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## HBCU Students: Electrify Your Future with Chevrolet and the Discover The Unexpected Fellowship!

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

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expanded 2022 Discover The Unexpected (DTU) Fellowship program.

The program offers students from historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs)

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## Karine Jean-Pierre Selected as First Black Woman White House Press Secretary

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

Karine Jean-Pierre, whose long career in Democratic communications led her to the podium last year as the second Black woman to hold a White House daily briefing, will regularly host those news conferences.

On Thursday, May 5, President Joe Biden announced that he has selected the Martinique native as his next White House press secretary.

“Karine not only brings the experience, talent, and integrity needed for this difficult job, but she will continue to lead the way in communicating about the work of the Biden-Harris Administration on behalf of the American people,” Biden said in a statement.

He added that outgoing press secretary Jen Psaki set the standard for returning decency, respect, and decorum to the White House Briefing Room.

Meanwhile, the historic nature of the

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FROM SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

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## Standing on Shoulders of Giants, April Ryan is Opening Doors for Others

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# DTU: The \$10,000 Scholarship. . . With a Car! Extremely Urgent: Deadline May 16, 2022

By Dr. Ester J. Davis



Dr. Ester J. Davis

Discover the Unexpected (DTU) is a 10-week journalism journey focused on sharing stories from the African American communities. In 2019, I met with the students from across the nation in Washington, DC, as they

shared with us their stories. What a way to unpack all these forgotten stories about our community and our need to share and listen to.

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appointment wasn't lost on the President and others.

"Karine is a lifelong public servant and fierce LGBTQ advocate," said Mayor Annise Parker, President & CEO of LGBTQ Victory Institute.

When Jean-Pierre steps to the podium on May 13, she'll become the first Black woman and first openly gay person to hold that job.

"We are proud to have advocated for her historic nomination. As White House press secretary, she will not only be able to use her podium to represent the Biden administration but also the LGBTQ community during a time of unprecedented anti-LGBTQ hate and attacks," Parker stated.

"As the first out LGBTQ person and the first Black person to hold this office, her appointment will inspire countless young people looking for hope and motivation during a dark chapter in our nation's history," Parker continued.

"Shattering this lavender ceiling is a testament to Karine's grit, power, and commitment to our country's potential. We are confident she will continue to be a strong ally and partner as she works in the highest office of the land."

Psaki described Jean-Pierre as passionate.

"She is smart, and she has a moral core that makes her not just a great colleague but an amazing mom and human. Plus, she

has a great sense of humor," Psaki tweeted.

National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. said Jean-Pierre's selection demonstrates that the Biden-Harris administration has held up its promise of a diverse staff.

"The NNPA, representing the Black Press of America, resolutely congratulates Karine

Jean-Pierre, elevated as senior assistant to the President and White House press secretary," Chavis stated.

"This is another historic step forward by the Biden-Harris administration in fulfilling their promise of equity and equality in the White House."

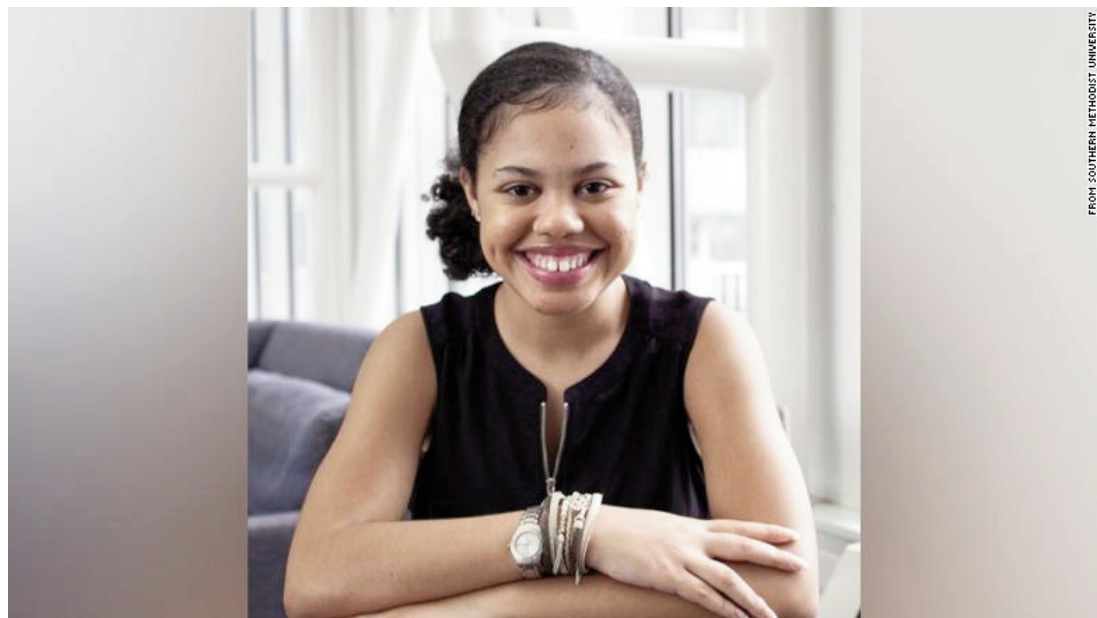
In a 2021 appearance on The Chavis Chronicles, the Dr. Chavis-hosted PBS-TV show, Jean-Pierre said representation matters.

"We've seen that from the first day of this administration, the President signed an executive order to deal with racial inequity and making sure that we saw diversity and inclusion across the board in the federal government," Jean-Pierre said during her appearance on the show with Dr. Chavis.

"We're living in a polarized country right now, and the one thing that President talked about when he was running, he wanted to make sure that he was the President for all," Jean-Pierre remarked.

## This 19-year-old is about to become her university's youngest-ever law school graduate

By Zoe Sottile, CNN



FROM SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

homeschool her instead, and she thrived, graduating high school at age 13. At 16, she became the youngest graduate on record from Texas Woman's University, according to her website.

"Many girls and students of color are left out of our nation's gifted and talented programs," Taylor Schlitz said in SMU's news release.

"Society will lose out on the potential scientist who cures a major disease, the entrepreneur who starts the next Amazon and so much more. All because of their gender and/or skin color," she said.

After graduating on May 13, Taylor Schlitz plans to work on education policy issues and increase opportunities "for gifted and talented girls and students of color," according to the release.

On May 13, Haley Taylor Schlitz, 19, will become Southern Methodist University's youngest-ever law school graduate. Photo Credit/CNN

CNN/DALLAS

Haley Taylor Schlitz isn't old enough to buy a beer, but she is set to become Southern Methodist University's youngest-ever law school graduate, at just 19 years old.

In 2019, Taylor Schlitz

was accepted to nine different law schools, eventually attending SMU's Dedman School of Law in Dallas, according to a news release from the university.

She's also an author, public speaker and advocate for "the issues students of color face in navigating

gifted and talented programs in public schools," the release said.

As a fifth-grader, Taylor Schlitz struggled to be acknowledged by her public school's gifted and talented program, the release said.

Her parents decided to

## Senate bid to save Roe v. Wade falls to GOP-led filibuster

By LISA MASCARO

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate fell far short Wednesday in a rushed effort toward enshrining Roe v. Wade abortion access as federal law, blocked by a Republican filibuster in a blunt display of the nation's partisan divide over the landmark court decision and the limits of legislative action.

The almost party-line tally promises to be just the first of several efforts in Congress to preserve the nearly 50-year-old court ruling, which declares a constitutional right to abortion services but is at seri-

ous risk of being overturned this summer by a conservative Supreme Court.

President Joe Biden said that Republicans "have chosen to stand in the way of Americans' rights to make the most personal decisions about their own bodies, families and lives."

Biden urged voters to elect more abortion-rights lawmakers in November and pledged in the meantime to explore other ways to secure the rights established in Roe.

For now, his party's slim

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**"PETER'S GREAT ARRIVAL"**  
 Acts 10: 1-23

By **Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith**

The event before us is very significant, for Dr. Luke, the author of the book of Acts, mentions this event three times: Acts 10 and 11, Acts 15:6-9. In this chapter, we continue to observe the gospel being extended beyond the boundary of Jerusalem in fulfillment of Christ's witnessing instruction in Acts 1:8, that reads: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The Apostle Paul was the Apostle to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15); however, Peter is credited with opening the doors

in extending the gospel to Gentiles. God will greatly use Peter in spreading the gospel to those outside of his Jewish race. The visions of both Cornelius and Peter will set the stage for the gospel invading the house of Cornelius. Cornelius, a Roman centurion, a commander of 100 soldiers, will be privileged to hear the wonderful news of the gospel that emphasizes God's complete forgiveness of sins. Peter will take the good news of the gospel and share it with Cornelius' household.

From all accounts, and according to verse 2, Cornelius was a righteous man who worshipped Yahweh (God), yet he was

not saved. He possessed some outstanding qualities such as he was devout, God-fearing, generous and even prayed to God continually. However, possessing these remarkable characteristics, he lacked salvation. Being in a state of prayer, and having a vision, Cornelius encounters an angel during the ninth hour (3pm) in verses 3-6. The angel instructs him that his prayers and alms have come up as a memorial to God. The angel further instructs him to send for Simon Peter who was residing at Simon the tanner's home (Acts 9:43). After the angel departed, the centurion then instructed three of his men to go to Joppa and bring Peter back.

On the next day, as the men made their journey to Joppa, Peter was engaged in prayer during the sixth hour (noon), and while hungry, he has a vision, wherein he sees a sheet descending to earth with various kinds of animals, reptiles and birds. Being hungry

and being commanded to eat of those animals by God, Peter responded intensely saying, "Not so, Lord" (v. 14). Peter stated that he had "never eaten anything that is common or unclean" (v.14).

As a devout Jew, Peter was aware of what the Law said with regard to unclean animals (Leviticus 11). Peter had no business calling anything unclean what God hath cleansed (v. 15). Peter refused to eat of the unclean foods three times! Peter was definitely disobedient to God's command, for he allowed his hesitation to eat of the unclean foods to override God's will. Peter's refusal to obey God's will three times reminds us of the three times he denied the Lord (St. John 18:17, 25-27). Being sovereignly directed by God the three man from Cornelius arrived to Joppa and met Peter, stating the purpose for their coming (vv. 21-22).

In closing, it was the Holy Spirit who told Peter that the

three men had arrived. It was so impressive to know that God was operating this very momentous event. The great event concludes with Peter inviting the three to be guest at Simon's house (v. 23). As believers in this age, we have truly arrived to the vision of God's truth when we comprehend these points.

- 1 In God's drawing of individuals to Himself, God operates in mysterious ways. In our text He uses both the vision of Cornelius and Peter to stimulate Peter's arrival to Cornelius' home.
- 2 In God's drawing of individuals to Himself, God is no respecter of persons. Regardless of color, gender, culture or religious creed, all individuals are special to God.
- 3 Just as God chose Peter to share the gospel with Gentiles, He has chosen us to share His amazing salvation with others.

We must share that no one is beyond the love of God. Yes, God loves everyone, for Romans 5:8 says: "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

*I am so glad that someone shared the gospel with me, and thus, God has saved me.*

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## Women Find A Winning Solution in Dealing with Hair Loss

By Sylvia Dunnivant Hines

After Actor Will Smith slapped comedian Chris Rock during the Oscars for making a joke about Jada Pinkett Smith's shaved head, one word was echoed around the world – alopecia. From break rooms to the morning talk shows, people were asking, "what is alopecia?"

Even though many people in the nation had no idea what this word meant, according to the National Alopecia Areata Foundation this condition affects both sexes and all ethnic groups can develop alopecia areata. "The definition of alopecia is hair loss from any cause. There are 100 different categories of alopecia," said Dr. Linda Amerson, PhD, IIT, Tect, CCHHP/Scalp Doctor and Holistic Health Practitioner, who also is the owner of LA's Hair and Scalp in Arlington, Texas.

Although people of all ages can develop alopecia, studies have shown that many people start to experience symptoms of this disease by the age of 30.

"Some of my younger clients are more concerned with their physical image," said Dr. Amerson. "They may not be as conscious about trying to take care of their scalp. They tend to wear wigs or other things to cover up their hair loss."

"However, for those that are 40 or over, they are more concerned with the regrowth of their hair based on the damage that has been done. Their main concern tends to be if their hair loss is reversible or irreversible."

According to the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), "Telogen effluvium is a type of alopecia where hair sheds in excess. It can happen suddenly, or hair can thin over time. Causes of telogen effluvium include medications, stress, childbirth, physical trauma, restrictive dieting, and life changes."

According to Dr. Amerson there are over 300 medications that have a side effect that causes alopecia. "My alopecia started after my father died. I was washing my hair when I was getting ready for his funeral, then I noticed a hand full of hair in the sink," said Sebran Ferrell.

Ferrell admits that she was dealing with a perfect storm in her life before she was diagnosed with Alopecia Areata. Prior to her diagnosis her mother was sick, her father died, and she was experiencing some personal health issues. "After seeking help from several professionals, I finally chose to go to a holistic function management doctor. I knew that I needed help getting my insides under control as well. I was dealing with pre-diabetes, and a lot of other things that were going on with my body other than alopecia."

Alopecia Areata is a common autoimmune skin disease, causing hair loss on the scalp, face and sometimes on other areas of the body, according to AAD.

Carmen Anderson realized that she was dealing with hair loss after her beau-

tifulian noticed some balding areas when she was washing her hair. This led Anderson to visit her doctor, who revealed that she had skin lupus.

After being diagnosed with lupus, Anderson experienced small bumps that began to itch. These bumps would show up anywhere on her body.

"When I first started dealing with my hair loss, I wore wigs. However, it took me a lot to get comfortable with wearing wigs, because they could come off. In the beginning, I did experience a few embarrassing moments when my wig came off unexpectedly," she said.

After dealing with alopecia for three years, Anderson is currently having injections that are causing her to see some hair regrowth.

Ferrell who tends to experience hair loss during the Spring of year has learned some work around to cover her baldness.

"Fortunately my hair is long enough that when I am in an outbreak, I can pull my hair back in a ponytail. However, I recently took a leap of faith and cut my hair into a shoulder length bob cut. This allows me to style it in a way that the hair loss isn't obvious," said Ferrell.

Tiyiesha Morgan, a hair loss practitioner, services clients in California and Texas. With over 6.8 million Americans dealing with hair loss, Morgan believes that hair loss is a silent epidemic.

"The main difference is

that hair loss is unlike some other conditions, it affects your outer appearance. Women can go into depression and experience anxiety after dealing with the effects of hair loss," said Morgan.

Morgan also believes that there should be more research done on the impact of hair loss in African American Women. She supports recent efforts like those of Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who has alopecia, advocating for Medicare to cover the cost of wigs for those who have lost their hair from disease and treatment.

After dealing with alopecia, Ferrell admits that she has had her own personal awakening, "I used to think that my hair was my best quality. I now realize that you are not defined by your hair."

Although there is no cure for alopecia, some forms of the condition can be reversible. Dr. Amerson recommends that women seek help as soon as they notice hair loss so that they can have the best possible outcome from the condition.

"Don't call your girlfriends or don't go to YouTube University. You need to go to someone with board certified credentials," stresses Dr. Amerson, adding that some of the warning signs that something is going on with your hair are: strains of hair on your vanity, substantial amounts of hair in your brush or strains of hair in the shower.

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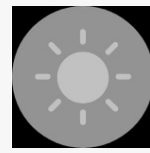
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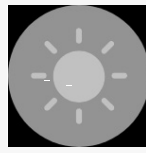
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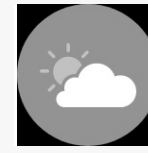
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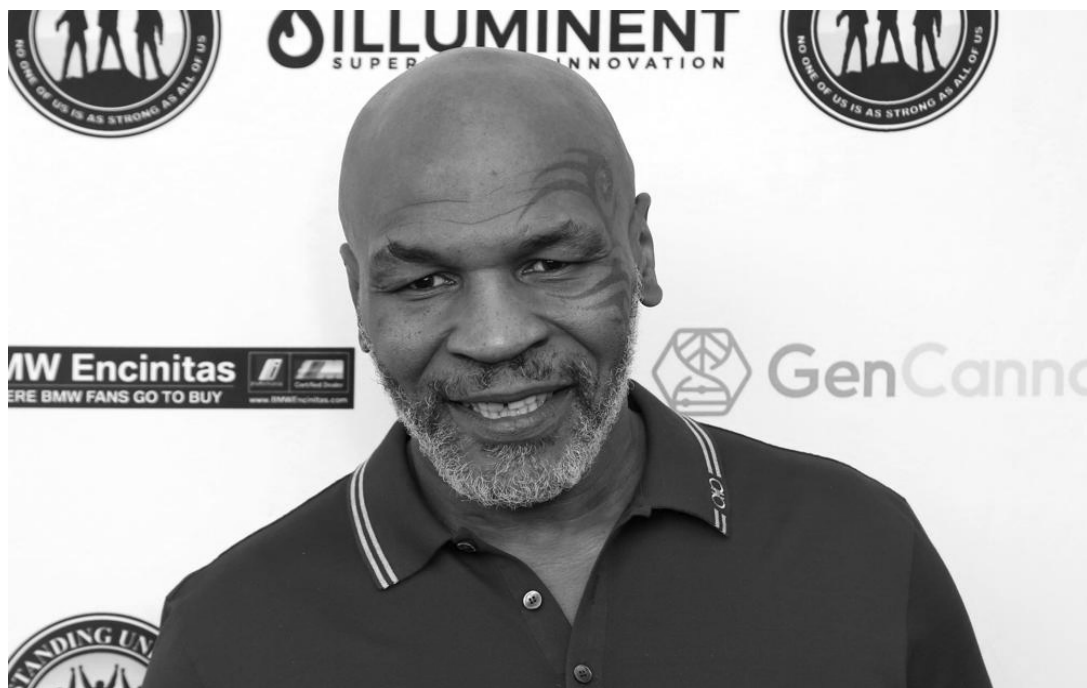
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### No charges for Mike Tyson for punching airplane passenger



FILE - Mike Tyson attends a celebrity golf tournament in Dana Point, Calif., Aug. 2, 2019. Authorities will not file criminal charges against former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson after he was recorded on video punching a fellow first-class passenger aboard a plane at San Francisco International Airport last month, prosecutors announced Tuesday, May 10, 2022. (Photo by Willy Sanjuan/Invision/AP, File)

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Authorities will not file criminal charges against former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson after he was recorded on video punching a fellow first-class passenger aboard a plane at San Francisco International Airport last month, prosecutors announced Tuesday.

The San Mateo County District Attorney's Office said it has closed the case and decided against pursuing charges based on "the circumstances surrounding the confrontation."

"These include the con-

duct of the victim leading up to the incident, the interaction between Mr. Tyson and the victim, as well as the requests of both the victim and Mr. Tyson that no charges be filed in this case," District Attorney Stephen Wagstaffe said in a statement.

Police previously said that the victim had provided few details about the altercation and refused to cooperate with the investigation.

Representatives for Tyson previously said the boxer was on a flight with "an aggressive passenger who

began harassing him and threw a water bottle at him while he was in his seat."

The April 20 video shows Tyson leaning over the back of his seat repeatedly striking the unidentified man in the head, drawing blood. The footage was first shared by TMZ, which said it was recorded on a Jet Blue plane bound for Florida.

Prior to the physical altercation, the other passenger was seen on the video standing over Tyson's seat — waving his arms and talking animatedly while the former boxer sits quietly.

Attorneys for Tyson praised the district attorney's decision in a statement on Tuesday, thanking law enforcement for "careful, diligent and professional work."

Another passenger on the flight, Sarah Burchfield, told SFGate that she had seen the man who Tyson punched at an airport bar earlier appearing loud and quarrelsome.

"When I boarded the flight, I thought, 'Oh, no, that drunk guy is on our flight,'" Burchfield told the media outlet.

Since Tyson, 55, retired from boxing, he has worked as an actor, podcaster and cannabis entrepreneur. He was in San Francisco in April for the annual 420 cannabis festival in Golden Gate Park, where he was promoting his cannabis brand Tyson 2.0, SFGate reported.

Tyson became the youngest heavyweight champion in history in 1987 at age 20. During his career he had 50 wins, 44 of them by knockout.

In the 1990s, Tyson served three years in prison after being convicted of rape. He has maintained his innocence in that case.

Tyson was briefly barred from boxing after infamously biting off part of Evander Holyfield's ear during a fight in 1997.

### Anonymous donor pays tab for East Texas college graduates

MARSHALL, Texas (AP) — Students graduating from a historically Black college in East Texas were told at their commencement ceremony that an anonymous donor had paid their balances, officials said.

Wiley College said in a news release that over 100 students were gathered for graduation Saturday when the school's president made the announcement.

"We are constantly communicating with donors to assist students in these ways so that they can begin their after-college experience with less debt," Herman J.

Felton Jr., Wiley's president and CEO, said in the news release.

The college said in the news release that the estimated total for the balances owed to the college by the graduating class of 2022 was about \$300,000.

The 2007 movie "The Great Debaters" starring Denzel Washington was inspired by debate in 1935 in which Wiley prevailed over the University of Southern California's nationally-known, powerhouse team at a time when the nation was heavily segregated.

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### Black doctors say they face discrimination based on race

By KATE BRUMBACK



Dr. Dare Adewumi poses for a portrait, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, in Atlanta. Adewumi was thrilled when he was hired to lead the neurosurgery practice at Wellstar Cobb Hospital in Austell, Ga. But he says he quickly faced racial discrimination that ultimately led to his firing and has prevented him from getting permanent work elsewhere. (AP Photo/Mike Stewart)

The New York City Council last year passed legislation to create an advisory board to examine racial and gender discrimination in hospitals.

A judge sealed

Adewumi's lawsuit and some filings in the case at the request of Wellstar, which cited confidential information. The following account of what happened comes from an interview

with Adewumi and a complaint he filed with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which in July granted him permission to sue.

Adewumi signed on in March 2018 to lead neurosurgery services at Wellstar Cobb Hospital in Austell, Georgia. The hospital hadn't had a neurosurgeon for a decade and referred patients elsewhere, including Wellstar Kennestone Hospital, where Adewumi's supervisor worked.

As his practice started to flourish, Adewumi felt his supervisor was targeting him "with the intention of undermining my skill as a physician and pushing me out of the group," the EEOC complaint says.

In November 2018, Adewumi began receiving "letters of inquiry" about surgeries he'd done. These anonymous letters can be submitted by any member of the medical staff or be triggered by a patient complaint. They're reviewed by the hospital's medical executive committee.

At first, Adewumi said, he didn't know what the letters were, having never received anything similar.

But within eight months, he had received 15, all but one filed by colleagues.

Separate independent reviews requested by the hospital and by Adewumi's lawyers found that concerns stemmed from differences in opinion about the approach or surgical technique, not patient care standards or safety, according to the EEOC complaint.

In contrast, Adewumi said, he's aware of at least two cases where white colleagues performed surgeries that were unnecessary or left a patient disfigured. He doesn't believe they received letters of inquiry or were disciplined in any way.

After trying unsuccessfully to mend the relationship with his supervisor, Adewumi said he went up the chain to raise concerns and a hospital system executive suggested it might be better if he resigned. Floored by the suggestion, Adewumi refused to quit.

Wellstar then proposed an "action plan." It wasn't meant to be punitive but would help "better integrate" him into the main group of neurosurgeons at Wellstar Kennestone Hospital, he was told.

Several Black doctors in Georgia and elsewhere who spoke to The Associated Press said the hierarchy and competition in hospitals, where surgeons are evaluated and compensated based on productivity, can lead to people being targeted if they aren't liked or are perceived as professional threats. Racial bias can compound that, they said.

Adewumi suspects that's what happened to him. Before arriving at Wellstar, he'd done two fellowships on spine and brain tumors, learning difficult techniques that others within the neurosurgery group couldn't do. Additionally, his presence at Wellstar Cobb meant lucrative surgeries were no longer being referred to his colleagues at Wellstar Kennestone.

During an action plan check-in meeting in August 2019, medical executive committee leaders applauded Adewumi's progress. Two months later, on Oct. 8, he was fired "not for cause." He was assured he'd done "nothing wrong," that he was being dismissed because "certain relationships were not fos-

tered."

His termination was effective at the end of a 180-day notice period, in April 2020, but he wasn't required or allowed to work at the hospital in the meantime. That meant he couldn't fulfill a six-week "mentorship" requirement, leaving his action plan incomplete.

In March 2020, as the coronavirus began to strain hospitals, he emailed Wellstar administrators offering to come back temporarily in any capacity to help. He figured the hospital could use extra hands, and it could allow him to complete his action plan and resolve his situation without suing. But Wellstar refused.

With his action plan incomplete, the hospital refused to give him a "letter of good standing," leaving him unable to find a hospital that will credential him, meaning he can't work as a neurosurgeon.

"They have cornered him and locked him out, effectively," Hoffer said. "You don't do this by happenstance, by mistake. This is intentional and deliberate and that is why we have a lawsuit pending."



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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Roe v Wade Voter Suppression, and “We” The Voters

By John E. Warren

The current uproar over the leaked draft of the U.S. Supreme Court's anticipated Decision on Abortion Rights is another example of the Republican Right Wing effort to eliminate democracy under the cover of the very Constitution which provides all our democratically protected rights. We have seen the attack on Voting Rights by the actions of the Republicans in the U.S. Senate who refused to support not only the Voting Rights Act but also the John Lewis Act and the legislation coming out of the George Floyd murder.

These are the same Republicans who we now know plotted to overthrow the U.S. Government on January 6, 2021, with their efforts to stop the certification of President Joseph Biden as President of the United States. These are the same Senators who prevented former President Obama from making a United States Supreme Court nomination while these same Republican Senators rushed

through two conservative nominations who are now a part of the long-awaited overthrow of Roe v. Wade.

What we do know is that Primary Season is upon us and that we all have a chance to make some choices and changes if we look closely at who is running for what offices around this country and in our own backyard. “We” the people, must not lose control of the U.S. House of Representatives, nor the U.S. Senate. The Senate hangs on “one” vote tied at 50/50 because of the two Independents that vote with the Democrats.

We now know that what we saw with Voter Suppression laws in over 22 States was just the beginning. Roe v. Wade is the second step in the attack on Civil Rights following Voter Suppression. Next, we are seeing references to changing such Constitutional rights as the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection and Due Process guarantees, as well as provi-

sions of the Civil rights Act.

We should not get overwhelmed with the magnitude of the attacks but rather understand and remember that our votes represent the solutions to preserving our rights. Congress, using the legislative process, has the ability to reverse and codify, if necessary, any Decisions that the United States Supreme Court makes. This is the strength of our separation of powers under the Constitution. But that can only happen if we have the votes in the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

If we return to the idea of killing the “Filibuster Rule” in the Senate, making it no longer necessary to have 60 votes instead of 50 plus one, with the Vice President as the tiebreaker, then we could get about the business of governance. President Biden did not fight hard enough to break the Filibuster and he knows better than most having spent 38 years in the U.S. Senate. The Democrats in



Dr. John E. Warren

the Senate cannot be so afraid of losing control of the Senate in the next election, that they allow McConnell, the Senate Minority Leader, to continue to control the Senate because he controls the Filibuster.

“We” the people, must follow the example of the people of the State of Georgia and realize that “All Black Votes Matter” and must be voted and counted if we are to survive the lynching and extermination that a few have planned for so many of us. Where do you stand?

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### Standing on Shoulders of Giants, April Ryan is Opening Doors for Others

After 25 years working as a White House correspondent, April Ryan has seen it all.

Before he became president, Barack Obama invited Ryan as a guest of his for a Congressional Black Caucus dinner.

She covered Obama's two terms as president and wrote about more history when Kamala Harris became the first Black vice president and Ketanji Brown Jackson earned confirmation as the first African American female on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ryan also joined a host of other journalists and minority women to draw the ire of former President Donald Trump, who infamously railed at the decorated journalist in 2018, calling her a loser.

“After what I've seen, no,” Ryan remarked when asked whether anything surprises her anymore.

“I hope I don't have to be surprised anymore. I've seen 25 years of ebb and flow, and, at the end of the day, it's about people and reporting for people.”

Ryan noted that she once worked for a “boutique” news organization, and now she's achieved near unparalleled success at theGrio, where she opened up the news department and the White House Bureau.

On Saturday, April 30,

Byron Allen's Allen Media Group and theGrio honored Ryan for 25 years of distinguished and passionate service as a White House correspondent during a star-studded bash, “A Seat at the Table: A Celebration of Black Media.”

The bash took place at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture and immediately follows the White House Correspondents' Association (WHCA) Dinner at the Washington Hilton.

Ryan, a Baltimore native, and Morgan State University graduate, serves on the board of the WHCA, only the third African American in the organization's more than 100-year history to hold such a position.

“It's been 25 years, so what an honor,” Ryan said.

She added that the secret to her longevity is simply keeping her head down and doing the work.

“It's not about me. It's about the story,” Ryan insisted.

“Along the way, people found out about me, but if you're true to the story and telling all sides, that's where my longevity has been.”

With fake news, misinformation, and social media wreaking havoc on traditional journalism, Ryan

maintains that she's praying for a middle ground.

“There's always been opinion, but now the line is obscured more than ever, and there's misinformation,” she asserted.

“People are in need of facts. They don't need lies and entertainment. They need facts. We're in perilous times where the gas prices are higher than they've ever been. We're looking at stores, and they can't keep stuff on the shelves.

“We're dealing with a pandemic, and we're watching one conflict on television when there are several around the world.

“The World Food Organization says it can't meet the demand for food. We are in a crisis. It's a pandemic, and people are wearing masks, and then they're not wearing masks. We need facts, and I don't have the stomach for entertainment when the stakes are so high.”

An honorary member of Delta Sigma Theta, Ryan has earned numerous journalism awards, including the 2019 Freedom of the Press Award from the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

Last year, Ryan earned an NAACP Image Award nomination for Social Justice Impact.

Backing up her often-professed love of her home-

town, Ryan has served as a mentor to aspiring journalists, and she's assisted the development of up-and-coming broadcasters.

She's authored “The Presidency in Black and White,” “At Mama's Knee: Mothers and Race in Black and White,” and “Under Fire: Reporting from the Front Lines of the Trump White House.”

“I watched history, and now I'm scribing the first woman of color who identifies as Black as vice president,” Ryan stated.

“Now, I see someone who identifies closely to Thurgood Marshall, this amazing Black woman who is authentic in herself with her braids, beautiful brown hue, and voice that comes out of the wisdom of our ancestors and our culture and history.”

Ryan said she's also honored that the WHCA will honor Ethel Payne and Alice Dunagan, two Black Press alumni who blazed trails as White House reporters.

“I stand on their shoulders. So many of us stand on their shoulders,” Ryan said.

“They are brave women, and I thank them because if it weren't for them, I wouldn't be in the room.”

Ryan counts daughters Ryan and Grace as her life's “greatest work.”

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DALLAS – All lanes of southbound (SB) I-35E between Ewing Avenue and Marsalis Avenue will be closed nightly for mainlanes construction. The mainlane closure will occur nightly from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday, May 16 through Saturday, May 21.

During the closures, the following detours will be in place (view map attachment):

- Southbound I-35E traffic will take the exit to Ewing Ave and continue on the southbound I-35E frontage road and take the southbound I-35E entrance ramp to return to I-35E.



Construction activities and lane closures are subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. The public can stay up to date on construction progress, lane closures and traffic changes by signing up for text alerts and sending the message “The Southern Gateway” to 855-533-1248.

### \$20 million HUD grant doubles size of eviction legal help

By ASHRAF KHALIL

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Department of Housing and Urban Development is doubling the size of its eviction protection program, designed to fund legal assistance for tenants seeking to stay in their homes.

The \$20 million HUD grant, announced Monday, will not provide any sort of direct rental relief; instead, it will fund legal services and representations for families facing eviction. The funds will be distributed through the Eviction Protection Grant Program to 11 nonprofit organizations and government entities, with grants ranging from \$1 million to

\$2.4 million. Recipients of the fresh wave of funding include Pine Tree Legal Assistance of Portland, Maine, and the city of San Antonio, Texas.

HUD launched the Eviction Protection Grant Program last November, with an original \$20 million awarded to 10 legal service providers.

HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge described the new funding as a doubling down on a proven method of easing the financial damage wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### Select list of nominees for 2022 Tony Awards

By The Associated Press



This image released by O & M Co./DKC shows Myles Frost during a performance of the musical "MJ." (Matthew Murphy/O & M Co./DKC via AP)

NEW YORK (AP) — Select nominations for the 2022 Tony Awards, announced Monday.

**Best Musical:** “Girl From the North Country,” “MJ,” “Mr. Saturday Night,” “Paradise Square,” “Six: The Musical,” “A Strange Loop”

**Best Play:** “Clyde’s,” “Hangmen,” “The Lehman Trilogy,” “The Minutes,” “Skeleton Crew”

**Best Revival of a Play:** “American Buffalo,” “How I Learned to Drive,” “Take Me Out,” “Trouble in Mind,” “for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf”

**Best Revival of a Musical:** “The Music Man,” “Company,” “Caroline, or Change”

**Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Play:** Simon Russell Beale, “The Lehman Trilogy”; Adam Godley, “The Lehman Trilogy”; Adrian Lester, “The Lehman Trilogy”; David Morse, “How I Learned to Drive”; Sam Rockwell, “American Buffalo”; Ruben Santiago-Hudson, “Lackawanna Blues”; David Threlfall, “Hangmen”

**Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Play:** Gabby Beans, “The Skin of Our Teeth”; LaChanze, “Trouble in Mind”; Ruth Negga, “Macbeth”; Deirdre O’Connell, “Dana H.”; Mary-Louise Parker, “How I Learned to Drive”

**Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Musical:** Billy Crystal, “Mr. Saturday Night”; Myles Frost, “MJ”; Hugh Jackman, “The Music Man”; Rob McClure, “Mrs. Doubtfire”; Jaquel Spivey, “A Strange Loop”

**Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Musical:** Sharon D Clarke, “Caroline, or Change”; Carmen Cusack, “Flying Over Sunset”; Sutton Foster, “The Music Man”; Joaquina Kalukango, “Paradise Square”; Mare Winningham, “Girl From the North Country”

**Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Musical:** Jeannette Bayardelle, “Girl From the North Country”; Shoshana Bean, “Mr. Saturday Night”; Jayne Houdyshell, “The Music Man”; L Morgan Lee, “A Strange Loop”; Patti LuPone, “Company”; Jennifer Simard, “Company”

internships to explore various roles in journalism while developing their skills as change agents in their communities.

Now in its sixth year, the program will award selected students with 10-week internships starting June 7th and continuing through August 14, 2022.

Each fellow will receive a \$10,000 scholarship, a \$5,000 stipend, and access to a new 2022 Chevrolet Bolt EV.

They’ll also enjoy “a journalism fellowship of a lifetime.”

The NNPA, the trade association of the more than 230 African American-owned newspapers and media companies in the United States, will host six students with prestigious news organizations across the broadcast, film, and

journalism disciplines.

Selected students will focus on digital and social media content creation.

At the same time, Chevrolet will award five additional students with the opportunity to work within the brand’s business at General Motors corporate facilities.

“We are very excited about the launch of DTU,” said NNPA Chair and Houston Forward Times Publisher Karen Carter Richards.

“Chevrolet and the NNPA’s Discover the Unexpected program provides the opportunity for HBCU students to strengthen their journalistic skills while working with the Black Press. This opportunity also allows the Black Press to learn from these bright minds in this ever-

changing digital world. We are grateful for Chevrolet’s continued investment in our community,” Richards stated.

Chevrolet officials called DTU a “cornerstone of Chevrolet’s ongoing commitment to promote diverse voices and perspectives.”

The auto maker said it’s happy to continue its partnership with the NNPA.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., NNPA President and CEO, concluded, “We salute General Motors, and in particular Chevrolet, for continuing to offer these transformative fellowships. Discover the Unexpected (DTU) Fellowships are the most rewarding and academically enriching experiences for Generation Z journalists and the Black Press of America.”

Fellows must be between

18 and 22 to enter – except in Alabama, where the minimum age is 19.

To enter, applicants must complete the application process by 11:59 PM PST on Monday, May 16, 2022, by uploading the specific information to the fellowship website at <https://www.nnpa.org/chevydtu/> via hotlinks or in PDF format.

Officials will contact the selected 2022 Discover the Unexpected Fellows via email on or about May 21, 2022. They must respond that they accept the Fellowship within seven days, or an alternate Fellow will be selected.

Learn more about the Chevrolet NNPA Discover the Unexpected Fellowship: <https://www.nnpa.org/chevydtu/>.



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**In-Person Meeting 1**

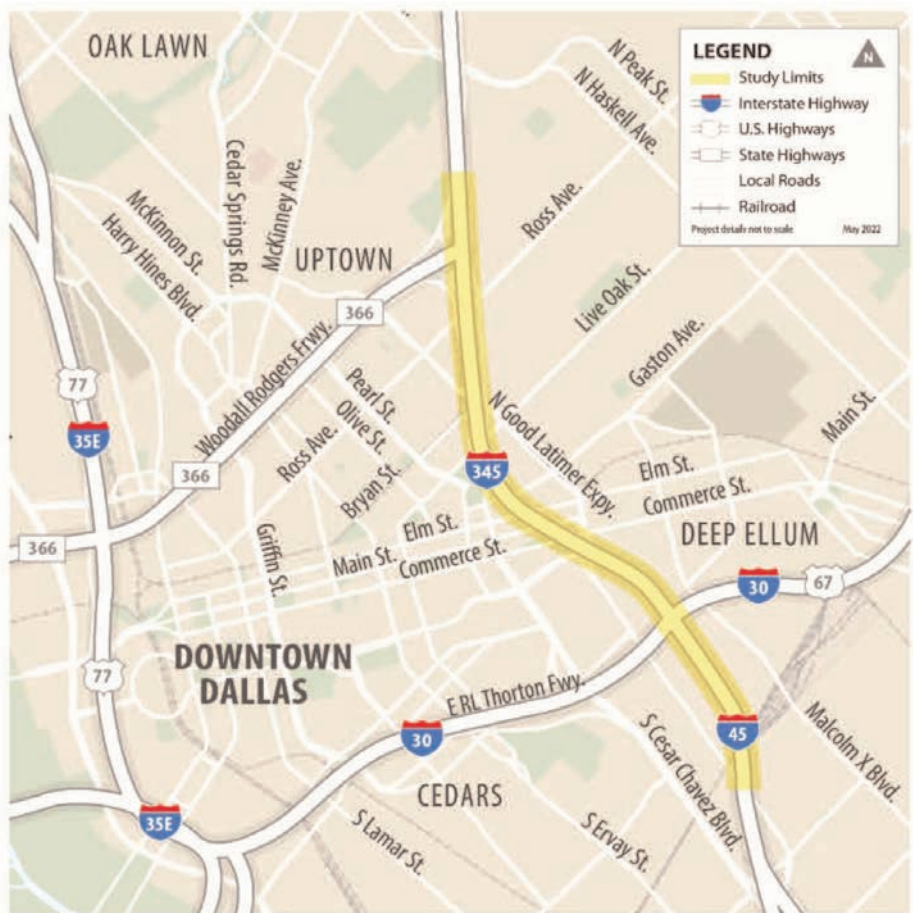
Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Open House)  
St. Philip's School and Community Center  
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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
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Thursday, May 26, 2022  
3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Open House)  
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**Virtual Meeting**

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. through  
Monday, June 27, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.  
[www.keepitmovingdallas.com/I345](http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/I345)  
\*This is not a live event



Please note, complimentary parking in the Sheraton Hotel parking garage will be provided for meeting attendees. Attendees should bring their parking ticket into the meeting for validation. Validation will be provided for self-parking only. In recognition of COVID-19, enhanced safety measures will be applied at the in-person option at St. Philip's School and Community Center, including a requirement to wear a face mask and a temperature check.

The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. **The virtual meeting materials will be posted on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. and remain online through Monday, June 27, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Please note, this is not a live event. The materials can be viewed at your convenience.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, go to the study website listed above any time during the dates and times indicated above. If you do not have internet access, you may call (214) 320-6200 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access study materials.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing in-person options for individuals who would like to participate in person. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public meeting on a screen, review study materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments.

Both virtual and in-person attendees will be able to learn about the study process and provide input on the recommended alternative for the future of I-345. As Dallas County population continues to grow and I-345 reaches its estimated remaining useful service life, it is necessary to plan for the future of the roadway. This study will help to determine the future of I-345.

Maps showing the study location as well as study approach information will be available for viewing at the virtual and in-person public meetings and available for public inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150.

The virtual public meeting and in-person options will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person options, please contact TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-4480 no later than 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed study are requested and may be submitted by email to [345study@txdot.gov](mailto:345study@txdot.gov), by mail to the TxDOT Dallas District Office, Attention: Grace Lo, P.E., 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643 or by calling (833) 933-0439 to record a verbal comment. **All comments must be received on or before Monday, June 27, 2022, to be included in the official public meeting record.**

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed study, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager, Ms. Grace Lo, P.E., at (214) 320-6200 or by email at [345study@txdot.gov](mailto:345study@txdot.gov).

*The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.*

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majority proved unable to overcome the filibuster led by Republicans, who have been working for decades to install conservative Supreme Court justices and end Roe v. Wade. The vote was 51-49 against proceeding, with 60 votes needed to move ahead.

Congress has battled for years over abortion policy, but the Wednesday vote to take up a House-passed bill was given new urgency after the disclosure of a draft Supreme Court opinion to overturn the Roe decision that many had believed to be settled law.

The outcome of the conservative-majority court's actual ruling, expected this summer, is sure to reverberate around the country and on the campaign trail ahead of the fall midterm elections that will determine which party controls Congress.

Security was tight at the Capitol where Vice President Kamala Harris presided, and it has been bolstered across the street at the Supreme Court after protesters turned out in force last week following the leaked draft.

Harris can provide a tie-breaking vote in the 50-50 split Senate, but that was beside the point on Wednesday. One conservative Democrat, Joe Manchin of West Virginia, voted with the Republicans, saying he supported keeping Roe v. Wade but believed the current bill was too broad.

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"We need to keep doing all that we can to help people maintain quality housing," Fudge said in a statement. "We know that access to legal services and eviction diversion programs works. It helps people avoid evictions and protects tenants' rights."

The funding can also be used to help landlords access emergency rental assistance and will generally help reduce caseloads in eviction courts around the country, Fudge said.

And the grant program is expected to particularly help people of color — they are disproportionately represented among those evicted — as well as tenants with limited English proficiency and people with disabilities, the department said.

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"I watched history, and now I'm scribing the first woman of color who identifies as Black as vice president," said April Ryan.

"I'm a Baltimorean. I grew up, and I'm still

here," Ryan declared.

"I can't leave, my family is here, and I know that there's this vibe here."

She said Baltimore is primed for a comeback, much like the recent rise of Detroit, which had for

decades been mired in problems that stemmed from local government mismanagement and other woes.

"Baltimore is a real community, and I'm an HBCU baby who grew up on the campus of

Morgan State, where my mother worked until she died," Ryan related.

"My heart is here, and I want to see Baltimore come back like Detroit. I see Morgan State's renaissance, and it's like a

Phoenix — one of the most beautiful schools in the country, and it's in the heart of Baltimore City. Like Maya Angelou said and Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson repeated, 'and still I rise.'