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Why the 2020 Vote Matters More than Ever to African Americans

By Stacy M. Brown
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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.



Suppression efforts have continued, and, in 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court eliminated the federal government’s ability to block states’ voting restrictions. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

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

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Dr. Seemee Ali



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People In The News...

NDG Quote of the Week: “You’re not to be so blind with patriotism that you can’t face reality.

Wrong is wrong, no matter who does it or says it.”

– Malcolm X

Dr. Seemee Ali

The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture is pleased to announce a change of leadership as the non-profit organization begins its fifth decade of offering public programs for North Texans. Dr. Seemee Ali has been chosen to lead the Institute as its first-ever President.

Dr. Ali comes to Dallas from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, with her husband, Dr. Michael McShane.

For their distinguished teaching, both are recognized as Professors Emer-



iti at Carthage, where they founded the college's vibrant Hannibal Lecture Series and established its Lincoln Forum for the Liberal Arts. Dr. Ali is a graduate of Austin College with

a B.A. in political science. She holds a Ph.D. from the Institute of Philosophic Studies at the University of Dallas. Since, she has served as Fellow of Harvard University's Center for Hellenic Studies (CHS). Dr. Gregory Nagy, Harvard University's Francis Jones Professor of Classical Greek Literature, wrote in his nominating letter: "I am in awe of her deep learning and her lively engagement with some of the most vitally important and timely topics in the field of classical studies."

Dr. Ali's assumption of the Dallas Institute Presi-

dency is in a sense a homecoming. She has been closely involved with the work of the Institute since the 1990s, first as assistant to Drs. Louise and Donald Cowan, founders of the Institute's Teachers Academy (now the Cowan Center).

After joining the staff of the Museum of Modern Art (NY), she returned to Dallas to serve as administrator for the Teachers Academy while pursuing her graduate studies at the University of Dallas.

After leaving Dallas to teach on the Rome campuses of the University of Dallas and John Cabot Univer-

sity and, then, back in the United States, at Morgan State University, Villanova University, and Carthage College, she has since returned frequently to lecture at the Institute.

"After forty years of conducting public programs in Dallas, the Institute is indeed fortunate to have Dr. Ali to lead it into its future," remarked Dr. Larry Allums, who served as Executive Director for twenty-three years. "She has an intimate understanding of its mission in our city and what it has achieved, and she brings a dynamic vision for what it can and should

become."

In a statement to the Board of Directors and the membership of the Dallas Institute, Dr. Ali said,

"At a time when our culture is in crisis, when civil discourse is increasingly difficult, and the unresolved pandemic exposes ever new fault lines in our communities, the humane work of the Dallas Institute is vital. We need the Dallas Institute now more than ever. I am deeply honored to serve as the Institute's first President."

Dr. Ali has earned nu-

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Zafar Brooks

Zafar Brooks is the Director, General Affairs, Government Relations and Diversity for Hyundai Motor North America. He is also Executive Director of Hyundai Hope On Wheels, Hyundai's non-profit organization to help kids fight cancer.

At Hyundai, Brooks leads the company's diversity efforts to support a culture of inclusion and equality. He runs the company's corporate social responsibility program to create better communities through philanthropic ac-



tivities. Brooks leads strategic direction and grant program for Hyundai Hope On Wheels.

Under his leadership, the program has donated over \$172 million to fund re-

search for pediatric cancer.

In July of this year alone, Hyundai Hope on Wheels announced it had awarded \$11 million in its 22nd year of helping in the fight against childhood cancer.

The program was tasked to take its mission a little further in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. This resulted in an additional \$4 million from Hyundai Hope on Wheels to support drive-thru testing locations nationwide.

Brooks is a veteran automotive executive, who has held executive level positions at Ford Motor Company and Volkswagen of

America.

He has received awards and recognition from prestigious organizations such as PRNews, Langston Bar Association, NCLR, The Human Rights Campaign Foundation, Diversity Inc., NAACP, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Rainbow PUSH, Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, TELACU, Ajamu Group, Urban Wheel Awards, and the National Association of Minority Automobile Dealers.

In 2018 he was the highest ranking executive from the automotive industry in a Top 100 list of Corporate

Social Responsibility Influence Leaders by Assent Compliance.

"I am proud to receive this award as it's recognition for our entire team," said Brooks. "This September - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month - marks a significant month for Hyundai Hope On Wheels, kicking off our 'Every Handprint Tells A Story' campaign. With the Foundation celebrating 20 years in the fight against pediatric cancer, we are honored that our contributions at Hyundai are being recognized as leading in the CSR space."

He serves on numbers

boards and advisory councils supporting issues on diversity, education and economic empowerment.

He is a frequent guest speaker and has published articles on the topics of CSR and diversity, and on the importance of pediatric cancer research. Brooks holds a Bachelor's Degree from Fisk University and Master's Degree from Webster University, as well as certificates from the University of California at Irvine; Duke University, The Center for Creative Learning, and the Ford Marketing Institute.

Allen Brown

(BlackNews.com) -- It's not often that someone generates millions of dollars with only an \$8 investment.

Traditionally, when people set out to do big business, they put together business plans, seek out investors, and create fundraisers to start something that may or may not be successful.

However, with changing his approach to do something he never did before,



Allen Brown was led to a chance encounter that would completely shift the

course for success in his life.

It all started when Allen was seeking a way to gain more time with his family. He grew tired of working long hours everyday at his shop which made him hate the very career he once loved.

After months of trying to change careers or even trying to get new business ideas off the ground, Allen shifted his mindset.

Some would say that what happened after was

luck, while others would argue that maybe it was just fate.

Allen shares in his new book Million Dollar Seed exactly how his \$8 investment generated millions in sales along with many other mind-blowing results.

The book outlines the actions he took, the wisdom he used and details how he made it through the hard times and came out on top.

In Allen's words: "The information I share in my book can give you insight

to push forward during these unprecedented times. Everyone needs to hear these key wisdom-notes before they die!"

Allen believes if people knew his story, they would allow themselves to see the impossible come into their lives, they would dream bigger and find success.

This true story will inspire you to look beyond your current circumstances and see the possibilities over the limitations you may think you are facing.

If life is showing you many difficulties that you cannot overcome, a book like Million Dollar Seed will open your eyes to a new perspective towards life's challenges. Visit MillionDollarSeed.com to get a hold of your free copy while supplies last.

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RNC skewered after tweeting Trump's 'Outer Space' second term priorities

By Stacy M. Brown
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As the pandemic worsens with more than 70,000 new cases each day, unemployment numbers rising, and small businesses routinely shuttering, the Republican National Committee decided it was time to tweet President Donald Trump's priorities if he's re-elected.

It did not go well.

"Pres. Trump is fighting for YOU!" the RNC declared.

"Here are some of his priorities for a 2nd term:

1. Establish Permanent Manned Presence on The Moon.
2. Send the 1st Manned Mission to Mars.
3. Build World's Greatest Infrastructure System.
4. Establish National High-Speed Wireless Inter-



"Pres. Trump is fighting for YOU!" the RNC declared in Oct. 23 tweet. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

net Network."

Because Twitter is undefeated, the responses were swift and brutal.

With a Twitter handle @mdw831 and a "Vote Blue 2020" profile pic, one of the more than 31,000 responses remarked: "224,000 Americans DEAD! 8.49 million infected! Millions more out of work, without health insurance! 72,064 new infections (LAST 24 HRS)! Numbers likely higher and continue to rise! 'Hoax Virus,' yet HE KNEW! Misery! Suffering! Doesn't

care! The killer wants 4 more years?"

@MDW831, who describes himself as an RFK Democrat, tweeted a photo of hands covered in blood and captioned it, "GOP."

Actress Alyssa Milano was a little more subtle in her rebuke of the RNC's tweet. "So completely out of touch," she wrote.

Added "Star Trek" legend George Takei: "OMG, this isn't a parody."

@Amuse, a verified Twitter user, responded: "In his second term, Trump is going to take off the gloves and the masks and get down to business building. First with a permanent manned presence on the Moon, then a manned mission to Mars, then bullet trains, and finally, the world's fastest national wireless internet network."

Perhaps recognizing

their rather odd posting of Trump's priorities, the RNC added more substantive, if not significant, concerns to the president's list.

"Here are some of his priorities for a 2nd term," the RNC added.

"Develop a Vaccine by The End Of 2020. Make All Critical Medicines and Supplies for Healthcare Workers in The U.S. Refill Stockpiles

"Further Cut Prescription Drug Prices. Lower Healthcare Insurance Premiums. End Surprise Billing Cover All Pre-Existing Conditions."

Legendary newsman Dan Rather couldn't help chiming in: "This all makes a lot of sense when you realize COVID-19 isn't a problem outside of Earth," Rather tweeted. "Oh, and 'Waiting for Infrastructure Week' gets renewed. Yay.

Volunteer lawyers answer the call

By Larry P. McDougal

While the COVID-19 pandemic has touched every corner of our lives—from our physical and mental health to our jobs and economic prospects—Texas lawyers are stepping up to give back.

Since the pandemic began, lawyers, paralegals, and law students across this great state have volunteered with local bar associations and legal aid organizations to assist their fellow Texans with free legal assistance and counsel. During National Celebration of Pro Bono week—October 25-31—the State Bar of Texas takes special pause to honor these outstanding men and women.

Earlier this year, shortly after health officials advised against in-person gatherings, several local bar volunteer programs across the state quickly developed or enhanced their online or call-in free legal clinics.

The clinics, such as those operated by the Houston, Dallas, and Tarrant County bar associations, allow callers to sign up for a time in which a volunteer attorney will respond and address their civil legal concern. Issues often involve assisting with a family law matter, answering questions about a will, or assisting a veteran with a benefits problem.

Before the pandemic, approximately 5.5 million people in Texas qualified for legal aid, meaning that if they needed advice or guidance on a legal matter they would likely not be able to afford it. As the disaster progresses, experts believe that figure will swell and so will the need for legal aid services and volunteer lawyers.

The State Bar of Texas has a longstanding commitment to fostering a culture of pro bono service in our state. We are proud of the lawyers statewide who recognize that a time of

economic difficulty is not a reason to shy from this commitment but instead view it as a call to action to help their fellow Texans.

The need for these everyday heroes shows no sign of abating. Millions of Texans are struggling to keep up with rent payments. Action by the federal government has placed a temporary halt on evictions for nonpayment of rent and Governor Greg Abbott announced the Texas Eviction Diversion Program, which shows promise to assist both landlords and renters in the state. Yet, legal aid experts predict an eviction crisis still looms that could have long-lasting consequences for the state's most vulnerable residents.

It will take bar associations, courts, legal aid agencies, and many others working together to spread the word about these new programs and protections, helping both tenants and landlords understand their rights and responsibilities.

To assist in this effort the State Bar of Texas has gathered tenant and landlord resources at texasbar.com/renterinfo.

Meanwhile, the State Bar of Texas Legal Access Division is working with a justice technology company to finalize the launch of a statewide online portal designed to seamlessly connect legal volunteers with Texans in need. The portal is expected to debut in the coming months.

Now, a message directly to the lawyers, paralegals, and law students on the front lines of this effort during such a difficult time: There aren't enough words to express the pride and gratitude the State Bar has for your selfless service to the people of Texas. Thank you.

Larry P. McDougal, owner of the Law Office of Larry P. McDougal in Richmond, Texas, is the 2020-2021 president of the State Bar of Texas.

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Smokers, especially those who begin young, are three times more likely to die prematurely

(American Heart Association) Current smokers faced nearly three times the risk of premature death from cardiovascular disease compared with people who never smoked, with the risk being higher among those who began smoking during childhood, according to new research published today in the Journal of the American Heart Association, an open access journal of the American Heart Association.

Smoking continues to cause an estimated 100,000 deaths from cardiovascular disease every year in the U.S. Currently, there are about 25 million people who smoke daily including 5 million who became regular smokers before the age of 15.

Earlier research in Cuba found a correlation between childhood smoking and a higher risk for premature death overall. In this new study, investigators set out to determine if the findings



American Heart Association

were generalizable in other populations by conducting a similar analysis of U.S. data focused on death from cardiovascular disease.

"It was surprising to see how consistent these findings were with our earlier research and with other studies from around the world, including from the U.K., Australia and Japan, among others, both in terms of the substantial risks associated with smok-

ing and with the health benefits of quitting smoking," said lead study author Blake Thomson, M.Phil., D.Phil., an epidemiologist at the University of Oxford in Oxford, England. "The age at which a person begins smoking is an important and often overlooked factor, and those who start smoking at a young age are at especially high risk of dying prematurely from cardiovascular disease.

However, quitting can substantially reduce that risk, especially for those who quit at younger ages. Getting people to quit smoking remains one of the greatest health priorities globally."

Using data collected between 1997 and 2014, from the annual U.S. National Health Interview Survey, researchers examined the medical histories, lifestyle habits and demographics of smokers and nonsmokers. The study included 390,929 adults, ages 25 to 74 years (average age of 47), 56% female. Occasional smokers were excluded from the study. Current smokers were grouped by the age at which they began smoking.

During the follow-up period, 4,479 people died before the age of 75 from heart disease or stroke. After adjusting for potential confounding variables, such as age, education, alcohol consumption, region and race, researchers found:

- 58% were never smokers; 23% were ex-smokers; and 19% were current smokers;

- Among current smokers, 2% had started smoking before age 10, and 19% began smoking between ages 10 and 14; and

- Those who quit smoking by the age of 40 reduced their excess risk of premature death from cardiovascular disease by about 90%.

Quitting smoking at any age offered benefits, and the earlier a person quit, the better, according to the findings. The analysis found that when compared to peers who had never smoked:

- Smokers who quit between ages 15 to 34 had about the same risk of dying from heart disease or stroke;

- Those who quit between ages 35 to 44 had about a 20% higher risk;

- Those who quit between ages 45 to 54 had

about a 60% higher risk;

- Those who quit between ages 55 to 64 had about a 70% higher risk of death from heart disease or stroke; and

- Those who were current smokers had nearly three times the risk of dying prematurely from heart disease or stroke.

"Preventing the next generation from smoking can save lives, but we must also emphasize that quitting smoking can save lives now, and in the years to come," said Thomson. "Simply put, health policies should aim to prevent young people from smoking and should clearly communicate the benefits of quitting to those who do smoke, ideally as young as possible, and before the onset of serious illness."

"This study adds to the body of evidence that starting to smoke at younger ages can significantly in-

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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 manag-

ing 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 or 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 de-

prived 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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Denton County Dems raise issues with GOP poll workers over masks

LEWISVILLE — Voters were turned away from voting at the Frederick P. Herring Recreation Center polling location in Lewisville Thursday, Oct. 15 when it was closed due to a poll worker testing positive for COVID-19.

Despite Democratic poll workers wearing masks to prevent the possible spread of coronavirus, many Republican poll workers refuse to do so. The Democrat workers say some Republican poll workers are also creating hostile work environments by bullying Democratic poll workers who wear masks.



Glen Carrie / Unsplash

According to Frank Phillips, Denton County's elections administrator, "Denton County Elections provides masks and face shields for our poll workers and highly encourages

their use. We have received numerous comments about poll workers and voters who are not wearing masks."

But Phillips noted that the Denton County Elections Administration cannot

mandate that poll workers wear masks due to Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order No. GA-29 issued July 2, 2020. That executive order specifically exempts poll workers and voters from having to do so.

Emily Meisner, a Democratic election liaison, said that Republicans are using the mask exemption as a way to bully Democrats and suppress the vote. "Republicans who refuse to wear masks are willing to risk people's lives, shut down polling locations and deprive voters of their right to vote," she said. "Should having the right to not wear

a mask infringe upon another's right to preserve their health and vote? No, this is reprehensible behavior. Republicans who won't wear a mask should be ashamed for wielding the mask exemption as a political weapon."

One Democratic alternate lead clerk felt harassed by the Republican lead clerk for wearing a mask. She also felt the Republicans at her polling location were trying to push the Democrats out of working the polls. D

Despite the closure of the other polling location due to COVID-19, Republicans

still refused to wear masks or move the voting equipment to provide adequate social distancing to ensure safety. Out of complete frustration, the Democratic lead clerk transferred to another polling location.

DCDP Chair Dr. Angie Cadena said, "Being a citizen in a democracy carries the responsibility of looking out for one another, even if we don't agree with their political stances. During this devastating pandemic, the DCDP believes all poll workers should protect the health and safety of everyone in our community by simply wearing a mask."

Voter suppression tactics and long lines fail to quell resolve of Black voters

By Stacy M. Brown
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The lines are long, but Black voters are demonstrating their will to vote.

In Texas, Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, and Indiana, African Americans' resiliency and resolve have never been as severely tested.

They have gone to great lengths to overcome voter suppression, discouragement, misinformation, gerrymandering, and so many other obstacles to participate in America's elections.

In Fort Bend County, Texas, a check-in machine glitch shut down at least four precincts, and a court ruling that significantly limited ballot locations didn't stop many African Americans from traveling long distances and overcoming even longer wait times to vote.

In Georgia, NPR Reported that the clogged polling locations in metro Atlanta reflected an underlying pattern: the number of places to vote has shrunk statewide, with little recourse.

"Although the reduction in polling places has taken place across racial lines, it has primarily caused long lines in nonwhite neighborhoods where voter registration has surged and more

residents cast ballots in person on Election Day. The pruning of polling places started long before the pandemic, which has discouraged people from voting in person," the report noted.

In Virginia, a glitch shut down polls and forced offi-

the 2016 election.

"Texas has been under siege confronting voter suppression from multiple fronts from our Governor Greg Abbott to the state higher courts," noted Sonny Messiah Jiles, the publisher, and CEO of The

"It is unbelievable or ridiculous for a county with 2.4 million registered voters to have one location to drop off mail-in ballots."

- Sonny Messiah Jiles

cials to push back deadlines to cast early votes.

Also, General Registrar Donna Patterson told reporters that the long lines in Virginia Beach had been like that each day since early voting began about one month ago. Add to that number the 55,000 mail-in ballots the registrar received to that point.

Patterson noted that the state might have the highest voter turnout ever.

In North Carolina, about 163,000 votes were cast in person across North Carolina on Saturday, bringing the total to 828,456 in the state — more than double the number of people in North Carolina who went to the polls at this time in

Houston Defender Media Group, DefenderNetwork.com.

"It is unbelievable or ridiculous for a county with 2.4 million registered voters to have one location to drop off mail-in ballots," Jiles remarked.

"Despite their efforts, the Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins, a smart young millennial, has been strategic and innovative with drive-thru voting, doubling the early voting locations and the historical move of 24-hour voting. But aside from voting access, we need to beware not to be bamboozled listening to the polls and just go and vote like our life depends on it, because it does."

Even in states like Indiana, voter suppression efforts haven't stopped Black people from lining up at the polls.

"Indiana has some incredibly restrictive voter laws, and currently we only have one early voting site in all of Indianapolis," stated Robert Shegog, CEO at the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper and Indiana Minority Business Magazine.

"A few more will open Oct. 24, but significantly more are needed given the size of the city. However, it is very refreshing to see so many people voting early. This has been a trend in

Indianapolis for over ten years now, and the numbers keep increasing," Shegog noted.

The Indianapolis Recorder reported that there were 13,206 votes cast through the first nine days of early voting — or nearly 10,000 more in the same period in 2008 and 5,000 more than in 2016.

Early voting in Marion County started on Oct. 6 and continues through Nov. 2. In 2016, 33 percent of the 362,372 voters in Marion County voted early — a record-breaking number.

This year, Indiana voters are expected to break the

record again.

"When one considers the pandemic and the physical and mental effects it had on so many Hoosiers, the tough voting laws, only one early voting site in a city that is nearly 400 square miles, and even the immense pressure that Blacks experience daily; the fact that so many people are voting early demonstrates their desire to have their voices heard and their votes counted," Shegog said.

"I am incredibly proud of the numbers, and local experts are optimistic that they will continue to increase through Nov. 3."

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2214	Lucha Libre Loot Overall Odds are 1 in 4.40	\$2	12/23/20	6/21/21
2194	Monopoly™ 30X Crossword Overall Odds are 1 in 4.28	\$3	12/23/20	6/21/21
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TEXAS LOTTERY

Lewisville Girl Scouts leave a mark of support for teachers and students returning to school

Westside Baptist Church-sponsored Girl Scout Troop #8422 posted signs and drew beautiful chalk art to welcome students and teachers back to Lewisville Elementary School Monday, Sept. 7, 2020.

Jackie Shaw, Westside's social justice ministry lead, stated, "We adults at Westside Baptist want to give a

big thank you to the Girl Scouts for coming out and showing their love for Lewisville Elementary School's students and teachers."

According to troop leader Kim Hughes, this thoughtful action aligns with the mission statement of Girl Scouts of the USA, which is "building girls of courage, confidence and character,

who make the world a better place."

"Our girls feel empowered to serve others and they are happy to give back in this way, bringing smiles to faces especially during these times of uncertainty and challenge," Hughes said. "The Girl Scouts are 2.5 million strong — with more than 1.7 million girls

and 750,000 adults who believe in the power of every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader) to change the world. Our multilevel troop proudly serves close to 45 girls from kindergarten to 12th grade."

The mission of Westside Baptist Church is to serve God by sharing Christ and loving people.



The future of Education is at stake in the 2020 Election

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National
Correspondent

Dr. Naomi Johnson Booker, the founder of the Philadelphia-based charter school management corporation, Global Academies, is adamant about the importance of getting out the vote.

Booker, whose academy scholars program establishes 8th graders as passport-holding citizens, who have travel the globe on learning excursions as they prepare for leadership roles, said the future of education is among the more significant concerns going into the 2020 election.

"Although African Americans have a 'seat at the table,' we do not have enough of a voice in government to make a difference. But our power rests within our vote like a seed waiting to germinate," Booker declared.

"We have got to exercise that power at the local, state, and national levels for real change to happen. Every Black and brown person has the right to be part of the decisions that impact our country. And so, to do that, we have to show our power at the voting booth."

Booker points out that regardless of how high the stakes are in this year's presidential election, local races are just as important



Mental health, addressing student progression to post-secondary education, and appreciation of students' lives outside of school are vital educational components voters should consider. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

for families with school-age children.

"Systemic racism in public education relative to funding and fairness can only be overcome by electing candidates who stand for justice and equity and removing those whose records show they don't," Booker demanded.

Karen Gross, a former college president who once served as a senior policy advisor to the U.S. Department of Education, told BlackPressUSA that the election's impact on education would be profound across the entire early childhood through adult education pipeline.

She pointed out significant differences between President Donald Trump

and Democratic Nominee Joe Biden and the impact that they would have on children.

"The high-profile engagement of the Secretary of Education in policy-making across government is critically important. Under the current administration, the Secretary of Education has been missing in action, especially related to the pandemic and school reopening and closing," Gross remarked.

"Under a Biden/Harris term, education and its Secretary will have a high profile and will be deeply engaged in a range of issues including student success, student mental health, and educational needs across other disciplines."

Gross added that there's currently a push for privatizing education, focusing on charter schools and religious schools and not enough attention to public education, especially for young children.

She believes a Biden/Harris term would recognize the critical values of public education, including the need to pay attention to all students' equity.

Mental health, addressing student progression to post-secondary education, and appreciation of students' lives outside of school are also vital educational components voters should consider.

"The debates were a sharp example of what is terrible for children — not

understanding how fighting and yelling and name-calling affect students and trigger trauma in some instances," Gross said.

"If we are to help all children, we need to role model for all children — positive role models."

Jason Llorenz, the vice president of Communications at Leadership for Educational Equity, said building a diverse pipeline of leaders "that reflect our communities and values is critically important to the continued progress of our country and central to the work of Leadership for Educational Equity."

"Supporting values-based, equity-driven leaders to assume political power at the highest level in this is a long-overdue step," said Llorenz.

"Women, Latinos, and Black Americans have been civically leading our communities for generations but are completely underrepresented in elected office."

"While the civic and political landscape in the United States hasn't kept pace with our demographics, it has been changing. Instead of serving as faithful electors for others, minority communities are stepping up and winning elections to address the broken systems that perpetuate inequity in our country."

Michael Miller, the CEO

of VPN Online, offered that whoever wins the election will dictate how to spend the budget and what to prioritize.

"In education, Trump will create a more privatized charter school, thereby lessening the need for an education budget," Miller stated.

"The idea is to promote private charters so they can fund their school. Of course, this will leave most of the decision-making in the private owners' hands, and whatever they decide will dictate what will happen to the country's education system."

He continued:

"On the other hand, Biden has proposed an educational plan that will remove private charter and promote free K12 education and free two years of community college. The program also reduces student loan payment, cutting it down from 10 percent to 5 percent."

"Furthermore, the plan also lowers student loans for anyone who works for the public schools. This will encourage more people to look for a career in that field. Whoever wins the election will promote their respective stance in education. So, think profoundly and vote wisely because elections have consequences."



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Roberts becomes second Black manager to win World Series

By Stacy M. Brown
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The Los Angeles Dodgers are the champions of baseball in large part because of a masterful managerial job by Dave Roberts, who becomes just the second African American skipper to win the World Series.

The Dodgers defeated the Tampa Bay Rays 3-1 in Game 6 at Globe Life Park in Arlington, Texas, the first-time Major League Baseball held the Fall Classic at a neutral site.

"It feels great," proclaimed Roberts, who joined Cito Gaston of the Toronto Blue Jays as the only Black managers to lead their team to a world championship.

Gaston's Blue Jays won back-to-back titles in 1992 and 1993.

The title is the seventh in franchise history for the Dodgers and first since 1988.

It marked the second celebration in less than a month for a Los Angeles professional sports team – the Lakers defeated the Miami Heat on October 11 to win the NBA championship.

The victory also comes 33 years after then-Dodgers General Manager Al Campanis appeared in a controversial and racially-charged interview on ABC News' "Nightline" with Ted Koppel.

During the mostly forgettable 1987 broadcast, Campanis infamously told a live audience why he believed African Americans couldn't succeed in managing a Major League Baseball team.

"No, I don't believe it's prejudice," Campanis blasted when Koppel asked the reason for the lack of African American managers in baseball.

"I truly believe that they may not have some of the necessities to be, let's say, a field manager, or perhaps a general manager."



Dodgers manager Dave Roberts (Photo: Arturo Pardavila III / Wikimedia Commons)

When Koppel responded by questioning whether Campanis believed that, the Dodgers' boss didn't relent.

"Well, I don't say that all of them, but they certainly are short. How many quarterbacks do you have? How

many pitchers do you have that are black?" Campanis demanded.

To his credit, Koppel shot back: "I gotta tell you, that sounds like the same kind of garbage. That really sounds like garbage, if – if

you'll forgive me for saying so."

Unrelenting, Campanis volleyed: "No, it's not garbage, Mr. Koppel, because I played on a college team, and the center fielder was Black, and the backfield at NYU, with a fullback who was Black, never knew the difference, whether he was Black or white, we were teammates. So, it just might be – why are Black men, or Black people, not good swimmers? Because they don't have the buoyancy."

Roberts, like Gaston before him, proved his so-called buoyancy.

With a deft-touch, Roberts guided the Dodgers from a 2-0 and 3-1 deficit in

the National League Championship Series against the Atlanta Braves.

Just 14 teams out of 89 in baseball history have come back to win a best-of-seven series after dropping three of the first four games.

Since 1992, 11 Black men have managed Major League Baseball teams, including Dusty Baker, who

came out of retirement this year to manage the Houston Astros to the American League Championship Series.

Roberts' success is already legendary.

Since he took over the Dodgers in 2016, he's guided the team to three National

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Dallas Cowboys face nightmare scenario against Washington

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports

That bad dream which has apparently become the staple of the 2020 season for the Dallas Cowboys has unexpectedly turned into a recurring nightmare.

And the outlook for the remainder of this season took a major hit when backup quarterback Andy Dalton suffered a concussion during Sunday's stunning 25-3 loss on the road to the Washington Football Team.

Meanwhile, the loss was the fourth in the last five games for the Cowboys as they continued to be spinning idly in the wrong direction.

"We're ticked off," defensive end Everson Griffen said. "I feel everybody is tired of (the losing) and I feel like in order to do something about it we have to do it as a team."

"It is a little draining, but at the end of the day we're professionals and we have



Dallas has always faced a tough battle against Washington, but nothing like the game this past week. (File Photo: All Pro Reels / Flickr)

to be able to bounce back and go out there and attack and do our job. I feel like it's up to each and every one of us to hold each other accountable and face adversity head-on together."

Other than a goal-line stance on Washington's first possession of the game, the Cowboys fell flat on their faces when they faced adversity head-on.

Washington entered the game having the (dis)honor of owning the NFL's worst rushing offense at 82 yards

per game. But by halftime Washington had already accumulated 252 total yards, 125 rushing yards and 22 points – all of which were first-half season-highs for Washington.

It was as if Washington reached into the Halloween candy basket and got whatever sweet and sour candy they wanted. And from the Cowboys' perspective, that left a sour taste in their mouth.

"We frankly talked about at halftime about the 'here

we go again' mode on the sidelines, and we've got to move past that," head coach Mike McCarthy said. "We're not doing the basics."

"Let's quick candy-coating it. I can't stand up here and keep talking about taking care of the football and taking the ball away – just the fundamentals. We need to be much better, and we're running out of time."

Dalton's day ended with 6:22 left in the third quarter when, after scrambling out of the pocket and giving himself up by sliding at the end of the play, he was plastered illegally in the head by Washington linebacker Jon Bostic. Although Bostic was rightfully ejected from the game because of that dirty play, McCarthy didn't take too kindly to the fact that none of the Cowboy players came to Dalton's defense by at least

confronting Bostic.

"We speak all the time about playing for one another, protecting one another," McCarthy said. "So that play was probably not the response that you would expect."

Running back Ezekiel Elliott somewhat agreed with McCarthy.

"I think you can say that's fair," said Elliott, who rushed 12 times for 45 yards. "But doing that you've got to be careful, because we're already down a bunch of guys, and if you go in there and throw a punch and you get kicked out the game you can't help the team from the sideline."

Griffen said of Bostic's violent helmet-to-helmet hit on Dalton, "I think he's going to get fined, and he should. I feel like if you see a quarterback sliding you just got to let him go down to the ground."

Earlier last week, two Cowboy players anonymously told Jane Slater of the NFL Network that the coaching staff is "totally unprepared," and that, "They don't teach. They don't have any sense of adjusting on the fly."

Whatever the case, Washington compiled a season-high 208 yards rushing, Washington rookie running back Antonio Gibson rushed 20 times for a career-high 128 yards and a touchdown, and the Cowboys finished the game with just 142 total yards.

Washington held a commanding 22-3 lead at the half. It was the sixth consecutive game where the Cowboys have allowed at least 20 points in the first half, and the sixth straight game they've trailed by at least 14 points at halftime.

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'Synchronic:' Some high points in an otherwise average film

By Dwight Brow
NNPA Film Critic

Should partygoers put down their Molly and try a tab of Synchronic? This cautionary sci-fi/fantasy/thriller suggests not.

Synchronic is a drug that hurls its users back in time. Time travel with a seven-minute limit. That's the concept created by co-directors Justin Benson and Aaron Moorhead, one that forms a storyline and characters that are further developed in Benson's ho-hum screenplay. Evidently, fulfilling the potential of this premise, on a small budget, turns out to be a task beyond the filmmakers means. It's particularly noticeable because the recently-released Tenet, which treads the same turf, blows it out of the water.

Steve (Anthony Mackie) and Dennis (Jamie Dornan, 50 Shades of Gray) are buddies first and co-workers second. They're EMT paramedics, riding around New Orleans in an ambulance and saving people's lives. Something new is happening. The guys are encountering twentysomethings high as kites, mangled bodies at the bottom of elevator shafts, burned corpses and other bleak oddities.

Word on the street is that kids are taking a new de-



Jamie Dornan and Anthony Mackie costar in Synchronic.
(Patti Perret / Red Flower Films)

signer drug, Synchronic. It's either a hallucinogen that makes you think you can go back in time or a magical pill that actually does the deed. Steve has a unique interest in the drug and downs a pill. Then Dennis' teen daughter Brianna (Ally Ioannides, TV's Parenthood) goes missing. The last time anyone saw her she was high on the stuff. Steve tries to find her, and his experiment with the drug starts him on that journey.

Initial scenes are a huge disappointment. Sets, both indoors and outdoors, look exceedingly tacky and cheap (production designer Ariel Vida, The Endless). It looks like the film was shot on Scotch tape (cinematographer Aaron Moorhead, The Endless) and on a back lot. Sequences fit together

decently (editors: Benson, Moorhead and Michael Felker), however what's on view is never exciting, riveting, OMG supernatural or a technological wonder. It's as if the film's special effects were done in a high school physics lab or on an iPhone—a first generation one, not the new 12.

The basic story could take audiences places—physically, spiritually, emotionally—where they've never been. But it doesn't. If it weren't for the plot device involving Steve looking for Brianna until he gets a definitive answer, there would be no forward momentum. No reason to stick around. The friendship between the two men is more interesting than the main event. Mackie and Dornan create a convincing brotherhood, not a shallow alliance. It

feels like Steve genuinely loves his friend's daughter and that Dennis is completely concerned about his buddy's welfare. It's a nice bromance, but it can't carry an entire movie.

The drug itself does have some allure. Drop it and it affects the pineal gland, a small endocrine gland in the center of the brain, sometimes referred to as the "third eye," due to its sensitivity to light. The gland receives data from the environment regarding the light outside, affecting the flow of melatonin, which modulates sleep patterns. This biological part of the setup is kind of fascinating. Though audiences aren't looking for a science lesson, exploring the data behind the drug might have added some depth to a very thin script.

So, with this fairly fanciful notion, how crazy and weird do the filmmakers get? Do they play with your head? Show mindboggling

illusions? Invent uncanny creatures? Choreograph incredible blood-rushing action scenes? No. Are there cheesy, gory, bloody horror elements, the kind that make sci-fi/horror fans squeal with revulsion and delight? No. If Justin Benson and Aaron Moorhead couldn't throw down with the best sci-fi, fantasy directors in the genre, why did they bother? That's a question audiences will ponder as they leave the theater before the lights come up or flip to another streaming service before the end credits begin.

Mackie is respectable in a mediocre movie. He's been more compelling (The Hurt Locker), magnetic (Captain America: Civil War) and edgy (The Hate U Give) in other films. Jamie Dornan may never escape the smarmy shadow of the 50 Shades... franchise. Ioannides has a nice air about her as Brianna. Katie Asel-

ton as Tara, her mom and Dennis's wife, gives a very natural performance and her chemistry with Dornan seems genuine. Dennis pines: "Brianna was the one thing that kept us together. Now she's gone."

If Justin Benson and Aaron Moorhead were given bigger budgets and a top-notch tech crew could they make a movie as spell-binding as Tenet? Certainly, their ability to establish personal, intimate feelings between characters is an asset that might serve them well on a bigger project. What should be their next steps will likely be up for debate by agents, producers and film companies after their movie's release.

The other debate? "Should partygoers put down their Molly and try Synchronic?"

Visit NNPA News Wire Film Critic Dwight Brown at DwightBrownInk.com and BlackPressUSA.com.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre and Dallas Symphony Orchestra unite in concert to honor lives lost to racial violence and injustice

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Dallas Black Dance Theatre are uniting for a concert to support Project Unity on November 11, 2020. This event will honor those who have lost their lives to racial violence and injustice — most recently, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Dallas's Botham Jean, and Fort Worth's Atatiana Jefferson. Featured during the evening will be the world premiere of a DSO-commissioned work by award-winning 24-year-old African American composer Quinn Mason of Dallas. The Unity Concert will be streamed live from the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora St, Dallas, TX 75201,



at 7:30 pm. In-person concert tickets are \$50, and live stream tickets are \$25. Both are available at mydso.com.

Project Unity, founded by Pastor Richie Butler of St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church, works to unify Dallas by implementing community-building programs to help heal race relationships between law

enforcement and Dallas citizens, as well as other community programs. Dallas Black Dance Theatre will perform an emotionally moving male trio, Evidence of Souls Not Seen, and an ensemble of DBDT dancers will perform an excerpt from the delicate

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NDG Bookshelf: 'Pet Nation' is a fun read for animal lovers

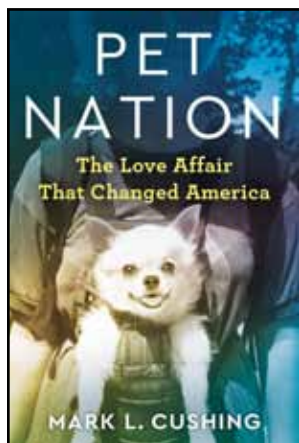
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Great-grandpa would think you were crazy.

In his day, dogs slept outside, maybe in the barn, or in a doghouse, if they had one. Cats caught their own dinner in the garage or shed. Neither animal came into the house for more than a minute, if that, and sleeping in bed with you? Never! So how did we get from there to here? In "Pet Nation" by Mark L. Cushing, you'll see.

Chances are, you don't need to be told the facts of pet-loving; you live them.

And so do others: in just two years, 2002 to 2004, the human population in



America increased 1.7 percent but there were 13 percent more dogs. In about a generation, we went from people who had pets, to a "Pet Nation" and it's effected our socialization and our economy.

But let's step back: for

Great-Grandpa, a dog was generally more tool than pet. For him, dogs had jobs and if there was a problem, they were largely expendable. Great-Grandpa surely loved his animals, but there wasn't always room for sentimentality.

When Great-Grandpa left the farm and twentieth-century American life shifted from rural to suburban, dog ownership slowly increased until it was stable at "around sixty-two million" canines. But in the late '90s, the internet happened. People slowly became more socially isolated and, having become comfortable through the years with cartoon animals, four-

footed movie and TV heroes, and online critters, we reached for what felt most comforting. If not for this, says Cushing, Pet Nation "would not have happened so fast..."

So today, Fluffy has access to health care that would've made Great-Grandpa jealous. Fido rarely has a job to do, other than looking Instagram-cute. The world is rosy, but there's one surprising problem: says Cushing, with our love of pets firm and a pandemic at play, America is looking at a dog shortage, which could affect businesses, shelters, veterinarian practices, and law firms. The shortage, though

not imminent, needs to be addressed soon, he says, or "dogs will become a luxury item."

Take two average dog owners from anywhere, put them together in a room, and you know what the main topic of conversation will be. That connection – that's what it's like to read "Pet Nation," though there's controversy written all over it, too.

Keep your eyes open, however: author Mark L. Cushing has grounded, valid information to back up every fact he shares and every shred of thought. What's more, he doesn't

leave his readers to dangle or twist; what he says and what he advocates (he's the CEO of the Animal Policy Group) isn't dire or inescapable, but fixable. Agree or disagree, that's positive news and it lurks here between happy facts, great stories of people and pets, thought-provokers, and suggestions for making life better for animals and the humans they love.

That's catnip to cat lovers, you know. It's a special treat for dog parents or anyone who loves a fuzzy little being. That you? Then "Pet Nation" is a book you'll be crazy for.

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Unfortunately for the Cowboys, starting quarterback Dak Prescott, who suffered a season-ending ankle injury three games ago, can't come to their rescue.

"The only ones who is going to pull us out of the hole is us as a football team," McCarthy said. "We've got to be able to keep playing, keep playing to win, playing not to make a mistake."

"We know we needed to play the game a certain way (Sunday) and we did not get that done."

After Dalton's departure, Ben DiNucci suddenly found himself in the middle of a very hot frying pan while playing his first-ever NFL game. A rookie

seventh-round draft choice out of James Madison University, DiNucci finished the game completing 2-of-3 passes for 39 yards and was sacked three times after Dalton was 9-of-19 for 75 yards and also was sacked three times.

"If you would have told me a year ago that this is where I was going to be in a year, I think I would have said, 'No way, you'd have to pinch me,'" DiNucci said. "But here we are, it's 2020, no one really knows what to expect."

"This team drafted me for a reason and coach McCarthy brought me here for a reason. So if my number is called in the future I'm going to make sure that I do everything that I can to

keep this show on the road and make sure that the other guys in the locker got as much faith in me out there as No. 4 (Dak Prescott) and No. 14 (Andy Dalton)."

Things were so bad for the Cowboys that other than the seven receptions for 80 yards by Amari Cooper, no other Dallas wide receiver caught a pass. Also, the three points the Cowboys scored are the fewest ever in their storied history against Washington.

"We got to just find a way to go get a win," Elliott said. "I feel like once we get a win and we get some momentum we'll be able to stack success. But we've got to be better than we were (Sunday)."

The Cowboys are 2-5 on the season, but are only half-a-game behind the

Philadelphia Eagles (2-4-1) for first place in the NFC East. That makes this Sunday's 7:20 p.m. showdown in Philadelphia between the Cowboys and Eagles all the more important as the Cowboys try to right a ship that's treading an enormous amount of water.

"Whether it's we haven't had enough time together, or whatever the case is, but at the end of the day the schedule is set," McCarthy said. "And we need to continue to work, because we need improvement each day, each week, especially before we go to Philadelphia."

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merous accolades for her work in the humanities both within and outside academe. She has been a regularly invited lecturer in the Newberry Library's Teachers Consortium (Chicago, IL).

She has published essays on Homer's Iliad, as well as on the twentieth-century American writers Wallace Stevens and William Faulkner. She has lived and led study tours in Rome, Italy, and has lectured and

presented scholarly papers across the United States and abroad – on figures as varied as Toni Morrison, Mark Rothko, Salman Rushdie, W.E.B. DuBois, Aeschylus, and Homer.

After nearly a quarter-century of service to the Institute, Dr. J. Larry Allums is retiring as Executive Director. Under his valued leadership, the Dallas Institute maintained its longstanding commitment to urban issues and developed a

reputation as a leader in the social justice dialogue.

We are delighted that Dr. Allums will remain involved with the important programs that he established over the course of his tenure, including this year's Hiett Prize ceremonies and the 2021 MLK Symposium. Our patrons will be happy to know that he will continue leading his popular book groups and will sustain his commitment to enriching K-12 educators by teaching in the Cowan Center.

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Dallas City Council unanimously approves Fair Park Master Plan update

The Dallas City Council today unanimously approved the 2020 Fair Park Master Plan Update, which outlines the vision and future planned development for Fair Park. The announcement comes on the heels of the Dallas Park and Recreation Board approval this past summer. The Master Plan Update was presented by Fair Park First, Biederman Redevelopment Ventures, and Spectra—the team tasked with Fair Park's management, operations, and development.

"We're proud of all the work that our collective

team has put into this plan in less than 18 months," said Darren L. James, President of the Fair Park First Board. "Today's approval puts us one step closer to putting the park back into Fair Park for the citizens of Dallas and sets up a living framework for impactful Park improvements over the next couple of decades."

"We are excited that the City Council was so supportive of this project, and sees the value in restoring and revitalizing Fair Park," said Brian Luallen, Executive Director of Fair Park First. "This transfor-

mative project represents a new path forward for the historic property. With the Council's overwhelming support, we're now focused on securing corporate partners, individual donors, and sponsors to make this vision of a greener Fair Park a reality."

The recommendations in the Master Plan Update reflect the needs and interests of the resident institutions at Fair Park, the surrounding neighborhoods, and park users from the DFW Metroplex, which were gathered through dozens of meetings with the sur-

rounding communities, user groups, and various stakeholders.

"The 2020 Master Plan Update is a guide for re-establishing Fair Park as Dallas's premier park, a year-round destination for the best of Dallas history, culture, entertainment, and recreation, and a welcoming place of opportunity for neighboring communities," said Dan Biederman, President of Biederman Redevelopment Ventures.

The approval precedes an upcoming announcement of the park designer for the new Community Park

within Fair Park's 277-acre campus, which is one of the Master Plan Update's first priorities. The planned Community Park design will include a large lawn, a children's play area with an interactive water feature, naturalized plantings, remembrance gardens, a pavilion for gatherings, and movable tables and chairs. The Community Park will also provide free programming for children, adults, and seniors. A typical calendar of events during a week might include fitness classes, musical performances, art workshops,

drum circles, a reading room, and outdoor movies.

"The City Council's support and confidence in our vision show that we are on the right track to revitalizing and renewing this National Historic Landmark," said Spectra's Peter Sullivan, General Manager of Fair Park. "The proposed greenspaces will be a welcome addition to showcase Fair Park in our mission to activate the entire park year-round."

Find out more information on the planned revitalization of Fair Park by visiting www.fairparkfirst.org.

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crease the risk of death from cardiovascular disease. It validates the American Heart Association's position that smoking is a serious health hazard, that effective multi-episode counseling and medical therapies for cessation should be available to all and that stopping smoking should be an urgent priority for smokers of all ages, es-

pecially the young," said

Rose Marie Robertson, M.D., FAHA, deputy chief science and medical officer of the Association.

"This data precedes the explosion in e-cigarette use in the U.S., and similar long-term outcomes from vaping can only be assessed over time. However, health risks have begun to emerge, and we

know that vaping among teens is a precursor to smoking combustible cigarettes for many," said Robertson, who is also co-director of the Association's Tobacco Center of Regulatory Science.

Thomson said more research is needed to better clarify the mechanisms by which prolonged smoking from childhood affects cardiovascular risk. Future research should also further examine the associa-

tion between early smoking initiation and death from other causes, such as respiratory diseases and cancers, and in other populations.

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and thoughtful Etudes and Elegy.

"After the nation witnessed the horrific death of George Floyd beneath the knee of a Minneapolis police officer, numerous corporations and organizations came out with written statements about Black Lives Matter. Dallas Black Dance Theatre and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra decided to pool our creative talents to unite the Dallas community in a concert that pays tribute to the senseless loss of Black lives to racial violence and injustice," explained Zenetta S. Drew, Executive Director of Dallas Black Dance Theatre.

The DSO will perform works by Black composers Adolphus Hailstork, Florence Price, and William Grant Still. Conductor Lawrence Loh will lead the DSO with soloists Michelle Bradley, soprano, and Reginald Smith, Jr., baritone. Both singers have appeared in performances at The Metropolitan Opera in recent seasons. They will

perform a selection of vocal works to include spiritual and gospel arrangements.

The concert will also feature speakers Dallas City Councilperson Tennell Atkins; Richie Butler, Founder of Project Unity; Zenetta Drew, Executive

Director of Dallas Black Dance Theatre; and Kim Noltemy, President & CEO of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

The Dallas Symphony's Young Strings program, a 28-year old education initiative designed to increase diversity in America's orchestras, will also perform.

The event will be Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 at 7:30 pm CST/ 8:30 pm EST at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center (2301 Flora St, Dallas, TX 75201). In-person concert tickets are \$50 and live stream tickets are \$25. For more details visit www.DBDDT.com.

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November 1, 9:45 am

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tion" followed by Morning Worship. You will be blessed and inspired as we celebrate service to God, our community and all mankind.

November 4, 7 pm

You are invited to join us via video-conferencing for Prayer and Bible Study from 7 to 8:45 pm as we pray for the world's Coronavirus.

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November 4, 7 pm

Join us in our Wednesday's

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The Alleged Warrant For My Arrest

Dr. James L. Snyder

This past week was one of the best weeks I've had in a long time. I got everything completed, as well as some overdue projects.

There's no feeling quite like the feeling of having accomplished your goals for the week. As far as I was concerned, this called for an Apple fritter celebration. Just keep this between us and don't let you-know-who hear.

When I walked into the house, I was met by the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, and I noticed a rather serious look on her face. I thought maybe she had a bad day, and I was not going to let her bad day influence my good day.

So I said, "Hello, my dear. How has your day been?"

"What have you been up

to?" She said as serious as I've ever heard her.

"Listen to this phone message."

She picked up the phone, pressed the button and I heard the message.

"This is a Social Security Officer letting you know that a warrant for your arrest has been established. They will be at your home tomorrow around 4 o'clock to facilitate the warrant unless you call this number."

I was speechless, which is not unusual for me. Then my wife said, "Do you want to tell me what this is all about?"

It's not enough that I'm in trouble with a Social Security Officer, but I'm also in trouble with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. To be truthful about this, I'd rather be in trouble with a Social Security Officer. But I have to take my trou-

ble one step at a time.

I did not know what to say to my wife. I never heard of a Social Security Officer or what they do. Why would the Social Security come after me? I'm certainly not going to call that number.

"Are you keeping something from me?" My wife queried.

I did not know how to answer because I have never found how to keep anything from her as long as I have been married. She knows what I'm doing three weeks before I'm actually doing it. How could I keep anything from her?

We sat in the living room and tried to figure out what kind of trouble would necessitate an arrest warrant. We couldn't come up with anything. And believe me, if my wife can't come up with the definition of trou-

ble, it just doesn't exist.

Believe me, the next afternoon, we were very nervous, not knowing what to do. But the afternoon led into the evening, and then we went to bed.

That was four weeks ago. I have not received any more phone calls. No Social Security Officer has shown up at my door with a warrant for my arrest.

As it turns out, those four weeks of nervous anticipation were a complete waste. As far as we can understand, it must've been a scam to rattle our cage. We were careful for nothing at all.

The other night as I was thinking of this, a verse of Scripture came to mind. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love" (I

John 4:18).

I have a choice that I can surrender my fear for love. That love that only God can give.

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- Malachi 3:8-10

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October 30, 7 pm

All men are invited to Men's Ministry meeting each Friday night at 8 pm, (IBOC promotes proactive male leadership.)

November 1, 10 a.m.

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November 2, 7 to 8 pm Every Monday Night

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November 4, 7 pm

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"Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and He sold them into the hand of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia . . . When the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who delivered them . . ."

(Judges 3:8-9)

Often requests are made to help someone whose life is in a difficult place. After some questions the person who asked the questions is able to discern if the Lord has called them to get involved.

More often than not, they are not to be involved. Until they are really ready to cry out to the Lord for a solution to their situation, they will simply talk about desiring change but never take the necessary steps needed for change.

If you invest time into someone who has not yet come to the place of wanting a spiritual solution to their problem, you will become emotionally exhausted.

The apostle Paul understood this principle when he actually turned such people over to Satan for the destruction of their flesh (**1 Corinthians 5:5**).

The people of Israel were finally in enough pain to cry out to God for relief from their oppression. Like so many times throughout the scriptures, God answered



Esther Levy Dugay, Sister Tarpley's best friend from Port Arthur, TX celebrating her birthday, isn't she beautiful?

by rising up a deliverer.

"But when they cried out to the LORD, he raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them.

The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, so that he became Israel's judge and

went to war. The LORD gave Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram into the hands of Othniel, who overpowered him.

So the land had peace for forty years, until Othniel son of Kenaz died"

(Judges 3:8-11)

Are you in a difficult

ROBERTS, from Page 8

al League Championships. Now, he's delivered the ultimate prize, defeating the relentless and talented Rays in just six games.

Roberts has compiled an impressive 436-273 won-loss record for a Hall-of-Fame like .615 winning percentage.

"No manager bats 1.000, as it were, and Roberts has made plenty of decisions this series and in the play-

offs that have backfired or looked bad from the start," Jon Tayler of Fangraphs wrote.

"Yet it's worth noting that, aside from [Ray's pitcher] Blake Snell's excellent Game 2 [and Game 6] start and the back half of Game 4 culminating in the Yakety Sax routine, that was the final play, the Dodgers have been firmly in control of this Fall Clas-

sic," Tayler noted.

"It all came together as he planned, as all of his moves worked."

After a COVID-shortened but challenging 60-game regular season and an extra playoff round that culminated into a world championship, Roberts said he'll let it all sink in.

"It means a lot for me personally, of course," Roberts exclaimed as his players doused him and each other

with champagne.

"But for the Dodgers organization, the franchise where they've always been forward-thinking and groundbreaking as far as race and color barriers," Roberts continued.

place in your life? Are you only talking about changing or are you really ready to cry out to the Lord for a solution?

Talk to God today and ask Him to help you pray to lift up all the backsliding Christians in the world. Reach down and through their circumstances, other people, and Your Holy Spirit, prick their hearts and stir their consciences that they would be drawn back to You.

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