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Southwest Airlines Becomes Official Airline Of Paul Quinn College Joins List Of Partners For Urban Work College Program

Through this partnership with the Dallas-based Historically Black College and University, the carrier continues to champion educational attainment for all



Southwest Airlines Becomes Official Airline of Paul Quinn College – (Photo Credit/SWAirlines)

DALLAS — Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announces a partnership with Paul Quinn College to become the College's official airline and a member of the school's celebrated Urban Work College Program. Southwest Airlines® has long believed educated communities are empowered communities, and continues to invest in workforce development programs that introduce students to the diverse set of career opportunities in the aviation industry.

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moment in the history of the Quinnite Nation," said Dr. Michael J. Sorrell, President of Paul Quinn College. "We are excited for our partnership with Southwest Airlines that goes far beyond discounted tickets and feel-good moments. It is substantive and focused. In addition to supporting the travel needs of our students and staff, our relationship will result in employment opportunities for our students, learning opportunities for the two secondary schools on our campus, and the potential for a very unique academic program. The Southwest Airlines/Paul Quinn alliance will be special."

Southwest Airlines, in becoming the official airline of Paul Quinn College and first airline in the school's

"This is a wonderful Continue Airline Page 2

Russian Court Upholds Brittney Griner Conviction

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

WNBA Star Brittney Griner will remain in a Russian prison and serve the bulk of her 9-year sentence following the Moscow Regional Court's decision on Tuesday to uphold her earlier conviction and sentence.

The court slightly reduced the sentence by granting Griner 1.5 days of time served. The Phoenix Mercury all-star has been in custody since Feb. 17.

Tuesday's outcome only hastened fears that Griner would now be sent to one of Russia's brutal prison colonies, where abuse and even torture reportedly occurs routinely.

"We are aware of the news out of Russia that Brittney Griner will continue to be wrongfully detained under intolerable circumstances after having to

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Thelma L. Wells, Beloved Speaker, Teacher and Author Has Passed

Dallas, TX, October 9, 2022 - Thelma L. Wells, known as "Mama T." has passed. Mama T. was known worldwide for her warmth and candor as a business woman, speaker, teacher and author. She has been featured in numerous local and national publications and appeared on TV shows including The Dr. Phil Show, The Joanie Show, Life Today and the 700 Club. She was a sought after speaker by corporations, women's groups and government entities. As a speaker, she spoke to over a million people and shared the stage with speakers such as Zig Ziglar, Max Lucado, Kay Arthur, June Hunt and of course her Women of Faith porch pals: Luci Swindoll, Sheila Walsh, Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Nicole

Johnson and Sandy Patti. "My dear Mama T., Thelma Wells exuded the widest width of grace I've ever seen" says Sandy Patti. TBN's Sheila Walsh says "I'm so grateful for her kindness, wisdom and her passion for Jesus. Our loss is heaven's gain."

Mama T.'s tagline was "In Christ you can "BEE" the best!", a mission she carried out for more than 50 years. "Human beings need a lot of encouragement to be able to do the things required and desired of them", she would say. To that end, she hosted her own TV show for the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) and penned over 40 books during her lifetime. Mama T.'s desire to uplift women never

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Legislation affecting voting rights brings cause for alarm over future of democracy

Legislative moves across different parts of the country have raised concerns from those who fear stepping back from the gains made in the 1960s.
(Photo: Unseen Histories / Unsplash)

By Lori Lee/NDG Contributing Writer



Despite that it happened early in the pandemic, the high voter turnout of the 2022 election has prompted some states to adjust their voting laws. After concerns over virus transmission prompted states and local authorities to support mail-in voting and drop boxes, some states have chosen to adopt those practices permanently, National Organization for Women reports.

Seeing their success, Nevada and Vermont will continue to mail ballots out to all active registered voters for future general elections. Others will expand voter access by allowing mail-in ballots without excuses, Politico reports.

Some states have gone the opposite route, making voter laws more restrictive. Republican-led states, citing false claims of voter fraud, have passed bills limiting drop boxes and mail-in voting, and shortening the time allowed to vote.

Legislative moves across different parts of the country have raised concerns from those who fear stepping back from the gains made in the 1960s.

Georgia, known for longer wait times in black areas, now makes it a misdemeanor to distribute food and water to voters, reports the Poynter Institute. Other laws limit assistance to mail-in voters and hold to strict signature requirements.

Alternative efforts to suppress the vote are through electing candidates who subscribe to Donald Trump's philosophies of overturning elections and intimidating election officials. Alex Koppelman of CNN suggests that if Republicans take over the Senate or the House, and if another Trump-inspired

Republican runs for president, "there may be no stopping the tide."

Secretaries of state offices may be most important, as overseers of elections and influencers of public opinion. Barbara McQuade of Time reports, there are at least 17 election deniers of the 27 secretaries of state to be elected this fall.

Kansas House Bill 2332 prevents the executive and judicial branches from changing election laws by transferring some key powers of election administration to the legislature.

Then, there are efforts to suppress certain types of voter turnout by restricting the type of Voter ID accepted at the polls. These laws tend to negatively affect those in lower income neighborhoods and in areas with a history of segregation, where many may not own a car or have a driver's license. For these citizens, obtaining voter I.D.s and birth certificates may be more difficult, National Organization for Women reports.

Similarly, restrictions that require the exact same name on all government documentation hurt women and LGBTQIAs, who have a tendency to experience name changes, they report.

Other efforts to control the vote allow concealed carry permits, while not

accepting student IDs as a valid form of identification. One such state is Texas.

Despite the brave walk-out Texas Democrats organized to avoid our massive voting rights bill, S.B. 1 bans drive-thru voting, tightens documentation requirements for mail ballots, limits polling hours, and allows partisan poll watchers.

There is also an increasing tendency for states to purge voter registration rolls. Iowa has justified purging its "bloated voter rolls" by reducing opportunities for voter fraud, as reported by CBS News. New Iowa election laws will make voter status "inactive" after skipping one election and cancel voter registration for those who skip just four years of voting.

Other limits on voter registration come by not allowing voters to register on election day. Montana recently ended its election day registration option, which the state had successfully used for 15 years. The state has even gone so as to ban voter education and registration efforts at public colleges. In a similar way, Florida has been targeting get-out-the-vote and third-party voter registration organizations that encourage civic engagement.

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Photos/Credit SW Airlines

Corporate Work Program, is investing in the school to promote diverse academic pathways, ultimately inspiring future generations to pursue careers within aviation. This strategic partnership comes at a time when there is a heightened imperative for the airline industry to attract and hire more diverse talent in their workforce.

The Company is committed to building resilient communities through partnerships that drive economic, social, and environmental impact. The partnership between Southwest Airlines and the Paul Quinn Corporate Work Program will include dedicated, paid internships specifically for students at the college along with ongoing educational

opportunities. The students selected for a Southwest internship will have the opportunity to work in vital areas of the business such as the airline's world-class Network Operations Control Center that functions as the nerve center of the airline's daily operations as well as the Finance Department that oversees budgeting and forecasting for the company.

"We are inspired by the work that is in motion at Paul Quinn's Urban Work College Program, which aligns with our commitment to developing programs that meet the needs of our diverse communities," said Laura Nieto, Director of Community Outreach for Southwest Airlines. "We look forward to providing

an educational experience for Paul Quinn students and hope they develop a passion and interest in the aviation industry."

"I am so excited! Transportation is such a big issue for many of our students – myself included. A partnership like this, that invests in us and allows us to peek behind the veil of one of the world's greatest companies is just remarkable," said Ericka Drinker, student at Paul Quinn College.

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Ye dropped by talent agency documentary on him scrapped

By LEANNE ITALIE

NEW YORK (AP) — A completed documentary about the rapper formerly known as Kanye West has been shelved amid his recent slew of antisemitic remarks.

MRC studio executives Modi Wiczzyk, Asif Satchu and Scott Tenley announced in a memo Monday: "We cannot support any content that amplifies his platform." Ye was recently restricted from posting on Twitter and Instagram over antisemitic posts that the social net-

works said violated their policies. He has also suggested slavery was a choice and called the COVID-19 vaccine the "mark of the beast." Earlier this month, Ye was criticized for wearing a "White Lives Matter" T-shirt to the showing of his latest collection at Paris Fashion Week.

Wiczzyk and Satchu are co-founders and co-CEOs of MRC Entertainment. Tenley is the chief business officer. Shelving the documentary comes just days after the

French fashion house Balenciaga cut ties with Ye, according to Women's Wear Daily.

In their lengthy memo, Wiczzyk, Satchu and Tenley reach deep into the history of antisemitism.

"Kanye is a producer and sampler of music. Last week he sampled and remixed a classic tune that has charted for over 3000 years — the lie that Jews are evil and conspire to control the world for their own gain. This song was performed

acapella in the time of the Pharaohs, Babylon and Rome, went acoustic with The Spanish Inquisition and Russia's Pale of Settlement, and Hitler took the song electric. Kanye has now helped mainstream it in the modern era," they wrote.

Ye's talent agency, CAA, has dropped him as well. That news Monday and the scrapped documentary comes after UTA CEO Jeremy Zimmer condemned Ye in a companywide memo denouncing antisemitism.

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waned. After leaving the Women of Faith conference, she started That a Girl and Friends Speakers Agency and launched her "Generation Love: Divine Explosion" conference tour in 2016. She had just finished her last book Olive Tree Wisdom when she became ill.

You may continue to be inspired by the teachings of

Mama T. through her website: www.thelmawells.com.

A memorial for Thelma L. Wells is planned for Saturday, November 5, 2022 at Trinity Church located at 1231 E. Pleasant Run Rd., Cedar Hill, TX 75104. The memorial will begin at 11:00 a.m. and is open to the public. In lieu of flowers, please send a financial gift to Trinity Church in memory of Thelma L. Wells (aka Mama.

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I CORINTHIANS STUDY

I CORINTHIANS 1:10-31

A DIVIDED CHURCH

By **Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith**

Beginning in verse 10, we come to a new division in this grand epistle where the Apostle Paul began to address the primary problem facing the Corinthian church. Paul admonished the Corinthian church to “speak the same thing” and that “there be no divisions among you”, but that they “be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” A church may be highly gifted, however, divisions within it can create problems. The divisions within a church such as gossip, backbiting, criticism and hatred can bring about disunity within the body of Christ. Paul admonished this church to “be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

You might ask, “What is the same mind?” The obvious answer is “the mind of Christ,” the submissive mind! (see Philippians 2:5-8). The Apostle Paul had been informed that there were contentions in the church, and he was informed first-hand by those of the household of Chloe (v. 11).

The contentions within the Corinthian church included such sins of the flesh as strife, quarreling, schisms and wrangling. These sins of the flesh can really bring about disunity within the body of Christ!

One of the problems in the Corinthian church was that the church had formed “cliques around certain men” (v. 12). The believers in Corinth were divided over different leaders of the church (vv. 12-13). Thus, Paul will stress to them that the centrality of Christ is the

key ingredient in solving the factions and fractures in the church. The Corinthian church was definitely not unified, and obviously, there was no fellowship in the body! The Corinthian church needed to be occupied with the person of Christ, and not to be forming cliques around different leaders of the church!

In verses 14-17, Paul draws this church’s attention to the fact that he didn’t baptize many but was focused on preaching the gospel. The gospel message should bring about unity, not disunity. However, in verse 18, the preaching of the cross will divide the saved from the unsaved. On another note, the preaching of the cross should not divide saved people!

We should be unified, not a church characterized by schisms and strife within the body of Christ. Again, the preaching of the cross of Christ divides the world, but it does not divide the church! Paul went on to stress that “the foolishness of preaching, not foolish preaching, will save them that believe” (vv. 19-21). Men are not saved by the wisdom of this world; rather, they are saved by the foolishness of preaching when they believe.

From verses 22-23, Paul divided mankind into two groups: Jews and Greeks (Gentiles). The message of a crucified Christ was a stumbling block to the Jews, and it was foolishness to the Gentiles because it did not conform to their philosophical way of thinking! As believers today, we must stress that God is saving men today by the “foolishness of preaching” as they believe the gospel, and not by the wisdom of this world.

From verses 24-27, Paul emphasized that through the power and wisdom of God, He has called and transformed the lives of both Jews and Greeks, even those who were not considered wise, mighty or noble. Believers may seem foolish and weak in the estimation of the world but God’s method in saving us is through the foolishness of preaching when we believe; therefore, we will have no basis to boast about anything, but that God will get the glory! (vv. 28-29).

In verses 30-31, we need to glory only in the Lord. Christ is the source of everything we need: He has been made to us wisdom; He is our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. We need to glory in the Lord Jesus Christ and not in ourselves!

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What: As part of the Branch Out Dallas program and to celebrate Dallas Arbor Day, the City will distribute free five-gallon trees to Dallas residents who registered for this event.

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When: Saturday, November 5, 2022, 9 a.m. to Noon

HEALTH NEWS

Tips for staying healthy during flu season

Flu season begins in the fall and lasts through winter. The best way to prevent flu is by receiving an annual **flu shot**. Getting the flu shot helps prevent you from getting sick and protect the people you love who may have a harder time if they were to get sick.

More ways to keep you and your family healthy:

- Get the flu shot.
- Keep your distance from others who are sick or showing symptoms.
- Stay home when you are sick so that you don't pass the virus to others.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing to help keep from spreading germs.
- Clean your hands often using soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Practice good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, exercise, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and maintain a balanced diet that includes fruits and vegetables.

The Bake: Delicious Shrimp Pockets

Many view shrimp as a value ingredient, "something to pluck out of the freezer and toss into your waiting pan of buttery garlic whenever you need a speedy, convenient dinner."

By Paris Brown
 NNPA Newswire Contributor



Welcome back to the bake!

Americans reportedly are eating more shrimp than ever before.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Americans ate 19 pounds of seafood per capita in 2020, down slightly from 19.3 pounds in 2019.

As the New York Times noted, shrimp is no longer

viewed as the kind of delicacy flaunted at weddings next to the caviar.

Many view shrimp as a value ingredient, "something to pluck out of the freezer and toss into your waiting pan of buttery garlic whenever you need a speedy, convenient dinner."

This week's bake is unique because it inspired my mom's recipe.

She made shrimp adobo which was absolutely mind-blowing.

With that, I knew I had to make a bake for it.

Thanks to her, I made the most delicious bake yet!

Of course, you can season the shrimp however you want, but the seasonings my mom used make it truly delicious. I used lots of garlic, peppers, adobo, and

other flavors. It paired so well with the flaky pastry and tender shrimp. And they are super easy to make!! I hope you enjoy and have a wonderful bake!

Ingredients

- 1 cup shrimp, de-veined and de-shelled
- 1/4 cup diced onion
- 1/4 cup diced peppers
- 3 cloves garlic
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- Smoked paprika to taste
- Adobo powder, to taste
- Sazon to taste
- Garlic powder to taste
- Old bay to taste
- 1 tsp lemon
- 1 sheet phyllo dough
- 1 egg

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F
2. In a cast iron pan, heat oil

over medium heat. Add in onions and peppers and season. Add the garlic and cook until onions and peppers are translucent. Transfer into a bowl and set aside.

3. Season shrimp, then cook in the same pan in which you cooked the onions and pepper until pink. Set aside.

4. Crack the egg and add about 1 tbsp of water, then mix.

5. Cut the phyllo sheet into squares. Put a small number of onions and peppers into the center of the square. Put two shrimp on top. Then, egg wash all for borders. After that, fold the corners into the center, and egg wash the surface.

6. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden.

7. Enjoy!!!

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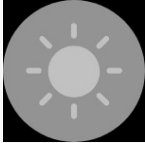
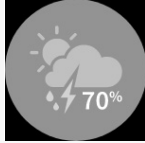



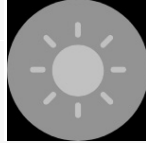



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I AM a Golfer Foundation Unveils Nationally Televised

“Southwest Airlines Showcase at Cedar Crest”

Top Black Collegiate Men and Women to Compete in Televised Event on GOLF Channel at Historic Cedar Crest Golf Course with Goal of Positively Impacting Southern Dallas

DALLAS - The I AM a Golfer Foundation, a Dallas nonprofit focused on historic Cedar Crest Golf Course, with support from Dallas-based Southwest Airlines, announced today an addition to GOLF Channel’s 2023 lineup of live televised college golf tournaments: The Southwest Airlines Showcase at Cedar Crest. The event will be comprised of Black collegiate golfers, and include development opportunities for participants and area residents.

The top-21 male and 21 female Black collegiate golfers in the country will compete in 54-hole stroke play contests in their respective divisions. The inaugural three-day tournament will debut November 13, 2023, with a second event scheduled for 2024. GOLF Channel will televise all three rounds live and replay the tournaments in the evenings.

“We are delighted to announce this new event that provides opportunity for these talented collegiate golfers to showcase their talents on national television, exposure that is generally limited to players on a handful of Division 1 teams,” said Dave Ridley,

Co-Founder and Chairman of the Foundation. “This event will highlight the history of Cedar Crest and the impact the Foundation is making on the lives of young people through our varied programs at the course and within the Dallas community.”

Chartered in 1919, Cedar Crest was designed by famed golf course architect A.W. Tillinghast. Among other significant national tournaments, Cedar Crest hosted the 1927 PGA Championship won by Walter Hagen and the 1954 UGA Negro National Open won by Charlie Sifford. Tillinghast, Hagen, and Sifford are members of the World Golf Hall of Fame.

“Cedar Crest Golf Course is a special place with a rich history,” said Ira Molayo, Co-Founder and Vice Chairman of IAMGF. “Our Foundation’s mission is to help this ‘hidden gem’ be a catalyst for community transformation in the Cedar Crest neighborhood and surrounding communities.”

Since inception in 2018, IAMGF has engaged more than 450 area youth in instructional programming, created and hosted 71 paid internship positions for area students, and awarded more

than \$95,000 in college and higher education scholarships.

“Showing up for people in the markets we serve – including our hometown of Dallas – is at the heart of who we are,” said Ryan Green, Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer at Southwest Airlines. “The contributions made by IAMGF align with our commitment to Dallas and support our mission to be a part of the surrounding communities.”

In addition to its youth programs, IAMGF founded the Dallas Amateur Championship in 2018 for DFW-area competitive golfers and as a fund-raiser for the Foundation. More than 600 participants compete annually.

“I could not be more proud and thankful to the leadership at the Foundation and Southwest Airlines for creating this event that will showcase our great city to a national audience,” said Mayor of Dallas Eric Johnson. “This unique collegiate, community and cause-related event will serve a purpose unlike any other in our city.”

A Saturday evening gala dinner with a keynote

speaker and a Sunday morning 18-hole Collegiate-Amateur event will precede the three days of competition.

During the morning of each day’s competition, the schedule allows for conferences, seminars, and job fairs, not only for the participants in the event but also for area youth.

“I have long seen Cedar Crest Golf Course as an untapped economic engine for this community,” said Dallas City Councilmember for District 4, Carolyn King Arnold. “This new tournament, with its national reach, will add fuel to that engine and help attract a broad range of stakeholders who can help build on the momentum we have in the southern Dallas corridor to have a positive impact on our neighborhoods and residents.”

The Southwest Airlines Showcase at Cedar Crest will be the very first televised tournament exclusively featuring the top male and female Black collegiate players and showcased as part of GOLF Channel’s annual coverage of college golf throughout the fall and spring.

“We are excited to introduce this dynamic, historic

event into our college golf portfolio beginning next fall and continue to raise the profile of student athletes throughout the year across our platforms,” said Tom Knapp, Executive Vice President, Partnerships & Programming, NBC Sports.

“We are looking forward to showcasing not only the achievements of the Black men and women on the course at historic Cedar Crest during this tournament, but also telling the stories of their important, long-standing impact in the local Dallas community together with the Foundation,” added Damon Phillips, Senior Vice President, Strategic Initiatives & Head of Diversity and Inclusion, NBC Sports.

The tournament will be the first-ever televised event at historic Cedar Crest Golf Course. GOLF Channel will provide live afternoon coverage of all three rounds with an encore presentation of each round totaling six telecasts and 18 total hours of programming.

“For Cedar Crest to host these talented collegiate players is a testament to Southwest Airlines’ investment in the communities that support them and to the

city’s partnership with I AM a Golfer and Cedar Crest golf professionals. This golf gathering is creating economic development opportunities for southern Dallas that will ensure the course remains the “crown jewel” of this community and a favorite among golfers,” said Arun Agarwal, President, Dallas Park and Recreation Board.

Cedar Crest Golf Course is the oldest of six golf courses in the Dallas Park and Recreation collection, and the only course to have hosted tournaments on a national level including a major championship.

“Cedar Crest has been the stage for larger-than-life and blue-ribbon moments in golf history. Its rich legacy continues with this tournament’s debut, a game changer for our park system and for golf in this country,” said John D. Jenkins, director, Dallas Park and Recreation Department. “Hosting the Southwest Airlines Showcase is significant not only for Cedar Crest but also for Oak Cliff and southern Dallas neighborhoods. Recent enhancements to the greens and facility will give golfers an incredible playing experience.”

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Russian Court Upholds Brittney Griner Conviction

undergo another sham judicial proceeding today,” U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan Sullivan told reporters.

“President Biden has been very clear that Brittney should be released immediately.”

According to CNN, Sullivan stressed that the Biden administration is working to get Griner, and Paul Whelan released.

Sullivan said the administration “remains in contact with representatives of the families.”

Whelan, an ex-Marine, has been detained since 2018.

“In recent weeks, the Biden-Harris Administration has continued to engage with Russia through every available effort to bring home Brittney as well as to support and advocate for other

Americans detained in Russia, including fellow wrongful detainee Paul Whelan,” Sullivan said.

“The President has demonstrated that he is willing to go to extraordinary lengths and make tough decisions to bring Americans home, as his Administration has done successfully from countries around the world.”

Biden has offered Russian Viktor Bout, a notorious arms dealer, in exchange for Griner and Whelan but thus far hasn’t been able to strike a deal with Moscow.

“We are very disappointed. The verdict contains numerous defects, and we hoped that the court of appeal would take them into consideration,” Griner’s lawyers Maria Blagovolina and Alexander Boykov said in a statement.

“We still think the pun-



ishment is excessive and contradicts to the existing court practice.”

“Brittney’s biggest fear is that she is not exchanged and will have to serve the

whole sentence in Russia. She had hopes for today as each month, each day away from her family and friends matters to her,” her lawyers noted.

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Things One Should Know About Halloween

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

Halloween is once again upon us, with more spending than last year, in spite of the pandemic. Last year 2021, Americans spent a total of \$10.1 billion on Halloween. This year it is projected that expenditures by this same group of Americans will exceed \$1.6 billion. It is anticipated that “people will resume related activities associated with Halloween at pre-pandemic levels with 69% of consumers planning to celebrate the holiday this year, up from 65% in 2021 and comparable to 68% in 2019,” according to the National Retail Federation (NRF). Here are some of the reasons for the increase in cost. The cost of candy has increased this year by more than 13.1% over September of last year.

This year consumers are expected to spend \$3.6 billion on costumes; \$3.1 billion on candy; \$3.4 billion

for decorations; and \$0.6 billion for greeting cards. This will equate to \$100.00 per individual or families celebrating the occasion.

Moxy people are not aware of the history of Halloween or the fact that the observance was brought to America by the Irish during the Potato Famine of 1840. From about 1930 until Mickey Mouse had a Halloween celebration in the 1950s, it had been an occasion for pranks or tricks on the people if they didn't have treats. Disney's Mickey Mouse Halloween celebration through animation was responsible for the growth and takeoff of the celebrations today.

But the history is not as much fun as the observance has become. The history is a mixture of the Catholic Church's observance of All Saint's Day and All Souls Day, to be celebrated on November 1st. That date

was considered a “Holy” day. The evening before became known as “All Hallow's” Eve. This original celebration dates back more than 2,000 years to the Druids and the time of harvest.

Eventually, the idea surfaced that the spirits of the dead came out the evening before “The Day of the Dead” and sought bodies to inhabit the night before. The idea of the pumpkin was to carve a face and put a candle in the pumpkin, it the pumpkin placed in one's window or door. This told passing spirits that the dwelling was already inhabited and, therefore, the spirits would move on to look for another place.

To those of the Catholic faith, in Mexico, the celebration adopted elements of the Aztec culture and radiation and was added to the Day of the Dead or “Dia de Muertos,” a time honoring



Dr. Rev. Dr. John Warren

those who have passed on. What has now become a three-day celebration is a time for family gatherings for prayers and remembrances of the dead.

The other side of this story is that in many Protestant faiths, Halloween is seen as a Satanic event. The celebration of witches and demons is forbidden in the Bible. The conclusion of the matter is one should know and understand that which once celebrates.

Black Press of America Plans Digital Innovation and Training Conference in St. Thomas

By Stacy M. Brown



The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and its 235 African American newspapers and media company owners, employees, sponsors, and others plan to converge in the beautiful U.S. Virgin Islands for the NNPA's annual midwinter training conference in February.

With the theme, “Digital Innovation, Training, and Engagement of the Black Press of America,” publishers and others will link up to further strengthen the 195-year-old Black Press.

Moreover, the always highly anticipated training conference takes place from Feb. 1 to Feb. 4 at the brand-new Westin Beach Resort at Frenchmen's Reef, Estate Bakkeroe, in St. Thomas.

The NNPA's all-Black woman executive board will count among those greeting NNPA partners, sponsors, and guests. They can take advantage of a remarkable and reduced-priced resort stay by immediately registering at www.nnpa-events.com.

Chair Karen Carter Richards, the publisher of the Houston Forward Times, leads the all-women executive board.

Janis Ware, the publisher of the Atlanta Voice, serves as vice chair. Fran Farrer, the publisher of The County News in North Carolina, is the second vice chair.

Jackie Hampton, the publisher of The Mississippi Link, serves as national secretary, and Cheryl Smith, the publisher of the Texas Metro News, is the NNPA's national treasurer.

NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis will receive the trade association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Among NNPA's highly-valued sponsors invited to attend are AARP, Wells Fargo, AmeriHealth Caritas, American Petroleum Institute, Comcast NBC Universal, In Our Own Voice – National Black Women's Reproductive Agenda, Compassion & Choices Action Network, and the NNPA Fund.

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Attorney Ben Crump Files Lawsuit on Behalf of User of Chemical Hair Straightening Products

Crump and Zimmermann filed the suit on behalf of Jenny Mitchell, a woman with no family history of cancer but who received a uterine cancer diagnosis after years of using L'Oréal products.

By **Stacy M. Brown**
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Researchers have discovered that hair products used predominately by Black women are likely to contain hazardous chemicals with endocrine-disrupting and carcinogenic properties.

Armed with that information and research by the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, civil rights attorney Ben Crump joined forces with lawyer Diandra “Fu” Debrosse Zimmermann to file a lawsuit against beauty products giant L’Oréal USA.

Crump and Zimmermann filed the suit on behalf of Jenny Mitchell, a woman with no family history of cancer but who received a uterine cancer diagnosis after years of using L’Oréal products.

The lawyers declared that the defendants also would include “entities that assisted in the development, marketing, and sale of the defective products including Motions, Dark & Lovely, Olive Oil Relaxer, and Organic Root Stimulator.”

“Black women have long been told they must use chemical hair straightening products to meet society’s standards,” Crump declared. “Companies took advantage of this and marketed their dangerous products to women without any regard for the serious health risks. We need justice.”

Crump said Mitchell started using the products around 2000 and continued until 2022.

In August 2018, Mitchell – with no family history of uterine or other cancer – was diagnosed with uterine cancer and underwent a complete hysterectomy, Crump noted.

Mitchell attended mandatory medical appointments every three months for two years and has appointments scheduled every six months. Crump cited a new study published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute this week.

The study concluded that frequent users of chemical hair straightening products, defined in the study as more than four uses a year, were more than twice as likely to develop uterine cancer than those who didn’t use those products.

The National Institute of Health’s National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences conducted the study.

Uterine cancer rates and deaths are reportedly on the rise in the U.S.

Death rates are highest among non-Hispanic Black women, who are more likely than other populations to be afflicted with aggressive subtypes of uterine cancer, according to the National Institutes of Health, which tracked data from 34,000

women in the Sister Study for more than a decade.

“Black women have long been the victims of dangerous products specifically marketed to them,” said Crump. “Black hair has been and always will be beautiful, but Black women have been told they have to use these products to meet society’s standards. Unfortunately, we will likely discover that Ms. Mitchell’s tragic case is one of the countless cases in which companies aggressively misled black women to increase their profits.”

Chemical hair straighteners typically contain products associated with higher cancer risk, including formaldehyde, metals, phthalates, and parabens, which may be more easily absorbed by the body through scalp burns and abrasions often caused by chemical straighteners, study authors determined.

Zimmermann added that companies like L’Oréal “targeted Black and Latin women for their own profit motive and without regard to the serious health risks that these hair-straightening products cause is a serious wrong that needs to be corrected.”

“We have commenced this important litigation to seek and obtain justice for those women and their families.”

Slavery is on the ballot for voters in 5 US states

By **KIMBERLEE KRUESI**



FILE - In this June 17, 2020, file photo, Rep. Edmond Jordan, D-Baton Rouge, speaks in Baton Rouge, La. (AP Photo/Melinda Deslatte, File)

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — More than 150 years after slaves were freed in the U.S., voters in five states will soon decide whether to close loopholes that led to the proliferation of a different form of slavery — forced labor by people convicted of certain crimes.

None of the proposals would force immediate changes inside the states’ prisons, though they could lead to legal challenges related to how they use prison labor, a lasting imprint of slavery’s legacy on the entire United States.

The effort is part of a national push to amend the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that banned enslavement or involuntary servitude except as a form of criminal punishment. That exception has long permitted the exploitation of labor by convicted felons.

“The idea that you could ever finish the sentence ‘slavery’s okay when ... ’ has to rip out your soul, and I think it’s what makes this a fight that ignores political lines and brings us together, because it feels so clear,” said Bianca Tylek, executive director of Worth Rises, a criminal justice advocacy group pushing to remove the amendment’s convict labor clause.

Nearly 20 states have constitutions that include language permitting slavery and involuntary servitude as criminal punishments. In 2018, Colorado was the first to remove the language from its founding frameworks by ballot measure, followed by Nebraska and Utah two years later.

This November, versions of the question go before voters in Alabama, Louisiana, Oregon, Tennessee and Vermont.

Sen. Raumesh Akbari, a Democrat from Memphis, was shocked when a fellow lawmaker told her about the slavery exception in the Tennessee Constitution and immediately began working to replace the language.

“When I found out that this exception existed, I thought, ‘We have got to fix this and we’ve got to fix this right away,’” she said. “Our

constitution should reflect the values and the beliefs of our state.”

Constitutions require lengthy and technically tricky steps before they can be tweaked. Akbari first proposed changes in 2019; the GOP-dominant General Assembly then had to pass the changes by a majority vote in one two-year legislative period and then pass it again with at least two-thirds approval in the next. The amendment could then go on the ballot in the year of the next gubernatorial election.

Akbari also had to work with the state Department of Correction to ensure that inmate labor wouldn’t be prohibited under her proposal.

The proposed language going before Tennessean voters more clearly distinguishes between the two: “Slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime.”

“We understand that those who are incarcerated cannot be forced to work without pay, but we should not create a situation where they won’t be able to work at all,” Akbari said.

Similar concerns over the financial impact of prison labor led California’s Democratic-led Legislature to reject an amendment eliminating indentured servitude as a possible punishment for crime after Gov. Gavin Newsom’s administration predicted it could require the state to pay billions of dollars at minimum wage to prison inmates.

Scrutiny over prison labor has existed for decades, but the 13th Amendment’s loophole in particular encouraged former Confederate states after the Civil War to devise new ways to maintain the dynamics of slavery. They used restrictive measures, known as the “Black codes” because they nearly always targeted Black people, to criminalize benign interactions such as talking too loudly or not yielding on the sidewalk. Those targeted

would end up in custody for minor actions, effectively enslaving them again.

Fast-forward to today: Many incarcerated workers make pennies on the dollar, which isn’t expected to change if the proposals succeed. Inmates who refuse to work may be denied phone calls or visits with family, punished with solitary confinement and even be denied parole.

Alabama is asking voters to delete all racist language from its constitution and to remove and replace a section on convict labor that’s similar to what Tennessee has had in its constitution.

Vermont often boasts of being the first state in the nation to ban slavery in 1777, but its constitution still allows involuntary servitude in a handful of circumstances. Its proposed change would replace the current exception clause with language saying “slavery and indentured servitude in any form are prohibited.”

Oregon’s proposed change repeals its exception clause while adding language allowing a court or probation or parole agency to order alternatives to incarceration as part of sentencing.

Louisiana is the only state so far to have its proposed amendment draw organized opposition, over concerns that the replacement language may make matters worse. Even one of its original sponsors has second thoughts — Democratic Rep. Edmond Jordan told The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate last week that he’s urging voters to reject it.

The nonprofit Council for a Better Louisiana warned that the wording could technically permit slavery again, as well as continue involuntary servitude.

Louisiana’s Constitution now says: “Slavery and involuntary servitude are prohibited, except in the latter case as punishment for a crime.” The amendment would change that to: “Slavery and involuntary servitude are prohibited, (but this) does not apply to the otherwise lawful administration of criminal justice.”

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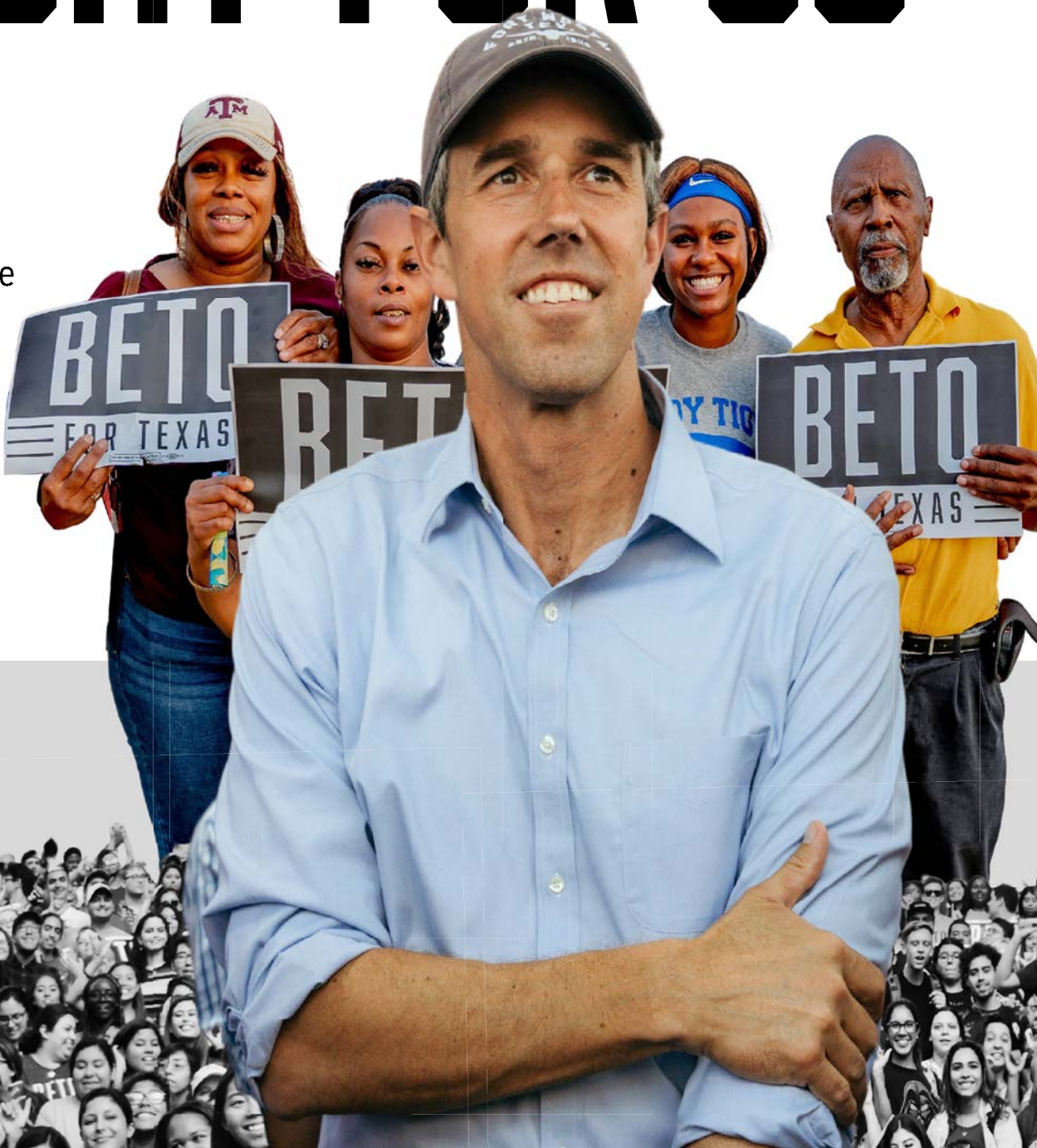
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New principal sees Wilmer-Hutchins High as an 'Oasis of Opportunity'

BY A'NEASE LINNEAR



New principal sees Wilmer-Hutchins High as an 'Oasis of Opportunity'
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Following a brief vacancy at the start of the 2022-23 school year, the role of principal at Wilmer-Hutchins High School was filled with a familiar face from within – Mr. William Lane.

"Since I began my new role it has been really fast paced, but right now I want to make sure that the vision of where I want to go and how we are going to get there is laid out," Lane said.

Before accepting his first principalship, Lane began planting the seeds as an instructional coach, then as

an assistant principal at Wilmer-Hutchins, which he refers to as the "the Oasis of Opportunity" for current students and those to come.

With his ongoing legacy at the school, he has goals for the kids he has grown to know, love and mentor.

"I have two big goals," he said. "I want to increase academic achievement and our campus TEA score from a 'C' to 'B,' with high hopes of making it an 'A.' Secondly, I want to have 100 percent of the 2023 senior class be college or career ready."

Wilmer-Hutchins is an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) campus, and since the implementation of the program, the administration staff has seen a positive change. The students have been given the opportunity to engage and dive deeper into their lessons and absorb everything that they are learning.

This is only the beginning of the journey for the students, staff and new principal at Wilmer-Hutchins High School, in their oasis of opportunity.



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