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## HISTORIC WINS FOR DANCE AND DIXON



Faris Dixon gives a speech after winning District Attorney at the Hilton on Nov. 6, 2018. (Molly Mathis/The Daily Reflector)

By  
By Tyler Stocks and Ginger Livingston  
The Daily Reflector

Voters in Pitt County made history Tuesday  
when they elected the first black woman to the

office of sheriff and the first black man to the  
office of district attorney.

Democrat Paula Dance, 53, a major with  
the sheriff's office, defeated Republican Gary  
Weaver in the sheriff's race 31,853 to 26,523  
votes in unofficial returns, according to the Pitt

County Board of Elections. Democrat Faris  
Dixon defeated Republican Glen Perry 30,313  
to 27,896 votes in the race for Pitt County  
district attorney.

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## Marine killed in D.C. barracks on New Year's Day

By Clyde Hughes  
UPI

A U.S. Marine died Tuesday when  
he was shot inside the Marine Barracks  
Washington, D.C., but officials are not  
expecting foul play at this time.

The Marine, whose name has not been  
released, was on duty at the military  
facility in southeastern Washington, the  
Washington Post reported. Authorities  
said they are at the beginning of the in-  
vestigation but it appeared that incident  
may have been the result of an acci-  
dental discharge from another Marine's  
weapon.

Alaina Gertz, the public affairs spe-  
cialist for D.C.'s Metropolitan Police

Department, told ABC News that the  
person who fired the weapon has not  
been charged and "based on our in-  
vestigation no criminal intent has been  
established."

Gertz said it will be up to the U.S. At-  
torney's office on whether or not to file  
charges in the case.

Marine Corps spokeswoman Capt.  
Colleen McFadden said she could con-  
firm only that the victim did not suffer  
"a self-inflicted injury." The shooting  
occurred at 5 a.m. on New Year's Day  
with the victim described as in his early  
20s.

A Metro report said the Marine was

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# Year of the Woman in Congress leaves out Republicans

By Malliga Och and Shauna Shames  
UPI

The 116th Congress will be the most diverse in U.S. history: 126 women will take office, including 43 women of color. Yet, as many have noted, this new diversity is confined to one side of the aisle. The number of Republican women in Congress is actually dropping from 23 to 13. Only 1 out of 36 freshman female representatives is a Republican. So while 2018 certainly was the Year of the Woman, Republican women are watching from the sidelines. Whether you are progressive or conservative, this is bad news. As political scientists, we strongly believe that both democracy and feminism work best when there is a critical mass of women in each major political party. A democracy should reflect the diversity of its society. Considering that women make up over half of the U.S. population but only 23 percent of Congress, American democracy already under-represents women. For Republican women, the mismatch is even more pronounced. Nearly half of all women in this country regularly vote for Republican candidates. For example, Donald Trump won 41 percent of the female vote in 2016 and Mitt Romney won 44 percent in 2012. Yet the overall numbers of Republican women candidates and elected women has stagnated at around 15 percent for the past two decades and is now declining. This is important for many reasons. GOP women add value to democratic process For one, Republican women, both as voters and legislators, often have different policy views and priorities than their male counterparts. Elected Republican women have provided crucial voices in setting policy. For example, Republican women were vocal in their support to reauthorize the 1993 Violence Against Women Act last year. Republican women have also been able to speak about womanhood in a language that fellow conservative lawmakers could relate to. Further, GOP women have forged bipartisan compromises in the past few decades with Democratic women. More generally, research has shown that women on both sides of the aisle provide excellent constituency service and are more effective lawmakers than men. In other words, it is a problem for all of us from Republican districts -- and for democracy more generally -- if women are mostly concentrated in one party.

Higher hurdles for GOP women So what can be done? Most importantly, we should dispel the myth that the decline of women in the GOP is a Republican “war on women” with the GOP actively trying to keep women out of the party. Instead, our research shows that Republican women face greater barriers to entry compared to either Democratic women or Republican men. First, Republican women have more limited access than Republican men to campaign dollars at the crucial primary stage when fundraising numbers signal candidate viability. Both in individual donations and political action committee giving, the picture looks bleak for Republican women. In 2018, Republican women raised approximately \$19 million from women donors. Compare that to \$159 million Democratic female candidates raised from women. One of the biggest problems for Republican women is that they do not have access to an established and well-funded PAC network. While Democrats have EMILY’s List, which supports pro-choice Democratic women as candidates, and many more well-funded progressive women’s PACs, conservative women’s PACs are fragmented and underfunded. One conservative counterpart to EMILY’s List is the Susan B. Anthony List, which supports anti-abortion candidates of both genders. In 2018, EMILY’s List spent almost \$69 million in support of Democratic pro-choice women. In contrast, the SBA List spent around \$799,000 in support of anti-abortion candidates, including Democratic and Republican men. In addition to limited funds, conservative women PACs lack visibility and viability. WISH List, supporting pro-choice Republican women, faltered within 10 years and ShePAC within two years. Research by political scientists Rosalyn Cooperman and Melody Crowder-Meyer shows that few GOP donors have heard of these efforts. Low visibility and limited funds mean that an endorsement of such PACs carries little weight compared to the endorsement of EMILY’s List, which is widely seen as a signal of viability and leads to an influx of donations from other sources.



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# OPINION Trump’s tenacity bringing Chinese in line

For almost 30 years, China has been carefully maneuvering to become the most powerful economy on the planet. Through a series of equally strategic and devious economic tactics such as trade and currency manipulation, the Chinese have enriched themselves at the expense of other nations -- namely, the United States.

They have been getting away with it for years, but that is about to change. Today, they are up against an unlikely president who happens to be unapologetic about putting America first and unafraid of fighting for our workers.

Over the past couple of months, we have looked on as President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping both upped the stakes of ongoing trade negotiations. At times, it has seemed that we are lirting toward an all-out trade war. With both countries placing tariffs on imported goods to pressure one another, economists, analysts and companies have been on edge.

However, we are now beginning to see exciting progress. It appears that President Trump’s legendary negotiation is bearing fruit.

At the recent G-20 Summit, announcements were made that the U.S. and Chinese governments had come to an agreement in the trade negotiation process. Both countries have agreed

to temporarily refrain from increasing tariffs or applying new ones -- for the next three months.



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and China working together to cement fair and lucrative trade practices is a great first step, but it provides even more cause to celebrate because it shows that Trump’s trade strategy is working.

For decades, China has reaped the benefits of its actions being unchallenged in trade negotiation for almost 30 years.

They are learning, for the first time in a very long time, that the United States does not exist to serve their economic interests and help them accomplish their goal of superseding the United States as the globe’s principal economic superpower.

They are hopefully coming to realize that our president is shrewd and tough and that he will never back down when it comes to making sure America gets the best possible deals.

Trump has been reinforcing this theme publicly since the mid-1980s, when he gained insight into the inner workings of the international business stage. It

is with this knowledge that he has been able to confront Chinese trade practices that harm the United States.

One of the most notorious ways in which China has abused the United States is through its use of currency manipulation. China’s practice of devaluing its currency has made it king of exports and manufacturing. Businesses simply cannot be competitive in the market without taking advantage of low-cost manufacturing.

Ultimately, this creates a situation in which the United States has lost millions of manufacturing jobs. In human terms, we are talking about millions of families without a source of income, as well as untold damage to the American economy. But it doesn’t stop there.

Machiavellian to its core, China uses the money it gains through economic manipulation to then purchase U.S. treasury bonds. Our own government thus becomes further locked into an artificial dependency on Chinese manufacturing. Perhaps this explains the hesitancy of former presidents to address this open wound.

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Guy Benson

Trump understands that there is no more running away from this issue. The can had been kicked down the road, but it finally hit a

wall. The United States can either tackle this challenge on its own terms, before it becomes a crisis, or our entire economy will eventually collapse on itself -- to the benefit of the Chinese government.

When it comes to strengthening America’s economy, Trump deserves much credit. He promised to always put the United States first, and that is what he has done.

He swore to renegotiate one-sided trade deals that cost us millions of jobs and billions of dollars.

Confrontation often produces feelings of discomfort and uncertainty, but the benefits of getting a problem out into the open and actually solving it are tough to measure. To succeed well into the next century, the United States must get its financial house in order and end its self-defeating dependency on Chinese manufacturing.

In President Trump, we have a bold leader who is pushing back hard against China and is putting America back on a true path toward prosperity.

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# Trump’s incompetence puts U.S. in grave danger

By: Harlan Ullman, Arnaud de Borchgrave  
Distinguished Columnist  
UPI

A record number of women are headed to statehouses and Capitol Hill in 2019. About 100 women were elected to the U.S. House, which means that at least 121 women will serve in the 116th Congress - up from the current 107.

Twelve women were elected to the U.S. Senate. This new record shatters the 1992 “year of the woman” in which five women were elected to serve in the Senate. Media outlets have been quick to attribute women’s candidacies and successes to the Democratic “blue wave.” This generalization ignores places like Alabama, where voters elected a Republican woman as governor and passed a measure that recognizes and supports “the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn children” and another measure that allows the display of the Ten Commandments on public property and in schools.

In South Dakota, voters also elected a Republican female governor and rejected progressive-backed measures that would have revised campaign finance and lobbying laws as well as increased taxes on tobacco products.

As a scholar of politics and social movements, I’m often asked to explain these contradictory outcomes. Here are three things to keep in mind about women and politics as a new Congress prepares to take office.

1. Women vote more than

men, and not all are Democrats

How women vote is often not well explained in news coverage. Journalists emphasize that women vote more than men and that more women tend to identify as Democrats. This is true. If you look at gender alone, 54 percent of women identify as Democrats or lean Democrat, and only 38 percent of women identify as Republican or lean Republican. The problem is that these numbers miss key demographic differences that divide women’s votes. A lot of white, married women vote Republican. According to the Pew Research Center, 47 percent of white women identified as Republican or Republican-leaning and 46 percent of white women identified as Democrat or Democrat-leaning in 2016.

This thin margin among white women was clear in the 2016 presidential election: 45 percent of white women voted for Hillary Clinton and 47 percent voted for Donald Trump. Compare this to women of color: 98 percent of black women and 67 percent of Hispanic women voted for Clinton in the 2016 election.

2. Conservative feminism Penny Nance (far right), CEO and president of Concerned Women for America, poses with President Donald Trump after he signed a measure allowing states to withhold federal funds from facilities that provide abortion services. Experts have found that conservative women and conservative women’s groups consider themselves part of the “women’s move-

ment” even as they reject the traditional goals of that movement: equal rights legislation, legal abortion, some forms of birth control and the ability of women to serve in combat. While these conservative feminists advocate for women’s advancement in culture and politics, they celebrate and defend many aspects of traditional femininity including women’s roles as family caregivers. Take the group Concerned Women for America, which I’ve studied extensively. It was created in 1979 in response to the political successes of the liberal feminist National Organization for Women, which some believed did not represent the political views of all American women.

Concerned Women for America founder Beverly LaHaye, whose late husband was a politically prominent evangelical minister and conservative activist, saw her organization as a way to represent more traditional and religious values in the women’s movement.

The organization pushed back against legal abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment and infringements on religious expression such as restrictions on school prayer.

Today, Concerned Women of America is a political powerhouse that mobilizes its half-million members to elect Republican candidates. Virtually every Republican running for the presidency since 1980 has stopped in at the organization’s annual convention in an effort to gain the group’s favor and conservative women’s votes. Concerned Women

for America also has a strong presence in conservative states such as Alabama. The efforts of powerful conservative women’s groups including Concerned Women for America help explain why voters in Alabama elected only its second female governor in 50 years, Kay Ivey, with 60 percent of the vote and passed socially conservative measures.

Ivey is a Republican whose top two issues, according to her website, were her belief in God and her value of the lives of the unborn. It’s a safe bet to say that the women -- and men -- who voted for Ivey, also voted for the conservative ballot measures.

3. Women’s power at the state level

How politically powerful women are varies across the United States and, to some extent, reflects ideas about how women and men should act. Historians find, for example, that voters in Southern states tend to reinforce traditional gender norms and frown on women holding political office.

For example, Nevada and South Carolina are politically mixed states but vary dramatically in their ranking on women’s equality and political empowerment. According to WalletHub, a personal finance website, Nevada is the fourth best state when it comes to equality between men and women on 16 key indicators, including workplace environment, education, health and political empowerment. South Carolina ranks 45th.

The election outcomes were also very different.



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“I wanted everybody to come on this journey with me because I knew it was going to be different than anybody else’s race,” Dance said during a victory party held by Democrats at the Hilton Greenville on Tuesday night.

“There’s never been anybody who looked like me, who was my gender, to run for sheriff. I knew there were a lot of people who worked hard and I knew that I had what it took to do this. I stepped out on a leap of faith and I did it. I want to say thank you God, and I got a lot of people beside me who’ve been there and for me since day one,” Dance said

Dance will succeed Neil Elks, who was elected to the office in 2010. Elks defeated three-term Sheriff Mac Manning. Manning unseated Billy Vandiford in 1998, and Vandiford unseated Ralph Tyson in 1990. Elks, Manning, Vandiford and Tyson all were

Democrats. Weaver was hoping to be possibly the first Republican sheriff.

Dixon, 51, will replace District Attorney Kimberly Robb. Robb, who fired Dixon from his job as an assistant prosecutor, did not seek re-election, opting instead run for state Senate. She lost that bid on Tuesday to incumbent Democrat Don Davis.

“This was a long hard race,” Dixon said. “I have to thank all of my loyal supporters and most of all, I give credit to my lord and savior, Jesus Christ. I intend to serve the public, and I want Pitt County to be proud of our DAs office. I want to be accessible to our citizens and find out what changes they want to see happen. My goal is to make sure the office is transparent and citizens have confidence in what we do,” Dixon said.

Perry congratulated Dixon on his accomplishment.

“I want to congratulate Mr. Dixon on a well run campaign,” Perry said. “I want to thank my support-

ers, they did a good job for me. I hope Mr. Dixon will considering appointing members of the current DA staff. We have a great staff of attorneys and employees. I hope he will give them consideration when he assumes his new office. I’ve called Mr. Dixon and left a voice mail. I want to thank the people who supported me during the campaign and came out and voted for me,” Perry said.

Perry said he would like the opportunity to work alongside Dixon and continue serving its citizens.

“If Mr. Dixon sees fit to consider me appointing me as an assistant DA, I will continue serving the citizens of Pitt County. If not, I’ll try to find another way to serve.”

In a highly contested race for Pitt County District Court judge, Republican Daniel Hines Entzminger defeated Democrats Mario Perez and Jarrette Pittman. Entzminger will replace Perez, Pitt County’s first Hispanic District Court judge, who was appointed in May by Gov. Roy

Cooper. Efforts to reach Entzminger for comment were unsuccessful.

Entzminger had 23,305 votes to 20,187 for Perez and 20,187 for Pittman in unofficial totals. The Pitt County Board of Elections will conduct a canvass on Nov. 16 to count approved provisionals ballots and timely received absentee ballots.

Candidates who lost races by a margin of 1 percent or less may seek a recount after the canvass.

That might come into play in a tight race between candidates for the District 3 seat on the Pitt County Board of Commissioners. Democrat Chris Nunnally defeated Republican Richard Allsbrook by 10 votes in unofficial totals, 4,883 to 4,873.

“Obviously, if we did prevail by 10 votes, I am very excited to serve as the next commissioner in District 3 and ... you know, I’m kind of speechless. You know, that’s pretty tight ... We had a wonderful organization on the ground today and a lot of volunteers re-

ally pitched in and that kind of stuff makes a difference so hopefully it will stick. ... I will add that Richard, my opponent and I, he’s really

a model of the way to run a race ... It was positive. It was on the issues. ...”

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# 2018 was the year of black voting victories; but voting lessons Are yet to be learned

By Hazel Trice Edney  
Trice Edney Wire

At this time last year, political observers around the nation were expecting a landslide turnout in the mid-term elections Nov. 6, 2018, demonstrating the power of Black voters – among others – to flip the then Republican-dominated House of Representatives.

Ten months later, it happened. Because of millions of determined voters, 40 Republican House seats were lost to Democrats, giving the party most voted for by Black people a 235-199 majority.

Much deserved rejoicing has taken place over this success – by even non-partisan organizations whose only goals were to get as many voters to the polls as possible. But despite the clear

victories on many fronts, there are yet major lessons to be learned. Even as the overturn of the House has yielded major committee leadership sensitive to African-Americans, the loss of four Black candidates in statewide races have yet to be explained.

Democrat Stacey Abrams, after a brutal gubernatorial race in Georgia – lost to Republican Brian Kemp by 54,723 votes.

Democrat Andrew Gillum, in another nail biter gubernatorial election, lost to Republican Ron DeSantis by 32,463 votes.

Democrat Benjamin Todd Jealous – with the Democratic nomination in the predominately Democratic state of Maryland, lost to Republican incum

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African-Americans Unregistered to Vote by State (Estimated)			
Alaska	8,094	Mississippi	189,710
Alabama	170,203	Montana	1,667
Arkansas	125,696	North Carolina	177,421
Arizona	87,063	Nebraska	26,113
California	520,255	New Hampshire	6,092
Colorado	42,664	New Jersey	217,074
Connecticut	84,676	New Mexico	12,133
District of Columbia	12,365	Nevada	48,896
Delaware	37,594	New York	433,094
Florida	336,235	Ohio	271,421
Georgia	349,675	Oklahoma	90,859
Hawaii	5,837	Oregon	16,551
Iowa	30,973	Pennsylvania	227,464
Idaho	3,068	Rhode Island	18,868
Illinois	296,306	South Carolina	192,078
Indiana	162,253	South Dakota	4,180
Kansas	60,994	Tennessee	375,364
Kentucky	114,067	Texas	758,165
Louisiana	274,832	Utah	9,659
Massachusetts	274,832	Virginia	311,154
Maryland	199,656	Vermont	2,944
Maine	3,717	Washington	79,062
Michigan	240,787	Wisconsin	93,242
Minnesota	81,781	West Virginia	30,481
Missouri	189,544	Wyoming	3,349

Chart showing numbers of unregistered Black voters in March of 2018. Source: Donna Brazile, former chair, Democratic National Committee, Trice Edney Wire

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Allsbrook said the race shows Pitt County voters care. “I did call Mr. Nunally and congratulated

him based on the results as we have it right now. I think both he and I are questioning what happens next in terms of a potential recount being the numbers are so close ... but we have mutual respect for each other and he ran a great

campaign ... so based on (how) the numbers stand right now I certainly congratulate him and support him on his winning of the race.” In the other contested race for the Board of Commissioners, Democrat Alex Albright beat Benji Holloman 5,847 votes to 5,610 to win the District 4 seat. Albright could not be reached for comment.

Turnout for the election was at 47.14 percent, the highest for a midterm in recent memory. At total of 58,795 people cast ballots out of 124,714 registered. That includes 32,682 who cast ballots during the 18-day early voting period.

Voting was steady throughout Pitt County on Tuesday, said Elections Director Dave Davis. Voters in only a few precincts experienced waits, he said.

Poll workers at First Christian Church, Greenville No. 10B, and Winterville Fire Station Community Room, Winterville North, each had about 10 people in line when the

doors opened at 6:30 a.m.

A line of about 30 formed at Salem United Methodist Church, Simpson B, around noon, Davis said.

Michael Enright of Greenville said he cast his ballot at Greenville No. 9, Hooker Memorial Christian Church, because he supports President Trump’s agenda. “I favor him strongly and I want him to stay strong,” Enright said. Helping the president means voting Republican. “He needs the support of Republicans because Democrats aren’t going to support him; they are going to be out there undermining him.” East Carolina University student James Jones, who is studying information technology, voted for the first time at Hooker.

“I feel like a lot of people regret not voting in the last election,” Jones said. He counts himself among that group. Young voters like himself are disenchanted with the process,

questioning if their vote really counts.

For Jones, whatever apathy he previously felt was countered by Paula Dance, the first African-American woman to run for sheriff in Pitt County. “I went mainly for Democrats,” he said.

Toni Rosas, who also voted at Hooker Memorial, split her votes between Democrats and Republicans, specifically voting for Dance, a Democrat, in the sheriff’s race, and Republican Glenn Perry for district attorney.

Rosas said Dance’s law enforcement experience, especially her time as a detective, gave her the necessary experience to manage the sheriff’s office.

Rosas said she believes the district attorney’s office has been well run and believes Perry would have continued that service.

Most voters interviewed Tuesday said they believed the midterm election narrative of a divided nation had been overblown. “I know there was a time when someone like me couldn’t have voted,” said Gina Staton, who is African-


American.

On the opposite side of town, ECU students and employees with Vidant Health and Medical Center streamed in and out of Greenville No. 3 at Eppes Recreation Center.

“I wasn’t coming out in support or against anything,” said Ryan Richards, who works at the medical center. “I was coming out to make sure my voice is heard.” Friends Caily Hastings and Jordan Kay, ECU students, voted together at Eppes. Tuesday was Kay’s third election and Hastings second.

“We want students to be represented in Greenville,” Kay said. “We did our research and I personally chose the candidates I thought would be represents the students of ECU.” “I want to get my voice out and I want my community to be better,” Hastings said. Both women voted for Gary Weaver for sheriff, saying they like what he wanted to do to address crime in the community.

Karen Eckert and Bobby Burns contributed to this report.



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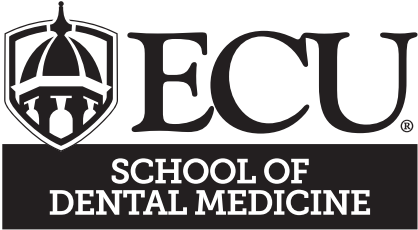
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# Voting

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bent Larry Hogan by 273,005 votes.

Democrat Mike Espy, in a race that also gained national attention because of racial issues involved, lost to Republican Cindy Hyde-Smith by 68,585 votes in their Nov. 27th Runoff for the U. S. Senate.

Even as the nation remained spellbound in anticipation of the congressional election results, drama in the four statewide races stayed in the news. But since Nov. 6, there has been little discussion over how the Black vote might have been increased so that the statewide Black candidates might have won or could win in the future.

Undergirding this issue is the fact that, nationally, more than 7 million Black voters (7,135,303) were unregistered in the spring of 2018, according to documents publicly distributed by former Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Donna Brazile.

The list included 349,675 unregistered in Georgia; 199,656 unregistered in Maryland; 336,235 unregistered in Florida and 189,710 unregistered in Mississippi.

In all four elections, just a fraction of more Black voters registered and voting for the Black candidates might have made a difference.

Nevertheless, even the 49-year-old Joint Center for Political and economic studies, which has “re-emerged as the preeminent center on how political and economic forces shape the

lives of Black people and communities,” according to its president, Spencer Overton, never even mentioned the four candidates – nor the Black vote - in the Center’s annual report, released Dec. 28.

And while the Center aims to continue its major campaigns on Black employment, the future of work, and diversity on Capitol Hill in 2019, there is no mention of the Black vote or how to increase the Black vote as a priority in the New Year.

Black voter turnout, in past years, has been at its highest when there are exciting candidates on the ballot such as during the election of President Barack Obama in 2008.

The Black vote in Georgia was also at its peak on Election Day during the intense fight for the gubernatorial election of the charismatic Stacey Abrams.

Yet, even the most exciting campaigners in America working for Abrams; including former President Obama, former First Lady Michelle Obama and Oprah Winfrey, could not pull the necessary votes for her to win.

Perhaps the greatest voting success in the Black community was among Black women in general who voted based on issues such as the need for Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and Affordable Healthcare, jobs, education and guns as domestic policy priorities, according to the Black Women’s Roundtable, convened by Melanie Campbell, who is also president and CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation. Campbell recently said in a

statement: “This past election is further proof that Black women are clearly the ‘secret sauce’ with regard to maximizing the power and impact of the Black women’s vote and leadership.

Black women not only led in voting, they led highly successful national and state-based campaigns, raised money for Black voting campaigns, recruited and trained Black women candidates that were a key part of shifting power in many congressional races and much more. Folks need to remember, if you want to win, follow black women.” But, the losses of Abrams, Espy, Gillam and Jealous have made it plain that – in statewide elections – additional strategies will be needed.


Political scientist Dr. Wilmer Leon said Ben Jealous’ loss was largely based on personalities and competing political strategies. Leon said in an interview last fall that “Because the state of Maryland, by most statistics, is doing well,” Black voters have taken an “‘if it’s not broke; don’t fix it,’” approach.

He said, “Hogan has never proven himself to be a blind Republican ideologue.


He’s more of a moderate Republican than he is an extreme right wing Republican.

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Charles Taylor, a community organizer and political data manager, who has been intricately involved in voter registration in Mississippi, including the Mississippi Conference NAACP’s.



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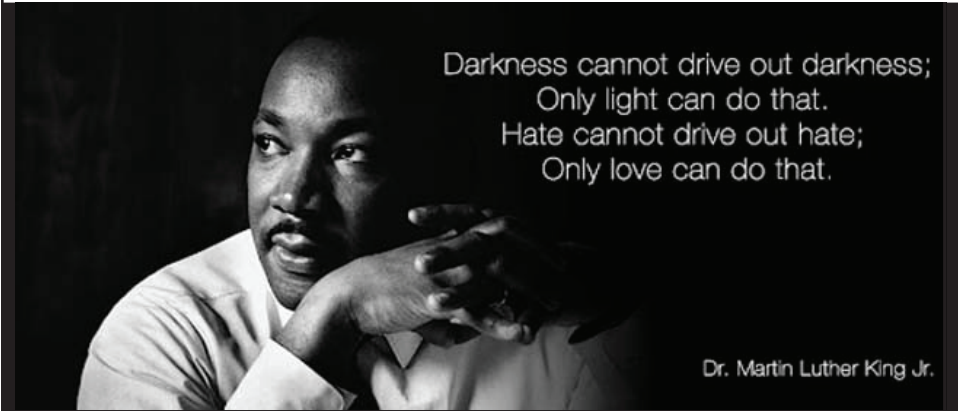



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# President shuts down government and insults working people

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The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public of the project and gather input on the proposed design. As information becomes available, it may be viewed online at the NCDOT Public Meeting Webpage: <https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>.

The public may attend at any time during the public meeting hours, as no formal presentation will be made. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments. The comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the project develops.

The opportunity to submit written comments will be provided at the meeting or can be done via phone, email, or mail by January 29, 2019.

For additional information, please contact Rachel Evans, P.E., NCDOT Division 4 Project Manager at P.O. Box 3165, Wilson, NC 27895, (252) 640-6434 or [rcevans@ncdot.gov](mailto:rcevans@ncdot.gov).

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By Jesse Jackson  
Trice Edney Wire

The partial government shutdown continued this week. Meanwhile, some 800,000 federal employees are going without pay, either furloughed and forced not to work or deemed "essential" and forced to work without pay.

On Christmas Day, President Trump suggested that the workers supported the shutdown that he earlier said he would be "proud" to cause: "Many of those workers have said to me, communicated, stay out until you get the funding for the wall."

This is a billionaire's conceit. Federal employees are not wealthy. Like most Americans, many live paycheck to paycheck.

The shutdown, which started on Dec. 22, stopped all paychecks just as the holiday approached. It also terminated all paid time off for workers, even for those who have scheduled leave for the holiday and will lose the paid time off if they don't use it by the end of the year. It is hard to imagine anything more disruptive, or more callous. Unlike the president, Trump's Office of Personnel Management recognizes the plight that workers face in the shutdown. It issued suggestions on how employees might negotiate with landlords and creditors over missed payments, even suggesting that they offer to do "painting or carpentry" in lieu of rent.




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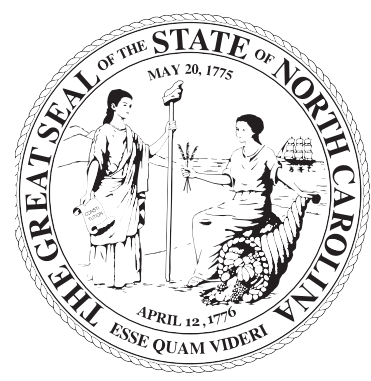
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# Bengals to interview Hue Jackson for head coach vacancy

**By Alex Butler**  
**UPI**

Hue Jackson is officially a candidate to be the next coach of the Cincinnati Bengals.

Sources told NFL Network that the Bengals will interview Jackson as soon as Wednesday. Jackson -- who has an 11-44-1 record in four seasons as an NFL head coach -- rejoined the franchise as an assistant to coach Marvin Lewis in November.

The Browns fired Jackson on Oct. 29 after he posted a 3-36-1 record in 40 games with the franchise. The Bengals fired Lewis on Monday after he spent 16 seasons with the AFC North franchise.

Jackson, 53, began his NFL coaching career as a running backs coach with the Washington Redskins in 2001. He was promoted to the team's offensive coordinator in 2003, before joining the Bengals in 2004 as a wide receivers coach. Jackson spent three seasons in that role until becoming the Atlanta Falcons' offensive coordinator in 2007.

He spent two seasons as the Baltimore Ravens quarterback coach before becoming the offensive coordinator of the Oakland Raiders in 2010. Jackson became the Raiders' head coach in 2011 before being fired after an 8-8 campaign.

He returned to the Ben-



Cincinnati Bengals special assistant to the head coach Hue Jackson yells at an official during game against the Cleveland Browns on December 23 at FirstEnergy Stadium in Cleveland. Photo by Aaron Josefczyk/UPI | License Photo

gals for four seasons, serving as a secondary coach, running backs coach and offensive coordinator, before being hired in 2016 to coach the Browns.

Bengals offensive coordinator Bill Lazor and special teams coach Darrin Simmons have already been interviewed for the position. Former Denver Broncos coach Vance Joseph has also been linked to the opening and is also scheduled for an interview.

## Antonio Brown: Conflicting reports surface about trade request

**By Alex Butler**  
**UPI**

Conflicting reports surfaced Tuesday regarding a possible trade request coming from Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown.

Sources first told CBS Sports that Brown requested a trade, citing that the superstar feels that coach Mike Tomlin is too aligned with quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

Sources told NFL Network that Brown has not made an official request for a trade.

Brown, 30, pulled in 104 catches for 1,297 yards and a league-high 15 touchdowns in 2018.

He did not play in the Steelers' final game of the season due to a reported benching.

The benching followed a series of missed practices and a reported disagreement with Roethlisberger.

Roethlisberger said in a 93.7 The Fan radio interview on Tuesday that Brown has not been responding to his calls and text messages.

Brown is under contract through 2021 and is set to make more than \$15 million next season.

He sparked additional trade rumors on Tuesday by responding to a message from San Francisco 49ers tight end George Kittle, who asked him "what's up?"

The four-time All-Pro responded to the message with a star-eyed smiling emoji.

Brown fueled even more trade rumors to the 49ers by liking a photo of himself on Instagram which showed him wearing a 49ers jersey.

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# La Voz Latina

## Mexico to recruit 50,000 for new national guard by 2021

By  
Renzo Pepoli

The Mexican government will recruit 50,000 civilians to train so that they can be part of a new National Guard in a bid to fight rampant violence and prevent crime in different areas.

“We do not have the necessary elements to fight insecurity and violence.

In relation to other countries, Mexico has few policemen,” Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said Wednesday in a press conference in the national palace as he explained the reason for the special recruitment.

“It is about making a contribution.

Those that will belong to the national guard will have the mission of protecting citizens,” he added.

At the same time, they will be expected to respect human rights, he added.

General Luis Cresencio Sandoval, Mexican Secretary of National Defense, added that the national guard will be officially cre-

ated once “a constitutional reform is approved.”

He said that of the 50,000 new recruits, a total of 21,170 will join in 2019 with the remainder in the following two years. Of those joining the force this year, 14,833 will be trained by the Secretary of Defense and the remainder by the Secretary of the Navy.

He said that the announcement is part of a three step plan in which the first two parts were already implemented since Lopez Obrador government started December 1.

He said that since December, 53,745 members of the country’s military, naval and federal police were deployed to prevent common crimes and maintain security, and that they will be the base of the national guard being created.

He cited the deployment of military personnel in state oil company Pemex as an example.

The second part of the plan was to call those in military duty to join the na-



Mexico’s President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador announced Wednesday in his first conference of the year the recruitment of 50,000 civilians by 2021 to join a newly created national guard to help fight crime. Photo by Sashenka Gutierrez/ EPA-EFE UPI

tional guard and the third,

being executed on Wednesday, is to announce the plan to recruit 50,000 civilians.

The idea is to have forces capable of social proximity while at the same time having “military values and virtues.”

The announcement also comes as the number of homicides in Mexico appeared set to reach record

levels in 2018.

According to a November report by ADN Politico, citing official figures, as of October there were 24,022 homicides in Mexico in the first 10 months of the year, 3,406 more than in the previous year.

If the trend continued, projections were that the total toll for 2018 was go-

ing to exceed the 25,028 homicides in all of 2017.

In one example of the violence affecting the country, on Tuesday Alejandro Aparicio, the newly elected mayor of Tlaxiaco in the state of Oaxaca, along with another municipal authority, were gunned down and killed within two hours of the swearing-in ceremony.

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## Ariana Grande, Childish Gambino to headline



Ariana Grande will be performing at Coachella 2019 along with Childish Gambino and Tame Impala. File Photo by John Angelillo/UPI | License Photo

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Ariana Grande, Childish Gambino and Tame Impala are set to headline the 2019 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival.

The festival will take place over two weeks at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, Calif. from April 12-14 and then April 19-21. Janelle Monae, the 1975, Diplo, Black Pink, Solange, Kid

Cudi, Weezer, J Balvin, Khalid, Bad Bunny, Chvrches, Pusha T, Anderson Paak, Juice WRLD, Wiz Khalifa and many more are also set to perform. Festival Passes will go on sale on Friday through coachella.com with general admission passes starting at \$429 and VIP passes at \$999. Coachella 2018 featured headlining acts such as Beyonce, Eminem and The Weeknd.

## Daryl Dragon of Captain and Tennille dead at 76

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Daryl Dragon of the musical duo Captain and Tennille died Wednesday at the age of 76, his publicist said. Dragon, known widely as “Captain,” died of renal failure while in hospice in Precott, Ariz., where his former wife and musical partner, Toni Tennille, was by his side, the Arizona

Republic reported. Dragon and Tennille formed Captain and Tennille in 1974 and topped the Billboard Hot 100 with their single “Love Will Keep Us Together.” “He was a brilliant musician with many friends who loved him greatly. I was at my most creative in my life, when I was with him,” Tennille told The Hollywood Reporter.

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