

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”

-Booker T. Washington



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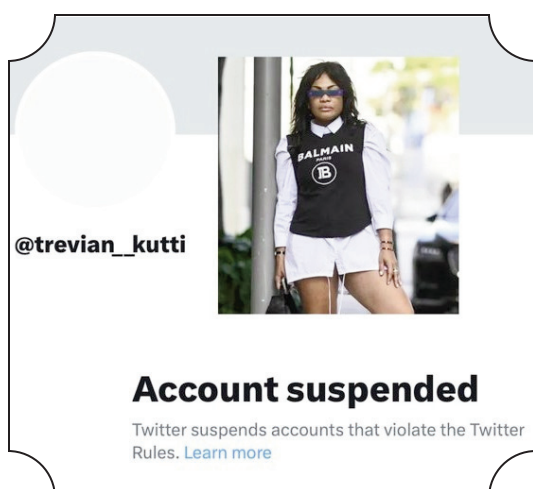
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Two African Americans Indicted with Donald Trump in Georgia

Harrison Floyd and Trevian Kutti are publicists who have turned suspects and stand among Trump's 18 alleged co-conspirators in his attempt to overturn the 2020 presidential election in Georgia.

By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent@StacyBrownMedia



Two prominent African Americans have found themselves in the middle of the unfolding legal drama surrounding former President Donald Trump.

Harrison Floyd and Trevian Kutti are publicists who have turned suspects and stand among Trump's 18 alleged co-conspirators in his attempt to overturn the 2020 presidential election in Georgia.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis has hit both, along with Trump and

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Trump Agrees to \$200K Bond in Georgia Election Interference Case

By Stacy M. Brown NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent@StacyBrownMedia

As part of the expansive Fulton County, Georgia, indictment, attorneys for former President Donald Trump and the District Attorney have reached a \$200,000 bond agreement.

The Atlanta Voice was the first to report Trump's bond agreement.

Additionally, a \$100,000 bond agreement was reached for one of Trump's attorneys, John Eastman, while a \$10,000 deal was afforded Scott Graham Hall, a bail bondsman from the Atlanta area who was allegedly involved in the theft of Dominion

Voting Systems' voting information from Coffee County.

An attorney for lawyer Kenneth Cheseboro also appeared at Willis' office on Monday, Aug. 21.

According to prosecutors, Cheseboro collaborated with Georgia Republicans in the weeks following the November 2020 election at the direction of Trump's campaign.

Cheseboro worked on the coordination

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Dallas ISD Aviation Program cultivates future flyers and leaders

BY MOLLY SCHRADER

Aug. 19 is officially recognized as “National Aviation Day,” and has been since 1939, but for students in Skyline High School's aviation program it's a day that has relevance to the rest of their career. Not only are they learning about turbines

(commonly referred to as jet engines) and reciprocating engines, they're also leaving high school with valuable lessons on discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and ethics. For Omar U., seeing a life-sized jet engine in the Skyline Student

Center was the realization he needed to pursue aviation rather than art, which was his original plan after middle school.

“It opened a door for me to know what I'm going to do in the future because I wasn't sure if I actually wanted to focus strictly

on art so I led astray from that, kept it as a hobby,” Omar said.

As a freshman, Omar had zero knowledge on aircraft mechanics or engines prior to stepping into the program and

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Photo Credit: HUD

Program providing funds to pay utility bills extended through Dec. 29

DALLAS – The State of Texas is providing financial assistance for utility bills to qualified, low-income homeowners and renters through the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The Texas Utility Help program, initially set to close Sept. 30, has been extended to Dec. 29, 2023. Eligible expenses include electricity, gas, propane, water and wastewater fees.

Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) partnered with the State of Texas and Dallas County on the programs administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). Qualified customer accounts may receive payments up to the total amount due to avoid disconnection, to reconnect service or to pay a current or future bill.

The State of Texas launched Texas Utility Help for low-income homeowners and renters to apply for financial assistance for utility bills under these programs. Customers may apply at texasutilityhelp.com or by calling

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Tyler Perry BET Deal Falls Through as Paramount Removes Network From Sales Block

By Stacy M. Brown

Paramount Global has pulled out of a deal to sell BET Media Group to renowned filmmaker Tyler Perry.

According to The Wall Street Journal, Paramount announced that they had ended the bidding process, which would have included

VH1 and BET Studios, streamer BET+ and the BET channel —because “a sale wouldn't result in any meaningful deleveraging of its balance sheet.”

Paramount Global had received bids ranging from approximately \$2 billion to \$3 billion.

Perry's potential ownership would have made BET Black-owned again after 21 years, while VH1, for the first time, would have boasted an African American owner for the first time.

Earlier this year, Perry's

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EDITORIAL PAGE

“A Walk On The Wild Side Gone Bad”

“My Day”

By Dr. J. Ester Davis

What part of the law does some American citizens not understand? Does the law only apply to people of color? Or a better way to present this question ...only apply to citizens with no money to post bail? Turning the coin over ... or the law when administered by a “judge-o-color” is standard. (NOTE: not a type o). Why is there always a question about the rules when there is a millionaire, a wanna be in a designer suit, up front and center and the judge is a person of color? The law has no color. The law is blind until proven innocent. How often do we recite that? How often do we ignore it?

A lot of questions and quite frankly...a lot of answers.

Talk of the town all over America is the appropriate justice being attentively ‘viewed by Americans’ that cannot send emails to judges dictating appeal and reorganizing dockets. Still a sad day for America. It is

essentially a ‘sad day for America’ because the picture perfect situation is that we have a set of “fellows” that profoundly think they are above the law.

This week I did a bit of ‘man-on-the-street’ and you know what our weather was this week...to-wit: 104-to-106 degrees per day with a high of 109 one day. Adjacent to Luby’s Cafeteria on Hwy 67 at Hampton Street is a script of small businesses with a loyal clientele. In the Shoe Shop was a comment about “Racketeering”, last week’s article and comments about “Godfather Part II”, the 1974 movie. Exiting the shoe repair to the Barber Shop, I was met with a comment that gave me the title for this week’s article. The whole sentence was “that Trump thing is a walk on the wild side and it is bad”. I had to pick up some postcards for the South Dallas Choir rehearsal at the Print Shop, which was next door. There is always a line

in there. If the noted polling places would poll more Americans in all locales/zip codes they would know that more astute Americans are especially well versed on the true indictments about the former President and his men. Surprisingly, a lady that retired from the YMCA cited a clear and exact accounting of the indictments in order.

Not surprising is the likeness to mob movies and the fact that America and its voting public is much better than this. We believe in America!!! The man-on-the-street compares the ‘breaking news’ of today to their favorite and most memorable movies as far back as “Touchez Pas au Grisbi” (1954), a French mob movie. Then there is “Once Upon a Time in America” (1984), and of course “The Godfather” all parts of it. Speaking of ‘fellows’, the “Goodfellas” (1990) movie blockbuster is certain to have a sequel.

Back to reality, when



By Dr. J. Ester Davis

the dust settles, the one thing most important action is the vote. “We the people” can vote and in all fairness put this entire movement way behind us and live happily ever-after in America.

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Representative Yvonne Davis to host Legislative Town Hall Meeting

State Representative Yvonne Davis will hold a Legislative Town Hall Meeting for constituents of District 111 to provide an overview of the recent 88th Legislative Session and Special Sessions of the Texas House of Representatives as well as other community concerns.

The Legislative Town Hall meeting will be held at the following location and date:

Methodist Charlton Medical Center - (Auditorium)
3500 W. Wheatland Road
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Saturday, August 26, 2023
10:00AM - 12:00PM

*Parking is available in parking Lot A or the garage.

For more information contact Representative Davis's District office at (214) 941-3895.

Intimidation And Threats of Harm Are Used By Some Trump Supporters

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.



James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.

May the best man win is an expression that most of us have heard over our lifetime. Now we say may the best person win which acknowledges the power, stature and status of women.

The best person wins moniker suggests that the person has a set of credentials and experiences that are exemplary. It makes them stand out among a field of other candidates. There are also some personal characteristics that the best person should have. They include honesty, integrity and fairness.

These are just a few of those traits that make us as voters have confidence in them. That is the barometer that we use before we cast our ballot.

The Republican Party has

a crowded field of candidates who are vying to be their party’s choice as the presidential nominee. Donald Trump is one of them. He is the current frontrunner by a large margin.

Some polls have him closing in on 60% of the people saying that he is their guy. However not everyone is all in for the former president.

Republican Senator, Bill Cassidy from Louisiana believes that he should step aside. Senator Cassidy said, “Former President Donald Trump should bow out of the 2024 presidential race.”

Many Republicans behind closed doors simply think that having four indictments hurt his chances to be elected in a general election. Former governor of New Jersey, Chris Christie also thinks that Mr. Trump can’t win in 2024.

The four indictments have created an integrity battle that he just can’t overcome. His behavior has gotten him into a cesspool of lies, mis-statements and wrongdoing.

Meanwhile, his supporters remain steadfast and unshaken as they remain loyal to him. Their level of support has gone beyond the boundaries of civility and decency.

These are my opinions.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan was threatened by a woman living in Texas. Reports say the woman left a voicemail to her saying, “If Trump doesn’t get elected in 2024, we are coming to kill you.”

Prosecutors allege Abigail Jo Shry of Alvin Texas has been identified as the individual who left the message. She is still in jail according to authorities.

Making threats against public officials will not go unnoticed. Unfortunately, Ms. Shry’s life has been forever tarnished. The history books will link her forever to Donald Trump and others who wanted to ignore the rule of law. Maybe somewhere along the way, she will realize that Mr. Trump isn’t coming to her defense.

Last week, Fulton County District Attorney, Fani Willis gave Mr. Trump a blow to his already sinking like quicksand reputation. He along with 18 others have been indicted over their efforts to overturn the 2020 election results in the state of Georgia.

Days after his latest indictment, threats to District Attorney Willis and

the grand jurors came to light. Reports say that Trump supporters are behind them.

Have we gotten to a point in our country where if you don’t like a judge or a ruling that you want to physically harm them? America, what is happening to us?

It is my opinion that some Trump supporters are just wanna be intimidators. They want to ignore long-established rules and try to establish another way of doing business.

Are all Trump supporters’ lawbreakers? No, they are not. However, the problem is that incidents like January 6th cast a cloud of embarrassment and shame on their efforts.

When you break the law, there are consequences to your actions. Penalties, fines and imprisonments will follow you. You can run, but your running will be in vain.

Trump loyalists have decided that everything and anything that doesn’t align with him is wrong. That’s wayward and dangerous thinking. You need to wake up before it’s too late because right now you are in a daily nightmare.

RELIGIOUS/NEWS

THE SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS OF THE SAINTS EPHESIANS 1:1-14



By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

In this portion of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Paul discusses the marvelous spiritual wealth we possess in Jesus Christ (chapters 1-3). This grand epistle may be outlined as follows: I. The Salutation of Paul – Ephesians 1:1-2; II. The Spiritual Blessings of the Father – Ephesians 1:3-6; III. The Spiritual Blessings of the Son – Ephesians 1:7-12; IV. The Spiritual Blessings of the Holy Spirit – Ephesians 1:13-14.

I. The Salutation of Paul – Ephesians 1:1-2

Paul began his grand letter to the Ephesians stating that he was an affirmed apostle of Jesus Christ. Once an avid persecutor of

the Christians, he became a commissioned messenger of Christ because God had changed his life completely. After his divine transformation Paul was called by God to be the bearer of the gospel to the world. One of the places Paul carried the gospel was Ephesus. Paul planted and established the church at Ephesus, investing three years of his life in ministry there (Acts 20:31).

Paul wrote to people in Ephesus who were indeed saved and made holy by God's gracious work. In addition, they were faithful in their commitment to Christ, living rooted lives in the Lord (v. 1). The salutation used in verse 2 was

indeed noteworthy. Paul used the word "grace" to stress God's undeserved kindness toward humans. He used the word "peace" to denote not only the absence of hostility but also the presence of goodwill. True grace and peace come from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (v. 2).

II. The Spiritual Blessings of the Father – Ephesians 1:3-6

Verses 3-14 constitute one long involved sentence in the original Greek. Paul begins verse 3 with a grand benediction, praising the Lord for His benevolent kindness. Paul blessed "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for His great

and infinite grace. Every believer has been generously blessed with spiritual blessings! In God's plan, these spiritual blessings were no afterthought!

In verse 4, before the beginning of time, God chose us in Christ to be the recipients of His grace. God has chosen us in Christ to be holy and without blame before Him. His choice of us includes both the initial event of conversion and the ongoing process of sanctification. Another great blessing of God's grace was that God "predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself" (v. 5). The word adoption means "the placing as sons."

In Christ, we have been brought into the family of God! When God chose us (undeserved sinners), He did it because it brought Him pleasure.

In verses 6, 12, 14, Paul disclosed that God had worked graciously in such a way that His glory or essential nature would be praised! We are truly blessed as believers because by God's grace, we have been made acceptable to God by virtue of being in Christ.

III. The Spiritual Blessings of the Son – Ephesians 1:7-12

Having discussed the spiritual blessings we received from the Father, Paul will now discuss the

Spiritual Blessings we have received from the Son (vv. 7-12). Paul continued to praise God's goodness for the numerous blessings God provided to us through Christ. In Christ, we have been blessed with redemption. We have been redeemed through the blood of Christ. We have been redeemed because a great price was paid by God to release us from spiritual slavery to sin. By being fully forgiven of sins, God has opened the way for undeserved people (us) to have a relationship with Him!

May God Bless!

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others, with serious racketeering charges.

Floyd led a Trump-founded group to bolster 2020 voter turnout for the MAGA Republican, while Kutti is a celebrity stylist and publicist best known for previously working with Kanye West.

Floyd, also known as Willie Floyd, was the executive director of Black Voices for Trump and emerged as a key player in Trump's 2020 campaign. According to Newsweek, Floyd's role extended to the Trump campaign staff.

The charges against Floyd include violating the Georgia Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act, conspiracy to solicit the dissemination of false statements and writings and attempts to influence witnesses.

Floyd's LinkedIn profile reflects a career spanning over 15 years, encompassing operations, crisis management, government affairs, and political campaigns.

His experience stems from engagements on Capitol Hill, presidential

campaigns, and collaboration with the Marines.

Kutti, a seasoned publicist with Chicago roots, faces allegations of traveling to Atlanta to influence the testimony of Fulton County election worker Ruby Freeman before the Georgia grand jury regarding allegations of election fraud.

The indictment asserts that Floyd engaged pastor Stephen Lee to orchestrate a meeting with Freeman and Kutti, ultimately pressuring Freeman's testimony.

The charges against Floyd, Kutti, and Lee span "conspiracy to commit solicitation of false statements and writings" and "influencing witnesses."

Trump now faces 91 felony charges that could result in the demagogue and GOP presidential front-runner serving more than 800 years in prison after being four times indicted, twice impeached, and already found guilty of sexual assault by a civil jury.

Like Trump, Floyd, and Kutti have until noon on Aug. 25 to turn themselves into Fulton County Jail for processing.

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Six Decades after King's Historic Speech, Report Shows Black Economic Equality is 'Still a Dream'

By Stacy M. Brown



Sixty years after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, a groundbreaking new report has laid bare the stark truth of ongoing black economic inequality in the United States.

Titled "STILL A DREAM: Over 500 Years to Black Economic Equality," the report, co-authored by prominent experts Dedrick Asante-Muhammad, Chuck Collins, Omar Ocampo, and Sally Sim, and published by the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) and National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC), underscores the enduring disparities faced by Black Americans and highlights the pressing need for concerted action

to address these disparities.

"Sixty years ago, Dr. King observed that America has defaulted on this promissory note to Black citizens," stated Chuck Collins, an IPS senior scholar who directs the Program on Inequality and the Common Good in Washington, DC.

"Six decades later, despite incremental progress on some fronts, the check of opportunity has still come back with insufficient funds."

Dedrick Asante-Muhammad, Chief of Race, Wealth, and Community for NCRC, lamented, "It is deeply troubling that, sixty years after the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, Black economic equality remains nothing more than a dream for most Black Americans."

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admits to feeling overwhelmed with the coursework. Now, he feels the Aviation Maintenance Technicians (AMT) courses come easier to him and doesn't anticipate experiencing turbulence throughout the remainder of his final year at Skyline.

Evolving from a timid person to a more talkative person is something Omar credits the program with helping him foster interpersonal communication. "At first, it was challenging because I didn't know anybody. It was a brand new school, but I wanted to try to achieve something more in life. I think the hard part for me was trying to make friends," he said.

His involvement in the program is propelling him towards his aspiration of joining the military and applying his aviation expertise in the Navy or Air Force. "The instructors are really helpful when it comes to learning about the aircraft industry. I really want to go to the military," he said.

Six-year aviation program instructor, Erik Thomas says most of his students become aircraft mechanics while others choose to be pilots, engineers, or serve in the military. "We have an ethos about the program that I prepare them for: a life, a career. So I take it beyond aviation. It's kind of like how to be an adult, be responsible. It's about training your mind to think," Mr. Thomas said.

The coursework prepares students to think critically

through problems and diagnose them like a doctor would for a patient. "You have literal hundreds of people riding on your work. If you make one wrong mistake, that could actually be the end of many people's lives and that gets impressed upon them, especially in ninth grade. They go through something [a class] called 'Human Factors' and it's basically ethics and what causes people to make grave mistakes," he said.

Aside from ethics, the students also learn about aircraft handling, towing (when an aircraft is pulled by a tug with the engine off) and taxiing (movement caused by the aircraft's own power) an aircraft, as well as marshalling in which a ground handler directs the aircraft. The program is a fast track for students so they can begin their careers at a young age and earn at least six figures.

"By the time they're late teens, early 20s, they're already working for American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, L3 Technologies, or Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth," he said. "This place [Skyline High School] is unbelievably rich in aviation. The network is just so massive that you're going to get a job, it's going to be high paying. If you like what you're doing, you're going to be happy. You're kind of set for life."

To learn more about Skyline's aviation program, visit dallasisd.org/Page/2685.

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Although meal prep takes time and dedication ahead of a busy week, it helps you stay organized, prepared and full of healthful energy. Creating a healthy habit of preparing homemade foods for your children is the perfect game plan for a parent and will set your youngsters on a path of healthy habits as they grow into adults.

Melissa Mendez, Registered Dietitian at Parkland, recommends using the U.S. Department of Agriculture's MyPlate program which helps you understand what and how much you can eat within your calorie allowance. These options depend on age, sex, height and physical activity. Consider these portions so that they provide the necessary nutrients and fuel to support your diet for a balanced meal:

- One to two cups of fruits
- One to three cups of vegetables
- Four to 10 ounces of grains
- Three to seven-ounce equivalent of proteins
- Three cups of dairy

Mendez also recommends the following these tips when doing meal prep:

- Make meal prep plans and preparation during the weekend (perhaps, while watching the FIFA Women's World Cup this month with your family and friends)!
- Make sure to carve out 1-2 hours of the day to sit down to think of ideas and to create a grocery list.
- You can look at what you currently have in the pantry and think of fun and creative ideas using only those items.
- Include the family; ask the kids what they would like in the next week.
- Have children help in the process:
 - They can show creativity by offering ideas.
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 - The older children can help by cutting the fruits and vegetables or stirring the food while cooking.
 - Always supervise children in the kitchen.

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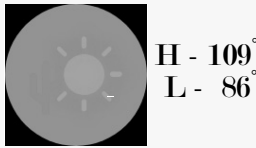
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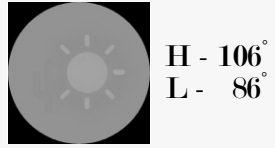
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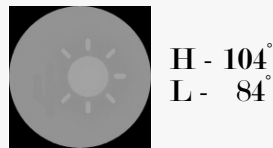
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Sha'Carrie Richardson Completes Comeback with 100-Meter Victory at World Championships

The flamboyant sprinter won the world championships during an electric 100-meter race in Hungary on Monday, Aug. 21.

By Stacy M. Brown

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Likely erasing all doubt about her commitment and ability, Sha'Carrie Richardson exploded on the outside lane 9 and overcame an early deficit to complete one of the most amazing comebacks in sports.

The flamboyant sprinter won the world championships during an electric

100-meter race in Hungary on Monday, Aug. 21.

The 23-year-old blazed through 100 meters at a career-best 10.65 seconds at the 2023 World Athletic Championships.

She defeated a field that included star Jamaican sprinters Shericka Jackson and Shelly-Ann Fraser-

Pryce, who finished second and third, respectively.

The Associated Press noted that the race featured four of the eight fastest runners of all time, including Marie-Josée Ta Lou, who finished fourth.

Richardson, an underdog coming in, became the American since Tori Bowie

in 2017, to win the women's 100-meter world championship.

The victory was as satisfying as any athlete could experience, as it comes two years after officials booted Richardson from the Tokyo Olympics for testing positive for marijuana.

Immediately after crossing the finish line, Richardson reportedly blew a kiss toward the sky, "cast her eyes on that beautiful scoreboard, and walked toward the stands in a daze to accept the American flag and congratulations from Fraser-Pryce, Dina Asher-Smith of Britain and others."

"My goal this year is to do what I should have done in these last two years already," Richardson said before the race.

Immediately after winning, Richardson dropped an exclamation point.

"I'm here, I told y'all," she declared. "I'm not back, I'm better."

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longtime friend Rolanda Watts, proclaimed that he cemented his place in history by acquiring the two major television networks, making him the first African American to do so.

However, others including Roland Martin said the story wasn't true, that a deal had not been reached.

The renowned actor and filmmaker previously expressed optimism about purchasing BET, stating his keen interest if it were a possibility.

Perry, who had already enjoyed tremendous success in collaboration with BET, partnering with his Tyler Perry Studios banner to create the popular streaming service BET+, was no stranger to the network.

He acknowledged the unexpected nature of the potential acquisition, stating, "I've been there for four years now and had tremendous success... If that is possible, I'm very, very interested in taking as much of it as I can."

The exact financial details of the deal have not been disclosed, but experts on this sort of transaction

have placed a significant value on the acquisition of the two networks.

Since its launch, the BET+ streaming service has experienced remarkable success.

In 2021 alone, BET+ was responsible for half of the subscribers and nearly all revenue growth for the channel.

The platform features a wide range of original films and series from the extensive BET program library, captivating audiences with diverse and engaging content.

The acquisition of BET and VH1 would have marked a significant milestone in the representation and ownership of the entertainment industry.

Perry's success as an African American entrepreneur and his commitment to showcasing diverse stories and voices have paved the way for increased opportunities and inclusivity in the media landscape.

The Madea star currently owns a minority stake in BET and also produces a large portion of the programming available on BET and BET+

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and execution of a plan to have 16 Georgia Republicans sign a certificate fraudulently declaring that Trump won and identifying themselves as the state's "duly elected and qualified" electors.

The cases have been assigned to Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee, who signed both bond agreements.

According to AtlantaNewsFirst.com, the agreement between Eastman and the court includes a \$20,000 bond for the sole RICO charge he faces.

Eastman, a former dean of the law school at Chapman University in Southern California, allegedly was intimately involved in some of Trump's endeavors to retain power after the 2020 election.

He argued in a memo that the twice-impeached and now four-times indicted Trump could

remain in office if, during a joint session of Congress during which electoral votes would be tabulated, Vice President Mike Pence overturned the election results.

The plan allegedly included installing a slate of "alternate" electors in seven swing states, including Georgia, who would fraudulently certify that Trump won their states.

Trump, whom a civil jury earlier this year found responsible for sexual assault, and 18 others were charged with 41 counts related to efforts to overturn the 2020 election in Georgia.

The former president has now been charged with 91 felony counts across four indictments in three states. If convicted on all charges, he faces more than 800 years in prison.

Trump and the others named in the indictment have until this Friday at noon to surrender.

Quinn Minute

Are people more outspoken today?

By Rix Quinn

Not long ago I saw a survey that said people are more outspoken than they used to be.

So last month -- accompanied by a recorder, my friend George and his dog Gopher -- we conducted our very own poll.

Completely at Random (Random is a street near our house), we asked ten people "Are folks more outspoken today than they were ten years ago?"

Here's what they said:

One little boy answered: "How should I know? I'm only eight."

A man in a funny hat said, "Absolutely...and so are the residents of my planet."

One lady told me I would look better if I trimmed my eyebrows. I had trimmed them that morning.

Two guys asked me where I worked, and if there was an opening.

One woman tried to buy the dog, but changed her mind when George wouldn't take a credit card.

A young couple locked in passionate embrace didn't hear our question. Nor did they hear the policeman who ordered them to "turn down the heat."

And one guy asked the dog's name. When we told him Gopher, he said "Stupid name for a dog."

We concluded with a phone survey. Again at

Random -- where I get a good cell signal -- I called ten numbers. Four said "yes," five hung up on me, and one psychic boldly predicted our survey would fail.

Is that rude, or what?

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Democratic Lawmakers Introduce Legislation to Raise Minimum Wage

By Stacy M. Brown

U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA), the ranking member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), the chair of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, have introduced the Raise the Wage Act of 2023.

The legislation would gradually increase the minimum wage to \$17 an hour by 2028.

Scott and Sanders said it would provide about 28 million Americans with a long-overdue raise.

“No person working full-time in America should be living in poverty,” Scott stated.

“Raising the minimum wage is good for workers, good for business, and good for the economy. When we put money in the pockets of American workers, they will spend that money in their communities.”

Republican members of Congress have repeatedly stifled efforts to raise the minimum wage, with many claiming it would harm businesses, even causing some to close.

“The \$7.25 an hour federal minimum wage is a starvation wage. It must be raised to a living wage—at least \$17 an hour,” Sanders insist-

ed.

“In the year 2023, a job should lift you out of poverty, not keep you in it. At a time of massive income and wealth inequality and record-breaking corporate profits, we can no longer tolerate millions of workers being unable to feed their families because they are working for totally inadequate wages.”

Sanders continued:

“Congress can no longer ignore the needs of the working class of this country. The time to act is now.”

The Democrats and the legislation’s 146 co-sponsors said that after more than a decade with no increase in the federal minimum wage—the most prolonged period in U.S. history—millions of workers are working full-time jobs but are still struggling to make ends meet.

They noted that one in eight workers in the United States earns wages that leave them in poverty, even when working full-time and year-round.

“And there is now no place in America where a full-time worker making the federal minimum wage can afford to cover the rent for a modest two-bedroom apartment,” Scott asserted.

“The Raise the Wage Act is good for workers, businesses, and the economy,”

he continued.

“When we put money in workers’ pockets, they will spend that money at local businesses. The Raise the Wage Act will ensure that everyone can share in a stronger economy.”

The lawmakers noted that the Raise the Wage Act of 2023 would:

- Gradually raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$17 by 2028;

- Index future increases in the federal minimum wage to median wage growth to ensure the value of minimum wage does not once again erode over time;

- Guarantee that tipped workers are paid at least the full federal minimum wage by phasing out the subminimum wage for tipped workers, which will ensure decent, consistent pay without eliminating tips;

- Guarantee that teen workers are paid at least the full federal minimum wage by phasing out the rarely used subminimum wage for youth workers; and

- End subminimum wage certificates for workers with disabilities to provide opportunities for workers with disabilities to be competitively employed and participate more fully in their communities.

Strip’ to big screen: Raunchy comedy premieres in theatres now nationwide

By Kenneth Miller, Publisher, Inglewood Today

As the picket lines for actors and writers continue to grow, crippling an industry that booms during this time of year, a rare collaboration of a growing Black entertainment company and Black distribution company is the inspiration behind the release of “Back on the Strip,” a raunchy star-studded comedy that hits select theatres nationwide on Aug. 18.

The directional film debut of Los Angeles native Chris Spencer (writer of Don’t Be a Menace in South Central) “Back on the Strip” stars Spence Moore II, Wesley Snipes, Tiffany Haddish, Kevin Hart and J.B. Smoove among others in a hilarious fiction of a Black male stripper crew’s revival.

The plot steams when Merlin (Spence II) loses the woman of his dreams, then moves to Las Vegas to pursue work as a magician, only to get hired as the front man in a revival of the notorious Black male stripper crew, the Chocolate Chips. Led by Luther (Snipes) — now broke and broken — the old, domesticated, out-of-shape Chips put aside former conflicts and reunite

BACK ON THE STRIP



“Back on the Strip,” is a raunchy star-studded comedy that hits select theatres nationwide on Aug. 18.

to save the hotel they used to perform in while helping Merlin win back his girl.

The film is backed by 5120 Entertainment, a Black owned Los Angeles-based production company that specializes in film, television, and live events.

Founded by Eugene Parker, the company vows to change the production culture, granting more opportunities to people of color. Providing high-quality content and supporting diverse talent coins the company as a valuable player in the live entertainment space having just produced

the Fall Back in Love Comedy Tour. The inclusion in the culture of entertainment production and distribution, 5120 is currently building exceptional partnerships and content to empower creators and viewers on all platforms.

It is their first collaboration with GVN Releasing, owned by Geno Taylor, a fast-growing distribution company, providing movies at a high level in the film industry for domestic and international audiences across traditional, digital media, theatrical, television and emerging platforms.

GVN offers quality entertainment and multicultural narratives from emerging & established filmmakers with global commercial market appeal through GVN Releasing.

There is a lot of things you will find in Hollywood, but a film directed, produced and released by Blacks is not a frequent occurrence.

Perhaps, 5120 Entertainment and GVN Releasing could become the start of a revolutionary trend in an industry that does not favor people of color in power positions.

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