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Lee Elder

(NNPA) Lee Elder, a golfing pioneer, and the first Black player to compete in the Masters has died at 87.

“It’s remarkable to look back on Lee’s life and career and realize the hardships he endured and the sacrifices he made to reach golf’s highest level,” said PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan.

“To have the success he had while paving the way for others to dream big and achieve is a testament to the type of man he was and how much talent he possessed. The TOUR is profoundly grateful for the career of Lee Elder, and we extend our sincere sympathies to his family.”

Born in 1934 in Dallas, Texas, Elder took up golf to help his parents financially. He caddied at the all-White Tennis Park Golf Club in Dallas, but soon the golf pro began allowing Elder to play the course.

In 1959, Elder joined the United Golfers Association. In 1959, Elder joined the United Golfers Association and dominated the all-Black group.

According to BlackPast.org, Elder won four Negro National Open Championships and an eye-opening 18 of the 22 tournaments in which he participated.

Using the purses from those victories allowed Elder to participate in the 1967 qualifying school for the PGA TOUR.

In 1971, Elder made history as the first Black player invited to participate in the South African PGA Tournament.

“His participation in that event made this the first integrated sports event in South Africa since the establishment of the official Apartheid policy in 1948,” researchers at the Black Past wrote.

However, they noted further that Elder and other Black golfers continued to face racial challenges at home.

“Although the PGA Tour was officially open to African Americans, it was not friendly to them. Many tournaments would not allow Black golfers into the clubhouse and instead required that they change and eat in the parking lot,” the researchers wrote.

However, in 1975, Elder made history again in Augusta, Georgia, when he was invited to compete at the Masters Open, the most prestigious tournament in golf.

With his victory at the 1974 Monsanto Open, Elder automatically qualified for the Masters Open, but he also became the first Black player invited. Unfortunately...
New redistricting maps have Texas headed the wrong direction

By Royce West
Texas Senate

Memory recalls that before MapQuest, Google, Siri and other onboard navigational tools, we used road maps to help us get to where we wanted to go. Analogies could be drawn to the decennial redistricting maps approved by the Texas Legislature during the Special Session that ended last month. They too chart the direction that Republican's partisan politics want to go. The problem is they want Texas to look more like 1930 rather than 2030. And a 21st Century Texas doesn’t look like that anymore.

2020 Census results say Texas is now a majority-minority state, a trend that to the consternation of some, will be soon true for America. Non-Hispanic Whites were 39.7 percent of Texans in 2020. Hispanics totaled 39.3 percent, with non-Hispanic Blacks at 11.8 percent. The 5.4 percent Texans of Asian descent makes it a demographic victory lap, even without “Other” races totaling 3.8 percent. But these demographic wins translated into losses in both Legislative chambers when the number of White lawmakers grew in Congress, the Texas Senate and Texas House.

Dallas/Fort Worth, despite population gains totaling more than a million, did not bring home a new member of Congress. Again, minorities are responsible for 95 percent of Texas’ population growth from 2010 to 2020. But the two new members that will grow Texas’ delegation in Congress from 36 to 38 will come from districts near Houston and Austin that most likely will vote Republican.

Maps approved for the state senate for North Texas, specifically for Dallas/Fort Worth, will look different, but not in a good way for Fort Worth’s minority communities. Under current maps, Texas Senate District 23 that I serve represents 34 percent of Dallas County residents; the same as District 16 represented by fellow Democrat, Senator Nathan Johnson. District 2 encompasses the remaining significant portion of Dallas County at 17 percent.

For the first time since District 9 grows 12 percent to contain 46 percent of Tarrant County residents. Another 17 percent are sent to District 22 that begins south of Dallas County. Five percent are taken north to Denton-based District 12. The remaining 4 percent are packed into District 23.

In the current District 10, 56.8 percent of the population is non-Anglo with 31.1 percent of its residents Hispanic, 20.7 percent Black and 43.2 percent White. The new District 10 will go to do ... when you say going to do...

The mid-2000s, there were two North Texas Democrats at my side. Mid-term redistricting in 2003 cost former Senator David Cain the District 2 seat now represented by Senator Bob Hall. Tarrant County and Fort Worth have trended Democratic over several election cycles. Former State Senator Wendy Davis won election in 2008 and represented District 10 through 2016. The seat was reclaimed by Republican Konni Burton that year for one term before she was defeated by my colleague, Senator Beverly Powell in 2018.

One hundred percent (100%) of the current Senate District 10 is within Tarrant County. That ends when the new senate redistricting map goes into effect. The existing District 10 is annihilated with fragments flung from here to Waco. Just 29 percent remains in Tarrant County.

be 51 percent non-Anglo, with 49 percent White, 28.2 percent Hispanic and 17.7 percent Black, and spread across more rural, Brown, Callahan, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Shackelford and Stephens counties. By spreading the district across several counties, minorities in Tarrant County will no longer be able to elect their candidate of choice. Dallas County’s Texas House districts will not change dramatically. Now, all but two Dallas County state representatives are Democrats. District 108 (Dallas) and 112 (Garland) were made slightly more Republican-leaning. Analysts say Tarrant County may lose one Republican held seat, District 92. But they will still have a countywide majority. District 92’s boundaries changed, along with those of other North Texas districts, including in Collin County, to make them more Republican-voter friendly and to create a newly-drawn district that will be based in McKinney. Regional minority population gains will not equal greater representation.

Statewide, Democrats and minorities will lose a house seat in El Paso because districts were redrawn to pit two Hispanic women against each other. Harris County critics say the Hispanic population grew enough to merit a second Hispanic majority Congressional district, matching HD 29, now held by former state senate colleague Sylvia Garcia.

To date, four lawsuits have been filed, including one led by Senator Powell. Another by Democratic State Senators Sarah Eckhardt and Roland Gutierrez claims the Texas Constitution requires redistricting to take place during a regular legislative session, not a-called one. MALDEF, on behalf of nine other plaintiffs including LULAC and the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, asks for all four redistricting maps, including for the State Board of Education, to be declared in violation of the Voting Rights Act due to their dilution of Latino voting strength. And Voto Latino’s suit says both Latino and Black votes will be diluted by SB6, the redistricting bill.

More than once during Greg Abbott’s tenure as attorney general and now as governor, Texas’ laws regarding voting rights have been rejected by federal courts. Now without Section 5 pre-clearance protections and a Trump-influenced Supreme Court, minority voting rights are even more imperiled. But if we fail to protest, silence signals consent. So the fight continues. Elections have consequences!
Philips extends AI-enabled CT imaging portfolio

Amsterdam, the Netherlands and Chicago, USA – Royal Philips (NYSE: PHG, AEX: PHIA), a global leader in health technology, today announced new additions to its CT imaging portfolio at the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) annual meeting (November 28 – December 2, Chicago, USA). The new CT 5100 – Incisive – features CT Smart Workflow [1], a comprehensive suite of artificial intelligence* (AI) enabled capabilities designed to accelerate CT workflows, enhance diagnostic confidence, and maximize equipment up-time, helping imaging services to enhance patient outcomes, improve department efficiency, reduce operational costs, and meet ambitious financial objectives.

CT 5100 – Incisive – with CT Smart Workflow [1] includes Philips’ Tube for Life guarantee, which over the lifetime of the scanner can potentially lower operating expenses by an estimated USD 420,000 [2][3]. This newest CT innovation from Philips also provides access to Philips’ Technology Maximizer program, which provides users with the latest software and hardware updates as they are released.

“With the combination of CT 5100 – Incisive – and CT Smart Workflow, we have embedded AI into the tools that radiology departments use every day so they can apply their expertise to the patient, rather than unnecessary distractions associated with the CT imaging itself,” said Frans Venker, General Manager of Computed Tomography at Philips. “By automating many of the process-related obstacles to CT imaging performance, we aim to clear the way for precision in dose, speed, and image quality that will help imaging departments to meet their financial, clinical, and operational goals.”

Improving the CT experience with smart clinical decision-making CT 5100 – Incisive – with CT Smart Workflow adds to Philips’ growing suite of AI-enabled smart workflow solutions, including the recently launched MR 5300 1.5T system and the new MR 7700 [4] 3.0T system. These recent smart systems introductions are all designed to support efficiency improvement, operator consistency, and diagnostic confidence at the point of image acquisition by automating many of the time-consuming procedural tasks that radiologists, technicians and staff traditionally had to perform manually.

CT Smart Workflow is the latest in a continuous program of performance enhancements for Philips’ market-leading Incisive CT platform, which includes a newly-designed patient table to accommodate bariatric patients; OnPlan gantry controls that demonstrate a 19% [5] reduction in time to results; and the company’s process improvement services Enterprise Performance Analytics – PerformanceBridge. The CT 5100 – Incisive – with CT Smart Workflow demonstrates how integrated, AI-driven solutions connect clinical intelligence and operational data across the radiology enterprise to advance precision diagnosis and treatment.

Philips’ latest innovations in CT imaging will debut at this year’s Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Annual Meeting (November 28 – December 2, Chicago, U.S.). Join Philips at RSNA 2021 where the company will spotlight its new advanced technology driving connected workflows and smart diagnostic systems, including the CT 5100 – Incisive – with CT Smart Workflow, to increase efficiency and diagnostic confidence in precision care, and follow @PhilipsLiveFrom for updates throughout RSNA.

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Friendship-West Baptist Church is taking things to the next level in the conclusion of its year-long commemoration of the Greenwood neighborhood of Tulsa, Okla. by promoting 100 Days of Buying Black (100DBB).

Participants are challenged to use Black-owned businesses for their service and product needs for 100 days nationwide. Led by senior pastor and social justice activist, Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III, the goal of this challenge is to continue the legacy of Black Wall Street by circulating dollars within the Black community to strengthen its economic base.

100 Days of Buying Black will start on September 23, 2021 and will end on December 31, 2021.

“Friendship-West is committed to economic justice in supporting Black-owned businesses, advocating for just lending practices, and working towards comprehensive sustainable community development,” Haynes said in a statement. “For five years, we’ve provided an opportunity for Black entrepreneurs to promote and sell their goods and services at West Wall Street.

“In 2021, we’ve commemorated the 100th year since the Tulsa Race Massacre through events and advocacy. We will close out that year by observing the last one hundred days of this centennial Sankofa moment by promoting 100 Days of Buying Black.

“We are seeking to encourage people across the nation to spend their dollars with Black-owned businesses for 100 days to increase the sales and growth of those businesses. Our goal is to continue the legacy of Black Wall Street by circulating our dollars within the Black community to strengthen our economic base.”

The 12,000-member congregation has also partnered with other organizations such as the Tulsa Race Massacre Friends of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. Friendship-West is also partnering with the Friendship-West Advocate and the NAACP District 2 Conference to provide information on how to support Black-owned businesses and to help participants find Black-owned businesses in their area.

We must start now and begin looking at the impact of these proposed changes. In some cases, it is already too late to engage the Redistricting Commissions for final changes. Many of these commissions sought to use the internet as a substitute for outreach and citizen engagement in the process. Many of these commissions, both here and around the country, were appointing and stacking the commissions even before the Bureau of the Census released its report.

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Preparing for coming changes

I speak specifically of the following: (1) the redistricting or redesigning of all the Electoral Districts in the United States, based on the 2020 Census; (2) the new Voter Suppression laws in over 22 states restricting voting hours, locations, and conduct while waiting to vote; (3) the local campaigns against Critical Race Theory resulting in the removal of books in school libraries and restrictions on how issues of race can be taught; and (4) a very close look at all serious voter registration; we must now look very closely at the new electoral boundaries and changes in all districts, from Congressional Districts to State Legislative, County, Municipal, and School Board Districts.

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While many are watching developing court cases and the treatment of Blacks and people of color as both victims and perpetrators in the judicial system, we must not lose sight of the coming changes around us designed to both distract and disable.

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move forward together to dispel the shadows of our past and to ensure the safety and civil rights of every American,” Demings asserted.

Crump insisted that Black America must keep fighting for civil rights and justice.

“This case, by all accounts, should have been opened and closed,” Crump demanded.

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 “[The verdict] indicates progress, but we are nowhere close to the finish line. America, you raised your voices for Ahmaud. Now is not the time to let them quiet. Keep marching. Keep fighting for what is right. And never stop running for Ahmaud.”

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Let us hear from you!
U.S. Department of Education approves use of American Rescue Plan to support K-12 schools and students, distributes remaining $618 million to state

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) announced the approval of Washington’s American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) plans and distributed remaining ARP ESSER funds to the state. Washington’s plan details how the state is using and plans to use ARP ESSER funds to sustain the safe operation of schools and equitably expand opportunity for students who need it most, particularly those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As students and states returned to school, the Department released the Return to School Roadmap, which provides key resources and supports for students, parents, educators, and school communities to build excitement around returning to classrooms this school year and outlines how federal funding can support the safe and sustained return to in-person learning. ARP funds can be used to support students and educators as they recover from lost instructional time, including in ways outlined on the Roadmap.

Earlier this year, the Department distributed two-thirds of the ARP ESSER funds, totaling $81 billion, to 50 states and the District of Columbia. The remaining third of the funding to states will be made available once state plans are approved. Washington is receiving $1.8 billion total in ARP ESSER funds, and today’s approval of their plan will result in the release of the final $618 million. The recent approval means a total of 48 ARP ESSER state plans have been approved since June.

“I am excited to announce approval of Washington’s plan and thank Chair Murray for her continued partnership working on behalf of our school communities,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. “It is heartening to see, reflected in these state plans, the ways in which states are thinking deeply about how to use American Rescue Plan funds to continue to provide critical support to schools and communities. The approval of these plans enables states to receive vital, additional American Rescue Plan funds to help keep schools open for full-time, in-person learning; meet students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs; and address disparities in access to educational opportunity that were exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic.

The state plans that have been submitted to the Department lay the groundwork for the ways in which an unprecedented infusion of federal resources will be used to address the urgent needs of America’s children and build back better.”

“I am proud of the work our schools are doing to support our students’ well-being and in-person learning recovery and acceleration,” said Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal. “As a state, every decision we’ve made has centered our students. Nearly 90% of our school employees are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, our students are learning in-person full-time, and our educators are working incredibly hard to support our students as we emerge through this pandemic. I am grateful for the investments made by the federal and our state governments, which have provided our schools with the support they critically need during this unprecedented time.”

“Since the start of the pandemic, I’ve been laser-focused on getting Washington state students—and students across the country—back in the classroom safely as quickly as possible, with their friends, coaches, counselors and teachers, because I know how important that is for their learning. That’s why we worked so hard to pass the American Rescue Plan—to provide schools the resources they need to re-open safely, address learning loss, provide mental health resources, and provide masks, tests, and improved ventilation,” said Senator Patty Murray (D-WA). “I’ve talked to parents, educators, and students across the state and I know what a difference being in the classroom makes. Having the Washington state plan approved is an important step to ensure our state can use these resources, but the disruptions in learning we’re still seeing are absolutely unacceptable. Getting our students back in the classroom safely is just step one—now we need to focus on keeping them there. So I’m going to be monitoring closely to make sure these resources are used carefully to help students recover from these incredibly tough years, and keep them safe and in the classroom.”

The ARP ESSER state plans approved by the Department, including Washington’s, show how states are using Federal pandemic resources to support safe in-person instruction and meet the social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs of students—with a focus on the students most impacted by the pandemic. For example:

- Addressing the Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time: The Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) grants will provide schools with resources to adopt universal screening and provide individualized evidence-based instruction to increase student engagement, content mastery, credit attainment, and graduation rates, particularly for students most impacted by the pandemic.

Additional investments of the State set-aside include programs to improve mathematics and literacy instruction, youth reengagement and outreach efforts, expanding access to Native American and rural communities, and expanding access to Native American and rural communities.

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Plano celebrates the work of students with Fire Prevention Week art contest


The city-level poster contest winners below move forward to the district competition in March for a chance to compete at state level in July:

Kindergarten Division (Pre-K & Kindergarten)
1st Place – Artharv Garg, Centennial Elementary, Kindergarten
2nd Place – Liam Hong, Wyatt Elementary, Kindergarten
3rd Place – Saory Rubio, Beaty Early Childhood, Pre-Kindergarten

Primary Division (1st & 2nd grade)
1st Place – Amrit Sai Arasamangalam, Wyatt Elementary, 2nd Grade
2nd Place – Shlok Gajakosh, Skaggs Elementary, 1st Grade
3rd Place – Ishaan Boga, Centennial Elementary, 1st Grade

Intermediate Division (3rd & 4th grade)
1st Place – Suhana Devineni, Beverly Elementary, 4th Grade
2nd Place – Lucy Nam, Wyatt Elementary, 3rd Grade
3rd Place – Ashlyn李某, Mathews Elementary, 4th Grade

High School Division (9th, 10th, 11th & 12th grade)
1st Place – Perla Mendoza, Legacy Preparatory Charter Academy, 10th Grade

The City of Plano extended a special “thank you” to the school representatives and the Plano firefighters who judged the posters.

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ly, Elder missed the qualifying round in the tournament.
Still, his entrance was an African American milestone covered by almost every major magazine and news program in the country, noted the Black Press.
Elder played in five more Masters, won three PGA tournaments, and was named to the 1979 Ryder Cup Team.
He had a combined 12 tournament victories on the PGA and Senior Tours, earning more than $1 million on each tour.
However, his invitation to the Masters in 1975 proved that African Americans could compete at the highest levels of golf, the researchers continued.
“Lee Elder was a pioneer, and in so many ways,” legendary golf champ Jack Nicklaus told Bill Fields during a PGA-TOUR.com interview.
“Yes, he was the first Black player to compete in the Masters Tournament, but that simply underlined the hard work Lee put in to further the cause of everyone who has a dream to play on the PGA TOUR and perhaps thinks there were too many barriers before them. It was wonderful that the Masters Tournament and Augusta National paid a well-deserved tribute to Lee by inviting him to be an Honorary Starter on this last Masters. That morning, you could see the joy in Lee’s face, and Gary Player and I were honored to enjoy that moment with him. That memory will remain special for so many, including me, for many years to come.
“Lee was a good player, but most importantly, a good man who countless people very well respect,” added Nicklaus. “The game of golf lost a hero in Lee Elder. Barbara and I send our heartfelt condolences to Lee’s wife Sharon and their entire family.”
Groveland Four cleared of 1949 false rape allegations

By Stacy M. Brown
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A judge in Florida has finally exonerated the “Groveland Four,” the African American men falsely accused of raping a white teenager in 1949.

“Wow, it’s been a long time coming,” Gerald Threat, the nephew of Walter Irvin, stated in a news conference following the judge’s ruling on Monday, November 22.

“This Thanksgiving, we can have an entirely different atmosphere without this hanging over our head,” Irvin stated.

Carol Greenlee, the daughter of Charles Greenlee, said, “My father was a caring, loving, compassionate person that did not rape anybody.”

Administrative Judge Heidi Davis dismissed the indictments of Ernest Thomas and Samuel Shepherd, both fatally shot not long after the false allegation made by Norma Padget, who was 17 at the time.

Judge Davis then set aside the convictions and sentences of Charles Greenlee and Walter Irvin.

The men who became known as the Groveland Four ranged from 16 to 26 at the time.

“We followed the evidence to see where it led us, and it led us to this moment,” state attorney Bill Gladson remarked during the news conference.

Following the 1949 accusation, the Ku Klux set fire to numerous Black neighborhoods in the town of Groveland.

The Klan reportedly shot the "Groveland Four," the African Americans said.

From left, Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall and an unidentified man stand next to Walter Irvin, Samuel Shepherd and Charles Greenlee in Florida in 1949. (State Library and Archives of Florida)

The movement into a multi-million-dollar lifestyle that included purchasing several properties in various locations.

Shortly before Cowlers’ resignation, the foundation released a 2020 Impact Report that claimed it had raised more than $90 million. Reportedly, 10 Black Lives Matter chapter leaders called for financial transparency and an independent investigation into spending funds. In addition, EBONY reported that the claims of “financial impropriety were a source of concern for several parents whose children had been killed by police in controversial shootings.”

EBONY cited Tamika Palmer, whose daughter Breonna Taylor was killed by Louisville police as she slept in her home. Samaria Rice, whose 12-year-old son Tamir, was killed on a playground by a Cleveland police officer.

Each has come out publicly and denounced the Black Lives Matter foundation and accused the organization of raising money off the blood of their children.

Michael Brown Sr., whose son Michael was walking home from a store unarmed and killed by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, called for Black Lives Matter to donate $20 million to non-profit organizations in Ferguson that are working to empower residents in exchange for the millions of dollars they raised in using his son’s name and image.

Cullors has countered that all the financial purchases she has made have come from her income, including a multi-year television deal with Warner Brothers, a book deal, speaking engagements, and consulting services.

Entertainer Tyrone Evans Clarke said during protests he participated in following Floyd’s murder, and he noticed many individuals willing to make sacrifices for the cause.

“It seems the U.S. doesn’t respect Black and Brown people’s lives,” Clarke stated.

“Cops were attacking peaceful protestors with tear gas and rubber bullets, and that didn’t help. On top of that, look how long it took to put Floyd’s murderer behind bars. It feels like there is a knee on our necks everyday just by being Black,” he said.

Dems call out Abbott for lack of preparation for winter power needs

By Clare Donohue-Meyer
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AUSTIN, Texas -- With Texans gearing up for the holiday season, winter is officially around the corner. However, Texas remains woefully unprepared for what the winter weather might bring -- because ten months after February’s devastating winter power outages, failed Gov. Greg Abbott is hellbent on leaving our grid as disaster-prone as ever.

Over the weekend, the Texas Tribune reported that ERCOT, the governing body responsible for Texas’ grid, estimates a cold snap could easily trigger further power outages across the state -- despite preparations power companies have made for the winter weather. Further, the Tribune revealed that “The calculations for severe risk this winter show that it wouldn’t take a storm as bad as the one in February, when hundreds of people died, to take the grid offline.

During the February 2021 power outages, millions went without power, heat, and water for days, while nearly 700 Texans died. Despite these stark numbers, Abbott has done exactly nothing to fix the grid during almost a year of opportunity to do so -- instead accepting a million-dollar check from energy tycoon Keelsey Warren in exchange for leaving Texans at the mercy of our failing grid. Meanwhile, pricing from February’s outages is being passed off to consumers on Abbott’s watch -- putting Texans on the hook for paying for Abbott’s failures.

“Holiday season is upon us, and that means winter’s not far away,” said Gilberto Hinojosa, Texas Democratic Party Chair. “Yet despite the devastating power outages we went through last February, Greg Abbott has done exactly nothing to fix our grid and keep us safe from the next winter storm. Now, ERCOT is telling us that our grid is just as shaky as ever going into the winter weather -- and that it will take less than a storm like February’s to send our grid into collapse.

“Abbott has had ten months and four legislative sessions to fix our grid in time for winter. He’s had every opportunity to take meaningful action and keep Texans safe from future disasters. He made the choice not to -- and that choice tells us everything we need to know about where Abbott’s priorities lie. Abbott has already made a million dollars off his big energy donors in exchange for leaving our grid -- and Texans -- vulnerable.”

African Americans, Democrats say they still support BLM movement

By Stacy M. Brown
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Following a recent poll that showed support for the Black Lives Matter Movement waning, conversations have commenced over the continued relevancy of the campaign.

Researchers conducted by the national polling site, Civiqs revealed that 44 percent of Americans support the Black Lives Matter Movement, while 43 percent said they oppose the campaign.

Approximately 11 percent of respondents reported that they neither support nor oppose the campaign, which began in 2012 in response to a jury’s decision to acquit George Zimmerman in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

However, hidden in the details of the poll are subgroups that show the movement still enjoys the overall support of African Americans and Democrats.

Eighty-two percent of African Americans said they support the campaign, while just 7 percent oppose. While 60 percent of Hispanic/Latinos still support the Black Lives Matter Movement, 51 percent of white Americans oppose.

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Approximately 11 percent of respondents reported that they neither support nor oppose the campaign, which began in 2012 in response to a jury’s decision to acquit George Zimmerman in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

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Shortly before Cullors’ resignation, the foundation released a 2020 Impact Report that claimed it had raised more than $90 million. Reportedly, 10 Black Lives Matter chapter leaders called for financial transparency and an independent investigation into spending funds. In addition, EBONY reported that the claims of “financial impropriety were a source of concern for several parents whose children had been killed by police in controversial shootings.”

EBONY cited Tamika Palmer, whose daughter Breonna Taylor was killed by Louisville police as she slept in her home. Samaria Rice, whose 12-year-old son Tamir, was killed on a playground by a Cleveland police officer.

Each has come out publicly and denounced the Black Lives Matter foundation and accused the organization of raising money off the blood of their children.

Michael Brown Sr., whose son Michael was walking home from a store unarmed and killed by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, called for Black Lives Matter to donate $20 million to non-profit organizations in Ferguson that are working to empower residents in exchange for the millions of dollars they raised in using his son’s name and image.

Cullors has countered that all the financial purchases she has made have come from her income, including a multi-year television deal with Warner Brothers, a book deal, speaking engagements, and consulting services.

Entertainer Tyrone Evans Clarke said during protests he participated in following Floyd’s murder, and he noticed many individuals willing to make sacrifices for the cause.

“It seems the U.S. doesn’t respect Black and Brown people’s lives,” Clarke stated.

“Cops were attacking peaceful protestors with tear gas and rubber bullets, and that didn’t help. On top of that, look how long it took to put Floyd’s murderer behind bars. It feels like there is a knee on our necks everyday just by being Black,” he said.
COVID-19 absences felt in Cowboys’ 3-point overtime loss to Raiders

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports

For those folks out there who still don’t believe the coronavirus pandemic is real, try telling that piece of information to the Dallas Cowboys.

Within a span of approximately two weeks, the Cowboys have had five players and six assistant coaches come down with COVID-19. The latest to join that dreaded list is head coach Mike McCarthy, who on Monday became the 12th member of the Cowboys to test positive for the coronavirus in recent weeks.

The positive test by McCarthy will force him to miss Thursday’s game in New Orleans between the Cowboys (7-4) and Saints (5-6).

Defensive coordinator Dan Quinn will serve as the Cowboys’ interim head coach in McCarthy’s absence. However, McCarthy will direct all meetings and game preparations for the remainder of the week leading right up to Thursday’s 7:20 p.m. kickoff.

“At the end of the day we’re going to have 48 guys with that star on their helmet and it’ll be their responsibility with all the support in the world to go out there and win that game Thursday night,” McCarthy said. “That’s the approach. That won’t change.

“I’ll make sure of it and I know the leadership of our staff and the players in the locker room will make sure of that.”

Quinn was primarily chosen as the interim head coach because of his head coaching experience, although offensive coordinator Kellen Moore and special teams coordinator John Fassel will also have a significant input on the play-calling against the Saints. Quinn coached the Atlanta Falcons from 2015 until he was fired in the middle of last season, and he also led the Falcons to a berth in Super Bowl LI.

“I think understandably with Dan’s experience, the challenge flag, the timeouts, the referee’s meeting, there’s just a lot of little things that go into it,” McCarthy said. “You could have someone do it on a weekly basis, but we’ll spread that around. Kellen just needs to focus on the offense and calling the game and staying with that.

“John is also involved in some game management like most special teams’ coaches are. We have the network up top, so that’s something that won’t change. So the biggest change is having Dan down on the field and just make sure he’s getting the information he needs to make sound decisions.”

McCarthy’s absence comes at a critical period for the Cowboys, who have lost three of their last four games, including their past two. But they know, COVID-19 or not, the show must go on as they try to put the 36-33 overtime loss to the Las Vegas Raiders on Thanksgiving Day in their rearview mirror.

“When adversity hits, whether it’s losing players or losing a coach or coming off of a couple of losses, we’re going to be able to push forward,” quarterback Dak Prescott said. “So, we’ve just got to trust our training and trust everything that we’ve been in, and as I said, our brotherhood. And just continue to lock arms.

“We know we’re going in a hostile environment and it’s going to require us to be our best.”

Besides McCarthy, right tackle Terence Steele will also sit out the game against the Saints with the coronavirus. In addition, wide receiver Amari Cooper has missed the last two games while in the COVID-19 protocol, and kicker Greg Zuerlein, defensive end Randy Gregory and offensive tackle Zack Martin have all missed at least one game due to the coronavirus.

Also because of COVID-19, the Cowboys won’t have offensive line coach Joe Philbin, assistant offensive line coach Jeff Blasko, strength and conditioning coordinator Harold Nash and assistant strength and conditioning coach Kendall Smith in the game against the Saints.

In other news, the NFL has suspended Cowboys defensive tackle Trysten Hill for two games for punching a member of the Raiders following last Thursday’s game.

Meanwhile, McCarthy is fully vaccinated and can return to his full-time coaching duties in person in less than 10 days if he test negative twice at least 24 hours apart.

“This is definitely a reality check, and COVID’s real,” McCarthy said. “It’s very real. Individual health is a priority number one for all of us. I think it’s time to keep priorities and perspective in order, and our healthy football team will be out there and they’ll be ready to go.

“This is a tough spot in history, but we’ll be better from it. The adversity of what’s in front of us, I think, we’re prepared for it. And that will be our approach.”

All of the positive COVID-19 tests have put the Cowboys at an obvious disadvantage. But it also is a tell-tale sign for others.

“COVID’s real,” Prescott said. “I didn’t need the head coach or the president (of the United States) to jump in for me to realize that. You see people constantly getting it and contracting it whether they’ve got the vaccine or not.

“Obviously, this isn’t something we can take light or we can let up on. It’s very real, but we’ve got to do our best in protecting ourselves and protecting the others around us. Obviously, washing our hands and doing whatever we can to reduce the chances for us and people around us of getting it.”

In the meantime, the Cowboys must find a way to overcome their numerous COVID-19 losses and win in one of the toughest environments in the NFL.

“Obviously, we’ll miss coach, but his health is first and foremost important,” Prescott said. “We’ll fight and get everything done that we need to.”

McCarthy said other than a scratchy throat, he feels fine. And he’s looking forward to being back with his team in person.

“This threat is very real, and please do everything you can to keep yourself and your family safe,” McCarthy said. “If it can get me, it can get anybody.

“I just think it shows you the danger of the pandemic and the virus.”

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Dr. Chavis also led a diversity, equity, and inclusion workshop for staff members of the Suns Legacy Partners in 2020 and invited team President & CEO Jason Rowley on the NNPA’s daily morning breaking news program, “Let It Be Known.”

Before receiving his honor, Dr. Chavis will deliver sermons at 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the First Institutional Baptist Church.

“Civil rights are fundamental human rights for all in America and worldwide,” Dr. Chavis remarked. “I’m honored to be receiving this recognition from Arizona’s leading Civil Rights Organizations fighting to make sure equity and equality are accessible for all citizens.”

Chavis emphasized, “The Phoenix Suns, in particular, represent the best of the NBA on the issues of equity and inclusion on the basketball court and off the court in communities of color and all communities who affirm the transformative values of freedom, justice and equality for all. I will humbly accept this award on behalf of the Black Press of America and the ongoing Freedom Movement in America and throughout the world.”
The Rosa Parks Family Foundation endorses DeWayne Harvey’s gospel hit, ‘What The Lord Allows’

NEW YORK -- (EINPresswire.com) On December 1st 1955, Rosa Parks stood up for civil rights and against segregation when she refused to give up her seat and move to the back of a city bus in Montgomery, Alabama. This bold move from Ms. Parks helped spark the Civil Rights Movement, inspiring leaders such as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr to take action towards helping our nation become a better society.

To commemorate that historic event, this year the Rosa Parks Family Foundation, headed by Rhea McCauley – the niece of the departed Ms. Parks – announces the endorsement of the Gospel hit, “What The Lord Allows” by DeWayne Harvey with Fred Hammonds. Currently a Top Ten single on Gospel stations in many parts of the USA, the message within “What The Lord Allows” is one that parallels the triumphs and challenges faced by those who fought the good fight for civil rights. “It’s a message of hope and inspiration,” says Ms. McCauley. “What Dewayne wrote and sings is what Aunt Rosa lived by, that no matter what storms or fears come your way, when you take a courageous stance for what is right, you will find or make a way through to victory with grace.”

“I’m so honored that Ms. McCauley and the Rosa Parks Family Foundation have endorsed ‘What The Lord Allows’, which I had written when I was dealing with my own frustrations within the faith yet saw the way through it all,” says Mr. Harvey. “It’s my hope that the song and its message will reach more people on a universal level thanks to the foundation’s support.

Today the Rosa Parks Family Foundation faces a new challenge pertaining to the house that Ms. Parks lived in while a resident of Detroit (she moved to the city after her years in Alabama). “Currently the house – which was cleaned and rebuilt – is sitting in a storage facility in Italy,” explains Ms. McCauley. “The person who did the rebuilding had it sent there is trying to auction it off – which is wrong since the foundation legally owns the house. We have attorneys here and in Europe fighting on our behalf but funding is needed to bring about change. You must not be afraid to take the first step, we will fail when we fail to try.”

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NDG Book Review: ‘Prince: A Portrait of the Artist in Memories & Memorabilia’

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The cover promised greatness. Just a whisper over twelve inches square, you knew there was magic inside; even its title and artwork were enticing. Oh, the work were enticing. Oh, the side; even its title and art-

Rogers Nelson, was a kindred spirit who lived for music.

By 16, he was proficient even then, young Prince was restless; he ran away from home many times, bouncing between his father’s apartment and the Anderson home. Prince’s dad, John, was “his best friend” and was arguably the root of his son’s talent; as an adult, Prince remembered being three years old and itching to play music his father’s piano.

By 16, he was proficient with several musical instruments, and was a member of a band. At 18, he wanted to record his own single; running very low. It’s sad and wrong that her house is overseas illegally when it should be back in the states.”

Mr. Harvey added, “I do hope those who read this will help Ms. McCauley and the foundation’s efforts to return the Rosa Parks house to the USA. This is a landmark and a piece of important history for future generations to see and learn about Ms. Parks as well as her courage.”

A Go Fund Me campaign is now active to help raise funds for The Rosa Parks Family Foundation’s efforts.

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Disaster Field Operations Center-West today reminded small nonfarm businesses in 61 Texas counties and a neighboring county in Oklahoma of the Dec. 23, 2021, deadline to apply for an SBA federal disaster loan for economic injury. These low-interest loans are to offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by winter storm, blizzard, snow, ice and high winds in the following primary counties that occurred Feb. 10–19, 2021:


“SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the applicant suffered any property damage,” Garfield added. The interest rate is 3 percent for businesses and 2 percent for private non-profit organizations with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition. By law, SBA makes Economic Injury Disaster Loans available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. The Secretary declared this disaster on April 23, 2021. Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency about the U.S. Department of Agriculture assistance made available by the Secretary’s declaration. Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov. Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

President Biden Touts Holiday Surprise: Jobless claims hit record low

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National Correspondent

President Joe Biden headed into the holiday weekend with two pieces of economic good news he claimed underscores that recovery has continued at a historic pace.

The new jobless claims report released on Wednesday, November 24, indicates that the President has every reason for optimism — the economy is starting to boom.

The report revealed just 199,000 workers filed new jobless claims, the lowest mark in nearly 53 years.

“Last year, there were 21 million unemployment insurance claims before the Thanksgiving holiday. Today, there were 2.4 million,” President Biden exclaimed.

“This is a historic jobs recovery — 5.6 million jobs created since I took office and an unemployment rate of 4.6 percent — two full years earlier than experts predicted was possible,” the President remarked.

“More Americans are getting back to work, and more Americans have money in their pockets, thanks to the American Rescue Plan and the vaccination campaign,” he said.

CNBC reported that the decline appeared at least in part to be due to seasonal adjustments. Unadjusted claims totaled 258,622, an increase of 7.6 percent from the previous week.

Further, according to published reports, continued jobless claims, which count workers who have filed for benefits for at least two consecutive weeks, stood at around 2 million in the week ended November 13, down 60,000 from the prior week.

Overall, 2.4 million Americans received government benefits under various programs in the week ended November 6, down from 3.2 million at the end of October.

“Layoffs are hitting new lows amid ongoing labor shortages as employers look to hold onto hard-to-find workers,” Glassdoor Senior Economist Daniel Zhao wrote in a tweet.

President Biden noted that the U.S. counts as the only major economy that has exceeded its pre-pandemic level of gross domestic product.

He promised to continue working to improve the economy further and provide more job opportunities for all Americans.

“We have more work to do before our economy is back to normal, including addressing prices increases that hurt Americans’ pockets,” Zhao wrote in a tweet.

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Ensuring racial equity by expanding internet access: Billionaire Robert F. Smith and other corporate leaders mount campaign to close the digital divide

By Jose Marquez
National President and CEO of TechLatino

Congress made a good first step in ameliorating this dire situation when it passed President Biden’s infrastructure bill, but the $65 billion allocation in broadband for all is hardly enough to close the digital divide.

The gap in digital access is particularly wide in communities of color, where one in three families with children lack a high-speed internet connection at home — a rate of disconnection more than 50 percent higher than that of white families. The problem is exacerbated in areas across the South from Atlanta to Houston where 35 percent of Black adults lack any access to broadband at home.

Lawmakers need to make sure that they include a broadband policy that guarantees no American is stranded on the wrong side of the digital divide.

Additionally, OSPI will use a targeted approach to provide funding for COVID-19 on underserved communities to build expanded after-school programs.

While policymakers in Washington have focused on getting broadband access to rural areas, we must also make sure that urban areas are not overlooked. Census data has shown that while there are approximately 5 million rural households without broadband access, this problem is three times as large in urban areas—around 15 million urban or metro households without broadband.

Affordable and ubiquitous access to high-speed internet, however, is just the starting point. We also must expand access to the hardware and software people need to take full advantage of all the internet has to offer and maintain an ecosystem of digital educators, repair workers, designers and other tech specialists who can keep improvements going long into the future.

To our fellow Americans, no matter where you live, here’s why it’s so critical that the Senate pass the Build Back Better Act, which, according to leading economists, will cut costs for American families without adding to price pressures.

"Build Back Better will cut the cost of prescription drugs, health care, childcare, and housing for tens of millions of middle-class families and seniors — extending critical middle class tax relief that is helping working families make ends meet. Today’s data reinforce the historic economic progress we are making and the importance of building on that progress in the weeks ahead."

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I announced steps my Administration is taking to bring down the cost of gas for American families, and my Administration remains laser-focused on implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which will ease supply chain bottlenecks across the economy.

"And it’s why it’s so critical that the Biden-Harris Administration has taken to reopen schools safely and address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on particular student groups. Prior to funding, OSPI will review programs’ implementation of evidence-based after-school programming, expansion of services to new sites, and communities not currently served.

- Supporting Students’ Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs: OSPI will fund the Social Emotional Learning Professional Learning Network and Mitigating Effects of Intergenerational Trauma initiative to focus on the specific needs of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children, youth, and families, and to strengthen understanding of social-emotional learning efforts. Additionally, OSPI will fund integrated content and evidence-based instructional strategies which will provide integrated instruction using social emotional learning, trauma-informed and culturally responsive pedagogical strategies integrated across content areas.

The distribution of ARP ESSER funds is part of the Department’s broader effort to support students and districts as they work to re-engage students impacted by the pandemic, address inequities exacerbated by COVID-19, and build our education system back better than before. In addition to providing $330 billion for K-12 education in the American Rescue Plan to support the safe reopening of K-12 schools and meet the needs of all students, the Biden-Harris Administration also has:

- Held the Return To School Road Trip, a bus tour that visited schools across five states in five days to celebrate the safe return to school.
- Announced new mental health resources to provide information and resources to enhance the promotion of mental health and the social and emotional well-being among children and students.
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- Prioritized the vaccination of educators, school staff and child care workers.
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education curriculum, and support for students in the foster care system.

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Woodforest National Bank and FHLB Dallas award over $250K in disaster aid

(BUSINESS WIRE)--When February’s ice storm caused unprecedented power outages throughout much of Texas, Yeneka Younger shivered in an uninhabited Texas, Dallas, home for days.

But that wasn’t the worst of it. The freezing temperatures caused pipes to burst in her kitchen resulting in extensive water damage to her cabinets and flooring, she said.

Woodforest National Bank® (Woodforest), a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas), teamed up with FHLB Dallas to disburse more than $250,000 in Disaster Rebuilding Assistance to 28 homeowners in Houston, Dallas and Refugio, Texas, who are still rebuilding from 2017’s Hurricane Harvey, and to provide support to the 2021 ice-storm victims across Texas.

Disaster Rebuilding Assistance provides funds for the repair and restoration of owner-occupied housing affected by a federally declared disaster within FHLB Dallas’ five-state District.

FHLB Dallas set aside $500,000 for Disaster Rebuilding Assistance in 2021 and in August, it added another $250,000 due to significant demand. After Hurricane Ida it set aside an additional $500,000.

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It’s My Tongue I’ll Wag It If I Want To

By Dr. James L. Snyder

Like everybody else, I have my share of trouble. It’s not that I want to get into trouble, but trouble always seems to be somewhere near where I am at the time. I regret that time when I was first introduced to trouble. Some trouble I can’t prevent. It just happens, and no matter what I do, trouble is in the room. I don’t think there’s anything I can do about that, but I hope the trouble will not be that bad. I know some people in my family get into trouble on purpose. The grand goal of their life is to get into trouble on a variety of levels. Back in the day, when we had family reunions, this person, which will remain anonymous, did everything he possibly could to make trouble.

Most of the family just ignored him and forgot what he was doing. He wanted to be remembered as the family troublemaker. Actually, he was remembered as the family Goofball.

Another form of trouble is what people bring on intentionally. For some reason, they want to get into trouble, and get a lot of pleasure out of bullying. I could never understand this bullying mentality. What does anybody get from bullying somebody else? I remember in school, several guys got a lot of fun out of bullying other kids.

That went on until Miss Ammon, the fifth-grade teacher, showed up. She had her way of unbullying anybody that crossed her path. If she caught you, you were in more trouble than you could handle.

Also, there is the trouble I get in by making a mistake. I didn’t mean to do it, but for some reason, I did it, and as everybody knows, there are always consequences. Usually, the consequences aren’t worth the trouble.

I’ve had experience in just about all levels of trouble in one form or another. The steps on the ladder of progress and growth are trouble. If you can handle trouble, you then are progressing in your maturity.

As terrible as all of these things are, one source of trouble outweighs all others. It has taken me a long time to understand the dimensions of this kind of trouble.

What I’m thinking about at this point is my “tongue.” This tongue of mine has been the most significant source of trouble and problems through out my life. As I get older, it seems to get worse.

A preacher friend of mine would talk about one of the older women in his church, and he said, “I often wondered if this woman ever had an unexpressed thought in her life.”

I know what he means because I often wonder about myself.

I have not yet learned that because I’m thinking about something, I do not need to speak it. Thinking doesn’t get me in trouble; speaking gets me into deep trouble.

Sometimes when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is speaking to me, I speak out loud without realizing it. Then comes the infamous, “What did you say?”

Whenever I hear this, I know I’m in some kind of trouble. Either I didn’t hear

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Sowing In Tears

“Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.”
- Psalm 126:5

Psalm 126 describes an interesting process that goes against our natural tendencies when we are taken into a difficult period in our lives.

Whenever we are hurled into a crisis that brings tears, our tendency is to retreat or recoil in fear and hurt. However, there is a better way that God tells us to handle such times of travail.

Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. “He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy.”

As a veteran husband, I should understand that she does not expect an answer whenever she asks a question. All she wants from her husband is a positive shaking of the head and a greasy smile.

I know this, but sometimes I forget. If only I could train my tongue when to speak and when not to speak. There are times when that old tongue of mine will wag and wag, getting me into deep trouble.

One morning right after breakfast, I was getting ready to leave when my wife said, “When will you be ready to leave when my husband is getting ready to leave when my wife is getting ready to leave.”

Now, I need my tongue to wag in a way to get me out of the trouble it got me into while it was wagging the night before. How many right wags does it take to correct one wrong wag?

It would be wonderful if my tongue were attached somehow to my ears. Or maybe, better yet, to my brain.

As I get older this seems to be more of a problem. In my dilemma, I thought of a verse of Scripture. “Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!” (James 3:5).

Once you say something, it is impossible to unsay it. My tongue has got me into so much trouble.

Last night while watching TV, she talked about some projects she had in mind, and I wag my tongue in affirmative action. She assumed I knew what she was talking about and that I had agreed to that plan.

If only my tongue had ears, I might not get into so much trouble.

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(PSalm 126:5-6).

God is telling us that if we will do what is unnatural for us in these circumstances, He will make sure that what we sow in tears will return in joy.

This is one of the most important lessons people have learned when faced with difficult circumstances.

Rather than sit back and allow self-pity and discouragement to consume us, we should plant seed during this time. Reach out to a person who needs a friend. Invest in the life of another. See where you can be a blessing to someone. Give of yourself.

The psalmist acknowledged that we are doing this while we are in our pain. However, during this time we are to sow seed.

That seed will return to us in another form. Here is what will happen when we do this. “He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.”

We will receive joy and fruit from the seed that we plant during this time. Sheaves represent the fruit of a harvest. We will actually get a harvest from this seed.

“You must not let the circumstances destroy you!”

Talk to God and tell Him that some people in this world are looking for real faith. Some of them place that faith in the wrong god, whether a false god or material things or a person.

Pray for everyone in the world, for those in their own “Jerusalem,” and in their own family. Pray that God would use you and your life experiences as an instrument to demonstrate real faith to the unbelieving.

Ask God to give you opportunities to share your faith experiences and give you the words to say to influence those who need it.

Ask God to speak through you and to work through you, as His servant. Tell God that you love Him in the precious name of Jesus.

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Adopted at birth and raised on a 500-acre Texas ranch, Maverick Miles Nehemiah was given a number of chores to teach him responsibility and he was held to generally higher standards otherwise, but he mostly “made sure that he was not in a situation… where [his father] or other adults had to tell him what to do.”

This gave Nehemiah time to think, and he was already thinking about easy money.

When he was a teen, his parents uprooted his life and moved the family to Atlanta, to “an enclave of some of the most prominent and influential Black people” around. Still, Nehemiah struggled for awhile to make friends and fit in. By the time he was old enough to join his high school’s ROTC, he’d settled in and grown into a fine young man with what Dorsey calls “CONFidence.”

Nehemiah could spot fools weren’t welcome in his circle. He was a prankster who loved to laugh, a perfectionist, and a visionary. Once, he called himself “TAFKAP,” which stood for The Artist Formerly Known as Prince.

“Nobody could.
He had a legendary work ethic and was generous, but fools weren’t welcome in his circle. He was a prankster who loved to laugh, a perfectionist, and a visionary. Once, he called himself “TAFKAP,” which stood for The Artist Formerly Known as Prince.”

So, you think you know everything there is to know about The Purple One. Or maybe not: “Prince” could still hold a few surprises, even for the most ardent fan.

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Author Paul Sexton tells Prince’s story from his youth to his death, through the eyes of those who worked with Prince, onstage and off, in stories that are both personal and of the kind you might hear in a business meeting. While Sexton delightedly dives into a mischievous side of the singer, readers can rest assured that there’s nothing scandalous here – that wasn’t Prince’s way – but those who know his lyrics know that the edge is close. Or will you prefer the pages of photographs? Pictures of Prince as a boy, a creator, a performer? Still-photos, posters, concert shots, pictures of his costumes? Photos that might be new to you? Why even try to decide about this book made especially for fans: pick both, and “Prince” promises a great read.

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