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Juneteenth/Freedom Day, End of Slavery in Texas - Year 1865



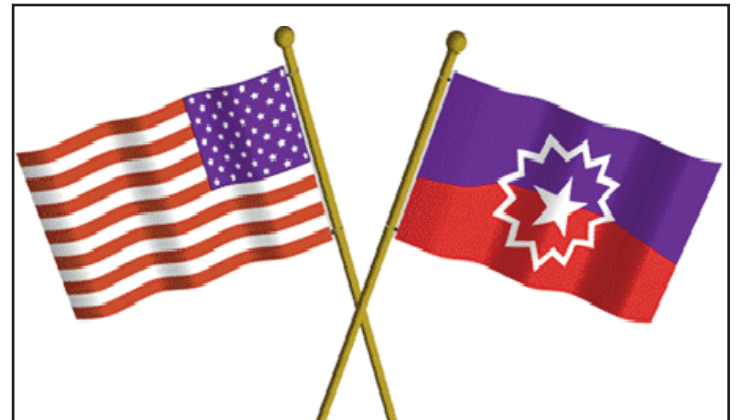
A shot from the Juneteenth celebration in 1900 at Eastwoods Park.
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A 1908 photograph of two women in Texas sitting in a buggy decorated with flowers for the annual Juneteenth Celebration parked in front of Antioch Baptist Church located in Houston's Fourth Ward. (Photo Credit - Houston Public Library, African American Library at the Gregory School).



A photo of a band at the 1900 Juneteenth celebration at Eastwoods Park
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American and Juneteenth flags

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The Story of Juneteenth

Juneteenth is the realization of the freedom legislations. It is the actualization of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th amendment.

June 19, 1862
Slavery outlawed in US territories by Congress, Chapter CXI.

June 19, 1863
Pennsylvania Abolitionist Society enforce the Emancipation order

June 19, 1863
Orders to authorize the formation of the USCT

June 19, 1865

U.S.C.T. 29th & 31st in Galveston, TX or General Order #3

June 14, 1866
Treaty with Five Civilized Tribes ended slavery in Oklahoma signed, **the end of slavery in the nation**

June 19, 1964
Civil Rights Act of 1964 survived an 83 day filibuster in Senate

June 19, 1968
Poor People's Campaign Solidarity Day March, Washington D.C.

ALL THINGS

JUNETEENTH - Proposed Legislation is below

Juneteenth National

Freedom Day of Observance Proclamation

Whereas, Juneteenth National Freedom Day continues to be the most recognized African American holiday observance in the United States. Juneteenth National Freedom Day commemorates the first day of the celebration of freedom in America for all Americans, and the last known celebration for the ending of slavery; and

Whereas, the first record of the arrival of twenty Africans in Colonial America is that of an

English ship—the White Lion—flying a Dutch Flag, that landed at Point Comfort, Virginia, in August of 1619, that led to the subsequent horrific enslavement of an entire race of people; and

Whereas, on June 19, 1862, the United States Congress abolished slavery in the Federal territories pursuant to the provisions of Chapter CXI—An Act to secure Freedom to all Persons within the Territories of the United States now existing, or which may at any time hereafter be formed or acquired by the United States; and

Whereas, June 19, 1863, is the date on which the Pennsylvania Abolitionist Society and the Union League of Philadelphia members gathered for a meeting to enforce President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation order in Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Juneteenth also commemorates June 19, 1865 the day freedom was proclaimed to those enslaved in the south by issuance of General Order #3, in Galveston, Texas. The arrival in Galveston of the United States Colored Troops 25th Corps, in route as a show

of force on the Texas border from a French incursion, had to be providence, as they were led to deliver the news of freedom; and

Whereas, on June 14, 1866, slavery legally ended in all of America, the Oklahoma Territory, and the Federal Territories pursuant to four major treaties that were negotiated and formally signed – one treaty with the Cherokee, the Creek and the Seminole, and a combined treaty with the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations; and

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Mayor Eric Johnson wears mask in new temporary official portrait

DALLAS — To encourage people to wear face coverings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, Mayor Eric Johnson temporarily changed his official portrait Monday to a new photo of him in a mask.

Mayor Johnson has recommended wearing masks amid the ongoing pandemic. He has also worn masks during virtual City Council meetings and at news conferences.

The new temporary portrait, which hangs in Dallas City Hall and at Love Field, is meant to model the responsible behavior for others.

"COVID-19 is still spreading in Dallas, and we must remain cognizant of the very real threat it poses to our community and to our loved ones. Ridding our city of this

insidious virus will require us to take proper precautions," Mayor Johnson said. "Masks are not required by law, but scientific research has shown they can help significantly reduce the spread of coronavirus." Officials such as Gov. Greg Abbott and City of Dallas Health and Healthcare Access Czar Dr. Kelvin Baggett have also strongly encouraged people to wear masks in public and to practice social distancing as the Texas economy has been reopening in phases.

"Wearing a mask should not be a partisan political issue," Mayor Johnson said. "It's an act of love that will help protect the health and safety of our communities." COVID-19 cases have increased in



the Dallas area. Last week, the daily total of new cases in Dallas County reached more than 300 for the first time. The county on Monday reported 305 new COVID-19 cases.

Dallas County has recorded a total of 14,537 COVID-19 cases and 285 deaths. About 55% of the cases in Dallas County so far have been city of Dallas residents.

The mayor's previous portrait is shown above.

For more information on COVID-19, visit DallasCityHall.com/coronavirus.



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EDITORIAL PAGE



Congresswoman Johnson's Statement on Supreme Court Anti-LGBTQ Workplace Discrimination Ruling

WASHINGTON, DC – Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson released this statement on the Supreme Court's 6-3 decision in Bostock v Clayton County, Georgia, ruling that federal employment non-discrimination laws protect all LGBTQ employees:

"Today, the Supreme Court has declared what our society should acknowledge without reservations – that discrimination by sexual orientation and gender identity should not be tolerated by any means, and most definitely not in the workplace. This long-awaited victory grants the LGBTQ

community rightful protections against discrimination under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

"During this Pride Month, I am proud of the steps that our nation has taken to ensure that justice and equality are achievable, and I am committed to continuing this critical

work to dismantle the remaining obstacles disproportionately faced by members of the LGBTQ community, including equitable access to health care services and safe housing.

"This is a victory for America."

DART Installing COVID-19 Shields on All Buses



Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) has installed 511 respiratory droplet shields throughout the bus fleet since mid-March to help protect operators and passengers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Designed by DART Engineering, with collaboration with Fleet Maintenance & Bus

Operations teams, the Cv-19 Plexiglass Shields are made of high-impact plexiglass and are being installed between the operator and passengers.

The new shield leverages DART's initial investment of the Operator Barrier Door by expanding a shield forward towards the windshield and upward

towards the ceiling. The shields are in addition to enhanced cleaning procedures for both buses and trains to protect passengers and bus operators.

DART began installing the shields as a safety measure to protect operators who continue to provide essential transportation services to rid-

ers and businesses, serving as a lifeline for communities and residents across the DART service area.

Shields are currently available on 75% of the DART bus fleet, with the goal of full installation on the entire fleet of more than 600 buses before July 1.

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About the Event

The Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center will host a Drive-Thru Juneteenth Celebration on Friday, June 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Attendees can drive through the MLK parking lot and receive free non-perishable food items, hygiene kits, and household products.

Cheap drug is first shown to improve COVID-19 survival



By MARILYNN MAR-CHIONE

Researchers in England say they have the first evidence that a drug can improve COVID-19 survival: A cheap, widely available steroid reduced deaths by up to one third in severely ill hospitalized patients.

The results were announced Tuesday and the British government immediately authorized the drug's use across the United Kingdom for coronavirus patients like those

who did well in the study. Researchers said they would publish results soon in a medical journal, and several independent experts said it's important to see details to know how much of a difference the drug, dexamethasone, might make and for whom.

But "bottom line is, good news," said the United States' top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci. "This is a significant improvement in the available therapeutic options that we have."

Packages of Dexamethasone are displayed in a pharmacy, Tuesday, June 16, 2020, in Omaha, Neb. Researchers in England said Tuesday they have the first evidence that the drug can improve COVID-19 survival. The cheap, widely available steroid called dexamethasone reduced deaths by up to one third in severely ill hospitalized patients. (AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

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 Support Groups 6:30 p.m.

COMMENTARY: Faith and Common-Sense, Ways to Fight Coronavirus

"I was Just Thinking"

By **Norma Adams-Wade**, Founding Member of the National Association of Black Journalists and Texas Metro News Columnist

Fannie Mae Miles Bradford, at 89, has experienced more in her lifetime than many of the government officials who are advising us about our lives today. So, Mrs. Bradford is approaching the coronavirus scare with similar stamina that has seen her through many nerve shattering eras.

Born December 15, 1930, the Dallas native lived through World War II, the Korean War, Viet Nam War, Civil Rights conflicts, news of various assassinations including President John Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., polio epidemic, Ebola, HIV/AIDS outbreak, 9/11 terrorist attacks, and the Columbia space shuttle disaster.

Also, she remembers a series of fatal shootings at schools, a rash of fatal

police shootings of African American men, the joy of witnessing the nation's first African American president, tarnished by the return of racial conflicts after our current President's campaign to build a wall to keep out undocumented immigrants.

Mrs. Bradford, a retired Dallas school-teacher and long-time minister's wife, said it was faith and common sense that sustained her through it all and, if her Maker wills it, she expects that approach to carry her on, even through coronavirus. "Prayer and meditation," she said. "I also have a favorite scripture and hymn that speak to every aspect of my life ..."

"Concerning the virus, I take all suggested precautions — and then I use common sense." On the door of her room at a senior adult residence in Mesquite, hangs the Psalms 23:1 scripture that is part of her regular conversation, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." And she takes advantage of any opportunity to sing her favorite song, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

I was just thinking... "What molds a person to form a thick skin against calamity such as coronavirus?" In Mrs.

Bradford's case, her early path was cemented by Christian values. She grew up in the fabled Mill City Dallas neighborhood and the Greater Bethlehem Baptist Church in the area.

She spent summers with relatives in the historically Black Lake Como area of Ft. Worth. She missed many days in elementary and high school because of an anemic disorder, but still graduated from Julia C Frazier Elementary, Lincoln H. S., and in 1947 as salutatorian of Bishop College in Marshall, TX.

She rubbed shoulders with some historic Dallas black legends: Dr. John Wesley Anderson was her physician as a child. A. S. Penn was a principal who supervised her early in her career. She taught in Dallas and Fort Worth public schools for more than 40 years and retired in the mid 1990s. She was "First Lady" and director of various ministries and her late husband, Rev. Bishop J. Bradford Jr., was Pastor for more than 40 years at Mt. Horeb Baptist Church at 3306 Carpenter Ave. in South Dallas/Fair Park.

Until Pastor Bradford Jr. died at 78 in 2007, they were the longest serving couple at the helm in Mt. Horeb's now 103-

year history. Of their two sons and two daughters, two are pastors, one the wife of a pastor, and the other a devoted church worker.

After living for many decades in a spacious home near Ledbetter Dr. in Southern Dallas, the former president of Metropolitan Baptist Ministers Wives & Widows Union in Dallas moved to the senior home where she has become a popular resident. She admits it took time to adjust to the new and less independent lifestyle.

Giving up driving and shopping on her own was difficult but doable, the octogenarian said. Again, her scripture, song, faith and common sense directed her, she said. She also is adjusting to the resident's tightened operation and rules for visitors even through the coronavirus scare. "Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come," said Mrs. Bradford, quoting a gospel song. "It was grace that brought me safe thus far, and I'm counting on grace to carry us on."

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Dallas agrees to temporary ban on less-lethal police weapons

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas officials have agreed to a 90-day ban on the use of tear gas and other less-lethal police crowd-control weapons against demonstrators.

U.S. District Judge Sam Lindsay approved late Thursday a consent decree in which Dallas police agree not to use against peaceful demonstrators smoke bombs, flashbangs, pepperballs, Mace or other chemical agents. They also agree to not fire such impact projectiles as rubber bullets, bean bags or sponges.

The preliminary injunction will remain in effect until Sept. 9 unless extended, amended or dissolved by the judge.

Tasia Williams and Vincent Doyle sued the city and police after rubber bullets injured them during two separate Black Lives Matter marches in Dallas.

The demonstrations are a reaction to the killing of George Floyd by a Minnesota police officer.

According to their civil rights lawsuit against the city and police, Doyle suffered a shattered left cheek and impaired vision in his left eye during a May 30 march, and Williams was left bleeding and handcuffed after suffering a massive contusion while part of a crowd that occupied the Margaret Hunt Bridge over the Trinity

River on June 1.

“Many other people were also severely injured by these ‘less lethal’ bullets in Dallas ... including a 26-year-old Brandon Saenz who permanently lost his left eye and a young woman who was shot in the forehead while walking home from a grocery store,” the lawsuit stated.

In a statement, the Dallas Police Department said it “respects the judge’s decision and our officers will comply with the preliminary injunction — prohibiting the use of ‘less lethal’ weapons during peaceful protests. We support the First Amendment and our residents’ right to exercise their civil liberty. Officers will continue to monitor and patrol the protests to ensure that protesters are safe, as well as the businesses and the city of Dallas as a whole.”

The statement also said the department is a “proponent of police reform.”

“In the coming days and months, we will implement new policies to address police brutality and the inequalities communities of color endure due to systemic racism and injustices. DPD is committed to bridging the gap with all of our residents and will uphold our oath to protect and serve the City of Dallas,” the department said.

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Juneteenth/Freedom Day, End of Slavery in Texas - Year 1865

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Whereas, June 19, 1866, Juneteenth, became the first of many anniversaries and Juneteenth commemorations to be celebrated across America and around the world—from celebrations by the Mascogos descendants of Black Seminole slaves who fled to Mexico 170 years ago, to Juneteenth Family Week in Ghana; and

Whereas, nearly 179,000 black men—ten percent of the Union Army—served as soldiers in the U.S. Army, and another 19,000 served in the Navy. Nearly 40,000 black soldiers died over the course of the American Civil War. Black women, who could not formally join the Army, also served as nurses, spies, and scouts to aid in the pursuit of their freedom; and

Whereas, Americans of all colors, creeds, cultures, religions and countries-of-origin share in a common love of and respect for "freedom," as well as a mutual determination to protect the right to freedom through democratic institutions established by the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution. These "tenets-of-freedom" were appropriated but not applied fairly to all Americans as a whole, however, the celebration of Juneteenth continued regardless; and

Whereas, the "Modern Juneteenth Movement" began when a group of Juneteenth leaders, including an ordained medical missionary to the poorest county in the country, gathered from across the country in New Orleans, Louisiana, to take on the challenge of advocating to and educating the world about the shrouded history surrounding unwanted migration to the Americas and enslavement of a people; and

Whereas, Juneteenth exemplifies the spirit of freedom for all, especially for those who, while making inventive, scientific, musical and medicinal contributions to America and the world; while serving in every one of America's wars and conflicts, from the revolutionary war forward; and while exemplifying courage, patriotism and exhibiting patience with grace, did so in the face and in spite of draconian laws and severe inequality; and

Whereas, Juneteenth National Freedom Day, along with the 4th of July Independence Day, completes the "cycle of freedom" for America's Independence Day observances. "None Are Free, Until All Are Free" is an oft repeated maxim that highlights the significance of the end of the era of slavery in the United States.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Congress of the United States of America, in recognition of the advocacy celebrating freedom from slavery as commemorated on June 19th of each year, and celebrated on the third Saturday in the month of June of each year, do hereby amend Chapter 1, Part A, Subtitle I, Title 36 of U. S. Code 36, to include Juneteenth as a National Day of Observance.

Be it further resolved, that the President is requested to each year issue a proclamation:

(1) designating June 19

as National Juneteenth Observance Day;

(2) calling on the people of the United States, especially the educational community, to observe National Juneteenth Observance Day with appropriate ceremonies and educational activities;

(3) calling on the people of the United States to observe National Juneteenth Observance Day by flying The Juneteenth Flag, and praying; and

(4) calling on United States Government officials to display the Juneteenth Flag on all Government buildings on National Juneteenth Observance Day and on all Juneteenth Flag Display Days, including

(A) The First Monday in June, also known as Juneteenth Flag Day,

(B) June 19, also known as Juneteenth, and

(C) The Third Saturday in June.

The Juneteenth Flag may also be displayed on Independence Day, July 4.

Deborah Evans, Vice Chair
Director of Communications
National Juneteenth Observance Foundation

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7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

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Ravens LB Judon blasts Goodell's 'black lives matter' speech

SENATOR ROYCE WEST CALLS ON WILLIAMSON COUNTY SHERIFF TO RESIGN FOR IN-CUSTODY DEATH OF JAVIER AMBLER

By DAVID GINSBURG

BALTIMORE (AP) — Ravens linebacker Matthew Judon criticized the timing of NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell's assertion that the league believes "black lives matter," saying Monday that the message should have been delivered long ago.

In the wake of protests over the death of George Floyd, a black man who died after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck, Goodell said on June 5, "We, the National Football League, believe black lives matter. I personally protest with you and want to be part of the much-needed change in this country."

Speaking in a video conference call with the Baltimore media, Judon said the comment was long overdue.

"It's not when Roger Goodell said black lives matter that now everybody can say it," Judon said. "I think we should have been questioning why Roger Goodell didn't say black lives matter when he was born, or when he became commissioner or when he was re-elected commissioner."

"It's something people shouldn't have to say.

Black lives should always matter. I don't think it's something that when one person says it, it's like, 'Oh now it makes sense.'"

Goodell essentially apologized on behalf of the league for not being more understanding when San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick protested against police brutality and racial injustice by kneeling during the national anthem in 2016.

"We, the National Football League, admit we were wrong for not listening to NFL players earlier and encourage all to speak out and peacefully protest," Goodell said.

Judon agreed with that portion of Goodell's statement.

"There shouldn't have been pushback," the four-year veteran said. "It should have been like, 'OK let's help this man in his cause. That was just his way of expressing it.'"

"We are having very deep conversations about this because that's real life for all of us," Judon said. "We want to get ahead of it. We want to put an end to racism whether that be on the football field or in classroom, wherever that may be. There's really no room for it in today's world."

DALLAS-- State Senator Royce West (D-Dallas) called for the immediate resignation of Williamson County Sheriff Robert Chody, in the wake of new revelations about the death of another unarmed black man while in the custody of Chody's department.

"Following a 22-minute police chase, simply because he didn't dim his headlights, Javier Ambler died, in the custody of police. It is unacceptable," West said. "Like George Floyd, Ambler complained he could not breathe before he died, according to body camera video aired by Austin TV station KVUE this week," West continued.

"The medical examiner ruled his death a homicide after he was tased at least three times by Williamson County Sheriff's Deputies--after he told them he had a heart condition," West said. "This is another example of the need for police reform in this state and in this country. We have a new story weekly it seems."

West's call for Chody to resign comes a few days after State Representative James Talarico (D-Round Rock) and multiple Williamson County Commissioners called on Chody to step down.

"I am calling on Sheriff Chody to resign for two

reasons. Number one, the fact that key evidence--footage from the reality television show that was filming this incident--was lost, shows a serious failure on the part of his department to have secured that evidence when the department had the opportunity," West said.

"The fact that the Travis County District Attorney had publicly said Sheriff Chody's office is not cooperating in the investigation is another reason, in my opinion, for him to step down. Like all elected officials, he took an oath to uphold the state constitution and the laws of this state; thus, failure to cooperate in this investigation is reason for him to resign," West said.

West also noted the in-custody death itself was very disturbing, and he questioned why, under Chody's leadership, officers were engaging in 22-minute police chases while under the lights and cameras of a reality television show.

"We must examine, from the state level, regulations that can be enacted concerning vehicle chases, and when they are reasonable and when they are not," West said.

"Is it reasonable to engage in a high speed chase while filming a real-

ity television show, 'Live PD,' because a person did not dim their lights--a minor infraction," West asked.

"Should law enforcement really be escalating like this--to the point that it leads to the death of the suspect--in appearance for a TV show? The TV producers' deleted footage that could have been critical evidence surrounding the death of Javier Ambler," West noted. "The loss of this footage merits additional investigation."

West also said that the extreme use of tasers by law enforcement needs careful examination.

"We also need to take a long, hard look at tasers," West said. "For one thing, tasers are not non-lethal forces, they are less-lethal forces, and Javier Ambler is a prime example of why you cannot consider a taser non-lethal," West said. "We need to reevaluate our use of tasers because they interfere with the operation of the body's most central muscle--the heart," he continued.

West noted that the body camera footage, captured as a result of legislation he authored, has brought to light new revelations about the case.

Senate Bill 158, authored and passed by West in 2015, created

Texas' comprehensive police officer body camera law. In many instances, footage from these cameras has disproved original police narratives.

"Were it not for the legislation I wrote and passed in 2015 concerning body cameras, we would not have the information we have today about the death of Javier Ambler and many others," West said. "Police body cameras have been a tremendous asset in the fight for racial justice and in the fight for honest policing. We are now seeing the evidence. Now we need to act on it to make the system better."

Background on Ambler case:

Javier Ambler, of Pflugerville, was driving in Williamson County on March 29 of last year when he allegedly failed to dim his vehicle headlights, according to published reports of the incident. Williamson County Sheriff's Deputies, while filming a reality TV show, chased him for 22 minutes before the chase ended with Ambler's vehicle crashing. Deputies then tased Ambler three times after he told them he had a heart condition.

The death of Ambler, age 40, was ruled a homicide by the local medical examiner.

NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Mississippi official: Black people 'dependent' since slavery

By EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — After rejecting a proposal to move a Confederate monument, a white elected official in Mississippi said this week that African Americans "became dependent" during slavery and as a result, have had a harder time "assimilating" into American life than other mistreated groups. Critics said his remarks were outrageous and called on him to resign.

Mississippi's Lowndes County, supervisors voted along racial lines Monday against moving a Confederate monument that has stood outside the county courthouse in Columbus since 1912. The monument depicts a Confederate soldier and says the South fought for a "noble cause." Three white supervisors voted against the proposal and two black supervisors voted for it.

Could the police shooting in Atlanta have been prevented?

By LISA MARIE PANE

It started off as routine: a

man asleep in his car in a fast-food drive-thru. But it rapidly spun out of control when Atlanta police tried to handcuff and arrest Rayshard Brooks for being intoxicated.

Video of the scene from late Friday shows the 27-year-old black man wrestling with two white officers, taking a Taser from one of them, running a short distance through the Wendy's parking lot, and then pointing the stun gun toward one. That officer shot him twice in the back, killing him.

How did it all go so wrong so fast? And what, if anything, could officers have done to defuse the situation?

Law enforcement experts say the answers to those

questions are complicated and not as clear-cut as in the recent death of George Floyd, the black man who was pronounced dead after a Minneapolis officer put his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly 9 minutes.

While police generally consider Tasers in their own hands to be nonlethal weapons, Kevin Davis, a police officer in Ohio for nearly three decades who specializes in training, said that a stun gun in the wrong hands and pointed at the head, for example, could prove deadly or cause serious injury.

On the other side of the argument, Tasers have a reach of about 15 feet, so the officer could have tried to

keep his distance. Also, it was a crowded parking lot, making it risky for an officer to fire his gun.

Could the officer have shot Brooks in the leg or somewhere else that wouldn't have been deadly? Police experts reject that idea, saying that officers facing what they believe is a deadly threat are trained to stop it cold, which usually means shooting at a person's torso.

1 wounded, 1 sought in Dallas shopping mall shooting

DALLAS (AP) — One person was shot Tuesday at a busy Dallas shopping mall,

and police were seeking a single suspect, authorities said.

The incident happened shortly before 7 p.m. at the Galleria in north Dallas. Police Senior Cpl. Melinda Gutierrez said the wounded person was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital. Their condition was not immediately known.

The mall was evacuated as officers reviewed security video and made a store-by-store search of the mall for the suspect. No other shootings or injuries were reported.

Dallas Police said on Twitter that there was "not an active shooter."

A Visual: Slavery before Nineteenth of June

Gordon



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BATON ROUGE, La., April 2, 1863.

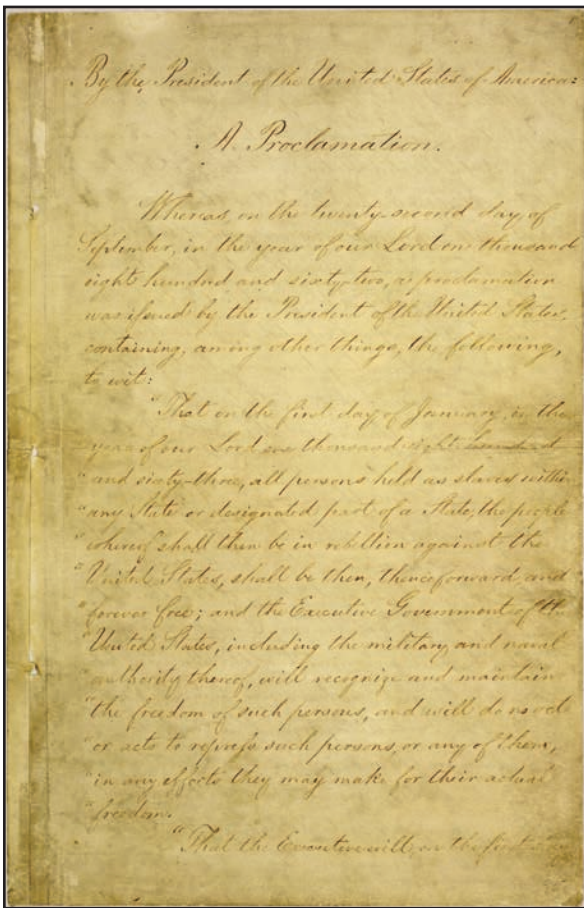
Ten days from to-day I left the plantation. Overseer ARTAYOU CARRIER whipped me. My master was not present. I don't remember the whipping. I was two months in bed sore from the whipping and my senses began to come—I was sort of crazy. I tried to shoot everybody. They said so, I did not know. I did not know that I had attempted to shoot every one; they told me so. I burned up all my clothes; but I don't remember that. I never was this way (crazy) before. I don't know what make me come that way (crazy). My master come after I was whipped; saw me in bed; he discharged the overseer. They told me I attempted to shoot my wife the first one; I did not shoot any one; I did not harm any one. My master's Capt. JOHN LYON, cotton planter, on Atchafalaya, near Washington, La. Whipped two months before Christmas.

The very words of poor PETER, taken as he sat for his picture.



Scars of a whipped Mississippi slave, photo taken April 2, 1863, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA. Original caption: "Overseer Artayou Carrier whipped me. I was two months in bed sore from the whipping. My master come after I was whipped; he discharged the overseer. The very words of poor Peter, taken as he sat for his picture."

Escaped slave, turned soldier, Gordon, also known as "Whipped Peter", in the United States Colored Troops, wearing his Union Army uniform



Emancipation Proclamation

Initially, the Civil War between the North and the South was fought by the North to prevent the secession of the South and preserve the Union. Ending slavery was not a goal. That changed on September 22, 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln issued his Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, which stated that slaves in those states or parts of states still in rebellion as of January 1, 1863, would be free. One hundred days later Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious areas "are, and henceforward shall be, free."

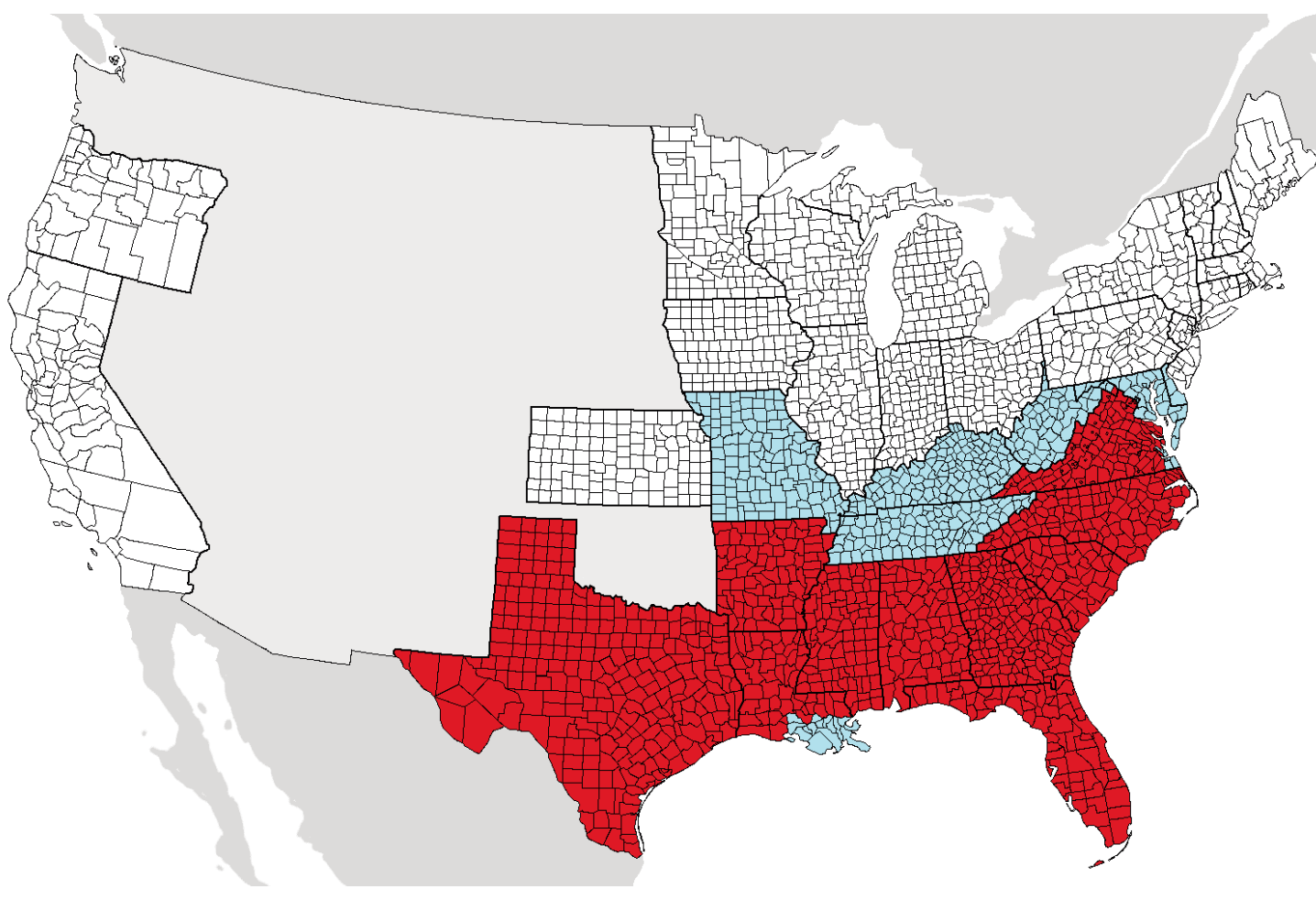
Lincoln's bold step was a military measure by which he hoped to inspire the slaves in the Confederacy to support the Union cause. Because it was a military measure, the

proclamation was limited in many ways. It applied only to states that had seceded from the Union, and left slavery untouched in the border states. Although the Emancipation Proclamation did not end slavery, it did fundamentally transform the character of the war. Henceforth, every advance of Federal troops expanded the domain of freedom. Moreover, the proclamation announced the acceptance of black men into the Union Army and Navy. By the end of the war, almost 200,000 black soldiers and sailors had fought for the Union and their own freedom.

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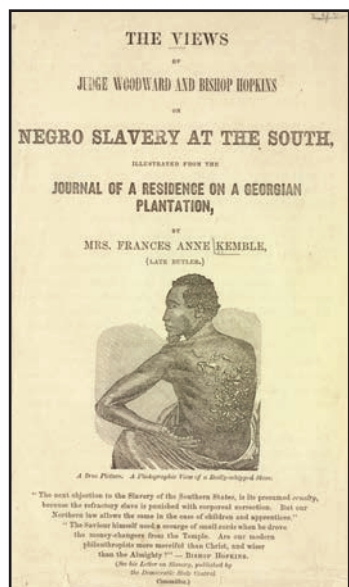
Gordon in 1863, just after he reached a Union Army camp in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



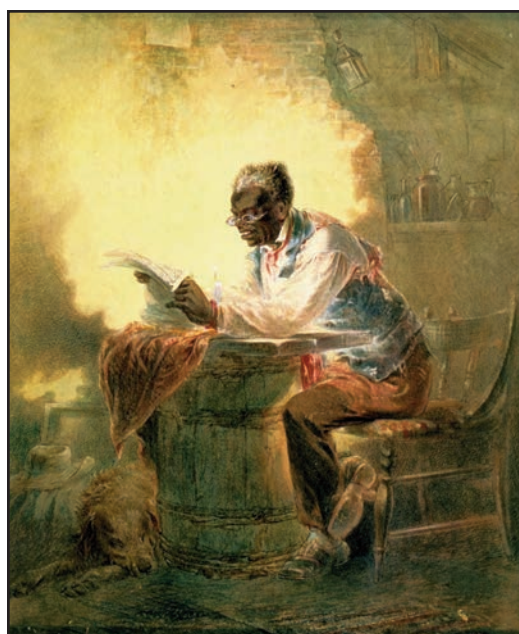
Areas covered by the Emancipation Proclamation are in red. Slave-holding areas not covered are in blue.

"I didn't know I was a slave until I found out I couldn't do the things I wanted."
- Frederick Douglass

"We've got to tell the unvarnished truth."
- John Hope Franklin



1863 anti-slavery book



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Frederick Douglass,	Augustus Dorsey,	Rev. J. H. Trustoy,	Robert M. Adger,	Robert Jones,
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A. M. Green,	James Needham,	Rev. Elisha Weaver,	Thomas J. Bowers,	Morris Hall,
J. W. Page,	Ebenezer Black,	David B. Bawser,	J. C. White, Jr.,	J. P. Johnson,
L. H. Seymour,	James H. Gordon,	Henry Minton,	Rev. J. P. Campbell,	Franklin Turner,
Rev. William T. Curtis,	Samuel Stewart,	Daniel Culley,	Rev. W. J. Alden,	Josee E. Glasgow,

A Meeting in furtherance of the above named object will be held

U. S. Steam-Power Book and Job Printing Establishment, Ledger Building, Third and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia.

Above: A printed broadside recruiting men of color to enlist in the U.S. military after the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. The broadside was written by Frederick Douglass, signed by Douglass along with 54 leaders in the Philadelphia African American community, and published in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Left: Black man reading newspaper by candlelight. Note: Man reading a newspaper with headline, "Presidential Proclamation, Slavery," which refers to the Jan. 1863 Emancipation Proclamation. Drawing; watercolor. Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, LC-USZC4-2442.

Virginia governor to propose Juneteenth as state holiday



By ALAN SUDERMAN and DENISE LAVOIE

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam announced Tuesday that he's making Juneteenth — a day that commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S. — an official holiday in a state that was once home to the capital of the Confederacy. Juneteenth, which is also called Emancipation Day and Freedom Day, is celebrated annually on June 19. Texas first made it a state holiday in 1980. The holiday would be a paid day off for all state employees. Northam said he thinks Virginia would be only the second state to do so.

"It's time we elevate this," Northam said of the June 19 commemoration. "Not just a celebration by and for some Virginians but one acknowledged and celebrated by all of us." The Democratic governor is giving every executive branch employee this Friday off as a paid holiday and will work with the legislature later this year to pass a law codifying Juneteenth as a permanent state holiday. The legislation is likely to pass the Democratic-controlled legislature with little trouble.

The holiday commemorates June 19, 1865, when news finally reached

African Americans in Texas that President Abraham Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves living in Confederate states two years earlier. When Union soldiers arrived in Galveston to bring the news that slavery had been abolished, former slaves celebrated.

The announcement came less than two weeks after Northam announced he was ordering the removal of a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee along Richmond's prominent Monument Avenue. It is one of the country's most iconic monuments to the Confederacy. Earlier this year, Northam signed legislation scrapping Lee-Jackson Day, a state holiday named after two Confederate generals.

Nearly forced from office last year after a racist yearbook photo surfaced, Northam has won widespread praise among black lawmakers for his actions in Virginia following the death of George Floyd, a black man who died after a Minneapolis officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck as he pleaded for air.

President Donald Trump announced last week that he has rescheduled a campaign rally that was planned in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Juneteenth.

The announcement of the rally had sparked an outcry because Tulsa was the site of one of the worst instances of racial violence in U.S. history in 1921, when hundreds of African Americans were massacred by a white mob that burned black-owned businesses and homes.

Northam was joined Tuesday at his news conference by musician Pharrell Williams, who is from Virginia. Williams said Juneteenth deserves the same level of recognition and celebration as Independence Day.

"Here's our day, and if you love us, it'll be your day too," Williams said.

In a statement, state House Republican Leader Todd Gilbert echoed the same sentiments.

"July 4th is the birthday of our nation, but Juneteenth is the day where it truly began to fulfill its promise of freedom for all," Gilbert said. "For the first time since enslaved Africans landed at Jamestown in 1619, the chains of bondage were finally cast off."

Joseph Rogers, a 29-year-old activist who has been a regular protester in Richmond during more than two weeks of demonstrations over Floyd's killing, hailed Northam's announcement.

"It's a step in the right direction," said Rogers,

DART Extends Meal Delivery for Dallas Students



Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) bus operators are making sure that Dallas Independent School District (DISD) and Garland Independent School District (GISD) students continue to receive the meals they need through the summer.

Knowing the importance of keeping children fed and connected with school, DART has partnered with DISD and GISD to deliver weekly

meals for students. Using DART buses for meal delivery helps each district reach families that utilize state-sponsored school lunches, makes it more practical for families that are transit-dependent and helps families that are working.

Families can drive through at each of the delivery sites while volunteers place the goods in the trunk of their vehicle.

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Officer who shot Rayshard Brooks charged with felony murder



This screen grab taken from body camera video provided by the Atlanta Police Department shows Rayshard Brooks speaking with Officer Garrett Rolfe in the parking lot of a Wendy's restaurant, late Friday, June 12, 2020, in Atlanta. Rolfe has been fired following the fatal shooting of Brooks and a second officer has been placed on administrative duty. (Atlanta Police Department via AP)

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta officer who fatally shot Rayshard Brooks in the back after the fleeing man pointed a stun gun in his direction will be charged with felony murder and 10 other charges, a prosecutor said Wednesday.

Garrett Rolfe kicked Brooks while he lay on the ground and the officer with him, Devin Brosnan, stood on Brooks' shoulder as he struggled for life after a confrontation Friday night, Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard said at a news conference.

"Mr. Brooks was running away at the time the shot was fired," Howard said.

Brosnan, who is being charged with aggravated assault, is cooperating with prosecutors in the case and has given testimony as a state's witness, according to Howard, who said it's the first time in 40

such cases where an officer has come forward to do this.

Rolfe had already been fired after he fatally shot Brooks, 27, on Friday night. Brosnan, who will be charged with aggravated assault and other crimes, had been placed on administrative leave.

Brooks' widow, Tomika Miller, attended the news conference along with her lawyers, Justin Miller and L. Chris Stewart.

The news came as Republicans on Capitol Hill unveiled a package of police reform measures and the movement to get rid of Confederate monuments and other racially offensive symbols reached America's breakfast table, with the maker of Aunt Jemima syrup and pancake mix dropping the 131-year-old brand.

The shooting sparked new demonstrations in Georgia's capital against police brutality, after occa-

sionally turbulent protests in response to George Floyd's death in Minneapolis had largely simmered down. Atlanta Police Chief Erika Shields resigned less than 24 hours after Brooks died.

Police were called to a Wendy's fast food restaurant over complaints of a car blocking the drive-thru lane. An officer found Brooks asleep behind the wheel of the car and called for another officer to do field sobriety testing.

Police body camera video shows Brooks and officers having a relatively calm and respectful conversation for more than 40 minutes before things rapidly turned violent. Brooks wrestled with officers, snatched one of their stun guns and turned and pointed it at one of them as he ran through the parking lot.

An autopsy found that Brooks was shot twice in the back.

Texas COVID-19 hospitalizations keep rising, set 1-day high

By JIM VERTUNO and ACACIA CORONADO

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas continued an upward trend in hospitalizations of coronavirus patients, setting a new one-day high Monday

for the seventh time in eight days.

Texas health officials reported 2,326 patients hospitalized for COVID-19 and 1,254 new cases, the most ever reported for a Monday, which is typically the lowest

day of the week for new virus cases.

The mayors of Austin and Dallas, two cities seeing a strong uptick in cases and hospitalizations, urged diligence of social distancing and use of masks.