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# Opal's Walk for Freedom



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### Opal Lee's Walk For Freedom brings large crowds to Dallas Fair Park

The walk, hosted by the Opal Lee, is 2.5 miles long, to recognize the 2.5 years it took for the news and enforcement of freedom to reach the enslaved people in Texas.



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## Ex-Trump Officials Confirm Talk of Executions, Potential Bloodbath if He Beats Biden in November

Two former senior aides have revealed that Trump discussed executing Americans, including his own staff, for disobedience.

By Stacy M. Brown

Having already been convicted of 34 felony charges this year, facing nearly 60 other felonies, and found responsible for sexual assault, new details have emerged about the twice-impeached and four-times indicted former President Donald Trump's extreme and violent rhetoric, and the retribution he will seek if elected again.

Two former senior aides have revealed that Trump discussed executing Americans, including his own staff, for disobedience. With Trump declaring that he'll be a "dictator on Day 1," the revelations provide more insight into the authori-

tarian wrath a second MAGA presidency would unleash on America.

Alyssa Farah Griffin, Trump's former Communications Director, confirmed in an interview with Mediaite that Trump had explicitly talked about executing staff members who leaked stories. Griffin corroborated an account by former Attorney General Bill Barr about Trump's alarming reactions. "Kaitlan Collins at CNN interviewed Bill Barr and asked about an anecdote I had shared about a meeting he and I were both in, in the Oval Office, where Trump straight-up said a staffer who leaked a story should be exe-



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cut," Griffin said on Mediaite's "Press Club" podcast.

"And Bill Barr kind of danced around it and said, 'I don't recall that specific instance,' but there were others where he talked about

executing people," she continued. "How [do] you rationalize that that is a person fit in sound judgment to be president of the United States?"

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## Texas A&M Engineering Leads Nation in Engineering Research Expenditures

The college's graduate program also ranked No. 8 among public engineering schools and No. 12 overall in the 2024 U.S. News and World Report rankings.

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION, Texas — In a testament to its commitment to innovation and academic excellence, the College of Engineering at Texas A&M University has secured the No. 1 spot in fiscal year 2023 engineering research expenditures with \$444.7 million in spending, according to the rankings released today by U.S. News & World Report 2024-2025 Best Engineer-ing Graduate Schools Rankings. "This accomplishment solidifies our position as a premier hub for cutting-edge research and reinforces our commitment to excellence in engineering education and innovation," said John Sharp, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System. "It is a testament

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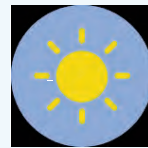
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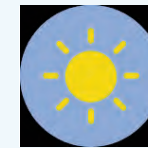
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## Breaking News: Baseball Legend Willie Mays Dies at 93

The news broke during a Mets and Rangers game in Arlington, evoking emotional tributes from the baseball community.

By **Stacy M. Brown**

NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent



Willie Mays ended his career in 1973 by helping the New York Mets win the National League Championship/**wikimedia commons** (Photo Credit).

Willie Mays, the iconic Hall of Famer often hailed as the greatest player in baseball history, has died at 93. The news broke during a Mets and Rangers game in Arlington, evoking emotional tributes from the baseball community.

"He was the greatest I had ever seen on the field," said Keith Hernandez, a New York Mets and St. Louis Cardinals legend, tearfully during the broadcast. Hernandez, who now serves as a color commentator for the Mets, reflected on Mays' remarkable skills. "Willie would play a shallow center-field, making it all the more amazing how he'd catch fly balls against the wall," added Mets broadcaster Gary Cohen. "He was the greatest ever to play."

Just a day prior, it was announced that Mays would not attend a special game honoring him and the Negro Leagues. Scheduled for Thursday, June 20, at Rickwood Field, the game features the San Francisco Giants and the St. Louis Cardinals. Mays, who began his career with the Birmingham Black Barons of the Negro Leagues, had shared his plans to enjoy the event from home. "I'm not able to get to Birmingham this year but will follow the game back here in the Bay Area," he told the San Francisco Chronicle earlier in the week. "My heart will be with all of you who are honoring the Negro League ballplayers, who should always be remembered, including all my teammates on the Black Barons."

Mays' career spanned from 1951 to 1972

with the Giants, where he won a World Series in 1954, was a 24-time All-Star, and was a two-time National League MVP. Among many other accomplishments, his 660 home runs and 12 Gold Gloves highlight his legendary status.

The home run total came despite having taken a two-year hiatus from baseball to serve in the military and having played in the three toughest stadiums to hit home runs — The Polo Grounds, Candlestick Park, and Shea Stadium.

Major League Baseball, the city of Birmingham, and the Friends of Rickwood nonprofit group have collaborated to renovate Rickwood Field, the oldest professional ballpark in the United States, to honor Mays and the Negro Leagues. Despite his absence, Mays will be celebrated throughout the week's festivities.

"My father has passed away peacefully and among loved ones," Mays' son, Michael Mays, announced. "I want to thank you all from the bottom of my broken heart for the unwavering love you have shown him over the years. You have been his life's blood."

Mays was not only a baseball legend but also a cherished figure in San Francisco. His 9-foot bronze statue stands proudly at Oracle Park's 24 Willie Mays Plaza. He was eager to see MLB's tribute at Rickwood Field, where he began his career.

Known for his exceptional five-tool abilities—hitting, power hitting, fielding, throwing, and baserunning—Mays also possessed an unmatched strategic acumen. In 2015, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Obama, who acknowledged Mays' impact on sports and society. "It's because of giants like Willie that someone like me could even think about running for president," Obama remarked.

Mays was dedicated to helping others throughout his life, notably through his Say Hey Foundation, which supports underprivileged youth. "I do what I can for people, man," Mays said in a 2021 interview. "When the kids ask me for something, I give it to them. Let them have it because they're going to be here after I'm gone, and I want the kids to enjoy what they can enjoy."

A career batting average of .302, 3,283 hits, and numerous honors define Mays' legacy. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1979, cementing his place as one of the sport's all-time greats.

## Navigating Alzheimer's: Tips to boost brain health and help caregivers

June is Brain Health Awareness Month

DALLAS – Age may be just a number, but as we add more candles to our birthday cake our risk for cognitive decline also increases. Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurological disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills and can eventually impact a person's ability to perform simple tasks. It's the most common type of dementia and involves the parts of the brain that control thought, memory and language.

During Brain Health Awareness Month in June, experts at Parkland Health share tips on ways you or a loved one can lower your risk of developing dementia and as well as highlighting strategies to help caregivers

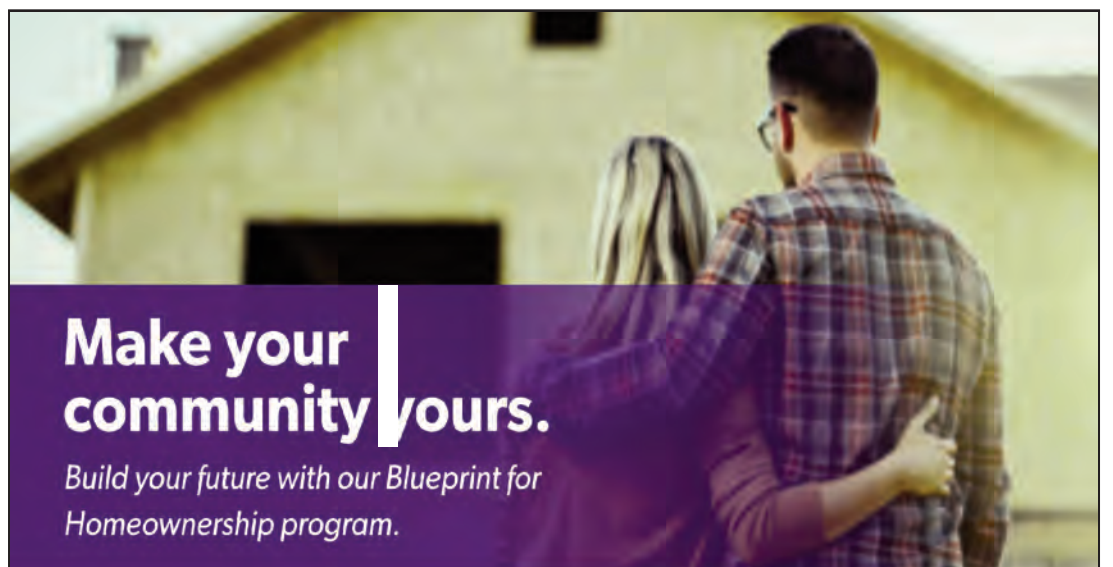
of dementia patients deal with this challenging diagnosis. While there is currently no cure for Alzheimer's, raising awareness and adopting proactive lifestyle changes can help with maintaining brain health and delaying the onset of symptoms.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 5.8 million people in the United States have Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, including 5.6 million aged 65 and older. Additionally, minorities and women have an increased risk of developing Alzheimer's disease, and it is estimated that Hispanic and Black Americans will see the

largest increases in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias diagnoses through 2060.

"People diagnosed with dementia may act and speak normally one moment and be disoriented or confused the next," said Raja Paspula, MD, Medical Director, Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) and a Geriatrician at Parkland Geriatric Center. "It can be difficult for families and caregivers because the disease makes people behave unpredictably. Their loved one no longer has proper judgment or impulse control, so in turn, they can act inappropriately or even put

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# RELIGIOUS/NEWS

## A Survey of Second Thessalonians

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

After the church goes to heaven with the bridegroom (The Lord Jesus), then the tribulation period will begin. You see, the Day of the Lord begins the Tribulation Period. Every saint of this church age who has placed their faith in Christ's finished work on Calvary is exempted from the wrath (Tribulation Period) to come (I Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9). The church will be raptured before that awful seven years of tribulation. Certainly, this epistle is an awesome one instructing us that we have been exempted from that awful event – the tribulation period. We may be undergoing troubles now, but our troubles are no comparison to the awful event of the tribulation period. To read about this awful period, the curious mind should read Revelations Chapters 6-18. This grand book can be outlined this way:

I. Paul's Commendation and

Encouragement in View of Their Persecution – II Thessalonians 1:1-12

II. Paul's Explanation Concerning the Day of the Lord – II Thessalonians 2:1-17

III. Paul's Admonition to the Church – II Thessalonians 3:1-10

Lastly, the key verse of this marvelous epistle is found in I Thessalonians 2:2-3, which says – "That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the Day of Christ (Day of the Lord) is at hand." "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

The wonderful sequel to I Thessalonians is II Thessalonians which was written by the Apostle Paul from Corinth in A.D. 51. Paul wrote this very informative

epistle to comfort and correct a severe problem that had upset the spiritual health of the church. The problem that prompted Paul to write this epistle was the erroneous teaching of the false teachers with their claim that the "Day of the Lord" had already arrived. With such a hideous claim, the false teachers had greatly upset the minds and hearts of the saints, because in the minds and hearts of the saints, they concluded that they had missed the "Day of Christ" (The Rapture) and because of the persecution in which they were experiencing, they were thinking that the "Day of the Lord" had overtaken them.

In a previous article we discussed the "Day of the Lord" this way: "it is a period of time that begins with the tribulation period and goes throughout the Millennium. It is a period that includes both blessings and curs-

ings. Such a claim by these false teachers greatly disturbed the hearts and minds of the Thessalonian saints. While Paul was with this growing church, he taught with diligence the "imminent return of Christ." He taught that the Lord could come and dispatch His church at any moment. The next event on God's eschatological calendar is the "Rapture of the Church." By the term eschatology, we mean the end-time events.

In following God's time table for events correctly, the Rapture will come first, followed by the Day of the Lord. But the false teachers had the saints disturbed in thinking that because of their experience in persecution that they were in the midst of the "Day of the Lord." To combat the false teachers' claim, Paul will comfort and also instruct the saints that certain things must take place before

that period – spiritual rebellion or apostasy must take place and the revelation of the man of lawlessness (Antichrist) must make his arrival when the restrainer (The Holy Spirit) is removed (II Thessalonians 2:6-9). Paul's only prescription to the hideous teaching of the false teachers is a high dosage of God's word. Yes, the word of God will soothe any troubled heart.

The abounding theme for this grand book is the coming of the Lord. The Lord's coming back is a most comforting promise to any saint. When the Lord comes the second time, He will pick up His church – a group of called believers since Acts Chapter 2. At the Rapture, only the saints of this church age will meet Him in the mid-air (I Thessalonians 4:13-18, I Corinthians 15:51-58).

*"May God Bless!"*

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to the dedication and ingenuity of our faculty and students who continue to advance engineering research and make significant contributions to the state, country and world."

Since 2013, the Chancellor's Research Initiative has provided one-time funds to recruit and hire faculty who will have a transformational impact. The active faculty at Texas A&M Engineering holds 35 memberships in national academies — 32 in the National Academy of Engineering, two in the National Academy of Sciences and one in the National Academy of Medicine.

"We were able to achieve this due to an increase in our National Academy members, thanks in part to the Chancellor's Research Initiative," said Dr. Robert H. Bishop, vice chancellor and dean of engineering and director of the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station. "Attracting top-tier faculty members leads directly to conducting high-quality research. When you bring in leading experts in their fields, they not only contribute groundbreaking ideas and innovations but also elevate the overall research standards of the institution. This initiative has proven to be a catalyst for enhancing our research capabilities and reputation."

The college also ranked 12th nationally and eighth among public institutions for its graduate engineering program, solidifying its reputation as a leader in

engineering education and research. The college's performance underscores its pivotal role in advancing global cutting-edge research and technological developments.

"These rankings underscore why Texas A&M attracts world-class faculty and researchers and some of the best and brightest students from around the state, the country and the world," Bishop said. "We prepare students to be leaders and innovators in their fields, and we invest deeply in supporting their work and advancing high-impact research."

Eight departments secured positions in the top 10 among public institutions. Four departments clinched the No. 1 spot in Texas, including biological and agricultural, industrial, materials and nuclear engineering. Materials science climbed three places to claim a spot in the top 10 among public institutions at No. 9.

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## The Senior Citizen of Yesterday Is Not The Senior Citizen of Today

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.



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There were several older men and women in my neighborhood as a child. Looking back, they moved a little slower and talked about things we did not understand. They were sedentary and stayed close to home most of the time.

They were fulfilled, happy and were pillars in our community. Their sage wisdom carried a lot of weight and their opinions mattered. I am proud to say I gained a lot of advice and counsel from them.

As youth, we were forming our thoughts about life and our place in it. Maturing in a small community in Winston-Salem NC gave us a firsthand view of the different stages of adulthood.

As I was coming of age in the East Winston section

of our city, I heard words and terms like retirement, savings, down payment, layaway, travel and house payment. Quite honestly, while I heard these words and terms, I really did not connect the dots.

Some of my friends' grandparents did not work anymore. I did not ask what they were doing now. My view of the world would not permit me to ask that question. So, they did not work and that was the end of it.

Being in high school made me a bit more inquisitive. My friends and I would talk among ourselves and concluded that they had successful careers and had provided for their families.

As young boys, we enjoyed hearing the stories they told. Their expressions and tones in their voices made us sit still and have what I called "instant story time". I called them this because they were never planned. They just happened.

During my working life as I progressed, I did begin to think about retirement. I realized that I did not want to work forever. Much

before I retired, I heard a song by Kenny Rogers called "The Gambler". A part of the lyrics is you have to know when to hold them and know when to walk away. In a strange yet realistic way, it is a retirement song.

You really do need to know when to retire and walk away. You do not want to stay too long and be asked to leave. Leaving on your own set of terms and conditions is always the preferred choice. Having people wanting you to remain means that you did your job well.

It is not if the time comes to retire, it's simply when the time comes. Upon retiring, you must have something else to do. Sitting around for a few months gets old after a while. Sitting around could become harmful to your health. On the surface, that sounds a bit odd that doing nothing could be bad for you.

The mind is like a well-oiled machine. Thinking and doing make the brain more productive. It keeps it fresh and not stale.

According to reports, "there are roughly 62 mil-

lion adults ages 65 and older living in the USA accounting for 18% of the population. By 2054, 84 million adults ages 65 and older will make up an estimated 23% of the population".

According to Lincoln Research, "only 11% of pre-retirees claim to have planned for their post-retirement years. A part of pre-planning is talking with retirement professionals about your assets and holdings".

Exercise and diet are important parts of having happy retirements. We as seniors are eating better and exercising more. Some of us participate in aerobics classes which are the most fun. Strangers become friends and of course we share stories.

We eat more fruits and vegetables and of course we are drinking more water. These habits are helping us to live longer and have a better quality of life. I believe young adults can take a page from our retirement strategies. We as seniors are aging gracefully and with dignity. Age is really only a number.



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themselves or others at risk of injury.”

While age and genetics play significant roles in Alzheimer's disease, certain lifestyle choices and habits can influence brain health and potentially reduce the risk of cognitive decline. Dr. Paspula offers these tips to help protect cognition as you age:

- Engage in Mental Stimulation: Keeping the brain active through activities like reading, puzzles, learning new skills or engaging in intellectually stimulating conversations can help maintain cognitive function and build cognitive reserve.
- Eat a Balanced Diet: A nutritious diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins and healthy fats provides essential nutrients that support brain health. Foods high in antioxidants, such as berries and leafy greens, can help combat inflammation in the brain.
- Stay Physically Active: Regular exercise not only benefits physical health but also contributes to cognitive well-being. Aim for a combination of aerobic exercises, strength training and flexibility exercises to enhance blood flow to the brain and promote the growth of new brain cells.
- Prioritize Quality Sleep: Adequate sleep is crucial for brain health and cognitive function. Aim for 7-9 hours of quality sleep each night and establish a consistent sleep schedule to support optimal brain function and memory consolidation.
- Maintain Social Connections: Social interaction and meaningful relationships have been linked to better cognitive health and a reduced risk of Alzheimer's disease. Stay connected with friends, family and community groups to boost mental stimulation and emotional well-being.
- Manage Stress: Chronic stress can have negative effects on brain health and may contribute to cognitive decline. Practice stress-reduction techniques such as mindfulness meditation, deep breathing exercises, going for a walk or engaging in hobbies that promote relaxation such as

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia can be emotionally and physically challenging. As a caregiver, it's essential to take care of yourself while providing the best possible support for your loved one. Simple ways to help navigate this journey with compassion and resilience include:

- Educate Yourself: Take the time to learn about Alzheimer's or dementia, including its symptoms, progression, and available resources. Understanding the condition will empower you to provide better care and anticipate your loved one's needs.
- Establish Routine: Maintaining a consistent daily routine can provide stability and reduce anxiety for both you and your loved one. Set regular times for meals, medication and activities to create a sense of predictability.
- Practice Patience and Compassion: Communicating with someone who has Alzheimer's or dementia may require extra patience and understanding. Be prepared to repeat yourself, listen attentively and validate their feelings. Approach each interaction with empathy and kindness.
- Simplify Tasks: Break tasks into small, manageable steps to make them easier for your loved one to complete. Use visual cues, prompts and gentle reminders to guide them through daily activities such as dressing, grooming and eating.
- Ensure Safety: Create a safe environment by removing potential hazards and employing safety measures such as installing handrails, securing rugs and using locks on cabinets containing prescription medications or dangerous chemicals.
- Seek Support: Don't hesitate to ask for help when needed. Joining a support group for caregivers or seeking professional counseling can provide emotional support and practical advice. Reach out to family members, friends or community organizations for assistance with caregiving responsibilities. Accept help from others and prioritize your own health needs.

## Quinn Minute

# Good manners

By Rix Quinn

Did you know that 4,000 years ago people lived without rules? With no restrictions, imagine the chaos, imagine the confusion...imagine the fun.

That changed when Babylon's King Hammurabi pulled out his ball-point chisel, and carved his 282-law Code.

Among his commands: If you owed somebody a debt, you could give them

your spouse. This became a primitive form of “no-fault divorce.”

We continued to refine human interaction with “etiquette,” or rules of polite conduct. These rules vary by country.

For instance, in a mixed group in this country, a man should not burp. But if he's with guys, he can burp loudly, and a friend can record it for playback at the com-

pany picnic.

There are 17,000 rules of “good taste,” many concerned with mealtime. Like, if we don't chew with our mouths closed, food could fall out.

If we don't brush our teeth, they could fall out too. And if they're chewing at the time, that's really bad.

### Other critical table manners:

- 1 If served rare

meat, do not ask the server “Is this cow still alive?”

2 The long fork on the plate's left should never be used as a back scratcher.

3 Pass the rolls...do not throw them.

4 Yes, good manners are like a high-speed train. They can take you a long way if you stay on the right track.

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# EDITORIAL PAGE

*Are You Raising One of the Next Generation of Hoodlums?*

## Are you ready for summer?

By Dr. Joyce Willard. Teal



Dr. Joyce W. Teal

Allow me to take the liberty to remind readers once again as I did nearly a year ago at the beginning of a new school year that we are again at the end of another school year and the start of summer vacation for millions of children throughout the United States. Summer is a critical time for children because many of them are left without adequate supervision. For some unknown reason, many parents truly believe that if their children are thirteen or fourteen years old (and sometimes even younger), they can stay at home with no supervision, and even babysit younger siblings while parents are at work. But this simply is not true!

While the child may appear mature enough to handle this responsibility, it is important that parents understand that a thirteen or fourteen-year-old child is still a child, and as such should not be burdened with the responsibility that many mature adults have trouble handling satisfactorily.

I appeal to parents once again. If you have not already done so, begin now investigating summer programs and activities that will engage your children in programs that will occupy them in positive ways while at the same time assuring that they are not idle and looking to easily get into mischief, some of which may be criminal.

Not one week passes (and sometimes not one day) when we don't hear about one or more of our children being involved in negative activities which involve them early in their lives in the juvenile justice system, a system that is not kind to our children. But I assert that the children whose parents keep them involved in wholesome, age-appropriate activities

that are of interest to the children have a lot fewer problems of this nature.

A big part of positive parenting is helping your child to feel good about himself or herself by nurturing self-esteem without going overboard. It is important to realize that this does not come from catering to his or her every whim or showering him or her with insincere flattery, but by praising your child's legitimate accomplishments. When you engage your child in healthy pursuits that assist to keep him/her focused in a positive direction, you and your child both will feel good about his/her accomplishments.

Are you raising one of the next generation of hoodlums? A truthful negative response to this query is primarily in your hands. You can be in the process of raising a wonderful boy (or girl) who will be proud of him or herself and who will make you a proud parent. But the operative word is YOU. You must take the time to find out about age-appropriate summer

programs available in your area. You must be willing to make the sacrifices necessary to pay the fee, if one is required. You must be willing to assume the responsibility to transport your child to and from the activity (or make safe arrangements). Be aware that you can raise your child in such a way that he or she will be a joy to you. You will be able to enjoy your child's company, and so will the other adults with whom he or she has contact. And I repeat, the operative word is YOU. Children are going to be children. They are going to be immature and occasionally mischievous. It's the nature of children. But they respond to being loved and nurtured. AND DISCIPLINED!

Look out for your child. Head off trouble by keeping your child positively engaged. Yes, to do so requires sacrifice, but today's sacrifice can mean tomorrow's peace of mind. And when you love your child, you have peace of mind only when he or she is doing well!

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Griffin, who resigned days before the January 6, 2021, Capitol riot and later demanded Trump's resignation, also noted that Trump made such statements in front of "a dozen other" people. While not explicitly confirming the specific incident, Barr did not dispute the possibility, telling Collins in April, "I remember him being very mad. ... I actually don't remember him saying 'executing,' but I wouldn't dispute it."

The accounts contribute to a disturbing pattern of behavior by Trump, who has a history of using violent rhetoric and expressing admiration for violent acts. He has praised the rioters

who attacked the Capitol on January 6 as "warriors" and "hostages" and warned of a "bloodbath" if he loses the 2024 election.

Trump has suggested the execution of Joint Chiefs Chairman General Mark Milley. During his 2016 campaign, he encouraged supporters to "knock the crap out" of protestors, promising to pay their legal bills. He also infamously commented that there was "blame on both sides" after violent clashes in Charlottesville involving white nationalists and neo-Nazis and praised a Republican who attacked a reporter, saying, "Any guy that can do a body slam, he is my type!"

At a debate, Trump refused to condemn white

supremacist violence, telling the Proud Boys to "stand back and stand by." Before the Capitol riot on January 6, he told his supporters, "You'll never take back our country with weakness ... If you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore."

He has also suggested violence could erupt if court cases against him do not go his way, repeatedly expressed a desire to be a dictator, and dehumanized political opponents and migrants.

Biden-Harris 2024 spokesperson James Singer released a statement condemning Trump's rhetoric and behavior in response to these revelations. "Donald Trump has been convicted

of 34 felonies, was found liable for sexual assault, committed financial fraud, and is only out for himself," Singer noted.

"His own former senior staff, including his former vice president, believe he is too unhinged and dangerous to be our commander in chief. He openly mused about committing murder on Fifth Avenue eight years ago and, since then, has repeatedly embraced and encouraged violence to get what he wants. After losing the last election by over 7 million votes and becoming a convicted felon, Donald has only gotten worse, promising to be a dictator and encouraging violence while completely consumed by his own revenge and retribution."

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The Unity Awards will be presented in a special reception at 6:00 p.m. leading up to Project Unity’s signature fundraising event, *Together We Sing*, at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, which coincides with the observance of National Black Music Month and Juneteenth.

*Together We Sing* will benefit Dallas-based non-profit Project Unity, a collaborative effort of programming and events hosted in partnership with segments of the Dallas community including faith, business, civic, philanthropic, grassroots, and government entities. Project Unity and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra have collaborated in multiple events, including Gospel Goes Classical in 2019, *Together We Sing* in 2022, and a Unity Concert presented at the Meyerson Symphony Center in 2020 that honored those who lost their lives to racial violence and injustice.



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