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Jimmy Carter, 39th President and Global Humanitarian Dies at 100

James "Jimmy" Carter, the peanut farmer from Plains, Georgia, who became the 39th president of the United States and later redefined the role of an ex-president through decades of humanitarian work, died Sunday, December 29, 2024 at his home. He was 100. Carter is survived by his four children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a legacy of public service that transformed lives around the globe. (See article on page 7)

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Creative Mother, Entrepreneur Creates Unique Financial Literacy Lessons for Her Children

By **Andrea Blackstone**

Parents who introduce financial literacy lessons to their children help nurture a mindset of making money, not just spending it freely.

Elisha Michelle Alford, a licensed cosmetologist, celebrity wig colorist and stylist, is included in a growing list of parents who want their young children to grasp financial literacy concepts at a young age while teaching them at home.

“Teaching financial literacy at home is important to me because they will not be kids forever and I wasn’t taught that growing up, so it’s important that I teach them early so it’s not hard for them to be successful,” said Alford.

The founder of Crowned Barbie began her entrepreneurial endeavor in 2018. Her online-based company ships wigs within the U.S.

“I was inspired to start my entrepreneurial journey by listening to daily motivation and watching other successful entrepreneurs around me,” said Alford. “My wigs are unique because of the creativity I use when making them—never seen before, never done before. I custom make them using my creative ideas from hair props I have bought.”

The trendsetter added, “I was inspired to design from watching music videos and from foods we eat. Most of my wigs are inspired designs from old 90s music videos or chip brands, such as Cheeto.”

Alford stated that she has worked with celebrity clients.

“I have worked with Cardi B; Lovely Mimi; Justina Valentine; Natalie Nunn; and many more influencers.”

The mother of four has not limited her entrepreneurial journey to herself. She makes time to integrate her business pursuits into her household by sparking the curiosity of young minds. All her children engage in entrepreneurial

activities, but 10-year-old Zaliyah and 12-year-old Kamari enjoy appearing in online videos demonstrating what they learn, including financial literacy lessons.

Alford created a way for her children to learn life skills, such as the responsibility of simulating “paying rent” on the first of the month through a model she crafted four months ago.

One dollar rent is used from their allowances to add funds into a Roth IRA (Individual Retirement Account) savings account from their allowances.

“I invest the money for them in a Roth IRA. They will be able to get the money once they turn 18,” said Alford.

Zaliyah earns her money by getting good grades and through her allowance. Her brother, Kamari earns his money by getting good grades and performing household duties. Alford shared that they are both good students who keep their grades up. Alford further explained that additional household duties include keeping their rooms clean; helping around the house; taking out the trash; or washing dishes.

“I have learned that money management is so important and having an emergency savings account is very important. You never know how life can go,” Alford explained.

Financial literacy lessons have helped her children to become more responsible.

Additionally, Alford’s two young entrepreneurs are given other tasks, such as helping their mother with her wig business as a part of their allowance.

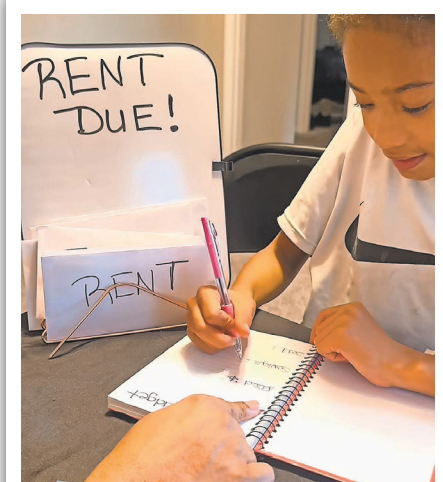
“I enjoy learning early how to work for myself and do the things I love,” said Zaliyah.

Kamari added, “I love learning to work for myself. I don’t plan to work for others.”

Alford wrote a money management book called “Content 2 Coins” for her children to teach them to write down where their money is going; manage their



Elisha Alford, mother of four, entrepreneur, and founder of Crowned Barbie. Photos: Elisha Alford



Zaliyah simulates paying \$1 rent as a money management lesson.



Kamari (left) and his sister, Zaliyah, work on a custom wig. They earn money, learn entrepreneurial lessons and financial literacy skills by helping their mother, Elisha Alford. Alford is CEO of Crowned Barbie and creates and styles unique wigs.

money; and track their spending. The eBook was created before Thanksgiving. She also offers the book to others to teach them how to create content and make money.

Parents do not have to wait for children to learn life skills in school or learn to make money when they are hired for their first job. Even young children can learn basic lessons and skills if they are too young to work traditional jobs. Parents can serve as unofficial mentors. When they implement creative, engaging lessons, children can model good habits as they get older.

Parents like Alford give future leaders like Zaliyah and Kamari a starting point to think beyond today and invest in tomorrow.

“My favorite thing about my mom is how she loves us and teaches us new things,” said Zaliyah.

Visit <https://stan.store/michelle45/p/content-2-coins-teach-you-how-to-make-money-> to learn more about “Content 2 Coins;” Alford’s business via

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“New” Terms for the New Year: Screen Scraping and Open Banking

By **Karen Clay**

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Can you believe we're already in another New Year? As time marches on, technology continues to evolve, bringing both exciting opportunities and significant challenges. One such challenge comes from a practice known as screen scraping. While this method of extracting data from websites or applications has been around for decades, it has evolved into new applications that also introduce serious risks. Screen scraping powers many useful tools, but it can also expose personal data to misuse, raising privacy and security concerns that many people may not fully understand. In this article, we'll explore the implications of screen scraping and what it means for you.

What is Screen Scraping?

Screen scraping is a technique used to extract data from the graphical user interface (GUI); what you see on your screen, on a website or application. In other words, it collects content directly from what is displayed on a webpage. For example, companies use screen scraping to gather product prices, job postings, or stock market data. One use with which you may be familiar is aggregation websites such as price comparison tools like CamelCamelCamel, which scrapes e-commerce websites (e.g., Amazon) to collect and display product pricing for folk looking for the best deal on a planned purchase. Other examples are sites like Indeed and Glassdoor that scrape job listings from employer websites to aggregate job opportunities into a single database.

While the above uses are helpful, this technique can also harvest personal information from social media profiles, e-commerce accounts, or email addresses without your consent. These

automated scraping tools can overwhelm servers with requests, significantly slowing them down and affecting website performance for users. Additionally, anything available for legitimate purposes can also be used by “bad actors” to harvest data for phishing scams, credential stuffing attacks, or content theft.

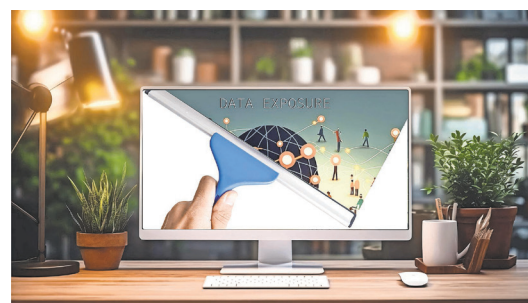
Financial tools, budgeting apps, and third-party aggregators frequently employ screen scraping to extract data from our accounts to provide their services. As consumers, we often unknowingly participate in screen scraping when we provide login credentials for websites or services we use, even services related to managing our money.

Open Banking

Banks recognize the growing concerns over privacy and data theft and face the challenge of balancing these risks with the convenience consumers expect when sharing financial data with third parties. To address this, they have increasingly adopted open banking—a framework designed to enable secure and efficient sharing of financial information. Open banking relies on APIs (Application Programming Interfaces), industry standards, and regulatory guidelines to facilitate seamless data transfer while maintaining strong security protocols like encryption and multi-factor authentication. By implementing common interface standards, open banking fosters innovation and trust in the digital economy while protecting their customers' information.

Safeguards Banks Are Taking

Banks have adopted robust measures to protect customer data to further address privacy and security concerns.



Safe computing practices help mitigate the risks of screen scraping.

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Advanced encryption technologies ensure sensitive information is secure during online transactions and communication. Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is now a standard practice, requiring additional verification steps, such as text messages or biometric scans, to enhance account security.

In addition, sophisticated fraud detection systems powered by artificial intelligence and machine learning actively monitor accounts for unusual activity, helping to prevent unauthorized access. To combat threats like phishing and screen scraping, banks enforce strict security protocols, limit data access, and regularly update systems to address vulnerabilities. These safeguards reflect the financial industry's commitment to maintaining customer trust in an increasingly digital world.

What You Can Do

As a consumer, you play a critical role in protecting your personal information. Educate yourself about cybersecurity best practices, such as recognizing phishing attempts and securing your devices with antivirus software. Take advantage of security features banks offer, including strong passwords, account alerts, two-factor authentication, purchase protection, and identity monitoring. Report any suspicious



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activity immediately to help mitigate potential risks. By combining the robust measures implemented by banks with your proactive efforts, you can help ensure your financial data remains secure.

In today's interconnected digital world, protecting personal and financial information is more important than ever. Open banking and the robust security measures implemented by financial institutions offer a promising balance between innovation and safety. However, the responsibility for safeguarding data doesn't rest with banks alone—we must also take an active role in staying informed and vigilant. By understanding how open banking works, adopting best practices for cybersecurity, and leveraging the tools provided by financial institutions, we can enhance our personal security and together, we can navigate the digital economy with greater confidence and security.

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Commentary

What We Should Think and Do in This Era

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Now that the election is over, a number of people are experiencing high levels of uncertainty. We should not think that life as we know it has ended. This is a defeatist attitude. What we should remember, especially as Black people, is that if we survived slavery and past Republican presidents, we can survive four years of Donald Trump. What we must do is reset our thinking as to what is important and what we must do as a collective people going forward.

Our first order of business during this time must be a return to prayer rather than party politics. We must remember that it was collective prayer by those who came before us that brought us this far. We must learn to act collectively "in spite of" and not "because of" the obstacles in front of us. While this is easier said than



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done, each of us must start at our own personal level of interaction with those around us, many of whom we may not like.

Next, we must adopt an attitude of "no permanent friends, no permanent enemies, just permanent interest." This means that we must re-educate ourselves on how the government works. We have two years

to prepare to take back the House of Representatives, which the Republican Party has won by a very small number of seats, perhaps less than five.

While we are looking at retaking national parts of government in terms of what's in our own best interest, we must not ignore local and state issues that will be influenced by the Trump Administration. History has taught us that local attitudes are influenced by national attitudes and the national attitudes have shifted to the extreme right based on Trump's election.

This is not a time for fear, but a time for planning and faith in the fact that we can win even under adverse circumstances.

We must restart our local discussion groups. The Black Press, our most trusted messenger, should play a key role in providing such forums but in conjunction with other organizations and groups in our communities.

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Affordable Permanent Housing Program

HUD-VASH: A Resource for Homeless Veterans, Their Families

By Andrea Blackstone

No one should be homeless, including veterans who served our country. Unfortunately, homeless veterans do exist.

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count estimates the number of Americans without safe, stable housing. The annual effort is led by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). According to https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/pit_count.asp, it is one tool that is used to assess yearly progress of the VA's priority goal of ending veteran homelessness. Per the 2024 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report: Part 1: Point-in-Time Estimates shared by HUD, "the report found more than 770,000 people were experiencing homelessness on a single night in January 2024, an 18% increase from 2023." The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) further reported that the total number of veterans in the United States who experienced homelessness was 32,882. The number decreased by 7.5% since 2023.

The effort to combat veteran homelessness is far from over. A tool to help homeless veterans obtain permanent housing is called HUD-VASH. The VA noted that the collaborative program between HUD and the VA, "pairs HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance with VA case management and supportive services to help homeless veterans and their families obtain permanent housing and access the health care, mental health treatment, and other supports necessary to help them improve their quality of life and maintain housing over time."

John Clow, the Assistant Chief of Social Work, Community Integration Services at VA Maryland Health Care System provides additional insight about veteran homelessness and connecting locally to resources and HUD-VASH.



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First, it is essential to understand who can be classified as a homeless veteran. Clow stated that any veteran who is street homeless without shelter or a veteran who lives in temporary housing, such as transitional housing, or contract housing, or anywhere where they do not have a permanent lease would fit the criterion.

HUD and the VA work together to implement HUD-VASH. The housing voucher is based on a sliding fee scale to calculate a veteran's monthly rent, which is based on how much income a veteran has available. Public housing authorities distribute vouchers in each county. "It is a permanent supportive housing program," Clow shared. "Obviously, if you have a significant income, you wouldn't be eligible."

The VA provides healthcare components, including the program's case management facet.

Clow explained that any homeless veteran is eligible for HUD-VASH, other than lifetime sex offenders.

He also confirmed that veterans who want to apply for HUD-VASH need their birth certificate; social security card; DD 214; and proof of income from Social Security or from the VA.

When homeless veterans need help obtaining the aforementioned documents, upon being referred to the



*HELP Perry Point Veterans Village
Photos: VA Maryland Health Care System*

HUD-VASH program, a case manager at the VA's Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC), located at 209 West Fayette Street in Baltimore can assist them with securing what is needed.

"They (homeless veterans) can come into the homeless walk-in clinic, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 3 p.m.," said Clow, adding that the clinic is located on the second floor.

Daily lunches; perishable food items; referrals to community agencies; access to a nurse practitioner who can assist in getting veterans back on their medications; a psychologist on staff who assists veterans with getting connected to the mental health clinic or assisting with any mild to moderate psychiatric issues; shower facilities; laundry services, and clothing are available there, in addition to the ability to obtain a housing assessment by a social worker within the CRRC.

Clow said that the approval time to secure HUD-VASH housing is much quicker than HUD's regular Section 8 voucher process, although the time it takes for a veteran to obtain a voucher can vary.

Veterans who are waiting for permanent housing in Baltimore may access other resources such as transitional housing programs at

MCVET and Baltimore Station, and two contract housing programs, in addition to emergency shelters.

Clow added, "Then, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) also has a rapid rehousing program that they can go to."

Veterans Village at Perry Point rents units through project-based HUD-VASH vouchers. A veteran in the HUD-VASH program who has one must stay in a unit at Perry Point Veterans Village. The beautiful location fills up quickly and currently does not have vacancies.

Inflation and rising rent prices have made finding landlords with affordable housing more difficult. Clow said that HUD-VASH has a housing specialist on the team who contacts landlords on the veteran's behalf if the veteran wants assistance finding a HUD-VASH housing provider.

"We pretty much accept anybody who is struggling with housing issues," said Clow, referring to veterans.

Obtain more information about the VA Maryland Health Care System via www.maryland.va.gov and the CRRC by visiting <https://www.va.gov/maryland-health-care/locations/baltimore-va-clinic>. Reach the VA's National Call Center for Homeless Veterans by calling 877-424-3838.

Jimmy Carter, 39th President and Global Humanitarian Dies at 100

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James “Jimmy” Carter, the peanut farmer from Plains, Georgia, who became the 39th president of the United States and later redefined the role of an ex-president through decades of humanitarian work, died Sunday, December 29, 2024 at his home. He was 100. His son, James E. Carter III, known as Chip, confirmed the death but provided no immediate cause. Carter had been in hospice care since February 2023 after battling an aggressive form of melanoma that spread to his brain and liver.

Carter’s wife, Rosalynn, with whom he shared 77 years of marriage—the longest of any presidential couple—died on November 19, 2023, at 96. The couple’s final years were marked by their enduring love, and Carter’s last public appearance was at Rosalynn’s funeral, where he sat in the front row in a wheelchair.

Born in Plains on October 1, 1924, Carter grew up on a farm, served in the U.S. Navy, and rose to prominence as Georgia’s governor from 1971 to 1975. He was elected president in 1976, becoming the first man from the Deep South since 1837. The victory made Carter the only Democrat to hold the office between Lyndon B. Johnson and Bill Clinton.

Carter’s presidency, defined by ambitious domestic and foreign policy initiatives, faced formidable challenges. During Carter’s presidency, America struggled with stagflation, an energy crisis, and international turmoil.

The 1979 Iranian hostage crisis and the failed rescue mission that followed, combined with economic woes and a Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, led to the overwhelming defeat in the 1980 election by Ronald Reagan.

Despite serving just one term, Carter’s presidency is remembered by historians as one of the most consequential. He brokered the Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel in 1978, a milestone in Middle East peace efforts. Carter prioritized human rights in U.S. foreign policy, advanced environmental conservation, and created the Departments of Energy and Education. His vision for alternative energy led to installing solar panels on the White House, which he called “a small part of one of the greatest and most exciting adventures ever undertaken by the American people.”

In his biography “His Very Best: Jimmy Carter, a Life,” Jonathan Alter described Carter as “perhaps the most misunderstood president in American history.” In contrast, Kai Bird’s “The Outlier: The Unfinished Presidency of Jimmy Carter” highlighted his moral conviction in tackling issues others avoided, even at political cost.

After leaving the White House, Carter devoted himself to humanitarian work, transforming the role of former presidents. Through The Carter Center, founded with Rosalynn in 1982, he worked to promote democracy, monitor elections, and combat diseases



*Former President James “Jimmy” Carter, the 39th president of the United States.
Photo courtesy of The White House*

like Guinea worm. The Center has monitored 115 elections in 40 countries and played a key role in nearly eradicating Guinea worm disease.

Carter and Rosalynn’s decades-long partnership with Habitat for Humanity further exemplified their commitment to service. Wearing tool belts and working alongside volunteers, they helped build or renovate more than 4,000 homes in 14 countries.

In 2002, Carter received the Nobel Peace Prize for his “decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development.” Gunnar Berge, a Nobel committee member, called Carter “the best ex-president the country ever had.”

Carter’s post-presidency also

saw moments of controversy. His 2006 book “Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid” drew criticism for its comparison of Israeli policies to South African apartheid. Yet, even in contentious circumstances, his tireless advocacy for peace earned him widespread respect.

“During his presidency, Jimmy Carter advocated to have Medicare cover all Americans. After his presidency, he continued humanitarian works that everyone, regardless of political affiliation, should respect,” said former Congresswoman Nina Turner.

Carter maintained a modest lifestyle, choosing not to capitalize on his presidency. He and Rosalynn lived in the same Plains home they built in 1961, and Carter often said he wanted their gravesite in Plains to benefit the local economy through tourism.

In their later years, the Carters celebrated milestones with family and friends, including their 75th wedding anniversary in 2021. Guests included civil rights leader Andrew Young, country music stars Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood, and former President Bill Clinton.

“Simply put, Jimmy Carter was a good man,” said former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms. “He was the epitome of a servant leader, changing the world and setting the highest example of what it meant to honor God, family, and country.”

Carter is survived by his four children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a legacy of public service that transformed lives around the globe. He will be buried beside Rosalynn under a willow tree near a pond he helped dig in Plains.

Women's Wellness: Understand More About Screening for Cervical Cancer

By Andrea Blackstone

The Christmas season may have conjured thoughts of what people want as gifts, but sometimes the most important gift is self-care and taking time to schedule health screenings.

Dr. Donna Adams-Pickett, obstetrician-gynecologist and owner of Augusta Women's Health & Wellness Center, provides insight into the pap test (pap smear) and the purpose of the cervical screening that can potentially be a life-saving test for women.

Q: What is the purpose of the procedure and how is it done?

A: The pap test is to screen for the presence of abnormal cells in the cervix that could become cancerous. A small brush is used to scrape cells from the center of the cervical canal.

Q: What is a doctor looking for?

A: The doctor is looking for cells that have the potential to become cancerous many years before it actually become cancer. Cervical cancer is quite silent otherwise.

Q: What is the recommended age to begin getting a pap test?

A: It is recommended that women begin paps at the age of 21.

Q: At what age can women stop getting pap smears?

A: Though current guidelines are that women can stop getting pap smears after the age of 65, some can argue that if a patient has a new sexual partner at that age she may consider discussing with her provider if a pap smear is still merited.

Q: How often should pap tests be taken?

A: The frequency of pap smears will be based on a patient's history and the results of her previous pap smears. A patient with no increased risk of disease and who has had a normal pap smear can go three to five years between pap smears. It is important to underscore that the patient should still have an annual pelvic examination even if she is not due to have a pap smear that year.

Q: What are signs or symptoms of gynecological issues that should be reported to a doctor?

A: Bleeding after intercourse, persistent unpleasant vaginal discharge and/or odor, bladder pain or bleeding with urination.

Q: What can be detected from a pap test?

A: Pap tests can also detect the presence of strains of Human Papillomavirus that can cause cervical cancer. It is routinely tested in women 30 and older and it is tested for if a patient's initial pap smear shows abnormal cells.



Dr. Donna Adams-Pickett, obstetrician-gynecologist
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Q: What is HPV?

A: Human Papillomavirus is a virus that is a common organism found in men that when transmitted sexually to women can cause cervical cancer.

Q: What preventative measures can be taken if a woman tests positive for HPV?

A: She can obtain the HPV vaccine if she is 45 or younger. She can stop smoking. She can take immune boosters like vitamin C and Lysine.

Q: What should be done if a woman has HPV?

A: There are 150 strains of HPV, but not all can cause cancer.

Fourteen strains have been associated with cancer. When HPV is detected, it is typically identified to determine if it is a type that can cause cervical cancer. If the patient is 45 or under, she can get the HPV vaccine which will boost her immune system to suppress the virus' activity. HPV is the main causative agent of cervical cancer. Smoking accelerates the capability of the virus to cause cancer.

Q: Is cervical cancer fast or slow-growing?

A: Cervical cancer is slow-growing. The pap smear allows us to identify cervical changes years before it grows into cancer.

Q: What are some benefits of staying on top of pap smears?

A: Timely pap smears allow patients to identify cervical cells when they first become abnormal long before they graduate to full-blown cancer cells. If we can identify those cells early, they can be removed before they become cancerous.

Q: What is a woman's main strategy or a tip to keep her cervix healthy?

A: Condom usage; immune boosters; avoid smoking; decrease the number of sexual partners; and get the HPV vaccine.

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Ravens Control Destiny to AFC North Title

By Tyler Hamilton

Things got off to an ugly start for the Baltimore Ravens this season. A close loss to the Kansas City Chiefs in the opener was piled on with a frustrating loss to the Las Vegas Raiders made matters even worse. But the Ravens continued to chop away at the schedule.

Baltimore only lost two more games after that. Their record now stands at 11-5, the best in the AFC North. The Steelers pose the only threat to the Ravens winning the division title. But the Ravens can lock it up with a win over the Cleveland Browns on Sunday, January 4, 2025.

“We need to be 1-0 to win the AFC North,” Harbaugh said. “We’re not done yet, because it’s been done, and the next thing is going to be the next game.”

“I know the Browns are probably just as excited as we are to try to not let that happen,” cornerback Marlon Humphrey said. “I want that AFC North. It feels good to get that hat and t-shirt, and hopefully, everybody can enjoy a day or so and then lock back in.”

Baltimore’s 34-17 win over the Steelers was the biggest win this season. It put the Ravens in the driver’s seat for the final two weeks of the season. The Ravens next had an impressive showing on Christmas Day when they dominated the Houston Texans to a tune of 31-2.

The Steelers and Texans games were part of a grueling 11-day stretch.

“These guys took these three games in 11 days and smashed it, obliterated it, tore it up and made into a bunch of smithereens laying around everywhere. I’m proud of the guys [and] how they did it. They did a great job,” Ravens



Lamar Jackson

Photo: Mike Ehrmann/Getty Images

coach John Harbaugh said.

The Chiefs gave Baltimore a nice present by beating Pittsburgh 29-10 in the first Christmas Day game.

Baltimore’s offense is clicking on all cylinders. Derrick Henry’s 5.8 yards per carry is a career-high, even more than the 5.4 average he had in 2020 when he became the eighth running back to rush for over 2,000 yards on a season.

Henry’s rushing prowess has added an element to the Ravens that compliments quarterback Lamar Jackson. His 1,783 rushing yards and 16 rushing touchdowns are a significant reason why Baltimore is one

of the most feared teams going into the playoffs.

But Jackson is a major competitor for the league’s MVP award. Jackson has 3,955 passing yards, 39 passing touchdowns, and only four interceptions. His impact was on full display against the Texans last week.

Jackson ran and threw his way to the end zone on multiple occasions. Houston had no answer for Jackson, like most teams this season.

The 87 rushing yards Jackson finished with last Wednesday put him at 6,110 career rushing yards, breaking the record for quarterbacks set by former Atlanta Falcons and

Philadelphia Eagles star Michael Vick.

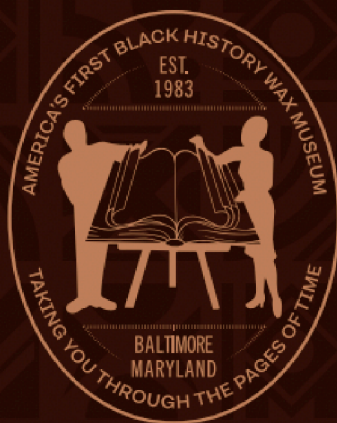
“It feels unreal, to be honest with you. I just give God all the glory. I’m grateful, man, because that’s a record that’s been held for a long time with Michael Vick, one of my favorite players. That’s just dope,” Jackson said.

Jackson reflected to the start of the season and how things have gone since. It seems like forever ago that doubt about the Raven’s season started to creep up. But things are looking pretty these days.

“It really doesn’t matter how you start off,” Jackson said. “It’s about how you finish, and I believe we’re finishing pretty well right now.”

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