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~ Maya Angelou ~



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From Bryan Adams to STEM scholar Che'la W's story

BY ANASTASIA REED / Photo Credit: The HUB



When Che'la W. walks across the stage to signify the culmination of high school, she'll be standing next to her twin brother as she has done for many milestones in life. But this moment will be different. After high school, Che'la and her twin will go their separate ways as she leaves Dallas to attend Texas

Christian University on a full-ride scholarship. "I feel like the moment will hit me when I'm on stage. My life is changing, so is his, and we won't be together for much longer," she said. Earlier this year, Che'la was awarded a STEM scholarship from TCU. Being awarded this scholarship is a

moment in life she has yearned for: to be seen. The STEM Scholar program is one of TCU's most ambitious programs and provides academic support and leadership development to students from underrepresented populations. "The scholarship is for
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From North Dallas to Stanford Janet R.'s story

BY SEBASTIÁN SAUCEDO / Photo Credit: The HUB

The email caused North Dallas High School's Janet R. to scream so loud everyone in Starbucks wondered if she was okay. Earlier that afternoon, Janet had felt very discouraged after being rejected by one of the colleges she had applied to. Now, before her eyes appeared a message from Stanford University:

"Congratulations, you've been accepted." "I applied to 45 schools or something like that, and I've been accepted to 41. However, this was the one that I was most excited about," she said. "Getting accepted to Stanford University and later receiving the news that I got a full ride reaffirms my hard

work. It was just a beautiful moment." Janet arrived in the U.S. from Mexico four years ago as an unaccompanied minor. Her original goal was to work for a while, make some money and then go back home. However, having no previous education,
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Grad Goals: From SOC to Longhorn Nation! Meet Tania A., South Oak Cliff High School's Class of 2023 Valedictorian. She's a student-athlete and making it to the Olympics someday is just one of her future goals. visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=he6Hu4qEeU4> for more information. Congrats, Tania!

From SOC to Longhorn Nation Tania A's story

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From W.T. White to West Point Hamersen B.'s story

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Before Hamersen B. moved from Ethiopia to Dallas at 14 years old, his typical day consisted of riding around his village on a bicycle, going to school, and teaching other kids how to ride a bike to earn lunch money. Today, he is a graduating senior at W.T. White High School, looking forward to a bright future of someday becoming a surgeon and traveling the

world. Hamersen always dreamed about accomplishing big things, but he wasn't sure what his path would look like until he met his Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) teacher, Major Nebyou Yonas. Through his instructor's encouragement and guidance, Hamersen was led to accept an offer to attend the U.S. Military Academy

at West Point as a biology/pre-med major. "It completely changed my future. I never thought I would be in the military. I never had any idea what I was going to do in this country, to be honest. It was so hard. I was just focused on learning English. I did not plan to even apply to college, but the reason I joined
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EDITORIAL PAGE

Governor Ron DeSantis Announced His Presidential Bid On Twitter Were You Impressed?

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.



Dr. James Ewers

Everyone is looking for the next big thing. Some would say we are trying to out do each other. In some respects, we probably are. Using the media these days has created this competitive spirit no matter your field or profession. There are no limits or boundaries as to what people might do or say. Politicians have become media masters. They are astute at creating their own narratives regardless of the questions they may be asked. The presidential election will be held next year and many of the candidates have already announced their intentions. We know who they are.

The latest candidate to announce that he wants to be our president is Governor Ron DeSantis of Florida. He had an announcement that caused a bit of a stir. This is

my opinion. He made his announcement on Twitter. The build-up and anticipation made for great headlines as he has been a candidate in waiting for several months. Last Wednesday, he made the much-ballyhooed proclamation however Twitter had some technical difficulties, so the full impact was not felt. His temporary fame turned into temporary shame.

Democrats and his fellow Republicans gave him a less than glowing report about what they saw. I suspect DeSantis himself was less than thrilled about the proceedings. While I am sure there was a bit of dismay, he would never admit it. Would you? Has Ron DeSantis joined forces with Twitter CEO, Elon Musk? If so, that partnership didn't get off to a great start.

The governor said in his uneven remarks that "American decline is not inevitable, it is choice. And we should choose a new direction, a path that will lead to American revitalization." Many Americans regardless of politics see the troubles Governor DeSantis is

having in his home state of Florida. For example, the Disney company has been in a squabble with him for some months now and it doesn't seem to be getting any better. Disney had some expansion plans that were in the works and going forward. However, they have stopped them amid DeSantis' putting up legislative roadblocks along the way.

My advice to Mr. DeSantis, now a presidential candidate, is that Mickey Mouse isn't just any mouse, and he is going to lose that battle. The state benefits greatly from having Disney World there. The NAACP has issued a travel advisory in Florida. In essence, traveling there as African Americans is dangerous because the state doesn't consider our contributions and history as important.

NAACP President and CEO, Derrick Johnson said, "Under the leadership of Governor DeSantis, the state of Florida has become hostile to Black Americans and in direct conflict with democratic ideals that our union was founded upon. We're not backing down and we encourage our allies to join

us in the battle for the soul of our nation."

Governor DeSantis wants to dismantle multi-cultural programs in colleges and universities. He wants to take out books in libraries having anything to do with the history of Black people and slavery in this country. Teachers, students, librarians and citizens are protesting these educational assaults on our heritage. It is my thinking that these protests will not stop.

His decisions will hurt the state in its efforts to attract new businesses and tourists to the Sunshine state. Ron DeSantis is trying to get America's house in order when his own house called Florida is in disarray. The governor has some problems that are not easily fixable.

The former president, Donald Trump is watching all of this unfold. He still has a double-digit lead in the polls and appears that he is the clear front runner for the GOP.

With his presidential announcement drawing mixed reviews and his problems in Florida, Ron DeSantis is facing an uphill climb. He is starting at the bottom.

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ROTC was the instructor. He is Ethiopian too, so it was nice to have someone who can speak your own language." Hamersen's personal connection with Major Yonas was an unexpected one, but it gave him insight to a potential career path he had not yet imagined. He quickly learned that he and his teacher grew up in the same village and even learned how to swim in the same lake. They also immigrated to America at the same age. After hearing what they had in common, Hamersen was convinced he could accomplish his goals. "I always wanted to have an adventurous future, an adventurous life. [Major Yonas] literally traveled

everywhere around the world. I want to be like that, too," Hamersen said. A new life, 9,000 miles away When he first moved to Dallas, Hamersen only spoke Afaan Oromoo and Amharic, but he perfected his English by watching the television show "Friends." In just two years, he had learned the language but still felt nervous about speaking in English to others. Starting as a seventh grader, he advanced to ninth grade in one year's time, having spent only two months as an eighth grader because of his progress. Yet, he said, "I was like the most silent kid ever. I didn't talk." In high school, he found his way. Joining ROTC helped him feel connected and purposeful. He became more

disciplined and committed, knowing that his participation in the corps would bring him closer to his future goals. He also plays soccer and track at his school. "There are different types of people here, I can actually learn about a lot of cultures at just one school. I can learn about Hispanic culture and American culture in general. I have diverse friends, so that's one of the best things that happened to me. Now, I can actually understand some Spanish." Paving the way to success During the pandemic, Hamersen researched several military academies and decided to follow the medical route to become a surgeon because he enjoys working with his hands. And his chosen field hits close to home: His father is

a director of environmental science at a major hospital in Ethiopia and his mother works in a pharmacy. Being a surgeon is not his only goal. Although there are good surgeons where he comes from, Hamersen said, Ethiopia and some other African countries could benefit from better medical equipment. He would like to work hard and invest his money in new, advanced technology to improve their medical system. "My main thing is I'm planning for my future," he says of his career path. "I had this 30- or 40-year plan that I made with my mom. So, hopefully, I can accomplish my goals. Second thing is, I want to have that adventurous future, so I'm ready to risk it all."

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PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS

PAUL'S AFFIRMATION OF HIS APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY

GALATIANS 2:1-21



By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

In Chapter 1, the grand Apostle Paul had vigorously affirmed his position as the Apostle of Jesus Christ. He stated that the Gospel he preached did not originate from man but came from God. Both his message and call came directly from God, the highest of all authorities. Having taught the Galatian believers the genuine Gospel of the Grace of God, Paul was deeply astonished that the Galatian believers had defected from the true Gospel of Grace to retreat to "another gospel," which was a mixture of faith and works, of faith and law, taught by some false teachers (the Judaizers). Paul also taught that the Gospel that he preached is essential for salvation, and sufficient for guidance in holy living.

Having defended the source and origin of the Gospel message that he preached, Paul also reported about a brief visit to Jerusalem some fourteen years after his conversion. The text in Galatians 2:1-21 may be outlined as follows: I. Paul's Apostolic Authority Accepted—Galatians 2:1-10; II. Paul Confronts Peter—Galatians 2:11-21.

I. Paul's Apostolic Authority Accepted—Galatians 2:1-10

In Chapter 2:1 Paul relates about a brief trip he made to Jerusalem in which he took Barnabas, a Jewish believer, and Titus, a

Gentile believer. Paul made the trip to Jerusalem some fourteen years after his conversion. This trip made to Jerusalem may refer to the famine visit to relieve the impoverished saints of Judea (Acts 11:27-30) or to the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-30). Paul went to Jerusalem because God directed him to, not because the Jerusalem leaders had summoned him.

Paul took advantage during the trip to consult with other apostles privately concerning the message he preached to the Gentiles. Paul did not seek the approval of the Jerusalem leaders as to the truthfulness or accuracy of the Gospel, for Paul received the Gospel from God by revelation. Moreover, if the Jerusalem leaders insisted on circumcision and other requirements of the Law for Gentile converts, Paul's labor (running) among the Gentiles was in vain. Paul was gravely concerned that his labor among the Gentiles might be hindered by the Judaizers.

In verses 3-5, Paul brought Titus on this trip to Jerusalem as a test case. Paul brought Titus as test case to ascertain if the Jerusalem Apostles would force the rite of circumcision on a Gentile believer. The law issue was raised by some "false brothers" who "infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Jesus Christ. But there was no retreat from grace. In

fact, the Jewish Apostles and elders added nothing to Paul's Gospel. Instead, they affirmed Paul as an Apostle to the Gentiles (vv. 6-8)

Paul related that "James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars" recognized the grace given Paul, and "gave Paul and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship" (v. 9). Paul revealed that the Jerusalem leadership only asked that the Gentile churches remember to make contributions for the poor (v. 10).

II. Paul Confronts Peter—Galatians 2:11-21

In verse 11, the location where Paul would confront Peter was in Antioch, Syria. This was the location of the church that had sent out Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey (Acts 13:1-3), and it was Paul's base of operations for several years. Peter, an eminent Apostle, was not above sin. Sometimes a face-to-face confrontation is necessary, and this was such an occasion (Matthew 18:15-17).

The confrontation was prompted by certain Jewish brethren who were sent by James, a leader of the Jerusalem church, to Antioch. However, prior to the arrival of these Jewish brethren from Jerusalem, Peter ate with Gentiles. When those of the circumcision faction arrived, Peter stopped having any social contact with the Gentile

believers. In an effort to try to please his Jewish brethren, Peter ostracized himself from his Gentile brothers. Peter's hypocritical action had a major influence on other fellow Jews, as well as, Barnabas. Prejudice, a harmful sin, is clearly being taught by Peter in his behavior (Galatians 2:12-13).

In verse 14, while it may not have been clear to all present, it was apparent to Paul that Peter and those who followed him were not living "according to the truth of the gospel." The Gospel message is to be taken to the whole world (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16) and is for all people. Separating ourselves from other believers on the basis of race, nationality, culture, or other externals is a denial of what the Gospel is all about (Galatians 3:26-29). Peter's action revealed that he was greatly influenced by his Jewish brethren; because prior to their visit, he had social contact with the Gentile brethren!

Peter, noted for his impetuous behavior, knew that he was not carrying out the truth of the Gospel. For instance, on the day of Pentecost, it was Peter who proclaimed that the promise of forgiveness and the Holy Spirit was for "all that are afar off": (Acts 2:39), a reference to Gentiles. Moreover, it was Peter who was chosen to take the Gospel to the Gentiles

(Acts 10:1-11:18). When he was questioned concerning his social contact with them (Acts 11:2-3), he ably defended his actions. Thus, he convinced his Jewish brethren on that occasion that the Gospel was for Gentiles as well (Acts 11:8). It was awfully strange that Peter's action would revert to Jewish legalism!

Galatians 2:15 makes a major transition in the book of Galatians, moving from the biographical section to the doctrinal section. Paul's reference to "Jews by nature" in verse 15 means natural-born Jews like Peter and Paul. "Sinners of the Gentiles" was a way in which Jews referred to those who were not a part of the Jewish faith. In Galatians 2:16, Paul declared that no one can be "justified" (declared not guilty) by keeping the Mosaic Law. Paul wanted the Judaizers and those who were listening to them to clearly understand what he was saying: Salvation is by faith, not by works!

In verse 17, many people might object to the doctrine of Justification by faith alone, claiming that such a position led to loose living. However, Paul uttered: If we claim to have been justified by Christ and are still found to be living in sin, "is therefore Christ the minister of sin?" Paul answered this question with a resounding "God forbid." Paul stated in verse 18 that

for him to go back and live a life of sin under the law would be to "build again the things which he destroyed "and become a transgressor." "To transgress" means "to over-step proper boundaries." Justification by faith should lead people to sin less, not more.

In verse 19, Paul was "dead to the law," which means that the law ceased to have control over him. Paul died to the law so that he could "live unto God." In verse 20, although Paul was dead to the law and sin, Paul was alive through Christ, who now lived in him through the power of the Holy Spirit. The spiritual life that he possessed was not his own; it came from Christ. Not only was he saved by faith, but now he also lived by faith. The self-righteous, self-centered Saul died. Further, death with Christ ended Paul's enthronement of self; he yielded the throne of his life to Another, to Christ.

Finally, when Paul said, "I do not frustrate the grace of God" (v. 21), he meant that he would do nothing to keep God's grace from producing the effects for which it was designed. Trying to be justified by the law frustrates God's grace. If we could save ourselves by our own merits or good works, then we would need no Saviour. Moreover, Christ would have died in vain.

May God Bless!

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underrepresented people in the STEM field, but I feel underrepresented in a different sense," Che'la expressed. "I participate in a lot of activities and I work really hard, but colleges don't acknowledge that. TCU did."

Che'la applied and was accepted to numerous universities, but didn't receive the financial assistance she knew she deserved. TCU's STEM Scholar Program offers a full four-year scholarship.

The ability to stand on her own in this new chapter of her life is due, in part, to the strong educational foundation she earned at Bryan Adams High School Leadership Academy. Throughout her four years in high school, Che'la was a member of more than a dozen student activities. She participated in the dance team, track, choir, creative writing club, and the National Honor Society. Che'la credits her success at

Bryan Adams to the unwavering support of her teachers, particularly Daniel Forsythe.

"While I've never had the honor of teaching Che'la in class, I've been privileged to see her excel at every point of her academic journey here at BA," Forsythe said. He met Che'la during her freshman orientation. "The tiniest person in the room had the biggest personality. She helped break the ice and got everyone talking. I was so grateful for her."

Her helping spirit is something Che'la continues to express. Forsythe recalled a recent interaction when Che'la reminded him of who she is at her core. "Recently, she volunteered as a tutor for sophomores who were about to take the English II STAAR test. She sat with a small group of students and helped them perfect their reading analysis strategies. Just like that first day back in 2019, Che'la set others at ease and paved the way

for the success of those around her."

Her passion for helping people and her innate empathy drove her to choose psychology as her field of study in college. She envisions herself becoming a therapist, providing support to individuals dealing with anxiety and other challenges.

Looking back on her high school experience, Che'la cherishes the relationships she formed with her teachers and fellow students at Bryan Adams. She fondly recalls the sense of belonging and support she felt within her school community, emphasizing the importance of these connections.

As she prepares to leave high school and embark on her college journey, she anticipates the opportunities ahead. While she acknowledges the bitter-sweet feeling of leaving behind familiarity, she is excited to stand on her own in this next chapter of life, ready to make a difference in the world.

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not speaking English, and facing housing and food insecurity, she soon realized how much the odds were against her.

"I came here not to study but to work. I wasn't raised in an environment where school was important. The only thing I knew how to do was to work, to clean," she said. "But I soon realized I didn't know the basic stuff you need to know to have a decent job."

Finding a safe place

To catch up on those basic skills, Janet knew she needed to attend school, so she entered Dallas ISD, first at Thomas Jefferson High School and then at North Dallas High School. "It has been the most beautiful and the most frustrating thing to this day. It was scary because it was a lot of work," she admits.

When things got very challenging between school and her living situation—which sometimes included finding a place to sleep inside the campus—Janet

considered dropping out of school and returning to Mexico or going to foster care. It was at this moment that she found a school community that believed in her and was determined to go above and beyond to help her succeed.

"While I was homeless, the school became my safe place. I saw in school and the classroom somewhere where I could just be myself," she recalls. "I remember that one of my teachers, Willie Ruiz said, 'This kid is not going anywhere but school.'"

When her teachers realized she didn't have a place she could call home, many of them offered her a place to stay, provided her with essentials, and effectively became her family and support. Eventually, she settled down with two Dallas ISD educators she affectionately now refers to as her parents, Paige Zumberge and Erika Vigil.

"We believe in offering every kid an opportunity to grow," said Ms. Vigil, now assistant principal at Thomas

Jefferson High School. "Janet has grown so much in these few years, from being a quiet kid to whom school wasn't a priority to being someone who is not afraid to take risks and branch out."

Growing and thriving

From there on, she began a process of personal and academic growth that has been noticed by her teachers and peers. Her teachers at North Dallas High School highlight her commitment to exceptional academic performance and her participation in a wide range of extracurricular activities, including being president of the Student Council and a member of the school's softball team.

Bernardo Velez, AP English Language and Literature teacher at North Dallas High School, recalls that despite being new to the school, the country, and the English language, Janet took responsibility for her learning and sought regular feedback from her teachers to ensure she was meeting—and

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Quinn Minute Aunts, uncles, and cousins

By Rix Quinn

My friend Mel just got back from an uncle's funeral, where he met family members he did not know he had. Personally, I've met more relatives at funerals than I have at weddings... but maybe it's because weddings require an invitation. Last month, my uncle told me that my third cousin had died. No, two cousins didn't die before her. She was my third cousin because our great-grandmothers were sisters.

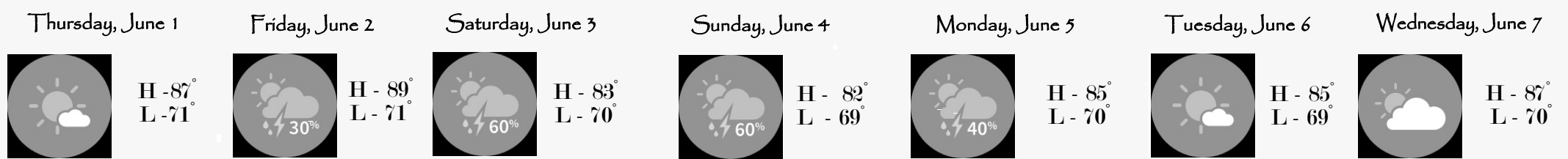
Confusing, huh? The word "removed" just means a different generation. So, my first cousin's children would be my first cousins once-removed. I had not met the deceased, but her obituary photo looked just like my uncle...but without the beard. But I went to her memorial service so I could mingle with familiar relatives, plus meet new ones. As one of my buddies says, "You need to know cousins in

several states, so you can travel cross-country for free." The deceased cousin was 97, and she had lived a busy life. She'd been married four times, each one an upgrade from her prior spouse. At one time she'd also been a softball umpire. Maybe that's why she married so much. When a husband disputed her decision, she just called him "out." Since the funeral was at the grave site, attendees

then walked to a nearby large tent for a reception. I've never seen so many familiar-looking folks whose names I didn't know. I talked to several second cousins, third cousins, and even one old guy who looked like he'd wandered over because he smelled coffee. After the event, I remembered what an old friend told me: "Any time an event serves food outdoors, you'll see lots of aunts."

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New Hampshire city recognized for historic role in racially integrating baseball in the 1940s

By MICHAEL CASEY



A mural honors Nashua Dodgers greats Don Newcombe and Roy Campanella, Tuesday, May 23, 2023, in Nashua, N.H. Holman Stadium in Nashua. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — The conversation around racial integration in baseball often revolves around Jackie Robinson, who broke the major league color barrier in 1947 with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

But a year earlier, history was being made in the city of Nashua, New Hampshire. It was here that Hall of Fame catcher Roy Campanella and Cy Young Award-winning pitcher Don Newcombe would join the Nashua Dodgers, making the minor league club the first racially integrated baseball team in the United States.

They played at the 86-year-old Holman Stadium, which celebrated their achievements Tuesday night by adding the venue to a stop on the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire. A marker was unveiled before

the Nashua Silver Knights game. The team plays in the Futures League.

Already, the 2,825-seat stadium serves as a shrine of sorts to the players. Visitors are greeted with banners of the players at the entrance, and access streets leading to the venue have been named in their honor. Their Dodgers numbers — 36 for Newcombe, 39 for Campanella and 42 for Robinson — adorn the outfield brick wall.

“They hit a home run with Nashua,” said Mark Langill, the team historian for the Los Angeles Dodgers. “It worked out and it was really the launching point to a new chapter, a new era in baseball. “The two players obviously had the ability. They not only needed the chance but they needed the setting to play

the game like everyone before them.”

Campanella and Newcombe were part of a plan by Branch Rickey, the team president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, to break baseball’s color barrier. While Robinson was playing for a Triple-A Dodger affiliate in Montreal in 1946, Rickey sent Campanella and Newcombe to a Class B Nashua farm team after being told they wouldn’t be welcome in a Midwest league because they were Black. Both were signed from the Negro Leagues.

Nashua, an industrial city known for its foundries and textile mills, proved welcoming to the two budding stars. Newcombe would later say they did face abuse from some opposing teams.

Lured by the numerous factories, workers from

around the globe had settled in Nashua including French-Canadian, Jewish and Irish families. Newcombe recalled he was given his first car by a dealership in Nashua and that he lived with a white family while he was there.

“Don always had very, very good things to say about playing in Nashua,” said Karen Newcombe, Don Newcombe’s widow who will be at the ceremony Tuesday.

“Nashua has held a special place in Don’s heart, always,” she said. “While people of color were facing so many hardships all over the country in 1946, Don considered his experience in Nashua to be a positive one. The people there valued Don and Roy, which allowed them to focus on the reason they were there in the first place, to play baseball. That is all they wanted to do.”

Hall of Fame manager Walter Alston had so much faith in Campanella that he left him in charge after getting ejected from a game in Lawrence, Massachusetts. That made Campanella the first Black manager. Nashua won the game.

The two players thrived on the field in Nashua, and Newcombe credited his time there with setting the stage for his success in the major leagues. Campanella followed Robinson to the Dodgers in 1948 and Newcombe joined the team in 1949. The three supported each other throughout their careers and won a World Series together in 1955.

Most in US say don’t ban race in college admissions but its role should be small: AP-NORC poll

By COLLIN BINKLEY and EMILY SWANSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the Supreme Court decides the fate of affirmative action, most U.S. adults say the court should allow colleges to consider race as part of the admissions process, yet few believe students’ race should ultimately play a major role in decisions, according to a new poll.

The May poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that 63% say the Supreme Court should not block colleges from considering race or ethnicity in their admission systems. The poll found little divide along political or racial lines.

But those polled were more likely to say factors including grades and standardized test scores should be important, while 68% of adults said race and ethnicity should not be a significant factor.

The poll reflects general support for affirmative action even as the future of the practice remains in doubt. The Supreme Court is expected to rule soon on lawsuits challenging admissions systems at Harvard University and the University of North Carolina. With a conservative majority on the court, many college leaders are bracing for a decision that could scale back or eliminate the use of race in admissions.

Americans’ views on race in admissions — that it should be permitted but only be a small factor — generally line up with the way colleges say they use it.

Many colleges, especially selective ones, say race is one of many factors that officials can weigh when choosing which students get accepted. They say it is not a large influence but may sometimes give an edge to underrepresented students in close decisions.

Critics, however, say the impact is much stronger than colleges let on. A 2009 analysis by sociologist Thomas Espenshade at Princeton University found that, at highly selective private colleges, the boost for Black applicants was equivalent to 310 points on the SAT exam, compared to a 130-point bump given to poor students.

It’s unknown how many colleges consider race in admissions and the practice has been outlawed in

nine states, including California, Michigan and Florida.

Layla Trombley sees it as a matter of fairness. White students have long had the upper hand in admissions because of institutional racism, said Trombley, 47, who is half Black. Affirmative action helps even the playing field, she said.

“It seems like it’s hard to get in if you don’t have that help, just because we’re not traditionally thought of as industrious or smart or hardworking,” she said.

She said she experienced that kind of bias growing up in a mostly white area. At school, it felt like she was always underestimated, she said.

“It’s under the radar,” said Trombley, of Cortland, New York, who calls herself politically moderate. “It’s not said directly, but it’s implied, like, ‘You’re really good at this, but why don’t you try this?’”

In Roswell, Georgia, Andrew Holko also says colleges should be allowed to factor race in its admissions decisions. He sees it as a tool to offset imbalances in America’s public schools, where those in wealthy, white areas tend to get more money from taxes and parent groups than those in Black neighborhoods.

He sees that happen in areas like nearby Cobb County in Georgia, where schools in the predominantly Black southern end of the county are poorer than those in whiter areas of the suburban Atlanta county.

“They don’t have computers to study with,” said Holko, 49, who is white and describes himself as politically independent. “They don’t have tutoring services available. He added: “Affirmative action is necessary to overcome those disparities.”

In Holko’s view, race should be a factor of “high importance” to make sure college campuses reflect the racial makeup of their communities.

Among all Americans, 13% said they think race should be a very or extremely important part of the admission process, according to the poll, while 18% said it should be somewhat important. Black and Hispanic adults were the most likely to say it should be at least very important.

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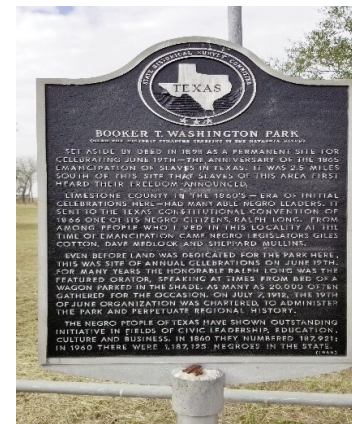
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The 2022 Drinking Water Quality Report shows that the levels of contaminants in Dallas' water meet or are below the amounts allowed by law.

A copy of the 2022 Drinking Water Quality Report can be obtained by calling Dallas' 311 Information Line or downloaded from the City website www.dallaswqr.com.

NOJOC LIMESTONE COUNTY CHAIR PREPARES FOR JUNETEENTH

Great-granddaughter of Booker T. Washington to visit Mexia during Juneteenth



Madlynn Gamble, Chairman of the Board and her husband prepare for "Juneteenth" at the Booker T. Washington Park @ Mexia Comanche Crossing.

Booker T. Washington great granddaughter, Dr. Sara Washington Rush will be in attendance for the 19 of June, Saturday at noon on June 17th, 2023. "Juneteenth" as it is better known, is an annual celebration of Texas Emancipation Day.

Sandra Crenshaw invited Dr. Rush to a June 19th reception later the same day, June 17th from 7pm-9pm. The celebration is A Tribute to Achievement in the legacy of Booker T. Washington

BWT is the only emancipation park owned and operated by the descendants of former slaves. It was 2.5 miles south of the park, is the Logan Stroud Farm. A plantation owner of over 100 slaves, Logan Stroud, himself announced that his slaves were free. The details of the day were partly recorded by the Limestone County Historical Commission that the Stroud family front porch is where the enslaved people in central Texas were informed of the end of the Civil War.

Crenshaw, a Civil War historian and Genealogist, researched Mexia and the Limestone County celebrations of June 19th for her book which will be launched on September 23, 2023.

Doris Pemberton, a former Mexia resident, opens up her book "Juneteenth at Comanche Crossing" to the

chapter of Booker T. Washington Park. Dr. Pemberton recalls "the first day of celebration of the 19th of June was thirty years in the past and yet there is no permanent place for the Annual celebration. And not one had been found in Limestone County.

Celebrants of the past had gathered under the shaded creek banks. According to Dr. Pemberton, Miss Cotton Jessie, a daughter of an ex slave, said "For many years the Honorable Ralph Long, a black Republican State legislator, was the featured orator, speaking at times from bed of a wagon parked in the shade. As many as 20,000 often gathered for the occasion.

"The celebrants became weary, moving from pillow to post by 1897," said Pemberton. Lee Pinkard led a determined band of men intruding and marching to the Old Confederate Reunion Grounds nearby to hold the celebration there at the confederate grounds. "A few of them worked at the camp," Pemberton said.

"But before Pinkard and company arrived at their destination, they were met with the officers of the old Reunion Ground and the elected officials of the County." A parcel of the county land near the ground had been given for the use of indigent slaves and

recorded in the minutes of the County Commissioner's Court. "BUT IT RAINED THAT YEAR, according to the Beatrice Pinkard Baker, the daughter of Lee Pinkard" and the site was never used."

Warren Conner, an ex-slave, owned property that adjoined the reunion grounds and part of it was donated and staked off for the 19th of June celebration. Pemberton explains "This was to ensure that all future generations of African Americans would have a permanent place to celebrate their freedom on the 19th of June.

"The park was fathered by tough religious men and concerned by strong charitable women. Together they petitioned for this permanent place to celebrate the emancipation of Slaves which was granted through the grace of God," praised Doris Pemberton.

On Saturday, June 17, 2023, a caravan will follow Dr. Rush to Waxachie for the NAACP Juneteenth Parade at 11:00am and then to Mexia around noon.

Park. Volunteers are needed. They will meet every weekend until Juneteenth. They can be reached at 281-471-2063

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Abbott signs into law CROWN Act banning race-based hair discrimination

Gov. Greg Abbott over the weekend signed into law a bill prohibiting race-based hair discrimination in Texas workplaces, schools and housing policies. It goes into effect in September.



Dakari Davis, an transit police officer in Dallas, speaks about the racial discrimination he faces in the workplace due to his hairstyle during a press conference advocating for the passage of the CROWN Act on April 13. Photo Credit: Leila Saidane/The Texas Tribune

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House Bill 567, introduced by Democratic Rep. Rhetta Bowers of Rowlett, sailed through both chambers of the Legislature with overwhelming support after the same bill stalled during the legislative session in 2021. The policy, which Abbott signed Saturday, will go into effect Sept. 1.

Twenty states have passed the CROWN Act — an acronym for Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair, according to the CROWN Coalition, an organization that champions the legislation. Harris County, the state's most populous, and the city of Austin

have adopted versions of the legislation.

"I am incredibly thankful to the Governor for signing the CROWN Act into law," Bowers said in a statement, thanking Sen. Borris L. Miles, a Houston Democrat who sponsored the bill in the Senate, and Adjoa B. Asamoah, who co-founded the CROWN Coalition. "The CROWN Act is a civil rights law that will improve the lives of countless Texans, and it will be appreciated by more people than we can imagine."

Asamoah, who conceptualized the law in 2018, said she was "overjoyed."

"I'm forever grateful for the servant leadership of Representative Bowers and Senator Miles," Asamoah said. "They both embody what it means to lead boldly

and commit to ushering a bill across the finish line."

The movement against natural hair discrimination reached national headlines in 2020 with a series of instances, including two students near Houston who were told to cut their hair or be disciplined.

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