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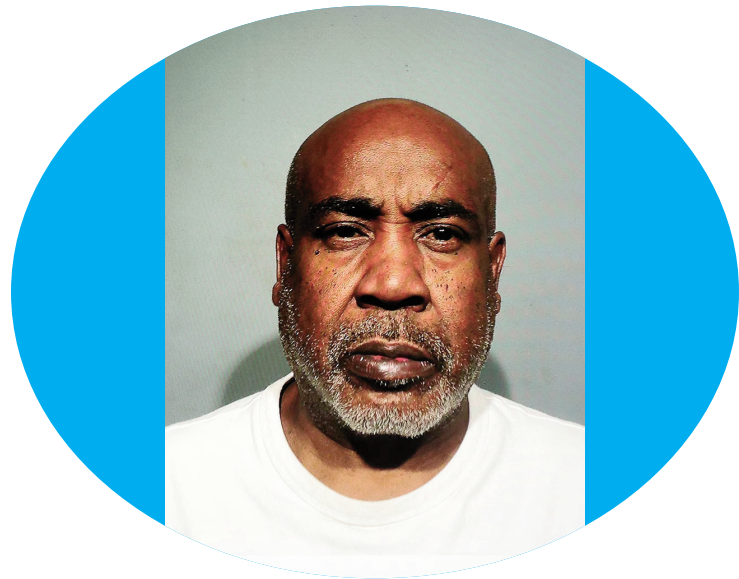
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## Twenty-Seven Years Later: Suspect Arrested in Murder of Tupac Shakur

By Lauren Victoria Burke, NNPA Newswire Contributor



Duane Keith Davis

Twenty-seven years after the death of one of the most noted rappers in history of the genre, a man has been arrested for the murder of rapper Tupac Shakur.

As the years have gone by some suspects have come into the news while others have passed away. On September 29, 2023, a man named Duane Keith Davis was arrested in Las Vegas and charged in connection with the murder of

Shakur.

The rapper and actor was killed on September 13, 1996 in Las Vegas, at the age of 25, after being shot four times. He died less than a week later at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada. Since then, Shakur's death has lingered on as a mystery that has never been brought to a conclusion.

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## BREAKING NEWS: McCarthy's Downfall: Rogue Republicans Remove House Speaker

By Stacy M. Brown



Kevin McCarthy, 55th Speaker of the United States House of Representatives

A group of rogue Republicans supporting former President Donald Trump

has ousted House Speaker Kevin McCarthy from his position. The unprecedented action comes after McCarthy's controversial deal-making with Democrats to avert a government shut-down.

McCarthy, who had steadfastly resisted reaching out to Democrats, was on the losing end of a high-stakes political battle. The California representative's efforts to broker the deal to keep the government working led to his

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Senator Dianne Feinstein/Photo Credit: NNPA Files

Senator Dianne Feinstein of California, a stalwart advocate for gun control measures and a figure known for seeking bipartisan cooperation during her extensive tenure in the Senate, has died at 90.

Feinstein, renowned as the Senate's elder stateswoman, the lengthiest-serving female senator, and the lengthiest-serving Californian senator, announced her decision to

retire in February, sparking both accolades and concerns about her health. Following her retirement announcement, President Joe Biden commended his former Senate colleague, praising her as a "passionate defender of civil liberties and a strong voice for national security policies that keep us safe while honoring our values."

In late February, when Feinstein was absent from

crucial votes, her spokesperson disclosed that she was tending to a health matter in California and expressed hopes for her swift return to Washington.

The California Democrat has supported gun control initiatives throughout her career, most notably by spearheading the 1994 campaign for the assault weapons ban, which President Bill Clinton signed into law. She contin-

ued to advocate for stringent gun control measures after the ban's expiration in 2004. As chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Feinstein spearheaded a comprehensive investigation into the CIA's post-9/11 detention and interrogation program, culminating in legislation prohibiting such torture methods.

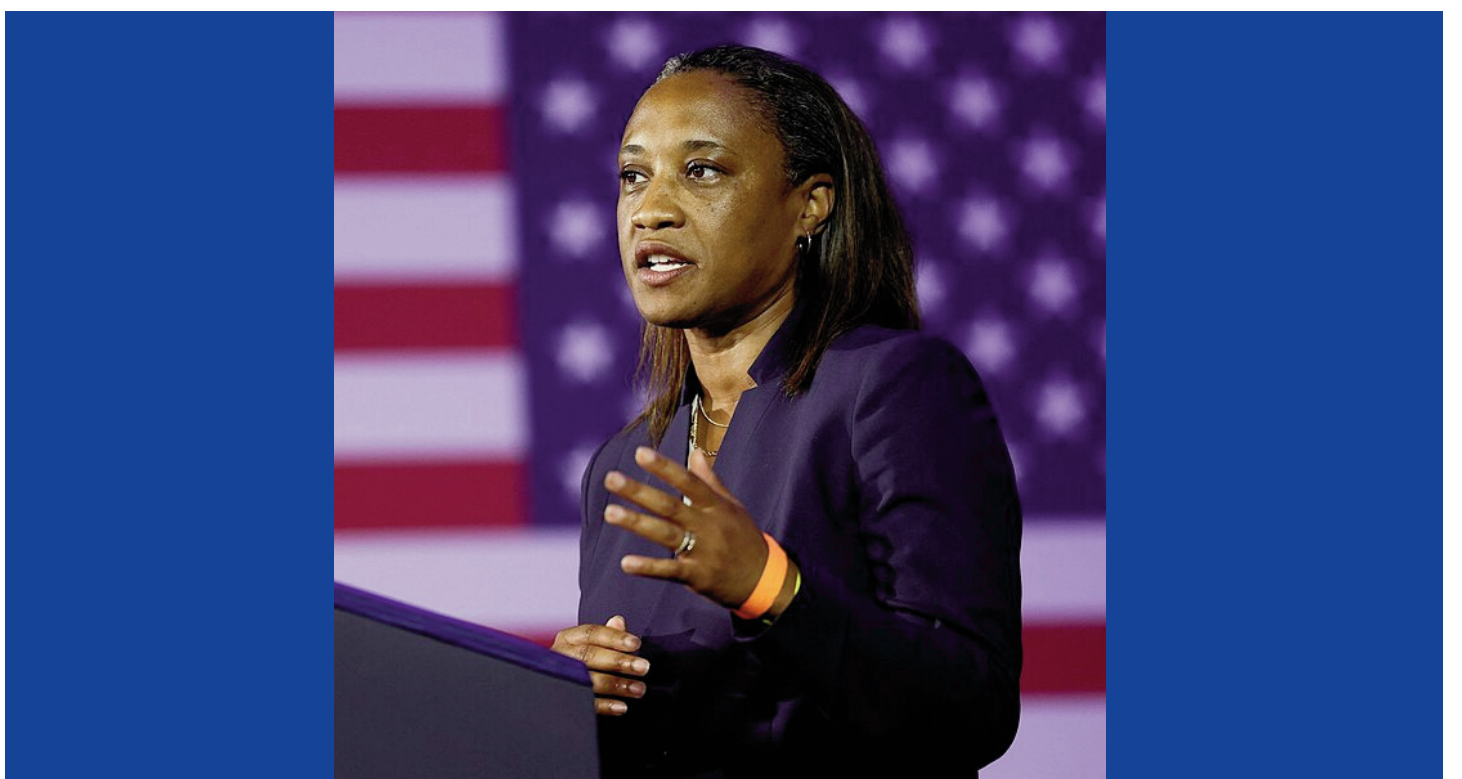
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## Senator Dianne Feinstein Dies at 90

By Stacy M. Brown

## California Governor Gavin Newsom Names Laphonza Butler to Replace the Late Dianne Feinstein in the U.S. Senate

By Lauren Victoria Burke, NNPA Newswire Contributor



Senator Laphonza Butler / Photo Credit: Wikimedia Commons

Laphonza Butler will fill the U.S. Senate seat of the late Dianne Feinstein. The groundbreaking Senator died on September 29.

Newsom's decision was not on the political radar screen of most prognosticators.

With the selection of Butler, the decision of California's Governor will

not include any of the currently announced candidates for U.S. Senate in 2024 in California. Those current candidates include veteran members of Congress Barbara Lee and Adam Schiff.

"As we mourn the enormous loss of Senator Feinstein, the very freedoms she fought for — reproduc-

tive freedom, equal protection, and safety from gun violence — have never been under greater assault. Laphonza will carry the baton left by Senator Feinstein, continue to break glass ceilings, and fight for all Californians in Washington, D.C.," wrote Gov. Newsom in a statement released on the evening of

October 1 announcing Butler's appointment.

Butler will be sworn-in to the U.S. Senate this week.

Butler has been serving as the President of EMILY's List. The fundraising platform supports and funds women candidates and amplifies issues that

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# EDITORIAL PAGE

*"My Day"*

## "Women 4 Women": The Next Generation

By Dr. J. Ester Davis ([esterdavis2000@gmail.com](mailto:esterdavis2000@gmail.com))



Dr. J. Ester Davis

Is an 'old boys network' still holding women back? Or do you agree with some that the playing field is level? On the other side of the coin are women tired of the traditional structures of top-down hierarchy and due to such placing their talents to work for themselves. Studies still show that men make 48% more than women in some sectors of the gig economy. The big question is have women started creating the kind of environments where they flourish and thrive. The thundering answer is yes.

Black Enterprise

Magazine last week boldly tackled the upfront out in the open discussion of the three(3)Black women jurist with the courage and facts to bring down a former President of the United States simply by following the letter-of-the-law. And of course, that steadfast action comes amidst threats. Every day and in every way women, especially Black women stand centerstage high-profiled in the news doing monumental things in all areas of business success. We also see the 'wave' in other countries. Many networks have mentoring programs and actively encourage more experienced women to share details of their career paths. Research found that senior female managers are equally keen to learn about...and meet... the next generation of women leaders. One of the greatest ways to help others is by sharing your journey and by exposing your vulnerability you are actually putting your experiences out there for others to learn.

Let's talk about The

Fearless Fund, The Fearless Fund is just one of many platforms openly designed and offered to African American Women. I mentioned Forbes Magazine in an earlier article and their worldwide initiatives targeting Black women. The Fearless Fund was established in 2019 by several prominent Black women including actress Keshia Knight Pulliam, Arian Simone and corporate executive Ayana Parsons. The primary purpose was to empower and support Black women who own small businesses. It is important that I mention the initial investors; to-wit, Costco Wholesale, General Mills, MasterCard, JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America. The funds provided financial support with awards amounting to as much as \$20,000. And to put their money where their mouth is, they have awarded and published to Black women-owned businesses today more than \$3 million dollars. There is no doubt... offering grants to Black women business owners fill

an important void to achieve economic freedom. I personally do not use the word 'small' business owners because there is nothing 'small' about running a business. It is all awe-inspiring!

It is my honor to invite you to Women 4 Women: A Conversation with Dr. James Ester Davis. (That is what the "J" is for. Named after both parents.) It is a luncheon... Tuesday, October 10, 2023, from 11:00 am to 1:00 AM. It will be held at the... O Beautiful ...Cedar Crest Country Club, 1800 Southerland, Dr., Dallas, Texas, 75203.

**You MUST RSVP. Space is limited. Call Dr. Tonya Solis, RSVP, 469.704.5484 or via email: [tsolis-mosby@dallas.gov](mailto:tsolis-mosby@dallas.gov).**

This is an important series and I am so grateful that a woman among us is leading with purpose in these challenging times. Equally as important is a 'call-to-all the retired talent' in our communities. We absolutely need you! Looking to see you.

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Positioned as a centrist Democrat, Feinstein won recognition for her efforts to bridge divides with Republicans, a stance that occasionally drew criticism from progressive party members. She diverged from them on several significant issues, including her opposition to single-payer, government-run healthcare and her reservations about the ambitious Green New Deal. These ideological differences came to a head during the confirmation hearings

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disproportionately impact women. EMILY's List was founded in 1985 by Ellen Malcolm and founding members Barbara Boxer, Ann Richards, Anne Wexler, and Donna Shalala. From 1985 through 2008, EMILY's List raised over \$240 million for political candidates.

The move by Newsom could assist him if he should run for higher office in 2024 or 2028. Newsom has been rumored to be on a short list of Democratic candidates who could run for President if for

for Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett in October 2020, when Feinstein's cordial exchange with Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham garnered swift calls for her removal as ranking member. Ultimately, she did step down.

Feinstein was an advocate for preserving Senate traditions. Yet, in 2021, she expressed a willingness to consider adjustments to filibuster rules if Democrats encountered obstacles in passing critical components of their legislative agenda,

some reason Biden or Harris are not options. But Newsom was recently asked about running for President and switched topics to the policies that he believed the party should be focused on.

Laphonza Butler will be yet another addition to the Congressional Black Caucus which is now on the brink of having 60 members for the first time in history. Though the current membership of the Congressional Black Caucus is 58, one more Black member is all but certain to enter Congress in Rhode Island after the resignation in May of

such as voting rights reforms, gun control, and the reauthorization of the landmark Violence Against Women Act. There was mounting pressure for Feinstein to make way for younger lawmakers in recent years, but she steadfastly defended her commitment to represent Californians.

Democratic Representatives Katie Porter, Adam Schiff, and Barbara Lee have entered the race for Feinstein's Senate seat.

Feinstein's influence extended far and wide in

state and national politics, with her endorsement carrying significant weight. Notably, she suggested Alex Padilla, California's secretary of state at the time, fill Kamala Harris' Senate seat after Harris became vice president. Her husband, investment banker Richard Blum, who died last year, preceded Feinstein. She is survived by her daughter, Katherine Feinstein, a San Francisco County Superior Court judge, her son-in-law, Rick Mariano, and her granddaughter, Eileen Feinstein Mariano.

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downfall, as members of his party turned against him.

McCarthy's ouster marks the first successful vote to remove a speaker from the U.S. House of Representatives. The last and only time Congress voted on such a measure was over a century ago, in 1910.

Before the vote, McCarthy,

who faced a protracted 15-round battle in January to secure the speakership, made it clear that he would not seek assistance from Democrats. Such a move could have potentially saved his position. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) expressed the concerns of many in his caucus, citing significant trust issues with the Republican leadership,

including McCarthy.

"We dealt with a variety of different things, including coming into the session last month, and the first official act was to launch this illegitimate impeachment inquiry, presumably at the direction of the former twice-impeached insurrectionist-in-chief, Donald Trump," Jeffries said. "These are all the challenges that I think we confront."

Rep. Matt Gaetz of the Florida Republican Party, a well-known representative of the Republican caucus' adamantly pro-Trump faction, proposed the motion to remove McCarthy. Gaetz, currently under investigation for alleged sexual abuse, criticized McCarthy for what he deemed a lackluster

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# RELIGIOUS/NEWS

## PAUL'S EARNEST PRAYER FOR THE BELIEVERS

EPHESIANS 3:14-21



By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

Having discussed the Gentile and Jewish believers' position in Christ that united them in being "one new man", the church (Ephesians 2:15), Paul urgently and sincerely prayed for these believers, desiring that they would be united experientially; moreover, that they would know experientially God's incomprehensible and surpassing love for them. This wonderful prayer for these believers may be outlined as follows: I. A Prayer of Great Concern for the Believers – Ephesians 3:14-19; II. A Doxology of Praise – Ephesians 3:20-21.

### I. A Prayer of Great Concern for the Believers – Ephesians 3:14-19

In response to God's marvelous work of salvation for these believers,

Paul was moved to kneel before the Father in prayer (v. 14). Paul's position in kneeling in prayer is one of several postures for praying (standing, kneeling, lying prostrate) seen in the Scriptures. God the Father is the source of everything that believers have and enjoy in common with one another. From Him "the whole family in heaven and earth is named" (v. 15).

The "family" in this case refers to God's family – all those who have been redeemed and adopted as His sons and daughters through Christ. The who family derives its name or identity from Him. God is our Father. He is the first Father, the only One with "underived" fatherhood. In essence, every human family derives its name, that is, exists as a family with a father, because of Him.

Paul directed his prayer to the right source – God the Father.

Paul continued to pray in verses 16-17 that the Father would strengthen the believers "with might by His Spirit in the inner man." This strengthening is pictured as a gift from the Father, coming from the "riches of His glory." The verb for "strengthened" speaks of the fortitude or courage needed to resist evil or temptation (v. 16). The strengthening that Paul is referring to comes through the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit, who indwells within "the inner man" (v. 16) that is, within our innermost being.

Our Christian life ought to be one of continual inner renewal. The purpose of being strengthened within is that "Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith." Christ

desires to "be at home in" or deeply rooted in our lives (v. 17). Christ will be the dominating factor in our lives as we trust Him and as we are "rooted and grounded in love" (v. 17). In essence, as believers, we are to allow Christ to become the dominating factor in our attitudes and conduct.

In verse 18, Paul prayed, moreover, that the believers would be given the ability or inward power "to comprehend" or grasp "what is the breadth and length, depth and height of the love of Christ." These four measurements illustrate the immensity or vastness of the love that we are privileged and exhorted to seek to comprehend. As we seek to comprehend Christ's love for us, let us try to briefly measure: Christ's love is "wide

enough to reach the whole world and beyond; His love is long enough to stretch from eternity to eternity; His love is high enough to raise both Gentiles and Jews to heavenly places in Christ; and His love is deep enough to rescue people from sin's degradation.

In verse 19, Paul stated that Christ's love "passeth knowledge", meaning that it cannot be completely known; however, we can know it intimately. The purpose for knowing the love of Christ is so that we "might be filled with all the fullness of God" (v. 19). The fullness of the Godhead is only in Christ, and through Him is a believer made complete (Col. 2:9-10). Brothers and sisters, the more we are filled with God's moral excellence, the more we will experien-

tially love one another!

### II. A Doxology of Praise – Ephesians 3:20-21

Paul closed this prayer with a grand doxology. He praised God who is able to do far more than one could ask or imagine, according to the standard of His power that is at work within us (v. 20). No human or angel would ever fathom that Jews and Gentiles could function together in one body. By God's power of love, Paul was confident that Jewish and Gentile believers can function and love one another. Paul therefore ascribed to God glory, which is to be manifested in the church, where the miracle of love will occur, and in Christ Jesus, who made the union of Jewish and Gentile believers possible.

*May God Bless!*

### Essay: Fifth Ward, Houston, 1952 — One Girl's Story Continued RUTH - Final Part

Harrowingly dull, Daddy's sermons ambitiously tried to imitate the cadence and pattern of great preachers, but he would lapse into a droning voice halfway through. Try as he might, he could not achieve the magnificent crescendo to which great sermons generally built. Mama would listen appreciatively, though, no doubt thankful that her husband was trying so hard to follow the straight and narrow after a youth of hell-raising. Daddy's sermons made Azella, Ozella, and me quake with suppressed laughter. But if Mama caught us ridiculing Daddy, we were sure to be punished. Yet we persisted in our antics because making fun of him gave us great comfort at the end of a week in which he would have beaten and berated his children as well as ordered my mother around.

In spite of his harsh, mercurial nature, my father could be generous from time to time—a gift without a special occasion, a kind word unanticipated. His raucous laughter was the best gift. He continued to regale us with his fables, although he was still first in line to laugh appreciatively at his own tales. Despite his obsequious "Yas-SUH!" routine for whites, he was a fierce defender when any of his children was attacked or threatened. My sister Nora

came home crying one day after a man on the bus accused her of stealing his wallet. The bus driver asked a woman passenger to search Nora. When Daddy heard this, he took his pistol, gathered my brothers, and followed the bus route, overtaking the bus. He ordered the terrified driver to tell him who had falsely accused my sister. This irrational act seems extraordinary for my meek father, but there were many such stories of his confronting men, Black and white, who had offended one of my sisters. Although this reckless behavior worried me, it also periodically tempered my disappointment in and anger toward him for the way he expected subservience from Mama.

By the time I was 11 years old and about to enter the sixth grade, Daddy had moved the family from Sam Wilson Street to Liberty Road. His wanderlust was puzzling since, for the most part, the quality of our houses didn't improve. Liberty Road offered more space for us, however. The large white house had a sweeping veranda along one side, and there was an ice cream shop attached to the front. Just sitting on the grand porch watching people pass on a busy thoroughfare was a whole afternoon's delight. Inside, there was enough

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## We Face Challenges When It Comes To Funding Needed Programs And Avoiding Government Shutdowns

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.



James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.

All of us have standards and we use them daily. Our family and friends see them in us. Our colleagues at work see them as well.

How did we gain these standards of behavior and caring. Our parents were our first role models. Now, we are around people who have different ways of doing business.

We are in a political season where norms of the past are fading fast. For example, there were more programs and funding opportunities. Now funding for them has more limitations and regulations. You can probably name some of them.

The American dream is still achievable for us despite what is happening in some of our political circles. We are slowed by

these changes, yet we keep pushing to gain our share.

Sadly, there are what I call political pharaohs in the United States of America who do not want to see our country be prosperous. It is my thinking this selfishness is ruining our beloved nation. Many of our allies now see us as unfeeling and insensitive.

Bickering and posturing by the Republican Party were quite evident during the past month. Factions within the GOP led to the government of the world's richest country almost shutting down. What have we become?

It was not until what I call the Wilson Pickett hour (midnight hour) that we avoided a shutdown. It would have been disastrous for our Republic.

We are already losing our leadership position according to some polls. Many countries see us now as a country of in-fighting. Plainly stated, our political leaders simply cannot get along with each other. Some would say that spirited debate has turned into mean-spirited debate.

We know the government will remain open for 45 days as the bill to keep it

open was signed by President Joe Biden. This comes as both the House and the Senate worked feverishly for something amenable to both parties. The bill did not include funding for Ukraine.

Funding for Ukraine has been a fundamental point of disagreement in the House of Representatives. It will continue to be as funding talks continue over the coming weeks.

Speaker McCarthy reportedly backed out of a deal with President Biden to fund Ukraine. Almost fifty other sovereign countries are providing aid to this war-torn country.

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle are wondering if they can trust Speaker Kevin McCarthy. His lack of integrity is leading him down a rough road. Reports have surfaced that Representative Matt Gaetz, Republican from Florida will lead an effort to remove Mr. McCarthy from being the Speaker of the House of Representatives. We will pay close attention to these events.

This last-minute bill that he brokered with the help of Hakeem Jeffries;

Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives has ruffled the feathers of hardliners within the Republican Party. Many believe that Speaker McCarthy essentially caved into the pressure of the moment. However, he said late last week that he was willing to give up his leadership role if that would keep the government from not closing.

The American people with this bill passing saw a clear example of what bipartisan politics and support looks like. The result was obviously a temporary spending bill was passed.

President Joe Biden said, "I'm sick and tired of the brinkmanship. So are the American people." He is correct. We the people want to see action and not delay tactics by a small group of naysayers.

Looking ahead and down the tenuous road of compromise, November 17th will be the deadline to keep the government open. It must be all hands-on deck, both Democrats and Republicans. Let's hope that cooler heads will prevail and that we don't wait until the very last minute to create a new spending bill.



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performance in negotiations with President Joe Biden, asserting that Biden had “handed McCarthy his lunch” in recent talks to prevent a federal shutdown.

A recent report has suggested that many Republicans were considering a vote to oust Gaetz from the chamber, further highlighting the internal divisions within the party.

Despite losing his position, McCarthy remained resolute, emphasizing his commitment to keeping the government operational. “I made a decision to take a risk to keep the government open,” McCarthy told reporters. “If, at the end of the day, I am removed from speaker because I moved to ensure that the troops and Border Patrol agents continued to receive pay, that’s a fight worth fighting for. I’ve always said I would fight for the American public,” he added, “and that’s exactly what I did, and I’ll continue to do that and let the chips fall where they may.”

## Quinn Minute

# Life expectancy

By Rix Quinn

Is there any proven way to improve life expectancy?

Personally, I’d like to make it to 100. Each year I try to eliminate one bad habit, and now I have none. That’s depressing.

The average life expectancy in the U.S. today is 77.2 years. So, if you’re an average person who’s 77.1, schedule that annual physical real soon.

Here’s something weird: the older you get, the longer you might live. If you’re 75 right now, you can expect to live 11.5 more years if you avoid high-risk behavior.

For instance, driving a big car is low risk. Trying to lift one is outrageously high risk.

Did you know women outlive men by five years? I told this to my wife, and

she found it both comforting and amusing.

Why the longevity difference? I interviewed several women, who said, “It’s because we’re smarter.” When I asked guys the same question, they said the dead men “were just looking for a way to get out of the house.”

Way back in 1900, the average life expectancy

was only 47.3 years. Then folks decided that expiring before 50 was a stupid career move, so they started taking better care of themselves.

Last week I read about a lady over 100 who said a long life comes from “working hard, eating vegetables, and thinking clean thoughts.”

Thus far, I’ve followed 66% of that advice.

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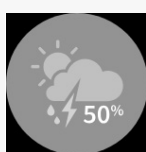
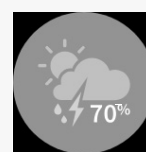


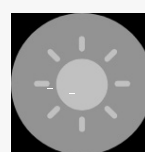
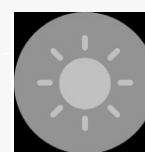
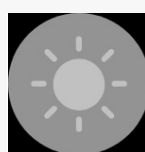
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# Rangers beat Rays 7-1 for Wild Card Series sweep behind Garcia and Carter home runs

CBS/AP

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Adolis García and Evan Carter homered to back Nathan Eovaldi, and the Texas Rangers beat the punchless Tampa Bay Rays 7-1 Wednesday to finish a two-game AL Wild Card Series sweep.

Garcia and Carter, a 20-year-old rookie who became the second-youngest postseason player in franchise history, homered off 16-game winner Zach Eflin, who

was unable to save Tampa Bay's season.

Texas advanced to a Division Series at AL East champion Baltimore starting Saturday. The Rays' scoreless streak reached 33 innings, one shy of the postseason record held by the 1966-74 Los Angeles Dodgers, before Curtis Mead's RBI single in the seventh.

Texas won a postseason series for the first time since 2011, when the Rangers reached the

World Series before losing to St. Louis.

Tampa Bay followed a stellar start with a fizzling finish. The Rays opened 13-0 to match the 1982 Atlanta Braves and 1987 Milwaukee Brewers, trailing only the 20-0 start by the 1884 St. Louis Maroons of the Union Association. The Rays led the AL West from opening day and then were overtaken by the Orioles in mid-July.

After gaining the AL's

second wild card, Tampa Bay lost its seventh straight postseason game. In getting swept in consecutive Wild Card Series, the Rays scored two runs over four games while hitting .161.

Eovaldi, beating the Rays for the third time this year, season, allowed six hits while striking out eight and walking none over 6 2/3 innings.

Garcia's leadoff homer began a four-run fourth inning against loser Zach

Eflin. Josh Jung had a RBI triple and Carter hit a two-run homer to right for the Rangers, 7-0 in postseason games at Tropicana Field.

Carter hit .306 with five homers and 12 RBIs over 23 games after making his major league debut on Sept. 8. He reached base in his first six postseason at-bats, doubling twice and drawing three walks.

The Rays finally got an out from the No. 9 hole

when Colin Poche fanned Carter in the sixth inning. Marcus Semien and Corey Seager followed with run-scoring doubles.

Attendance for Game 2 was 20,198, another below-sellout crowd at Tropicana Field but up slightly from Tuesday's 19,704. That was the lowest figure for a major league postseason game since the 1919 World Series, other than 2020 games played during the coronavirus pandemic.

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## WHEN HITLER GOT OUT OF PRISON

By Oscar H. Blayton



Oscar H. Blayton

*This is a cautionary tale.*

Most folks know how Adolph Hitler's career as an autocratic dictator ended, but many do not know how it began. It is important to know about the rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party because those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it.

So, how did this evil little man with little formal education and no military experience beyond being a corporal in Germany's army in World War I become powerful enough to drive the entire world into chaos, war and disaster?

After Germany's defeat in World War I, one of the conditions of its surrender to the Allies under the Treaty of Versailles was a set of very heavy financial

obligations to pay for the destruction it had caused during the war. These obligations were disastrous to Germany's economy and jobs were hard to find. Hitler, uneducated, unskilled and having no other prospects, remained in the German army.

The army made Hitler an intelligence agent and, in 1919, assigned him to spy on the German Workers' Party (DAP). The DAP was an extremely nationalistic, anti-Semitic and anti-Marxist organization. But instead of working to dismantle the DAP, Hitler became a believer while still drawing his army pay for the spying he was supposed to be doing. As a DAP member, he sought to appeal to the German working class to create a "people's community," where German identity took precedence over class, religion or other characteristics.

By October 1919, Hitler gave his first speech for the DAP and quickly became the party's most popular speaker. He ceased being a spy for the German army in 1920 and, using his charisma and the politics of grievance, became the party's chief of propaganda. One of

his main targets was the Treaty of Versailles, which placed a heavy financial burden on Germans. His new goal was to bring ultranationalism to the German public. In February 1920, the German Workers' Party was renamed the National Socialist German Workers' Party (NSDAP). We all know the NSDAP as the Nazi Party.

By July 1921, Hitler was the leader of the Nazi Party.

In November 1923, Hitler and his Nazi followers attempted a failed takeover of the government in Bavaria, a state in southern Germany. This coup attempt, known as the "Beer Hall Putsch," involved the Nazis storming the Bavarian government building, leaving 16 party members and four police officers dead. Hitler was arrested and tried for high treason, and in April 1924, he was sentenced to five years in prison.

In December 1924, over the objections of his prosecutors, Hitler was released from prison. He immediately began to rebuild the Nazi Party. He met with the prime minister of Bavaria in January 1925 and promised to respect the state's author-

ity. He claimed he would seek political power only through the democratic process. This meeting led to the lifting of the ban on the Nazi Party that had been in place since the Beer Hall Putsch. But one month after the meeting, Hitler was barred from public speaking by the Bavarian authorities after making an inflammatory speech.

Undeterred by the ban, Hitler continued organizing and enlarging the Nazi Party. And when the stock market in the United States crashed in October 1929, the impact in Germany was catastrophic. Millions became unemployed and banks began to collapse. Doubling down on their platform of grievances, Hitler and the Nazi Party took advantage of the crisis to gain greater support. They promised to lift the burdens of the Treaty of Versailles, strengthen the economy and provide jobs.

By 1930, the Nazi Party had become the second-largest political party in Germany. It became the largest in 1932. Hitler became chancellor of Germany in 1933 and

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Davis is a member of the California-based gang known as The South Side Compton Crips and was a childhood friend of N.W.A. member Eazy-E. During the early '90s, Davis built a friendly relationship with Sean "Diddy" Combs. Rumors that someone would be charged in Shakur's death have swirled for years with no arrests made.

Tupac's life was short but marked by artistic achievement in music and acting. His family moved to Baltimore and he attended the Baltimore School for the Arts, where he studied acting, poetry, jazz, and ballet. In the late 1980s, Tupac moved to California, where he

joined the hip-hop group Digital Underground as a backup dancer and rapper. He gained recognition for his skills and charisma on stage.

In addition to his storied music career, Shakur pursued acting and appeared in films such as "Juice" (1992), "Poetic Justice" (1993), "Above the Rim" (1994), and "Gridlock'd" (1997). He received praise for his acting talent.

Tupac Shakur was born in East Harlem to Afeni Shakur, a former Black Panther, and Billy Garland. He was given the name Lesane Parish Crooks at birth but later changed it to Tupac Amaru Shakur after he was inspired by the 18th-century Peruvian revolutionary Túpac Amaru II.



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# Career Institute North: paving the path to success beyond the classroom

BY MOLLY SCHRADER

It's incredible to think a high school student would know the first steps in how to cook a five-star meal, design the world's tallest skyscraper, or save a human life. Technical careers require years of firsthand experience and the confidence to excel at a high-demand job. Career Institute North (CIN) is offering students the chance to receive the resources and training necessary to be considered "career-ready" after graduation.

For the 2023-2024 school year, the institute opened its doors to students in grades nine through 12 so they can explore Career and Technical Education pathways. Equipped with state-of-the-art machinery, learning spaces, and tools, CIN also has a tornado shelter that can hold up to 800 people.

"Instructors bring real-world knowledge and instruction to each lesson, applying concepts to hands-on learning," said Dorothy Laswell, the director of Career Institute North. "Industry partners mentor students, providing guidance, work-based learning experiences, and



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internship opportunities."

Some may recognize the roof's adobe tiles and white facade, as CIN was originally the site of Walnut Hill Elementary School. The building was irreversibly damaged due to a tornado in 2019. Previously a 55,000 square-foot school, new construction added an additional 110,000 square feet. The reconstruction and renovation of the building was completed as part of Bond 2015.

Career Institute North currently serves five campuses: Conrad, Hillcrest, North Dallas, Thomas Jefferson, and W.T. White high schools. Students

spend half a day every other day at CIN, where they're taught by industry leaders and can obtain a wide range of certifications and credentials that make them highly sought after by employers.

Apart from standing out in a competitive job market, the institute provides a unique, innovative approach to teaching compared to a traditional classroom, and students are on a structured path to success.

Interested in learning about CIN and other career institutes in Dallas ISD? Visit [dallasisd.org/career-institutes](http://dallasisd.org/career-institutes) or contact [careerinstitutes@dallasisd.org](mailto:careerinstitutes@dallasisd.org).

## Code at the State Fair: Sanitarians perform pre-inspections of food vendors



Being thorough is a very important part of Eduardo Carrizales' job.

"I want to check everything," said Carrizales, Senior Sanitarian, City of Dallas Code Compliance.

Throughout the year Carrizales and others in Code have caseloads full of food establishments, but this month the State Fair takes precedence.

"The work that we do performing regular inspections at restaurants does prepare you to do inspections here at the Fair," said Carrizales.

Today, as the setup for the festivities continues, Carrizales is working with his list of vendors for pre-inspections.

"Our form has a long checklist of making sure

we check everything, the structure, making sure they have hot water, cold water, making sure they have their food thermometer," said Carrizales.

Last year, Code performed over 900 food inspections at the State Fair. In his sixth year with the city, Carrizales knows who is most vulnerable and why pre-inspections are just as important.

"My biggest concern is kids and the elderly. They're the population that would be most greatly affected if they were to get sick," said Carrizales.

His efforts give a glimpse into the method of meticulousness sanitarians in Code need.

"I don't want to be in the news and the fair to be featured that there was a food-borne illness and there were so many people who got sick. I want to prevent something like that," said Carrizales.

For the millions of people coming to the fair this year who want to try different foods, Carrizales leaves you with a little advice.

"Come to the fair. There's an inspector here every day, just have fun," said Carrizales.

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room for all of us. Arnold, back from his army service and married to Fronette, moved into a house at the rear of the property. Azella and Ozella, a year ahead of me in school, could walk from our house to nearby E. O. Smith Junior High School. I had to transfer to a new school, which, for the first time in my life, I would attend without my sisters. Though I was fearful of this change, in the end I found it easy to adjust to the Quitman Avenue Elementary School and, a year later, I started junior high at E. O. Smith.

E. O. Smith Junior High School was a large stucco building on Lyons Avenue that came to have iconic status in the Fifth Ward. It had been the site of Phillis Wheatley High School until the student population outgrew its capacity and the high school was moved to a

new building on Market Street. In the tradition of other Fifth Ward schools, the teachers of E. O. Smith shaped generations of achievers in the Black community. Segregation drove Black teachers to Black schools, affording students the best minds that the Black community produced during the pre-civil-rights era. Exceptional teachers at E. O. Smith made learning challenging and enjoyable for me, and one of them, Mrs. Modria Caraway, my social studies teacher, had a significant influence on my direction in life.

Mrs. Caraway was very dark, with a broad forehead that was even more exposed because of her thin hair. Her skin was beautiful, and she was scrupulous about makeup that enhanced her looks. One couldn't say that she was a beauty by any means, but her dress, makeup, and hair made us aware that she was a person who

was attentive to every aspect of her appearance. She had a droll and entertaining wit that often prompted her to make shocking comments to her classes. There was little temporizing in her approach; her tongue was sharp and her criticism quick and unmoderated. She spoke to us about sex, about associating with the wrong types of friends, and about the importance of making something of our lives. Insisting that our success would rest on whether we understood the lessons of history, she forced us to memorize important dates and events. She would regularly remind us, "You cheerin had better listen to me and do your work, or you're going to be just as ignorant as those niggas you see standing around on Lyons Avenue." We would laugh delightedly at her outrageous, though racist, comments.

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chancellor and president in 1934. And as is often said, "The rest is history."

This is a cautionary tale because what happened in Germany during the first half of the 20th century could happen anywhere in the world, given the right ingredients.

Ultranationalism in the form of identity politics that promotes notions of supremacy and a baseless sense of entitlement are essential to the recipe for the type of authoritarian leadership that set Germany on its self-destructive path. Grievance politics and a tendency to blame the most vulnerable among us are also key ingredients. This devil's brew is toxic to any democracy and there are those who today are concocting a poisonous serving of hate, discord and chaos to illegitimately gain the power to

create a world to their advantage and their advantage alone.

We need not be so polite as to shy away from calling out a liar for being a liar. We should never be so timid as to hold back from calling a would-be autocrat a would-be autocrat. A twice impeached, four times criminally indicted, adjudged sexual abuser stands at the threshold of once again gaining the Republican Party nomination to carry their banner to the highest office in this land, and we must not be so "mannerly" as to not call him out for what he is. Germany chose a leader in the first half of the 20th century that brought their country to ruin. It is not impossible that America can do the same.

Donald Trump has shown the world what he is capable of. His MAGA followers have shown us the depths of their depravity.

America is in a very dangerous place at this moment. It serves no purpose and makes no sense to be civil with the uncivil or to be courteous with the discourteous. One does not accept a dinner invitation from cannibals. You will either be forced to eat your neighbor or be served up yourself.

I do believe Donald Trump will be sent to prison. If he is not, then this country is in worse shape than I imagined. But setting aside the absolute worst, the most important question before the American people is, once he is sent to prison, what happens after that?

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