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~ Frederick Douglass



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Guilty, Guilty, Guilty: Former President Trump Convicted on All 34 Felony Counts

By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

In a historic and dramatic moment, the jury in New York delivered a resounding verdict on Wednesday, finding former President Donald Trump guilty on all 34 felony counts of falsifying business records. This unprecedented decision

marks the first time in American history that a former president has been convicted of criminal charges.

A hush fell over the courtroom late in the afternoon as the jury handed Judge Juan M. Merchan a note. “We, the jury, have a verdict. We

would like an extra 30 minutes to fill out the forms if that’d be possible,” the note read. The jury had deliberated for 9.5 hours over two days after a three-week trial.

The twice-impeached, four-times indicted, and now-convicted Trump faced

charges connected to a \$130,000 hush-money payment made to porn star Stormy Daniels in the days leading up to the 2016 election. The trial featured weeks of tawdry testimony about tabloid deal-making and the alleged sexual

encounter between Trump and Daniels. Prosecutors argued that Trump engaged in fraud against the American people by falsifying records related to the reimbursement of his former lawyer, Michael D. Cohen, who paid Daniels out of his

own pocket.

The courtroom was silent as the jury’s verdict was read aloud: “Guilty, guilty, guilty...” repeated 34 times, solidifying the former president’s fate. Trump, who is

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U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee says she’s being treated for pancreatic cancer

Lee, a Houston Democrat, said she plans to continue serving but could have some occasional absences from Congress.

BY POOJA SALHOTRA/Texas Tribune



U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, speaks at her victory party on March 5, 2024 in Houston. Photo Credit: **Mark Felix** for The Texas Tribune

U.S. Rep Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer, the congresswoman shared in a Sunday statement on social media platform X.

“My doctors have confirmed my diagnosis for pancreatic cancer,” Jackson

Lee said. “I am currently undergoing treatment to battle this disease that impacts tens of thousands of Americans every year.”

Jackson Lee, 74, represents Congressional District 18, a seat she has held for 30 years. In March, she defeated challenger

Amanda Edwards, a former Houston City Councilwoman, in the most competitive primary of her congressional career. Prior to the March primary, Jackson Lee had only drawn four primary challengers, and she defeated all of them by significant

margins. She’s been in Congress since 1995.

In her statement, Jackson Lee said she will “likely be occasionally absent from Congress” as she undergoes treatment but that she plans to continue to serve her

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Marian Robinson
Photo Credit: NNPA Files

Marian Robinson, the Heart of the Obama Family, Remembered Fondly at 86

By Stacy M. Brown

Marian Robinson, mother to former First Lady Michelle Obama, died on Friday, May 31, at 86. Her loved ones said she leaves behind a void in the hearts of many. As a steadfast figure in the Obama White House, Robinson’s presence extended far beyond familial ties, touching the lives of all who knew her.

Marian Lois Shields set out on a journey that was characterized by fortitude and compassion after emerging from the vibrant tapestry of Chicago’s South Side. From her early days as a teacher to her later role as a trusted secretary, Robinson’s life was a testa-

ment to the values of family and service, showcasing her personal achievements and contributions.

In a heartfelt tribute, Michelle Obama fondly recalled her mother’s enduring influence, describing her as the unwavering pillar of their family. Robinson’s wisdom, honed through life’s diverse experiences, was a beacon of light during times of uncertainty. Her steadfast support and gentle nature were not just sources of strength but unique qualities that endeared her to the entire Obama clan.

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Unveiling the Truth: Riveting January 6 Documentary Grips Audience with Untold Stories

By Stacy M. Brown



In a moving gathering of survivors and spectators, a select group of invitees congregated at the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema in Northeast D.C. on Monday, June 3. The occasion? The unveiling of a long-awaited documentary that sheds new light on the deadly events of January 6, 2021, a day

etched in the annals of American history.

The deft hands of Oscar-winning filmmakers Sean Fine and Andrea Nix Fine drew viewers into a heart-wrenching gut-punch of a narrative as the curtains pulled back and the screen came to life. The documentary, titled “The Sixth,” not

only captured the horror and chaos of that fateful day but also delved deep into the lives of those thrust into the heart of the storm, evoking a profound emotional response from the audience.

“It’s never been a mystery as to what happened... but

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"My Day"

This is Juneteenth!

By Dr. J. Ester Davis



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It is very easy talking to Mrs. Barbara Record. Number one, after raising 5 children (four daughters and a son), she still has a lot on her mind, wants a lot of things done, and is normally about two(2)phone calls away from getting it done. If you talk to Barbara Record, you soon realize that her intimate interest is in "parent participation" at school. The business... Records BBQ started with Pappa Dad's BBQ. They served at two locations, i.e., one on Sunnyvale Street and the other on Cedar Crest @11th Street. But Albert had his eye on his own "pit", his own name, cooking his own meat using his own recipe. Barbara remembers starting a "breakfast program" for school children, learning to count money, and putting the tax money in a separate banking account. Their house note was \$15.00 per month.

Barbara Record's days were split evenly between her popular breakfast program, her own household, and running errands for the

teachers. "So, what would you do for the teachers?" I asked.

"Whatever they need-ed", she replied. "I could just go and get it." Barbara had extra money, a couple of free hours per day, and a contagious, willing spirit. Identifying the needs of the students, Barbara Record learned how to lobby at school board meetings and was ordained a PTA President long before the title was official. Her gentle, winning..., and positive personality enveloped hearts, inspiring more parents to get involved. She educated me on the "Texas Girls Choir," driving children to rehearsal, a community program dear to her heart because it was real music. And a discussed thought of an All Boys School.

Dr. Yvonne Ewell, a rising star in the field of education at DISD, was a key figure in Barbara's life. As a District Superintendent overseeing 26 schools, Dr. Ewell was a bold innovator with a purpose involving pastors, parents, and teachers. She adopted Barbara's

motto to 'be a better parent.' Dr. Ewell held meetings in the "Blue Room" at the District Office with invited speakers and established meetings at Good Street Baptist Church for the ministers. However, the most sought-after invite was a personal nod propelled by the "The Power of Three" of Oak Cliff Schools, i.e., Katherine Mitchell, Barbara Record, and Yvonne Ewell. The first time I was invited, the dining experience was exhilarating, with good food, an exquisitely set table, and a discussion on 'The State of Black Children in Dallas Schools' delivered after dinner with dessert by Dr. Yvonne Ewell.

Barbara Record has a vested interest in Town View School, but she emphasizes its proper name, Dr. Yvonne Ewell Town View School.

And two of their daughters work in the business today, with reliable standby assistance. This is Juneteenth!

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constituents with the services they "deserve and expect."

"I am committed to working with our Congressional Leadership including Leader Hakeem Jeffries and the Speaker of House to serve this nation and be present for votes on legislation that is critical for the prosperity and security of the American people," the statement said.

Jackson Lee previously battled breast cancer. In 2012, she announced that

she was cancer free after having been diagnosed the previous year.

"I look forward to having many more years to enjoy my family, friends and to serve our community and nation," she said at the time.

Jackson Lee was born in Queens, New York and she served as a judge before she was elected to an at-large Houston City Council seat in 1989. She has since become a household name in Houston, the largest city in Texas and the fourth most populous in the country.

Last year, Jackson Lee ran an unsuccessful campaign for mayor of Houston. She lost by a wide margin to then state Sen. John Whitmire and then promptly announced that she would seek reelection in Congress.

Jackson Lee received an outpouring of support on X following her evening announcement.

"Some things are bigger than politics," read a post from the Harris County GOP. "Please join us in praying for Congresswoman Jackson Lee and her loved

ones during this difficult time, as we wish her a speedy recovery."

It is not currently clear whether Jackson Lee is being treated.

"I am confident that my doctors have developed the best possible plan to target my specific disease," she said. "The road ahead will not be easy, but I stand in faith that God will strengthen me."

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Middle school smells

By Rix Quinn

I'm not sure I had much sense of smell until sixth grade. The only aroma I remember before that was dinner rolls in the elementary cafeteria.

But the junior high was different. For the first time, many girls started wearing perfume, and guys started splashing on aftershave.

The aura in a small classroom was astounding. Imagine walking into a flower garden and inhaling the essence of spring mixed

with a saddle and cheese.

The school hallway scents when you entered the building were variable. What you sniffed depended on what door you entered.

If you entered through the biology room, you smelled alcohol or formaldehyde. If you came in through the gymnasium, you sniffed either laundry detergent or dirty socks... depending if the giant washer was off or on.

Most kids chose the

lunchroom entrance.

Those fragrances changed depending on the day of the week. The older the meat supply, the odder the smells.

For example, let's say the meat of the week was turkey. On Monday, we smelled appetizing sliced turkey and dressing.

On Tuesday, the entrée was turkey and gravy, and on Wednesday, the daily special was turkey casse- role.

On Thursday, there were two selections: turkey soup or fried turkey slices with special sauce. I never asked what the special sauce was, but I ate it.

But Friday was scary. That's when the special became Turkey Surprise. I won't say what the surprise was, but I got surprised twice.

That's when I invented my own new Friday ritual: sandwich-from-home.

RELIGIOUS/NEWS

Community United Methodist Church cordially invite the Oak Cliff Community to the JAZZ UNDER THE STARS; the Herbie Johnson Jazz Quartet will be on Friday evening, June 14, 2024, from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. .

The event will be at Community United Methodist Church 4501 SO. Marsalis Ave. Dallas, TX. 75216.

Please come out and enjoy good snacks while listening to good classical jazz music!

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Mr. Trump Has Been Found Guilty On 34 Felony Counts In a New York Court

What's Next For Him

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.



James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.

Donald John Trump was found guilty last Thursday in what was called the hush money trial. He was found guilty on 34 felony counts of falsifying business records and conspiring to influence the outcome of the 2016 election.

His sentencing date will be July 11th which will be days before the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. Will he go to prison? I don't think he will. This will be the first time in American history that a former president has become a convicted felon. America, let that sink into your thinking. Mr. Trump has called the trial rigged and a disgrace.

The 12-person jury deliberated roughly 12 hours to reach this unanimous verdict. Trump supporters like Senator Marco Rubio and Senator Mitch

McConnell have voiced their strong opposition to the guilty verdict. However, Alvin Bragg, Manhattan District Attorney said, "We follow the law without fear or favor. I did my job."

This guilty decision has most Republicans in an uproar and foaming at the mouth. The former president has been saying for months he did nothing wrong. He has been spouting these words for so long that he has millions of people believing him.

This rhetoric has given rise to a smorgasbord of untruths and unethical behavior. The Trump folks ignore best practices, and they bypass the truth. This has become standard operating procedure for them.

Republicans are lining up to tout his greatness. Recently, Dr. Ben Carson, a renowned surgeon said, "I would carefully and prayerfully consider an invitation to run as vice president with Mr. Trump." If you recall, he served as the secretary of Housing and Urban Development in his administration.

Some years ago, I had a reading group that consisted of six elementary

school boys. One of the books that we read was Gifted Hands which is about the life of Ben Carson growing up in Detroit.

If you recall according to verified records, he led a group of surgeons in 1987 to separate conjoined twins joined at the back of the head. Dr. Carson was a role model for many aspiring doctors and healthcare professionals. There is no debate there.

However, the question on the operating table is what happened to Dr. Ben Carson? How in the world did he get mixed up and tangled up with Donald Trump? That sentence is a bit crude for a man of Dr. Carson's fame. Ben Carson born with a little and Donald Trump born with a lot. One gave hope to others while the other created divisiveness.

Mr. Trump practices one-sided loyalty. You are loyal to him, but he is not loyal to you. Many have fallen victim to his reckless and selfish behavior. Any rational thinking person realizes he was responsible for the January 6th insurrection. He has also caused Steve Bannon, Michael Cohen

and Paul Manafort to go to prison on his behalf.

The former president is now a convicted felon and that doesn't sound good by any measure. It doesn't matter how his Republican friends try to spin it.

House Majority Leader Steve Scalise said in a statement: Extremist Democrats have undermined democracy by weaponizing the courts and abusing the judicial system to operate like a banana republic that targets their political opponents. These sentiments come from a Republican in Louisiana. His home state is last in almost every quality-of-life category.

Mr. Trump held a post-guilty news conference on Friday at Trump Tower. He blasted everything and everybody having anything to do with the trial. His lawyers will certainly appeal the sentence. Remember, Mr. Trump has three other court cases coming up. Mr. Trump will be the Republican nominee for president. In the 24 hours after the trial, he raised over 58 million dollars. However, the only way to beat him is at the polls in November.

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tonight, we bring forth a narrative that transcends mere recounting," remarked Andrea Fine, one half of the acclaimed filmmaking duo. "The Sixth" doesn't just document the events—it humanizes them."

The film eschewed the typical focus on the perpetrators and even the insurrection's primary instigator, former President Donald Trump, opting instead to shine a spotlight on the untold stories of resilience and courage. Through the eyes of six individuals—a diverse ensemble that included a Black photographer named Mel D. Cole, Erica Loewe, a Democratic staffer who serves as the only caregiver to her mother who lives with Alzheimer's, Congressman Jamie Raskin, and three Metropolitan DC police officers—the audience gained unprecedented insight into the human drama that unfolded amidst the chaos.

Torn with emotion and

right in the middle, capturing all the chaos, was Cole, thinking about a world where his toddler son might have to grow up without him because Cole doesn't know if he'll survive the Trump-inspired riot.

Raskin, there to help certify President Joe Biden's election victory over Trump, is drenched with emotion, having buried his 25-year-old son a day earlier. Raskin's son had suffered from mental health challenges and committed suicide. Making the heart pound ever more, Raskin also had to worry about his daughters, who were inside the Capitol as the attack unfolded.

Loewe, believing death was imminent and worried about who would care for her mother, was among Congressman James Clyburn's staffers who were barricaded inside an office where rioters were just feet away.

"Every single one of our

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Throughout Barack Obama's historic presidency, Marian Robinson was a symbol of stability, offering sage advice and unconditional love. Despite the grandeur of the White House, she maintained her down-to-earth charm, forging deep connections with staff and finding solace in everyday routines, thereby extending her influence beyond her immediate family.

Reflecting on her mother's legacy, Michelle Obama shared cherished memories of their time, illustrating their profound bond. Robinson's unwavering presence and nurturing spirit created a sense of home amidst the whirlwind of public life.

"Her wisdom came off as almost innate, as something she was born with, but in reality, it was hard-earned, fashioned by her deep understanding that the world's roughest edges could always be sanded down with a little grace," the family said.

Michelle, Barack, Craig, Kelly, Avery, Leslie, Malia, Sasha, Austin, and Aaron

joined to pen a heartfelt remembrance of Robinson.

"Our mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother had a way of summing up the truths about life in a word or two, maybe a quick phrase that made everyone around her stop and think," they wrote. "Don't sweat the small stuff. Know what's truly precious. As a parent, you're not raising babies — you're raising little people. Don't worry about whether anybody else likes you. Come home. We'll always like you here."

The family recalled that, as a young woman, Robinson studied to become a teacher before working as a secretary. She fell quickly and madly in love with Fraser Robinson, another South Sider with a "boxer's strength and jazz-lover's cool." Together, they raised two children, Craig, and Michelle, in a tiny upstairs apartment on Euclid Avenue in South Shore.

Robinson volunteered for the PTA and taught her children to read at an early age, sitting together as they sounded out words on a page, giving them the

strength and confidence to walk to school — and out into the world — all on their own. She once chewed out a police officer who had accused Craig of stealing a bike, demanding that the adult apologize to her son.

On summer nights, she'd pack the family into the car with a steaming plate of chicken for a trip to the drive-in movies. On New Year's Eve, she'd pass around pigs in a blanket and raise a toast to Auld Lang Syne. And every night, for years on end, she and Fraser would hold court at the dinner table, where they indulged all manner of questioning, teaching their children to believe in the power and worth of their own voices.

"On Election Night in 2008, when the news broke that Barack would soon shoulder the weight of the world, she was there, holding his hand," the family wrote. "With a healthy nudge, she agreed to move to the White House with Michelle and Barack. We needed her. The girls needed her. And she ended up being our rock through it all."

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the presumptive Republican presidential nominee for 2024, now faces a potential sentence ranging from probation to four years in prison. His legal team has already indicated plans to appeal, a process that could extend over several years.

The conviction has drawn sharp reactions from political figures. Shasti Conrad, Chair of the Washington State Democratic Party, declared, "Today's verdict out of New York affirms what the Washington State Democratic Party has been saying for more than eight years — Convicted Felon Donald Trump is wholly unfit to lead our nation," Conrad stated. "His conviction today by a jury of his peers demonstrates the lengths Convicted Felon Trump will go to and the laws he will break to get what he wants — another four years of power at the expense of hard-working

Americans. The Washington State Democratic Party will never stop fighting for a more perfect union, which is why we will continue to resist Donald Trump's campaign of lies, grift, and autocratic desires with every fiber of our being every minute of every day until the election is over and we have prevented the end of democracy...again."

This criminal case is one of four Trump is currently facing, but it is likely the only one that will go to trial before Election Day. Trump faces as much as four years in prison, but because he's viewed as a first-time offender and the convictions are on low-level felonies, he'll likely receive probation.

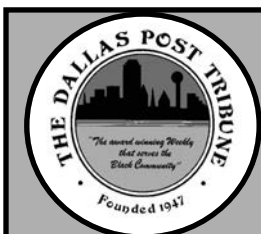
"Today, the criminal justice system worked," National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) Chair Bobby Henry stated. "As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. alluded to, the arc of the moral universe

is long, but it bends toward justice," Henry said.

The NNPA is the trade association of the 250 African American-owned newspapers and media companies that comprise the Black Press of America.

"The NNPA congratulates the Manhattan District Attorney, Alvin Bragg, who stood up triumphantly against the criminal acts of former President Trump," NNPA President Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., stated. "In America, no one should be above the equitable rule of law. In particular, Black America knows too well the horrors of inequity and injustice. In the historic case of New York v. Trump, it now appears that in New York City, finally after centuries of racial oppression, the gavel of justice has now come down on one of the nation's most zealous criminals who unrepentantly desires to return to the White House in 2024."

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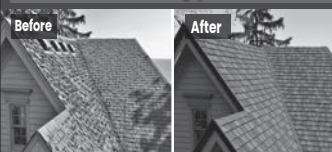
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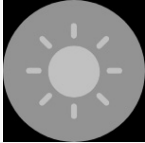








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Just keep going: An athlete's perseverance pays off

'Parkland helped me during this tough time'



DALLAS - For the past six months, 17-year-old Eddrick Jordan has spent countless hours in Parkland Health's physical therapy room, getting stronger each week so he could get back to the sport he loves.

Jordan's love for sports dates to his early childhood when he played alongside his younger brother. But it was always football that attracted him. His mother, April Martin, remembers how at a young age Jordan showed commitment to the game. "I could never get him off the football field," she said, grinning at her phone as she swiped through pictures of young Jordan sporting his massive football gear.

This sentiment reflected his deep connection to the sport. "Playing football is my passion and it allows me to get out of my comfort zone," Jordan said.

But what took years of practice to perfect, felt threatened in an instant.

During a pre-season scrimmage, he felt a sudden sharp pain shooting up his left leg. As soon as he took a quick left turn, he felt a popping sensation. All he could feel was immense pain as he tried to support himself standing.

"He experienced a twisting injury during the game, and he actually tore his ACL and injured his meniscus," said Nathan Boes, MD, Parkland's Sports Medicine Director.

The anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) is a ligament in the middle of the knee that provides stability to the joint. The meniscus is a pad of cartilage in the knee that acts as a cushion during movement. Both the ACL and meniscus pad work together to protect the cartilage in the knee. To reduce the risk of further injury and cartilage wear, Jordan underwent surgery to give back the knee's stability.

"The ACL does not have a

great ability to heal itself," Dr. Boes said. "So, we had to reconstruct the knee by taking a ligament from somewhere else to replace his ACL."

Athletes who suffer an ACL injury often face a lengthy recovery process. In fact, it can take anywhere from 7-9 months of rehabilitation to fully recover. But for Jordan, the temporary setback served as motivation to heal and return to the sport even stronger.

"I felt hurt because I had never been injured before and football means everything to me," he said. "But Parkland helped me during this tough time."

Parkland's Sports Medicine Clinic is comprised of healthcare providers involved in all aspects of a patient's care. The clinic offers various treatment and rehabilitation options for sport-related injuries, or any injury related to physical activity. Dr. Boes

and his team strive to provide the best possible care to injured athletes or weekend warriors during what can be a challenging time in their lives.

"Our responsibility is to help our patients get back on track and get back to playing the game they love as quickly as possible," Dr. Boes said. "It's a privilege for me to be able to walk along with them in their journey."

With his senior year approaching, Jordan is excited for his near future. His mind is set on playing college football soon, so a full recovery is crucial to that goal.

"My family, my coaches and my teammates depended on me to get better, so I knew I needed to just keep going," Jordan said. In addition to a supportive care team, his mother's unconditional love helped him persevere through the obstacles he faced.

"I'm most thankful for my mother because she kept pushing me through everything, even when I did not want to keep going," he said as he glanced at his mother with a smile, acknowledging the pivotal role she played in his recovery.

Despite this temporary setback, Jordan remains motivated to complete his physical therapy program soon and pursue his passion.

"If you love a sport, then just keep going and don't stop," he said.

For more information about Parkland's Sports Medicine Clinic, visit www.parklandhealth.org/your-team.

Trump Accused of Witness Tampering in New Investigative Report

By Stacy M. Brown

While Donald Trump awaits a July 11 sentencing in New York on his recent felony convictions, a new investigative report by ProPublica has unearthed potential instances of witness tampering by the twice-impeached and four-times criminally indicted former president.

An in-depth exposé by the award-winning news site noted that, despite being convicted on all 34 felony charges brought by the Manhattan District Attorney's office, the GOP's presumptive presidential nominee, who promised to be a dictator "on day one," could see his legal woes mount as ProPublica suggested that he was involved in a concerted effort to sway eyewitness testimony in the trial that ended last month with 34 unanimous guilty verdicts.

The report said that nine witnesses embroiled in criminal cases against Trump had received "significant financial benefits," including substantial pay raises, hefty severance packages, and prestigious positions within his campaign and media empire. The perks, distributed at pivotal junctures during the case, has cast yet another shadow over the integrity of Trump and those who vouched for the MAGA leader.

Neither Trump's campaign on Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg returned messages left by the Black Press seeking

comment. However, ProPublica quoted legal experts who opined that such benefits could potentially constitute evidence of criminal behavior if the intent was to influence witnesses' statements. Barbara McQuade, a former U.S. Attorney, told ProPublica that there were "grave concerns" over the potential corrupting influence of such action. McQuade also cautioned that it could prove a difficult case to prosecute.

While ProPublica said it did not find direct evidence linking Trump to the pay increases, the site said it's well-known that he closely monitors his operations and prides himself on being frugal. One former aide likened working for the Trump Organization to "a small family business" where every employee "in some sense reports to Mr. Trump." Trump's demand for loyalty from his subordinates is a consistent theme, exemplified by his reaction when Attorney General Jeff Sessions recused himself from the Russia investigation, prompting Trump to angrily question, "Where's my Roy Cohn?" referring to his former fixer.

Journalists on the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalism team reported that several notable figures in Trump's circle have seen significant financial benefits. For instance, Trump campaign adviser Boris Epshteyn's

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characters is serving the public in different ways," emphasized Andrea Fine. "And so, we love that idea of, what if you're just coming to do your job, and you're saddled with that, and how they came through."

As the documentary unfolded, viewers were transported back to the Capitol grounds, where the echoes of violence still reverberated. From Raskin's anguish, Cole's uneasiness, and Loewe's uncertainty to Officer Christina Laury's harrowing experiences and the gripping personal history of then-D.C. police chief Robert Contee, "The Sixth" left no stone unturned in its quest for truth.

The fear of rioters yelling at law enforcement and Contee demanding more help and responding incredulously as U.S. Department of

Defense officials held back sending the National Guard because they were concerned about "optics." All the while, the rioters blast through lines of undermanned officers, beating them, including policeman Daniel Hodges, mercilessly.

"Politics was inherent in the violence," remarked Andrea Fine. "What we were trying to do is [determine] like, okay, what happened that day? Truthfully. Really. And how did it feel to go through it? How did it affect the people who just showed up to work?"

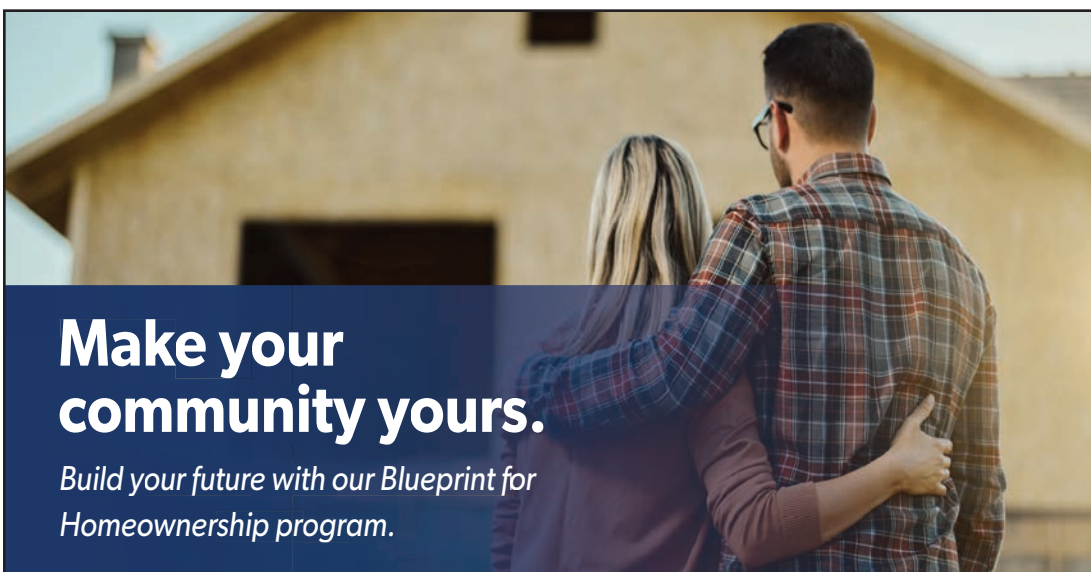
While the National Guard stood just minutes away but refusing to assist, D.C. Metropolitan Police struggled mightily to fight off the mob, with some of the rioters yelling, "Get his gun," as they grabbed and viciously assaulted one officer.

With ladders, poles, and others flying from the crowd

(Cole says he couldn't understand how and where the rioters got their hands on such objects), officers desperately tried to defend the Capitol with pepper spray. They appeared to be the only ones who suffered harm from the aerosol.

Infuriatingly so, after DC and Capitol Police finally received assistance from state police officers in Maryland, Virginia, and New Jersey, Trump finally and tepidly asked his supporters to go home as the deadly event finally reached its conclusion and at too little, too late, the National Guard arrives

As the credits rolled and the lights came up, the audience grappled with the weight of what they had witnessed. In the words of Mel D. Cole, "For anyone from D.C., this film hits different... It's just a different day for all of us here."



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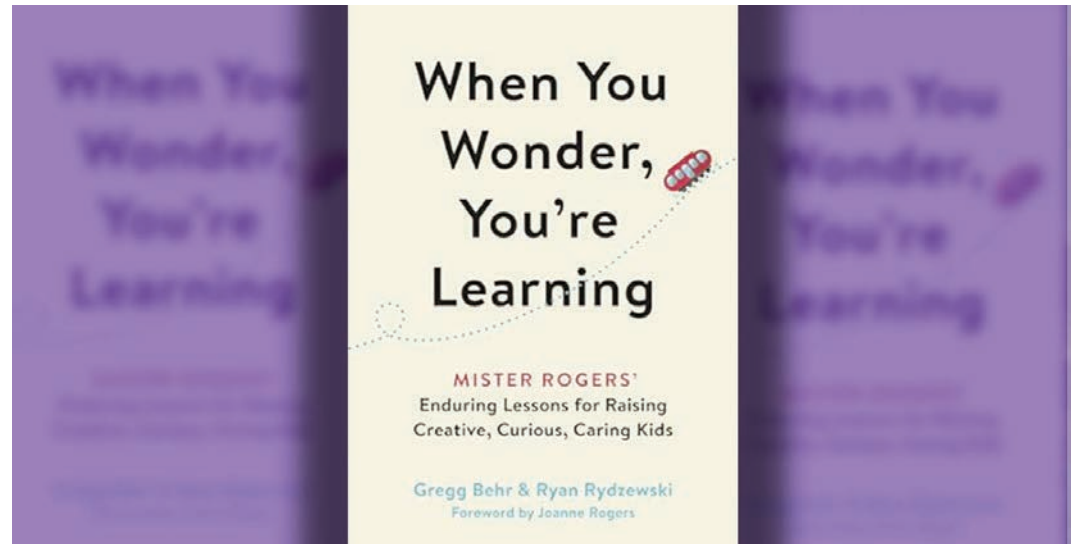
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Mister Rogers' Lessons for Young Learners (and Their Families, Too)

By Gregg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski



"When You Wonder, You're Learning Mister Rogers' Enduring Lessons for Raising Creative, Curious, Caring Kids" by Gregg Behr & Ryan Rydzewski. Photo Credit: NNPA Files

It has been off the air for more than two decades, but Mister Rogers' Neighborhood still matters — a fact that might not surprise the program's creator. "I've always said the best time for our program is once it's over," Fred Rogers explained, "and the television is turned off." It sounds counterintuitive. But as we document in *When You Wonder, You're Learning: Mister Rogers' Enduring Lessons for Raising Creative, Curious, Caring Kids*, Fred knew a thing or three about how learning happens best.

"Television," he said, "can be fairly passive." It is one thing for young children to absorb information from a screen; it is another thing entirely when caring adults help kids use that information in living rooms, classrooms, libraries, and all the other places where kids and their caregivers learn. Modern science backs Mister Rogers up. Young people with families and caregivers who are actively engaged in their learning tend to do better in school, and not by a little: Students with engaged families are up to 81 percent more likely to graduate from high school and 95 percent more likely to report physical and mental well-being. Studies suggest that engaging young learners today — playing with them, holding them, doing whatever we can to strengthen our bonds with them — will pay dividends tomorrow, and even for decades to come.

That is the good news. The bad news is that it isn't always easy to give young learners the time and attention they deserve, especially when the rent comes due

and affordable child care grows ever more scarce. Fortunately, we can look to Fred Rogers to help us spark wonder — anytime and with any child when the television is on and long after it is off.

1. Wonder Aloud

Fred brought his joyful curiosity to every episode of *The Neighborhood*, where he permitted himself to ask the questions that were on his mind (and on the minds of his viewers). Today's adults can follow his lead. Hedda Sharapan, who worked on *The Neighborhood* for decades and who writes a wonderful newsletter for the Fred Rogers Institute, shares the example of an "Ask It Basket" she once saw in a classroom: "When the children would ask a question, [the teacher] would write it down and say, 'That's a great one to put into the Ask It Basket.' That simple action told children that their questions matter."

What if every family had an Ask It Basket on their kitchen table? What if, occasionally, we took some time to wonder aloud with young children — to ask questions big and small, and to search for answers side by side?

2. Schedule

Unscheduled Time

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was full of moments in which nothing much happened, like when Fred showed viewers the length of a minute by letting one pass in silence. He even had a song about such moments: "Let's Think of Something to Do." Fred knew that wasting time is not always a waste of time. "When a child has nothing to do and must fill the time,

creativity can emerge," write Roberta Michnick Golinkoff and Kathy Hirsh-Pasek in *Becoming Brilliant: What Science Tells Us About Raising Successful Children*. "It can be right there in a file drawer or a kitchen cupboard or those shiny new markers lying on the table."

What if, once or twice a week, families made a point of wasting time together? What might we dream up when we are not rushing from place to place, scrambling to finish a project, or staring at our screens?

3. Do More of What You Love

The Neighborhood's viewers remember Officer Clemmons — the Black police officer played by François Clemmons. In addition to famously sharing a swimming pool with Fred, Officer Clemmons also shared his deepest creative passion: opera singing. Fred knew how important it was for children to see adults indulging their creative side. "The best teacher in the world," he said, "is the one who loves what he or she does, and just loves it in front of you."

What do you love to do? Whether it is singing or painting, reading, or taking a walk, it is essential to love these things in front of our kids. Even if young people decide that our passions are not for them, they still get something worthwhile: They see an adult who loves to learn, and who cares enough about them to take them along for the ride. And that may be the most valuable gift we can give young learners. As Fred himself reminded us, "A love of learning has a lot to do with learning that we are loved."

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pay more than doubled, and Susie Wiles, head of Trump's campaign, saw payments to her firm spike while her daughter was also hired by the campaign. Trump aide Margo Martin received a roughly 20% raise, and Dan Scavino was appointed to the board of Trump Media. Trump attorneys Jennifer Little and Evan Corcoran saw dramatic increases in payments to their law firms, while Allen Weisselberg, a Trump Organization executive, received a lucrative sever-

ance package. According to ProPublica, witness tampering and efforts to influence testimonies have been recurring themes in Trump-related investigations and criminal cases. In past instances, Trump's former campaign manager and adviser were convicted on federal witness tampering charges, with the latter advising a witness to lie to investigators. Trump later pardoned both individuals. Additionally, during the congressional investigation into the January 6 Capitol riot, a former White House staffer testified about

receiving a call suggesting she stay loyal to Trump in her testimony. A former Trump employee, who was a key witness in the classified documents investigation, recounted being offered various benefits, including golf tournament tickets and a raise, upon quitting his job. This witness, Brian Butler, declined the offers, but noted the timing of these benefits raised suspicions about their intent. The issue of financial rewards for witnesses has surfaced in Trump's New York trials as well. In a civil

fraud case, prosecutors questioned a former Trump Organization controller about his \$500,000 severance agreement, which he continued to receive during his testimony. Steve Witkoff, a longtime friend, and real estate executive, testified as an expert witness for Trump's defense and subsequently received over \$370,000 from the Trump campaign for air travel expenses. The Trump campaign confirmed using Witkoff's private jet for multiple trips, citing "availability, space, and convenience" as reasons for the choice.

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