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PRESS ROOM: Largest-Ever HBCU Week Coming to Walt Disney World Resort Next Month

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — High school students from across the Southeast and beyond will descend on Walt Disney World Resort next month for the largest-ever HBCU Week featuring a huge college fair, a parade of high-stepping marching bands, a fierce battle of the bands, and a live ESPN broadcast.

A record number of high school students (more than 5,000) and Historically Black Colleges and University representatives (nearly 50) will take part in the weekend event, October 7-9, 2022, when more than \$10 million in scholarships are expected to be awarded, which would be another event record. Since 2017, more than 3,500 on-the-spot admissions have been offered, along with more than \$23 million in scholarships.

This is the first time in its five-year history that the HBCU Week Foundation is

hosting its annual event at Walt Disney World Resort, which is expanding the foundation's ability to stage new and more high-profile activities for its attendees. As a result, this year there will be a parade of HBCU bands down Main Street, U.S.A. at Magic Kingdom Park; a battle of the bands at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex along with the college fair; a live broadcast of ESPN's First Take show featuring HBCU Week ambassador Stephen A. Smith and show host Molly Qerim; and several Lunch and Learn seminars for students to gain educational and career insights.

Delaware State, Bethune Cookman, North Carolina A&T, Winston-Salem State, and Alcorn University will participate in the parade at Magic Kingdom and compete in the Battle of the Bands.

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Millions of Americans will save on Medicare fees next year

By AMANDA SEITZ



President Joe Biden walks with Bob Parant, Medicare beneficiary with Type 1 diabetes, as they arrive to speak at an event on health care costs, in the Rose Garden of the White House, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022, in Washington.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time in a decade, Americans will pay less next year on monthly premiums for Medicare's Part B plan, which covers routine doctors' visits and other outpatient care.

The rare 3% decrease in monthly premiums is likely to be coupled with a historically high cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits — perhaps 9% or 10% — putting hundreds of dollars directly into the pockets of millions of people.

"That's something we may never see again in the rest of our lives," said Mary Johnson, the Social Security and Medicare policy analyst for The Senior Citizens League. "That can really be used to pay off credit cards, to restock pantries that have gotten low because people can't afford to buy as much today as they did a year ago and do some long-postponed repairs to homes and cars."

The 2023 decrease in monthly Medicare premiums comes after

millions of beneficiaries endured a tough year of high inflation and a dramatic increase to premiums this year. Most people on Medicare will pay \$164.90 a month for Part B coverage starting next year, a savings of \$5.20.

The decrease helps to offset last year's \$21.60 spike, which was driven in large part by a new Alzheimer's drug, Aduhelm, administered intravenously in

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In Remembrance of LaVoyné Shields Worthey



The writer of the Old Testament book of Proverbs chapter 31 poses the question; Who can find a virtuous woman? One who tends to her home with integrity and discipline. She possesses a meek and gentle spirit which in the sight of God is indeed precious. She is humble, not aggressive and her emotions are spirit controlled. She is a godly woman who loves the Lord and teaches her children to do the same.

On the morning of August 31, 2022, LaVoyné Shields Worthey passed from this earthly life to be welcomed into eternity. LaVoyné is the mother of Patrick H. Worthey, Jr. (LaShonda), one of the ministering evangelists of the Greenville Avenue Church of Christ of Richardson, Texas as well as three other children; Steve Worthey of Lubbock, Texas, Darlene Worthey of Nashville, Tennessee, and Craig Worthey (Kendra) of Garland, Texas. She was also the faithful wife of 58 years to her now late husband, Patrick H. Worthey, Sr.

LaVoyné's life was joyously remembered and celebrated during her homegoing services on Saturday, September 10th, 2022, at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas. A host of friends, family, members of the community, and brothers and sisters in Christ were in attendance. She will be lovingly remembered for her variety of loves, interests, and passions. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, confidant, and friend. She was also

a dedicated participant in works that benefitted the East Lubbock community. Additionally, she was a gifted and award-winning seamstress having pursued studies in fashion design at Texas Tech University. Additionally, she had a great love for Thrift Store shopping and later in life developed a love for drawing and sketching portraits of individuals and family.

LaVoyné's greatest love however was her love for Christ and the church which she made the center of her life and existence. This love was demonstrated, imparted, and continuously encouraged in the lives of her children at an early age, and has resulted in faithfulness in each of them to this day. This love was further demonstrated in a life of service and faithfulness to the church continued into her final days.

In answer to the question posed by the writer of Proverbs 31, The family, friends, brothers in Sisters in Christ, and others who knew LaVoyné Worthey can say that she was and will be remembered truly as that virtuous woman.



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EDITORIAL PAGE

“Ain’t Too Proud”: The Review

“My Day”

By Dr. J. Ester Davis



Dr. J. Ester Davis

The awaiting crowd on the closing night of “ain’t too proud” depicting the Life and Times of The Temptations came ready for a showdown in “D” Town Sunday Night. You could tell by the way the generations filed in...took their seats so gingerly, stately, and confident of a truly fine evening.

Ready! Set! Dance! Pat your foot! Snap your fingers! Dance! Move to the side! Bob your head! Put a smile on your face. Dance! Lights up, orchestra, action. And action it was! The world acclaimed Dallas Music Hall Fair Park belonged to the unstoppable tempting Temptations.... and let me tell you that place will

never be the same!

Please do not ask me how was the show! Words are not enough. Yeah! Is was all of that. It was of course ... electrolysis charges on steroids! All you really had to do was think about “My Girl”, “Since I Lost my Baby”, “Just my Imagination” and my personal favorite “Ball of Confusion” which can only be defined as timeless. I was on “Cloud Nine” and deeply in love with my first husband when that song hit the charts. And “What Becomes of the Brokenhearted” was upfront and personal when that cloud got foggy, overcast and dissipated. That’s the real American Story of Motown’s glory days, “The Temptations” ... that sound, shaped our lives with romance, lyrics and style. Several generations from across the globe have followed and studied their diamond spotlight journey from the streets of Detroit-to-American Bandstand-to-Soul Train-to-Best Choreography-to-a decade of civil unrest-wars-to-the White House-Buckingham Palace, best R&B group of all time. I could go on and on. And

because of their influence, grace, power, tall, dark and handsome good looks, they are still on top of it all.

I would have loved a line or two about Maxine Powell. Maxine Powell was one of the world’s leading etiquette professionals. She died in 2013, but left a legacy of poise and grace that has never been duplicated in the entertainment industry. Maxine Powell studied elocution with the Negro Drama League in Detroit. She taught dance, movement, self improvement and modeling classes. One of her models was Gwen Gordy Fuqua, Barry Gordy’s sister. Maxine was hired by Barry Gordy to train the acts that were on Motown’s label. Emphasis was placed on body language, etiquette, stage presence, diet, fittings, fashions, posture, and diction. Her job was to “polish” the young artist of Motown into artists who could excel in both the black and white world. She intentionally transformed a generation. All of the acts at Motown spent hours upon hours with Maxine Powell. I will write that story soon.

The storyline for “Ain’t Too Proud” was carefully

crafted as meaningful stories should be. Otis Williams, who was born in Texarkana, Texas, and raised in Detroit, is recognized as the founding and sole surviving member of The Temptations. Most of their accolades are planted in the memory banks of our minds. The entire audience was singing alone, missing a few words. We know that Smokey Robinson played a major role in the songwriting success of The Temptations. Motown’s Barry Gordy told them to go back and come up with “another name”. Scores of fans actually remember the original fabulous “quintet” by name without stuttering, i.e., Eddie Kendricks, Melvin Franklin, Paul Williams, David Ruffin. The Temptations & Supremes Album still stands out as one of the bestsellers ever. As a typical fan, there was a tidbit that came as a surprise about these American Masters. Close to the end of the evening, Otis Williams (Marcus Paul James) notified us that there were a total of twenty-seven(27)Temptations in their lifetime. Oh, please, come on Broadway Dallas. Bring them back!!

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Are You Raising one of the Next Generation of Hoodlums?

Teaching Your Child Self Control

By Dr. Joyce Teal

Self-control means to be controlled from within one’s self. It means to exercise constraint. When we see advertisements that are enticing us to spend more money and get more things because ‘it is good for us,’ or, ‘we feel that we deserve it,’ we don’t want to feel constrained. We want that stuff! Self-control is a very valuable attribute to have and one we need to teach our children, and here is why: self-control keeps us from spending more than we have, eating more than we should and in facing a variety of life issues. It prevents us from getting involved with activities that might harm us or get us in trouble. It stops us from watching the kind of negative programs that we have difficulty eradicating from our minds later.

It is crucial for parents to understand that learning to be self-controlled starts at home. Consequently, it is fruitless to rant and rave at your child for embarrassing you in a public place by demonstrating that he lacks self-control when you have not been seriously con-

sistent about teaching it at home and by demonstrating with your actions that you have self-control.

Parents need to set boundaries and expectations for children. In other words, we shape their lives until they learn to effectively control their own. This is a parent’s responsibility. Children learn from what they see us do and what we train them to do. When we say one thing and do another, children learn that there are two sets of rules – one for parents and one for kids. Kids also learn that if we believe strongly enough in what we are telling them to do, we wouldn’t be doing the converse. Realize that children are intuitive as well as intelligent, so long before they are able to articulate it, they understand that when you, their parents, feel strongly about something, your actions demonstrate your feelings. For example, if we don’t want our kids to smoke, then we need to quit smoking. If we ever did, (and I’m not convinced that we ever did), we are no longer rearing a generation that we can tell, “Do as I

say, not as I do!” THAT DOESN’T FLY!

We need to train our kids to be self-controlled when it comes to eating because there are so many health issues produced by overeating. We need to eat moderately as parents. We need to eat healthily and not waste food. Many times we have watched in astonishment as parents pile their plates absolutely full of food at the buffet. Their children follow behind, unsupervised, doing the same thing. Why? Because children learn what they see and they **do** what they learn.

We need to show our children how to spend moderately by being moderate spenders ourselves. We should teach them the difference between wants and needs. If you give your children an allowance, you should train them how to use it wisely so that when you are not there to help them, they will have developed enough wisdom not to get into unnecessary debt.

We do not always realize how children’s minds process and store information. Adults can apply rea-



Dr. Joyce Teal

son, knowledge, and experience to media input. Young children lack those resources. Consequently, parents who are serious about teaching self-control to their children must help their children to understand why they need to control their lives in the area of spending, eating, viewing, and behavior. When parents do this, their children will be more inclined to take responsibility and control these areas for themselves.

Parents: You cannot teach self-control with your words alone. Your actions must dictate that you are self-controlled!

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PAUL'S TESTIMONY BEFORE KING AGRIPPA

ACTS 26:1-32

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



We come to one of the greatest pieces of literature, Acts 26 regarding Paul's Damascus Road Experience. As this chapter opens, the Apostle Paul marvels in the fact that he was given the opportunity to speak before King Agrippa. He (Paul) proceeds to give King Agrippa a brief

sketch of his youth and background. Paul reveals King Agrippa's intimate knowledge of the Law (vv.1-3) and tells of his early life as a Pharisee. Pharisees believed firmly in the resurrection and thus this group should not be surprised or shocked when God raised Jesus from

the dead (vv. 4-8). Paul related that he persecuted the church stating specifically in verses 9-11 that: "I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints

did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the Chief Priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them

even unto strange cities." Paul goes on to tell of his dramatic Damascus Road Experience, and great impact of that meeting he had with Jesus Christ. Paul also revealed that he had received a commission from Jesus Christ to witness to Gentiles "so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me" (V. 18). Paul stated to King Agrippa just what Moses and the Prophets foretold would happen (vv. 19-23). What Paul had said seemed like utter madness to Festus, for verse 24 says: "And as he thus

spoke for himself Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad." Paul will then tell King Agrippa to make a personal commitment (vv. 25-27). Paul had given a tremendous testimony before King Agrippa, Bernice, Festus and others; however, his testimony did not result in his audience receiving salvation (vv. 28-30). This chapter concludes with the acknowledgment that Paul had not done anything deserving of death, for Paul should have been a free man (vv. 31-32).

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“FROM WHERE I STAND”

By Sandra Crenshaw

As of August 2022, Texas led the nation in banning books from public libraries. Banned Books Week is celebrated in the third week of September, the same week as the Texas Tribune Festival, where over 350 worldwide panelists local and national elected officials were in Austin, Texas discussing political and policy issues that impact the nation. It was befitting that I asked all panelists the question “Should we ban books from public schools with photos of violent acts committed in slavery-like lynching and burning down homes and businesses and the current protest riots including the graphic details of the murder of George Floyd?”

Annette Gordan Reed, a native Texan, and Harvard professor, who also penned “On Juneteenth” where she remembers her grandmother shared with her, the day an accused black rapist was shot in the back of the head in an east Texas courtroom as he stood before the Judge. His white murderer was acquitted. But she answered, “I think second graders today can handle it.” Mrs. Reed and I are around the same age but she recalls that she rarely heard the word slavery. As I interview others from Texas of all ages, we did not learn about slavery from public schools. Are we better off because the brutality and violence nature of slavery was hidden from us? What impact will it have on children of the next generation?

I interviewed Toluse “Tolu” Olorunnipa, author of “Who was George Floyd.” Tolu is the first reporter of native African and Nigerian descent to cover the White House. I asked him, if the critics of The 1619 Project called the protests the 1619 Riots, and the Texas State Board of Education was considering a book on Juneteenth that referenced the George Floyd protest as the reason for the national holiday and did he believe violent and brutal video should be shown to second graders in public schools. “I believe all violent acts should be age-appropriate, the author said. Olorunnipa was recently named the White House Bureau Chief for The Washington Post in July 2022.

I disagree with Nicole Hannah-Jones, the creator of the 1619 Project which is also banned by the Texas legislature. She believes that parents should leave the school curriculum with the experts and teachers. What Hannah Jones failed to understand is that parents are voters, therefore they have a great impact on what is being taught in their public school. I tell people that I have no children but I was a child once “upon a time” and I did not experience violence or knowledge of violence. Pictures of lynchings traumatized me when I was in college, so I feel that even if one child can be traumatized, we should not publicize graphic details. The Jewish faith has museums and teaches it in the



Sandra Crenshaw, Lobbyist for Justice, interviews Annette Gordon-Reed, Author of *The Hemingses of Thomas Jefferson* Monticello.

church where children's parents are with them and can better explain it. Absent from the workshops and school board meetings and lobbying our legislatures are the Black Parents. Hannah-Jones believes that slavery should be the center point of our nation's history. As a black Texan, I agree with her that we built this country and deserve credit with full citizenship. I concur with her that laws were written to hide the racism inherent in policy, laws, and government. Most people call out “systemic racism” but can't explain why?

Hannah-Jones is a journalist who doesn't understand democracy or maybe she is calling attention to the issue, and she might not have the audience without the controversy. She speaks

to the crowd and says what they want to hear, so loudly that 20 million dollars were donated to put 1619 in the public school's curriculum without accountability. She is an adherent to critical race theory. CRT as is known is the critical thinking of scholars and lawyers who look at race and come up with solutions to make this country a better place. We have only heard the government bans, debunking the 1619 Project, and criticisms of lawyers, politicians, journalists, and historians but no critical solutions to racism. In Part II, I will take my stab at explaining CRT in plain language so that we, the people, can hold our government accountable to what is being taught in public schools.

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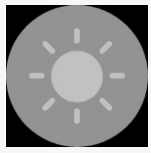
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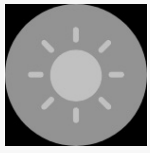
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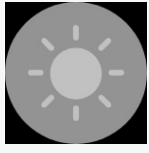
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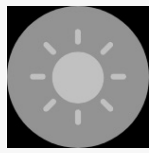
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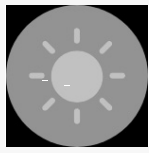
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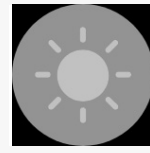
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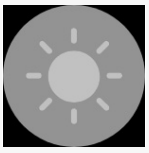
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Athletics' Updates Clear Bag Guidelines, Safety Measures

BY THE HUB



Dallas ISD has revised its clear bag guidelines for all home athletics events to ensure the safety of participants, spectators, and event staff.

Fans are encouraged to bring only clear bags into Dallas ISD stadiums. Permissible items include clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC tote bag not to exceed 12x6x12 inches or a resealable plastic storage bag, not to exceed one gallon. Small clutch purses and diaper bags are

now prohibited at all Dallas ISD stadiums.

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: all purses, bags, or containers, including small clutch purses; backpacks; briefcases; camera bags, computer bags, coolers, cross body bags, diaper bags, drawstring bags, fanny packs, and luggage of any kind. Credentialed members of the media may bring in cameras and computer bags, but those will be

inspected upon stadium entry.

Additionally, the district has made the following adjustments to its event procedures:

- 1 Concession stands at football games will close at the end of the third quarter;
- 2 Booster club sales at football games will end at the end of the third quarter;
- 3 Students unaccompanied by a parent/guardian will

not be allowed to enter a football game after the end of the third quarter;

The use of metal detectors and/or hand wands will continue at all events.

Fans are encouraged to purchase event tickets online at GoFan.co before they arrive at the stadium and to arrive early to allow a smooth admission and screening process at stadium gates so they can be in their seat in time for kickoff.

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“We are pleased to share in the mission to highlight the rich history and cultural significance of HBCUs, creating educational and, ultimately, career opportunities for students,” said HBCU Week Founder and CEO Ashley Christopher. “Hosting this national event at Walt Disney World Resort helps amplify the mission of HBCU Week, attracting more parents and students throughout the country to our events and helps make an even greater impact in fostering opportunities for thousands of students.”

Disney’s involvement in HBCU Week is part of a relationship between HBCU Week Foundation and Disney on the Yard, an initiative focused on deepening Disney’s engagement with HBCUs. By working more closely with HBCUs, Disney aims to continue building a long-term pipeline of Black employee talent through the development of student internships, mentorship opportunities, career and employee spotlights, scholarships, and more.

“This event is an ideal

collaboration in that it highlights Disney’s commitment to supporting HBCUs and the mission of HBCU Week,” said Avis Lewis, Vice President of Human Resources, Walt Disney Imagineering, and Disney Parks International. “We are pleased with the immense momentum we are seeing already, with unprecedented attendance at the college fair and a host of exciting events planned. We look forward to seeing students and parents from all over the Southeast enjoying this event and all the magic of Disney while they are here.”

Disney theme park admission and reservations are required for entry to Magic Kingdom Park for the HBCU Week band parade. Tickets are also required for the Battle of the Bands at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. There is no admission charge for all other HBCU events.

For more information about HBCU Week and for students to register for the College Fair, visit www.HBCUWeek.org. Follow HBCU Week on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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doctors’ offices and introduced to the market last year with a \$56,000 price tag. Medicare set strict limitations on the drug’s use earlier this year and the drug-maker has since cut the medication’s cost in half.

Medicare paid less for that drug than it expected this year, helping shore up reserves that allowed the agency to set the Part B premiums lower for 2023, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare said in a statement Tuesday. Spending on other Medicare services and items was lower than expected, too. The annual deductible for the Part B program will also decrease \$7 to \$226.

President Joe Biden lauded the lower Medicare premiums during a Rose Garden speech Tuesday.

As the midterm elections near and Biden’s administration struggles to contain the painful side effects of inflation, the White House has increasingly trumpeted its work around curtailing health care costs.

“(To) millions of seniors and people with disabilities on Medicare, that means more money in their pockets while still getting the care they need,” Biden said.

Biden pointed to more cost savings on the way for some Medicare recipients starting next year thanks to

the Inflation Reduction Act, which will require Medicare to cover the cost of recommended vaccines for older Americans and will cap monthly insulin copayments at \$35 per month. Other provisions in the legislation, including a rule that allows Medicare to negotiate directly with drug companies on the price of some medications, will take a few years to kick in.

The bill received no support from congressional Republicans, a talking point the White House has frequently pushed in speeches and across its social media accounts in recent weeks.

Republicans have a different slant on the subject.

“Desperation is setting in at the White House,” the Republican National Committee said in response to Biden’s speech Tuesday. “Voters have a clear choice in the midterms as they know Biden and the Democrats sent costs for groceries soaring, created a recession and increased taxes.”

The lower Medicare premiums were announced as 66 million Americans await the announcement of next year’s Social Security cost-of-living increase for 2023. Analysts estimate that it could be historic, roughly between 9% and 10%. The exact amount will be announced next month.

CLEAR BAG GUIDELINES

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Dallas ISD stadiums encourage guests not to bring bags. The following are permissible:

CLEAR TOTE
Plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"

PLASTIC STORAGE BAG
Clear, one (1) gallon, re-sealable

- Clear tote - plastic, vinyl or PVC bags that do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- Plastic storage bag - Clear one (1) gallon, re-sealable

Prohibited ⓧ

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

Backpack

Camera Bag

Purse

Fanny Pack

Drawstring Bag

Clutch Purse

- All purses, bags or containers, including small clutch purses
- Backpacks
- Crossbody bags
- Briefcases
- Camera Bags
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Rihanna To Headline Super Bowl Halftime Show

Written by Stacy M. Brown



Photo/NNPA File

Jay-Z's Roc Nation and Apple music made the announcement on September 25, and Rihanna took to Instagram displaying an NFL football, signaling her appearance.

Rihanna, who refused to perform during the 2019 Super Bowl halftime show because of her stand with Colin Kaepernick, has decided to headline the big event in February.

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The highly anticipated performance takes place at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, on Feb. 12.

Rihanna also is expected to soon drop new music.

"Rihanna is a generational talent, a woman of humble beginnings who has surpassed expectations at every turn," Jay-Z said in a statement.

"A person born on the small island of Barbados who became one of the most prominent artists ever. Self-made in business and entertainment."

For the Barbadian beauty and multi-talented songstress, music is far from all in her phenomenal portfolio.

In 2021, Rihanna achieved billionaire status.

In 2022, Forbes acknowledged that she's the youngest self-made billionaire in America.

The 34-year-old, who recently gave birth to her first child, ranked 21st overall in the latest Forbes list of billionaires.

Rihanna's Fenty Beauty line counts among the most

popular in the world, is the only billionaire under 40 on Forbes' list.

Earlier this year, reports noted that Rihanna's Savage X Fenty lingerie planned an initial public offering valued at about \$3 billion.

The megastar owns 30 percent of Savage X Fenty and 50 percent of Fenty Beauty, reportedly generating \$550 million in revenue in 2020.

The nine-time Grammy Award winner has stated that she intends to increase her philanthropic efforts around the globe.

"My money is not for me; it's always the thought that I can help someone else," she told the New York Times in 2021. "The world can really make you believe that the wrong things are priority, and it makes you really miss the core of life, what it means to be alive."

In 2021, Forbes estimated Rihanna's net worth at \$1.7 billion, trailing only Oprah Winfrey as the world's richest entertainer.

"A lot of women felt there were no lines out there that catered to their skin tone. It was light, medium, medium-dark, dark," Shannon Coyne, co-founder of consumer products consultancy Bluestock Advisors, told Forbes about Rihanna's successful beauty products.

"We all know that's not reality. She was one of the first brands that came out and said, 'I want to speak to all of those different people.'"

Born Robyn Rihanna Fenty on February 20, 1988, in Saint Michael, Barbados, the tantalizing starlet delivered hit after hit with songs like "Umbrella," "Rude Boy," and "Diamonds."

With over 100 million social media followers, Rihanna's fans have pleaded with their idol to deliver new music.

But with her Fenty and Savage X Fenty business white-hot, Rihanna appears to have settled in as an entrepreneur and business magnate.

Cutting deals with Puma in 2014, Dior in 2016, Fenty Beauty in 2017, Savage X Fenty in 2018, and Fenty Skin in 2020, Rihanna kept her business focused.

Forbes writer Madeline Berg described Rihanna's rise this way:

"When Robyn Fenty, known to the world as Rihanna, launched Fenty Beauty in 2017, she sought to create a cosmetics company that made "women everywhere (feel) included." A perhaps unintended consequence: The beauty line has helped her enter one of the world's most exclusive ranks: Billionaire."

Berge concluded by providing commentary from Coyne, the consultant.

"She is creating a brand outside of herself. It's not just about Rihanna. Even if you don't like her music, she's created a real style in the fashion and beauty space."

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