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knowledge and insights. Scientists from NOAA, NASA, NSF, and the state of Texas will also attend, offering an opportunity to learn about our universe from the experts themselves.

The event will also feature live programming from the PBS kids' show Ready, Jet, Go!, amateur astronomers from Texas will host telescope viewings during the event, and there will be local STEM organizations and schools that will have tables set up in the stadium's concourse.

Free registration is open at www.fairparktix.com. All guests must register prior to attending the event.

Dallas Shines Bright: City Poised for Spectacular Solar Eclipse Viewing on April 8

DALLAS -As the celestial event of the year approaches, the City of Dallas proudly announces its readiness to host an unforgettable solar eclipse experience on April 8.

With planning and collaboration, Dallas stands poised to offer residents and visitors an unparalleled view of this awe-inspiring phenomenon. Recognizing the significance of the solar eclipse, city officials and local organizations have been diligently preparing to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all spectators.

Interim Director for the City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management, Travis Houston, expressed his enthusiasm for the upcoming solar eclipse, stating, "Dallas is ready to welcome visitors from near and far to witness this extraordi-

nary celestial event. We have worked tirelessly to ensure a safe and unforgettable experience for all, and we look forward to sharing this momentous occasion with the world."

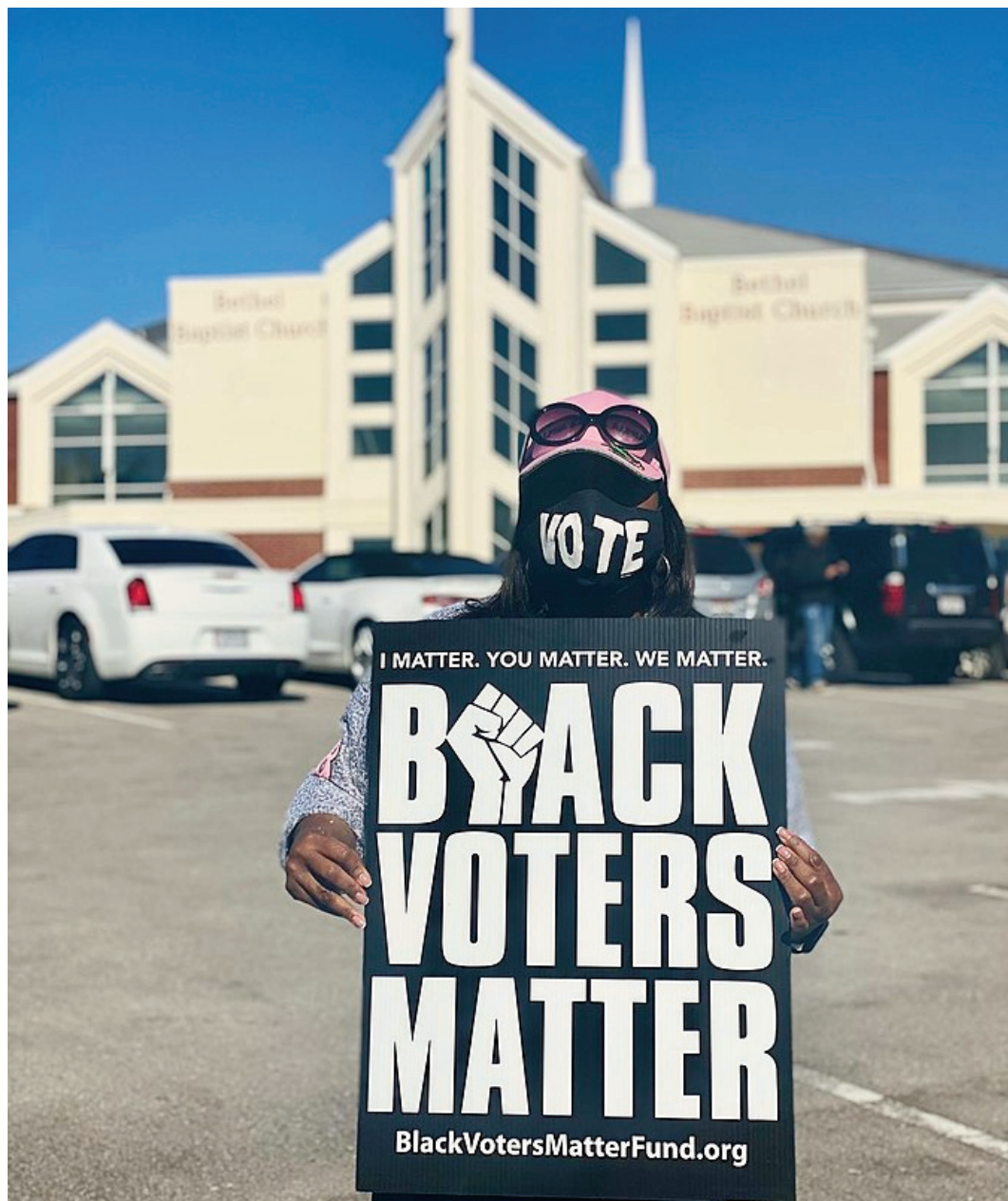
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25 million Black and Latino Voters are Missing or Incorrectly Listed in U.S. Voter Databases



By Stacy M. Brown

An eye-opening report titled "Surfacing Missing Voters: Addressing Data Systems, Tools, and Engagement Models that Invisibilize Black and Brown Communities," authored by Miriam McKinney Gray for the Democracy & Power Innovation Fund (DPI), has unveiled a concerning reality: Nearly 25 million Black and Latino eligible voters are effectively absent from voter databases, making them virtually unreachable

by traditional outreach methods.

The revelation is crucial as America heads toward the all-important November general election between Democratic incumbent Joe Biden and the twice-impeached and four-times indicted former president Donald Trump.

Drawing from U.S. Census data and a recent Stanford study, the report estimated that approximately 24.76 million Black and Latino voters are either missing or inaccurately listed in databases sold by ven-

dors.

The disparities revealed in the report are stark, with 40 percent of Black and Latino individuals missing from voter outreach efforts, compared to only 18 percent of white individuals. The paper-thin margins seen in recent crucial races serve as evidence that such glaring disparities in representation could significantly impact the results of future elections. During the 2020 election, Biden beat Trump in the popular vote by approximately 81.2 million to 74.2 million votes, or a 51.3 per-

cent to 46.9 percent margin.

"For instance, almost half of eligible Black and Latino voters won't be seen or contacted by traditional campaigns. This is a five-alarm fire for our democracy," said Miriam McKinney Gray, founder and CEO of McKinney Gray Analytics, who analyzed the data based on U.S. Census records and a Stanford study.

"The only way many people will learn about the election is through independent power-building organizations. Groups like Voces de La Frontera in Wisconsin and Detroit Action are using friends-and-family organizing to find missing voters and manually rebuilding lists of voters who have been wrongly purged from government voter rolls."

Twenty-five million Black and Latino people "are invisible to the very campaigns that want their support. From our research on Black values, we know who they are and the tools needed to reach them," said Dr. Katrina Gamble of Sojourn Strategies. "It's not too late to change course, but that takes breaking barriers that campaigns have blindly accepted for decades. We think democracy is worth it, and so are the people who have been excluded."

Gamble is conducting groundbreaking nationwide research into the differences in values and political behavior of the Black electorate and analyzing clusters or segments of Black voters for the first time.

All involved said the report spotlights the systemic marginalization of Black and

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Descendants of 1811 Revolt Heroes Acquire Woodland Plantation to Preserve Black History



Photo Credit: NNPA Files

By Stacy M. Brown

Jo Banner and Joy Banner, founders of The Descendants Project, have taken a significant step towards preserving the historical legacy of Black Americans by acquiring the Woodland Plantation in LaPlace, Louisiana. According to TheGrio, their

unwavering commitment stems from a deep-rooted understanding of the plantation's pivotal role in history and a determination to authenticate its story.

Raised on the West Bank of the Mississippi River, Jo Banner and her sister Joy Banner were steeped in the

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EDITORIAL PAGE

The Power and Prestige of HBCUs Displayed At The CIAA Tournament In Baltimore, Maryland

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.



James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.

I have long suggested that the CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association) puts on the greatest sporting event in the United States of America. As many already know, the CIAA was founded in 1912. This year's CIAA Basketball Tournament was held from February 26th to March 2nd in Baltimore, Maryland. There aren't enough superlatives to describe how great this weeklong event was.

The CIAA is the first and longest-running African-American athletic conference in the U.S. and one of the most recognized conferences in Division II. It conducts more than 14 championships, attended by thousands of fans from across the country.

If you have been around HBCUs, you know the CIAA and its storied history. I am fortunate to have come of age in CIAA country. Being from Winston-Salem NC and growing up around

the corner from Clarence (Big House) Gaines, my friends and I knew about this conference very early in our lives.

Early on, schools like Johnson C. Smith University (NC), of which I am a graduate, Winston-Salem Teachers College (now State University) (NC), and Virginia Union University (VA) were members.

At some point, I found out you could receive an athletic scholarship to go to college. Quite honestly, I didn't know what to make of it and thought it was for other guys and not for me. Fortunately, I was wrong, and I did receive a scholarship to play college tennis.

I began going to CIAA basketball tournaments when I was in elementary school. The crowds, the players and the popcorn were simply the best. Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem was the place to be.

Upon reflection, seeing players like Freddie Neal, Cleo Hill, and Ted Blunt was inspiring. However, I know now that I was seeing great players performing at a high level. We also saw coaches like Clarence Gaines and John McClendon before they were legends.

Over time and with consistency, the CIAA basket-

ball tournament has become a must-see event. The men's and women's teams are exciting to watch weekly. The CIAA also features workshops and empowerment seminars. High School students benefit from activities designed to help them with going to college.

Corporate sponsorships have also increased as companies realize investing in the CIAA is beneficial for them. Internships and scholarships help students to become successful. Games are being televised by ESPN which means more people are watching them and seeing the caliber of basketball played by CIAA schools. This year was no different.

Baltimore, Maryland called the Charm City displayed its warmth and hospitality a few weeks ago. The city pulled out the red carpet to make everyone feel welcome during our visit. Many local and state officials including Brandon Scott, mayor of Baltimore and Wes Moore, governor of Maryland were in attendance.

These Maryland ambassadors want the CIAA tournament to return to the city. Kudos to them for being present and for being fans. For the week, shuttle services were provided to and from the CFG arena for fans staying in nearby hotels.

The atmosphere in the

arena was electric. Fans were wearing their school colors and talking about their college days. Pep bands and cheerleaders added to the revelry.

Lincoln University (PA) won the men's tournament and Fayetteville State University (NC) won the women's tournament. Johnson C. Smith University (NC) received the sportsmanship award.

The CIAA held its Hall of Fame ceremony on Friday, March 1st at the Baltimore Convention Center. It is named in honor of John McClendon. There were seven inductees, and I was one of them. The inductees were Anthony Blaylock (Winston-Salem State University\Football), Nastassia Boucicault (Shaw University\Women's Basketball), Bill Dusenbery (Johnson C. Smith University\Football), James "Jimmy" Ewers (Johnson C. Smith University\Tennis), Antonio Pettigrew (St. Augustine University\Men's Track and Field), Norman Tate (N.C. Central University\Men's Track and Field), and Joseph "Jo Jo" White (Livingstone College\Football).

Put the CIAA Basketball Tournament on your schedule for next year in Baltimore. It's a great event and will be even better next year. See you there.

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The Democrats, President Biden, and The Black Vote

By Dr. John E. Warren, Publisher
San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper

While President Biden appears to be the only hope for America. As we know this nation, it does not follow that many who understand this crisis could and will engage in not voting this November out of the feeling that there is no real choice given Biden and Trump on the ballot. The sad truth is that a third-party candidate on the Democratic side could almost certainly guarantee that former President Trump would be elected. A third-party candidate on the Republican side would certainly guarantee that President Biden would be re-elected. Likewise, a stay-at-home vote on the Democratic side could also guarantee that Trump would be re-elected.

Let us not forget that the Black vote put Biden in office. With all he has done to bring the country back from the brink of collapse, including having a Black

Vice President, he has still failed the Black vote. He has not used the power of his office to break the filibuster in the Senate so that the George Floyd and John Lewis proposed laws could have a fighting chance to become a reality.

How is it that a man who spent 36 years in the Senate and 8 years as Vice President has failed to learn how to use the power of those positions, as such men as the late President Lyndon Baines Johnson did, to get Voting Rights and Civil Rights laws enacted? President Biden was more worked up over the Supreme Court's Decision on Roe vs. Wade than the voting rights and civil rights legislation mentioned above. The President and the Democratic Party should understand that Black people can and will live with Donald Trump if necessary, because our fight for equality and inclusion has never

ended.

The Black vote, just like all other votes in an election, needs more than the waving of the flag and promises, many of which have been made before. Dollars must be invested in our Black communities the same way they are being, and will be, invested in other communities to get out the vote. It should be remembered that Black faces in the White House do not mean Black faces at the voting booths.

BLACK VOTERS should also remember that in addition to re-electing President Biden, the Democrats need four more seats in the House of Representatives to RESTORE A DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY and to make Hakeem Jeffries the first Black Speaker of the House of Representatives. It takes money to educate a public to save democracy, as we know it, rather than endure the browning of America.



Dr. John E. Edwards

At the end of the day, Donald Trump is not the problem but the instrument of an old idea that says America has to be 'white in order to be right'. This idea only sees "We the People" as White. Fortunately, there are still people in this nation, Black, White, Brown, Yellow, and Red, immigrants and citizens by birth who believe that America is all of us, even when we disagree with each other.

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RELIGIOUS/NEWS

Some Instructions for the Christian Family

Colossians 3:1-25

Part II



By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

In this portion of Colossians (Chapter 3:1-25), Paul is challenging Christians to live godly lives in conformity to who they are in Jesus Christ. The success of living Christlike lives was dependent not on their own power but on the power of Christ working in them. As Christians, our lofty Christian status embraces that we need to put off ungodly practices and put on godly practices that reflect our heavenly status.

Our text, Colossians 3:1-25, may be outlined as follows: I. Christians Focused on Our New Status – Colossians 3:1-4; II. Christians Turing from the Sins of the Past – Colossians 3:5-9; III. Christians Putting on Godly Virtues – Colossians 3:10-14; IV. Christians Living Harmoniously Among Others – Colossians 3:15-25.

III. Christians Putting on Godly Virtues –

Colossians 3:10-14
In verse 10, believers are to put on the new self (new way of life). Believers' conduct should be in line with their new position in Christ. The "new self" needs constant renewal or refreshing; thus, it needs renewal in order to keep it victorious over sin. This renewal of the new self is in knowledge. It takes place when believers come to a personal, deep knowledge of and fellowship with Christ. In Christ distinctions are removed (v. 11). The distinctions that are moved include the following: national distinctions (Greek or Jews), religious distinctions (circumcised or uncircumcised), cultural distinctions (barbarian and a Scythian), economic or social distinctions (slave or free). However, human distinctions are overruled by virtue of one's union in Christ.

Having listed six vices that believers should put

off in verses 8-9, believers who are described as "God's chosen people," "holy" and "dearly beloved," are to embrace several virtues (v. 12). These virtues include – compassion (tender sympathy), kindness (benevolence in actions), humility (a lowly attitude toward God), meekness (a lowly attitude toward others), and patience (self-restraint in the face of provocation).

In verse 13, believers are admonished to bear with each other and also to forgive whatever grievances they may have against others. As the Lord has forgiven, so believers should graciously and freely forgive. Above all these virtues, believers are to put on love (v. 14).

IV. Christians Living Harmoniously Among Others – Colossians 3:15-25

In verse 15, believers are admonished to let the peace

of Christ rule in their hearts because they are called to peace as members of one body. The closer believers are to Christ (and His likeness), the closer they are to each other. Also, believers are to be thankful (I Thess. 5:18). The word of God should dwell richly in the life of a believer (v. 16). The words of the Bible, God's written word, are to dwell in believers.

As we study, meditate, and apply the word, the word will have a permanent abiding part of our lives! When the words of Christ become a part of a believer's nature, they spring forth naturally and daily in psalms (songs from the book of Psalms, hymns (songs of praise), and spiritual songs (not secular odes) with gratitude. The joyful singing is not to please oneself, but the Lord.

A spirit-filled Christian life can teach and admonish one another if it is done with all wisdom and not

tactlessness (Galatians 6:1). In verse 17, whatever we do in word or deed (lip or life), it should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus and with a thankful spirit.

In verse 18, wives are admonished to submit to their husbands as their heads as it is fitting in the Lord. Submission does not mean inferiority, but it simply means that the husband is the head because he was created before Eve (I Timothy 2:13). The wife is not obligated to follow her husband's leadership (headship) if it conflicts with specific scriptural commands. In verse 19, husbands are responsible for loving their wives. They are to exercise loving leadership, not dictatorial dominion! Assuming absolute authority will only embitter one's wife, not endear her!

In verse 20, children are to obey their parents in everything. It is right for children to obey their par-

ents because obedience reflects God's design for order in the home. In verse 21, fathers are not to embitter or constantly exasperate or irritate their children with unreasonable demands. This will only make them become discouraged.

In verse 22, servants are exhorted to obey their masters. They are to obey their masters with sincerity of heart and work with reverence for the Lord. Whatever slaves do, it should be done with all their hearts to the Lord, not for men (v. 23).

In verses 24-25, it is the Lord Jesus Christ whom all Christians are serving. There is a final payday (an inheritance as a reward) coming from the Lord. The Lord will judge without favoritism, repaying wrongdoers and rewarding those who serve Him (Romans 2:9; Ephesians 6:9).

"May God Bless!"

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The Black vote is still strong enough to once

again make the difference. The question is, will WE get the support necessary to make that vote once again,

go to the polls, and re-elect this President who must do more? The issue is not his age but his commitment to

getting our vote. People are not as concerned about "saving democracy" or the number of jobs recovered

as much as they are concerned about the value of our dollars, food, rent, housing, and gas. If the

Democrats reach us where we live on these issues, the salvation of democracy will follow.

Paul's Admonishment to the Colossian Believers As they Mature in Christ

Colossians 4:1-18



By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

In this last Chapter in Colossians, Paul reminds the Colossian believers to perfect their prayer lives (4:2-4) and their public lives (4:5-6). Paul then shared his concern for perfecting the personal lives of all the Colossian believers (4:7-18). Colossians 4:1-18 may be outlined as follows: I. Believers Maturing in Their Christian Lives – Colossians 4:1-6; II. Paul's Concluding Remarks to Some Associates – Colossians 4:7-18.

I. Believers Maturing in Their Christian Lives – Colossians 4:1-6

In verse 1, Paul admonished masters to be responsible in providing care for their slaves in an equitable

way. The masters are to do so because their Master in Heaven treats them in a just way. In order to mature, Paul exhorted the believers to devote themselves to persistent prayer (v. 2). Prayer is very essential to the spiritual health of the believer, much as breathing is to one's physical health. Believers should also be watchful (spiritually alert) and thankful when praying. Prayer is so essential because of the craftiness of the devil (Ephesians 6:16; I Peter 5:8).

In verses 3-4, Paul requested prayer of the believers so that an opportunity might be given to him to share the gospel clearly to others. Although Paul was in bonds, his aim was to preach the gospel

(II Timothy 4:2). In verse 5, Paul further advised the believers to be wise in the way they act. The believers' walk should be evident even among those outside of the body of Christ. The believers should also take every opportunity to proclaim Christ.

In verse 6, believers' speech or conversation should always be full of grace and seasoned with salt. In this way, believers could answer everyone who asked "the reason for the hope" (I Peter 3:15) that they had.

II. Paul's Concluding Remarks to Some Associates – Colossians 4:7-18

In verses 7-8, Paul mentions Tychicus as a dear

brother and faithful minister and fellow servant. Paul dispatched Tychicus to Colosse to inform the church of his state of affairs in order to encourage the church. Onesimus, a converted runaway slave of Philemon, is referred by Paul as a faithful and dear brother to Paul and the Colossians (v. 9).

Aristarchus, who was from Thessalonica, accompanied Paul on his third missionary campaign (Acts 19:29; 20:4). Mark, a companion of Paul, was with Paul on his first missionary journey (Acts 12:25). Although Mark deserted Paul on the first missionary journey (Acts 15:37-39), Paul did commend him (v. 10). In verse 11, Justus (righteous) was a Jewish companion of

Paul. Paul mentioned that Aristarchus, Mark, and Justus were fellow workers for the kingdom of God who provided loyal comfort to Paul.

In verses 12-13, Paul mentioned Epaphras as a servant of Jesus Christ who was always agonizing in prayer for the Colossians. Epaphras also labored hard for all the believers in the Lycas Valley – those in Colosse, Laodicea, and Hierapolis. Luke, a dear friend and physician in verse 14, remained loyal to Paul during his imprisonment. Paul rendered greetings in verse 15 to the brothers at Laodicea and to Nympha in whose house the church met.

Paul admonished that when the Colossian epistle

was read in Colosse, that it would also be read in Laodicea (v. 16). Archippus, a suggested son of Philemon, was urged by Paul to complete his ministry work that God had given him (v. 17). Concluding this epistle with his signed greeting, Paul asked the Colossian believers to remember his imprisonment. Paul prayed that the grace of God be with the saints.

All Christians are serving. There is a final payday (an inheritance as a reward) coming from the Lord. The Lord will judge without favoritism, repaying wrongdoers and rewarding those who serve Him (Romans 2:9; Ephesians 6:9).

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Black individuals are disproportionately affected, with the highest incidence rate of any racial or ethnic group in the U.S., according to the American Cancer Society. Black individuals face a 20% higher likelihood of being diagnosed with colorectal cancer. Hispanic individuals have the lowest rates of screening; only 60% of individuals report being up to date on colorectal cancer screening, according to the

U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

If you or a loved one receive a colorectal cancer diagnosis, Parkland's Cancer Program is here to help, with resources for patients throughout their entire treatment journey.

"Cancer patients are faced with many obstacles and are very strong and resilient. It is important to have a good support system and take care of your mental health during and after treatment," said Tam Lam, MPAS, PA-C, Medical Oncology Advanced Practice Provider at Parkland. "Our patient's caregivers also have an invaluable role that's often overlooked. If you are a caregiver, make sure you prioritize your mental and physical health. Our team is here to support our patients and caregivers so that they do not feel alone."

In the last few years,

guidelines were updated to start routine colorectal cancer screening at 45 years old via a colonoscopy or an at-home stool-based test for average-risk individuals. If you have a history of any of the following, you may need to start screening earlier:

- Individuals with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) such as Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.
- A personal or family history of colorectal cancer or colorectal polyps.
- A genetic syndrome such as familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) or hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer (Lynch syndrome).

Routine screening is important because you may not experience symptoms in the early stages of colon can-

cer. One easy way to screen for colorectal cancer is by using an at-home test called a Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT), which checks for blood in your stool (poop). Blood in your stool can be an early sign of colorectal cancer. You can get a FIT kit from your Parkland provider. You can do the test at home or in the clinic. If you complete the test at home, you can mail it back to Parkland in the envelope provided.

A colonoscopy may be necessary if results of your FIT test are abnormal.

A colonoscopy is a quick, outpatient procedure, performed under anesthesia that allows your Parkland provider to get a detailed look at the inside of your colon and rectum. A tube with a light and camera on the end of it will scan the

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Quinn Minute

The Middle Ages

By Rix Quinn

I keep a file folder near my desk containing newspaper and magazine clippings. Some days I read about things that happened last year. Sometimes, I read about inventions from 1975,

Yesterday, I read about the Middle Ages (not mine, but the world). Those folks suffered nearly 1,000 years...and those were the rich ones.

What if you had no alarm clock? What if you had no toothbrush? What if you had no tooth?

How tough was it? Rich people owned the land, lived in a castle, and could afford to bathe once a year.

Peasants farmed that land and lived in wood, straw, and clay houses. Those dwellings had no windows and dirt floors...and sometimes farm animals slept inside. (That meant their wooden TVs had to remain at a high volume.)

These people worked long hours between sunrise and sunset. They did not have wristwatches, as sundials were too heavy to

keep in a pocket.

Many remedies were herbal. They were passed down from generation to generation, mostly by conversation. (These were the first oral medications.)

Consequently, there were very few old people because anybody over 30 with three or four teeth and most of his fingers was considered a geezer.

And nearly everybody had superstitions. Many believed in witches and their ability to transform into werewolves at night.

This made parties extremely risky and curfew a life-saver.

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Cowboys rework Dak Prescott's contract

By SCHUYLER DIXON/FOX4 TV
Dallas Cowboys/Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas - The Dallas Cowboys are slightly reducing quarterback Dak Prescott's massive salary cap hit by reworking his contract going into the final year of the deal, a person with knowledge of the move said Monday.

A \$5 million roster bonus has been converted into a signing bonus to reduce the 2024 cap hit by \$4 million, to about \$55 million, the person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the club doesn't release details of contracts. The move was first reported by ESPN.

The Cowboys can create more salary cap relief with an extension for Prescott, who is coming off a wildcard loss at home to Green Bay that dropped his play-off record to 2-5.

While Jerry Jones has said the club plans to keep Prescott, the team owner and general manager hasn't struck the same definitive tone he did in 2021 before signing his franchise QB to a club-record \$160 million, four-year contract.

The reworking of the contract included adding two more voidable years in 2027 and 2028, which pushed Prescott's salary cap number in 2025 up slightly to \$40 million.

The Cowboys have been quiet in free agency in part because of looming paydays for All-Pro receiver CeeDee Lamb and star pass rusher Micah Parsons, the 2021 NFL Defensive



Photo Credit: FOX4 TV

Rookie of the Year.

Committing to Prescott beyond the coming season would make it easier to get deals done with Lamb and Parsons.

The only addition for Dallas from another team so far is linebacker Eric Kendricks on a one-year deal worth up to \$3.5 million. The Cowboys added Kendricks while releasing linebacker Leighton Vander Esch, their 2018 first-round pick, on a failed physical designation after another neck injury last season.

Prescott, a three-time Pro Bowler, has started ever since the beginning of his rookie year after Tony Romo was injured during the preseason in 2016. Prescott went from unheralded fourth-round pick to the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year while leading Dallas to the top seed in the

NFC playoffs.

The Cowboys lost Prescott's playoff debut to Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers, and they haven't advanced past the divisional round in four other tries since then. Dallas hasn't been to an NFC championship game since the last of the franchise's five Super Bowl titles to cap the 1995 season.

Dallas agreed to terms Monday with another of its free agents, a one-year deal for running back Rico Dowdle. With Tony Pollard's departure to Tennessee in free agency, Dowdle is the leading returning rusher with 361 yards.

The Cowboys also are bringing back cornerback Jourdan Lewis, special teams ace C.J. Goodwin and long snapper Trent Sieg.

optimal viewing conditions.

A viewing location is not required to enjoy the eclipse. Your view from your local park or backyard may be just as good. Appropriate viewing glasses are required, however.

C o l l a b o r a t i v e Partnerships: Dallas has fostered collaborations with local businesses, educational institutions, and astronomy

enthusiasts to enhance the eclipse viewing experience. Through these partnerships, the city has secured additional resources and expertise to ensure a seamless event.

For more information and updates on Dallas's solar eclipse viewing events, please visit City of Dallas gears up for total eclipse - Dallas City News.

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delays. Plan extra time for your arrival and departure from any location. Check DART for public transportation options.

Safe Viewing Locations: The city has designated various safe viewing locations equipped with appropriate viewing glasses and telescopes to offer the public

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inside of your colon and rectum to search for polyps (a small clump of cells that forms on the lining of the colon that can turn into cancer if untreated) or any other abnormalities. Polyps can often be removed if found during the colonoscopy and sent for lab testing.

You should talk to your doctor if you experience symptoms that last more than a few days like a change in how often you have a bowel movement or a change in what your stool looks, such as diarrhea, constipation or

narrowing of your stool. Reach out to your provider about any sort of bleeding from your bottom, such as when you wipe after going to the bathroom, as well as blood in your stool (may look bright red, dark red or black). Additionally, tell your doctor if you are experiencing stomach pain, excessive cramping, if you feel overly tired or weak and if you are losing weight without trying to.

Your risk of developing colorectal cancer increases as you age. However, making certain lifestyle changes can help lower your colon cancer risk, including:

- Eating a well-balanced diet that is primarily plant-based and limits red meat, processed meats, and foods high in fat and sugar.
- Stopping or never starting tobacco use – including e-cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products such as dip or snuff.
- Limiting alcohol.
- Get at least 30 minutes of physical activity daily.

For more information about Parkland, please visit www.parklandhealth.org

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tales of their grandmother, who recounted the harrowing events of the 1811 revolt by enslaved people. The uprising, often overshadowed in historical narratives, saw the brave resistance of individuals like Charles Deslondes and approximately 25 others who sought freedom amidst the brutal oppression of slavery.

The Banners' acquisition of the plantation marks a significant moment in the ongoing struggle to preserve Black history. After years of discussions with the previous owner, Timothy Sheehan, about safeguarding this heritage, the sisters finalized the purchase in January for \$750,000. With the transaction completed, they now hold stewardship over a property that witnessed one of America's largest uprisings of enslaved people.

Their nonprofit organization, The Descendants Project, focuses on preserving and protecting the Black descendant community in Louisiana's River Parishes.

The Woodland Plantation, nestled in St. John the Baptist Parish, holds immense historical significance, encompassing 4,000 square feet of space on four acres of land.

According to Sharlene Singal-DeCuir, an associate professor of history at Xavier University, the Banners' initiative is profoundly impactful. It provides an opportunity for descendants of the enslaved to reclaim their narrative, offering a counterbalance to historical accounts that often marginalize their contributions.

In addition to preserving the plantation's history, the Banners said they intend to use the space as a hub for community engagement. By offering genealogy resources and facilitating discussions on environmental justice, they aim to create a welcoming environment where Black voices are heard and honored.

The fight against environmental degradation in the region, epitomized by Greenfield Louisiana LLC's proposed construction of a

grain elevator export plant, underscores the ongoing struggle for justice. For Jo Banner, the significance of their ownership extends beyond mere property rights. It represents a reclaiming of space and identity, ensuring that future generations connect meaningfully with their heritage. As they embark on this journey, the Banners said they are determined to ensure that the Woodland Plantation remains a beacon of hope and empowerment for all who visit.

"Knowing that home's history and everything that happened, that our names are going to be put in the paperwork of this home, that you're going to see it going all the way from the 1700s and white ownership and all of a sudden that they got more melanin on that title history, we're already seeing how impactful that is for us to be in this space just as Black women," Jo Banner told The Grio. "We're going to provide access to the history in a way that Black people can feel welcome in the space."

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the ostensibly inclusive, data-driven digital systems of voter engagement prevailing in the United States. It identifies aggressive voter purges and biases inherent in vendor-generated models appended to voter files as key factors exacerbating this invisibility.

According to the Democracy & Power Innovation Fund report, "One serious consequence of missing or incorrect data in purchased voter databases is that it distorts the algorithms that assign vote propensity scores to individual voters."

"Traditional campaigns regularly and intentionally leave out people with low vote propensity scores, deeming them not worth the investment.

To put it plainly, this approach is wrong," stated Ranada Robinson, Research Director for New Georgia Project.

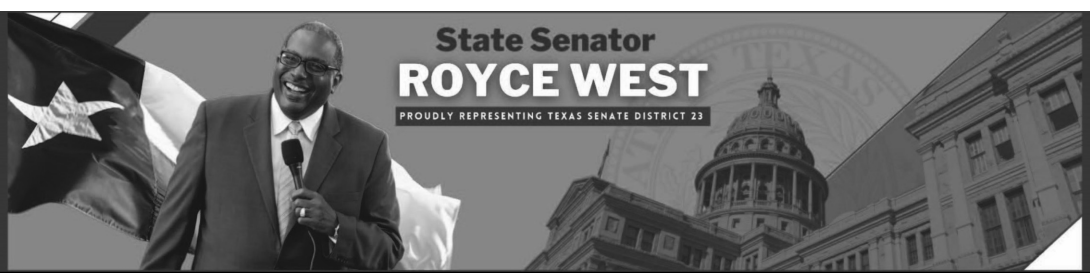
Similarly, Prentiss J. Haney, Senior Advisor to the Ohio Organizing Collaborative, highlighted the limitations of relying solely on political industry databases, noting that such dependence leads to the exclusion of millions of Black and Latino voters and inaccurate race modeling.

To address these disparities and ensure a more equitable electoral process, the report proposes philanthropic investments in community-based data collection, support for antiracist modeling efforts, and adopting broad relational organizing strategies.

The report called for concerted efforts to rectify the sys-

temic biases ingrained within existing data systems and engagement models. The author asserted that a failure to address these issues risks perpetuating the disenfranchisement of marginalized communities and undermining democratic principles.

"The people unseen by voter files are still capable, if organized, to make moves and wield their latent power," added Joy Cushman, Senior Advisor to DPI. "People deemed 'low propensity' by models and the political industry are defying the odds and still turning out to vote. And many are doing even more than that: they are becoming active members and leaders in power-building organizations, mobilizing their friends and family to vote as well."



STATEMENT

Today (Tuesday), State Senator Royce West (D-Dallas), issued the following in response to the United States Supreme Court's decision to allow the State of Texas to enforce the provisions of Senate Bill 4:

Today, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed its most recent actions to now allow Texas' law enforcement agencies to begin enforcement of Senate Bill 4 (SB 4), the state's "show me your papers law." Without question, this legislation carries with it the ability to codify racial profiling by giving law enforcement the proverbial green light to target, with impunity, anyone who in their opinion, looks illegal.

SB 4 gives law enforcement the power to arrest a person if they suspect that person is an undocumented immigrant. I ask what are the factors that could amount to reasonable suspicion? Could it be the color of a person's skin, the language they speak, or the communities where they live or are passing through?

During debate on this bill before the Senate during the fourth special session of the legislature last year, there was robust discussion on what would constitute probable cause to allow an arrest under SB 4. The truth is that what constitutes probable cause is up to each and every individual law enforcement officer in the State of Texas at the time they engage in a traffic stop or other police and citizen interaction.

Let me be clear, SB 4 does NOT provide a mechanism for police to determine reasonable suspicion regarding who is and or who is not here legally. In fact, the majority of those voting in favor of this law voted against clarifying how police could determine probable cause or reasonable suspicion regarding enforcement of this now-enacted law!

Questions remain at every judicial level as to whether SB 4 stands in violation of 14th Amendment equal protection provisions. And of even more glaring constitutional concern is that SB 4 is in direct conflict with the federal government's jurisdiction over immigration enforcement, consistent with the Supreme Court's 2012 ruling in *Arizona v. United States*.



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Dallas ISD pilots TEA safety assessment

BY MARICARMEN EROLES INSIDE DALLAS ISD



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In its continued efforts to prioritize the safety of students and team members, the district conducts regular safety audits throughout the school year. The success of these audits has attracted the attention of the Texas Education Agency, which is developing a statewide vulnerability assessment.

TEA teams of assessors spent a week in Dallas touring district facilities and attending meetings with Operations Division team members to determine the district's vulnerabilities based on their 11-point assessment that then will be used by school districts across the state.

"Dallas ISD volunteered to be the first in the state to

have a vulnerability assessment completed on their district," said Chip Roberts, TEA senior agent for the North Sector. "Over 100 campuses were assessed last week with the assistance of the School Safety, Resources and Monitoring Department. It is evident that safety is top of mind for district leadership, making Dallas ISD a leader in school safety within the state."

Dallas ISD has been keeping safety in mind since the 2015 bond, which was used to add doorbells and secure vestibules in schools, work that has continued in subsequent years, said Marlon Brooks, executive director of School Safety, Resources and

Monitoring.

"We have been focusing on being proactive," he said.

Through the years Dallas ISD has enhanced safety at campuses and facilities by making sure that all doors remain secure, installing card readers at secure entrances, updating policies and procedures, developing 3-D maps of facilities, upgrading safety features and other measures.

"The study will help us improve," Brooks said. "It will help us see if there are any weaknesses we haven't seen and align what we want to look for in all schools. The pilot will also help students across Texas."

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LOVE IS NOT ENOUGH

By Dr. Joyce Willard, Teal



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When I read or hear about young people who have gone astray, those who have acquired juvenile records, those who have run away from home, those who make a habit of bullying others, etc., I can't help but think that many of these troubled and troubling young people are loved and are being nurtured by loving parents. This fact, however, is inadequate. And it's no secret that most parents would not have predicted this for their beautiful new-

borns, which each of these young people were in the not too distant past.

While none of us can accurately predict the future, when we think of what the future holds for our children, we do not want to think of bad things happening, but of good. And while contemplating good things for our beloved children: high school graduation, college graduation, good jobs, starting a business, enduring marriages, children of their own, to name only a few, we need to accept the reality that these good things don't just happen. They do not just magically appear!

When we are proactive; when we recognize that we must begin early in our children's lives to program them for success, when we sit with them and take the time to assure that they begin early in their elementary years completing homework neatly and accu-

rately and reading silently for a period each day, we are increasing their chances for success.

Success does not just happen. But failure does just happen when steps for success are not taken intentionally. With this being the reality, be very intentional regarding expectations for your child. Assure that as your child progresses through each grade level at school, that he makes challenging course selections. Don't allow him to choose "easy" courses that present no challenges. Take care to assure that the home is a safe, stimulating and supportive environment.

You've probably discovered by this point in your existence that love is not enough. And while love is a necessary ingredient, it is only one ingredient, and alone this one ingredient has been proven inadequate. If you're wondering: what else, in addi-

tion to loving my child, can I do to improve his chance for success? You can:

- Become strongly involved in his school life
- Express high expectations for him
- Assure that he participates in age appropriate extra-curricular activities
- Not allow him to work more than 20 hours each week

These are just a few of the things that you can do to improve your child's chances to succeed. There are numerous others, some of which are specific to your child whose personality is unique to him or her.

Remember parents: **BEING PROACTIVE IS THE KEY! GET-INVOLVED EARLY and STAY INVOLVED!**

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