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Historic March on Washington 60th Anniversary Commemorated with Calls for Continued Civil Rights Struggle



National Civil Rights leaders recently met with President Biden to discuss their agenda around issues of equity.

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On the anniversary of the iconic March on Washington, civil rights leaders and a diverse coalition of allies convened at the historic gathering site to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and advocate for renewed commitment to social justice. The event, convened by the Kings' Drum Major Institute and the National Action Network, aimed to rekindle the spirit of the 1963 march, which played a pivotal role in advancing civil rights and voting rights legislation.

The original March on Washington, a cornerstone

of the civil rights movement, drew approximately 250,000 participants in 1963. Its influence paved the way for significant legislative milestones, including the passage of federal civil rights and voting rights laws in the 1960s. The erosion of voting rights, recent Supreme Court rulings that impact affirmative action and abortion rights, and the rise of hate and violence against marginalized communities, however, punctuate the current commemoration.

Martin Luther King III, the eldest son of the civil rights icon, along with his sister Bernice King, visited their father's monument in Washington on the eve of the event. Bernice King shared her reflections, stating, "I see a man still standing in authority and saying, 'We've still got to get this right."

Addressing the urgency of the occasion, King III emphasized, "This is not a traditional commemoration. This really is a rededication." Among the featured speakers was Ambassador Andrew Young, a close adviser to Dr. King during the original march and a key figure in the civil rights movement. Leaders from the NAACP and the National Urban League also delivered impactful remarks.

Arndrea Waters King also addressed the tens of thousands on the mall. "We are here to liberate the soul of the nation, the soul of democracy from those forces who want to have us all go backwards and perish rather than go forward as sisters and brothers,"

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she stated. "We will never betray those who marched for us, fought for us, lived for us, died for us. We are the children and grandchildren of their struggles, and we will be worthy of their sacrifices."

Several members of the Congressional Black Caucus, including House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York also spoke during the event. "We're here today to fight for voting rights," urged Jeffries, the first Black congressperson to lead a major political party in Congress. "We're here today to fight for civil rights. We're here today to fight for reproductive rights. We're here today to fight for workers' rights," he said.

Notably absent from the program were several individuals who had worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., such as Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. and the Rev. Peter Johnson, a Plaquemine, Louisiana, native and close aide to civil rights giant Andrew Young, and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy. Despite their significant contributions to the movement, they did not receive invitations to participate in the commemoration, shedding light on the challenge of preserving historical



The struggle for justice, freedom and equality continues sixty years after the historic March on Washington.

continuity and recognizing all those who played a role. However, Chavis was spotted among the crowd giving a hug to an unidentified Jewish man who had singled him out. "We were here 60 years ago, and we were both 15," the man said to Chavis. America's "Black Attorney General," civil rights lawyer Ben Crump embraced his hard-earned moniker, whipping the crowd into a frenzy by insisting that he would fight "until hell freezes over." "As your attorney general, I declare now more than ever, that we must be unapologetic defenders of Black life, liberty, and humanity," Crump remarked. "Just like they try to ban our Black history, we must tell them without Black history, you would not have American history. Just as the fight for the families of Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, Tyre Nichols and so many others, Americans must now fight for Black literature and culture."

Rev. Jesse Jackson, another prominent civil rights-era figure, wasn't expected to attend due to ongoing health concerns. The absence of these veteran activists threw a damper on an otherwise remarkable occasion.

Ahead of the event, several organizers engaged in discussions with Attorney General Merrick Garland and Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the civil rights division. The talks encompassed crucial issues like voting rights, policing reform, and addressing redlining practices.

The commemoration served as a prelude to the upcoming 60th anniversary of the original March on Washington, which President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris plan to observe on Monday, Aug. 28. During that scheduled meeting, Biden and Harris will engage with organizers of the 1963 march as well as members of the King family, aiming to honor the

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Glamourous A Fashion +Music Mash Up!



Tracee Dundas Fashion Stylist

GLAMOROUS a decadent night of banging underground house music, beats, fashion, and live performances will presents the first-ever New Orleans House Music Festival hosted by International Recording Artist KYNT.

Get ready to immerse yourself in a night of pure extravagance as GLAM-OROUS brings you an unforgettable experience like never before. A first to take place in the City of New Orleans, Event Coordinator, Kenneth KYNT Bryan said; "We are proud to present the first New Orleans House Music Festival, featuring the city's very own legendary electronic music artists."

Be prepared to be mesmerized by the pulsating beats of underground house music as the evening will showcase an exceptional lineup of talented performers. Brace yourself for an epic journey through the sounds of New Orleans, with exclusive live DJ sets by the renowned Hollagraham & Dingus, Doc Hayman, Pablo Zaldivar, KarbiNation, and Tom Harvey.

The evening will continue with entertainment from special guest performances by the incredibly talented Micaela Paule, Brandon Garrett, Kirkland Green & Matt Kruft, and Jasmine White. Their captivating acts will leave you spellbound and craving for more.

In addition to the extraordinary musical experiences, GLAMOROUS will light up the night with a dazzling runway fashion show the cuttingedge designs of Fashion Designer Shanitra Neal McCormick, Founder of Second Skin Clothing and coordinated by Rowena Kay, Chic Nouvelle Agency Founder. This fusion of fashion and music promises to take your breath away.

Hosting the red carpet interviews will be none other than Tracee Dundas, the esteemed founder and fashion influence from New Orleans Fashion Week. Prepare yourself for insightful conversations and scintillat-



















ing discussions as Tracee engages with the most fashionable dressed guest of the evening.

GLAMOROUS is dedicated to supporting local New Orleans artists, and this event is a testament to that commitment of embracing the rich culture and musical heritage of the city. Presented by The Building, Sunday, September 3, 8PM Tracee Dundas Fashion Editor@fashionablyyoursnola

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NOEH and Aetna held Health Screening Kick-Off

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New Orleans East Hospital and Aetna Better Health of Louisiana held the Know Your Numbers - Health Screening Kick-off on Friday, August 25th, 2023, at the Who Dat Barber Shop, 5741 Crowder Blvd, Suite A8, 70127.

This collaborative initiative aims to encourage Black men across the city of New Orleans to be proactive about their health by gaining awareness of their crucial health indicators. Comprehensive health screenings including blood pressure screenings, heart rate monitoring, BMI checks, and pulse oximeter measurements will all be provided.

New Orleans East Hospital's recent "A" rankings from the Lown Institute, a national organization doing the groundbreaking work of evaluating hospitals on what "really matters", including social responsibility, health equity, and patient outcomes.

This accomplishment opens the door to evaluate New Orleans as an oversaturated health landscape with a high health system-to-population ratio. The people of New Orleans, your readers, deserve to be educated on what makes a hospital worth visiting when they have so many options to choose from.

For more information or interview opportunities, please reply to this email or reach out to Petera Diaban, NOEH Director of Marketing and Communications, at Petera.Diaban@ LCMChealth.org or 504.592.6551.



From Right to Left: Nurse Pam Coleman (NOEH), Master Barber "Ro" Steib (WHO DAT Barbershop), Barber Quest Newton (WHO DAT Barbershop), Barber Devin Hudson (WHO DAT Barbershop), Contrissa Smith (Aetna), Judy Houston (Aetna), Nurse Kulicia Blount (NOEH), Lakischia Smith (Owner, WHO DAT Barbershop), Patrick Kelly (WHO DAT Barbershop), and Mark Alsay (WHO DAT Babershop). (Seated in front) Mitchell Thomas (NOEH)



Terry B. Jones, Publisher/CEO of Data News Weekly participates in the blood pressure health screening kick-off.



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Data News Weekly Newsmaker

Congressman Troy Carter Issues Hurricane Safety Information

New Orleans Agenda

We are now in the midst of hurricane season and must be fully prepared for disasters with swift, effective response systems. I am continually updating my Hurricane and Tropical Weather Resources page with the latest information to provide Louisianans with preparedness and recovery assistance. Below please find the latest resources available for each of the parishes in LA-02. Please note that things will change fast, so check guidance from local news or government websites for the most up-to-date information.

Here are a few steps to take to prepare for a storm:

Louisiana disaster survivors are urged to register for federal disaster assistance with FEMA. Individuals and business owners in the designated parishes who had storm or flood damage should register for "Individual Assistance" with FEMA



Congressman Carter continue to champion many causes important to the citizens of his district and statewide. Recently, he and other city and state leaders appeared at a ribbon cutting promoting hurricane preparedness and resources available.

in the following ways:

Online at disasterassistance.gov By phone at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

People who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY should call 1-800-462-7585

For those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362

FEMA Transitional Sheltering Assistance

If you are eligible for Transitional Sheltering Assistance, FEMA will pay the cost to stay in certain lodging providers for a limited period. Costs covered are for the cost of the room and taxes, and any other expenses are not included. Search the list of participating locations to see

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if they have availability in the area you have selected. Since room availability changes quickly, please call the lodging provider prior to traveling to be sure the lodging provider can accommodate your need.

You must have a FEMA registration number to access a list of participating lodging providers. Apply for FEMA disaster assistance above to obtain a registration number.

For shelter information, text 'LASHELTER' to 898211 or call 2-1-1.

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Marathon Petroleum Garyville Refinery Fire Extinguished Days after Chemical Leak

Data News Staff Edited Report

The massive fire that sent a large column of smoke and flames into the air is finally out at Marathon Petroleum in Garyville.

"The fire has been extinguished," the company said in a statement Monday morning. "Our response team continues to monitor and maintain control of the impacted area at our Garyville Refinery."

Residents in a two-mile radius of the sprawling plant on Airline Highway, were evacuated as a precaution after a section of the plant ignited early Friday morning. The blaze started in a containment area near a pair of tanks that stored naphtha which is a component in the production of gasoline.

St. John Parish President Jaclyn Hotard said the nature of the emer-



gency left parish officials with little time to react.

"It's very different from a small, contained fire to something that's burning out of control," Hotard said. "That's the difficulty in a no notice event that things can go from one extreme to the other without a whole lot of notice."

Hotard thanked the local fire-

fighters and personnel from Shell and Valero who helped Marathon put out the flames.

"We just want to say thank you to all those brave individuals who had to put themselves potentially in harm's way to assist the community as a whole," Parish President Hotard said.

The fire burned so hot, it melted



portions of the tanks and left them charred and disfigured.

Friday, St. John Parish President Jaclyn Hotard called the Marathon fire, "alarming."

"I understand the residents' concerns, especially for residents who have been here for a long time and have seen different incidents that happen," Hotard said. "So, it is a little scary." People in the community impacted by the incident can call Marathon's community assistance hotline toll-free at (866) 601-5880. The hotline will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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Donald Trump Booked in Georgia; Mugshot Publicly Released

Data News Staff Edited Report

Former President Donald Trump is again making history. After becoming the first president twice impeached, with four indictments in four states, and being the man who once brashly stated he could grab women by their private parts but only later to be found liable by a civil jury for sexual assault, former President Donald Trump completed another humiliating first for ex-commanders-in-chief.

Not long after 7:30 p.m. EST., on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, Trump was booked into Fulton County Jail in Georgia.

Inside the lockup, Trump finally received the same treatment as most criminal defendants: his mugshot was taken, and the sheriff released the notorious photo a short time later.

His previous three arrests – in New York, Florida, and Washington – spared him of the usual perp walk of shame, a jail visit, and an eagerly anticipated indignity of a mugshot.

However, once in Atlanta, authorities processed Trump and eventually released him from



Former U.S. President Donald Trump

Fulton County Jail, but not before he was assigned the inmate number P01135809.

He joined his 18 other co-conspira-

tors to have surrendered in the racketeering and election interference case launched by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis. Mark Meadows, former White House Chief of Staff, Rudy Giuliani, Jenna Ellis, John Eastman, and Sidney Powell, who were all attorneys for Trump, now have publicly available mugshots.

Trump shared his mug shot on X, previously known as Twitter.

The post sent viewers to his 2024 campaign website, where he used the mugshot for a fundraising campaign.

The booking process was reportedly expedited, lasting approximately 30 minutes, as Trump's legal team and prosecutors had earlier agreed upon a \$200,000 bond. Part of the stipulated conditions prohibits Trump from intimidating co-defendants, witnesses, or alleged victims through any means, including social media.

The charges against Trump and the others include attempting to overturn his 2020 presidential election loss to Joe Biden in Georgia.

"You should be able to challenge an election," Trump told supporters and journalists outside the Atlanta jail.

"I thought the election was a rigged election, a stolen election, and I should have every right to do that."

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legacy of the event and its enduring impact on the struggle for civil rights.

As Rev. Al Sharpton, founder of the National Action Network, reflected on the continuous observance of March on Washington anniversaries, he recalled a promise he made to Coretta Scott King, the matriarch of the King family. Twenty-three years ago, she urged him and Martin Luther King III to continue the movement's legacy. Sharpton, who didn't serve during the early civil rights movement like Chavis, Johnson, Young, Jackson, and others, expressed his dedication to this cause, emphasizing the need to persist despite setbacks in civil rights protections.

The challenges the civil rights movement faced weren't confined

to the past; history revealed moments of triumph and tragedy. Following Dr. King's landmark speech in 1963, dark incidents such as the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham and the abduction and murder of civil rights workers in Mississippi underscored the ongoing struggle. Those tragedies spurred the passage of pivotal legislation, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Bernice King, CEO of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, acknowledged the weariness that can accompany the enduring fight for civil rights. She invoked her mother's wisdom, stating, "Mother said, struggle is a never-ending process... Vigilance is the answer."

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