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sion of patriotism, they say, is sometimes cloaked in racism.

"By Colin Kaepernick taking a knee for the purpose that he's taking a knee for ... if the president doesn't respect that then he doesn't respect our people at all," said J. Cain, 25, a Black Freemen's Town resident.

After Trump criticized the protests, more than 200 NFL players and some team owners took part in a variety of gestures during the playing of the national anthem before games. Some locked arms while others took a knee or raised fists.

The protests were more muted this past weekend, though Kansas City Chiefs defensive back Marcus Peters sat during the anthem on Monday night. Several University of New Mexico players also knelt during the national anthem last week.

An AP-NORC poll conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 2 found that a majority of Americans think refusing

to stand for the national anthem is disrespectful to the country, the military, and the American flag — and a majority also disapprove of Trump calling for NFL owners to fire players who refuse to stand.

Among African-Americans, however, there was approval for gestures of protest around the anthem. Fifty percent of blacks said refusing to stand for the anthem can be an act of patriotism, compared to 36 percent of whites. And 60 percent of blacks, but just 23 percent of whites, said they would consider not standing for the anthem themselves as a form of protest.

"It doesn't matter if you stand, put your hand on your heart, raise a fist or give the flag the finger," said Jasyn Johnson, 38. "What matters are your actions as a man when no one else is looking."

Johnson said the recent controversies won't influence his public displays of patriotism. At times, he has not stood for the Pledge of Allegiance at his daughter's elementary

school events, while other times he has.

Eugene Gu, 31, a surgical resident at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, posted a picture of himself on social media taking a knee in solidarity with the athletes' protests. He got backlash and supportive responses. Some questioned how he, as an Asian-American, could have become a doctor if America was so racist. Others went as far as telling him to leave the country.

"The response I got is something that a lot of minorities get," said Gu, who is American-born of Chinese and Korean descent.

There have been many examples of diverse patriotic expressions.

Earlier this month, the school board in Las Cruces, New Mexico, announced that the Pledge of Allegiance would be recited in both English and Spanish at all school board meetings since the school district has a number of Spanish-speaking students. Las Cruces is following the lead of New Mexico districts in Albuquerque and Santa Fe,



In this June 29, 2017 photo, Joseph Smith, 32, a U.S. Army veteran, sits outside his home in Houston's Freedmen's Town. Smith says he was not offended by NFL players protesting the national anthem. A silent protest initially started by San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick last year in response to police killings of minorities has become a measure of patriotism and the nation's symbols, drawing heated responses from some including President Donald Trump. (AP Photo/Russell Contreras)

where the pledge has been recited for years in both languages at public meetings.

And last year, a Native American female student at a Lower Lake, California, high school had a grade docked by a teacher when the student refused to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The superintendent said the student's

free speech rights were violated.

People should think about what it means to be patriotic, said Soya Jung, senior partner at ChangeLab, an Oakland, California-based think tank that studies demographic change in the United States.

"I think the question

for everyone, regardless of race, is patriotism in service to who," she said. "Is it just blind acquiescence to the rich and powerful and what they say it is? Or do we, the people, have a say in what patriotism is?"

Associated Press writer Deepti Hajela contributed to this report from New York City.

The Oath: "I, Thurgood Marshall, do solemnly swear..."



For two years previously, he served in another precedent-setting position as U.S. Solicitor General, also by appointment of President Johnson.

Following Senate confirmation to the Supreme Court, Mr. Justice Marshall took the Constitutional oath on Sept. 1.

It was administered by Mr. Justice Black, in the absence of the Chief Justice. Normally the Constitutional oath—swearing to support and defend the Constitution—is taken in private with only the other justices present.

So Monday morning, five minutes after the Supreme Court assembled at 10 a.m. he took the judicial oath, administered by the clerk of the court, John

F. Davis, who first read the Presidential Commission of appointment. Chief Justice Earl Warren presided.

Robed shortly before the oath was administered, Mr. Marshall said in a strong resonant voice:

"I, Thurgood Marshall, do solemnly swear that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and the rich...

"And that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States.

"So help me God."



AUSTIN, TX - AGE of Central Texas will host the free caregiver support seminar "Can Someone Please Tell Me the Difference Between Medicare and Medicaid?" in November. With open enrollment for Medicare running November 1st through December 7th, this timely seminar will be presented by healthcare lawyer **Trelisha Brown** from the Texas Legal Services Center, discussing the specifics of both Medicare and Medicaid coverage, and what will be changing in the new year.

This year's semi-

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Integral Care is currently soliciting proposals through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for Syringe and Medical Waste Disposal Services. RFPs may be sent electronically, by contacting Brody Ballard at brody.ballard@integralcare.org beginning October 13, 2017. The deadline to submit a proposal under the RFP is 4 p.m. CST on November 10, 2017. Historically Underutilized Businesses, including Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Businesses, are encouraged to apply.

AGE of Central Texas Offering Free Caregiver Seminar in Austin and Round Rock

nar will be offered twice — once in Austin and once in Round Rock — and you can select the date below that is most convenience for you:

- Saturday, **November 4th**, from 10:00 am to Noon in Round Rock at the Restoration Covenant Church (475 Round Rock West Drive, Suite 110; Round Rock, TX 78681)

- Saturday, **November 11th**, from 10:00 am to Noon in Austin at the AGE Building (3710 Cedar Street, Austin, TX 78705)

Registration for either caregiver seminar is free, but space is limited. Participants can register by calling (512) 600-9275, or online at www.TinyURL.com/AgeNovember2017. ; A limited amount of free re-

spite care for older family members will also be available during each seminar through AGE's Austin Adult Day Health Center, by RSVP only. To RSVP, please request the service with online registration or call Victoria

Ellenburg at (512) 600-9275 no later than November 1st.

For more information on the programs and resources provided by AGE of Central Texas, visit www.AGEofCentralTX.org or call (512) 451-4611.

52ND ANNUAL DEWITTY OVERTON FREEDOM FUND AWARDS BANQUET

Austin, TX - Austin NAACP President Nelson Linder and the Award committee have officially released the names for the individuals that will be honored at the 52nd Annual DeWitty/Overton Freedom Fund Banquet on **Saturday, December 2, 2017**. The event will begin at 6:00pm and will be held at the Hyatt Regency on Town Lake located at 208 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704. Dr. Mark Washington, Assistant Manager, City of Austin to receive chapter's highest honor.



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