructure whose incentive structures demand a type of engagement that makes going down the rabbit hole of white supremacy way more likely,” Robinson said. “Until we actually have consequences on the 21st century, technological infrastructure, we will be a place where it’s going to be dragging us back to the 18th and 19th century.”

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## Day Weather Forecast for DFW

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### White House: Biden has read Griner letter pleading for help

By DOUG FEINBERG



WNBA star and two-time Olympic gold medalist Brittney Griner is escorted to a courtroom for a hearing, in Khimki just outside Moscow, Russia, Friday, July 1, 2022. (AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko)

Brittney Griner's appeal to President Joe Biden in a handwritten letter continued to garner reaction Tuesday after the WNBA All-Star acknowledged she feared never returning home and asked Biden not "forget about me and the other American Detainees."

Griner's letter was delivered through her representatives to the White House on Monday and officials say the president has read it. However Griner's wife, Cherelle, said Tuesday on a morning talk show that she hadn't heard from Biden.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre was asked repeatedly about Griner on Tuesday during the regular briefing. She said Biden read the letter, but she did not detail his reaction.

"This is very personal to him."

Jean-Pierre did not say whether there were plans for Biden to speak with Griner's family, but did say that National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken both spoke to Griner's wife recently.

Jean-Pierre said Biden wanted to get Griner and other Americans home.

"We are going to use every tool we possibly can to make that happen," Jean-Pierre said.

Griner is in the midst of a trial in Russia that began last week after she was arrested on Feb. 17 on charges of possessing cannabis oil while returning to play for her Russian team. The trial will resume Thursday.

Fewer than 1% of defendants in Russian criminal cases are acquitted, and unlike in U.S. courts, acquittals can be over-

turned. Griner's representatives Monday shared a few excerpts from her letter to the president.

"...As I sit here in a Russian prison, alone with my thoughts and without the protection of my wife, family, friends, Olympic jersey, or any accomplishments, I'm terrified I might be here forever," Griner wrote.

"On the 4th of July, our family normally honors the service of those who fought for our freedom, including my father who is a Vietnam War Veteran," the Phoenix Mercury center added. "It hurts thinking about how I usually celebrate this day because freedom means something completely different to me this year."

Cherelle Griner was disappointed not to have any direct communication with the White House since the letter was delivered.

"I still have not heard from him and honestly, it's very disheartening," Cherelle Griner said on CBS Mornings.

Cherelle Griner said for Brittney to reach out directly to Biden is an indication of just how afraid her wife is about what's next.

"BG is probably the strongest person that I know. So she doesn't say words like that lightly," Cherelle said. "That means she truly is terrified that she may never see us again. And you know I share those same sentiments. ... I'm sure she was like, 'I'm gonna write him now because ... my family has tried and to no avail. So I'm going to do it myself.'"

Griner pleaded with Biden in the letter to use his powers to ensure her return. "Please do all you can to

bring us home. I voted for the first time in 2020 and I voted for you. I believe in you. I still have so much good to do with my freedom that you can help restore," Griner said "I miss my wife! I miss my family! I miss my teammates! It kills me to know they are suffering so much right now. I am grateful for whatever you can do at this moment to get me home."

Griner has been able to have sporadic communications with family, friends and WNBA players through an email account her agent set up. The emails are printed out and delivered in bunches to Griner by her lawyer after they are vetted by Russian officials. Once the lawyers get back to their office, they'll scan any responses from Griner and pass them back to the U.S. to send along.

She was supposed to have a phone call with her wife on their anniversary but it failed because of an "unfortunate mistake," Biden administration officials.

Griner's supporters have encouraged a prisoner swap like the one in April that brought home Marine veteran Trevor Reed in exchange for a Russian pilot convicted of drug trafficking conspiracy. The State Department in May designated her as wrongfully detained, moving her case under the supervision of its special presidential envoy for hostage affairs, effectively the government's chief hostage negotiator.

Griner isn't the only American being wrongfully detained in Russia. Paul Whelan, a former Marine and security director is serving a 16-year sentence on an espionage conviction.

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Jim Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project, said the mass shooting in Uvalde and scrutiny over how it was handled could have contributed to Abbott's increased unfavorability, but it's hard to say how much exactly.

The political poll did not include specific questions related to the shooting in Uvalde, but it did ask participants to rate Abbott's performance on handling gun violence. About 36% of participants said they approve of how the governor has handled this issue, while 45% said they disapprove.

The mass shooting in Uvalde and the overturning of Roe v. Wade have laid the groundwork for a contentious final four months in the race to lead the state. While O'Rourke works to harness the anti-incumbent energy spurred by the seis-

mic events of the past few months, Abbott is banking on a general election centered on stronger issues for him: the economy and the border.

Mounting expectations over how the Supreme Court would rule on abortion access could be another factor that contributed to Abbott's weakened ratings, Henson said. Although the poll ended the same day Roe v. Wade was overturned, it included questions about abortion access that show how voters feel regarding the issue. About 36% of participants said they approve of how Abbott has handled policies related to abortion access, and 46% said they disapprove.

Now that Roe v. Wade has been overturned and Texas is poised to completely outlaw abortion access, it will likely be a pivotal topic in the upcoming months, Henson said.

"If we look back at the half dozen times we've asked the standard abortion questions since 2014, no more than a quarter of Republicans have ever said that by law abortion should never be permitted," he said.

Voters will see that reality reflected in how Abbott and O'Rourke discuss abortion access in the upcoming months, he said.

Despite the ratings, Abbott carries most of the advantages in the race: His campaign is well funded for a midterm election that is expected to favor Republicans across the country.

*"This story has been edited for length."*

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"There's also a shortage of labor across most of the oilfield services," Golding said, noting that companies are trying to hire aggressively. "But we've seen it for several quarters now: It is a struggle to get qualified people into the positions (companies) want right now."

Is the price of natural gas the only cause?

While they agree the price of natural gas is the primary driver behind Texas utility bills, energy experts say there are other factors at play.

The state's main power grid operator, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, has been managing the grid more cautiously since last February, when millions of people were without power for days in subfreezing temperatures after a combination of cold weather across the state and skyrocketing demand for energy shut down

power plants as well as the natural gas facilities that supply them with fuel. Hundreds of people died.

Public Utility Commission chair Peter Lake, appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott after the winter storm to lead the agency in charge of ERCOT, has said the grid operator is no longer prioritizing providing Texans cheap power. Instead, Lake said, its main focus is the grid's reliability, especially during extreme hot or cold weather. But that has a price.

"Conservative operations add costs," said Cathy Webking, a longtime Texas energy lawyer.

ERCOT's new approach to operating the grid means asking power plants to be online and available in case they're needed, and that means paying generators a prescribed price to operate no matter what happens. Before the 2021 winter storm, power plants ramped up or went offline based on market demand.

Golding, with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said Texans are paying for last year's grid disaster — and will for years. Texas lawmakers last year approved roughly \$7 billion in ratepayer-backed bonds to deal with the financial fallout from the storm. Some electricity utilities were strapped with billions in new debt after paying exorbitant prices for electricity set by ERCOT during the storm — the high prices were an incentive for power plants to provide more electricity — and the debt drove some utilities into bankruptcy.

"On everybody's bill, there are also these surcharges for paying for what happened in 2021," Golding said.

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## Greenville Avenue ~ People in the Church, Gifted by the Holy Spirit

passage. Their gifts were displayed through their works of teaching, preaching, organizing, greeting, discernment, design, outreach, ministering, and more. So many gifted individuals, men and women, brought these talents into the body and the fruitfulness of their diligent usage displays itself in the programming and efficiency of the Body of Christ at Greenville Avenue.

I also think of 1 Corinthians 12:18-20.

**1 Corinthians 12:18-20 (NIV2011)**

18But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

19If they were all one part, where would the body be?

20As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

Each individual contributed a unique talent and

need to the body, which allowed the church to function as a whole that glorified God. I'm grateful for the role played by each person who discovered, in humility; how to work in tandem to lift His name. Furthermore,

**1 Corinthians 12:24-26 (NIV2011)**

24while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

25so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

26If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Over the years, ALL talents were used, and ALL were necessary. They were ALL equal and continue to

be equivalent. As a body, we suffer together, have concern for one another, and rejoice with one another.

I realize this benefit and am incredibly grateful that the saints at Greenville Avenue functioned in this way. My prayer going forward is, as God through the Holy Spirit has done throughout history, He continues to bless His people with gifts to glorify Him and bring lost humanity into fellowship with Him in the BODY OF CHRIST, the CHURCH OF CHRIST.

For 63 years, He has used this church to fulfill His purpose in the world, and many of you have let Him use you for 40+ years. We thank you all for letting Him use you.

We have come this far by FAITH, by RECEIVING from HIM, and by LEANING ON HIM! Thanks for LEANING on Him! Continue to do so!

## GACC Salutes Ramond & Linda Hart



Who wants a prize?" Hamilton Park/Greenville Avenue Church of Christ certainly received

the winning prize through the works of Raymond and Linda Hart. No one can build excitement and anticipation for Vacation Bible School the way he can. People eagerly wait

for the annual event just to hear him say those words. Their quiet mannerisms, coupled with their vigorous work behind the scenes catapults this couple to the most wanted workers list. He currently serves as chairman of the board of directors for the

Greenville Avenue Church of Christ Child Development Center and also, for Christian Works for Children. The remarkable couple has been married 49 years. Realtor, notary, author, artist, teacher, trainer, prolific reader, innovator, the patter of many backs, and spotter of talent at 100 paces, your luminosity is the stuff of legend. They are a truly hard workers in the Kingdom and Hamilton Park/Greenville Avenue is elated to stand on their shoulders.

**Raymond**

- 1st Education Department Director, serving for 38 years
- First group of Deacons at HPCC/GACC, Ordained in 1987
- Co-Founder, Youth for Christ, current Elder

**Linda**

- Teacher and Vacation Bible School administrator
- Sensational women, always providing extraordinary support behind the scenes
- Youth Conference chaperone and LBC childcare

**Tribute from Shelton and Jeanette Gibbs**

It is an accomplishment to have 40-plus years of service to this congregation. You have served with distinction and faithfulness as a Youth Minister, Education Department Director, Deacon, and now an Elder. You have poured your life, talents, and excellent example into the success of the 63 years of the Hamilton Park/Greenville Avenue Church of Christ's existence.

## Dallas teens can get free passes to parks and museums during July

By Teresa Gubbins



How much you want to bet that this Bahama Beach Waterpark is one of the most popular. - Courtesy Photo -

The city of Dallas is opening its parks to Dallas teens for free. According to a release, the city is bringing back its Teen All Access Pass, issued by the Dallas Park and Recreation Department, allowing teens to visit iconic cultural and recreational attractions for free.

The Teen All Access Pass provides complimentary admission in July for ages 13-17 and up to three friends or family members at 12 museums, nature & botanical gardens, outdoor entertainment venues, and leisure facilities.

The pass highlights Dallas Park and Recreation's observance of Park and Recreation Month in July, part of a national awareness of the importance of parks and public recreation.

This is the second year for the Teen All Access Park, which was a rousing success in 2021, when Dallas Park and Recreation year joined with select attractions and venues to issue 7,066 passes to teens and their companions that resulted in 14,279 free admissions:

- Bahama Beach Waterpark
- City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture

- Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden
- Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum
- Dallas Public Library
- Dallas Zoo
- Shakespeare Dallas
- Southern Skates Roller Rink
- Trinity River Audubon Center

This year, three new organizations are offering complimentary admission: the African American Museum at Fair Park, Golf Dallas, and Perot Museum of Nature and Science.

The city is partnered with Amazon, which a company spokesperson says is proud to provide Dallas teens with free access to fun, safe and enriching summer activities.

Park officials will make 10,000 Teen All Access passes available only to Dallas residents on a first-come, first-served basis. Starting June 27, teens can sign up and receive a pass at a City of Dallas recreation center although the pass will not be activated and ready for use until July 1. Pass details and recreation center locations are at DallasParks.org.

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## Mississippi Team Uncovers Arrest Warrant for White Woman Who Lied About Emmett Till

chambers of Congress.

Named after Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African American savagely murdered by a group of white men in Mississippi, the legislation received push back from three Republicans – Andrew Clyde of Georgia, Thomas Massie of Kentucky, and Chip Roy of Texas.

Each were the lone votes against the bill.

Emmett Till's murder sparked the civil rights movement which ultimately led to bills like the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other social justice laws.

"I could not have been prouder to stand behind President Biden as he signed the Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act into law," National Urban League President Marc Morial stated.

"The act of lynching is a weapon of racial terror that has been used for decades, and our communities are still impacted by these hate crimes to this day," Morial continued.

"This bill is long overdue, and I applaud President Biden and Members of Congress for their leadership in honoring Emmett Till and other lynching victims by passing this significant piece of legislation."

According to the bill's text, "Whoever conspires to commit any offense ... shall (A) if death results from the offense, be imprisoned for any term of years or for life." "(B) In any other case, be subjected to the same penalties as the penalties pre-

scribed for the offense of the commission of which was the object of the conspiracy."

Specifically, the legislation makes lynching a federal hate crime, punishable by up to life in prison.

The measure had faced defeat for more than 100 years, with lawmakers attempting to pass the legislation more than 200 times. The House finally passed the bill on a 422-3 vote.

It passed unanimously in the Senate.

The Mississippi search group included members of the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation and two Till relatives: cousin Deborah Watts, head of the foundation; and her daughter, Teri Watts, the Associated Press reported.

Further, the report stated that relatives want authorities to use the warrant to arrest Donham, who at the time of the slaying was married to one of two white men tried and acquitted just weeks after Till was abducted from a relative's home, killed and dumped into a river.

"Serve it and charge her," Teri Watts told the AP in an interview.

Keith Beauchamp, whose documentary film "The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till" preceded a renewed Justice Department probe that ended without charges in 2007, was also part of the search.

He said there's enough new evidence to prosecute Donham.

Donham set off the case in August 1955 by accusing the 14-year-old Till of making improper advances at a family store in Money, Mississippi.

A cousin of Till who was there has said Till whistled at the woman, an act that flew in the face of Mississippi's racist social codes of the era.

Evidence indicates a woman, possibly Donham, identified Till to the men who later killed him. The arrest warrant against Donham was publicized at the time, but the Leflore County sheriff told reporters he did not want to "bother" the woman since she had two young children to care for, the outlet continued.

Now in her 80s and most recently living in North Carolina, Donham has not commented publicly on calls for her prosecution. But Teri Watts said the Till family believes the warrant accusing Donham of kidnapping amounts to new evidence.

"This is what the state of Mississippi needs to go ahead," she said.

District Attorney Dwayne Richardson, whose office would prosecute a case, declined comment on the warrant but cited a December report about the Till case from the Justice Department, which said no prosecution was possible.

Contacted by the AP on Wednesday, Leflore County Sheriff Ricky Banks said: "This is the first time I've known about a warrant."