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A WEEK BEFORE THE ELECTION, TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD PREPARES TO DEPLOY TROOPS TO CITIES

By Shawn Mulcahy



Ahead of the election, Texas National Guard troops will be deployed to cities. Credit: Miguel Gutierrez Jr./The Texas Tribune <https://www.texastribune.org/2020/10/27/texas-national-guard-troops-election-deploy/>

The Texas Army National Guard said Monday that up to 1,000 troops could be dispatched to cities across Texas ahead of the Nov. 3 election.

Brandon Jones, a spokesperson for the Guard, said the deploy-

ment is not related to the election and troops would not be stationed at polling places. He said it was a continuation of peacekeeping efforts that began during anti-police brutality protests this summer.

“The Texas Military Department was activated

to provide additional support to the Department of Public Safety in the summer of 2020,” Maj. Gen. Tracy R. Norris, the adjutant general of Texas, said in a statement. “Texas Service Members continue to support [the Texas Department of Public

Safety] in this capacity, guarding historical landmarks such as the Alamo and the State Capitol.”

Troops could be sent to five major cities: Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio, according to the San Antonio Express-

News, which first reported the move. The newspaper reported that Guard members could arrive as soon as this weekend.

Gov. Greg Abbott previously activated the National Guard in late May following a series of demonstrations that erupted across Texas in response to the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police.

During a burial service for Floyd this summer near Houston, police asked other agencies for assistance in what they thought might be a massive gathering with protesters and counter-protesters. U.S. Customs and Border Protection planned a massive presence, including 66 paramilitary agents from CBP’s Border Patrol Tactical Unit.

Abbott’s office did not respond to multiple

requests for comment.

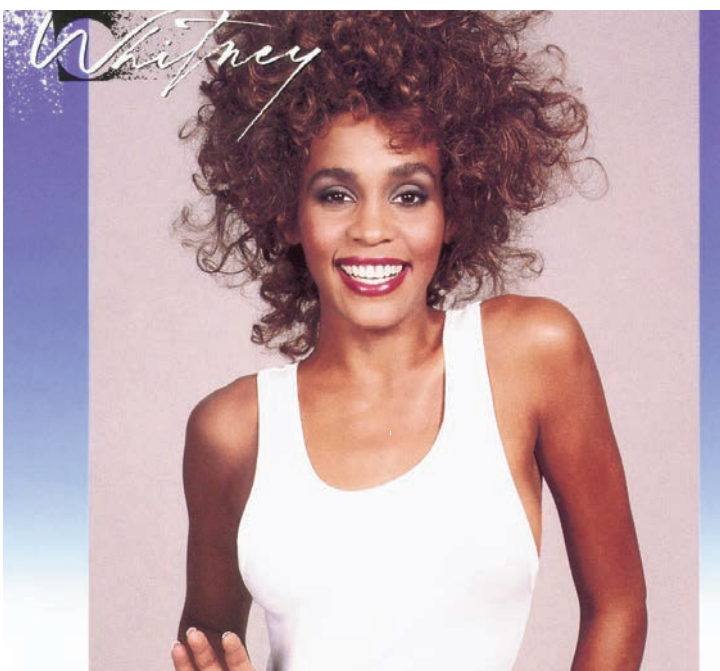
Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner has not been contacted by either Abbott or the Guard about the deployment, spokesperson Mary Benton told The Texas Tribune on Tuesday.

In Dallas, Mayor Eric Johnson also was not aware of the potential deployment to his city, according to spokesperson Tristan Hallman.

Law enforcement agencies across the state have been preparing for protests or other unrest on election night. Police departments in Austin, El Paso, San Antonio and Fort Worth previously said officers were planning for demonstrations.

Separately, the FBI’s field office in Dallas warned that far-right extremists could pose a violent threat in North Texas around the election.

Whitney Houston makes history with 3rd diamond album



This cover image released by Arista Records shows “Whitney” by Whitney Houston. The late singer has earned her third diamond certified album, becoming the first Black artist to achieve the feat. The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and Legacy Recordings announced Wednesday that Houston’s 1987 sophomore album, “Whitney,” has reached diamond status, which is equivalent to selling 10 million albums. (Arista Records via AP)

NEW YORK (AP) — The late Whitney Houston has earned her third diamond-certified album, becoming the first Black artist to achieve the feat.

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and Legacy Recordings announced Wednesday that Houston’s 1987 sophomore album, “Whitney,” has reached diamond status, which is equivalent to selling 10 million albums. Her self-titled 1985 debut album and 1992’s “The Bodyguard” soundtrack were already diamond successes, selling 13

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Voting history of Detroit woman, 103, dates back to FDR

BY MIKE HOUSEHOLDER

DETROIT (AP) — Talu Massey is among the millions of Americans who voted before Nov. 3, resulting in record-breaking early turnout.

But it’s far from the Detroit resident’s first election. Very far. She voted for FDR, after all.

The 103-year-old is proud of her lengthy voting record, saying it’s every citizen’s “civic duty” to take part in the process.

“As an American citizen, you have a right to cast your vote for who you want in office, who you want to be running the government,” Massey said during an interview at her home.

Massey voted absentee

in September, eight decades after she cast her first presidential ballot — for President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

“I don’t remember whether I made each election, but I have been constantly voting,” said Massey, who was born in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1917.

She moved to Detroit as an infant and has been a resident of the Motor City for 102 of her years, during which she voted for a host of Democrats, including John F. Kennedy, Barack Obama and now Joe Biden.

Massey recently made an appearance in a music video entitled “I Have a Right to Vote” that seeks



(AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

to educate citizens about the hard-earned right to vote. The four-minute video features “Hamilton” original cast member Christopher Jackson, actors Billy Porter and Hill Harper and others reciting the words of voting-rights icons such as John Lewis and Frederick Douglass.

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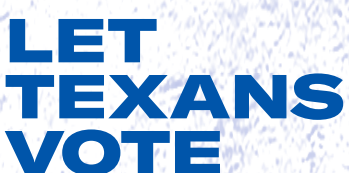
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Trump's Latest Executive Orders Seen as Attempts to Sabotage a Biden Administration and Eliminate Diversity and Inclusion Programs

Written by Stacy Brown



Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (OH-03), Chair of the House Financial Services Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee, recently introduced a bill (H.R. 8595) to invalidate Executive Order 13950 and preserve diversity and inclusion training programs at federal departments and agencies as well as in the private sector.

With record early voting numbers heavily pointing to a potential landslide by Democratic Presidential Nominee Joe Biden, President Donald Trump is working behind the scenes to undermine a new administration and further divide the country. The President this week quietly signed an executive order that strips civil service protections from a large number of career federal workers if Trump determines that they are in

"confidential, policy-determining, policy-making, or policy-advocating positions." He also was called out by members of Congress for another executive order that removes diversity and inclusion programs both at the federal and private sector levels. As first reported by the U.K. Independent, the most recent executive order creates a new category "Schedule F" for such federal positions that

do not turn over from administration to administration and reclassifying them. The Office of Personnel Management — essentially the executive branch's human resources department — has been charged with implementing the order by publishing a "preliminary" list of positions to be moved into a new category on what could be President Donald Trump's

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Why the 2020 Vote Matters More than Ever to African Americans



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

Her father survived Jim Crow and saw the evolution of the vote in America, so Lex Scott speaks from a unique perspective when she champions African Americans' historical significance casting their ballots.

"When my father voted, his life was at risk," remarked Scott, the president of the Black Lives Matter Utah Chapter.

"Black people were also filled with many obstacles that prevented them from voting. Some had to be landowners; some had to be sponsored by white personnel," Scott recalled.

"Some had to pay fees. Some were tested. Many people died for that right. It is too important for us not to vote, and if we want to have a democracy, we need to participate in it. We can't hope that situations will change. We have to be active in helping candidates get elected who will create that change."

The fight for African Americans' right to vote dates back to the late 1800s.

Freed Blacks in New York briefly held the right to vote before the Civil War, and there were similar instances in other Northern states.

"African American men were given the right to

vote with the passage of the 15th amendment in 1870 as one of the Reconstruction Amendments after the Civil War, Brianna Mack, an assistant professor of politics and government at Ohio Wesleyan University, wrote in an email to BlackPressUSA.

"The Reconstruction era ended in 1877 with President Rutherford B. Hayes explicitly ending federal oversight of Southern states to fund public schools, establish charitable institutions, raise taxes, and fund public improvements to incorporate newly freed Blacks into the fabric of daily life as citizens and equal participants in America," Mack noted.

During Reconstruction, the Black vote's influence materialized as African Americans won election to local, state, and national offices.

"Black men won election to state legislatures and Congress indicating an impending drastic social change," Mack added.

"Starting in 1868, we see white supremacist groups, precursors to the Ku Klux Klan, use violence to suppress the Black vote, and fraud was rampant. Many congressional elections in the South were contested,"

she continued.

"Such tactics were used because white political leaders quickly realized that African Americans are independent political beings whose participation in elections can upset the 'balance' that previously existed without their involvement. These political leaders could not appeal to Black people and/or Black people were not responsive to their appeals because their appeals were rooted in the subjugation of the racial group i.e. for the foreseeable future, southern Democrats would/could not count on Black support."

President Lyndon Johnson signed the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which reinforced the 15th amendment of nearly a century earlier. The Voting Rights Act outlawed discriminatory voting practices and effectively provided African Americans the right to cast ballots freely.

Despite the 1965 law, Blacks were still denied the right to vote.

In some cases, by violence and in many instances through suppression and misinformation tactics.

One year after the Voting Rights Act, civil rights activist James Meredith was shot and wounded during a voter registration march between Tennessee and Mississippi.

Undaunted, 4,000 African Americans registered to vote in Mississippi the day after the shooting as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Stokely Carmichael joined the march.

Suppression efforts have continued, and, in 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court eliminated the federal government's ability to block states' voting

restrictions.

In doing so, the high court effectively struck down a significant part of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which has led to restrictive laws that have primarily affected African American voters.

"In a general sense, the power of the vote is absolutely critical to the creation and maintenance of an equal society, and that's why ruling classes fought the concept of universal suffrage for so many years in Europe and the U.S.," remarked Amber Dozier, the managing partner, and chief strategy officer of the ABCD & Company, a Rockville, Maryland-based marketing firm.

"In the case of African-Americans, voting is even more important because the laws of this nation have been historically designed in a way that leads to the de facto economic, cultural/social, and political subjugation of African-Americans," Dozier added.

"The Constitution, a document that framed the legal and political essence of America, declared the African-Americans were three-fifths of a White person – all for the purpose of amassing political power through the vote."

She concluded: "This demonstrates that the Black vote has power and has always been a commodity to those in power, even when we were deprived of that right. Voting gives citizens, the power to shape the laws that govern their lives. In a sociopolitical climate where there is vehement debate over the appropriateness of saying 'Black lives matter.' African-Americans must vote because our lives and the sanctity with which they are treated depends on it."

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as a 2020 Fellow Inductee to the American Academy of Nursing," said Congresswoman Johnson. "While some of us are no longer at bedside, which is my first passion, we are all making strides towards substantial change. As a federal legislator, I stand firm with the Academy's commitment to achieving meaningful policy changes that impact vulnerable populations and those whose voices would otherwise not be heard."

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"A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN"
ST. JOHN 7:14 - 31
JESUS' CONTROVERSIAL TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE
BY REV. JOHNNY CALVIN SMITH

In our last discussion from St. John 7:1-13, we discovered that the Jews' (the vicious Judean leaders) aim and purpose was to kill our blessed Lord (St. John 7:1). However, our Lord did not allow their threat to keep Him from the Feast of Tabernacles (v. 10). Our Lord's arrival signaled that He was obedient to God's word, for according to Deuteronomy 16:6, every Jewish male was required to attend these notable feasts: the Feast of Unleavened Bread (commonly called Passover), the Feast of Weeks (commonly called Pentecost), and the Feast of Ingathering (com-

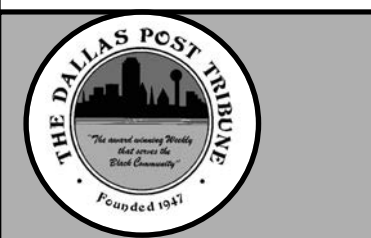
monly call the Feast of Tabernacles). The present verse before us took place during the midst of that celebrated Feast of Tabernacles (v. 14). During this festive occasion, our Lord was so focused in teaching the people despite the imminent danger on His life. As Jesus taught, the Jews marveled at the mastery way in which He taught, having made this rather astonishing statement - "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" These Jews were impressed with Christ's delivery and the manner or style by which He taught; yet, His teaching made

no real impact upon their consciences. In answering the Jews, Christ exclaimed that His doctrine originated from God. His doctrine came from the One who sent Him (v. 16). As faithful proclaimers of God's word, we must deliver to the masses what originates from God - His blessed word! Christ went on to utter in verse 17 that those who have a heart's thirst for God's teaching will obtain spiritual knowledge and assurance. Moreover, Christ was no spiritual impostor, for He came not to attract attention to Himself but to glorify the One who sent Him - the Father (v.

18). Every servant of God should be zealous to guard the glory of God, and not one's own glory. Christ's critics were saying that He was unlettered; yet, our Lord turns the table and accuses them of disobeying the letter of the law by cultivating murderous intent in their hearts, for they desired to slay Christ (v. 19). In verse 20, a company of Israelites in the Temple Court made a defaming remark toward Jesus; however, in verse 21, we find our Lord still addressing the people. Despite their vile comment in verse 20, our Lord persisted in proclaiming the truth. When Christ said - "I have done one work, and ye all marvel," He was making reference to the incident of the paralytic man being healed in St. John 5:1-16. In verses 22-24, Christ is

vindicating His work of healing the impotent man of St. John 5:1-16 on the Sabbath day. It was utterly unreasonable for Christ's critics to criticize Him for performing deeds of mercy on the Sabbath Day. His critics should not be so hasty to judge; however, they are to judge righteously. If circumcision was permitted on the Sabbath Day (Leviticus 12:3), certainly, Christ's act of mercy demonstrated in the consummate healing of the impotent man should not be a basis for them criticizing Jesus! It is amazing in verses 25 and 26, that even the common people of Israel could not discern the identity of Christ, which well exposes this fact that "except the Father draws, no man will come to Christ" (St. John 6:44). The Jewish people continued to exclaim that they knew Him (v. 27),

but Christ uttered that the One who sent Him was true; One that they knew not (v. 28). God had been faithful to the veracity of His promises and certain fulfillments of His promises; moreover, the person of Christ stood in their midst as the fulfillment of many O.T. promises, yet they missed Him. Therefore, the Father is made known only by the Son (v. 29). In verse 30, the vileness of the human heart is exposed in their desire to apprehend the Son of God. Our Lord could not be seized because His hour of public crucifixion had not come (St. John 2:4; 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1; 17:1). In verse 31, the people's belief was only superficial, for they had such a misconception of the incarnate ministry of our blessed Saviour!
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COUNCIL MEMBER TENNELL ATKINS SHARES UPDATE ON BLUE STAR RECYCLING

DALLAS – Council Member Tennell Atkins shared the following update from the City Attorney's Office regarding Blue Star Recycling:

"Since 2018, the City has been pursuing a lawsuit against Blue Star Recycling, the property at 9505 S. Central Expressway, and its owners. On Friday, October 23, the property owner signed an agreed judgment allowing the City to enter the property and remove the shingle materials.

"The City will begin removing and disposing all solid waste materials from the property as soon as the agreement has been approved by the State of Texas, published in the Texas Register for 30 days, and signed by the Judge presiding over the pending case.

"The City anticipates all material to be removed within 90 days following the commencement of the solid waste removal. An environmental consultant will ensure that the materials are removed in compliance with all environmental regulations. The agreement also requires the property owner to pay \$1 million to the City and offers the City the right to acquire the property free and clear of all liens after removal.

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Protecting the health of yourself and your family is more important now than ever before. Getting sick can increase stress, medical expenses or time off from work or school.

Flu season begins in the fall every year and lasts through winter. The best way to prevent the flu is by receiving an annual flu shot, the sooner the better. Stop the flu before it stops you.

Why you need a flu shot

- Every year the flu shot prevents illnesses, hospitalizations and death.
- The flu shot helps prevent patients with chronic illnesses from getting the flu. Chronic illnesses like diabetes or heart disease can increase risk of flu complications.
- The flu shot helps protect pregnant women and their baby from flu illness and hospitalization.
- Your protection from a flu shot lessens over time. To keep yourself and your family protected from the flu, make sure you all receive a flu shot every year. Children can begin receiving flu shots as early as six months old.

The best ways to protect yourself from the flu

1. Get the flu shot. Getting vaccinated every year is the best way to prevent the flu.
2. Clean your hands. Wash your hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer with alcohol.
3. Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth. You can get sick if you get germs on your hands and you touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
4. Stay home when you are sick. Keep your kids at home when they are sick. This will help protect others from getting sick too.
5. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough and sneeze.
6. Follow other healthy habits. Get enough sleep, stay active and eat healthy food.

To get your annual flu shot, visit one of our community-based health centers for Walk-in Wednesdays, no appointment needed. For more information on flu and upcoming flu drives, visit www.parklandhospital.com/flu.

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million and 18 million units, respectively.

"Whitney" featured four songs that topped the Billboard Hot 100 chart: the Grammy-winning "I Wanna Dance with Somebody (Who Loves Me)," "Didn't We Almost Have It All," "So Emotional" and "Where Do Broken Hearts Go." The single "Love Will Save the Day" peaked at No. 9 on the chart.

Garth Brooks holds the record for most diamond-certified albums, with nine. Others with three or more albums that have reached diamond status include The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Shania Twain and the Eagles.

The RIAA awards diamond plaques to albums and singles that reach 10 times platinum status. That once was the equivalent of selling 10 million songs or albums, but has changed since 2016, when the RIAA began incorporating streaming from YouTube, Spotify and other digital music services.

Wednesday's announcement comes a week before Houston, who died in 2012, will be posthumously inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 2020 class. The ceremony will air on HBO on Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. ET.

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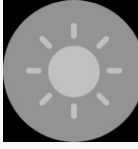
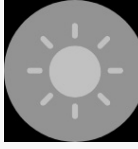
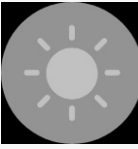



Massey shows up just after tennis great Billie Jean King repeats the words of the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Massey, a retiree who worked for the federal government, is a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

Her secret to long life: "I didn't miss having fun growing up. I played a lot of sports. Clean living," she said.

SPORTS/NEWS PAGE

7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, October 29	Friday, October 30	Saturday, October 31	Sunday, November 1	Monday, November 2	Tuesday, November 3	Wednesday, November 4
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COWBOYS QUESTION THEIR OWN FIGHT IN RAPIDLY SPIRALING SEASON

By SCHUYLER DIXON

Dallas receiver Amari Cooper had no answer for why the Cowboys didn't respond when Andy Dalton ended up with a concussion after the quarterback was hit while sliding on a play that led to the ejection of Washington's Jon Bostic.

Coach Mike McCarthy didn't hide his disappointment in the rest of the players on offense. Defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence fit the theme perfectly when answering an unrelated question about whether Dallas (2-5) could turn its season around after a demoralizing 25-3 loss to Washington.

"We need more belief and more high spirits around this team, and really more fight," Lawrence said. "That's really, I feel like, one of our weaknesses. We need to build a

stronger backbone, fight and also make sure that we brought everything possible to come out with a victory."

It's difficult to judge McCarthy's first season in Dallas because the Cowboys could be on their third starting quarterback Sunday in Philadelphia. Dalton was making his second start in place of Dak Prescott.

The offensive line is in shambles, and the pandemic ruined the offseason for a defense making a significant scheme change. But the defense has been so bad, questions about defensive coordinator Mike Nolan's future won't go away.

McCarthy again dismissed the suggestion of dumping Nolan in the final answer with reporters after the Washington loss. Still, this



Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) recovering a loose football during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020. (AP) Photo/Patrick Semansky

is the first time for McCarthy and Nolan to coach together since 2005 in San Francisco.

Those 49ers, with Nolan as head coach and McCarthy running the offense, had one of the worst defenses in the NFL for a team that went 4-12. These Cowboys are headed that direction fast, and there were never questions

about the team's resolve in nine-plus seasons under Jason Garrett.

"We knew there would be adjustments throughout as a football team," McCarthy said. "We've been hit with a number of challenges that we are just not pushing through right now. So, we need to continue to work and I believe we'll push through the

other end."

STOCK DOWN

The Dallas run defense has become a big problem. Washington went into the game with the NFL's worst rushing offense and finished with 208 yards on the ground. The Cowboys have allowed at least 200 yards in three of the past four games. They didn't allow even one such game each of the past two years, and haven't given up as many as three in the same season since 2013.

INJURIES

The Cowboys will have a significant concussion question for the second week in a row with Dalton. Executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said on his radio show Monday that All-Pro right guard Zack Martin

could return after missing a game with a concussion.

Jones said CB Chidobe Awuzie (groin) and OL Joe Looney (knee) also could return. Looney began the season as the starting center, but could end up at guard with rookie Tyler Biadasz off to a solid start. In that scenario, Martin could slide out to right tackle with both starting tackles, Tyron Smith and La'el Collins, out for the season.

NEXT STEPS

The visit to the Eagles could be the last chance for the Cowboys to save the season. A win at home the following week against Pittsburgh is unlikely, while a visit to last-place Minnesota comes after the open week.

Mayor Eric Johnson's statement on CBRE's relocation to Dallas



DALLAS — Mayor Eric Johnson on Wednesday released the following statement regarding CBRE's decision to relocate its headquarters to Dallas.

"CBRE has been an integral part of the Dallas economy for years, and I am thrilled that the company has decided to move its headquarters here. The city of Dallas has a diverse and

powerful economy that drives the fourth-largest metropolitan region in the country. And now, with the addition of CBRE, the city will boast the headquarters of 11 Fortune 500 compa-

nies. "While we still have important work to do to help our city grow and thrive in the years ahead, I believe we are well positioned to recover from the

COVID-19 pandemic. announcement from CBRE reflects confidence in our city's immense potential and proves once again that Dallas is an economic powerhouse."

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Trump's last full day in office: January 19, 2021.

The range of workers who could be stripped of protections and placed in a new category is vast, experts told the Independent.

The list could include most non-partisan experts — scientists, doctors, lawyers, economists — whose work to advise and inform policymakers is supposed to be fact-driven and devoid of politics.

For instance, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and a member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, would be among those terminated by Trump.

In a nutshell, the Independent reported that the executive order could give Trump the power to "mount a scorched-earth campaign which would cripple a future Biden administration."

"In the event the

incumbent president loses his re-election bid, this order could give him largely unfettered authority to fire experts ... while leaving behind a corps of embedded loyalists to undermine his successor, according to federal employment law experts," the newspaper noted.

Creating the new category — known as "Schedule F" — and moving current civil servants into it "could allow a lame-duck President Trump to cripple his successor's administration by firing any career federal employees who've been included on the list," Journalist Andrew Feinberg wrote for the Independent.

"It also could allow Trump administration officials to skirt prohibitions against "burrowing in" — the heavily restricted practice of converting political appointees (known as "Schedule C" employees) into career civil servants — by hiring them under the new category for positions which

would not end with Trump's term.

"Another provision orders agencies to take steps to prohibit removing "Schedule F" appointees from their jobs on the grounds of "political affiliation," which could potentially prevent a future administration from firing unqualified appointees because of their association with President Trump."

Spokespeople for both the President and Biden did not return emails to Black Press USA.

"Yes, if Biden wins, he will undo all of these Executive Orders," tweeted Beth Noveck, the first United States Deputy Chief Technology Officer and director of the White House Open Government Initiative under President Barack Obama.

"However, if they fire people on their way out the door, it will wreak considerable havoc. And if he doesn't win, then this disaster is another one of many but a serious one for democracy and the rule of

law."

Noveck added:

"It's unclear whether this becomes... a blunt instrument...to do some surgical removal of people they don't like, or whether they're going to actually attempt some sort of bloodletting or purge."

Charlie Reeves, who describes himself as an anti-Trump moderate, said the implications of the executive order is far-reaching.

"I understand as an executive order it can be reversed, but you can do a lot of damage in two months and make for a big mess for Biden to clean up early," Reeves tweeted.

"Clear effort for petty revenge and to hinder a smooth transition."

The President's latest act marked another in a string of recent controversial executive orders.

Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (OH-03), Chair of the House Financial Services Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee, recently introduced a bill (H.R. 8595) to invalidate

Executive Order 13950 and preserve diversity and inclusion training programs at federal departments and agencies as well as in the private sector.

Beatty's bill, which has the backing of 23 members of Congress, noted that Trump's order rolls back diversity and inclusion training programs within all federal departments and agencies, the U.S. uniformed services, federal contractors, subcontractors, and specific federal grant recipients.

The order also established a hotline within the Department of Labor for the investigation of complaints.

It required the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) to craft a request for seeking information from federal contractors, subcontractors, and their employees regarding the training, workshops, or similar programming provided to employees, under the threat of termination of

any existing contract and preclusion of future contracting opportunities.

"As the first-ever Chair of the Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion, I have focused our bipartisan work on highlighting the tremendous impact of a more inclusive U.S. economy and workforce," Beatty said.

"In hearings throughout the 116th Congress, the Subcommittee has received testimony from industry leaders and experts acknowledging the correlation between diversity performance and the bottom line. Diverse organizations are more profitable, pose less regulatory risk, and strengthen our economy."

She added:

"That is why I strongly oppose Trump's divisive attempt to cement racism as the practice and policy of the federal government and call on all Americans to join me in this effort because this Executive Order is antithetical to the values we hold so dear as a nation."



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Student Activities hosts second annual middle school cheer camp

BY THE HUB

Dallas ISD cheer camps began with an exciting warmup to the musical beat of Turbo Hustle: “Whatcha gon do? You can do it too, with the Turbo: 5, 6, 7, 8; Right, right, right; left, left, left; right left, kick, kick, knee, knee, bend down and roll.”

Middle school students from across Dallas ISD spent the first two Saturdays in October participating in cheer camps at Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy. During the camps, more than 100 cheerleaders from 10 schools learned dances and cheers while adhering to UIL COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidelines, including social distancing, wearing masks and washing and sanitizing hands.

This is the second year that the Dallas ISD Student Activities sponsored camps for middle school cheerleaders. In addition to the camps, the district covers the transportation cost to and from football games, personal protection equipment and a stipend for cheer coaches.

“We are trying to allow students to participate in extracurricular activities

without the burden of the cost associated with being involved,” said Sharla Hudspeth, executive director for Dallas ISD Extracurricular and Extended Learning Opportunities. “When students are involved, they have a sense of school spirit and engagement. We know from experience and research that extracurricular activities give students a feel of connection with their school community.”

Karon Radford, Franklin Middle School cheer coach, said prior to the District’s financial support, students were responsible for the cost associated with their participation in cheer squads at the middle school level.

“The expense denied access to something that everyone should be able to do,” she added. “Cheerleading enriches the lives of students. It gives them the opportunity to interact with others which builds their capacity to work with others, creating and forming teams for lifelong learning.”

Facilitated by Express Cheer, the camps were designed to teach teamwork, leadership skills and cheer skills training.

Each school was assigned a college and/or professional cheerleader to help them bond together and improve their cheering skills.

“Our goal was to teach Dallas ISD cheerleaders the safe and correct way to cheer at games and pep rallies,” Chris Henson, Express Cheer owner, said. “Cheerleading is the perfect combination of athleticism and performance that bridges the gap between students and sports.”

The participating schools included Oliver W. Holmes Humanities/Communications Academy, School for the Talented and Gifted in Pleasant Grove, W.E. Greiner Exploratory Arts Academy, L.V. Stockard Middle, Henry W. Longfellow Career Exploration Academy, Alex W. Spence Talented/Gifted Academy, Ann Richards STEAM Academy, Seagoville Middle, Francisco “Pancho” Medrano Junior High School and Benjamin Franklin International Exploratory Academy. The next middle school cheer camp is scheduled for the spring semester.



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