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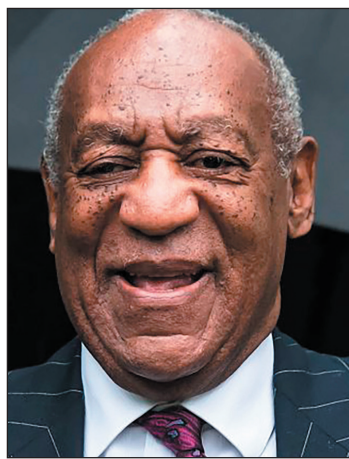
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Bill Cosby Conviction Overturned!

BY STACY M BROWN, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent



Cosby has served nearly three years of a 3-to-10 year-prison sentenced following his 2018 conviction on charges of indecent aggravated assault. (PHOTO: Getty Images / NNPA)

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has overturned comedian Bill Cosby's 2018 sexual assault conviction.

The state Supreme Court ruled that Cosby's deal with former prosecutor Bruce Castor should have been honored. In a phone call with Cosby attorney Jennifer Bonjean, she states, "I am thrilled! I haven't made my way through the entire opinion yet, but it seems that the court agrees with what we knew all along, that Mr. Cosby never should have been prosecuted in the first place. If a prosecutor's word is not his bond, then we as a society — and the entire criminal justice system — is in trouble."

When asked, when we could expect him to be released, she responded, "We are on our way to the prison now to pick him up."

He had also cast doubt on alleged victim Andrea Constand's credibility. Castor told the Black Press that the trials against Cosby were "a miscarriage of justice."

Cosby has served nearly three years of a 3-to-10 year-prison sentenced following his 2018 conviction on charges of indecent aggravated assault.

He had repeatedly maintained his innocence.

"When an unconditional charging decision is made publicly and with the intent to induce action and reliance by the defendant, and when the defendant does so to his detriment (and in some instances upon the advice of counsel), denying the defendant the benefit

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4th of July Events Around Louisiana

Have a safe Independence Day Celebration

BATON ROUGE, LA — This weekend will be packed full of activities to experience, celebrate, and enjoy in many places in Louisiana.

Making plans for the Fourth of July? There are plenty of events and venues in Baton Rouge celebrating America's Independence.

ANNUAL FIREWORKS SHOW

Most patriotic of all is the annual fireworks show in Downtown Baton Rouge over the Mississippi River! Baton Rouge's Fourth of July Spectacular welcomes thousands of guests from around the country dressed in their best red, white and blue for an evening-long event of fun,

ending with a breathtaking fireworks display overlooking the mighty Mississippi. Join celebrations happening all over the city and a Fireworks Extravaganza Show in Downtown Baton Rouge on the Mississippi.

You can also join the fun from wherever you are! Baton Rouge's patriotic celebration will be accompanied by a live telecast live on 24 Hour News Channel WBRZ+, WBRZ.com, and WBRZ News 2's Facebook page.

Friday, JULY 2 New Roads July 4th Festival Celebration

New Roads will be hosting a star-spangled event that kicks

off a three-day event that starts on Friday, July 2. The theme of the festival is "Quarantining in America." The free festival will celebrate Independence Day with a parade, fireworks and live performances.

- Time: 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Theme: Quarantining in America
- Location: Downtown New Roads
- Entertainment: DJ Robbo, The Michael Foster Project, Waterslides, Fireworks

Saturday, JULY 3 49th Annual Kenilworth Independence Day Parade

The Kenilworth Civic Association is proud to announce the return of the annual Kenilworth

Independence Day Parade. Information for the 49th annual event can be found below and in the attached PDF.

- Saturday, July 3 at 6:30 p.m.
- Route begins and ends at Kenilworth Science & Technology School on Boone Drive
- Theme – America: Forever Resilient
- Grand Marshal – Matt Moscona, host of After Further Review on 1045 ESPN
- Resident of the Year – Baton Rouge Fire Department at the local Menlo Drive Station

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Gov. Edwards signs HB 409 on Title IX, other bills

Edwards says bill was 'born out of disappointment and frustration'



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BATON ROUGE, La. — Gov. John Bel Edwards signed 16 new bills into law on Wednesday, June 30, including one that creates a framework for the proper reporting and accountability related to possible Title IX violations.

"I'm proud to have signed HB 409 by Rep. Aimee Freeman (D-New Orleans) into law and have it as part of my legislative package," said Gov. Edwards. "Born out of disappointment and frustration over the troubling allegations of sexual misconduct at our state's flagship university, the bill establishes the framework that strengthens and clarifies Title IX reporting and procedures on our college and university campuses. It ensures

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Over \$4 Million is Headed to Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport to Help Fund Construction of Service Road

WASHINGTON, DC — U.S. Congressman Garret Graves, the Ranking Member of the U.S. House Subcommittee on Aviation, announced the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport (BTR) will receive an additional \$4,286,525 in federal funding for improvements to the airport. The funds will be provided through the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

"Over 2.1 million people in the U.S. traveled by airplane last Sunday — the most in a single day since March of 2020. Throw in parking, luggage, waiting in lines, short-staffed airport businesses, delays, cancellations, and being cramped on planes, and you start to appreciate all that goes into taking a flight. Airport infrastructure can make or break a trip, and the right investments help ensure a safe, efficient, and enjoyable travel experience. These funds will increase safety and flight op-



tions — helping us expand the airport that serves the Baton Rouge region," Graves said. "And legislation we are pushing in Congress would provide some flexibility for these dollars to quickly turn dirt on projects. Meaning, we can

improve the efficiency and capacity of our airports at a faster pace because unfinished projects don't get planes, consumers, goods, or services moving on time."

Since being named the top Republican on the Aviation

Subcommittee in January 2019, Graves has helped secure more than \$43 million in federal funding for BTR:

- FY19 AIP: \$7,163,418
- Supplemental AIP:

\$15,000,000
• FY20 AIP: \$5,666,667 (includes \$566,667 in CARES Act local match)
• CARES: \$8,413,011

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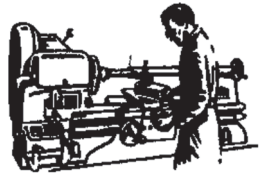
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VA Secretary McDonough visits Louisiana to support veterans during COVID-19

BY LAEA ASHLEY
 BR Weekly Press

Secretary Denis R. McDonough of the Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs visited Louisiana in June.

The Minnesota-native worked with the former President Barack Obama administration as the Deputy National Security Advisor. During the term, McDonough worked on veterans' issues that were a high priority to Former President Obama and former Vice-President and President Joe Biden. McDonough said while in the position, he ensured that he knew the issues very well.

"As the Chief of Staff, it is a management job that deals with Capitol Hill, cabinet members, and governors that prepared me to manage the job I currently have now," he said. "There are over 400,000 employees and over 1700 military soldiers throughout the country."

As an American government official, one of McDonough's biggest priorities is making sure veterans are vaccinated.

McDonough is traveling throughout the country, visiting the states to make sure veterans are vaccinated. Louisiana is one of those stops. McDonough and his team provided the help veterans desired and provided for them. The VA Secretary made stops in Baton Rouge and New Orleans, where he and his team vaccinated over 30,000 veterans and saw 1500 COVID-19 patients. Including the first COVID-19 patient in New Orleans in March 2020. One of those patients is the oldest World War II veteran, Lawrence



Baton Rouge Vet Center Director Marva Harris gives VA Secretary Denis McDonough a tour of the Vet Center during his trip to Louisiana.

Brooks, who is 111-years-old. The African-American veteran received the vaccine on February 9, 2021, making him the 20,000th patient the VA office helped.

"I wanted to make sure veterans know that the vaccine against COVID-19 is safe, effective, and is free," he said.

McDonough wants veterans to connect with Veterans Affairs. Some of the ways they can do this are by: Contact the local VA or va.com/covidvaccine. Call the office and ask any questions. The office is working 24/7.

He encourages veterans to get vaccinated and to stay safe

during these times.

"I have the vaccine myself," he said. "It's very effective. It's increased my ability to travel and to engage broadly and travel safely."

McDonough is also making sure that Black and veterans of color feel seen and heard.

"Diversity in our armed forces is the fundamental strength of this country," he said. "They reflect the mental strength of our country."

Louisiana has over 92,975 Black veterans living in the state, according to va.gov. McDonough is making sure that the department is diverse and equal.

"We are ensuring that our workforces are regional office leaders," he said. "Our directors are representing that strength in America. We are building a team that reflects that."

For example, McDonough's chief of staff is an African-American woman who is a retired army colonel. He also created a diversity, equity, and inclusion task force that will present concrete steps to the diverse workforce even more.

President Joe Biden's budget reflects McDonough's views. Veterans Affairs officials planned a new office focusing on diversity and harassment prevention under the White House's fiscal 2022 budget plan. McDonough and President Biden promised to make Veterans Affairs programs more inclusive to minority and women veterans.

McDonough wants American veterans to be protected and feel secured under his leadership.

"Vets, we are here for you," McDonough said.



VA Secretary Denis McDonough talks with Baton Rouge National Cemetery Director Eugenia Simmons during a tour of the cemetery.

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that when a student reports such a violation, the Title IX process happens timely and thoroughly and that there are severe penalties in place if it does not. I applaud Rep. Freeman and all of the women legislators involved in addressing a serious problem and taking the necessary steps to make certain that all of our institutions of higher learning are safe for our students and that there is real accountability in place."

The governor signed the following bills on June 30:

- ACT 463—HB 48 Provides relative to the requirements for concealed handgun permit safety and training course applicants and instructors.
- ACT 464—HB 54 Creates the crime of adoption deception.
- ACT 465—HB 124 Provides an exception to certain offenses of illegal carrying of weapons for persons with a concealed handgun permit.
- ACT 466—HB 127 Creates the crime of submitting false

statements and false or altered documents in unclaimed property claims.

- ACT 467—HB 146 Establishes an income tax credit following the delivery of a stillborn child.

- ACT 468—HB 253 Provides relative to the governance and funding of the Special School District, which provides special education services through its schools and programs.

- ACT 469—HB 264 Provides for advertisement of judicial sales.

- ACT 470—HB 301 Establishes an income tax credit for certain funeral and burial expenses for certain pregnancy-related deaths.

- ACT 471—HB 351 Designates the song "Southern Nights" by Allen Toussaint as the official state cultural song.

- ACT 472—HB 409 Provides relative to campus safety

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of that decision is an affront to fundamental fairness, particularly when it results in a criminal prosecution that was foregone for more than a decade," according to the high court opinion.

"For these reasons, Cosby's convictions and judgment of sentence are vacated, and he is discharged."

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- Omnibus (Dec 12/20): \$2,993M
- ARP (3/21): \$4.827M

In total, Louisiana airports received \$17,539,301 in AIP funding:

- Alexandria International = \$3,333,333
- Baton Rouge Metro, Ryan Field = \$4,286,525
- Monroe Regional = \$8,888,888
- Lakefront = \$1,030,555

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All locations closed, outdoor Independence Day Concert at main library



Though all locations of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library will be closed for business all day Sunday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day, everyone is invited to a FREE live music event performed by the Baton Rouge Concert Band at 7 p.m. that day, in the Outdoor Plaza at the Main Library at Goodwood, located at 7711 Goodwood Boulevard.

Bring your lawn chair, and come enjoy patriotic music and marches to memorialize those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our nation strong.

All of the Library's resources, e-books, downloads and other information still will be available – as always – 24 / 7 online at www.ebrpl.com. It's FREE, and all you need is a Library card to check out resources. East Baton Rouge Parish residents who do not already have a Library card may use online registration to receive a temporary new e-card, which allows access to many resources in the Digital Library.

For more information about this Library holiday closure, or outdoor concert, call (225) 231-3750. To learn more about the Library and its resources, go online to www.ebrpl.com.

Federal Dollars Help Get East Baton Rouge Drainage Projects Underway



BATON ROUGE, LA – The East Baton Rouge Metro Council recently approved a \$20 million budget for drainage projects from federal funding. These projects, accompanying other projects in the Capital Region, will together reduce flood risk for communities throughout the area.

U.S. Congressman Garret Graves released the following statement after seeing the projects kicked into gear:

"This is a smart decision and complements parts of the \$3 billion of record funding we previously secured to benefit

the Capital Region such as the \$255 million for East Baton Rouge Flood Control Project, \$400 million for the Comite Diversion Project and \$50 million for Livingston Parish drainage projects. I am glad to see our local leaders put the federal dollars to work almost immediately. This is what can happen when we all work together with a greater sense of urgency as soon as funding is available. Money sitting in the bank doesn't do a thing for those gutting sheetrock from their homes or tossing heirlooms on the sidewalk for pickup. Every

chance we have to take funding and clear storm drains, dredge or remove debris from our waterways moves us closer to true flood protection in our communities," Graves said.

Recently, more funding was announced for Louisiana flood protection projects. Benefitting Baton Rouge:

- \$8.5 million to acquire the

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City of New Roads hosting free July 4th festival celebration

NEW ROADS, La. - The City of New Roads will have a July 4th celebration in the "Prettiest City on the Water." The theme for the star-spangled event is "Quarantining in America."

The event is happening Friday, July 2 through Sunday, July 4, in Downtown New Roads.

The weekend of events will kick off Friday, July 2, with live entertainment from The Michael Foster Project performing brass music covering multiple genres. A spectacular firework display over False River will immediately follow around 9 p.m.

The highlight of Saturday evening will be a live performance by Tyree Neal. The boat parade will cap off the weekend on Sunday, July 4 at 2 p.m. at 210 Morrison Parkway. Boats of all sizes will parade on False River, adorned in the theme for the afternoon. DJ Robbo will provide the musical soundtrack for the weekend. There will also be waterslides for kids each day.

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 2021

- 4 p.m. DJ Robbo
- 5 p.m. The Michael Foster



Project

- 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Waterslides
- 9 p.m. Fireworks

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2021

- 2 p.m. DJ Robbo
- 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. Waterslides
- 5 p.m. Tyree Neal

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

- 12 p.m. DJ Robbo
- 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. Waterslides
- 2 p.m. Boat Parade

All events are FREE and open to the public. Event-goers are reminded to follow CDC guidelines for COVID-19 safety and take advantage of sanitation stations.

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and accountability.

• ACT 473 – HB 411 Provides relative to student discipline.

• ACT 474 – HB 459 Provides relative to the reporting and sharing of occupational information and employment information.

• ACT 475 – HB 608 Provides for \$100,000 death benefit for an employee of the Department of Transportation and Development who is killed in a hazardous situation in the

course and scope of his employment.

• ACT 476 – HB 630 Provides relative to the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District.

• ACT 477 – HB 648 Establishes a grant program to be administered by the office of broadband development and connectivity in the division of administration.

• ACT 478 – HB 654 Provides relative to the designation of highway safety corridors by the Department of Transportation and Development and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

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PLUS NIGHTS

Highland Road Park Observatory
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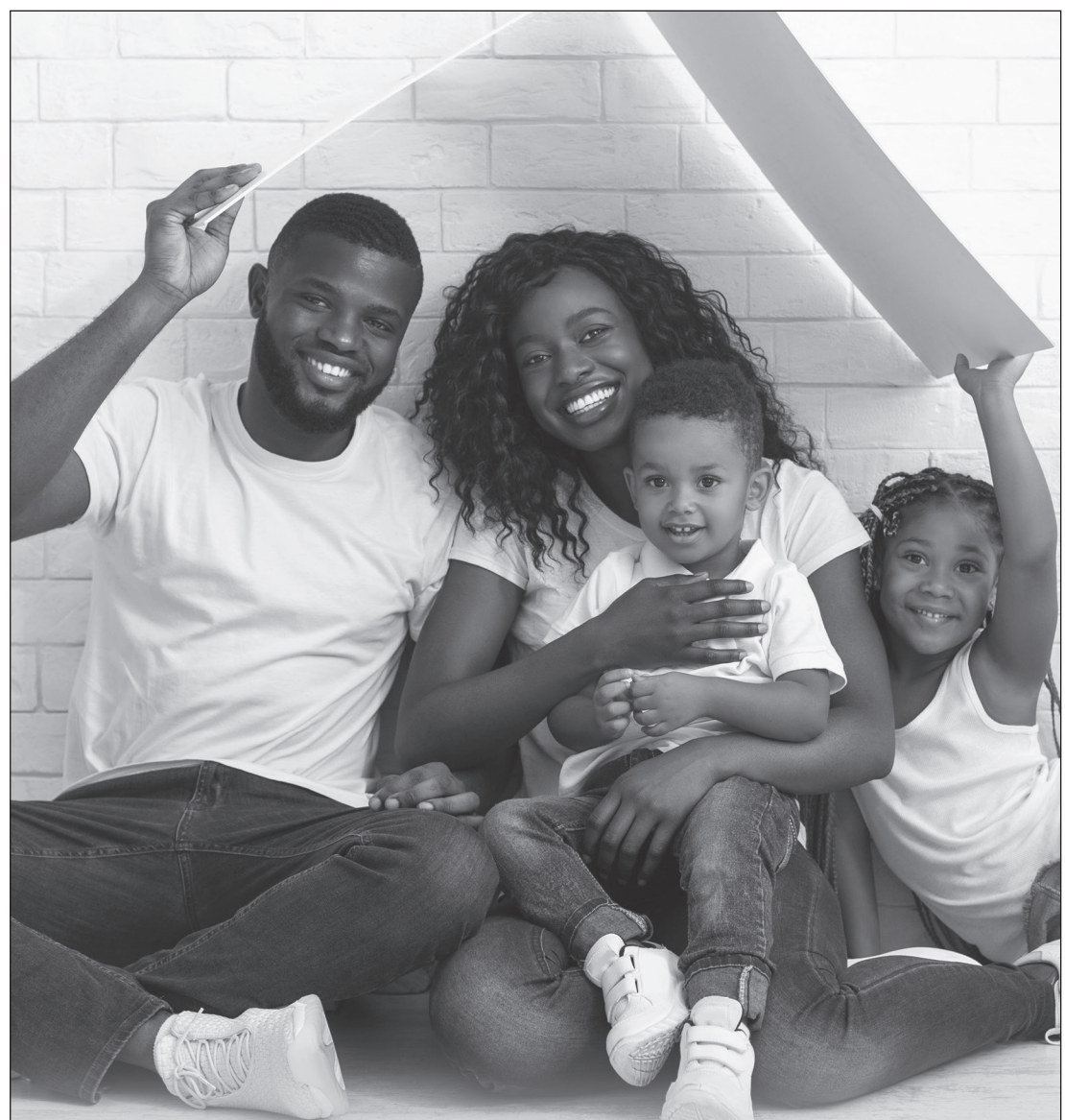
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Ages: 3-5



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RELIGION

Building on the Rock

By Dr. Tony Evans

The decisions we make will determine the outcome of our lives in every sphere.

Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall" (Matthew 7:26-27).

As you think about this parable and its relevance to you, remember that in Scripture a house can symbolically refer to one of four different things. Each of them is a sphere to which kingdom men should be bringing their influence.

1. The Individual: Kingdom people pursue personal purpose and aim to leave a lasting impact.

2. The Family: Kingdom people seek to impact their homes in such a way that all within them grow to be mature, responsible believers in Christ.

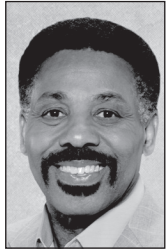
3. The Church: Kingdom people concern themselves with the spiritual footprint they are making with their lives.

4. The Society: Kingdom people involve themselves in the structural entities that govern a land so as to influence the culture for Christ.

There were two men in the parable Jesus told. Both wanted to



build something lasting. Both desired personal development, familial influence, ministry impact, and societal good. Each wanted a life of significance. A family that was strong. A ministry that was effective. And a culture that was ordered well.



Dr. Tony Evans

Yet these men pursued these

goals differently, and this showed up in the results. One man built his house on the rock. His house stood. The other man built his house around a shaky foundation. His house fell hard.

So, what are you building your life around?

Tony Evans

Dr. Tony Evans is the founder and senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, founder and president of The Urban Alternative and author of over 100 books, booklets and Bible studies. The first African American to earn a

doctorate of theology from Dallas Theological Seminary, he has been named one of the 12 Most Effective Preachers in the English-Speaking World by Baylor University. Dr. Evans holds the honor of writing and publishing the first full-Bible commentary and study Bible by an African American. His radio broadcast, The Alternative with Dr. Tony Evans, can be heard on over 1,400 radio outlets daily and in more than 130 countries. Dr. Evans' sermons are also streamed and downloaded over 20,000,000 times annually.

At least 1,000 vaccines to be administered at a church in North Baton Rouge this weekend

BATON ROUGE - Residents living in north Baton Rouge will get another opportunity to get vaccinated this Saturday at Gloryland Baptist Church.

Baton Rouge General, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana and the non-profit group, 100 Black Men of America, are partnering up to administer 1,000 vaccinations.

"Black, Hispanics, and other minority groups are at higher risk of getting COVID-19 and are certainly higher risk of dying from it or having serious complications from it," said Stephanie

Mills, chief medical officer for Blue Cross Blue Shield Louisiana.

The goal is to get as many people vaccinated as possible in underserved communities.

"Get registered and come get your shot because that is what is going to get our life back to some type of normalcy again. By us leading, black men standing up front telling our community our family that this is the right thing to do," said Michael Adams with 100 Black Men of America.

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lowlands of Bayou Duplantier for flood retention

- \$5.7 million to create retention for Ward Creek

- \$4.7 million for Cypress Bayou green infrastructure in East Baton Rouge Parish

- \$5 million to restore the University Lakes and reduce flood risk

These funds are a result of Graves' legislative efforts that secured \$3 billion — half to clear the backlog of legacy flood projects and half to provide future protection against flood risks in South Louisiana. The State-run Louisiana Watershed Initiative has recently announced tranches of projects across Louisiana that are funded by the Graves-secured \$1.2 billion federal Community Development Block Grant for

Louisiana flood mitigation. After the 2016 Flood,

Graves secured \$3 billion in federal funding to protect our homes, businesses, law enforcement, livelihoods, schools and the communities of South Louisiana. The funds advance flood protection, mitigation and resiliency, including:

- \$50 million secured for Livingston Parish drainage projects

- \$760 million secured for the West Shore Project

- \$400 million secured for the Comite Diversion Project

- \$255 million East Baton Rouge Flood Control Project

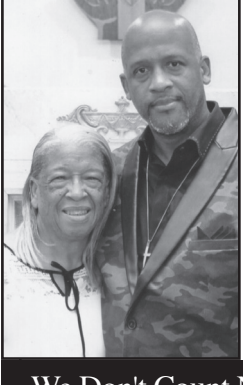
- \$350 million for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding

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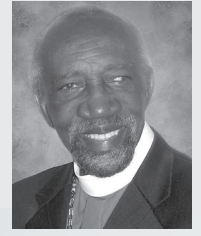
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Sunday School	9:30 AM
Prayer Service.....	Wed. @ 6:00 PM
Bible Study.....	Wed- @ 7:00 PM

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BUSINESS

Southeastern Grocers Announces Annual Grant Program to Support Equity in Local Communities

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Southeastern Grocers Inc. (SEG), parent company and home of Fresco y Más, Harveys Supermarket and Winn-Dixie grocery stores, together with the SEG Gives Foundation, today announces the opening of applications for the 2021 Romay Davis Belonging, Inclusion and Diversity Grant, a program that supports local nonprofits by addressing racial disparities in health care, food insecurity and

education.

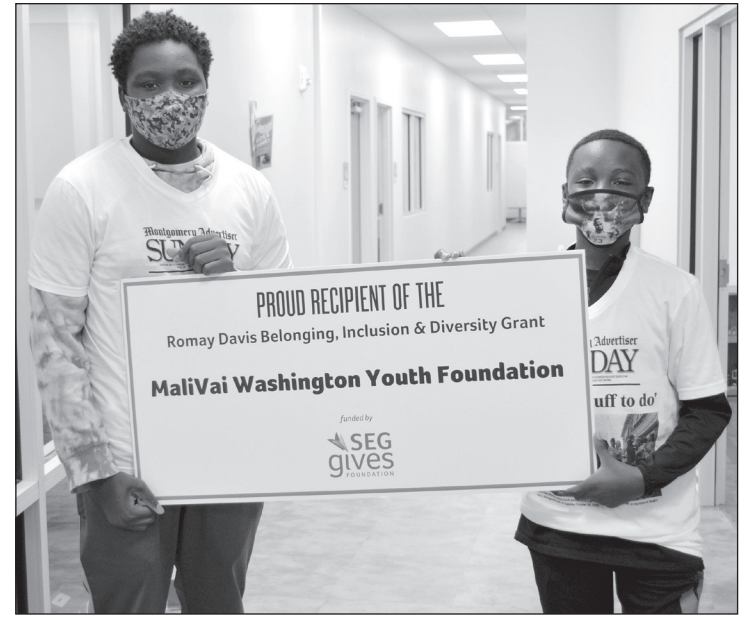
Now through Sept. 30, organizations supporting underserved populations throughout SEG's five-state footprint are encouraged to apply online for grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The SEG Belonging, Inclusion and Diversity Committee, a group of nine associates and leaders from diverse backgrounds, will review all applications for consideration and announce selected organizations on Oct. 29, 2021,

the grant namesake's 102nd birthday. The grant program reaffirms SEG's steadfast commitment to racial equity and social justice by offering qualified nonprofits opportunities to receive financial support to help level the playing field for individuals of all backgrounds.

In its inaugural year, the Romay Davis Belonging, Inclusion and Diversity Grant awarded \$100,000 in funding to nine deserving community organizations, including the Louisiana Center for Health Equity in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation in Jacksonville and The Society of St. Andrew in Orlando, among others. Community organizations

throughout SEG's five-state footprint are invited to apply for grant funds to help address racial disparities in health care, food insecurity and education. For additional information about applying for the Romay Davis Belonging, Inclusion and Diversity Grant program, or to submit an application, visit www.seggives.com/grantapp.

The MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation was named a 2020 recipient of the Romay Davis Belonging, Inclusion and Diversity grant to help sustain its efforts in expanding possibilities for young students of color.
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New Roads July 4th Festival Celebration

- Time: 2 p.m.
- Theme: Quarantining in America
- Location: Downtown New Roads
- Entertainment: DJ Robbo, Waterslides, Tyre Neal

Independence Day Celebration in Walker

The Independence Day Celebration in Walker takes place at Sidney Hutchinson Park. The free event features music and fireworks — all you have to do is bring family, blankets and chairs to enjoy the entertainment comfortably.

- Time: 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Location: Sidney Hutchinson Park
- Entertainment: Overtones Music student musicians, Walker High band members, Clifton and The Rusty Bucket Band
- Fireworks start at dusk

Sunday, JULY 4 Independence Day JAM at Red Stick Social

Celebrate the Fourth of July with music, food and cold drinks at Red Stick Social's family-friendly event. There's also a costume contest with prizes for the "Most Patriotic Costume." Doors open at noon and music kicks off at 6 p.m.

- Time: 6 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
 - Criteria: All ages
 - Tickets: \$20
 - Location: Red Stick Social
 - Entertainment: The Quickening, Where Y'acht
- Get tickets online.

New Roads July 4th Festival Celebration

- Time: 12 p.m.
- Theme: Quarantining in America
- Location: Downtown New Roads
- Entertainment: DJ Robbo, Waterslides, Boat Parade Hometown Celebration

This family-friendly Iberville Parish July 4th event features fireworks, food, crafts and a patriotic boat parade.

- Time: 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Criteria: All ages
- Location: Bayou LaPlaquemine Waterfront Park

For more information, contact the Plaquemine Main Street Program at 225-687-3116.

Red White & Brunch – 4th of July Drag Brunch

Tickets include entry, games, all-you-can-eat brunch buffet, performances, and a meet and greet with entertainment.

- Time: 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Tickets: \$30
 - Location: Splash Nightclub
 - Entertainment: London Manchester, Roxie C. Black, Sasha Black & Starr Alexander
- Get tickets online.

USS KIDD Veterans Museum

The USS KIDD Veterans Museum kicks off the celebration at noon featuring music, kid-friendly activities, food, art vendors and more.

For even more fun, join the Patriots and Pirates event by purchasing a VIP ticket. The ticket includes access to the museum starting at 5 p.m. and at 8 p.m. you can gain access to the USS KIDD for the best view during the fireworks show.

- Time: 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Criteria: All ages
- Tickets: \$50
- Location: USS KIDD
- Entertainment: Will Wesley, Marine Forces Reserve Band from Belle Chase

Get VIP tickets online..

L'Auberge Fourth of July Extravaganza

L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge is excited to announce the return of our Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza. Celebrate with fireworks and live entertainment:

The Rooftop Pool Viewing Party

Enjoy a view of the fireworks show from the top of the 12th floor at The Rooftop pool at L'Auberge. Guests can purchase access to The Rooftop for \$20 at the door. GEAUX DJ will be performing from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. The fireworks show starts at 9 p.m. Access to the Rooftop pool is based on availability.

- Time: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

- Criteria: 21+
- Cover: \$20
- Location: The Rooftop
- Entertainment: GEAUX DJ Edge Bar Balcony Viewing Party

Edge and its balcony viewing area is free to the public, but all guests must be 21+ to enter. True Spin will perform on the Edge stage from 8 p.m. – Midnight. The fireworks show starts at 9 p.m. Access to the Edge balcony is based on availability.

- Time: 8 p.m. – Midnight
- Criteria: 21+
- Cover: Free
- Location: Edge Bar
- Entertainment: True Spin The Lawn Viewing Party

Family friendly viewing of the L'Auberge 4th of July fireworks show will occur on The Lawn adjacent to the Mississippi River levee. This viewing area is free to the public and all ages are welcome. There will be beer and non-alcoholic beverages available for purchase. The fireworks show will start at 9 p.m.

- Time: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Criteria: All ages
- Cover: Free
- Location: The Lawn

The Promenade Viewing Party The Antees will be performing in the Promenade from 8 p.m. – Midnight. The area is free to the public and all ages are welcome. Fireworks show will start at 9 p.m.

- Time: 8 p.m. – Midnight
- Criteria: All ages
- Cover: Free
- Location: The Promenade
- Entertainment: The Antees

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SPORTS

Lewis Named to Athlon Sports FCS Preseason All-American Team

BATON ROUGE, LA. – Southern University redshirt junior defensive end and reigning Buck Buchanan Award recipient Jordan Lewis was named to the 2021 Athlon Sports FCS Preseason All-America Team on Tuesday.

Lewis, is one of two Southwestern Athletic Conference student-athletes on the team, along with Florida A&M junior defensive back Markquese Bell. The entire preseason All-America squad is available at <https://athlonsports.com/college-football/athlon-sports-2021-preseason-fcs-all-america-team>.

Jordan, a 6-3, 195-pound junior, from Ocala, Florida, ranked No. 1 in the regular season in tackles for loss (15), tackles for loss per game (3.0), tackle yardage for loss (82), sacks (10.5), sacks per game (2.1) and sack yardage (73). The Southwestern Athletic Conference's defensive player of the year finished with 27 overall tackles (19 solo), posting season highs of 11 tackles, five tackles



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for loss, four sacks and a forced fumble in a victory at Alabama State.

Lewis became the 26th recipient of the Buck Buchanan award, bestowed upon the best defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision and named for the legendary Kansas City Chiefs defensive tackle, who played collegiately at Grambling State. He is the third HBCU player to claim the prestigious award and first for a player from the SWAC. He claimed his fifth All-America selection, as he was announced

a second team All-American by both Associated Press (May 12) and first team Stats Perform (May 10) he was also named FCS ADA Defensive Player of the Year and All-American as well as Athlon Sports All-America teams, he was also named the Southwestern Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year, First Team All-SWAC Defensive team, BOXTOROW HBCU Defensive Player of the Year and All-First Team Defense and Hero Sports FCS All-America Team. This past weekend he picked up the Black College Football Hall

of Fame Mel Blount Defensive Player of the Year award in Atlanta, GA.

Southern opens the 2021 season on Sept. 4 when the Jaguars travel to take on Troy opening weekend.

For complete coverage of Southern University Athletics, please follow the Jaguars on Social Media at @SouthernUsports (Twitter), @SouthernUJaguars (Facebook), @southernusports (Instagram) or visit the official home of Southern University Athletics at www.gojagsports.com.

BREC Partners with Local Hometown Heroes for Youth Basketball Clinic



BATON ROUGE, La – BREC is hosting a unique one-day basketball clinic, Hometown Heroes, on Saturday, July 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at BREC's Sports Academy located at 1002 Laurel St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, for kids entering 5th to 12th grade. Hometown Heroes is sponsored by the Walk-On's Game On Foundation whose mission is to rebuild and refurbish youth sports facilities.

This clinic will feature an amazing lineup of former and current LSU greats who will each mentor the participants.

Lineup includes:

- John Brady – Arkansas State University Men's Basketball Head Coach ('08-16); LSU Men's Basketball Head Coach (1997-2008)
- Howard Carter – LSU Men's Basketball (1980-83)
- Darnell Lazare – Current Player Development Coach for the New Orleans Pelicans; LSU Men's Basketball (2003-07)
- Ethan Martin – LSU Men's Basketball (1977-81)
- Skylar Mays – Current NBA player for the Atlanta Hawks; LSU Men's Basketball (2016-20)
- Stanley Roberts – LSU Men's Basketball (1989-90);

Orlando Magic (1991-92); Los Angeles Clippers (1992-97)

- Collis Temple Jr. – LSU Men's Basketball (1971-74)
- Collis Temple III – LSU Men's Basketball (1998-2003)
- Garret Temple – Current NBA player for the Chicago Bulls; LSU Men's Basketball (2005-09)
- Tyrus Thomas – LSU Men's Basketball (2005-06); Chicago Bulls (2006-10); Charlotte Bobcats (2010-13)
- Nikita Wilson – LSU Men's Basketball (1983-87)
- Stromile Swift – LSU Men's Basketball (1998-2000); Vancouver Grizzlies (2000-10)
- Darrel Mitchell – LSU Men's Basketball (2002-06) and more.

This clinic will teach basketball fundamentals and improve on current skills while also focusing on the importance of being a team player and having the dedication and drive to be a better player throughout their athletic experience.

Registration is \$10 a participant which includes a clinic t-shirt for all participants. For more information or to register visit <https://www.brec.org/index.cfm/event/hometown-heroes-basketball-clinic>.

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If you are qualified, you can register here or by phone at (225)763-4298 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

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