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High Court Weighs Decision That Could Silence Black Voters Nationwide

By **Stacy M. Brown**
Black Press USA Senior National Correspondent

The U.S. Supreme Court is hearing arguments today in a case that could decide the future of voting rights in America. At the heart of *Louisiana v. Callais* is whether Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which bars racial discrimination in voting, remains constitutional. The outcome could strip away one of the last remaining protections for Black voters since the Civil Rights Movement and embolden efforts already underway in states like North Carolina, where Republicans are pushing new gerrymandered maps that would silence voters and cement partisan control.

Republican lawmakers in North Carolina have been accused of betraying the very communities they were elected to serve. Their proposed maps would diminish the influence of Black, Latino, and other minority voters while strengthening GOP power. “Rigging the maps to go along with



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Trump’s scheme to hold onto power represents a new low for North Carolina Republicans, who have already spent cycles redraw-

ing the maps to lock themselves into power,” Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee President Heather Williams said.

“The GOP’s willingness to silence voters is an extreme betrayal of the North Carolinians who elected them to serve. The DLCC has sup-

ported North Carolina Democrats for cycles as they’ve worked to protect voters from the disastrous GOP agenda, and we stand behind them as they stand up against this attack on democracy.”

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IN MEMORIAM: D’Angelo, A Neo-Soul Genius Who Reignited a Genre, Dies at 51 of Pancreatic Cancer

By **Lauren Burke**

Michael Eugene Archer—known to the world as D’Angelo—was one of the most enigmatic and transformative figures in modern R&B. D’Angelo attended Huguenot High School in Richmond, Virginia. He dropped out in 1991 to move to New York City and pursue what would become an incredibly successful career in music. Today, it was learned that the singer died in New York after a quiet battle with pancreatic cancer. He

was 51. Though he only had three studio albums, D’Angelo won four Grammys during his career. The singer was said to be working on what would have been his fourth studio album. “An architect, musically and spiritually. I’m stumped on this one. We haven’t just lost a person, we’ve lost a musician who put his all into the music,” said music critic Nicolas-Tyrell Scott on social media.

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Singer D'Angelo performing at Pori Jazz festival in Pori, Finland. (Wikimedia Commons / Photo by Roquai)

2025 State Fair of Texas Humanitarian Awards



For the eighth year, the State Fair of Texas and the Friends of Juanita Craft Civil Rights House & Museum are proud to announce the recipients of the Juanita Craft Humanitarian Awards. Juanita Craft tirelessly fought for civil rights and played a crucial role in integrating many Dallas establishments, including the State Fair of Texas. In honor of her efforts, achievements, and impact, the State Fair and the Friends of Juanita Craft Civil Rights House & Museum commend the following individuals who continue her legacy as advocates for positive change in our community. They will be recognized at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, at the Briscoe Carpenter Livestock

Center in the ballroom during the 2025 State Fair of Texas.

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EDITORIAL PAGE

Do Revenge and Retaliation Warm Your Heart or Dampen Your Spirit?

It Depends Upon Who You Are

By James B. Ewers Jr., Ed.



James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D

“I got you” is an age-old expression used when someone gets the best of us. You hear it used in a joking manner and sometimes in an ill-tempered way. When you hear it, you will either smile or frown.

Growing up back in the day had me using I got you a lot. The term was usually associated with us playing childhood games. Those were fun times where happiness was the main ingredient.

In fact, as a boy coming of age, I don’t recall hearing it in a negative way. Playing tag or dodgeball always meant that we would hear I got you.

As a youth, I never imagined the three words, I got you could be used in a sinister way. I guess the times we’re living in have shown me a different interpretation of those three words.

Being spiteful and seeking retribution aren’t a part of my persona. So, for those who have those attributes, I feel sorry for them. How do you go around picking people to hurt?

When the truth is used against you, then take your medicine and do better the next time. Fortunately, we live in a country where it is a staple of our democracy. Is that the case now?

Fabricating and just flat-out lying won’t get you any brownie points, at least not with me. However, there is a remnant of Americans who use them and then say, I got you. Integrity and honesty have been removed from the front burner and off the stove.

We see people in masks taking folks from their communities and jobs. Checking legal papers and credentials isn’t being done. There is a I got you mindset that is being displayed by those in charge.

This will continue as long as the checks and balances system isn’t being used in our nation. At one point, it was being used, but not anymore. This is my opinion.

I got you has now shown up in the housing market. Home loans and the National Flood Insurance Program are now being held up. There is uncertainty as to how long this will last.

Sources say active-duty service members and others on the federal payroll may miss paychecks on October 15th because of the government shutdown. However, the administration says it has identified funds to pay the military on that date.

Advocates of what I call the I got you movement are simply going along with business as usual, as if nothing is wrong. America, something is terribly wrong.

It is beginning to get a bit cooler now, and with that, we’ll see more sicknesses. This is normally the time we take some precautionary health measures.

This includes taking flu and now COVID-19 shots. However, we are being advised by some elected and appointed officials not to take them.

Reports say those who say not to take them have already taken their vaccines. They are practicing, I got you. Misinformation gathers around us like a storm cloud, and we are succumbing to it.

Pundits are telling us that these are unprecedented times, and we are falling for wrongdoing. There are those who are engaging in voodoo politics.

However, polls show that a large percentage of us are distrustful and disillusioned with what is going on today. Rules and regulations have been thrown out of the window onto the pavement.

The American people are being held as hostages and collateral damage to a new set of laws. Mind you, laws that are made up sometimes to benefit only a small group of Americans.

During the last election season, we were told how great things would be. Do you remember the lyrics, Vote for me, and I’ll set you free? Now those same people are saying, “I got you”.

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Are You Raising One of the Next Generation of Hoodlums:

School-Readiness

By Dr. Joyce Willard Teal



Dr. Joyce Willard Teal

The children have been back in school for almost two months. If you have a young child in your home who began his/her first year of formal schooling this year, one of the best things you will ever do is to ensure that the child does not become one of the next generation of hoodlums. is to set the right stage from the beginning.

Children are capable of acquiring extensive and diverse skills and information even before they start school. Along with cognitive school readiness skills, such as color recognition, counting, language, and literacy skills, it is also very important that pre-school age children develop social-emotional skills in order to be successful in school. These include interacting appropriately with other children and adults, self-control, sharing, taking turns, and responding appropriately in a range of social situations. The early years are, therefore, an ideal time for parents and caregivers to begin teaching children personal responsibility in age-appropriate ways. Started early in a child’s life, these things become more or less habitual.

Small tasks such as clearing a table (that was set with plasticware), cleaning up after play, helping to care for pets, helping to sort and carry laundry, and recycling and throwing away trash are all wonderful ways to introduce responsibility. Personal hygiene activities can also become “responsibilities” that your son learns to do himself, so that he begins to understand that he is responsible for helping to keep the home, school, and himself or herself clean. Responsibilities should be introduced gradually and carefully depending on your child’s maturity level and temperament.

Below are tips to help you and your child get ready:

- Buy new and exciting school supplies for your child.
- Explain to your child the differences between first grade and kindergarten.
- Before first grade, begin to teach your child some of the things he or she may learn during the new school year.
- If your child has any questions about first grade, make sure to answer them.
- Teach your child simple safety precautions!
- Spend time teaching your child to read.
- Summer activities like camp and Vacation Bible

School can help your child learn more than just academics during the summer before first grade.

- If uniforms are required, buy several changes. If not, get your child a stylish, new wardrobe that is exciting to him.
- Make sure that your child knows his A,B, C's, letter sounds, how to count up to 25, colors, and shapes.
- Read children's books to your child at least 20 minutes every day.
- More than likely, your child will be learning words from the High Frequency and Dolch Word Lists. Give your child a head start by teaching him a few things before he reaches first grade.

Parents: There is much that you can do to prepare your child for success in first grade, which will set the tone for his formal schooling. Give what you do serious consideration.

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D’Angelo was born on February 11, 1974, in Richmond and raised in nearby Petersburg. He emerged in the 1990s as a singing phenom with his church-honed musicianship and husky falsetto. The singer had a deep reverence for the Black musical tradition, and he reshaped the landscape of

soul music that would begin an era of what would be called “neo-soul.” D’Angelo was the son of a minister and grew up immersed in gospel music. He learned the piano at an early age and often played during his father’s services. The early blend of faith, rhythm, and improvisation became the foundation for his sound—a blend of spiritual-

ity, sensuality, and street-wise funk. As a teenager, he was deeply inspired by Prince, Marvin Gaye, Al Green, and Curtis Mayfield, as well as the jazz-infused textures of Miles Davis and Herbie Hancock. By his late teens, D’Angelo was already writing and producing his own material, displaying a rare ability to bridge old-school soul with

contemporary rhythms. D’Angelo’s big breakthrough came in 1995 with the release of Brown Sugar, a debut album that felt both nostalgic and radical. Driven by hits like “Lady,” “Cruisin’,” and the title track “Brown Sugar,” the record was a warm, analog antidote to the digital R&B

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RELIGIOUS/NEWS

Instructions for a Privileged People

I Peter 1:13-21



Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

After speaking of the marvelous salvation we enjoy in Christ, Christians are a privileged people because to whom much is given, much is required! These verses outline our responsibilities as Christians. The first of these is hope (v. 13). Our hope is to be fixed on “the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” The grace that we now enjoy will be poured out fully when Christ returns. While waiting on His return, we are not to be idle. We are exhorted to “gird up the loins of your mind.”

As believers, we need to prepare our minds for actions. Instead of retreating because of the challenging times of this age, we need to be planning our next move as we seek to spread His word. This age needs the gospel and we ought not to be afraid to present it to a hostile world. We are also exhorted to “be sober” or prudent and cautious in our actions. In our actions, we should not allow the world’s system to permeate or influence our lives. We exhibit our obedience by not being fashioned by the fleshly lifestyle of the

world (v. 14). We are called upon to live a life of complete obedience to God because we share His nature (II Peter 1:4).

As obedient children, not only should we leave behind our former lusts, but we are to imitate the Holy God who called us (vv. 15-16). When we imitate and embrace God’s holiness, there will be a change in our “conversation” (behavior). Our behavior should reflect our belief; our conduct should be a reflection of our calling; our deportment should be a reflection of the fact that we have

been delivered! Peter’s call to be holy came from an Old Testament reference in Leviticus 11:44-45 which states: “Be ye holy, for I am Holy” (v. 16). Because of the fact that God the Father will evaluate all human deeds without respect of person, we owe Him the utmost reverence (v. 17). The word “fear” means reverential awe, not frightful terror!

The reason why we owe God reverence and obedience is that He paid an awesome price for our redemption (v. 18). Silver and gold (highly prized yet

perishable metals), cannot compare to the price less blood Christ offered to ransom our souls (v. 19). Christ, the perfect sacrifice for sin, was set apart for the work of redemption, but was “manifest in these last time for you” (v. 20). The reason God purchased us through Christ’s blood was so that “your faith and hope might be in God” (v. 21).

The same God, who we owe utmost reverence, has planned our salvation, produced our salvation, will preserve our salvation. God will preserve our salvation, for Philippians 1:6

says: “Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Finally, Jude states that God will bring our salvation to its consummation for verses 24-25 say: “Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”

May God Bless!

NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Continued October 9th Edition
Starving children screaming for food as US aid cuts unleash devastation and death across Myanmar
By **KRISTEN GELINEAU** Associated Press

On May 21, exactly two weeks after Taher's little boy died, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio sat before Congress and declared: "No one has died" because of his government's decision to gut its foreign aid program. Rubio also insisted: "No children are dying on my watch."

That, Taher says, "is a lie."

"I lost my son because of the funding cuts," he says. "And it is not only me — many more children in other camps have also died helplessly from hunger, malnutrition and no medical treatment."

A statement from the State Department that did not address most of AP's questions said the U.S. "continues to stand with the people of Burma," using another name for Myanmar.

"While we continue to provide life-saving aid globally, the United States expects capable countries to increase their contributions where possible," read the statement from the department, which has absorbed the few remaining USAID programs.

Taher is one of 145,000 people forced to live inside

squalid, prison-like camps in the state of Rakhine by the ruling military. Most, like Taher, are members of Myanmar's persecuted Rohingya minority, which was attacked by the military in 2017 in what the U.S. declared a genocide.

Kneecapped by the funding cuts, the U.N.'s World Food Program in April severed assistance to 1 million people across Myanmar, including to Taher's family.

After their food rations evaporated, Taher's family meals shrank from three a day to one.

Taher's son, Mohammed Hashim, faded. The clever, caring toddler, who loved playing football and whose cheerful chirps of "Mama" and "Baba" once filled their shelter, could barely move. Anguished by his son's sobs, Taher tried to find help. But with soldiers banning residents from leaving the camp to find food, and with no money for a doctor, there was nothing Taher could do.

On May 7, Taher and his wife watched their baby take his final breath. Their other children began to scream.

Neighbor Mohammed Foyas, who visited the family after Hashim died and was present for his burial, confirmed the details to the AP.

Asked who is to blame for the loss of his son, Taher is direct: the United States.

"In the camps, we survive only on rations," he says.

"Without rations, we have nothing -- no food, no medicine, no chance to live."

Children have paid the steepest price

Twelve-year-old Mohama squats in the mud, rain battering his rail-thin frame. He plucks worms from the dirt and places them in a ratty plastic cup.

The worms are bait for the fish he hopes to catch for his family. Recently, he says, there hasn't been enough to eat. So, despite the deluge, he grabs his bamboo fishing pole and wades through rushing water as high as his chest.

Many of Myanmar's children have survived the horrors of war only to now find themselves hungry and hurting because of a political decision they don't understand.

Mohama escaped to Thailand with his parents, older brother and two little sisters in 2023 after soldiers attacked their village. He remembers huddling in a bomb shelter, and running alongside hordes of others fleeing for their lives.

Mohama's parents returned to Myanmar to find work, and his sisters eventually joined them. He lives now with his grandparents and teenage brother in a one-bedroom shelter.

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~ SCARY MOVIES ~ (Solution will appear in October 23 edition)

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 5. Paid player
 8. Precedes pedia
 12. Oxen connector
 13. Sonic sound
 14. ____ Dondarrion, "Game of Thrones" Lord of Blackhaven
 15. Bibliographical abbr. (2 words)
 16. *2025 Pete Davidson horror flick, "The ____"
 17. Wear away
 18. *Movie director of "Knock at the Cabin" fame
 20. Manage without help
 21. Subway coin
 22. Boar's mate
 23. *Jordan Peele's directorial debut (2017, 2 words)
 26. Richard Gere in 1980 movie, pl.
 30. Bit of binary code
 31. A way to steal gas
 34. *"It's ____" (1974)
 35. Estrogen producer
 37. Have a bug
 38. Glue on, e.g.
 39. Comme ci, comme ça
 40. Nice to look at
 42. Opposite of WSW
 43. Opposite of #40 Across
 45. Cordwood units
 47. The night before
 48. Warm down-slope wind
 50. Blood component
 52. *Trip to Sweden gone wrong (2019)
 56. Like certain radiant energy
 57. Pakistani tongue
 58. "Ill at ____"
 59. Not together
 60. Ooze
 61. Bulgarian, e.g.
 62. Like certain grape beverage
 63. Get it wrong
 64. Shakira's don't lie?

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 3. Thumbs-up
 4. Italian frozen dessert
 5. Southern England's coastal town
 6. * ____ Polanski, director of "Rosemary's Baby"
 7. *The story of Damien Thorn, with The (1976)
 8. *Americans' attacker in London (1981)
 9. Pump it!
 10. Pirate Captain ____
 11. Frozen H2O
 13. Devotional worship, in Hinduism
 14. Haze over
 19. Timid
 22. Envy, biblically-speaking
 23. Duck follower
 24. Diplomat on a mission
 25. Badger or bug
 26. Happy Gilmore's game
 27. Forever prisoner
 28. Sheep-like
 29. Movie "Battle of the ____"
 32. Pay as you earn, acr.
 33. Step on it
 36. *Mia Farrow in Roman Polanski's movie (1967)
 38. Poetic although
 40. Before of yore
 41. Depletes (2 words)
 44. Manifest
 46. Catch in a net
 48. Firearm shooter
 49. More eccentric
 50. Shoshonean people
 51. Panache
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 55. RPMs
 56. *James Wan's directorial debut (2004)

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After two hours, Mochama holds up his haul: around 10 tiny fish, each less than 3 centimeters (1 inch) long. It's enough for a few mouthfuls.

Still, this is lucky. Some days, he says, he catches half as much.

When the rice runs out at 48-year-old Naung Pate's shelter, panic sets in among her six children. She walls off her own worry and reassures them that she will find them food, though now there is never enough.

"If the U.S. doesn't resume its support, I am worried about my children's survival," she says.

Foraging for survival

The grandfather slides a knife into the sodden jungle floor, pries loose a bamboo shoot and places it into a tattered tote bag slung across his bony back. His stomach is empty, his breath ragged and his energy exhausted. But if he stops now, his family could starve.

Mahmud Karmar has been foraging in the jungle along the Thailand-Myanmar border for two hours

and has barely collected enough to feed his wife, six children and 6-year-old grandson two meals. He presses his parched lips into the river and guzzles.

"I am hungry," Karmar says, panting. "So I drink the water to get myself full."

For years, a grant by the U.S. State Department provided food and medicine to Karmar and the other Myanmar refugees living in the Thai border camps.

But the ending of that grant on July 31 forced the region's main aid group, The Border Consortium, to terminate food assistance for 85% of camp residents. That has left many like Karmar dependent on the jungle's quickly-dwindling resources to survive.

Karmar didn't just lose his food rations because of the aid cuts -- he lost his job with the International Rescue Committee, which the State Department had, until July 31, funded to run health clinics in the camps. He has also lost 16 kilograms (35 pounds), his 54-kilogram (119-pound) frame now so

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Quinn Minute

My average face

By Rix Quinn

Have you ever been told you look like somebody famous?

A couple of years ago, several friends and I sat around a lunch table and tried to judge who our companions resembled. My friend Jim said, “Quinn, you just have a generic face.

“That’s not an insult,” he added. “You look like somebody everybody knows, but whose name they can’t remember.”

Jim was right. As I surveyed our group, I quickly identified people who looked sort of like presidents, or movie stars, or astronauts, or comedians.

But I look like the guy you see at the mall, but you can’t remember which store I work for. Or I resemble a teacher you liked in high school, or somebody you see downtown in the coffee shop.

Sometimes I’m grateful for my average face. When I was in my 20s, it was a real money-saver. How?

In my town, there are two seminaries, where folks train to be ministers. I’ve had many jobs in my life, but a preacher is definitely not one of them.

However, for a few years, one restaurant recognized me as a young, bright seminarian. Whenever I

went there, they greeted me warmly and asked how I was doing in my studies.

I told the cashiers they had me mixed up with an actual preacher, but they didn’t believe me. They frequently gave me free soft drinks or a complimentary meal.

I have wondered what happened to that young preacher who looked like me. Did he eat for free as often as I did?

I often took my first dates to that generous restaurant. If that date didn’t work out for me, I hadn’t spent much money on her.

Sadly, my face aged out of the eager young student

look, and I began to resemble somebody’s cousin.

I became the guy you think you saw at a family reunion, but you are not sure which branch of the family.

My face is slowly sagging into that of a kindly uncle, one who tells funny stories and is welcome everywhere.

Which means that pretty soon, people may think they actually know me...and I can maybe get offered some free meals again!

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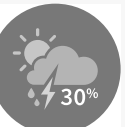
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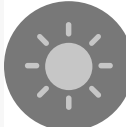
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Government shutdown delays release of critically important inflation figures

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER AP Eeoomics Writrer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government shut-down is delaying another major economic report, leaving policymakers at the Federal Reserve with a cloudier picture even as the economy enters a challenging phase of stubbornly persistent inflation and a sharp slowdown in hiring.

The Labor Department's monthly inflation data was scheduled for release Wednesday, but late last week was postponed until Oct. 24. The department is recalling some employees to assemble the data, which was collected before the shutdown began. The figures are needed for the government to calculate the annual cost of living adjustment for tens of millions of recipients of benefit programs such as Social Security.

The shutdown could make things worse for agencies like the Fed if it continues, because government agencies cannot collect the raw data that are then compiled into the monthly reports on jobs, inflation, and other economic

trends. The September employment report, for example, which was due to be released Oct. 3 but was not issued because of the shutdown, was essentially completed before the government closed and could be released fairly quickly once the shutdown ends. But October data could be delayed much longer.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said Tuesday in remarks to the National Association for Business Economics that the central bank for now is looking at data from the private sector, such as payroll processor ADP, which issues its own monthly report on hiring by U.S. businesses, to gauge the economy. It is also relying on anecdotal reports from the hundreds of businesses that the regional Fed banks consult with.

But while there are many firms that compile jobs-related data, there are fewer alternative sources of information to track inflation and growth, Powell added.

Porous Cowboys defense is wasting Dak Prescott's sparkling QB play

By SCHUYLER DIXON AP Pro Football Writrer

The previous time the Dallas Cowboys looked this bad on defense five years ago, their one-and-done defensive coordinator at least made it to the end of the season.

Dak Prescott's gruesome ankle injury in Week 5 might have played a role in that, leaving Dallas in a spot where not much else mattered with the franchise quarterback sidelined so long in a season with the COVID-19 pandemic.

This time, Prescott is showing his near-MVP form of two years ago, and it's not making much of a difference.

In the past three games, Prescott has produced 11 touchdowns (10 passing) without a turnover and has a QB rating of 127.4. Yet, the Cowboys don't have a winning record, going 1-1-1 as part of their 2-3-1 mark heading into Sunday's home game against Washington.

If defensive coordinator Matt Eberflus' job is in jeopardy just six games into his pairing with Brian Schottenheimer, the first-year head coach isn't saying

so.

"That's a great coach," Schottenheimer said after the league's 32nd-ranked defense gave up 216 yards rushing and a huge fourth down conversion on a short pass when Dallas couldn't get the ball back in the final six minutes as Carolina won 30-27 on Ryan Fitzgerald's game-ending field goal.

"He's been around," Schottenheimer said of the former Dallas defensive coach who was fired as head coach in Chicago last season. "Everywhere he's been, he's had good defenses. It's not just Matt by himself. You know, Matt's trying. The players are trying. This is not a lack of effort."

There is one big difference from 2020, when Mike Nolan lasted one season under first-year coach Mike McCarthy while directing a defense that gave up a club-record 473 points.

These Cowboys traded their best player, star pass rusher Micah Parsons, a week before the coordinator debut for Eberflus, who once coached Dallas line-

backers before going to Indianapolis as defensive coordinator.

Anyone willing to give Eberflus a break over that jarring personnel change has to consider how lost the secondary has looked trying to deploy his zone scheme.

Blown coverages returned as a major problem against the Panthers after appearing to improve the previous couple of games. And that wasn't even the most embarrassing part for the Cowboys.

Rico Dowdle, let go by Dallas in the offseason after becoming the franchise's first undrafted running back to rush for 1,000 yards, had 239 scrimmage yards. He had 15 carries of at least 7 yards while finishing with 183 on the ground and added a 36-yard touchdown catch.

And yes, Dowdle, who tried to warn the Cowboys to "buckle up," was wide open down the field on the scoring grab.

"We all watched the same game," said Kenny Clark, the defensive tackle who came from Green Bay

in the Parsons trade and was hyped by owner Jerry Jones as a fix for a run defense that has struggled for years. "It's a little bit of everything, from communication to missed tackles."

What's working

WR George Pickens has been phenomenal in three games with top Prescott target CeeDee Lamb sidelined by an ankle injury. Acquired from Pittsburgh in an off-season trade in an attempt to add a playmaker opposite Lamb, Pickens is averaging 120 yards in Lamb's absence. He has a five-game touchdown streak, with six TDs on the season.

What needs help

Whether it was a mistake by CB DaRon Bland or a scheme problem, it was a terrible look for the player who recently signed a \$92 million extension to be lined up well beyond the first down marker before Hunter Renfrow's 7-yard catch in front of him on fourth-and-4 on the final drive. Dallas' chance to win plummeted on that play.

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slight that he has become unrecognizable even to close friends.

"We are almost dying," he says. "There is nothing for us here."

The 55-year-old sits in the dirt and wipes sweat from his brow. A few days earlier, he says, he fainted while attempting to work

in a cornfield in a bid to earn 120 baht (US\$3.75) — enough to buy one day's worth of rice for his family.

The lack of food has driven scores of desperate people to steal, he says. He and several others recently rounded up 27 thieves in one night and sent them to detention.

Among the thieves was

one of his friends. Karmar asked him in despair why he was doing this. "We have nothing to eat," his friend replied.

Day after day, Karmar pushes his battered body up mountains and through rivers in search of anything his family can eat, trade or sell.

"There's a heaviness in my heart," he says, his

voice breaking. "The children ask me for pocket money and I cannot give it to them, and that kills me."

All he can do now is hope that the people of the United States show mercy on the people of Myanmar.

"We will all die if it continues like this — I am certain of it," he says. "We can't do this forever."

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8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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House Republicans Getting Paid on Recess, Government Employees Are Not

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Dr. John E. Warren

The latest move of distraction on the part of President Trump has been two-fold. First, the freeing of all hostages in Gaza and flying there to participate in the cease-fire, for which everyone is grateful; the second move has been the agreement to pay all our troops during the shutdown while the rest of the government goes without pay. No one is mad about our troops being paid. It's just that it would have been nice if all our government employees were getting paid while the Republican members of Congress continue to draw their paychecks during the

shutdown that they created. These are the people being PAID to legislate as a separate and independent part of our checks and balances democratic process. These are the people who took an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, not the President of the United States. We have the shutdown of the government because of the Republicans, who are in recess in the midst of a crisis.

Vice President Vance has compounded the shutdown by telling the American people that the troops are being paid out of funds collected by the President's tariffs on imports. This is not true. All the increases in prices on imports are being paid by the American people. This is so illegal that the whole activity is being challenged in the courts, with the President's own lawyers stating to the courts that they, the Administration, will reimburse those dollars if they lose. Those

taxpayer dollars are the so-called trade surplus that Vice President Vance is citing as the source of funds out of which the troops are being paid.

The Republican members of Congress know that the House of Representatives has a history of separating itself from the laws it legislates to govern the nation. Nothing is a clearer example than accepting their checks while others go without pay. With all that being said, WE the people must now work to take back America before it is destroyed by vengeance and retribution by this President. We continue to make suggestions here.

First, we suggested prayer as God states in 2nd Chronicles 7:14 (Read it again in your Bible).

Next, this week, with No Kings Day demonstrations across this nation expected to bring out millions of people, there must be a concerted effort to register each person of voting age so that we can

take back control of the Congress, no matter how many states the President gets to change their Congressional Districts.

The endgame of Donald Trump as President, with the help of the Heritage Foundation Blueprint for 2025, is to redefine the American government in the image of Donald Trump and those he would select to follow him. Donald Trump is a symbol of the plan. There are others, like Steven Miller, his Deputy White House Chief of Staff. People like Miller and VP Vance represent the continued threat. The good news is that we can still stop them, in spite of the Supreme Court and the Republican House and Senate being in his pocket.

LET'S HOLD THE LINE WITH THE DEMOCRATS UNTIL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WAKE UP AND SEE THE REAL PROBLEM WITH WHY THE GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN AND NO PAYCHECKS.



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The timing of North Carolina's redistricting push is no coincidence. As the Supreme Court hears the Callais case, Louisiana's attorney general and solicitor general are arguing that the state's intentional creation of a second majority-Black congressional district violates the Constitution's Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. They claim the Constitution "sees neither Black voters nor White voters; it sees only American voters," a statement that voting rights advocates say erases the historical and ongoing racial discrimination that made the Voting Rights Act necessary in the first place.

Chief Justice John Roberts, who wrote the 2023 opinion upholding Section 2, now appears less certain. Observers warn that if Roberts or Justice Brett Kavanaugh changes course, the decision could dismantle Section 2 entirely and allow states to draw maps that silence minority voters with impunity. The Center for American Progress warned that such a ruling

could eliminate up to 19 congressional seats protected by the Voting Rights Act and displace nearly one-third of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Lakeisha Steele of FairVote called the erosion of the Voting Rights Act "a negation of the work of those who fought and died for the right to vote." She recounted her family's experiences in Mississippi under Jim Crow, where poll taxes and intimidation barred Black citizens from voting, and warned that the current assault on the Act threatens to undo generations of struggle for equality.

Meanwhile, the DLCC has launched DemsOnRedistricting.com to fund efforts across battleground states to fight back against the GOP's gerrymanders. For Democrats, the battle is not just about maps or elections but about the very foundation of democracy. "The question now is whether America will remain a representative democracy and who will be allowed to participate in it," Steele said. "The future of our representative democracy depends on it."



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The Jackson Legacy: A House Divided by Wealth and Whiteness

By **Stacy M. Brown**
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There is a tragedy that runs through the name Jackson—not the tragedy of loss alone, but of transformation. It is the story of what happens when the dream that began in Black struggle is reborn in white comfort. When Jermaine Jackson once said he would trade it all—fame, fortune, and fans—to return to Gary, Indiana, to live again as a family, he spoke a truth too heavy for the world that fame built. For the Jacksons, the price of glory was not simply isolation; it was erasure. The Jackson empire was carved from the calloused hands and boundless genius of a Black family who dared to believe that rhythm could set them free. And yet, decades later, that empire stands as a monument to irony: a fortress of Black creation now inhabited by white heirs.

Paris Jackson, the daughter of Michael, has filed a legal challenge against the estate that not only sustained her but also saved her. She calls the executors “the Wizard of Oz,” accusing them of arrogance and secrecy. But her rebellion is not against oppression — it is born from privilege. While her father died crushed beneath \$500 million in debt and accused of the unthinkable, his executors, John Branca and John McClain, raised his name from ashes to billions. They rebuilt his legacy, secured his music, and gave

his children the kind of wealth that most Black families in America are still forbidden to imagine.

Paris has already received more than \$65 million from the estate. She lives not in scarcity but in abundance — buying homes the way some people buy shoes, leaving one behind when it no longer thrills her. A family insider said, “She quickly got bored with one house and simply bought another.” It is a luxury made possible not by labor or struggle, but by inheritance — by the color of her lineage in a country that rewards proximity to whiteness.

Prince Jackson has chosen grace, calling for reason and restraint. Bigi remains quiet, unseen. But Paris wages her battle in public, against the very men who ensured she could fight at all. It would be easier, perhaps, to dismiss her as simply misguided — a young woman struggling to define herself beneath the shadow of an immortal father. Yet to do so would ignore the deeper truth. Her defiance is not rebellion against injustice; it is the performance of privilege. It is the kind of fight only the wealthy can afford — the kind of noise only heard when one has never known silence.

Meanwhile, the family that began it all — Jermaine, Marlon, Jackie, Randy — stands on the

sidelines, the architects of a dynasty watching as the wealth of their name enriches a generation that will never know the pain of Gary's steel mills or the racial contempt that chased them from stage to stage. Across America, the median Black household holds just \$24,000 in wealth — a fraction of the nearly \$190,000 that defines white households. The Jackson story, once a symbol of what Black excellence could achieve, now mirrors what the nation has always done: transfer Black labor into white prosperity.

This is not merely family drama. It is history repeating itself. The Jacksons built a legacy from rhythm and pain, from the hard beauty of Black creation. And now, as Paris fights the estate that feeds her, she becomes both symbol and symptom of a world where white wealth is inherited, and Black genius must always be defended. Michael Jackson once sang of being the man in the mirror, begging humanity to change its ways. But the mirror now reflects something colder — a daughter at war with the ghost of her father, and an empire where the struggle of a Black family has become the comfort of a white one. In the end, the question is not whether Paris Jackson is wrong. It is whether the world that produced her can ever be right.



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