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This photo combo shows, from left, Travis McMichael, William "Roddie" Bryan, and Gregory McMichael during their trial at the Glynn County Courthouse in Brunswick, Ga. The three men are serving life sentences for the murder of the 25-year-old Black man. (Pool, File)



FILE - This May 17, 2020, file photo, shows a mural depicting Ahmaud Arbery in Brunswick, Ga. Travis McMichael, the man convicted of murder for shooting Ahmaud Arbery is withdrawing his guilty plea on a federal hate crime charge. McMichael announced his decision Friday, Feb. 4, 2022. (AP Photo/Sarah Blake Morgan, File)



FILE - Ahmaud Arbery's mother Wanda Cooper-Jones, center, is surrounded by supporters after Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley sentenced Greg McMichael, his son, Travis McMichael, and a neighbor, William "Roddie" Bryan to life in prison in the Glynn County Courthouse, Friday, Jan. 7, 2022, in Brunswick, Ga. (AP Photo/Stephen B. Morton, File)

Arbery killers convicted of federal hate crimes in his death

By RUSS BYNUM

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP) — The three white men convicted of murder in Ahmaud Arbery's shooting were found guilty of federal hate crimes Tuesday in a verdict that affirmed what family members and civil rights activists said all along: that he was chased down and killed because he was Black.

The verdict — handed down one day before the second anniversary of Arbery's death on Feb. 23, 2020 — was symbolic, coming just months after all three defendants were convicted of murder in a Georgia state court and sentenced to life in prison.

But family and community members viewed the hate crimes trial as an important statement. The case also became part of a larger national reckoning on

racial injustice after graphic video of Arbery's killing leaked online.

"Ahmaud will continue to rest in peace. But he will now begin to rest in power," Arbery's mother, Wanda Cooper-Jones, told reporters outside the courthouse.

Arbery's father, Marcus Arbery Sr., bowed his head and shook his fists in quiet celebration as the guilty verdicts were read in the courtroom. He then pressed his hands together in front of his face as if saying a silent prayer.

Arbery Sr. and Cooper-Jones emerged from the courthouse holding hands with their attorney Ben Crump, then raised their clasped hands to cheers from supporters.

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The family and attorneys of Ahmaud Arbery raise their arms in victory outside the federal courthouse in Brunswick, Ga., after all three men involved in his killing were found guilty of hate crimes, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022. Greg McMichael, Travis McMichael and William "Roddie" Bryan were found guilty of violating Arbery's civil rights and targeting him because he was Black. (AP Photo/Lewis M. Levine)

Mayor Johnson's statement on the hiring of the city's first-ever Inspector General

DALLAS — Mayor Eric Johnson on Tuesday released the following statement on the hiring of Bart Bevers as the city's first-ever Inspector General:

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"I want to congratulate

Bart Bevers on his appointment to this crucial new position and thank all the candidates who applied and interviewed for this job. Mr. Bevers, who has notable experience as an inspector general at the state level, has two mighty tasks ahead of him: setting up the office that will monitor, investigate, and prosecute potential ethics violations in Dallas city government and setting the tone for all the Dallas inspectors general who will follow him. I wish him well and pray for his success.

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OP-ED: Attacking the Right to Vote Has Been Going on for Years So Too Must Our Advocacy to Preserve Democracy

By Nse Ufot, executive director of the New Georgia Project

Across the country, we are witnessing the continued trend of Republican leaders passing measures that make it harder for Black and poor people to vote. In Georgia's Spaulding County, two Republican officials created a new law that only applies to the county to elect a fifth member of the Spaulding County Board of Elections. Upon the law's passage, the legislators privately interviewed candidates, selected a Republican to fill the new vacancy and then the newly

constituted group ended Sunday voting, which Black voters disproportionately use.

In today's environment, too many thought leaders are making conversations about voting rights academic, but the motivation for restricting voting is simple. Republicans want to hold onto power. They want control at every level of government, from school boards to prosecutor and district

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

WHY BLACK HISTORY?

By James W. Breedlove

Since 1926 February has been associated with the celebration of Black History. The initiative for this celebration was spearheaded by noted black historian Carter G. Woodson. But the question possibly arises in the minds of some--why Black history? Isn't history the past? Why bother with it? We certainly can't change it.

That may be true, but let's pause to examine the value of Black History because there are those who still believe that Blacks have no history worth considering. A noted Oxford University scholar stated, "Perhaps in the future there will be some African history to teach. But at the present there is none. There is only darkness...and darkness is not the subject of history".

We must, therefore, seek out our history because buried therein is a glorious heritage encompassing every aspect of human existence. It is a snapshot of the best and the worst of mankind. It contains the magnificence of the richest civilizations the world has ever known. Black history embraces Cleopatra--the queen of Egypt. It will tell of Pythagoras--the mathematical genius. It will reveal heroes such as Hannibal, Tubman, Drew, Turner, Dubois, Garvey, Malcolm X, King, Bethune and many others. We must study for ourselves and be aware of black men and women who were rulers, warriors, physicians, astronomers, artists, philosophers, and educators that made history.

astronomers, artists, philosophers, and educators that made history.

Black history also reveals a significant inkblot called American slavery. Hundreds of years have not dimmed the memories of atrocities inflicted on our ancestors as they were reduced to human chattel by force of law. You will see Plessey defining a separate but not equal society. You will see the despicable Tuskegee experiment perpetrated on innocent blacks under the disguise of medical hope.

But as we look back through the chronicles of slavery, oppression, and deception we should not wallow in self-pity or fabricate shallow excuses for today's disparities. We should take inspiration from the valiant success story of black survival in the face of overwhelming odds. It is a blood soaked past, the odyssey of a great people who have had horrific crimes committed against it. But we cannot take inspiration from something that we do not know.

Carter G. Woodson argued, if education is ever to be substantive and meaningful within the context of world history, it must first address the African's historical experiences, both in Africa and the Diaspora. In fact, a positive identity or enhanced self-concept is critical for the academic, social, and personal success of Blacks everywhere. And this vacuum makes Black

history even more important.

Black History also makes us aware of the cycles America has gone through in the continuing struggle with its conscience. At times it moved toward reconciliation and justice, but at other times it seems to be saying to black people, "Thus far, and no further."

But Black History in America is more than the saga of black people; it is the true story of America stripped of myth and legend, a story in which the cruelty and violence that has undermined and divided our society stands bared to the world.

"No nation, no race," observed Dr. Charles Finch of the Morehouse School of Medicine "can face the future unless it knows the extremes it is capable of.

Maya Angelou said, "If you know something about your past, you can stand a little more erect, you can face the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune."

Black people helped build America. Their blood, sweat and tears turned a virgin land into an industrial powerhouse. Black inventors, artisans, explorers, statesmen, and entrepreneurs made vital contributions to America in all fields of endeavor. But the task is not finished. And today we must accept the challenge to add to that noble history.

African Americans stand tall. Discover your family history and find out who you are. Let us study this history with the understanding that



James W. Breedlove

we are not, as white supremacy infers, an inferior people. We are going to use that beautiful black history to inspire us to greater achievements and greater independence. It is going to be the basis for proudly telling our story to the outside world.

"If a race has no history," Woodson wrote, "it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated."

Black history shows us it has been done. Our Black heritage says we can do it again. Our future and the future of generations to come demands that we take up the challenge, to not only lift up our generation, but to pass on a flaming torch that inspires future generations of Blacks to climb higher, ever higher.

Why Black History, you ask? My answer -- because it is OUR HISTORY.

James W. Breedlove
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Landlords finding ways to evict after getting rental aid

The National Low Income Housing Coalition found only 29 states and localities in 2021 had adopted policies that prohibit landlords who participate in the rental assistance program from evicting tenants for a period ranging from 30 days to 12 months. Six states — Arizona, Kentucky, Louisiana, New York, North Carolina and West Virginia — passed regulations while several cities or counties in Texas and Maryland did.

Gene Sperling, who is charged with overseeing implementation of President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion coronavirus rescue package, said there was no data to suggest land-



Prince Beatty takes a seat on a broken speaker outside on the front porch of his home in East Point, Ga. (AP Photo/Hakim Wright Sr.)

lords evicting tenants after getting assistance is a "pervasive issue" but that it was "completely unacceptable."

While it's "not against the letter of the act, it's against the spirit of it," he said.

The Coalition also said the program's issues illustrate a larger problem.

"We are in the middle

of a severe affordable housing crisis with gaping holes in our social safety net," CEO Diane Yentel said. "We have a systemic power imbalance that favors landlords at the expense of low-income tenants. Emergency rental assistance and eviction moratoriums were a temporary patch to those holes."

**"Not voting is not a protest.
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- Keith Ellison -

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"THE SELECTION OF SERVANT LEADERS"

ACTS 6:1-7

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

We have come to another exciting study in the book of Acts, namely, the choosing or selection of the seven servant leaders. In chapter 5, we discussed that there was defection in the church due to the lying of Ananias and Sapphira with regard to how much they had received in selling their property (Acts 5:1-11). The early church was certainly a power church, but it also had its problems. One of Satan's classic stratagem designed to disrupt the church is division. The other stratagem employed by Satan to disrupt the church is persecution.

The early church did not begin as an organization, but as an organism. The organizational aspect of the church arose because of a need to direct the ministry of the body in a more effective manner. The church is both an organism, as well as an organization. The church had been faithful in proclaiming the gospel and the church was growing; however, a problem arose, for verse 1 says: "When the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews. The murmuring began on the part

of the Greek-speaking Jews that were against the Aramaic-speaking Jews because the Greek-speaking Jews' widows felt that they were being neglected in the daily ministrations. Faced with this serious problem in verse 1, the apostles knew that their priority was the ministering of God's word (v. 2). Hearing of the issue, the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them and said, "It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables." It is a wonderful ministry of serving tables, but the apostles

were saying that their God-ordained priority was ministering the word of God! In addressing this problem, seven servant leaders were selected. These men are commonly called deacons, but they were more than deacons because two of these men became powerful witnesses for Christ. In verse 3, the qualifications for the selection of these servant leaders were: (1) they were males; (2) they should be believers; (3) they were men of honest report; (4) they were men full of the Holy Spirit; (5) men who were wise in making good judgment and decisions. Notice that the church recommended the seven men, but the apostles approved of the seven men, for the text says: "Whom we may appoint over this business." In addressing this need, the apostles were adamant in their assertion that their priority of studying

God's word and prayer. The names of the seven servant leaders are given in verse 5. Of the seven men chosen, two of them, Stephen and Phillip, will become powerful witnesses for Christ. After the church had chosen the seven, the apostles "prayed for them and laid their hands on them" (v. 6). In verse 7, there was an increase in the word of God. In this age we need more servant leaders who are interested in God's word being increased. As servant leaders, we have a great charge to serve this present age -

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
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PRESS ROOM: Gravitas Ventures Acquires Documentary, “Twenty Pearls: The Story of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.”

(CHICAGO) — Gravitas Ventures has acquired the U.S. and Canadian distribution rights for “Twenty Pearls: The Story of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,” an intimate documentary film introducing the storied history of Alpha Kappa Alpha, America’s first sorority for Black college women. Narrated by Phylicia Rashad and written and directed by Deborah Riley Draper, Twenty Pearls tells the story of a powerful sisterhood created in 1908 that has influenced significant watershed moments in history, including World War II, NASA, Civil Rights, Voting Rights, Women’s Rights, HBCUs, and Public Health.

With a multi-platform launch date of February 22, 2022, Twenty Pearls will be available on Prime Video, iTunes, YouTube, Google Play, and Vudu, to name a few. Retailers like Amazon will carry DVDs

for sale and the film will be available in libraries as far as Canada. Initially released on Comcast’s Black Experience channel in March 2021, the acquisition by Gravitas and launch during Black History Month is timely in presenting this documentary to broader North American and worldwide audiences.

“The story of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is not a Black story; it is an American story. Through our partnership with Gravitas, our goal is to ensure that our story is broadly told by making it more accessible to diverse audiences,” explained Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, International President and CEO of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® and President of Tennessee State University.

Director Deborah Riley Draper, a 2022 NAACP Image Awards nominee for the OWN: Oprah Winfrey

Network docuseries “The Legacy of Black Wall Street” for Outstanding Breakthrough Creative (Television), is well known for her previous documentaries “Olympic Pride, American Prejudice” and “Versailles ‘73: American Runway Revolution.” Draper said having the luxury and privilege of interviewing Alpha Kappa Alpha member and Vice President Kamala Harris for Twenty Pearls was an extraordinary moment for her as a filmmaker. “Vice President Harris spoke to the power of Black women when we come together and organize, what that looks like, and how that force can change the world.”

The film also features interviews with International President and CEO of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, Miss Universe Ireland Fionnghuala O’Reilly,

Smithsonian Secretary Lonnie Bunch, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt Fierst, and many more. As a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® herself, Draper said, “Being able to tell our own stories is our cultural inheritance. If we don’t tell our stories, who is going to tell our stories the way they should be told?”

Twenty Pearls is produced by Coffee Bluff Pictures (Deborah Riley Draper and Lacy Barnes, Producers) and executive produced by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® International President and CEO Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, The Honorable Kimberly M. Esmond Adams, Cynthia D. Howell, Martha Perine Beard, and Cheryl Polote Williamson.

To pre-order Twenty Pearls on iTunes, visit <https://apple.co/3szzYqH>
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“I also want to thank our City Attorney, Chris Caso, and the members of the Ad Hoc Committee on General Investigating

and Ethics for making this possible. The members of the committee — particularly Chairwoman Cara Mendelsohn and Paula Blackmon — championed my ethics

task force recommendations and helped interview the finalists for this position. The committee’s work demonstrates what is possible when we work together for good

government, accountability, and the betterment of our city.

“We still have challenges ahead of us, but Dallas is stronger today than it was yesterday.”

Continued Arbery Page 1

But Cooper-Jones did not describe the outcome as a victory.

“We as a family will never get victory because Ahmaud is gone forever,” she said.

Arbery Sr. noted that his son used to call every day, even if just to tell his family that he loved them.

“Ahmaud was a kid you can’t replace, because of the heart he had,” he said. “I’m struggling with that every day,” he said. “It hurts me every day.”

Defendants Greg and Travis McMichael sat stonically at the defense table as the guilty verdicts were read. When called one-at-a-time before the judge to discuss next steps in their cases, the father and son answered with hushed voices.

The McMichaels and their neighbor, William “Roddie” Bryan, were also found guilty of attempted kidnapping, and the McMichaels were also convicted of the use of a firearm in the commission of a violent crime.

The trial has been taking place simultaneously with that of three former Minneapolis police officers who have been charged with violating the civil rights of George Floyd. Floyd, a Black man, died on May 25, 2020, when then-officer Derek Chauvin

pinned him to the ground and pressed a knee to his neck for what authorities say was 9 1/2 minutes. Attorneys began delivering their closing arguments in that case on Tuesday.

Weeks prior to the hate crimes trial in the Arbery killing, the McMichaels had both agreed to enter guilty pleas to the hate crimes in exchange for being able to serve their sentences in federal, rather than state prison. Judge Lisa Godbey Wood rejected the deal, however, saying it would tie her hands at sentencing, and after Arbery’s family vehemently opposed it.

“What we got today, we wouldn’t have gotten if it wasn’t for the fight by the family for Ahmaud,” Cooper-Jones said Tuesday, reiterating her anger at Justice Department prosecutors, who she said “chose to ignore the family’s cry.”

The facts of the case were not disputed during the hate crimes trial. The McMichaels grabbed guns and jumped in a pickup truck to pursue Arbery after seeing him running in their neighborhood outside the Georgia port city of Brunswick. Bryan joined the pursuit in his own pickup and recorded the cell-phone video that later leaked online.

To back the hate crime charges, prosecutors showed roughly two dozen

text messages and social media posts in which Travis McMichael and Bryan used racist slurs and made derogatory comments about Black people. The FBI wasn’t able to access Greg McMichael’s phone because it was encrypted.

In 2018, Travis McMichael commented on a Facebook video of a Black man playing a prank on a white person: “I’d kill that f---ing n---r.”

A woman who served under Travis McMichael in the U.S. Coast Guard a decade ago said he called her “n---r lover,” after learning she’d dated a Black man. Another woman testified Greg McMichael had ranted angrily in 2015 when she remarked on the death of civil rights activist Julian Bond, saying, “All those Blacks are nothing but trouble.”

Crump remarked after the verdict that “for many of us, there was never any doubt that Greg McMichael, Travis McMichael, and William Bryan targeted Ahmaud because of his skin color.”

“But because of indisputable video evidence, disgusting messages sent by the defendants, and witness testimony, their hate was revealed to the world and the jury,” he said. “We hope and demand that the severity of their crimes are reflected in the sentencing, as well.”

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said the verdict “makes clear that the Justice Department will continue to use every resource at its disposal to confront unlawful acts of hate and to hold accountable those who perpetrate them.”

Garland added that Arbery’s family and his friends “should be preparing to celebrate his 28th birthday, later this spring, not mourning the second anniversary of his death tomorrow.”

“Ahmaud Arbery should be alive today,” he said.

Defense attorneys contended the McMichaels and Bryan didn’t chase and kill Arbery because of his race but acted on the earnest, though erroneous, suspicion that Arbery had committed crimes in their neighborhood.

The attorneys for the McMichaels, Amy Lee Copeland and A.J. Balbo, declined to comment on the verdict. Bryan’s attorney, Pete Theodocion, did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

The jury of eight white people, three Black people and one Hispanic person received the case Monday. The jurors adjourned for the night after about three hours of deliberations, and then deliberated for about an hour Tuesday morning before announcing they had reached a verdict.



SPORTS/NEWS PAGE



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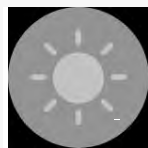
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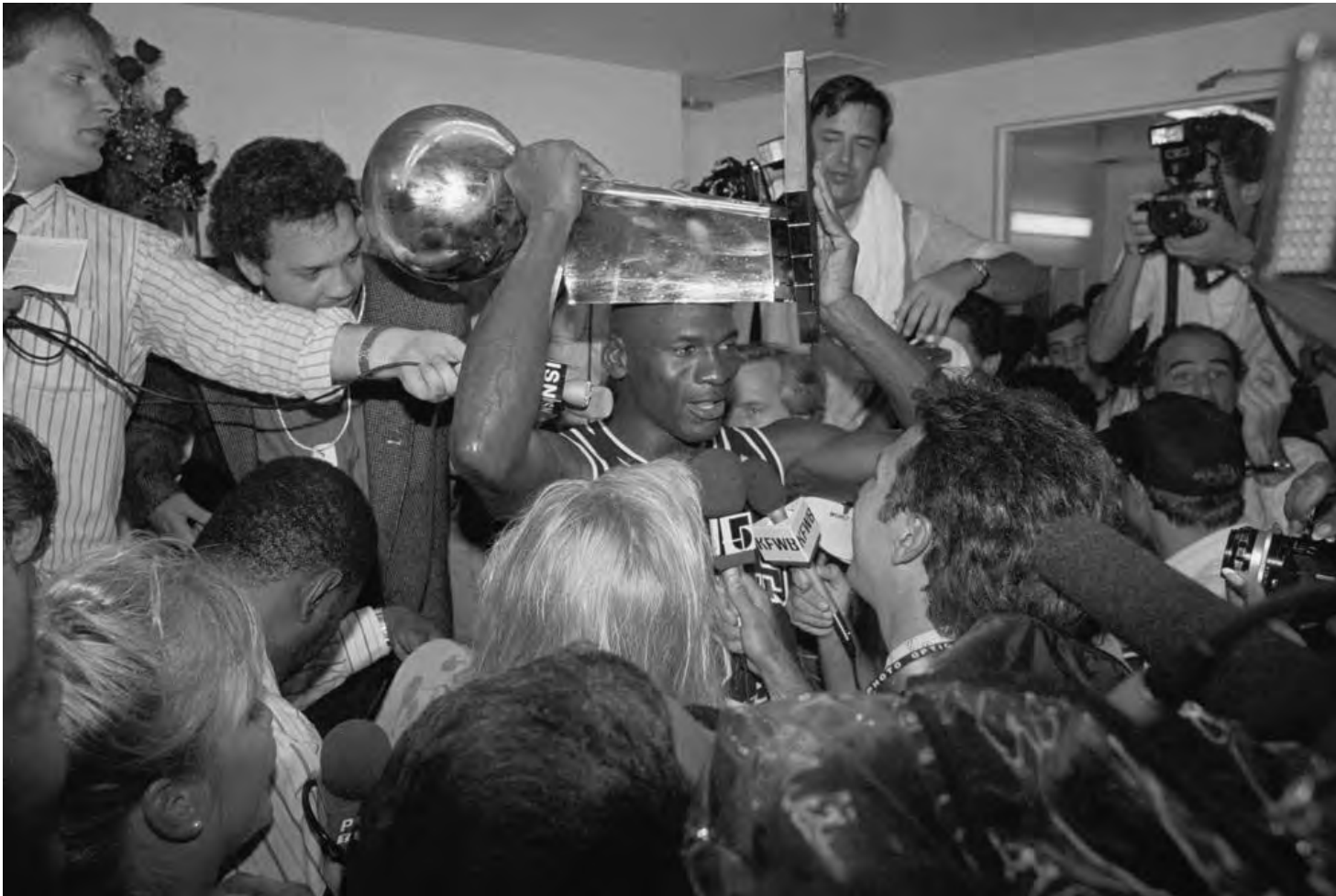
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JORDAN HIGHLIGHTS AP'S 1990's ALL-DECADE NBA TEAM

By The Associate Press



FILE - Chicago Bulls Michael Jordan holds the NBA Championship trophy aloft while talking with the media in the locker room after their 108-101 win against the Los Angeles Lakers at Inglewood, Calif., June 13, 1991. (AP Photo/Reed Saxon, File)



FILE - Utah Jazz teammates and co-Most Valuable Player winners John Stockton, left, and Karl Malone hold up the All-Star MVP trophy after playing for the West team, which won the 43rd NBA All-Star game in Salt Lake City, Feb. 21, 1993. Malone holds his daughter, Kaydee. (AP Photo/Roberto Borea)



Phoenix's Charles Barkley celebrates as his coach Paul Westphal cheers him on as they rolled to a 104-97 victory over the SuperSonics at Seattle, May 28, 1993. (AP Photo/Bill Chan)

CHARLES BARKLEY

Known as the "Round Mound of Rebound," the 6-foot-6, 250-pound Barkley had exceptional agility given his build. Barkley -- not Michael Jordan -- was the leading scorer on the USA's Olympic "Dream Team" that won gold in 1992. Barkley was the league MVP in 1993 and the All-Star Game MVP in 1991. He led the Phoenix Suns to the NBA Finals in 1993 and averaged 27.3 points, 13.0 rebounds and 5.5 assists against the Chicago Bulls. He averaged 22.1 points and 11.7 rebounds in his career. He was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006.

MICHAEL JORDAN

Jordan dominated the 1990s like few players dominated any decade in any sport. He won six NBA titles, with two three-peats, and was Finals MVP every time. He won four league MVP awards and seven scoring titles in the decade, despite retiring twice. His 1995-96 Bulls set a then-league record with 72 wins. He won his final MVP award at age 35, playing every game that season on his way to another NBA title. Though best known for his high-flying dunks, wagging tongue, baggy shorts and Air Jordan shoes, he was an All-Defensive first-team selection six times in the '90s. He was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009.



AP Photo/John Swart, File

HAKHEEM OLAJUWON

The 7-foot Nigerian center is one of the league's all-time best two-way players. He led the Houston Rockets to NBA titles in 1994 and 1995, earning Finals MVP honors both times. He was the league MVP in 1994, when he averaged 27.3 points, 11.9 rebounds and 3.7 blocks. He was NBA defensive player of the year in 1993 and 1994. He is the NBA's all-time leader in blocks, and he led the league in the category in 1990, 1991 and 1993. As an offensive player, his "Dream Shake" move and his exceptional footwork helped him shoot 51% from the field for his career. He was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008.

JOHN STOCKTON

The Stockton-to-Malone duo was nearly unstoppable. Stockton is the all-time assists leader, with many of those passes going to Malone for dunks in their feared pick-and-roll. Stockton also is the all-time steals leader and was one of the best defensive guards of his era. Undersized at just 6-foot-1, Stockton made up for it with toughness, smarts and skill. He averaged a double-double for 10 consecutive years in one stretch, leading the league in assists nine of them. He played his entire 19-year career in Utah, and the Jazz made the playoffs every time. He was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009.

KARL MALONE

The man nicknamed "The Mailman," delivered for nearly two decades in Utah with help from point guard John Stockton. The 6-foot-9, 260-pound power forward had the strength of a bruising center and the agility of a wing player. He was a two-time league MVP who twice led the Jazz to the NBA Finals. He was a first-team All-NBA selection every year of the decade. In addition to his scoring prowess, he was a first-team all-defense selection three times. He shared the All-Star Game MVP award with Stockton in 1993. He remains the NBA's No. 2 all-time scorer with 36,928 points, and he's seventh in rebounds. He was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2010.

Dallas ISD Approves Pay Increase for Football Head Coaches

BY THE HUB



Dallas ISD football head coaches will receive a pay increase beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year to retain and attract coaches.

After collecting data from other districts in North Texas, the Dallas ISD Department of Athletics proposed a plan to adjust the current head football coach salary structure.

As a result, the district is providing a one-time salary adjustment of \$15,000 to current football head coaches and will adjust the pay range for

the position. Future candidates will be hired based on the revised pay range and incumbent information.

This adjustment will place Dallas ISD Head Football Coaches amongst the highest paid within the North Texas competitive market, increasing the average salary to more than \$122,000. The pay range will now start at \$95,000, up from \$84,000.

Additionally, the district will review stipends for all other coaching positions.

JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION (Republican & Democrat)

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ELECTION DAY: March 1, 2022
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Governor

Joy Diaz (D)

- Former public radio journalist Joy Diaz says her top three campaign issues are the Border, Public Education and State Preparedness; other issues on her platform include Energy and the Environment, Criminal Justice, Infrastructure, Immigration, Transportation, Seniors and Veterans
- Native of Mexico City, Diaz is a graduate of Universidad de Cuautitlan Izcalli

Beto O'Rourke (D)

- Former El Paso Congressman Beto O'Rourke's campaign platform include issues that expand Medicaid, create World Class Schools and Jobs; He says his focus is on what the people of Texas want and what is happening in the state
- He is a fourth generation Texan and has served as a member of Congress, a small business owner, and city councilman.

Rich Wakeland (D)

- Campaign platform issues include reliable electric power, growing the high-tech industry, and protecting farmers and ranchers from drought
- Business owner, principal engineer at Wakeland Engineering, and veteran; earned Engineering and Law degrees from Texas A & M University, University of Texas at Austin and University of Texas at Austin School of Law

Michael Cooper (D)

- An automobile executive who was born and raised in Beaumont, Texas; was President of the NAACP Beaumont chapter; his campaign platform issues for Governor includes Education, Criminal Justice Reform, Texas Economy, Climate Change, Human Rights, Texas/Mexico Border Security, Healthcare and Affordable Housing

Inocencio (Inno) Barrientez (D)

- No Information Available

Chad Prather (R)

- Prather is a political commentator that graduated from Columbia International University.
- His top campaign issues include elections, agriculture, trafficking, right to life, energy, border security, education, and the economy.

Paul Belew (R)

- Belew is a criminal defense attorney with over 25 years of experience.
- His top campaign issues include education, healthcare, energy, agriculture, THC, and gambling.

Danny Harrison (R)

- Harrison is a businessman based in North Texas.
- His top campaign issues include small business, border security, property rights and public beaches.

Allen B. West (R)

- West is a 22-year combat veteran, former Congressman representing Florida, and the former chairman of the Texas State Republican Party. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee, and master's degrees from Kansas State University and US Army Command and General Staff Officers College.
- His top campaign issues include rule of law, border security, property taxes, energy, education, election integrity, and gun rights.

Greg Abbott (R)

- Abbott was first elected as governor in 2014. He previously served for six years as a justice on the Texas Supreme Court and for 13 years as Texas Attorney General. He received a B.B.A. from UT Austin and his law degree from Vanderbilt University.
- His top campaign issues include law and order, healthcare, pro-life, second amendment rights, election integrity, property tax relief, energy, and a balanced state budget.

Don Huffines (R)

- Huffines is a business owner and real-estate developer that also served as a state senator from Dallas for four years. He graduated with a B.B.A. from UT Austin.
- His top campaign issues include border security, election integrity, property taxes, critical race theory, social media censorship, the power grid, term limits, and transportation.

Lieutenant Governor

Carla Brailey (D)

- Current Assistant Professor at Texas Southern University; former First Vice Chair of the Texas Democratic Party; campaign platform includes Accessible and Affordable Housing, Human Rights, Women Rights, Education
- Undergraduate degree from Texas State University and, earned a Masters and PhD degrees from Howard University

Michelle Beckley (D)

- Current State Representative, District 65 Carrollton; authored numerous bills involving LGBTQ Equality, Public Health and Women's Reproductive Health
- Born and raised in Carrollton; graduate of Texas A&M University

Mike Collier (D)

- Collier has over two decades of experience as an auditor and energy expert; In 2020, he was President Biden's Senior Advisor for the State of Texas; his campaign platform includes fixing the Power Grid, Healthcare, Income Equality, Climate Change, Prioritize Needs of Working families, Creating Good Paying Jobs and Benefits, Holding the Line on Property/Sales Tax Increases
- Born and raised in Georgetown, Texas; graduate of The University of Texas Austin

Trayce Bradford (R)

- Bradford is a grassroots activist that was president of Texas Eagle Forum. She received a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University.
- Her top campaign issues include religious liberty, anti-taxpayer funded lobbying, human trafficking, pro-life, election integrity, and energy.

Daniel Miller (R)

- Miller is a tech consultant and president of the Texas Nationalist Movement.
- His top campaign issues include Texas secession, property taxes, border security, election integrity, energy, pro-life, and reducing executive power.

Zack Vance (R)

- Vance is a former Marine and Purple Heart recipient and recently worked in cable news. He is a graduate of UNT.
- His top campaign issues include property taxes, education, housing, public safety, energy, and healthcare.

Todd M. Bullis (R)

- Bullis has worked as in a software development company and is currently involved in home school networks. He believes that the state government has separated too much away from God.
- His top campaign issues include pro-life, election integrity, COVID-19, and eliminating public education.

Dan Patrick (R)

- Patrick was first elected as Lt. Gov. in 2014. He previously served as a state senator and was a talk radio host. He has a B.A. in English from the University of Maryland Baltimore County.
- His top campaign issues include pro-life issues, border security, election integrity, and school choice.

Aaron Sorrells (R)

- Sorrells is a small business owner from Lubbock, TX. His top campaign issues include individual rights, property taxes, border security, election integrity, education, and term limits.

Attorney General

Eva Guzman (R)

- Guzman was a justice on the Texas Supreme Court from 2009 – 2021. She received her bachelor's degree from University of Houston and her law degree from South Texas College of Law
- Her top campaign issues include enhancing quality of government, standing up for families and children, veterans, law enforcement, and election integrity.

Louie Gohmert (R)

- Gohmert is a Congressman from East Texas serving since 2005. He received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M and his law degree from Baylor University.
- His top campaign issues include balanced budgeting, border security, ending the death tax, and overturning the Affordable Care Act.

Ken Paxton (R)

- Paxton was first elected in 2015 as Attorney General. He previously served 10 years as a state representative and two years as a state senator. He received his bachelor's and graduate degree from Baylor University and his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.
- His top campaign issues include preserving the constitution, border security, pro-life, second amendment, voter ID, and law enforcement.

George P. Bush (R)

- Bush was first elected as General Land Commissioner in 2015. He is a Navy veteran and a former teacher. He received his bachelor's degree from Rice University and his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law.
- His top campaign issues include border security, government accountability, human trafficking, and law enforcement.

Joe Jaworski (D)

- Jaworski is third-generation Texas Trial Attorney and former Mayor of Galveston; His term as mayor was defined by his rebuilding Galveston's storm devastated public housing; his campaign platform includes Expanding Medicaid, Creating a Civil Rights Division, Supporting Cities, Counties and School Districts in their local decision-making authority and Creating a Voter Access Division

Rochelle Mercedes Garza (D)

- Garza says she became a lawyer for the people, fighting for children, immigrants and families as a civil rights lawyer; her top issues are Healthcare, Voting Rights, Reproductive Rights
- She graduated from Brown University and the University of Houston Law Center; she is active on county and state-wide boards including Jane's Due Process, the State Bar of Texas' Laws Relating to Immigration and Nationality Committee and the Cameron County Bar Association

Lee Merritt (D)

- Merritt is an American Constitutional Attorney, national leader, and a champion for families whose rights and liberties are violated; his top priority issues are Voting Rights, Public Education, Women's Reproductive Rights, Accountability for

Power Grid, Mental Health Crisis and Economic Empowerment

- His undergraduate degree is from Morehouse College, and he earned a law degree from Temple University James Beasley School of Law

Mike Fields (D)

- Mike Fields served in the United States Army Reserves for eight years; he was Assistant District Attorney for Harris County and Assistant Attorney General for the Texas Attorney General's office.
- A native Texan, Fields earned his undergraduate degree from Texas State University and a law degree from St. Mary's School of Law

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 30

Arthur Dixon (D)

- Attended American University in Washington D.C.
- Campaign Issues include universal basic Income a \$15 Minimum Wage, Free Healthcare, Free Community College, Green New Deal and the legalization of Marijuana

Jessica Mason (D)

- Mason grew up in Hamilton Park and is a Navy Veteran. She currently works as an Affordable Housing Coordinator.
- Top Campaign Issues: A. Universal Healthcare; B. Criminal Justice reform; C. Community Reinvestment in Public Education, After School Programs and Community Centers; D. Green Jobs; E. Affordable Housing; F. Unions for All

Vonciel Hill (D)

- Vonciel Hill earned an undergraduate degree from Rice University, a Masters of Library Science from Atlanta University, a Masters of Arts from Rice University, a Masters of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology and law degree from University of Texas at Austin School of Law
- Top Campaign Issues include living wages and equitable contracting, Excellent education at every level, Equal access to quality Health Care

Jasmine Crockett

- St. Louis native Jasmine Crockett is a graduate of Rhodes College and earned a law degree from the University of Houston School of Law; the Civil Rights and Criminal Defense Attorney is currently Texas State Representative from District 100
- Top Campaign Issues include Voting Rights, Healthcare, Workers Rights, Abortion Rights and Environmental Justice

Criminal District Attorney - **Democratic John Creuzot** (incumbent)

- Serves as the current DA, seeking reelection; Earned his undergraduate degree from the University of North Texas, and his law degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law.
- Known for his work on drug courts, criminal justice reform, and evidence-based sentencing; Previous professional experience includes over 21 years as a Felony District Court Judge, seven years as a Dallas County Assistant District Attorney and Chief Felony Prosecutor, and private practice as a criminal defense lawyer.

Elizabeth Davis Frizell (D)

- Currently an attorney at her firm, The Frizell Firm; Earned a BA in Political Science and Government, and her JD from Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law.
- Previously served as Criminal District Court Judge in Dallas County, Court No. 7 from 2007-17; Has 20 years of judicial and 28 years of legal experience; Her priorities for the court include unification, transparency, and accessibility.

Dallas County Judge Billy Clark (D)

- Billy Clark grew up in Waco and graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He received a Master in Public Administration Education at the University of Oklahoma and his law degree from University of North Texas Dallas. Clark is the Managing Attorney for The Law Firm PLLC.
- Top campaign issues: Bring a proactive leadership style, A fair and consistent criminal justice system, Overhaul the Emergency Management Plan

Clay Jenkins (D) (Incumbent)

- Clay Jenkins is an Oak Cliff native that graduated from Baylor University and received his law degree from Baylor Law School. He has been county Judge since first being elected in 2010.
- Top Campaign Issues: Fight back COVID19, Ensure Children have access to quality education, Ensure children have access to quality health care

County Court at Law No. 1 Countywide - **Dallas LeDouglas Johnson (D)**

- Attorney practicing commercial litigation at Shamoun & Norman, LLP; earned undergraduate degree from Duke University and a law degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law
- Has also practiced in the areas of Intellectual Property Litigation, Toxic Tort Defence, Probate and Estate Planning; currently serves as the District 4 City Planning Commissioner for the City of Dallas

D'Metria Benson (D)

- Four-term incumbent Judge, Dallas County Court at Law No. 1; graduate of Texas Christian University and The University of Texas at Austin
- One of longest-serving civil judges in Dallas County, seeking a fifth term; currently serves as Local Administrative County Judge of all the Statutory County Courts in Dallas County.



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attorney races to state legislatures to statewide offices to Congress and the White House. That creates conflict, because in the marketplace of ideas, fewer and fewer Americans are subscribing to the GOP vision for the nation. Given the juxtaposition between what Americans want and what the GOP is offering, the only way for Republicans to maintain power and control is to cheat.

But the levers that allow Republicans to manipulate voting rules for partisan gain were laid years ago. In *Shelby County v. Holder*, the Supreme Court eliminated Sections 4 and 5 of the Voting Rights Act of

1965. That allowed Republicans a means of restricting the right to vote without having to get their plans precleared by the Department of Justice. Many of the voting rights laws that we see today would have had to be pre-cleared prior to going into effect. That extra step protected voters and the franchise. Unfortunately, all hell has broken loose since the Voting Rights Act was gutted.

Making matters worse, in *Citizens United vs. the Federal Elections Commission*, the Supreme Court allowed corporations and outside groups to spend unlimited funds on elections. That reversed a century-old precedent around campaign finance

laws and allowed entities all over the country to interfere with elections, tipping the outcome in races without transparency or accountability. It also minimized average voters’ ability to determine candidates of choice. The truth is that unlimited dark money has terribly influenced American politics.

But the nail in the proverbial coffin is redistricting. Redistricting is the drawing of state and congressional lines. It occurs once in a decade following the census and determines the number of seats allotted to each region. It also impacts who can win those seats in the first place. When redistricting is done unfairly, it gives certain politicians, namely

Republicans, a chance at picking up more seats per state, even when the demographic population would naturally make it easier for a Democrat to win. When done with ill intent, elected officials pick their voters, and voters have little chance – regardless of how large their voting bloc may be – of determining candidates who will represent their interests.

It is one tool in a broader arsenal to dilute Black people’s voting power. Gerrymandered districts don’t just exist to give Republicans an upper hand; they’re done to prevent Black people from electing candidates of choice.

More recently, in the South, there has been justifiable anger over the failure of the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. Organizers did all they could, but in the end, Sens. Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema tanked the bills. They have been on a roll lately. Both received massive donations after vowing to oppose President Biden’s \$1.75 million infrastructure package, the Build Back Better Act. Manchin reportedly raked in \$300,000 days after publicly opposing the Build Back Better Act and raised over \$4.8 million in 2021. Sinema received over \$1.5 million in the last quarter of 2021. The money came after Sinema objected to a change in the filibuster, opposed the Build Back Better Act, the climate change bill and a measure

to raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour. One could be forgiven for drawing the conclusion that Manchin and Sinema sold out voters for campaign cash. This was not about Senate rules; this was about keeping donors happy.

Attempts to make it harder to vote aren’t new. They have been going on in one form or another for decades. But here is the lesson I want readers to grasp: Organized resistance from ordinary people has been the most effective check on the power of the elite, dictators and authoritarian sympathizers. The power of the people has been the only check on the machinations of strong men. It has been the wall of resistance, challenging the power of money.

Follow the Example of the Luminaries

In this moment, there are three things I’d like ordinary people to remember. First, we should follow the examples of the luminaries, including martyrs who have died for the cause of freedom. They’ve given us the playbook. We must be mindful and remember that one failed vote doesn’t mean we’ve failed. There will be additional opportunities to protect the franchise, even if we have to create those avenues.

Next, I want us all to remember that elected officials are not visionaries. They cannot lead our movements; they can only be servants of the people. Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and other

elected officials are not leaders of the movement. They can be champions, but they are not our North Star. The North Star is love for self, love for family and love for the community. When elected leaders are no longer humble enough to do the people’s work, they must be replaced.

Third, voting is a tool to hire people to go to Washington or the state capitol to do work on behalf of our communities. Voting is a tool to build the kind of country in which we want to live. Certainly, we do not want to relinquish our right to vote, but it is important to remember that voting is a means to an end – not the end.

In conclusion, my message to people who are discouraged is to remember the words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends towards justice.” In the South, we focus on the work of bending the arc. The question we must ask ourselves is: What are we doing to bend the arc? What campaigns are we volunteering on or donating to that would help create the kind of world we envision?

The arc is long but there is a place for all of us to engage. We are a part of an unbroken chain of freedom fighters. Let’s remember their legacy and continue the fight for justice.

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