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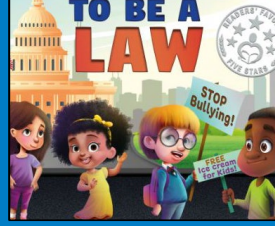
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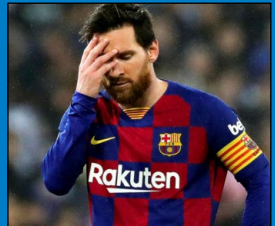
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SHERIFF PAULA DANCE SAYS  
**WE'RE NOT "PAWNS FOR POLITICS"**



By Mia Eley  
The Daily Drum

Sheriff Paula Dance, North Carolina's first African American Female to be sworn in as Sheriff, reiterates that it is her duty

to protect the people's Constitutional rights.

President Donald Trump announced last week that he plans to dispatch law enforcement officials to polling sites in an effort to guard against "voter fraud"

in the November election. Although it's not clear if President Trump has the power to do this, Sheriff Paula Dance says that she does not believe President Trump has this authority. That there is a difference

between federal and constitutional law within a jurisdiction.

"I stand between the citizens of Pitt County and their right to bear arms. I, as a constitutional officer, have to protect those

people and their rights." That is an example of Constitutional law.

Sheriff Dance reminds us that if we go back and examine our history during the years of Jim Crow, many officers were placed at polling sites to "specifically patrol African American and Hispanic neighborhoods," to bring about voter intimidation. Note, that the 1982 decree arose from a Democratic National Committee lawsuit that faulted the RNC of trying to stifle votes in New Jersey by, (amongst many other tactics), posting armed, off-duty police officers at the polls in Black and Latino neighborhoods. This ruling decree expired in 2018. This year's election will be the first presidential race since 1980 that the GOP presidential nominee and the RNC will attempt to insert "poll-watchers."

On behalf of the Pitt County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Dance stated that "I will not put them (officers) at polling sites for

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**Jerry Falwell Jr. resigns from Liberty University**

By Don Jacobson  
UPI

After resigning and apparently changing his mind, Liberty University President Jerry Falwell Jr. again resigned from the post late Monday.

The university's Executive Committee's Board of Trustees said Falwell initially agreed to vacate the post, but changed his mind when news reports about

his decision emerged.

Earlier this month, the university had asked Falwell Jr. to take an indefinite leave of absence after he posted a photo online that showed him standing next to a woman, both of whom had their pants unzipped.

Monday, reports of his resignation also detailed claims by a former Florida pool attendant that he had engaged in a lengthy sexual

relationship with both Falwell and his wife.

Falwell, 58, first told the Washington Examiner of his resignation from the evangelical Christian university founded by his father in Lynchburg, Va., saying the ordeal took an "emotional toll" on his family.

Liberty University said

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# OPINION

## Teaching is a revolutionary act—A call for Blackteachers

By Dr. Precious Symonette

It's 2020 America, and Black people are still dying disproportionately from multiple and generational injustices. We are more likely to die of COVID-19 and more likely to be killed by police in our homes or shot by our neighbors while jogging down the street. Right now, America is talking about it. We're thinking and reading about it. Taking action and taking it to the streets. I'm here to invite you to take it to the classroom, whether it be face to face or virtually. I began my teaching career 14 years ago with Miami Dade County Public Schools, where I still teach English and writing today. But I truly became a teacher—and a proud Black educator—four years later. After those first four years, I had settled into routines that were less exciting to me. I thought maybe there was nothing new for me to learn. So, one day, I decided to go against the grain when I told my students to write whatever they wanted: a free write! I told them not to worry about grammar or even cursing. I wanted my students to be free of routines or restraints. That day, my heart broke into a million pieces. I learned that my students were dealing with trauma, depression, and with fear. One student even admitted to being molested and cutting herself. At that point, I realized that I had failed. I had failed as a Black teacher of Black students in a Black school and in a Black neighborhood. I wasn't seeing my students as the full human beings they were, "meeting them where they were," or getting to know them. That failure was something that took me a long time to swallow and to move past. But, I was so blessed that I had a strong support system and that I had students who were willing to walk with me on this journey and to "Write Themselves into Existence." I had to remember the power of writing and the type of teacher that I was supposed to be. I remembered the importance of sticking up for oneself and for advocating. And I vowed to never, ever again be the type of teacher who did not truly lift up my students' greatness and elevate their voices. I was reminded about the real power of being a Black educator.

Black teachers are needed in classrooms, because we have to be there to breathe life into our kids. We have to be there to remind them they are beautiful, that they are important, that they are worthy and that they are not inferior to any race. Black teachers are needed because representation and resiliency have the power to "right" the wrongs of history. In fact, teaching is a revolutionary act. When students see Black teachers in their classrooms or running the school, they think to themselves, "That's someone who looks like me, who's respected for their intelligence and their leadership capability."

I can relate to them. My existence is acknowledged. Many of our Black students are dealing with emotional, physical, psychological, and spiritual abuse that's passed down from generation to generation. Not to mention the social injustices they witness and experience every single day because they are Black living in America.

We need to be there to remind them what resiliency looks like—to give them that guide, to give them that practice, to let them know that they can get through this.

That although we've had a difficult past and we're experiencing a difficult present, we're still here. We can still learn, grow, strategize, and mobilize.

There is something magical that happens when a Black student is able to "Tell Their Story," unapologetically, to speak up and speak out and to advocate. It is a beautiful thing to witness.

As a Black educator, I need to be there. We all need to be there, helping our students to elevate their voice and to build agency in them right then and there, NOW! They don't need to wait to become adults—they can start a revolution right NOW, simply by being themselves, speaking up, and coming together. Black educators are needed to help right inequality and inequity in America and around the world—to educate a child, holistically, with cultural relevance.

When we have the opportunity to teach our students our Black history every single day, not just during the month of February, we show them they are worthy of learning their true history and to developing a knowledge of self which helps to change the trajectory of their lives.



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## The overzealous cancel culture

American society is experiencing unprecedented social upheaval and division along the lines of race, religion, class and political affiliation. We hear a cacophony of voices, advocating for or against different types of speech and action, allegedly speaking on behalf of white Americans who seem focused on vehemently proving that they are not racist by demonstrating blind solidarity with the slogan "Black Lives Matter" (BLM).

However, for many white (and nonwhite) Americans who feel sympathetic to the Black community and who want to help prevent police brutality and corruption (a common aim among people of all races) -- and support civil rights and social justice more broadly -- doing so under the auspices of BLM poses some significant moral conflict.

Furthermore, the calls for social justice have, in many cases, involved other forms of nonpeaceful protest, including the desecration and removal of federal monuments and symbols. In more serious and tragic instances, protests have resulted in the careless loss of human life. There has also been a resurgence of calls for kneeling or otherwise protesting during the National Anthem and other patriotic displays by athletes and attendants at sporting events or other entertainment venues.

To many in America, especially those who may

have close friends or relatives who have served in the military and died protecting our country, this form of protest is an utter repudiation of the values for which our uniformed defenders



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fought and died. They gave the most sacred thing one could give, their own life, to ensure that we continue to have what many others in the world covet: freedom, justice and equality.

To have such iconic symbols sacrificed on the alleged altar of political correctness seems to be a step too far for some who would otherwise be supportive of the BLM movement. So, how can white Americans empathize with the current BLM and social justice movements and, at the same time, feel comfortable enough to stand up for the very symbols of sacrifice for freedom and equality that, in the eyes of many, make such a cause even achievable?

We need an honest dialogue between people of different backgrounds with the end goal of arriving at mutually beneficial solutions to the current crises facing America. Of course, in keeping with the character ethic espoused by Stephen Covey in "7 Habits of Highly Effective People," it is better to understand

others before seeking to be understood. However, both listening and speaking are part of the process of getting to a win-win situation, which, in the end, is what we all seek.

Along with calls for white Americans to either vocally align themselves with the term "Black Lives Matter" or be deemed racist for remaining silent, we are also seeing a frightening increase in calls to implement drastic policing reforms such as disbanding of police forces in major cities. In some cities, local governments are considering "defunding" the police and redirecting taxpayer resources to other social and economic priorities. How is it possible for white and Black taxpayers, homeowners and business owners in those communities who rely on a police presence to maintain order and protect life and property -- especially in the context of recent riots and looting -- be expected to participate in a conversation about police and justice reform without throwing out the baby with the bathwater?

How do we successfully frame the conversation in the context of social justice to empower and reform our police force when we have, unfortunately, proven that we are willing to allow a few bad apples to corrupt the entire perception of those put here to protect and serve the citizens of this great country?

How do we frame this

question and approach it with pure intent when we have already demonstrated an irrational decision to cut funding to the very institution that holds some level of accountability to values and laws that have defined America and made her the greatest country in the world?

As a practical matter, embodying actual virtues -- compassion, honesty, prudence, temperance, courage, modesty -- in our public and private lives, is a significant contrast and counterpoint to the shrill virtue-signaling that has become all the rage amongst "woke" Americans. If we are consistent in these practices rather than remaining "woke," then we can win the hearts and minds of our fellow citizens, irrespective of race, religion or creed. In the end, revisiting some of America's core values will prove to be the better course of action.

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## Trump appeals to evangelicals with claim of religious liberty under threat

By Emma Long,  
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UPI

"He's following the radical left agenda, take away your guns, destroy your Second Amendment, no religion, no anything, hurt the Bible, hurt God ... He's against God," President Donald Trump told supporters during a recent trip to Ohio.

Trump was speaking about Joe Biden, the Democrat challenger for the White House. Never mind that Biden, a Catholic, has spoken openly and often about how his faith helped him cope with family tragedy and wears rosary beads that belonged to his late son, Beau.

Trump's statement echoed a strategy that paid dividends in the 2016 election and he is clearly hoping will do so again: Appeal to the nation's evangelicals using a political agenda wrapped in the language of faith.

Although a highly complex term which doesn't lend itself to an easy definition, evangelicals generally believe in the literal truth of the Bible. They believe that the only way to salvation is through belief in Jesus Christ, and that salvation can only come through individual acceptance of God -- often through a conversion or "born again" experience.

Studies suggest around a quarter of Americans consider themselves to be evangelical, although estimates vary. Eight out of 10 White evangelicals supported Trump over Hillary Clinton in 2016.

Front and center

Those who sought to revive the common 19th-century name evangelical during the second world war were just as politically active as their more contemporary descendants. They testified before congressional committees, organized letter-writing campaigns and published editorials and articles in religious publications to support or criticize policies of the day.

But while their politics often leaned to the right, these founders of the modern evangelical movement largely eschewed party politics -- as my own ongoing research is exploring. "We are rejoicing," Clyde Taylor, secretary of public affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, one of the major evangelical organizations in the mid-20th century, told members in early 1953, that the organization, "has never allowed itself to become entangled with the political influences and parties of Washington."

All that changed in the 1980s when close connections between the evangelical-influenced religious right and the administration of President Ronald Reagan were developed consciously by conservative activists, both secular and religious, who saw advantages to creating greater ties between faith and politics.

Since the late 1980s, religious conservatives have built networks of political, legal and social activism which have aggressively, and successfully, pushed their agenda into mainstream American politics.

Anti-Trump evangelicals

A recent Pew Research Center poll indicated that although Trump's approval ratings among White evangelicals have slipped slightly to 72%, eight out of 10 still say they would vote for him again in November.

Yet given the focus on evangelical Trump supporters, it's easy to overlook the 19% of White evangelicals, and those evangelicals of color, who did not support Trump in 2016. Among the most prolific and high profile are John Fea, Messiah College professor of history, and Randall Balmer, professor of religion at Dartmouth College.

But there are others, such as the Red Letter Christians, a group who seek to "live out Jesus' countercultural teachings" and whose focus on social justice tends to see them allied more often with the political left. In December 2019, even the leading evangelical publication Christianity Today published a widely reported editorial supporting Trump's impeachment.

Although these divisions run deep within the evangelical community, they have scarcely caused a ripple in American culture more generally. So why has the political impact of these anti-Trump evangelicals been relatively small?

First, the "evangelical left" has always struggled to achieve political impact, often attracting enthusiastic support but not huge numbers. Second, the anti-Trump category is so large and diverse, and based on so many different issues, that it's easy for any one group to be submerged into the larger howl of protest.

And third, evangelicals are a diverse group who disagree on many issues. Significant as it is within the evangelical community, the evangelical left is probably neither big enough nor sufficiently cohesive to have much of an electoral impact in November.

Ramping up rhetoric When commentators say Trump is speaking evangelicals' language, what they mean is not the language of theology and faith, but the language of politicized religion that has come to form a large part of what's now frequently referred to as the "culture wars" in America.

Trump began employing this language during the 2016 campaign and has continued throughout his term in office. He has consistently claimed that people of faith are "under siege," language which pointedly echoes a common refrain from evangelical leaders.

He also promised to "totally destroy" the Johnson amendment, which bars non-profit organizations such as churches from endorsing or opposing particular candidates -- although he hasn't done so. And he became the first sitting president to address the annual anti-abortion March for Life rally in 2020. In this light, Trump's claim that Biden poses a threat to the American faithful is part of a much longer history of the politicization of conservative Christianity. It's increasingly associated with issues such as free market capitalism, support for the state of Israel, abortion, gun ownership and religious liberty rights.

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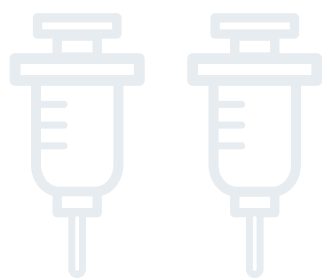
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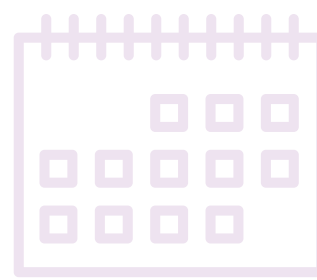
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# Latests black police shooting victim grew up in Winston-Salem

By Cash Michaels  
NCBPA

The latest black victim of police brutality to make national headlines - just like George Floyd last May - has strong ties to North Carolina.

Jacob Blake, 29, who was repeatedly shot by two Kenosha, Wisconsin police officers in the back as he tried to enter his SUV Sunday evening, grew up in Winston-Salem as a youth, before moving to Evanston, Illinois to attend middle and high school, the Chicago Sun-Times reported

this week.

Three of his children were in the back seat when he was shot.

In an interview with Blake's father, also named Jacob Blake (the grandfather is Rev. Jacob Blake Sr.), the young man was struck eight times in the back by police bullets, and is paralyzed from the waist down.

According to witnesses, young Blake was trying to break up a fight when police arrived at the scene.

A cellphone video shows Blake walking around from the sidewalk to the driver's

side of his car where some of his family was.

Two police officers follow Blake around as well.

When he opened the driver's door, one of the officers who followed him grabbed his T-shirt to stop him, then both opened fire at close range. At least seven shots were heard on the video.

As of Monday, Blake's father told the Sun-Times that "...there are eight holes" in his son's body, and doctors had not said whether the paralysis will be permanent.

The older Blake was

driving from Charlotte, NC to the hospital in Kenosha to arrive on Tuesday to be with his son.

"I want to put my hand on my son's cheek and kiss him on his forehead, and then I'll be OK," his father said.

"I'll kiss him with my mask. The first thing I want to do is touch my son," he told the Sun-Times.

Young Blake is the father of six children between the ages of six and 13. He had been living in Kenosha for the last three years. He has seven brothers and five sisters.

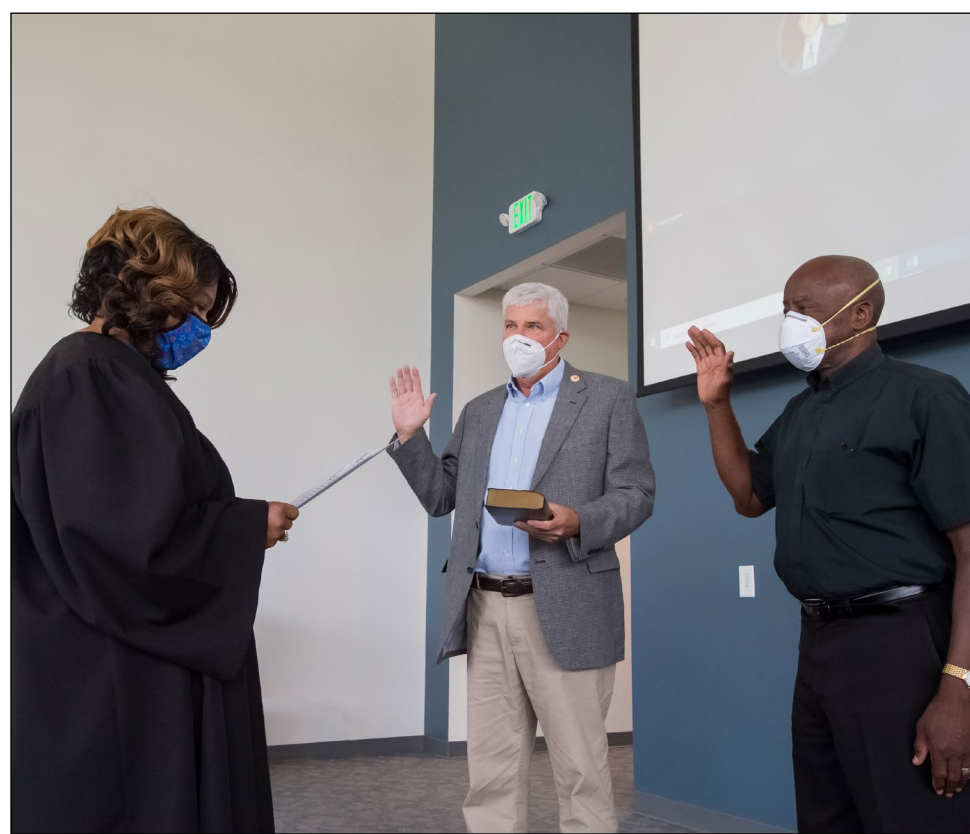
Blake's grandfather, the Rev. Jacob Blake Sr., was the pastor of Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is credited with leading a fair housing

march in Evanston in 1968. Jacob Blake Manor, a low-income housing project for senior citizens, is named after Rev. Blake.

Wisconsin's governor has denounced the shooting, but Kenosha authorities are investigating.

Meanwhile Kenosha has experienced several straight nights of violence and burning of property.

## Local leader joins ECC Board of Trustees



Carole White (left), Edgecombe County Clerk of Court, delivers the oath of office to (l-r) Carl Warren, who was reappointed to the Edgecombe Community College Board of Trustees; and Kenny Parker, who is a new board member. Not shown is Wick Baker, who was reappointed to the board.

Tarboro resident William "Kenny" Parker has been appointed to a four-year term on the Edgecombe Community College Board of Trustees.

Appointed to the board by Governor Roy Cooper, Parker holds two ECC degrees: an associate in applied science degree in business administration and an associate in applied science degree in industrial management.

He also attended North Carolina A&T State University. Prior to attending college, he served in the U.S. Army and received numerous recognitions, including the Bronze Star Medal for his service in the Vietnam War.

Following military service and college, Parker worked for many years at Consolidated Diesel, retiring in 2008 as operational business manager. He then worked part time at ECC as a life coach with the minority male mentoring program, where he provided encouragement and assistance to help students successfully complete their studies.

A community leader, he is pastor of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Oak City, chair of the Vidant Community Development Board Tarboro, member of the Vidant Health Foundation and Vidant Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees, member of the Edgecombe County Human Services Board, co-chair and member of the Edgecombe County Cancer Foundation, chaplain of the

Martin County Sheriff's Office, and volunteer with the American Red Cross.

"Mr. Parker will be a strong asset to the college's Board of Trustees," says Dr. Jerry Price, chair of the board.

"His prior work and military experiences along with his work at ECC, in the community, and on local nonprofit boards will be tremendously valuable to the board and to the college as a whole."

In addition to the appointment of Parker, Wick Baker and Carl Warren were reappointed to the ECC Board of Trustees for four-year terms.

Wick Baker is an Edgecombe County Board of Education appointee to the board and retired CEO of Vidant Edgecombe Hospital. He served as chair of the ECC Board of Trustees from 2013 until 2017. He is the current chair of the board's Finance Committee and a member of the Executive Committee.

Carl Warren, a retired executive with Superior Essex, is an Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners appointee to the ECC Board of Trustees. He serves as chair of the board's Buildings and Grounds Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee.

The ECC Board of Trustees has twelve members, each serving a four-year term. The Office of the Governor appoints four members. The Edgecombe County Board of Education and the Edgecombe County

Board of Commissioners each appoint four members.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing to conduct an annual review of the cost of natural gas supply, storage and transportation for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont). The public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The hearing is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) for the purpose of comparing Piedmont's prudently-incurred gas costs with costs recovered from all of the utility's customers served during the test period. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

Piedmont filed testimony relating to the subject matter of this hearing on July 31, 2020. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of Piedmont's testimony is available for review by the public. Also, documents can be viewed on the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net).

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Persons desiring to intervene in this proceeding as formal parties should file a petition to intervene pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, September 21, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, September 21, 2020.

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## House Democrat to probe Pompeo's RNC speech

By Darryl Coote  
UPI

House Democrat Joaquin Castro of Texas has opened an investigation into U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's participation in the Republican National Convention.

Castro sent a letter Tuesday to Deputy Secretary of State Stephen Biegun informing him of the investigation and demanding answers concerning Pompeo's participation in the event, stating it is a potential violation of the federal Hatch Act, which prohibits government employees from political activities while on the job or in their official capacities.

"It's absolutely unacceptable that a sitting U.S. Secretary of State, America's top diplomat, would use official taxpayer-funded business to participate in a political party convention, particularly after the State Department published guidance that explicitly prohibits such

activity," Castro said in a statement.

"The American people deserve a full investigation."

Pompeo appeared in Tuesday's convention voicing support for President Donald Trump's re-election via a video message recorded a day prior while he was visiting Jerusalem on official U.S. government business.

While the State Department has claimed the speech to be appropriate as Pompeo did not use his official title or government resources no legal analysis has been made public, Castro said.

"The Trump administration and Secretary Pompeo have shown a gross disregard not only of basic ethics but also a blatant willingness to violate federal law for political gain," he said.

"Congress has a responsibility to stand up for the rule of law and hold them accountable for this corrupt behavior." Pompeo's ap-



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's address during the second night of the 2020 Republican National Convention on Tuesday, from Jerusalem, attracted the scrutiny of Democrats. Photo by UPI | License Photo

pearance at the convention attracted criticism from Democrats for breaking longstanding political precedents. Following the an-

nouncement of Pompeo's participation in the event, Rep. Eliot Engel, chairman of the House committee on foreign affairs, said it

would specifically violate two State Department legal restrictions: a memorandum that says political appointees are prohibited

from engaging in partisan political activity and a foreign affairs manual that prohibits partisan political activities while abroad.

### Dance

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anything other than a specific call for some criminal act that may be occurring at that moment.

I will not have any on-duty officers, nor off-duty officers, there as poll-watchers."

Sheriff Dance went on to say that she cannot speak for any other law enforcement office and shared that she does not understand the thought process of allowing officers to "poll-watch." Sheriff Dance expressed that "I will not be a part

of it" whether it is their intention to intimidate or deter voters. Sheriff Dance says, "It's just not the right thing to do."

Federal Law prohibits intimidation at polling places and even if it's illegal for Trump to call for this order of troops, or armed law enforcement, during election day, we have to be wise to the wiles of those who try to suppress, oppress or intimidate.

Grateful for the time that Sheriff Dance shared with me in conversation, I had to ask, "if given the opportunity to speak with President Donald Trump,



one-on-one, what would you say to him, right now, on this matter?" - Sheriff

Dance stressed that if given the opportunity, she would say to President Trump -

"It is unfair to throw law enforcement into the mix of politics."

We are not to be used as pawns for politics."

Understanding that the Sheriff Department was established for a specific job, (to protect its citizens), and not to endorse one specific candidate, Sheriff Dance stated that "I don't know who supports him (Trump), or who doesn't support him."

She shared that "The Pitt County Sheriff's Department does not endorse any candidate in the Presidential Race."

Before, on, and after election day, Sheriff Paula Dance declares that "I plan on upholding the Constitution."

The law of the land; and I certainly do not want to put people in a position where they feel intimidated."

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### Falwell

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later Monday "additional matters came to light that made it clear that it would not be in the best interest of the University for him to return from leave and serve as president."

Falwell initially agreed to resign immediately, he school said, but then instructed his attorneys not to tender his letter of resignation.

He had also told Virginia

Business that news reports of his departure were "completely false."

He later told ABC News and The Wall Street Journal that he'd submitted his resignation.

"I was never called to be a pastor, my calling was to use my legal and business expertise to make Liberty University the evangelical version of Notre Dame," Falwell told ABC News.

"Some of us are called to be preachers, that wasn't mine. I was called to make

Liberty University the greatest Christian university's in the world and I couldn't have done that as a preacher."

Falwell has said he and his wife Becki met a man at a hotel years ago while on vacation and that his family later included him in a property investment.

He didn't identify the man or comment on the nature of the relationship. Former Miami hotel pool attendant Giancarlo Granda, however, told CNN that he was the subject of

Falwell's statement and that he'd met the couple when he was 20.

Acting university president Jerry Prevo, the school's executive committee and board of trustees set meetings for Tuesday to accept Falwell's resignation.

"I call upon the University community and supporters to be in prayer for the University and for all its leadership, past, present and future, as we walk with the Lord through this stormy time of transition," Prevo said.

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# New book launch - There ought to be a law: A bright day at the State Capitol

By Portia Bright Pittman

Coauthors with extensive experience in government announce a new book for children about how the state legislature works.

There Ought to be a Law — A Bright Day at the State Capitol is a fun, informational story for ages 6-9, about how bills become laws. The prestigious “Reader’s Favorite” book review company just gave the book a “5-Star Medallion,” the highest possible award.

In the professionally illustrated book, Eliza and Martin visit the state legislature for an exciting adventure learning how to make a law. In any state this book will excite kids just like Eliza and Martin to yearn for a trip to their state Capitol.

The coauthors are Portia Bright Pittman, who has served as legislative assistant in the North Carolina Senate and House of Representatives and continues working in that role as legislative assistant today, and Dr. Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University Professor of Religion, who served a decade on the Greenville, N.C., City Council.

The book’s 5-Star rating in every category—appearance, plot, development, formatting, and overall score—was awarded by Readers’ Favorite, the fastest growing book review and award contest company, which has earned the respect of renowned publishers.

Advance copies of the

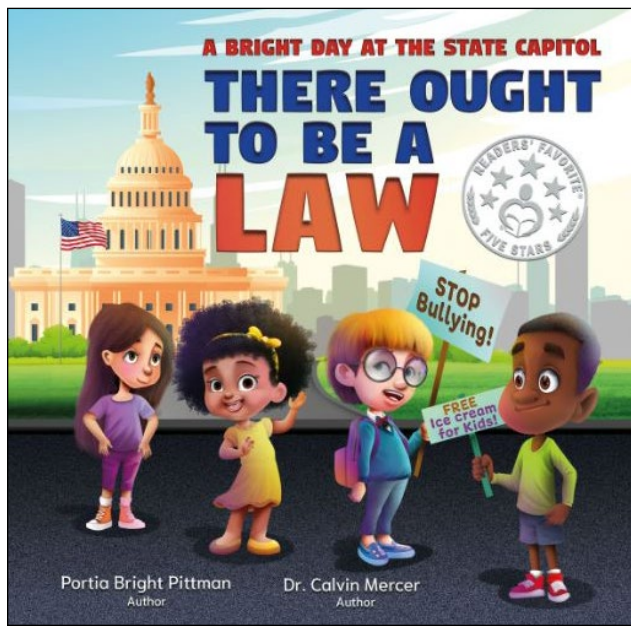


book have drawn praise from teachers, elected officials, and professors of education.

“I loved the book! I wish I’d had access to this book ‘back in the day’ when I was teaching fourth grade social studies and needed a more realistic way to explain laws and legislative processes,” Dr. Patricia Anderson, EC U Professor of Elementary Education, said. “The day ends in a long-awaited trip to get ice cream, and the reader can almost taste the deliciousness of the treat along with the fun of learning. The mixture of messages against bullying makes for some subtle learning about the negative effects of bullying for children.”

“N.C. State Senator Don Davis said, “As a legislator, I can’t think of anything better than this book to explain to youth how laws are made. What a wonderful contribution to the education of our youth who are our future!”

“Beth Uffers, Pitt County Teacher of the Year, noted that “the book addresses stereotypes and is inclusive of different races, ethnic backgrounds, religions, and gender. I am excited about seeing this



book in our classroom s!”

“We both are excited at opportunities to work with youth and are passionate about doing our part to make government work well for citizens,” Coauthor Pittman said. “The groundwork for learning how government works and its impact on our lives start at a young age. We want youth to know they can be a leader in their school, faith community, and neighborhood. The book helps them see they can change their world for the better.”

Dr. Mercer added, “I’ve written a number of books for adults, but coauthoring this book to help youth understand the legislative process has been a highlight of my career. My volunteer work in my wife’s church youth group gave me valuable insights into communicating well with this age group.”

Pittman successfully managed a North Carolina House campaign for state Representative Jean Farmer-Butterfield and a

city council campaign for her coauthor. She leads programs for schools, faith communities, and civic groups about the legislative process.

**ABOUT THE BOOK**

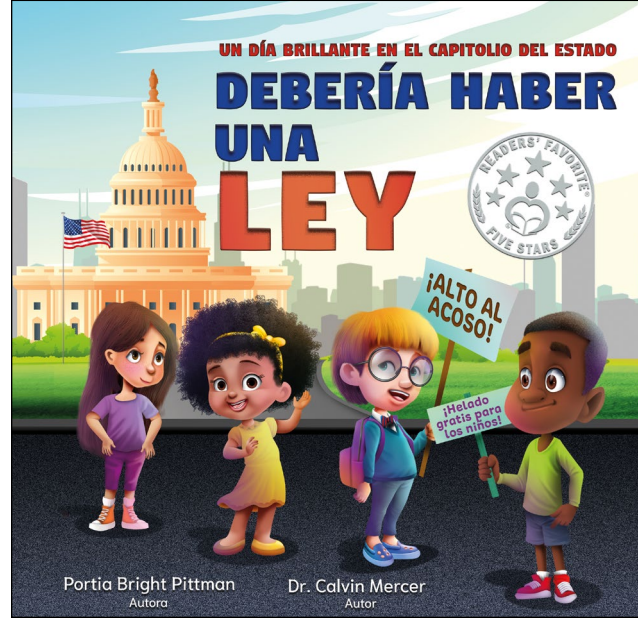
There Ought to be a Law—A Bright Day at the State Capitol is a fun, informational story for ages 6-9, about how bills become laws. The illustrated story takes Eliza and Martin on a visit to the state legislature.

At the Capitol, in a playful, yet realistic, way they create an anti-bullying bill, with a free ice cream amendment, and take it through the 12 steps required to become a law.

Eliza and Martin learn all about the state Capitol and its workings, meeting interesting people along the way.

The youth see the role government plays in their lives.

The story helps Eliza and Martin think about and appreciate rules in their own home, school, and community.



An Activity Book is sold separately.

What inspired you to write this book?

We both are excited at opportunities to work with youth and are passionate about doing our part to make government work well for citizens. The groundwork for learning how government works and its impact on our lives starts at a young age.

What can kids learn from this book?

Kids will learn how laws are made, what elected leaders do, and how making laws can be fun and interesting. They will appreciate the role government plays in their lives. The story helps them think about and appreciate rules in their own home, school, and community.

How did your backgrounds play a role in creating this book?

We both have worked in government and know the importance of citizens understanding their government and participating

in the democratic process. Portia’s career takes her inside a state Capitol where she daily sees up close the legislative process described in the book. Calvin served ten years as an elected official, giving him an insider perspective on the political and legislative process. He has written many books for adults and says coauthoring this book to help kids understand the legislative process has been a highlight of his career.

If there’s one message kids should get from this book, what is it? Here is our main message to youth, according to coauthor Portia Bright Pittman. In the United States of America, we have freedom to choose our leaders and speak out about things we care about.

You too can be a leader in your school, faith community, and neighborhood.

You can change your world for the better by reading today and becoming a brighter leader tomorrow. Just start, and never give up.

## ECSU marks highest enrollment since 2014

Elizabeth City State University has experienced the highest enrollment since the fall 2014 semester when ECSU had 1,867 students. According to the fall 2020 enrollment census, released Monday, Aug. 24, total enrollment is 2,002, a 13.2 percent increase over fall 2019’s 1,773 students.

The recruitment of a freshman class with a strong academic profile, the return of continuing students, and the recruitment of graduate and transfer students are major factors accounting for the enrollment increase. This is also the third fall semester to offer the NC Promise Tuition program, offering in-state

and out-of-state students affordable tuition.

“Thanks to NC Promise, ECSU is the most affordable public institution in North Carolina, offering a quality education at an affordable price,” Chancellor Karrie G. Dixon said. “Despite these unprecedented times, and the challenges we face during the CO-

VID-19 pandemic, ECSU is strong. I am excited to see the growing enthusiasm for this university, and I am grateful for the hard work of our faculty and staff.”

ECSU’s retention rate has increased significantly since 2019. At 75.6 percent, it is the highest rate since 2012, growing by 5 percent over 2019. The ef-

forts of University Studies along with the outreach of student affairs including their work with student success programs such as Champion Scholars and Sister2Sister are key contributors to the growth in retention.

Over the last two years, ECSU has been intentional about strengthening re-

lationships with its community college partners through the establishment of co-admission and articulation agreements. As a result of these efforts, transfer student enrollment has also seen a big increase with 202 students enrolling in programs at ECSU, a 27.8 percent increase over 2019.

## Protest at the USPS

By Mia Eley  
The Daily Drum

“We’re choosing to vote, and we’re choosing to vote safely” proclaimed Mr. Don Cavellini, one of the participants at the peaceful protest that was held outside the United States Postal Service building located on Memorial Drive in Greenville on August 25, 2020. Led by the American Postal Workers Union (APWU), August 25th was deemed a “National Day of Action.”

Protesters across the



(Photography Courtesy of J.S. Studios)

US joined the APWU in a unified message to say that The USPS is an “essential service” and not a business.

Mail-in ballots, prescription drugs, and so much more is on the line when it comes to cutting

services and the budget for the USPS.

The Coalition Against Racism (CAR), which represents mail-handlers for USPS (APWU), was among the number during the protest.

## DEMOCRATIC PARTY SHOWS SUPPORT



Shown in photo -Sonny McLawhorn & Kennis Wilkins. These two gentleman have been designated as local delegates for the Biden-Harris campaign, Mr. McLawhorn is the president of the Pitt Co, democratic party and Mr. Wilkins has been a leading democratic party supporter for over two decades.

# Local detainees



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**THOMAS KEVIN BEDDARD**

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**MICHAEL RAMON MIDDLETON**

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FAIL TO WORK AFTER PAID - FELONY  
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## Quarantines eyed to protect NFL quarterbacks from COVID-19

By Alex Butler  
UPI

At least 18 NFL teams are considering placing a quarterback in quarantine in the event that their other quarterbacks contract COVID-19 during the 2020 season.

New NFL rules stipulate that at least 10 days must pass before a player returns to the field after he tests positive and shows symptoms of COVID-19.

That means a player could miss several games after a positive test.

Having a quarterback out for two or three games could quash a team's hopes if it hasn't formulated an alternate plan.

Bruce Arians of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers was one of the first coaches to mention the strategy: Teams would sign a veteran and keep him away from the squad until he is needed to replace a quarterback who tests positive.

A second- or third-string player could be used instead of a newly signed veteran.

"It'll be interesting to see how different teams handle that through the league, in terms of pulling one quarterback out of the group and isolating him from the other quarterbacks," Buffalo Bills coach Sean McDermott

told reporters last week.

Quarterback might be the most critical position in all of sports.

Some NFL teams already are better suited than others for depth at the position.

The Miami Dolphins for example have two quarterbacks with starting experience and No. 5 overall 2020 NFL Draft pick Tua Tagovailoa on their depth chart.

"We've looked into really every possible scenario -- that being one of them," Dolphins coach Brian Flores said of quarantining a quarterback.

"A lot of our meetings are on Zoom right now, so everyone, from that standpoint, is in a quarantine."

"We've talked through that scenario, as well as a plethora of other scenarios."

I think we've got a plan in place that we feel good about," said Flores, who would not provide details.

Like the Dolphins, the New Orleans Saints are well-stocked at quarterback with Drew Brees, Jameis Winston and Taysom Hill.

The Philadelphia Eagles, Green Bay Packers, Los Angeles Chargers enter the season with veteran signal callers, but also spent early-round 2020 NFL Draft picks on quarterbacks.



The Miami Dolphins have great depth at quarterback, including former starter Josh Rosen, and have considered placing one quarterback in quarantine amid the coronavirus. Photo courtesy of Peter McMahon/Miami Dolphins UPI

"We've floated around that idea [of a quarantine quarterback] a little bit," Packers coach Matt LaFleur said.

"We have not made a decision on that at this point, but it's certainly something that's not out of the realm."

The strategy has disadvantages, too. Some teams have con-

sidered signing a quarterback and having him compete on the practice squad until needed.

Quarterbacks forced away from the actual team, though, could lack chemistry with the offense and also fail to develop.

"All those types of moves come with counter-issues," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said.

"There are consequences to everything that you do, and you have to balance all that out the best you can."

It's no different than what the country deals with [and] what the government deals with."

Current quarterback depth charts -- listed below -- show that at least 25 NFL teams have an emerging starter in front of a veteran backup or a young talent behind a veteran starter.

Seven other teams are thin at the position and have a rookie or young quarterback in front of players without much starting experience.

Coaches from three of those seven teams have said they will consider the quarantine quarterback strategy.

Teams with QB depth, experience

Dolphins: Ryan Fitzpatrick, Tua Tagovailoa, Josh Rosen

Bills: Josh Allen, Matt Barkley, Jake Fromm, Davis Webb

Patriots: Cam Newton, Jarrett Stidham, Brian Hoyer, Brian Lewerke

Jets: Sam Darnold, Joe Flacco, David Fales, James Morgan

Steelers: Ben Roethlisberger, Mason Rudolph, Devlin Hodges, Paxton Lynch

Ravens: Lamar Jackson, Robert Griffin III, Trace McSorley, Tyler Huntley

Browns: Baker Mayfield, Case Keenum, Garrett Gilbert, Kevin Davidson

Chargers: Tyrod Taylor, Justin Herbert, Easton Stick

Chiefs: Patrick Mahomes, Chad Henne, Jordan Ta'amu

Raiders: Derek Carr, Marcus Mariota, Nathan Peterman

Texans: Deshaun Watson, A.J. McCarron, Alex

McGough

Colts: Philip Rivers, Jacoby Brissett, Jacob Eason

Cowboys: Dak Prescott, Andy Dalton, Ben DiNucci, Clayton Thorson

Giants: Daniel Jones, Colt McCoy, Cooper Rush, Alex Smith, Steven Montez

Eagles: Carson Wentz, Jalen Hurts, Nate Sudfeld

Washington: Dwayne Haskins, Kyle Allen, Alex Smith, Steven Montez

Cardinals: Kyler Murray, Brett Hundley, Chris Streveler

Bears: Nick Foles, Mitchell Trubisky, Tyler Bray

Packers: Aaron Rodgers, Jordan Love, Tim Boyle, John Lovett

Falcons: Matt Ryan, Matt Schaub, Kurt Benkert

Panthers: Teddy Bridgewater, P.J. Walker, Will Grier

Saints: Drew Brees, Jameis Winston, Taysom Hill, Tommy Stevens

Buccaneers: Tom Brady, Blaine Gabbert, Ryan Griffin, Reid Sinnen

Titans: Ryan Tannehill, Trevor Siemian, Logan Woodside

Seahawks: Russell Wilson, Geno Smith, Anthony Gordon, Danny Etling

Teams that lack depth or experience

Bengals: Joe Burrow, Ryan Finley, Jacob Dolegala, Brandon Allen

Rams: Jared Goff, John Wolford, Josh Love, Bryce Perkins

Broncos: Drew Lock, Jeff Driskel, Brett Rypien

Lions: Matthew Stafford, Chase Daniel, David Blough

49ers: Jimmy Garoppolo, Nick Mullens, C.J. Beathard

Vikings: Kirk Cousins, Sean Mannion, Jake Browning, Nate Stanley

Jaguars: Gardner Minshew, Josh Dobbs, Jake Luton, Mike Glennon

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# Jennifer Hudson, Kate Winslet board 'Baba Yaga'

By Karen Butler  
UPI

Jennifer Hudson, Kate Winslet and Glenn Close have signed on for roles in the upcoming virtual reality, animated film, *Baba Yaga*.

The actresses joined previously announced lead Daisy Ridley on the project, which will have its world premiere at the 2020 Venice International Film Festival on Sept. 2.

Their casting was confirmed Tuesday by Baobab Studios.

"Baba Yaga is a beautiful work of animation and I was honored to be an executive producer alongside my talented collaborators at Baobab Studios," Hudson said in a press release.

"While the story is rooted in classic folklore, we were inspired to bring it into modern light by focusing on environmental themes and strong female characters, themes the world needs to explore now more than ever.

It was my pleasure to be part of the strong female cast alongside Daisy, Kate, and Glenn."

Set in a fairy-tale world where viewers determine the outcome of the story by the choices they make, *Baba Yaga* was directed and written by Baobab Studios co-founder Eric Darnell, whose credits include the *Madagascar* franchise and *Antz*.



Jennifer Hudson executive produced and starred in the VR animated film, "Baba Yaga," which will premiere next week. File Photo by John Angelillo/UPI | License Photo

# Big Sean releases song 'Deep Reverence' featuring Nipsey

By Wade Sheridan  
UPI

Big Sean has released a new song titled "Deep Reverence" that features the late Nipsey Hussle.

The rapper released the track onto YouTube and music streaming services such as Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon Music, Tidal, Pandora, Sound Cloud and Deezer on Tuesday.

Sean raps on the song about meeting with Kendrick Lamar to settle the public differences Lamar had with Hussle.

"After what happened to Nipsey, I reached out to Kendrick/ It wasn't even no real issues there to begin

with/ Lack of communication and wrong information/ From people fueled by their ego, it's like mixin' flames with diesel," Sean raps.

Hussle died at the age of 33 in March 2019 after he was shot 10 times at a south Los Angeles strip mall by gunman Eric Holder.

"Deep Reverence" will appear on Sean's upcoming fifth studio album titled *Detroit 2* which is set to be released on Sept. 4.

Sean recently released the album cover for *Detroit 2* on Twitter which features the 32-year-old standing below a group of floating drummers.



# Garcelle Beauvais joins 'The Real' as new co-host

By Anne Martin  
UPI

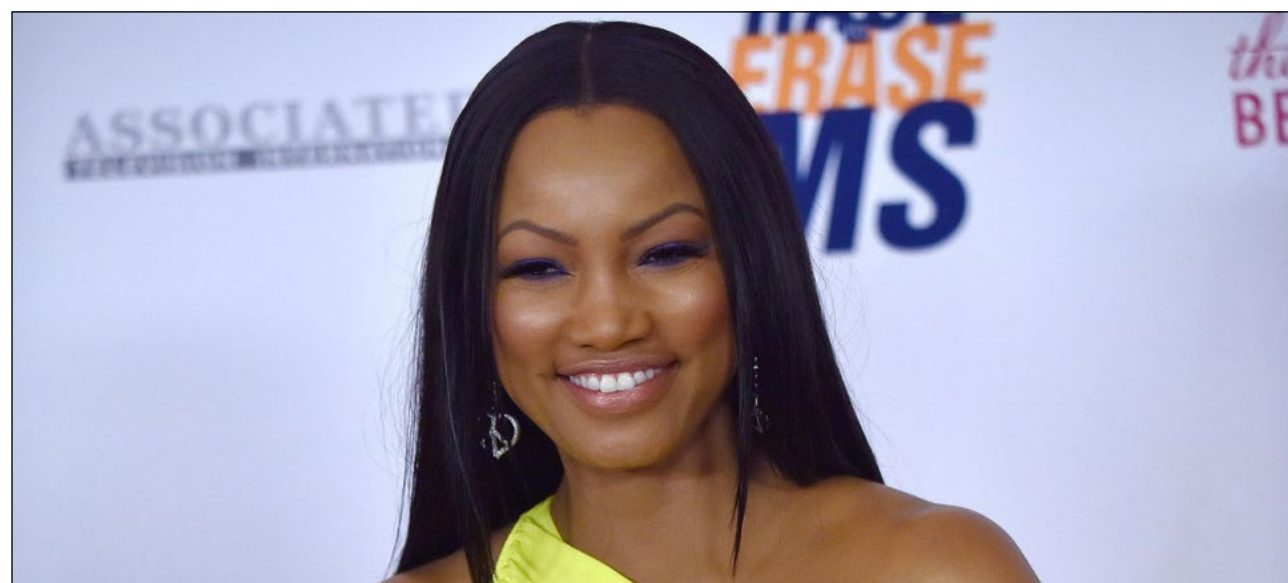
Garcelle Beauvais is the newest co-host of *The Real*.

The 53-year-old actress and television personality confirmed Monday on Instagram that she is joining the daytime talk show.

"I am beyond beyond excited to share this news that I am the new cohost of @therealdaytime," Beauvais wrote.

"anyone who knows me knows that I love pop culture I love the news I love talking about it I love sharing my opinion and to be sitting at the table with these amazing women @comiconilove @adriennebailon @thejeanniemai Will be an honor and a blast," she said.

Beauvais joins Loni Love, Adrienne Bailon and Jeannie Mai. In a statement, Beauvais said she is



Garcelle Beauvais joined "The Real" following Tamera Mowry's departure. File Photo by Chris Chew/UPI | License Photo

"thrilled to be joining the dynamic, bold and diverse" group of women.

"My love for pop culture and news blended with my natural gift of gab, has always made me gravitate towards a talk show envi-

ronment. It's also exciting that it's happening right after my amazing time joining *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*," she said.

Love celebrated Beauvais' casting in a tweet Monday.

"I got my wigs, we got a new cohost, I just need to check my WiFi then we got a Season Seven!!!! #TheReal," she wrote.

Beauvais' casting follows Tamera Mowry's exit from *The Real*.

Mowry left the show in July after six seasons as a co-host.

The *Real* Season 7 premieres Sept. 21.

Beauvais is known for playing *Fancy Monroe* on *The Jamie Foxx Show* and *Valerie Heywood* on *NYPD Blue*. She joined *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* in Season 10.

# Notorious B.I.G.'s crown, letters from Tupac Shakur going up for auction

By Wade Sheridan  
UPI

Sotheby's has announced a new hip-hop auction featuring the late Notorious B.I.G.'s crown and high school love letters written by the late Tupac Shakur going up for sale.

The auction, which celebrates the history and cultural impact of hip-hop, is set to take place on Sept. 15 at Sotheby's New York. A dedicated exhibition for the auction will be on view by appointment from Sept. 11 to 15 and also available to view online.

Over 120 lots will be auctioned off including unique artifacts, jewelry and luxury items, rare posters and flyers, important publications and more.

The crown has an estimated price of \$200 to \$300,000 while the letters have an estimated price of \$60 to \$80,000. The Notorious B.I.G. wore the crown during his K.O.N.Y. (King of New York) photoshoot session with photographer Barron Claiborne.

This was the rapper's last recorded photoshoot before he was killed three days later in Los Angeles

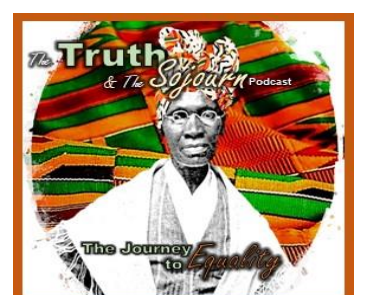
in 1997.

"After 23 years in my possession, I'm very excited to share this iconic piece of hip hop history with the public. With the tragic events that unfolded just days after the photoshoot, this image of a crowned Notorious B.I.G. became much more than a portrait - this image transformed Biggie Smalls into an aristocratic or saint like figure, forever immortalized as not only the King of New York, but a king of hip hop music and one of the greatest artists of all time," Claiborne said in a statement.

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# La Voz Latina

## Lionel Messi wants to leave Barcelona; Argentine linked to Manchester City

By Connor Grot  
UPI

Argentine star Lionel Messi, widely considered one of the greatest players in soccer history, has informed Barcelona that he plans to leave the club this summer.

League sources told ESPN, CNN and the New York Times that Messi notified Barcelona of his decision Tuesday via burofax -- a service used in Spain to quickly send a document that requires proof to third parties.

The La Liga club confirmed that they received the request and responded to Messi through the same service saying they want him to stay.

The 33-year-old Messi, who has a contract that expires in 2021, believes a clause in his pact allows him to leave Barcelona for free as long as he an-

nounces his intention to do so before the conclusion of the season, according to the outlets.

Otherwise, any club attempting to acquire him would have to pay an estimated \$828 million release clause.

However, Barcelona is expected to argue that the clause expired at the end of June, when the Spanish and European seasons were scheduled to finish before the coronavirus pandemic halted play in March.

According to the Times, Messi and his representatives believe the pandemic-delayed season allows him to activate the clause until the end of this month.

Premier League member Manchester City and Ligue 1 side Paris Saint-Germain are early candidates to land Messi if he officially departs Barca.

According to ESPN and the Times, Chelsea,



Lionel Messi, a six-time Ballon d'Or winner, made his league debut for Barcelona in 2004. File Photo by Junjo Martin/EPA-EFE/UPI

Manchester United, Real Madrid and Inter Milan are other potential landing spots.

Those clubs are waiting

to see whether Messi will be allowed to leave Barcelona for free. It remains unclear what additional clubs would be in contention to

add the Argentine because of his high wages.

Messi, a six-time Ballon d'Or winner, made his league debut for Barcelona

in 2004. During his time with the club, he helped Barcelona win 10 league titles and four Champions League trophies.

## Philippines bombing kills 15 people, injures 75

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Two deadly blasts on Monday in the southern Philippines killed 15 people and injured at least 75 others, local authorities say.

The two explosions that occurred about an hour apart took place in an area not far from a Roman Catholic church in the town of Jolo, where a bombing killed more than 20 people in January 2019, the Inquirer reported Tuesday.

The dual attacks involved two female suicide bombers affiliated with the militants of Abu Sayyaf, according to Philippine authorities.

Abu Sayyaf is a known terrorist group recognized by the U.S. State Department, and affiliates itself with the Islamic State.

The group previously associated itself with al-Qaida, the military group headed by Osama bin Laden, who was killed by a U.S. special operations unit in 2011.

One of the women was an Indonesian national and wife of the first known Filipino suicide bomber,

Lieutenant General Cirilito Sobejana, commanding general of the army said, according to ABS-CBN. Local reports also said one of the attackers was the daughter of an Indonesian couple behind the Catholic church bombing, according to Al Jazeera on Tuesday.

It is unclear whether both suspects are Indonesian, or the descriptions were referring to only one of the two suspects.

"We suspect [one] female bomber was the daughter of the suicide bomber who perpetrated the Jolo cathedral bombing last year," said Rommel Banlaoi of the Philippine Institute for Peace, Violence and Terrorism Research, according to the Inquirer.

Suicide bombings remain relatively rare in the Philippines, with at least six suicide bombings in the past three years in the country, Al Jazeera reported.

By Tuesday "Islamic State militants" had claimed responsibility for the explosions, according to the Inquirer, citing confirmation from U.S.-based group SITE Intelligence.



Soldiers carry their wounded comrade after an explosion in the town of Jolo, Sulu province, Philippines, on Monday. Photo by STR/EPA-EFE/UPI

According to SITE, IS supporters were "rejoicing over the casualties as a result of the bombings." Civilians, soldiers and

police officers were all affected by the bombings.

At least 21 soldiers were injured, reports say.

The State Department

continues to advise against travel in the Sulu Archipelago due to crime, terrorism, civil unrest and kidnapping.

Abu Sayyaf has demanded independence for the southern island of Mindanao.

## Antonio Banderas announces recovery from COVID-19

By Wade Sheridan  
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Antonio Banderas announced on Twitter that he no longer has COVID-19.

"After 21 days of disciplinary confinement I can say now that today I overcame the Covid 19 infection.

I am cured," the actor tweeted on Tuesday alongside a photo of himself kicking away the virus.

"My thoughts go to those who weren't as fortunate as me, and to those who suffered more than I did.

I also wish strength to the ones who are in the middle of the fight," Banderas continued.

Banderas announced on his 60th birthday that he had been diagnosed with COVID-19.

The Hollywood star said that he felt relatively okay, but was more tired than usual.

Banderas was nominated for Best Actor at the Academy Awards in February for his role in Pedro Almodovar's Spanish-language film, Pain and Glory.

Tom Hanks and his wife Rita Wilson, Idris Elba, Pink, Bryan Cranston, Lena Dunham and most recently eight-time Olympic champion Usain Bolt have also had COVID-19.

