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 -Dr. John E. Warren

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# SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE AND ITS ISSUES OF RACE

Part II



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As mentioned last week, the President of Southwestern College commissioned the University of Southern California's (USC) Race and Equity Center to do an assessment of the racial climate at Southwestern College. Last week we dealt with the racism African American faculty and employees have experienced as a way of life at the institution. We also found that a number of Classified employees have reported that most of their negative interactions on campus were with Latino employees. There was also an observation that Hispanics were most likely, of all groups of people on campus, to feel the strongest sense of belonging and inclusion on campus. This appeared to be the result of Hispanics seemingly expressing a sense of ownership of the college as if others did not belong nor were welcomed there, according to a number of observers.

The report stated that Latino employees saw the College as a "Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI)." However, Latino employees expressed an overwhelming sense that their White co-workers had the most favorable experiences at Southwestern College. They at-

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# STAFF RUN PROSTITUTION RING AT FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

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Newsone is carrying a story this week on the discovery of a prostitution ring at a Historically Black school in rural Georgia. The school mentioned is Fort Valley State University. Warrants have been issued for a former executive assistant to the president of the university as well as six other people, including the university's former general counsel. Alecia Jeanette Johnson operated as the madame of the prostitution ring and is facing six counts of "Pimping in addition to prostitution allegations that she offered or consented to perform a sexual act for money or other items of value," according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

According to the Atlanta Black Star, this was not the first sexual misconduct investigation that Fort Valley State University has found itself at the center of. Last May, the school's Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority adviser was accused of "pimping out" pledges to pay membership fees. Alecia Jeanette Johnson was also named in that investigation.

The school issued a statement which said in part: "We have consistently and aggressively worked with the University System of Georgia and law enforcement to ensure that anyone who allegedly puts our students at risk is investigated thoroughly and expeditiously, and have advocated for the most appropriate standards to be applied."

Student reaction to the warrants and pending arrest varied. One student reportedly said, "I am not big on selling my body at all. I just don't agree with it," according to a local CBS affiliate.

Another student said "Sometimes federal aid doesn't help us get through, sometimes work study doesn't help us get through, you need more money in your pocket and some tend to look at the worst things."

According to the New York Post newspaper, "Prostitution scandals on college campuses are not restricted to historically Black colleges and universities. Professors at the John Jay College

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# BLACK AND BROWN FAMILIES OF VICTIMS UNITE AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY



Courtesy, in part, of San Diego Free Press

Since the 1950s, it is estimated that 897 people have been killed by law enforcement in San Diego. On October 22nd at the City Heights Performance Annex, there was a march against police brutality. The families of nine people killed by police officers lead the march. One of the demands of those marching was the "recall" of Summer Stephan as District Attorney.

The event was summed up in the following statement by one of the protesters: "It is not easy to revisit a trauma as pervasive as the murder of a loved one

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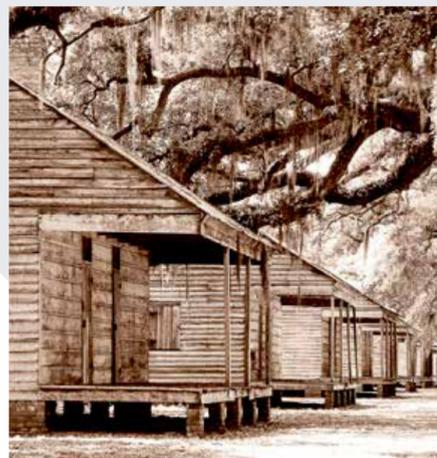
# SLAVERY PART IV: THE ECONOMIC ENGINE OF THE NEW NATION

"Slavery may have ended in 1865, but a slaveholder mentality persisted, shaping the contours of American life for decades to come. This legacy of slavery is very much what African Americans have been fighting against from the moment of emancipation through the present."

By Stacy M. Brown  
 NNPA Newswire Contributor

Once they reached the Americas, enslaved Africans were sold to the highest bidder at slave auctions and, once they had been purchased, slaves worked for nothing on plantations without any rights at all.

Often punished harshly, some slaves committed suicide, according to historians and pregnant women - many impregnated by their white slave masters - preferred abortion.



"And America, too, is a delusion, the grandest one of all. The white race believes - believes with all its heart - that it is their right to take the land. To kill. Make war. Enslave their brothers. This nation shouldn't exist, if there is any justice in the world, for its foundations are murder, theft, and cruelty. Yet here we are."

Colson Whitehead, The Underground Railroad

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# I HAVE A FELONY CONVICTION. CAN I VOTE?

While many states have some restriction on felon voting rights, most states restore the right to vote to people after they complete their sentences. In fact, up to 17 million Americans with past convictions can vote right now - they just don't know it - because the felony disenfranchisement laws in every state can be confusing.



By Ricki Fairley  
 The Cincinnati Herald & The Dayton Defender

Many people wonder, "Can a convicted felon vote?" and assume the laws have restricted their rights. But that's not true. While many states have some restriction on felon vot-

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