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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Alumni Association of Booker T. Washington High School: Centennial Celebration 1922 ~ 2022

Theme: “The Hollie Trail Walk”

Written By Cecil Brown

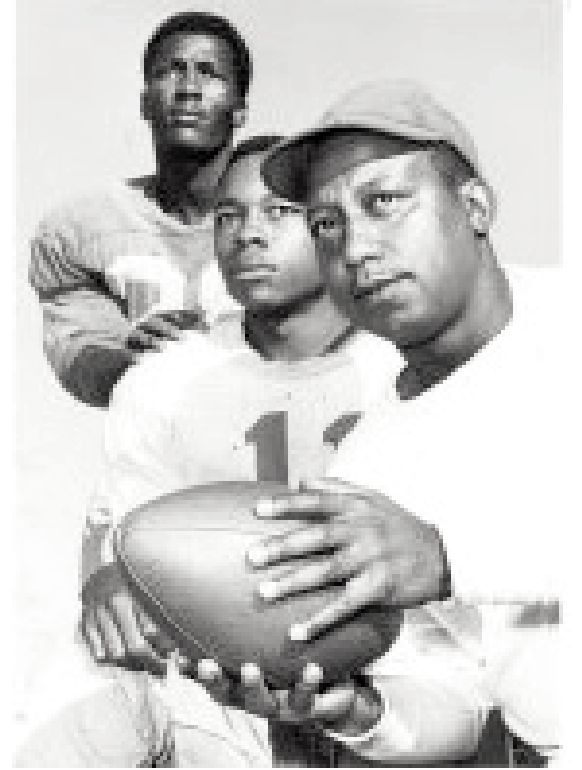
On September 10, 2022, members of The Alumni Association of Booker T. Washington Technical High School will kick off with the Annual “Walk,” starting at the school’s site and ending at

Griggs Park, which served as the Bulldog’s football team practice field over the years. Alumni members who are physically able will walk, those unable to walk can drive, and everyone will meet

at the park to commemorate the Bulldog’s Stellar football history under the leadership of its coaching icon, Raymond E. Hollie. Since the inception of the Alumni in 2004, this annual tribute will

continue and be officially designated as “The Hollie Trail Walk” in honor of Coach Hollie who touched the lives of hundreds of

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Coach Raymond E. Hollie with Howard Ward, center, and Thomas Buffett, top. (Photo Courtesy/Booker T. Washington Alumni Association).

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Photo/Department of Justice via AP

Feds cite efforts to obstruct probe of docs at Trump estate

By ERIC TUCKER, JILL COLVIN and MICHAEL BALSAMO

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department says classified documents were “likely concealed and removed” from a storage room at former President Donald Trump’s Florida estate as part of an effort to obstruct the federal investigation into the discovery of the government records.

The FBI also seized boxes and

containers holding more than 100 classified records during its Aug. 8 search of Mar-a-Lago and found classified documents stashed in Trump’s office, according to a filing that lays out the most detailed chronology to date of months of strained interactions between Justice Department officials and Trump representatives over the discovery of government secrets.

The filing offers yet another

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Mississippi capital: Water everywhere, not a drop to drink

By EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS and MICHAEL GOLDBERG

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi’s capital city is grappling with multiple water problems — there’s been too much on the ground after heavy rainfall in the past week, and not enough safe water coming through the pipes for people to use.

Parts of Jackson were without running water Tuesday because flooding exacerbated long-standing problems in one of two water-treatment plants. The city of 150,000 had already been under a boil-water notice for a month because the Health Department found cloudy water that could cause digestive problems. Long lines have formed each day for limited supplies of bottled water at distribution sites.

Restaurant owner Derek Emerson told The Associated Press on Tuesday that water

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WORLD NEWS

Russian media: Ex-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev dead at 91

By JIM HEINTZ Article Page 6



FILE - Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev waves from the Red Square tribune during a Revolution Day celebration, in Moscow, Soviet Union, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1989. AP Photo/Boris Yurchenko, File)

Generator sends 12 people to hospital with carbon monoxide poisoning

BY ANNIE GIMBEL

IRVING (CBSDFW.COM) - A running gas powered generator in the garage sent 12 people to the hospital in Irving.

It happened on Aug. 30 at a home on North

Briarcliff.

The Irving Fire Department responded and helped the group who had suffered carbon monoxide poisoning. They're all in stable condition, according

to the fire department.

Firefighters want to remind the public to only use generators at least 20 feet away from the home with the exhausted pointed away.



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South Dallas middle school overcame years of instability through ACE initiative

BY JAVIER GIRIBET-VARGAS



Rockell Williams Stewart, Dr. Billy Earl Dade Middle School principal. (Photo courtesy: Dallas ISD)

DALLAS — From the curb to the classroom, the Dr. Billy Earl Dade Middle School reminds every passerby and guest, and every student, parent and educator that Dade is Home.

Friendly greetings from the front office and enthusiastic voices of educators and students echo in Dade's luminous hallways. The white overhead lights that reflect on the waxed floors contrast with the black and bright-orange decorations displayed in every hallway that cause the 600 Dade Vikings and 41 staffers to beam with pride.

Only seven years ago, this South Dallas campus was home to abysmal staff turnover and deep behavioral issues, and was deemed low-performing by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for three years in a row. Now, Dade has earned a "B-83" rating on the state's 2022 Accountability Rating System, and Dallas ISD's Local Accountability System calls it a "Breakthrough Campus" with one of the highest-rated climates and school cultures districtwide.

Rockell Williams Stewart, a South Dallas native and Dallas ISD homegrown educator, has led Billy Earl Dade Middle School as principal for the last four years. She graduated from Lincoln High

School, earned her teacher certification, and returned to Dallas ISD to teach Reading Language Arts at her former middle school, Pearl C. Anderson Middle School. After 12 years of teaching, she left South Dallas to work as an academic facilitator with Dallas ISD's central staff.

"The district closed Anderson in 2013 and sent all the students to Dade, which became the home of two rival middle schools that served two different zip codes and fed into two different high schools," Stewart said. "The work, to turn around and transform a school where kids might have been allowed to behave a certain type of way and were getting in trouble often was challenging, to say the least."

In 2015, the district recruited Stewart — along with a team of elite, like-minded educators — to support a pilot program designed to fix low-performing schools as an assistant principal at Dade.

ACE in Dade

ACE, which stands for Accelerating Campus Excellence, has become Dallas ISD's most successful initiative to boost student achievement in the highest-need campuses. Dade was part of the first ACE cohort seven years ago and is one of the schools

that helped build the foundation of this exemplary program.

Under ACE, the district incentivizes top teachers and principals to voluntarily work at the district's highest-need schools. The program combines strategic staffing, effective instruction, positive culture, extended learning and collaborative partnerships implemented in a culture of high expectations. Most ACE schools turn around within one year and stay in the program for three years before they bridge back to their geographic feeder pattern.

Tracie Washington, who currently serves Dallas ISD as executive director of middle school strategy & innovation, was the Seagoville Middle School principal at the time Dallas ISD wanted to address the issues at Dade. When the opportunity arose, she met with then-superintendent Mike Miles, who asked her to build a team and recruit teachers who could support the mission of transforming the school.

"ACE works because it is an intentional effort to recruit and incentivize like-minded people," Washington said. "We had a true opportunity to be honest with the scope of the work: that this was going to be the most challenging and

the most rewarding work of anyone's career. I had the very best teachers, not measured by metrics, but because of their belief system and their grit, and because collectively, we would honor commitments and give the kids the experience of their life."

Seventh-grade Texas Studies educator and Dade's Teacher of the Year Marquis Barnes-Wheeler is among the former Seagoville Middle School teachers who joined Washington at Dade. Like Stewart, Barnes-Wheeler is a product of South Dallas who attended Pearl C. Anderson and later graduated from "The Great" James Madison High. He's been part of the Dade family since the transition, and for the last 10 years has volunteered to coach at his high school alma mater.

"I wrestled with the decision, just because I knew the kind of environment I was going to be thrown into," Barnes-Wheeler said. "I gave it a lot of thought and a lot of prayer, thinking about what I could contribute to this change. I knew I had to come, because if I don't do it, being from this community, who else is going to do it? I had to come and give back to these kids, because they deserve everything that anybody from other environments has. These kids deserve that, too."

Diana's death stunned the world — and changed the royals

By DANICA KIRKA

LONDON (AP) — Above all, there was shock. That's the word people use over and over again when they remember Princess Diana's death in a Paris car crash 25 years ago this week.

The woman the world watched grow from a shy teenage nursery school teacher into a glamorous celebrity who comforted AIDS patients and campaigned for land mine removal couldn't be dead at the age of 36, could she?

"I think we need to remind ourselves that she was probably the best known woman in the English-speaking world, aside from perhaps Queen Elizabeth II herself," said historian Ed Owens.

"And, given this massive celebrity persona that she

had developed, to have that extinguished overnight, for her to die in such tragic circumstances, at such a young age, I think really came as a massive shock to many people."

It was that disbelief that cemented Diana's legacy as the woman who brought lasting change to Britain's royal family, helping bridge the gap between centuries of tradition and a new, multi-cultural nation in the internet age.

First, there was the outpouring of grief from the public who streamed to the princess' home at Kensington Palace to mourn the loss of a woman most had never met. That alone forced the royals to recognize that Diana's common touch had connected with people in ways that hadn't



FILE - Britain's Princess Diana of Wales smiles as she sits with her sons, Princes Harry, foreground, and William, on the steps of the Royal Palace on the island of Mallorca, Spain, Aug. 9, 1987. (AP Photo/John Redman, File)

yet occurred to the House of Windsor.

Those lessons have since inspired other royals, including Diana's sons, Princes William and Harry, to be more informal and approachable. For proof, a centerpiece of June's Platinum Jubilee celebrating the queen's 70 years on the throne.

There were rock bands and opera singers, dancers and lasers painting pictures of corgis on the sky. But the biggest applause was for Elizabeth herself, who appeared in a short film to share a pot of tea with

British national treasure Paddington Bear. She then solved a longtime mystery and revealed what's inside her famous black handbag: A marmalade sandwich — just for emergencies.

It wasn't obvious Diana would be a royal rebel when she married Prince Charles.

A member of the aristocratic Spencer family, Diana was known for flouncy bows, sensible skirts and a boyish blond bob when she started dating the future king. After leaving school at 16, she spent time at a finishing school in the Swiss Alps and worked as a

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indication of the sheer volume of classified records retrieved from Mar-a-Lago, in Palm Beach, Florida. It shows how investigators conducting a criminal probe have focused not just on why the records were improperly stored there but also on the question of whether the Trump team intentionally misled them about the continued, and unlawful, presence of the top secret documents.

The timeline laid out by the Justice Department made clear that the extraordinary search of Mar-a-Lago came only after other efforts to retrieve the records had failed and that it resulted from law enforcement suspicion that additional documents remained inside the property despite assurances by Trump representatives that a "diligent search" had accounted for all of the material.

It also included a picture of some of the seized docu-

ments with colored cover sheets indicating their classified status, perhaps as a way to rebut suggestions that whoever packed them or handled them at Mar-a-Lago could have easily failed to appreciate their sensitive nature.

The photo shows the cover pages of a smattering of paperclip-bound classified documents — some marked as "TOP SECRET//SCI" with bright yellow borders and one marked as "SECRET//SCI"

with a rust-colored border — along with whited-out pages, splayed out on a carpet at Mar-a-Lago. Beside them sits a cardboard box filled with gold-framed pictures, including a Time magazine cover.

Though it contains significant new details on the investigation, the Justice Department filing does not resolve a core question that has driven public fascination with the investigation — why Trump held onto the documents after he left the

White House and why he and his team resisted repeated efforts to give them back. In fact, it suggests officials may not have received an answer.

During a June 3 visit to Mar-a-Lago by FBI and Justice Department officials, the document states, "Counsel for the former President offered no explanation as to why boxes of government records, including 38 documents with classification markings, remained at the Premises

nearly five months after the production of the Fifteen Boxes and nearly one-and-a-half years after the end of the Administration."

That visit, which came weeks after the Justice Department issued a subpoena for the records, receives substantial attention in the document and appears to be a key investigative focus.

Though Trump has said he had declassified all of the

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PAUL’S DEFENSE BEFORE THE JERUSALEM MOB

ACTS 22:1-30

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



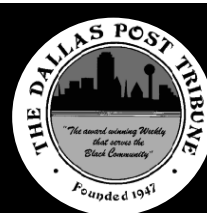
When chapter 22 opens, Paul makes his appeal before the Jerusalem mob, and when he spoke in their native tongue of Hebrew, the mob began to be silent (vv. 1-2). As Paul addresses these Jewish leaders, he presents his tremendous Hebrew background, recounting the way he had persecuted the church of God, really revealing the fact that he was a zealous Pharisee that hated “the way” (Christianity). Paul relates his Damascus Road experience and how that experience impacted his life. Paul unveiled the fact that he persecuted the church of God, but was arrested on the Damascus Road. After surrendering to the Lordship of Christ and being blind, Saul (Paul) was lead to Damascus, where he met Ananias, a devout man, and was told that Saul (Paul) would be a witness of all men of what he had seen and heard (vv. 3-15). From verses 16-20, Paul recounts that after his conversion, he was water baptized, and after some time, he went to Jerusalem, where he was not readily received! When Paul went to Jerusalem, he thought the Jews would be impressed by the radical change in his life; after all, he had been most zealous in persecuting believers (Acts 8:3; 9:2; 22:4-5; 26:11) even taking part in the martyrdom of Stephen. Paul never forgot that he had been present at the stoning

of Stephen and actually had charge of it. In verses 21-22, when Paul mentioned his commission to preach to the Gentiles, the mob was moved to instant rage and violence! Preaching to Gentiles could not have caused such a response because the religious authorities of Israel had preached to Gentiles (Matthew 23:15). Paul’s message that infuriated the mob was that Jews and Gentiles were equal without the law (Ephesians 2:11-22; 3:2-6; Galatians 3:28). According to verses 23-24, the people in the mob threw off their cloaks and flung dusk in the air as expressions of intense anger and rage. As the mob continued to break out into a rage, the chief captain decided to bring Paul into the castle, where Paul would have been scourged. As chapter 22 closes (vv. 25-30), Paul appeals to his Roman citizenship to escape the scourging of a prisoner. After Paul was brought into the castle by the captain as a result of the raging mob, Paul will appear before the Sanhedrin in Acts chapter 23.

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nanny and preschool teacher while living in London.

But she blossomed, becoming an international style icon the moment she walked down the aisle of St. Paul's Cathedral shrouded in lace and followed by a 25-foot train on July 29, 1981.

From that moment on, reporters and photographers followed Diana wherever she went. While Diana hated the intrusion, she quickly learned the media was also a tool she could use to bring attention to a cause and to change public perceptions.

That impact was seen most famously when the princess opened the U.K.'s first specialized ward for AIDS patients on April 9, 1987.

Such ribbon-cutting ceremonies are a staple of royal duties. But Diana realized there was more at stake. She reached out and took the hands of a young patient, demonstrating the virus couldn't be transmitted by touch. The moment, captured by photos beamed worldwide, helped combat the fear, misinformation and stigma surrounding the AIDS epidemic.

A decade later, Diana was even more media savvy.

Seven months before she died, Diana donned a protective visor and flak jacket and walked down a path cleared through a minefield in Angola to promote the work of The HALO Trust, a group devoted to removing mines from former war zones. When she realized some photographers didn't get the shot, she turned around and did it again.

The images brought international attention to the campaign to rid the world of explosives that lurk underground long after wars end. Today, a treaty banning land mines has been signed by 164 countries.

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documents at Mar-a-Lago, his lawyers did not suggest that during the visit and instead "handled them in a manner that suggested counsel believed that the documents were classified," according to the document.

FBI agents who went there to receive additional materials were given "a single Redweld envelope, double-wrapped in tape, containing the documents," the filing states.

That envelope, according to the FBI, contained 38 unique documents with classification markings, including 16 documents marked secret and 17 marked top secret.

The investigators were permitted to visit the storage room but were not allowed to open or look inside any of the boxes, "giving no opportunity for the government to confirm that no documents with classification markings remained," the Justice Department says.

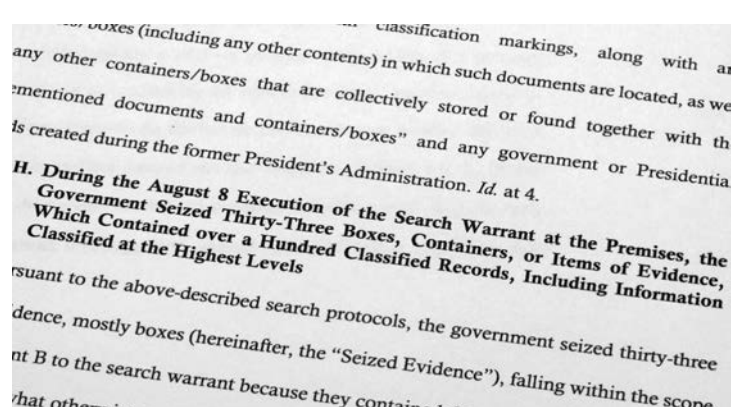
During that visit, the document says, Trump's lawyers told investigators that all the records that had come from the White House were stored in one location

— a Mar-a-Lago storage room — and that "there were no other records stored in any private office space or other location at the Premises and that all available boxes were searched."

After that, though, the department, which had subpoenaed video footage for the property, "developed evidence that government records were likely concealed and removed from the Storage Room and that efforts were likely taken to obstruct the government's investigation." The filing does not identify the individuals who may have relocated the boxes.

In their August search, agents found classified documents both in the storage room as well as in the former president's office — including three classified documents found not in boxes, but in office desks.

"That the FBI, in a matter of hours, recovered twice as many documents with classification markings as the 'diligent search' that the former President's counsel and other representatives had weeks to perform calls into serious question the representations made in the June 3 certification and casts doubt on the extent of coop-



Pages from a Department of Justice court filing on Aug. 30 2022. (AP Photo/Jon Elswick)

eration in this matter," the document states.

It says, "In some instances, even the FBI counterintelligence personnel and DOJ attorneys conducting the review required additional clearances before they were permitted to review certain documents."

The investigation began from a referral from the National Archives and Records Administration, which recovered 15 boxes from Mar-a-Lago in January that were found to contain 184 documents with classified markings, including top secret information.

The purpose of the Tuesday night filing was to oppose a request from the Trump legal team for a special master to review the documents seized during

this month's search and to return to him certain seized property. U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon is set to hear arguments on the matter on Thursday.

Cannon on Saturday said it was her "preliminary intent" to appoint such a person but also gave the Justice Department an opportunity to respond.

On Monday, the department said it had already completed its review of potentially privileged documents and identified a "limited set of materials that potentially contain attorney-client privileged information." It said Tuesday that a special master was therefore "unnecessary" and that the presidential records that were taken from the home do not belong to Trump.



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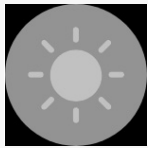
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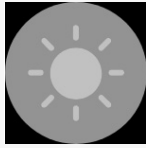
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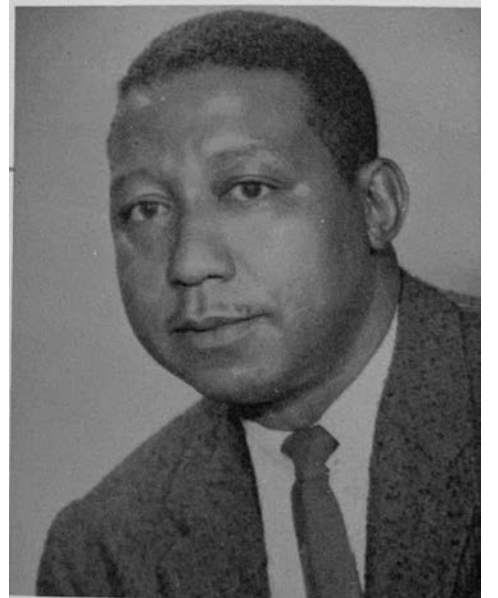


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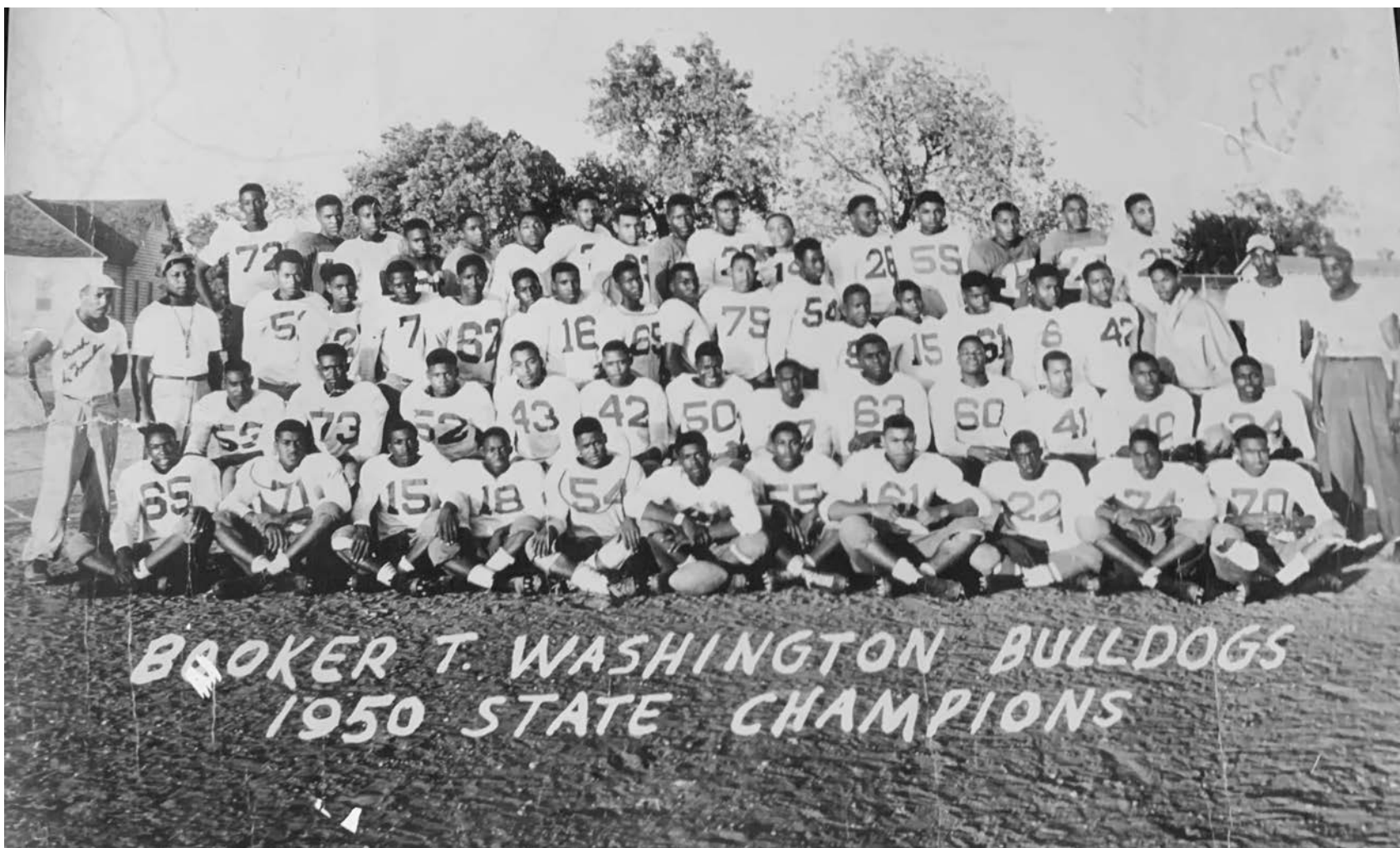
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Coach Raymond E. Hollie



young men. Many went on to enjoy success in college, military, and professional sports as well. Raymond E Hollie, whose 39 years coaching in the Dallas Independent School District led Booker T. Washington High School to six state football championship games from 1948 to 1958, is a feat unequalled even today. When you played for Hollie, you never took a play-off; you get knocked down, you get up, you bleed, throw dirt on it and never quit! Bulldogs rule. Coach Hollie was married to Betty (deceased). He leaves to cherish his memory two sons; Raymond Hollie II and Phillip Hollie Sr. (Teresa), one daughter, Stephanie Hollie, and three grandsons; Raymond Hollie III, Stanton Hollie, and Phillip Hollie II; one granddaughter, Christina Hollie, and a host of Booker T. Washington Students.



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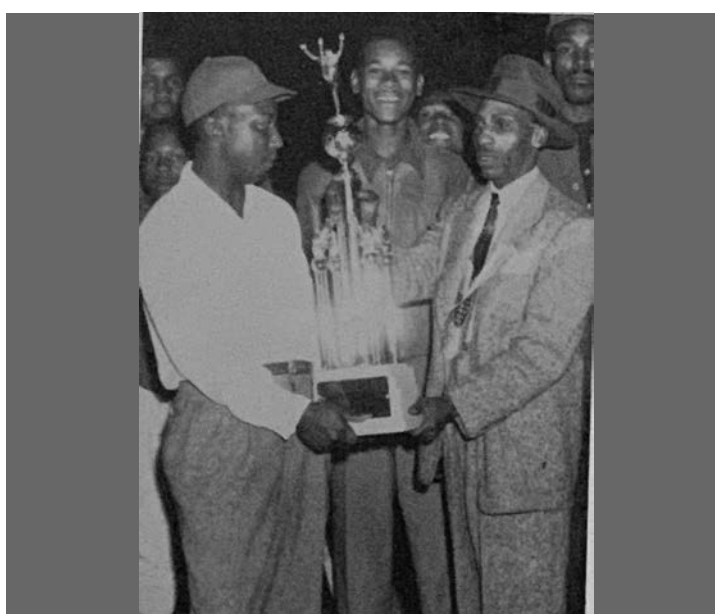
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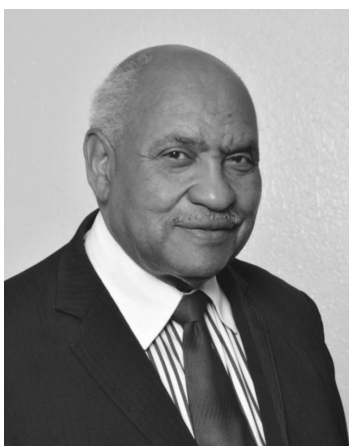
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EDITORIAL PAGE

Your Right to Vote Is Not Tied To A Political Party

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



Dr. John E. Warren

It appears that our recent discussions about the importance of each of us becoming Registered Voters and using our right to vote has been taken by some as an endorsement of a political party preference, as a necessity to voting. For the record, there is no constitutional requirement of a political party affiliation as a condition of voting. One only has to declare a party affiliation in states requiring such affiliation for voting Democratic or Republican in primary races. While the Democratic and Republican parties are dominant politi-

cal entities, in the State of California there are more Independent registered voters than Republicans. There are also other parties that many of you have heard of, such as Libertarian. We have focused on the Republican Party as a threat to Democracy because of their national efforts to impose voter suppression in states where they have intentionally made it more difficult to vote. The Republican Party has systematically redrawn election districts so as to weaken or neutralize the Black vote with the intention of limiting Blacks and other people of color from gaining political office. Those who are in office make policy, as we have seen with the removal of ballot boxes, the elimination of Voting Precincts so as to make lines longer and to create more difficulty for voters, the passing of laws prohibiting giving people in voting lines food or water while they wait to vote, and in some places the elimina-

tion of Sunday voting. The Republicans, under the leadership of Senator Mitch Mc Connell, has voted against every bill passed by the House of Representatives to bring relief to the American people in such areas as reducing the cost of prescription drugs, restoring the Voting Rights Act provisions struck down by the Supreme Court in 2013, and the restoration of the protections lost under the recent Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision on Abortion Rights. Former President Trump and those who rally around him have become the party of those who would reduce or eliminate rights that so many have fought and died for. But be not mistaken, the Democratic Party, while it has worked long and hard to restore and protect the kind of gains we have seen under President Biden, still have not done as much as it could for the people who put him in office. Without the Black vote, there would be no

President Joe Biden. Yet he did not move to sign Executive Orders to fight Voter Suppression as he did with great speed to help overcome or provide protections available to him after the Supreme Court's decision in Roe vs. Wade. For those who register to vote in the coming General Election, one may register as an Independent and still vote on November 8th. This time, it's the Democratic Party which is the lesser of the two evils. Therefore, we need Democrats to keep control of the Senate and we need Democratic members elected to Congress to keep control of that body since all the legislation geared to the needs of everyday people are coming from the Democrats at this time. Let's stop looking for excuses for not registering or preparing to vote and look at what we need and want in elected officials at all levels during the next two years. Without a vote, needs and wants don't count.

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Russian media: Ex-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev dead at 91

By JIM HEINTZ

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail Gorbachev, who as the last leader of the Soviet Union waged a losing battle to salvage a crumbling empire but produced extraordinary reforms that led to the end of the Cold War, died Tuesday. He was 91.

The Central Clinical Hospital said in a statement that Gorbachev died after a long illness. No other details were given.

Though in power less than seven years, Gorbachev unleashed a breathtaking series of changes. But they quickly overtook him and resulted in the collapse of the authoritarian Soviet state, the freeing of Eastern European nations from Russian domination and the end of decades of East-West nuclear confrontation.

His decline was humiliating. His power hopelessly sapped by an attempted coup against him in August 1991, he spent his last months in office watching republic after republic declare independence until he resigned on Dec. 25, 1991. The Soviet Union wrote itself into oblivion a day later.

A quarter-century after the collapse, Gorbachev told The Associated Press that he had not considered using widespread force to try to keep the USSR together because he feared chaos in a

nuclear country.

"The country was loaded to the brim with weapons. And it would have immediately pushed the country into a civil war," he said.

Many of the changes, including the Soviet breakup, bore no resemblance to the transformation that Gorbachev had envisioned when he became the Soviet leader in March 1985.

By the end of his rule he was powerless to halt the whirlwind he had sown. Yet Gorbachev may have had a greater impact on the second half of the 20th century than any other political figure.

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

"I see myself as a man who started the reforms that were necessary for the country and for Europe and the world," Gorbachev told The AP in a 1992 interview shortly after he left office.

"I am often asked, would I have started it all again if I had to repeat it? Yes, indeed. And with more persistence and determination," he said.

Gorbachev won the 1990 Nobel Peace Prize for his role in ending the Cold War and spent his later years collecting accolades and awards from all corners of the world. Yet he was widely despised at home.

Russians blamed him for the 1991 implosion of the

Soviet Union — a once-feared superpower whose territory fractured into 15 separate nations. His former allies deserted him and made him a scapegoat for the country's troubles.

His run for president in 1996 was a national joke, and he polled less than 1 percent of the vote.

In 1997, he resorted to making a TV ad for Pizza Hut to earn money for his charitable foundation. His former allies deserted him and made him a scapegoat for the country's troubles.

"In the ad, he should take a pizza, divide it into 15 slices like he divided up our country, and then show how to put it back together again," quipped Anatoly Lukyanov, a one-time Gorbachev supporter.

Gorbachev never set out to dismantle the Soviet system. What he wanted to do was improve it.

Soon after taking power, Gorbachev began a campaign to end his country's economic and political stagnation, using "glasnost" or openness, to help achieve his goal of "perestroika" or restructuring.

In his memoirs, he said he had long been frustrated that in a country with immense natural resources, tens of millions were living in poverty.

"Our society was stifled

in the grip of a bureaucratic command system," Gorbachev wrote. "Doomed to serve ideology and bear the heavy burden of the arms race, it was strained to the utmost."

Once he began, one move led to another: He freed political prisoners, allowed open debate and multi-candidate elections, gave his countrymen freedom to travel, halted religious oppression, reduced nuclear arsenals, established closer ties with the West and did not resist the fall of Communist regimes in Eastern European satellite states.

But the forces he unleashed quickly escaped his control.

Long-suppressed ethnic tensions flared, sparking wars and unrest in trouble spots such as the southern Caucasus region. Strikes and labor unrest followed price increases and shortages of consumer goods.

In one of the low points of his tenure, Gorbachev sanctioned a crackdown on the restive Baltic republics in early 1991.

The violence turned many intellectuals and reformers against him. Competitive elections also produced a new crop of populist politicians who challenged Gorbachev's policies and

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COVID -19

US clears updated COVID boosters targeting newest variants

By LAURAN NEERGAARD



This August 2022 photo provided by Pfizer shows packaging for the company's updated COVID-19 vaccine during production in Kalamazoo, Mich. (Pfizer via AP)

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. on Wednesday authorized its first update to COVID-19 vaccines, booster doses that target today's most common omicron strain. Shots could begin within days.

The move by the Food and Drug Administration tweaks the recipe of shots made by Pfizer and rival Moderna that already have saved millions of lives. The hope is that the modified boosters will blunt yet another winter surge — and help tamp down the BA.5 omicron relative that continues to spread widely.

"These updated boosters present us with an opportunity to get ahead" of the next COVID-19 wave, said FDA Commissioner Dr. Robert Califf.

Until now, COVID-19 vaccines have targeted the original coronavirus strain,

even as wildly different mutants emerged. The new U.S. boosters are combination, or "bivalent," shots. They contain half that original vaccine recipe and half protection against the newest omicron versions, BA.4 and BA.5, that are considered the most contagious yet.

The combination aims to increase cross-protection against multiple variants.

"It really provides the broadest opportunity for protection," Pfizer vaccine chief Annaliesa Anderson told The Associated Press.

The updated boosters are only for people who have already had their primary vaccinations, using the original vaccines. Doses made by Pfizer and its partner BioNTech are for anyone 12 and older while Moderna's updated shots are for adults — if it has been at least two

months since their last primary vaccination or their latest booster. They're not to be used for initial vaccinations.

There's one more step before a fall booster campaign begins: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention must recommend who should get the additional shot. An influential CDC advisory panel will debate the evidence Thursday — including whether people at high risk from COVID-19 should go first.

The U.S. has purchased more than 170 million doses from the two companies. Pfizer said it could ship up to 15 million of those doses by the end of next week. Moderna didn't immediately say how many doses are ready to ship but that some will be available "in the coming days."

The big question is whether people weary of vaccinations will roll up their sleeves again. Just half of vaccinated Americans got the first recommended booster dose, and only a third of those 50 and older who were urged to get a second booster did so.

Here's the rub: The original vaccines still offer strong protection against severe disease and death from COVID-19 for generally healthy people, especially if they got that important first booster dose. It's

not clear just how much more benefit an updated booster will bring — beyond a temporary jump in antibodies capable of fending off an omicron infection.

Still, "people have to realize this is a different kind of booster than was previously available. It will work better at protecting against omicron," said virologist Andrew Pekosz of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Even people who had an earlier omicron version still can get reinfected so "you should definitely go for the booster even if you've been infected in the last year," added Pekosz. He thinks "if we can get good buy-in to use this, we might really be able to make a dent" in COVID-19 cases.

The FDA cleared the modifications ahead of studies in people, a step toward eventually handling COVID-19 vaccine updates more like yearly changes to flu shots.

FDA vaccine chief Dr. Peter Marks stressed the agency considered "the totality" of evidence. Pfizer and Moderna have previously brewed vaccine doses updated to match earlier mutants — including the omicron strain named BA.1 that struck last winter —

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Review: In 'Honk for Jesus,' a megachurch mockumentary

By JAKE COYLE



This image released by Focus Features shows Regina Hall, left, and Sterling K. Brown in "Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul." (Steve Swisher/Focus Features via AP)

Regina Hall and Sterling K. Brown give fully committed performances in "Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul," so why does the film lack faith in itself?

"Honk for Jesus," Adamma Ebo's directorial debut based on her own short film, is centered on a pair ripe for parody: Pastor Lee-Curtis Childs (Brown) and his loyal wife, Trinitie (Hall), leaders of an Atlanta-area Southern Baptist megachurch called Wander to Greater Paths. It takes about half a minute to realize Childs' spiritual center is more designer label than Deuteronomy. Showing off their closets, Lee-Curtis gives thanks for being "blessed with some beautiful Prada."

After a quick montage of brighter days for

Wander to Greater Paths, "Honk for Jesus" catches up with the pastor and his wife on the heels of a scandal that has emptied their congregation of 25,000. Their faces are still bright, though, as they welcome a documentary crew outside the church to chronicle their revival, leading up to an Easter reopening. When Lee-Curtis steps in chewing gum and Trinitie asks the camerawoman to edit around that, she gets no reply. "Oh, that's right," she says. "You're the fly-on-the-wall type."

"Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul," a Focus Features release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for language and some sexual content. Running time: 102 minutes. Two stars out of four.

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problems "are making it impossible for us to do business in Jackson, Mississippi." Emerson and his wife, Jennifer, own the upscale Walker's Drive-In, and he said they have been spending \$300 a day for ice and bottled water in the past month.

"I love doing business in Jackson, and I like the people of Jackson," Emerson said. "I just — I hate dealing with the problems."

Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves said late Monday that he's declaring a state of emergency for Jackson's water system, and he issued the proclamation Tuesday. The state will try to help resolve problems by hiring contractors to work at the treatment plant, which was operating at diminished capacity with backup pumps after the main pumps failed "some time ago," Reeves said.

Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba said Jackson's water system is troubled by short staffing and "decades of deferred maintenance." He said the influx of water from torrential rain changed the chemical composition needed for treatment, which slowed the process of pushing water out to customers.

Lumumba is Democrat and was not invited to the Republican governor's Monday night news conference. Although the two politicians are often at odds, Lumumba said Tuesday that he's having productive dis-

cussions with the Health Department and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and he's grateful for the state's help.

Like many cities, Jackson faces water system problems it can't afford to fix. Its tax base has eroded the past few decades as the population decreased — the result of mostly white flight to suburbs that began after public schools integrated in 1970. The city's population is now more than 80% Black, with about 25% of its residents living in poverty.

Low water pressure left some people unable to take showers or flush toilets and officials said the low pressure caused concern for fire-fighting. Those who did have water flowing from the tap were told to boil it to kill bacteria that could make them sick.

Jackson schools held classes online Tuesday, and some restaurants closed. Jackson State University brought in temporary restrooms for students, and Jackson State football coach Deion Sanders said the water crisis left his players without air conditioning or ice at their practice facility. In a video that one of his sons posted to social media, Sanders — also known as Coach Prime — said he wanted to move players into a hotel so they could shower.

"We're going to find somewhere to practice, find somewhere that can accommodate every darn thing that

we need and desire to be who we desire to be, and that's dominate," Sanders said. "The devil is a lie. He ain't going to get us today, baby."

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters Tuesday that the federal government is prepared to help Mississippi respond to the water crisis.

She said the state had not asked FEMA for help with trucking in drinking water, and declined to say why. Jean-Pierre said White House officials have been in contact with local officials and the state Health Department.

President Joe Biden has approved an emergency declaration request for the state of Mississippi, directing his team to surge federal assistance to the region, Jean-Pierre tweeted late Tuesday.

"We are committed to helping the people of Jackson and the state of Mississippi during this urgent time of need," she said.

The problems at the water treatment plant came after the city appeared to largely avoid widespread flooding from a Pearl River swollen by days of heavy rain. One home was flooded Monday but the mayor said the water did not rise as high as expected. Earlier projections showed about 100 to 150 buildings in the Jackson area faced possible flooding.

The National Weather Service said the Pearl River crested Monday short of the major flood stage level of 36



A Jackson, Miss., Fire Department firefighter puts cases of bottled water in a resident's SUV. (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)

feet (10.97 meters). Parts of Jackson flooded in 2020 after the river topped that level.

Jackson has two water-treatment plants, and the larger one is near a reservoir that provides most of the city's water supply. The reservoir also has a role in flood control.


The mayor said Monday that low water pressure could last a few days, but by Tuesday he said some customers were regaining service.

"We have seen steady improvements in the system," Lumumba said.

Jackson has longstanding problems with its water system. A cold snap in 2021 left a significant number of people without running water after pipes froze. Similar problems happened again early this year, on a smaller scale.

Lumumba said last week that fixing Jackson's water system could cost \$200 million, but Tuesday he said the cost could run to "quite possibly the billions of dollars." Mississippi is receiving \$75 million to address water problems as part of a bipartisan infrastructure bill.

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Pictured: 2022 Chevrolet Discover the Unexpected Fellows. During the program, students had the opportunity to create content and engaging stories about the Chevy Bolt EUV, electrification and EV adoption, allowing them to act as change agents within their local communities.

DETROIT – Chevrolet and the National Newspaper Publishers Association concluded their sixth year of “Discover the Unexpected,” a 10-week immersive internship and scholarship program for 11 HBCU students, five within marketing and six within journalism, to explore marketing roles focused on General Motors’ vision for an all-electric future and journalism with the NNPA.

“Chevrolet is honored to continue our partnership with the NNPA for DTU, providing HBCU students professional and personal growth opportunities,” said Steve Majoros, vice president of Chevrolet Marketing. “The fellows made an impact on our Chevy Marketing team as they navigated new experiences – including working with large corporations, virtual work environments and time management skills – and learned how to effectively convey the benefits of EVs to their local communities, all while exemplifying professionalism and passion.”

NNPA publishers across the country also hosted the six journalism fellows this

summer. Students were exposed to print, broadcast, digital and photojournalism skills in addition to experiencing the Chevy Bolt EUV in person.

“The NNPA and Chevrolet partnership has been and continues to be extremely productive supporting aspiring journalists and amplifying their voices” said NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. “Students worked alongside our renowned publishers for an in-depth experience while understanding how to bridge the gap between traditional and new-age journalism, and we cannot wait to see how their stories change EV myths within their communities.”

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2022 DTU fellow Antonio Andrews applied to DTU because he wanted to work with EVs. “The automotive industry is undergoing its largest transition since inception,” he noted.

“To be able to give insight and have access to new and innovative concepts is a dream come true.”

The 2022 DTU program was amplified by notable industry mentors and esteemed alumni. Program ambassador Terrence J, American actor, model and entertainer, accompanied the students in New Orleans as they participated in The Big Easy Bolt Race, a curated team ride-and-drive scavenger hunt to learn about electrification in addition to Black history and New Orleans culture.

“As a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University with a mass communication degree, I understand the passion and enthusiasm that HBCU students bring to the table,” said Jenkins. “I was elated to work alongside these students and provide an opportunity to connect and motivate each of them into their future careers.”

Justin Shaifer, TV host, producer and STEM advocate, returned to DTU as the fellows’ mentor for the second year, encouraging students to “take what you’re asked to do and go above and beyond to operate with

excellence at every step” during the program’s closing ceremonies in Detroit. He continued, “This is a phenomenal program, and it was an honor to be a part of these incredible young professionals.”

Reflecting on how the DTU program prepared him for his career at GM, former DTU fellow and current DMAX group leader Emmanuel Dorvil explained, “My foot was on the gas pedal for my career. I had to ensure I was always prepared, whether it involved vehicle releases or increasing multicultural diversity with EV consumption. The exposure of this program sets you apart – the ability to connect with others is what we need as aspiring young professionals.”

Chevrolet awarded each fellow a \$10,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 stipend. To date, DTU has provided 49 HBCU students more than \$600,000.

Learn more about the Discover the Unexpected fellowship at <https://www.nnpa.org/chevydtu/>. View the program content until Sept. 15, by visiting the DTU meta-verse.

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Chief among them was his former protege and eventual nemesis, Boris Yeltsin, who became Russia’s first president.

“The process of renovating this country and bringing about fundamental changes in the international community proved to be much more complex than originally anticipated,” Gorbachev told the nation as he stepped down.

“However, let us acknowledge what has been achieved so far. Society has acquired freedom; it

has been freed politically and spiritually. And this is the most important achievement, which we have not fully come to grips with in part because we still have not learned how to use our freedom.”

There was little in Gorbachev’s childhood to hint at the pivotal role he would play on the world stage. On many levels, he had a typical Soviet upbringing in a typical Russian village. But it was a childhood blessed with unusual strokes of good fortune.

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev was born



FILE - Former U.S. President George Bush meets with Mikhail Gorbachev, in Moscow, Russia on Monday, Sept. 15, 2003. (AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko, File)

March 2, 1931, in the village of Privolnoye in southern Russia. Both his grandfathers were peas-

ants, collective farm chairmen and members of the Communist Party, as was his father.

State Representative Yvonne Davis secures \$20 Million Grant for District 111

State Representative Yvonne Davis (D-Dallas) announced the signing of the final resolution which will allow the City of Dallas to receive a \$20 Million grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Representative Davis secured the funding, during the 3rd Called Special Session of the 87th Texas Legislature, as part of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund with the passage of Senate Bill 8.

“The grant will help fund several key public service initiatives that will benefit the communities not only in House District 111 but the entire City of Dallas in general,” stated Representative Davis.

Based on the agreement

between Representative Davis and the City of Dallas, the grant will be used to support a comprehensive program to enhance parks & trails, support workforce development, health and wellness, assist community activity facilities, as well as educational and cultural programs.

“This effort is the product of a collaboration between state and local government with the shared desire to not only invest in our communities, but more importantly to improve the quality of life for all citizens,” Representative Davis continued.

Rep. Davis is currently serving her fifteenth term, representing District 111 in the Texas House of Representatives.

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and tested them in people. Those earlier recipe changes were safe, and the BA.1 version substantially boosted virus-fighting antibodies — more than another dose of the original vaccine — although fewer that recognized today’s genetically distinct BA.4 and BA.5 strains.

But instead of using those BA.1 shots, FDA ordered the companies to brew even more up-to-date doses that target those newest omicron mutants, sparking a race to roll them out. Rather than waiting a few more months for additional human studies of that very similar recipe tweak, Marks said animal tests showed the latest update spurs “a very good immune response.”

“One needs to refresh the immune system with what is actually circulating,” Marks said. That’s why FDA also is no longer authorizing boosters made with the original recipe for those 12 and older.

The hope, Marks said, is

that a vaccine matched to currently spreading variants might do a better job fighting infection, not just serious illness, at least for a while.

What’s next? Even as modified shots roll out, Moderna and Pfizer are conducting human studies to help assess their value, including how they hold up if a new mutant comes along.

And for children, Pfizer plans to ask FDA to allow updated boosters for 5- to 11-year-olds in early October.

It’s the first U.S. update to the COVID-19 vaccine recipe, an important but expected next step -- like how flu vaccines get updated every year.

And the U.S. isn’t alone. Britain recently decided to offer adults over 50 a different booster option from Moderna, a combo shot targeting that initial BA.1 omicron strain. European regulators are considering whether to authorize one or both of the updated formulas.