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\$96 million housing and retail development scheduled for Southern Dallas

Concerns about forces outside of the community trying to derail it

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The City of Dallas and the surrounding cities have enjoyed sustained growth for more than a decade. The region now has a population of more than 7.5 million, the fourth largest in the nation. Officials may proudly tout this fact as they continue to lure visitors and company headquarters, but they also lament the affordable housing crisis.

One challenge is the definition of affordable housing; it is not cut and dry for working families earning \$14.50 – \$25 an hour. It is not likely they can qualify for a home loan for a house costing \$250,000.

First Step Homes is offering a solution in Kleberg, a previously unincorporated area in southeast Dallas, before the city annexed the community in 1978. The developers are seeking approval for a 46-acre gated community, with more than 260 starter homes, and are pledging to spend a combined \$96 million on two development projects there. The proposed amenities include a



An artist's rendering of the type of housing planned for a \$96 million development in South Dallas. (Courtesy image)

community center with a pool, two playgrounds, workout facilities, including a basketball court and soccer field, a walking path, and a dog park. Also, a proposed retail center on-site will consist of a community grocery store, bank, restaurants, and a much needed medical clinic to address the glaring need for medical services that have previously been absent from the community.

In addition to the new units, First Step Homes also owns 60 acres across the street, where they plan to add more than 440 new units to the

existing 191 homes, including similar amenities.

Planners say it will not be a cookie-cutter community where every house looks the same; First Step Homes guidelines call for every third house to be a different model. More than 30 percent of the homes will be two-story models with an 18×48 garage.

As the price of previously owned homes has soared over the last few years, a new home has become out of

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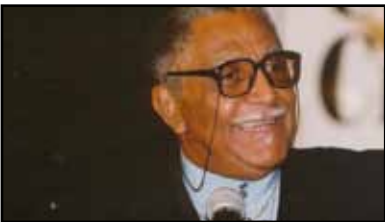
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- Bono

Joseph Lowery

By Deric Gilliard

(NNPA) It took the most life altering event of the 21st century to finally mute the importance of one of the most significant figures of the second half of the 20th century. Joseph Echols Lowery, co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the direct action civil rights organization that served as the firing pin that used non-violent protest to push Congress to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and coordinated movements across the nation that led



to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, has finally expired. He was 98. Due to social distancing requirements from COVID-19, a public celebration of his life and legacy will be postponed until fall.

Lowery, born in Huntsville, Alabama, was one of the inner circle of preachers credited with launching the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957, along with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, and Rev. C.K. Steele of Tallahassee.

Unlike the bombastic Rev. Hosea Williams, who served as King's fiery field general, agitating and igniting movements, or Andy Young, known as the great negotiator and someone who knew how to deal with white intransigents resisting change, or Shuttlesworth, whose bravery is legendary

after his home was bombed several times and he was beaten repeatedly — along with his pregnant wife, Ruby — while trying to enroll their children in school in 1957, Lowery's legacy is more nuanced.

Primarily an administrator until the time of King's assassination, when Lowery was chairman of the SCLC's national board of directors, he was not known as someone who had repeatedly been battered or terrorized on the front lines in the fifties and sixties, though he did have scrapes with racist leaders. In fact, in 1979, in Decatur, Alabama, Lowery and the

SCLC-led protesters, while challenging the arrest of a docile, retarded black man, Tommie Lee Lines, for allegedly raping two white women, were confronted by armed Klansmen, who shot at the non-violent protesters, including Mrs. Evelyn Lowery. She narrowly escaped a bullet through her windshield while seeking cover in the floorboard of her car.

Lowery was arrested numerous times, including while protesting our government's support of apartheid South African regime in 1984, and challenging the dumping of toxic waste in black communities in

North Carolina in 1983, along with Dr. Ben Chavis. He also led the successful integration of the bus lines in Mobile, AL before the seismic, 381-day boycott triggered by Rosa Parks in Montgomery in 1955. In 1965, King delegated him to present the movement rights' marchers' demands to intransigent Alabama governor and avowed segregationist George Wallace.

Lowery's enduring legacy, I believe, is that he led the SCLC back from near death, to vibrancy and noteworthy relevance, after taking over in 1977, nine

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Rep. John Lewis

By Stacy M. Brown
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Legendary Congressman John Lewis (D-Ga.), one of America's foremost moral leaders whose work since the civil rights movement of the 1950s made him a national treasure, has formally endorsed former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden as the 2020 Democratic nominee for President of the United States of America.

The 80-year-old congressman who on March 7, 1965, was badly beaten as he helped to lead over 600 peaceful protestors across



the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, said that Biden was the person to lead the country back on the right side of history.

"I am very pleased and very happy to take the time to endorse a friend, a man

of courage, and a man of conscience, as the Democratic nominee for president of the United States," Lewis said on a media call where major news outlets from around the country participated, including the Black Press of America.

"We need Joe Biden more than ever before," Lewis added.

The widely respected congressman said America needs Biden at the helm.

"He's a man of courage, great intelligence, and a man of faith," Lewis stated. "He will be a great president, and he will lead our country to a better place, and he will inspire another

generation to stand up, to speak up, to speak out, to be brave and bold, and that's why I'm committed to supporting him."

When asked by NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., what is his vision of a Biden presidency, Lewis said the former U.S. Vice President would "be able to redeem the soul of America."

"It doesn't matter if you're white, Asian American, Latino, male, female, straight, or gay. We all live in the same house, the same boat," he continued.

"We must be able to live together as brother and sister, and Joe Biden will not

be afraid to stand up and preach the way of love and preach the fact that we must respect the dignity and the worth of every human being. He can, and he will help us regain our was as a nation and as a people," Lewis exclaimed.

Born the son of sharecroppers on February 21, 1940, outside of Troy, Alabama, Lewis grew up on his family's farm and attended segregated public schools in Pike County, Alabama, according to his biography.

As a young boy, he was inspired by the activism surrounding the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the words of the Rev. Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr., which he heard on radio broadcasts. In those pivotal moments, he decided to become a part of the Civil Rights Movement. Ever since then, he has remained at the vanguard of progressive social movements and the human rights struggle in the United States.

"I grew up in rural Alabama, just miles from Montgomery in a town called Troy. Growing up there, I saw signs that said white men, colored men, white women, colored women, white waiting, colored waiting," Lewis remi-

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NDG Readers Sound Off...

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This is not affordable housing, this is housing for those that make \$60,000 or more. This does not help low-income families or family's that make less than \$25,000. Where is housing for us? South Dallas, North Dallas, where? where is that help for the working class?

- Lisa Brooks

Anyone who is making \$15 an hour is not who

this project is targeting! Low income is measured as those making over \$60 thousand dollars a year. For the actual low income earners to live there will require subsidies to make up the shortage of income needed to live there!

- Greg Muckelroy

Dallas Police Clarify how they are handling the Shelter in Place Order

I will continue to walk my dog and walk in my residential area

- Stephen Sartain

DPD shouldn't assume

they need to stop people to educate them (i.e., they shouldn't assume that people don't know about the order & shouldn't assume that people are violating it). DPD needs to first ask questions to educate themselves as to why someone is out, then respond appropriately. DPD needs to find out if the person they stop is even a resident of Dallas county or city or whether they're simply passing through ... they can't force a non-resident to go home who had no intention of stopping in Dallas county or city, & the only reason the person stopped was because a DPD officer

stopped them. Travelers from other counties, cities, or states are going to pass through, & they may need to stop for gas, something to eat, or to use the restroom (all essential), or a resident may be out for an essential reason, so DPD needs to ask questions to educate themselves before jumping to conclusions that the person they stop needs to be educated. It's no different than any other stop ... ask questions, then respond accordingly.

- Susan Turner

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Who Gets the Ventilators?

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Contributor

The "big and bad" United States is seeing its world dominance recede. We are being vanquished both by a virus and by the ignorance of the "Commander in Chief." We now know that there are not enough tests to detect the coronavirus, nor enough ventilators to treat all of those who are ill. Medical professionals are talking openly about the choices they will make and the fact that some people will be judged more likely to survive than others.

Through which lens will these medical professionals decide who gets a ventilator? Will age be the only lens, advantaging a 30-year-old over an 80-year-old? Will there be other filters? Will a man with children get preference over a single woman? An author over a homeless person? A white person over a person of color? Medical professionals are being asked to choose and to judge. How will their conscious or unconscious bias play a role in their judgments?

The National Academy of Medicine describes itself as "an independent, nonprofit organization that works outside of govern-

ment to provide unbiased and authoritative advice to decision-makers and the public." On its website, it acknowledges "evidence of racial and ethnic disparities in health care." Will this evidence influence the distribution of ventilators?

People will need these ventilators to breathe. They may need them for weeks, not days. Some will survive, and some won't. The survival rate is a function of the bizarre avoidance our so-called leaders make decisions about this pandemic. But who will be saved? An innocent infant or the despot who lives in the house that enslaved people built?

Dr. Dorothy Irene Height was 98 when she died in 2010. She was productive until her final days. In her own words, she was "dressed and in her right mind" until the end. Would the doctor choosing who got a ventilator see the history contained in that precious black body? Or would he make choices based on stereotypes? I know that by Black 92-year-old mama, disabled by a stroke, still gives her children strength and love, smiles, and sharp reprimands (yes, the lady hit me when I used profanity in her presence. Whose life would I trade that for?)

We must not forget the many ways that Black bodies were used for medical experiments, from the use of Black women's genitalia to develop gynecology through the Tuskegee syphilis studies that lasted from 1932 through 1972. Black people's lives have too often been white people's experiments. It is not paranoid, but merely cautious, to wonder who will get the ventilators, and whose needs will be sidelined. Now the words "Black Lives Matter" take on a more pointed meaning.

This coronavirus illustrates our nation's faultlines by class race and gender. The coronavirus also refutes the notion of our nation's exceptionalism. The United States just ain't all that, despite our "greatest" rhetoric. We are stumbling compared to other countries - Italy, China, Spain - who have attempted, generously, to show us the way forward.

One of the populations I've heard very little about is incarcerated people. How do you socially distance when you are confined, with another person, in a small cell? Given our collective disdain for the incarcerated, will an incarcerated person with corona-

virus have a chance?

Incarcerated people aren't the only people at risk. All marginalized people are, in one way or another, at risk. Ventilators cost between \$25,000 and \$50,000 and even more when there is competition to obtain them. Will hospitals with limited resources be able to obtain ventilators? Those who are income-challenged are more likely to go to hospitals that are under-resourced. Lower-income people are at greater risk and have less access to quality health care.

The coronavirus will hit princes and paupers, members of Congress and members of the clergy, computer whizzes and those who don't have computers. We may all be at risk from the coronavirus, but class, race, and gender will likely determine who has the best chance at recovery. We can't call ourselves "great" unless we are fair. Will everyone have a chance to recover from this virus?

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Easter canceled in America

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Easter 2020 will be remembered for a very long time as the Sunday America had no Easter. Or, the Easter where churches did not gather in small and large buildings. This is disappointing to multitudes. It is the "one" Sunday that many Americans attend church. Globally, churches pull out all the stops for presenting their best music. Ministers have been working the last several weeks polishing up their sermons. But it's the same story, the old story that, once a year, people come to hear.

Some people still buy new clothes for Easter. Ameri-

cans are more casual than ever but retailers still make out good for Easter, but not this year. Macy's and other retailers just furloughed hundreds of thousands of workers. For these retailers, Easter has been canceled and they are feeling it in their pocketbooks.

The first Easter didn't have a date of April 12. We don't know the date. We do know that the followers of Jesus were terrified. They had just watched him crucified on a cross and they feared they were next. Financially they were struggling because they had left everything to follow Jesus. They had "sheltered" them-

selves in fear of the religious opposition.

That first Sunday morning Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. In the middle of her sorrow Jesus appeared, spoke her name and Mary realizing it was Jesus called him "Teacher". She must have put her arms around Jesus because he said, "Don't hold onto me, I have not ascended to my father." John 20:17 Essentially, he said, "Don't touch me!" This story is more relevant all the time. The saddest weekend of Mary's life turned into the greatest day of her life as she became the first witness of the risen Jesus, later exclaim-

ing to the disciples, "I have seen The Lord!" Wouldn't you like to have that kind of Easter? We will miss gathering in church this Easter but experiencing Easter and the risen Christ can happen even if you are alone.

There will be Easter on April 12. There will be Easter for every person on the planet who will take the time to celebrate the old story, the good news of Easter wherever you are and whatever your situation, this Easter 2020.

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10 Ways to be 'Water Wise' while sheltering-in-place

By Merilee Kern, MBA

Water. We all need it—and know we need it—for optimum health and wellness, but a shocking few live daily life in a properly hydrated state and certainly not with appropriate consistency. One doctor-driven report revealed that fully 75 percent, a staggering three-fourths majority, of Americans may suffer from chronic dehydration. It went on to underscore that, “Over time, failure to drink enough water can contribute to a wide array of medical complications, from fatigue, joint pain and weight gain to headaches, ulcers, high blood pressure, and kidney disease.” Apparently, this is the tip of the proverbial dehydration-induced illness iceberg.

“During a normal day, we lose about two liters of water just through breathing, sweat, and other bodily functions,” notes board-certified internist Dr. Blanca Lizaola-Mayo. “Even while asleep, we can lose over one kilogram (2.2 pounds) of water-weight not just through sweating, but respiration as well. Even air conditioning has drying effects on our body. The health implications of dehydration are vast and can range from mild to severe, including problems with the heart, blood pressure and breathing, headaches and cognitive issues like concentration ... just to name a few. Those who’ve felt that ‘afternoon slump’ should know that dehydration is the number one cause of daytime fatigue. And, it’s important to understand that when we first



Courtesy photo

start to sense thirst, we are already close to two percent dehydrated.”

For all of its importance, proper hydration is a delicate balance to uphold. An Institute of Medicine report cited the fragility of keeping the body duly hydrated, noting, “Over the course of a few hours, body water deficits can occur due to reduced intake or increased water losses from physical activity and environmental (e.g., heat) exposure.” So, a perfectly hydrated body can tip the scales into a dehydrated state in a fairly short amount of time, whether actively (as with exercising), or passively (as with breathing).

Understanding there are commonplace facets of our collective lifestyles that put us at a higher risk of developing mild to severe dehydration, here are some insights and tips from pre-eminent health experts help you stay happily hydrated:

How Much Water Do You Need?

According to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, “Many factors impact how much water you need, including your age, gender, activity level and overall health ... For women, the amount of total water is

about 11.5 cups per day and for men about 15.5 cups. These estimates, however, include fluids consumed from both foods and beverages, including water. You typically get about 20 percent of the water you need from the food you eat. Taking that into account, women need about nine cups of fluid per day and men about 12.5 cups in order to help replenish the amount of water that is lost.”

What Are Common Causes of Dehydration?

According to the Mayo Clinic, “Sometimes dehydration occurs for simple reasons: You don’t drink enough because you’re sick or busy, or because you lack access to safe drinking water when you’re traveling, hiking or camping.” While certainly not all-inclusive, known causes for dehydration can encompass sweating from exercise and playing a sport; air travel; traversing in overly hot, humid, cold or windy weather conditions; drinking too much coffee and other diuretic beverages; recovering from a hangover; and a litany of other relatively commonplace daily activities.

Do All Fluids Hydrate the Body?

ford a decent place to live,” Johnson stated.

The lack of affordable housing results in working families finding themselves homeless, living in their vehicles, imposing on family and friends, living in a shelter, or living on the street. “The only solution to homelessness is low to moderate-income housing,” Rev. Johnson stated in his March 24 letter to the city. “Dallas

No. The Cleveland Clinic is very clear with its advisory that “Some beverages are better than others at preventing dehydration,” and that “alcoholic and caffeinated beverages, such as coffee, teas and colas, are not recommended for optimal hydration. These fluids tend to pull water from the body and promote dehydration. Fruit juice and fruit drinks may have too many carbohydrates, too little sodium, and may upset the stomach. Adequate hydration will keep your summer activities safer and much more enjoyable.”

What Are Some Benefits of Proper Hydration?

While the benefits of a properly hydrated body are copious, the CDC points to a few top-line health advantages, including keeping your temperature normal; lubricating and cushioning joints, protecting your spinal cord and other sensitive tissues; and getting rid of wastes through urination, perspiration and bowel movements. Healthline also offers a number of evidence-based health benefits of drinking plenty of water, which include maximizing physical performance; optimized energy levels and mood; and aiding digestion and elimination. Be mindful of water intake, however, as Dr. Lizaola-Mayo warns, “Drinking too much water or fluid can lead to hyponatremia, which causes sodium in the cells to become diluted and too low and can be dangerous—and even life-threatening—if untreated.”

What Are Signs of Early or Mild Dehydration?

The Rehydration Proj-

ect non-profit organization says that “the degree of dehydration is graded according to signs and symptoms that reflect the amount of fluid lost. In the early stages of dehydration, there are no signs or symptoms. Early features are difficult to detect but include dryness of mouth and thirst. As dehydration increases, signs and symptoms develop.” According to the organization, symptoms of early or mild dehydration include the following: flushed face; extreme thirst; consuming more than normal or the inability to drink; dry, warm skin; the inability to pass urine or reduced amounts (dark, yellow); dizziness made worse when standing; weakness; cramping in the arms and legs; crying with few or no tears; sleepiness or irritability; sickness; headaches; dry mouth or dry tongue with thick saliva.

What Are Signs of Moderate to Severe Dehydration?

The Rehydration Project also denotes that symptoms of moderate to severe dehydration include low blood pressure; fainting; severe muscle contractions in the arms, legs, stomach, and back; convulsions; a bloated stomach; heart failure; sunken fontanelle—soft spot on a infants head; sunken dry eyes with few or no tears; skin loses its

firmness and looks wrinkled; lack of elasticity of the skin (when a bit of skin lifted up stays folded and takes a long time to go back to its normal position); rapid and deep breathing (faster than normal); and a fast, weak pulse. They say that “In severe dehydration, these effects become more pronounced and the patient may develop evidence of hypovolemic shock, including diminished consciousness; lack of urine output; cool moist extremities; a rapid and feeble pulse (the radial pulse may be undetectable); low or undetectable blood pressure; and peripheral cyanosis. Death follows soon if rehydration is not started quickly.”

Who is At Greatest Risk of Dehydration?

No one is immune to a dehydrated condition, but certain populations are at greater risk. The Mayo Clinic indicates that these vulnerable groups include infants and children, older adults, those with chronic illnesses and people who work or exercise outside. Serious complications can ensue, which they point out can include heat injury (ranging in severity from mild cramps to heat exhaustion or potentially life-threatening heatstroke); urinary tract infections, kidney stones, and even

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reach for these families. To make them more obtainable, First Step Homes will not only be providing the funding for the project but will also be financing the loans. They are seeking candidates with a combined household income of \$60,000 and asking for a 5% down payment, which will run an average of \$2,000 – \$5,000.

“The project is more than just low to moderate affordable housing,” Rev. Peter Johnson with The Institute for Nonviolence said by phone on Saturday, after writing a letter of support for the project to City of Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson. He believes there is a critical need for those earning “\$15 – \$16, but cannot af-

has a severe shortage of low to moderate-income housing.”

Rev. Johnson believes Dallas needs 25,000-35,000 new low to moderate, affordable homes, and sees the more than 1,000 homes offered in First Step Homes’ plan as a good start. Part of the proposal Johnson touted was the pledge to secure a grocery store and the work-out facilities.

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Richardson to temporarily suspend recycling due to pandemic

Beginning Thursday, April 9 recycling services in the city will be suspended and trash collection will be temporarily reduced from twice to once-per-week due to staffing shortages in the City's Public Services Department. The once-per-week trash service will take place according to the normal schedule



for recycling collection across the city. No changes are currently planned for the City's Brush and Bulky

Item Collection (BABIC) service.

The service changes are due to staffing shortages related to the spread of the COVID-19 disease. Crews are being reorganized to fully staff vehicles in order to maintain the essential service of collecting waste at least once a week. Service will be brought back

to normal as soon as it is safely possible to do so.

The City has seen an increase in BABIC calls with the onset of spring and more people staying home due to COVID-19 concerns. To help BABIC crews meet this new demand, residents are asked to "Think Big" by only requesting service

when there is a sufficient amount of material to require a truck to haul the waste. Items weighing 50 or more pounds, such as large furniture or appliances, should be set out for BABIC. Small piles of brush, lawn clippings and anything else weighing less than 50 pounds should be

disposed of through regular trash collection.

The City's Public Services Department is working hard to return to normal as soon as possible. Workers in the department appreciate your patience as they continue to bring the best service possible under these difficult circumstances.

Free assistance available for low-income individuals grappling with civil legal problems as a result of the coronavirus pandemic

AUSTIN — As the coronavirus pandemic shakes the lives of Texans, causing uncertainty about their healthcare and economic futures, the state's legal service and access-to-justice providers are joining together in a partnership to assist in this time of crisis.

Locally the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program

(dallasvolunteerattorney-program.org) — DVAP is a joint project of the Dallas Bar Association and Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas is helping residents.

A toll-free legal assistance hotline is available to low-income individuals and families across Texas who are confronted with civil legal problems as a re-

sult of the pandemic. People may call 800-504-7030 toll-free to be connected with legal service providers in their area.

Areas of legal assistance or guidance include:

- Bankruptcy and debt-collection matters;
- Employment issues, unemployment applications and appeals;

• Child custody, visitation, and support issues;

• Life, medical, and property insurance claims;

• Mortgage or foreclosure problems;

• Public benefits issues (e.g., Medicaid, SNAP/food stamps, Social Security);

• Healthcare directives

and powers of attorney;

• Consumer protection issues such as price-gouging and scams;

• Landlord-tenant problems;

• Disability discrimination; and

• Family and domestic violence concerns

Individuals who qualify for assistance will be

matched with Texas lawyers who can provide free legal help. Callers should be aware there are some limitations on the legal services available. This service is a partnership among the State Bar of Texas, the state's legal aid agencies, volunteer organizations, and access-to-justice organizations.

FestEvents Foundation launches Staff Meal for unemployed restaurant and hospitality workers

In response to the growing amount of restaurant and hospitality workers unemployed due to COVID-19, FestEvents Foundation, in collaboration with Chef Nick Walker of Virgin Hotels Dallas, Chef Sharon Van Meter of SVM Productions, and Steve DeShazo of El Centro College, is launching Staff Meal (www.staffmeal.org). The program is designed to provide 2,400 free chef-crafted meals per weekend to industry members in need.

Chef Nick and his rotating culinary team members will plan and prepare 300 to-go food packages that will include four servings of breakfast and four serv-



ings of lunch/dinner. The meals will come chilled with reheating instructions and will be available for no-touch pickup at a predetermined time between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday beginning April 11

at 3015 at Trinity Groves (3015 Gulden Ln, Dallas, TX 75212). Reservations for the meals are available first-come, first-served through Eventbrite. Recipients will be vetted, and proof of past employment

will be required.

FestEvents Foundation Co-Founders Alison Matis and Cheryl Weis are well-known in the local food community through their company, FestEvents Group, which handles the logistics and production of many of the largest food festivals in Dallas including Taste of Dallas, Park & Palate, Dallas Arboretum Food & Wine Festival, and Dallas Chocolate Festival, among others. The two ladies, including marketing expert Emily Mantooth (formerly of Dallas Chocolate Festival), created Staff Meal because they wanted to be a part of the solution of the hunger crisis facing

restaurant industry friends and their families during the COVID-19 crisis.

"We started Staff Meal because many restaurant industry members are like second family to us and their peers," Matis explained. "Thanks to our generous food partners, we are able to prepare a meal for a little over \$2 at no cost to the recipient, but our funding can only support a small percentage of the numerous low-income hospitality workers who were living paycheck to paycheck and now can't afford food, rent, and basic necessities. Additional funding is essential so we can reach out to even more

people."

Donations can be made at www.staffmeal.org for as little as \$20 which pays for ten meals. A \$2,500 donation covers an entire shift in the kitchen. Staff Meal is also accepting in-kind grocery, beverage, sanitation, and packaging products which can be coordinated by emailing donations@staffmeal.org.

"This is a devastating time for many," says Weis. "We have been honored to work alongside so many wonderful people in the hospitality industry. Creating Staff Meal is the least we can do to help our colleagues, our friends, our family."

A new Texas Healthcare Heroes initiative established

A new grass-roots initiative to help create Food-Is-Love Care Kits has now launched and calling all restaurants to join. In an effort to assist first responders and front-line medical personnel with staple grocery items and a ready-made

meal, several concepts have already come on board to make a difference.

The idea is to make healthcare workers' lives easier during this difficult time by producing kits filled with essentials—items they may not be able to find or

have time to shop for, with their attention dedicated to keeping our community healthy.

The kits are being donated to the staff of local hospitals, including UT Southwestern Medical Center and distributed to workers in

need of a hearty dinner and breakfast the next morning.

Current participating businesses include AvoEatery, Saint Rocco's, Kate Weiser Chocolates, Cake Bar, Sushi Bayashi, The Hall, Beto & Son, and Babb Brothers BBQ.

This initiative has already provided 50 kits to healthcare workers, and with the community's support, restaurants can create and donate hundreds more. To assist in this cause, individuals can donate money, a full kit, or purchase one of their

own, with a buy-one-give-one policy, by visiting www.texashealthcareheroes.com. Please note that zero money is retained for profit or fees of any kind and 100 percent of donations will be spent to provide the contents and packaging for the kits.

Trustees take action to address coronavirus threat



Joyce Foreman
Dallas ISD
District 6

I'd like to take a moment to encourage all our students, families, teachers and the community at large to stay safe and strong in this troubling time. Meanwhile, the Dallas ISD Board of Trustees is working to make sure that our students have all the resources they need to continue their education in this time of some uncertainty

about next steps.

I want all of the staff to know that you have done a superb job with little time to prepare for the transition to on-line learning. Your great work is showing. To the teachers, I would like to give a special "Thank You" for your dedication to making sure our students are settling in to a new learning environment.

To ensure that at-home learning is available to all our students as we are social distancing, trustees approved the purchase of more than 10,000 hotspots for students who do not have wi-fi in their homes. I

applaud the district's move to help close the digital divide, something I've been advocating for many years.

Trustees also approved granting extended emergency leave for all active salaried and hourly employees, which allows them to continue receiving their normal paychecks while schools are closed indefinitely. This was a very important vote to for the Board of Trustees.

And due to the ongoing health threat, trustees approved postponing the May 2 election for three seats on the board until November 3, based on directions from

Governor Abbott.

Meal Distribution Now Once a Week, for Safety

Dallas ISD remains committed to following the recommendations from the national, county and state officials along with public health agencies in order to protect the health and safety of our students, families and staff. Along those lines, we will now be distributing meals on Thursdays only, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families will be able to pick up enough meals to get them through the following Thursday.

Please visit www.dallasisd.org/grabandgomeals

to identify the distribution sites and the meals that will be included in your bags for each day.

Remember also, all Dallas ISD playgrounds are closed while the city is under the stay-at-home order, to help ensure that our children stay safe while at play.

Dallas ISD Urges Families to Participate in the 2020 Census Count

We encourage all families to respond to the 2020 Census to ensure that our community and our schools receive adequate funding for the next 10 years. The allocation based on the

census count includes money for school programs and services such as special education, free and reduced-price lunches, class size reduction, technology purchases, teacher training, and afterschool activities. Responses to the census questionnaire are required by law, and all answers are confidential. The census does not ask about citizenship status. Responses are accepted online, by phone, or by mail. To learn more, visit the Census Bureau FAQs page at <https://2020census.gov/en/help.html>.

DeSoto Independent School District launches April Town Hall Series

DeSoto ISD invites the community to engage with the upcoming Town Hall Tuesdays at Noon series, a new weekly, mid-day virtual dialogue set to take place every Tuesday in April via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Once concluded, all meetings will post to the district's social media platforms for more widespread viewership.

Each meeting will have a specific focus and will allow the DeSoto ISD school community to hear from and talk with district leaders and other partnering members of the community who will provide pertinent information and answers to relevant questions.

"As a nation, city, district, and community, we are living through a very traumatic time and our utmost priority is to ensure the safety and wellness of everyone. Life as we know it has changed for every single adult who works in our system, and for every single student and family who calls DeSoto ISD home. Our parents and students are facing some new challenges and opportunities and like other

TOWN HALL TUESDAYS

APRIL 7:
DESOTO ISD'S RESPONSE TO COVID19

APRIL 14:
CHAT WITH PRINCIPALS

APRIL 21:
MENTAL HEALTH CHECK- DEALING WITH COVID19

APRIL 28:
COVID19 FROM A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

LIVE AT 12PM ON
zoom

SUBMIT QUESTIONS:
WWW.DESOTOISD.ORG/TOWNHALLTUESDAY
OR
SUBMIT THEM LIVE DURING THE TOWN HALL

districts, we had to make some incredible decisions and some swift decisions. So, we just want to ensure we are a visible, valuable resource for our families," said DeSoto ISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. D'Andre J. Weaver. "Now,

more than ever, we want our families to see what together we will truly means in practice — we are all in this together."

The first installment of the Town Hall Tuesday was Tuesday, April 7 and served as an opportunity to com-

municate the ways in which the City of DeSoto and the school district have responded to the coronavirus pandemic. Additionally, the featured panelists Weaver and City of DeSoto Public Information Officer Kathy Jones will provide new information and answer questions related to their organization's response to this public health crisis.

The latter half of this first town hall will focus on Anywhere, Anytime Learning (AAL) which formally launched on April 6. Chief Academic Officer Celeste Barretto will talk about district expectations for teachers, students, and their families and introduce this foundation for the future of learning in DeSoto ISD.

All members of the DeSoto ISD school community are welcome to participate in the virtual town hall series sessions and can submit questions via this link to be addressed, when possible during the Zoom meeting.

The complete schedule of the current Town Hall Tuesdays at Noon dates and topics are included below.

• April 7: District Response to CoVid-19 and Anytime, Anywhere Learning

• April 14: Principals Talk Back

• April 21: Mental Health and Wellness during CoVid-19

• April 28: DeSoto ISD CoVid-19 Student Perspectives with the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

Each virtual meeting will

take place from noon to 1 p.m. with up to 100 online attendees.

Upon the conclusion of the meeting, a link to each complete session will be posted to the district's social media platforms for later viewing.

For additional information regarding the DeSoto ISD Tuesday Town Hall at Noon series, please send an email to info@desotoisd.org.



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Texas National Guard helping the North Texas Food Bank

Members of the Texas National Guard arrived in Plano last weekend with a simple mission: feeding the community's most needy people across the 13 counties that the North Texas Food Bank serves. The humanitarian effort will provide a helping hand to the Food Bank as they work to increase their distribution efforts to meet the growing need in our region. The Guard's highest calling is serving their fellow citizens. These men and women are volunteer guardsmen who sacrifice spending time away from their families to instead be there for local



Members of the Texas National Guard deployed to help the North Texas Food Bank in Plano, loads food into the vehicle of a client while maintaining limited social distancing. (Image courtesy of NTFB)

communities in need.

The City of Plano and the team at the North Texas Food Bank would like to

extend sincere gratitude to Governor Greg Abbott for allowing the guard to assist in this important mission.

One of the side effects of the COVID-19 pandemic is an increased need at the North Texas Food Bank and their Feeding Network of Partner Agencies. Their support will ensure that the Food Bank can continue to safely meet its mission of closing the hunger gap in North Texas by providing access to nutritious food.

"The Food Bank and their member agencies play a critical role in North Texas," said Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere. "The support from the National Guard will allow for them to continue to meet their mission. We know that as

the weeks go on, the need for support will only continue to grow."

Now, more than 250 members of the Texas National Guard will be mobilized in support of the North Texas Food Bank.

Guard members will be on-site initially for 30 days and will be applied in four areas:

- Production line: Approximately 140 will be immediately put to work on the production floors, creating family meal boxes for distribution.

- Mobile Pantry distribution: Approximately 30 will be deployed to expand

the growing Mobile Pantry Distributions

- Warehouse and Supply Chain: Approximately 30 guard members will be trained on our warehouse operations and 12 will be allocated as drivers.

- Partner agency support: Approximately 50 will be available to assist our partner agencies who are also in need of support.

"The team at the Food Bank is thankful to all of our public leaders who helped to bring in these additional resources," said Trisha Cunningham, Presi-

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Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce selects Sam Reed as new Chairman

Sam Reed has been elected FY2020-2021 Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce (Chamber). Reed will assume the leadership role in October of this year. The Chamber, the first 5-Star accredited Chamber in Texas, represents 1,900 member-investors and more than 220,000 employees.

Reed is President and the owner of AlphaGraphics



Sam Reed was selected to serve as the new Chairman of the Board of the Irving Chamber of Commerce (Courtesy photo)

Irving/Las Colinas, a printing services, marketing solutions, graphic design and

custom business sign, and banner production company. He was a corporate executive at PepsiCo before taking early retirement. Always wanting to own his own business, he purchased AlphaGraphics in January 2012. The small business has been a Chamber member-investor for 8 years.

"Sam has been an active volunteer, engaging with the Chamber for years and serving as a key member of the Chamber's Board of

Directors, Executive Committee and currently Board Vice Chairman of the Small Business Services Committee," said David Pfaff, 2019-2020 Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chamber. "As a long-time resident of Irving-Las Colinas, involved in our community, and an advocate for growth, he is an excellent choice to serve as Chairman of the Chamber."

Reed appreciates the opportunity to serve the

Chamber.

"I would like to thank the Chamber's Board of Directors for their trust in electing me to this distinguished leadership opportunity in the Irving-Las Colinas business community," said Mr. Reed. "The Chamber is a key resource for businesses of all sizes, from enterprising to middle-market to small businesses, like my local business. The work they do driving economic

development and growth, advocating for business-friendly policies, connecting small businesses to procurement opportunities and providing resources to our entrepreneurs is invaluable. I look forward to working with the Chamber's talented team of professionals, the Board of Directors and the business-industry within Irving-Las Colinas, Powering Progress into 2021."

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kidney failure; seizures due to electrolyte imbalance, sometimes with a loss of consciousness; and low blood volume (hypovolemic) shock. They say it's time to call your doctor if you or a loved one "has had diarrhea for 24 hours or more; is irritable or disoriented and much sleepier or less active than usual; can't keep down fluids; and/or has bloody or black stool."

How Can You Be a Water-Wise Shopper?

The USDA recommends consumers shop smartly, advising us to "Use the Nutrition Facts label to choose beverages at the grocery store. The food label and ingredients list contain information about added sugars, saturated fat, sodium and calories to help you make better choices." There are also highly ef-

ficacious and economical dehydration avoidance and treatment innovations that can be integrated into one's lifestyle and used on a daily basis. The experts at SOS Hydration explain that their medically-formulated drink-mix powder accelerates hydration equivalent to an I.V. drip, rehydrating the body fully three-times faster than by drinking water alone. This unique product's heightened hydration process leverages the body's digestive "sodium/glucose co-transport system"—an Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF.

Can Foods Help You Stay Hydrated?

Yes, the body intakes hydration not only from water and other liquids but food-

stuffs as well—some boasting as much 90 percent water content. According to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, those in the 90-100 percent water content range include fruits like cantaloupe, strawberries and watermelon; as well as vegetables like lettuce, cabbage, celery, spinach and cooked squash.

The organization further states that options with 70 to 89 percent water content include fruits like bananas, grapes, oranges, pears and pineapples; vegetables such as carrots, cooked broccoli and avocados; and dairy products like yogurt, cottage cheese and ricotta cheese. For drinks, the good folks at EatRight.org advise we focus on unsweetened beverages, like water, in order to limit calories from added sugars and to use strategies to increase water intake—like adding

a flavor enhancer. For this, a fruit-flavored rehydration accelerant like the SOS Hydration drink mix can do tasty double duty.

Can Sports Drinks Actually Undermine Hydration?

Yes. Why pay extra money for excess sugar when what you really need are electrolytes? Dr. Lizaola-Mayo says that "in truth, only a very small amount of sugar is required to help transport electrolytes and water into the cells as part of the sodium-glucose co-transport system. In fact, this system is most effective when it utilizes one molecule of sugar and one molecule of sodium in combination, which helps create the fastest and most effective way to transport water into the cells for hydration. Even water rehydration and other drinks that do actually claim to

utilize the sodium-glucose co-transport system have been shown to contain excess sugar to enhance taste, apparently discounting the fact that that this added sugar commensurately increases calorie count and actually undermines cellular H₂O absorption. If there is excess sugar in a drink, even one engineered as a rehydration solution, then you can trigger reverse osmosis. This process occurs when there is an incorrect balance of sugar to sodium. Sodium always follows sugar and water always follows sodium. In a drink that is correctly balanced (utilizing the sodium-glucose co-transport system) then the water and electrolytes optimally flow into the cells. In high sugar "rehydration" drinks there is too much sugar for the quantity of sodium and, as such, sodium and then water is actu-

ally leeched from the cells and passed out of the body as urine. This can actually cause dehydration—the opposite effect for a rehydration or sports beverage one has spent their hard-earned dollars to purchase."

So whether indoors or out, active or at rest, suffering illness or perfectly healthy, one thing is clear: Keeping your water sources well at hand and ingesting with regularity (and consistency) can have a profoundly beneficial effect on your health and well-being. It's one easy and highly accessible assist for a multitude of maladies.

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Dallas

Families and couples can get into the Easter spirit at home with **The Rustic's new Easter Cookie and Egg Dying kits**. The Easter Cookie Kit is \$25 and includes two dozen cookies, buttercream icing in four different colors, a variety of sprinkles and parchment paper. For \$14.95, The Rustic's Easter Egg Dying Kit includes 30 eggs and assorted dye. Guests can call The Rustic at 214.730.0596 to pre-order a kit for pickup



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April 10-12.

DFW

Soulman's Bar-B-Que announced a month-long **BBQuarantine Super Chuck Wagon giveaway** at all North Texas locations. Each Super Chuck Wagon

has two pounds of meat, four sides, six slices of Texas toast and BBQ sauce.

Garland

Garland Goodness - Even with the concern about COVID-19, our community is full of warm, wonderful stories of caring and perseverance. We're sharing some of those stories on our Garland Goodness page at GarlandTX.gov.

The City of Garland will work with customers during these difficult times, and

will not disconnect electric or water service for late or lack of utility bill payment. Customers should contact Utility Customer Service at 972-205-2671 or CustServ@GarlandTX.gov to discuss their situation. Please include your service address and account number in any correspondence.

Richardson

The City of Richardson has established a temporary **phone-in service that people can use as an al-**

ternative to appearing in person at next week's City Council meeting for public hearing items. Calls to 214-997-0297 will be greeted with a brief introduction on how the system works and will then be placed into a conference call where callers can hear the meeting and be called upon to provide their comments during the public comment phase of each public hearing.

A public comment form can also be filled out online and used to provide com-

ment without appearing in person or calling in. Submission of the online form must be made by 5 p.m. on the day of the public hearing.

People can also still attend meetings in person, but, due to limited seating to achieve CDC guidance on social distancing, anyone arriving in person may not be able to sit in the same room where the meeting is being held and will instead be directed to overflow seating areas.

VA North Texas Health Care System acquires Garland-Baylor, Scott & White facility

The VA North Texas Health Care System has officially taken possession of the former Garland-Baylor, Scott & White hospital located at 2300 Marie Curie Drive. The facility will now be known as Garland VA Medical Center.

In a news release issued April 6, VA North Texas Health Care System announced the facility will serve as an outpatient and specialty care clinic for some of the 184,000 North

Texas veterans enrolled in VA health care. Due to the increasing number of veterans needing care for COVID-19, the facility will initially be stood up as an in-patient overflow unit with a capacity for 100 beds.

"The official acquisition of this donated hospital by Baylor, Scott & White couldn't come at a more essential time than today," said Dr. Stephen Holt, Director of the VA North

Texas Health Care System. "The added capacity this new facility brings will help make a difference as we care for veterans during this national emergency."

Baylor, Scott & White closed the 470,000-square-foot facility in 2018 after exhaustive efforts to sell the hospital failed. In early 2019, the site was identified for the possible expansion of veteran medical services in region. Along with an initiative from the City of Garland, a bipartisan North

Texas congressional effort helped facilitate efforts with Baylor, Scott & White and VA Central Office to navigate and ultimately finalize the unprecedented donation effort. The donation of the hospital will save the VA system hundreds of millions of dollars with estimates to build a new hospital exceeding \$800 million.

"We are looking forward to having the VA as a part of our Garland community and the opportunity to serve

our veterans," said Garland Mayor Scott LeMay. "This new facility will bring a long-term result of almost 5,000 jobs to Garland, as well as a much-needed catalyst for renewed development in the surrounding area. I want to thank Mayor Pro Tem Robert John Smith for his efforts in keeping the community informed during this long process. He has worked tirelessly to help facilitate this exchange which will benefit our city for many years to

come."

U.S. Rep. Colin Allred, who represents portions of Garland, calls this a long-term victory for veterans and the City of Garland. "I am so proud of our North Texas community as everyone involved has rolled up their sleeves to get this much-needed agreement across the finish line. It will create thousands of jobs, help serve 184,000 veterans and save the VA hundreds of millions of dollars."

LOWERY, from Page 2

years after the King assassination, following the rocky and uncertain tenure of Abernathy's presidency. No one could be expected to replicate the charisma, dynamism, and eloquence of King. Indeed, Abernathy never found his footing during a period when fellow SCLC insiders Young and Rev. C.T. Vivian say he tried too hard to be King, instead of himself. And even when Lowery edged out Williams for the presidency in 1977, it was a struggle to regain momentum.

Gradually, however, despite being in the midst of what King historian and Pulitzer Prize winner David Garrow deemed a "post-civil rights era," Lowery grabbed hold of a series of critical issues and made them his and the SCLC's own. Gun violence, voting rights, hate crimes, economic injustice, affirmative action, educational tracking, redistricting,

disparities in sentencing, black-on-black violence: you name the issue, Lowery battled long-time rival Rev. Jesse Jackson for national leadership as the clarion voice speaking for black activism and justice throughout the last quarter of the 20th century. Whatever the topic, Lowery spoke to it with eloquence, precise insight and passion.

On the 25th anniversary of the King assassination, April 4, 1993, Lowery and the SCLC launched the Stop the Killing/End the Violence campaign. Urging Americans to "turn to each other, not on each other," the campaign ultimately took tens of thousands of guns off the streets through a controversial gun buy-back program frequently supported by corporations. Along the way, he challenged Presidents Reagan, Carter, Bush 41 and 43 and Bill Clinton, who credited Lowery with being

the leader who moved him to raise the black church burnings to a national state of emergency. He pointedly criticized the U.S. bombing in Kosovo and angered the SCLC's many Jewish supporters by agreeing to meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. The Methodist minister also picketed Atlanta's Prior Tire, over its challenge to the city's landmark affirmative action stand and went toe-to-toe against hometown corporate giant Coca-Cola to pressure it to pull out of its investments in the from a racist South African regime. Lowery and the SCLC signed hundred million-dollar economic covenants with Publix, Shoney's, which required they promise to hire more black managers, utilize more black vendors and place more stores in minority neighborhoods.

Rooted and grounded in voting rights and education, Lowery and the SCLC established and kept

alive dozens of chapters throughout the country and the world while registering hundreds of thousands of voters throughout the years, via motor voter campaigns. Adept at working with groups focused on LG-BTQ, environmental, anti-war and economic justice issues, he and the SCLC were broadly criticized as the first "mainstream" civil rights organization to actively support Min. Farakhan's 1995 Million Man March. First and foremost a minister of the gospel, Lowery, who refused to separate his ministry from his activism, also pastored United Methodist churches for over 40 years. Along the way, Ebony selected him as one of America's top 15 preachers.

It would not be possible to salute the legacy of Lowery without including the laudable contributions of his wife, Evelyn. Founder of the SCLC/W.O.M.E.N., she instituted the annual Drum Major for Justice

Awards, launched the Wings of Hope anti-drug initiative, introduced the annual civil rights tours throughout the south and erected monuments to honor the valiant foot soldiers who labored non-violently To Redeem the Soul of America, the SCLC's motto. Together, they were one of America's most influential couples of their era, and significantly improved the arc of social justice in the South.

Never resistant to go against the grain, Lowery backed the upstart, the little-known senator from Illinois, Barack Hussein Obama, against the chosen one, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination. Lowery did so despite the fact that most liberals, and virtually all black leaders, backed Clinton. Lowery campaigned vigorously for Obama, and in 2009, brought the fiery, controversial benediction at the

conclusion of the inauguration of the nation's first black president. Obama awarded Lowery with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, later that year.

Lowery was no King, but he never missed a payroll while reinvigorating the SCLC and ensuring that it remained a powerful force speaking truth to power during his twenty-year tenure at the helm from 1977-1997. After his time at the SCLC, he founded the Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda, a 501C-3 that boasts chapters and affiliates through nine states, still focusing on voter rights and registration. Farewell to the "Dean" of the civil rights movement.

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'Jesus' making a streaming debut on Trinity Broadcasting Network for Easter

LANCASTER, Pa. — With movie theaters closed, the greatest rescue story of all time comes to life in a special Easter weekend television broadcast.

More than one million people have experienced the live performance of JESUS at Sight & Sound's theater in Lancaster, Pa. Now, with a planned cinema event canceled due to theater closures from COVID-19, audiences from

around the world will have the opportunity to witness this awe-inspiring spectacle — exclusively on TBN, or watch it on demand anytime through the TBN app, April 10-12 only.

"With people not being able to gather together to celebrate Easter, our hope is that by making this show available, we might all feel a sense of community and connection as we watch the greatest rescue story of all

time come to life in this unique way," said Sight & Sound Chief Creative Officer Josh Enck.

Synopsis

From the bustling streets of Jerusalem to the raging Sea of Galilee, JESUS is the musical stage adventure that has been seen by more than one million people.

Filmed in front of a live audience, Sight & Sound's spectacular original production is now coming

to television and streaming devices everywhere. Witness some of the most awe-inspiring, miraculous events as Jesus sets sail with fishermen, challenges the Pharisees and heals the hurting.

Experience JESUS in this free special Easter event, only available on TBN on Sunday, April 11 at Noon at <https://watch.tbn.org/sight-sound-theatres-presents-jesus>.

Studio Movie Grill announces food service from its kitchens

Studio Movie Grill ("SMG") has served up American Grill fare in all its theaters to millions of hungry movie-goers for over 20 years and, like so many friends in the hospitality industry, after temporary closings, they are trying to help their team in every way they can during this crisis. So, SMG is

trying new ways to serve its community starting this week.

Customers can now order curbside pickup from select SMG locations between the hours of 11am–8 pm, Monday–Saturday.

SMG will be offering a special menu of comfort foods and fan favorites including Coconut Chicken

Tenders, BBQ Glazed Chicken Pizza, Pretzel Bites, and Chocolate Beignets. Bottled beer and wine will also be available to go. Credit card payments only.

Best of all, when a customer orders their favorite menu items, SMG gets to keep its lights on and their beloved team members working and that saves

hundreds of jobs during this crisis. 10% of proceeds from all food orders support SMG team members at locations nationwide affected by theater closures.

"As a conscious company that cares deeply about its team members, SMG is exploring every conceivable way to keep them working while staying safe

and healthy as well as offering our local communities additional food options.

"We will continue to plan ahead for the day we can once more open our doors and welcome everyone back to relax and enjoy dinner and a movie together," said Brian Schultz, Founder/CEO.

SMG is also offering

movie fans a slate of alternate programming virtual screenings.

This includes a selection of titles from Film Movement and Magnolia, at their website which they can rent to enjoy with their meal and proceeds will additionally support SMG team members at locations nationwide.

Alex Sensation brings "La Calle" to your home with new urban single

MIAMI - Award-winning DJ, and musical trendsetter, Alex Sensation, releases his latest single "La Calle". Sensation recruited reggaeton music's pioneers Arcangel and De La Ghetto and artists Jhay Cortez, Myke Towers y Darell, who are part of the new wave of urban music. The single is available on all digital music platforms and was produced by Jhon Paul "El Increible" under the label In-Tu Linea/UMLE.

"La Calle" is set to break barriers with its one of a kind collaboration in the music scene. Each artist injects their own flavor with a unique style clearly outstanding in the music video. The single is characterized for having modern rhythms and catchy lyrics that invites you to dance to the beat of "If you fell in love with me that way, then why you want to change



Courtesy photo

me now, if you like it, go ahead if not, that is fine too, I will not leave the streets, I won't change, not for you, not for anyone".

The music video was directed by UNENANO for Wildhouse Pictures, and portrays About the lyrics,

the artists tell their partner they won't change for anyone, and under no means they will not leave La Calle. This is a song many can easily feel identified with.

Alex Sensation has previously collaborated with artists such as Bad Bunny,

Nicky Jam, Ozuna, Shaggy, Yandel, Anitta, Luis Fonsi among others recognized artists in the music scene. "Que Va" ft. Ozuna, has

reached #1 position in the Billboard's Latin Recurrent Airplay. His previous single "Dame Un Chance" in collaboration with Silves-

tre Dangond was released on Feb. 21. The single has been well received by the audience and is a mix of vallenato and urban sounds.

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Chuck D: 'There's a Poison Going On'

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior Correspondent

It turns out the social media beef between Public Enemy icons Chuck D and Flavor Flav was a hoax.

"April Fools" – sort of.

Chuck and Flavor today released brand new music, and the relationship between the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame legends remains as tight as ever.

In an exclusive interview with National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., broadcast live on Facebook and at BlackPressUSA.com, Chuck D debuted the group's new single, "Food as a Machine Gun."

The single features a reunion of Chuck D and Flavor Flav.

"It's the most important rap record ever," the superstar stated.

Chuck D called the record important because it arrives at a time when many still take hip-hop for granted, and that includes African Americans and the artists themselves.

"Last year, I finished a four-year tour of the world with Prophets of Rage, and we played to packed stadiums and I watched Rage Against the Machine do a



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five-night run to sold-out crowds in the [Madison Square] Garden. I saw how loyal their fans were and how wild they are. How much they loved their rock stars," Chuck D stated.

"With hip-hop, our fans aren't like that, and the artists are led by their having to get breadcrumbs."

He said the media and others had taken away the narrative from hip-hop.

"Now, it's time to take the narrative back from those who have side-swiped it. They need to be eliminated," Chuck D added.

In February, news outlets reported that Flavor had been fired from Public Enemy after a dispute erupted between him and Chuck over the group's performance during a Bernie Sanders campaign rally.

Flavor's lawyers released a statement saying that the

rapper hadn't consented and was against the group supporting Sanders.

Things appeared to have heated up in the feud after Chuck took to Twitter and seemed to "out" Flavor as having a substance abuse problem.

However, Chuck explained to the NNPA News-wire that, while Flav does enjoy a Hennessy and chaser a little more frequently than what he believes a 60-year-old should, there's never been an accusation of drug abuse, in contrast to the meaning that many took away from Chuck's tweets on social media.

"Flav's name was dragged through the mud so much in 2018 and 2019, so I had to do something to bring him up," Chuck explained to NNPA News-wire.

"My name is kind of

Teflon, but his wasn't, so I thought this was a way of bringing him up. I had people say, 'why are you doing stuff to Flav?' I responded that 'you aren't supporting him. What are you doing to support him?'"

Further, Flav wasn't fired because "you can't fire a partner," Chuck D stated. "It shows you that people don't pay attention."

He called the banter between him and Flav a "hoax that ain't no joke."

"It's a serious hoax," he said.

Since the coronavirus outbreak, Chuck and Flav have worked tirelessly on the new CD.

Chuck also has worked on a second CD that includes several friends from the hip-hop community. Both CDs were released simultaneously.

With a degree in the Arts, Chuck has also applied his talents as a graphics, sketch and caricature artist.

He chronicled the past month in a journal filled with narratives and sketches, including eye-opening renderings of Prince, Kenny Gamble, Leon Huff, Notorious BIG, and many others.

"I was dismayed about how the whole narrative of hip-hop went into the area where we only talk about

dead rappers," Chuck D stated.

"Common gave probably the most incredible performance I had ever seen on television at the NBA All-Star Game in February, and you only heard crickets," Chuck noted.

"Pop Smoke got killed, and the media was on it, and his records rose up the charts. We went through this with Nipsey Hustle. The narrative is that you've got to be a dead rapper to be relevant in the news, and that's disrespectful."

"I want to use this as a teachable moment. All of that stuff with Flav and Bernie Sanders and the lawyers was all part of a plan. I wanted to see what happens when you present a bad look. And, it worked. I was trending for a bad look, and I thought that for more than 30 years, Public Enemy has given you nothing but good looks."

"We made the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, but this

situation with Flav got us trending more than we did then. Thirty years after I made 'Fear of a Black Planet,' the digital age is fixed on what they see. I was on stage with Bernie Sanders, and nobody can tell you what they heard," he said.

Because people tend to be more visual today, Chuck said he thought he'd chronicle the past 30 days. He didn't anticipate a pandemic.

"Just thought I'd show things in pictures with the book, and the coronavirus came along, and there was even more to do," he stated.

The book is titled, "There's a Poison Going On," but the name was decided upon long before the pandemic, Chuck assured.

"It's ironic because, for the whole month of March, there's been a poison going on for real," he stated. "Maybe, people will pay attention to a good look the next time and not always a bad look."

Singer-songwriting legend Bill Withers dies at 81

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Contributor

Three-time Grammy Award winner Bill Withers, a singer-songwriter of music with lyrics and harmony carrying messages that stayed in the minds of many listening in an indelible way, has died at 81. Withers passed away in Los Angeles.

Withers' family referenced a heart condition as the cause of his death which has not been linked to COVID-19.

His song "Lean on Me"

is one of the most popular in modern popular music and was judged to be one of the greatest songs of all time by Rolling Stone magazine along with "Ain't No Sunshine."

Withers soulful songs "Lean on Me," "Lovely Day" and "Ain't No Sunshine," have now become standards heard for five decades in feature films and in the background of endless TV episodes.

Withers most recently appeared in the documentary The Black Godfather on Netflix. The film, di-

rected by Reginald Hudlin, was a tribute to the life of influential music executive Clarence Avant and was released by Netflix last year. Avant detailed his association with Withers.

"I kept listening to him. I kept listening to Harlem and I kept listening to 'Grandma's Hands' — and you say to yourself: You didn't hear many records with people talking about their grandmothers, but everybody has one. His records to me made so much

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COVID-19 financial warning: Stay away from payday loans

By Charlene Crowell

For the foreseeable future, 'normal' life will be indefinitely suspended due to the global pandemic known as the coronavirus.

Record-breaking employment layoffs in the month of March resulted in the Department of Labor reports that 10.4 million consumers lost their jobs and filed for unemployment compensation. As medical experts continue to track the virus, the New York Times reported at least 214,461 known infections and at least 4,800 related deaths.

Beyond these statistics, untold numbers of additional school and retail closures, and an expanding army of people working from home have also been directly affected by the virus.

Consumers both young and old have passed as the virus continues to spread across the country. Its viral wrath has spawned hot spots from the Pacific Northwest's Seattle, to the

Gulf Coast's New Orleans, the Midwest's Detroit and the nation's largest urban metropolis, New York City.

Zeroing in on the economic impacts of the crisis, people everywhere are struggling with competing needs in their lives. When living costs exceed available financial resources, tough times lead to tough decisions about how to feed families, keep a home to live in, ways to keep utilities working and a myriad of other day-to-day needs.

Despite a \$2 trillion federal rescue enacted with bipartisan support, checks of \$1,200 promised to taxpayers, along with an additional \$500 per child will arrive too late for first of the month April payments for bills like mortgages and rental payments. Many leaders also warn that despite its size or range of areas addressed, the legislation was not enough.

In a March 27 House floor statement, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Chairwoman of the House

Financial Services Committee warned colleagues that their job was not yet complete.

"[I] must make clear that the legislation is far from comprehensive, and that there are issues it leaves unaddressed and areas where it falls short...The American people need help now and this bill represents a down payment on that relief," said Waters.

A similar reaction came from AARP chief executive Jo Ann Jenkins.

"Older Americans face the one-two punch of coronavirus's health and economic consequences, and many need immediate relief and ongoing help and support to cope with the pandemic," noted Jenkins. "Those needs are only set to grow in the weeks and months ahead."

What can really make a difference between life's success and failure is not just what leaders do but also what they didn't do when they had the chance. The recent legislative pack-

age was silent on interest rates, as well as forgiveness of federal student loans, negative credit reports or bans on private evictions for late rental payments.

As the cost of living has risen faster and higher than most consumer incomes for more than a decade, the likelihood of a savings account large enough to cover household expenses for a month or more is slim to none.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the agency tasked with protecting consumers from unscrupulous lenders has been conspicuously subdued. Instead of forceful and timely agency alerts via multimedia communications warning consumers about opportunistic scam artists, CFPB has offered a modest tip sheet on how consumers – not government – can protect themselves. Fortunately, as the viral saga unfolds, some news outlets are reporting on the potential

harms of consumers turning to payday and car-title loans.

A joint response by five federal regulators – Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), Federal

Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) – came

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dent, and CEO of the North Texas Food Bank. "Our goal is to serve as many people as possible, as safely as possible. Support from the National Guard will allow us to have the manpower to make thousands of food boxes each week, making these available to our partners and via our mobile pantry program."

The Food Bank's mobile pantry efforts have seen an increased demand in recent weeks due to the pandemic, normal distributions served an average of 300 households. Distributions recently have surged from 1,000 to almost 2,000 households served.

"Our Texas Guardsmen live, work and train in communities across Texas," said Maj. Gen. Tracy Norris, the Adjutant General of Texas. "These Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen are your neighbors and they are deeply invested in keeping

our friends and fellow Texans safe."

The support the Texas National Guard is providing will also provide some needed relief for other local

nonprofits. The Food Bank will work to transition the Get Shift Done workers that were serving at their warehouse locations to other local nonprofits who are also looking to meet the increased demand.

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on March 26 in a statement that encouraged banks, savings and loans, and credit unions to offer “responsible small dollar loans” to consumers and small businesses during the pandemic.

According to the regulators, “responsible small-dollar loans can play an important role in meeting customers’ credit needs because of temporary cash-flow imbalances, unexpected expenses, or income disruptions during periods of economic stress or disaster recoveries.”

Without any specifics defining “reasonable small-dollar loans”, the regulators’ statement could be an inducement to join triple-digit lenders’ financial exploitation.

For Black America and other communities of color, predatory short-term loans of \$500 or less began decades ago when payday and car-title storefronts took prominent residence in our neighborhoods across the country. Loans that were marketed as quick fixes for millions of consumers morphed into long-term financial nightmares that deepened debt with every renewal. In many cases, the interest paid on these loans was often double or triple the amount of principal borrowed.

A coalition of civil and consumer rights organizations released a joint statement warning of the possible spike in high-cost lending by the nation’s

depository institutions – banks, credit unions, and savings and loans.

“This is the worst possible time for banks to make predatory payday loans,” said Americans for Financial Reform Education Fund, the Center for Responsible Lending,

Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights, NAACP, National Consumer Law Center.

“Around the time of the last recession, a handful of banks issued ‘deposit advances’ that put borrowers in an average of 19 loans a year at over 200% annual

interest,” continued the leaders. “These bank payday loans disproportionately harmed the financially vulnerable and badly damaged banks’ reputations. Since 2013 when regulatory guidance warned against this form of credit, banks have mostly stayed away.

We trust that they will continue to do so as they do not want to repeat mistakes of the past.”

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nished.

“My grandparents said ‘don’t get in trouble, don’t get in the way.’ Then I heard a Rosa Parks. I listened to the voice and the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The actions of Rosa Parks and Dr. King inspired me to get in what we called good trouble, necessary trouble.”

Lewis pledged to rally younger African Americans to the polls.

“My message is simple. If you look around, you have a choice,” Lewis stated. “You must decide to get out there and vote like we’ve never voted before. Young people, college students, and high school students old enough to vote, you must vote.”

He concluded:

“I saw people arrested and beaten and jailed when attempting to register to vote. When we marched in Selma, more than 600 of us were beaten and jailed when we attempted to register. I gave a little blood on that bridge. I almost died. So, young people, just go out and vote and help elect a man of conscious, a man who will look out for each and every one of us and help build a society where

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April 10, 7 pm

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

April 12, 10 a.m.

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April 13, 7 p.m.

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April 15, 7 pm

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April 15, 7 pm

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of both Barack Obama and Bill Clinton.

Withers married actress Denise Nicholas in 1973 but they divorced in 1974. In 1976, Withers married Marcia Johnson, and they had two children, Todd and Kori.

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1970 until 1985 and his hits included "Lean on Me", "Ain't No Sunshine", "Use Me", "Just the Two of Us", "Lovely Day", and "Grandma's Hands." His life was the subject of the 2009 documentary film Still Bill and he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2015.

"Lean on Me," was performed at the inaugurations

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common sense. It was like you were just talking to somebody. You listen to "Lean on Me." One of the songs he wrote that I still think is a great song talked about the Vietnam War," influential music executive Clarence Avant explained.

Bill Withers was born on July 4, 1938 in Slab Fork, West Virginia, a coal mining town. He recorded from

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Activist was a driving force in the creation of the country's premier civil rights organizations.

After graduating as valedictorian from North Carolina's Shaw University in 1927, Baker moved to New York City during the depression.

She was a founding member of the Young Negroes Cooperative League, whose members pooled funds to buy products and services at reduced cost.

In 1957 Baker and several Southern Black ministers and activists established the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a major force in organizing the civil rights movement.

Henrietta Mahim Bradberry was born in Franklin, Kentucky in 1903. This Black innovator was a housewife and inventor who held two patents. The first, for a bed rack attachment that allowed for



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the airing-out of clothes. Then Henrietta converted the rack into a new way for torpedoes to be shot from submarines!

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Evelyn Ashford, winner of four Olympic gold medals in 1984, 1988, and 1982. Also won a silver medal in 1988 and was in-

ducted into Track and Field and Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

Two famous quotations by Ashford: "I take pride in everything I do. I don't want to be handed any-

thing. I want to earn it."

"I can't run forever. I decided to go back to school for my degree, because I know now there's more to life than track."

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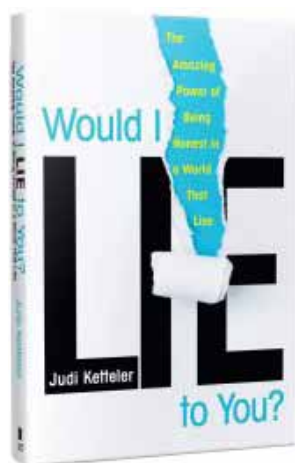
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NDG Book Review: *Do you think I would lie to you?*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer



“How does it look?”
Your client just asked that loaded question, and you don’t know what to do. Truth: it looks awful but you can’t say so. Feelings will be hurt, so maybe you should fib – but a dishonest answer could make things even worse. In “Would I Lie to You?” by Judi Ketteler, is honesty really the best policy?

As a former Catholic schoolgirl, Judi Ketteler had ample chance to learn about lying. It was a sin, surely, but there was more to it than that: she hated

when others lied to her, but she knew that she was guilty of lying, too.

And that’s the thing: psychologists say that we all lie, from the lie of omis-

sion to the “white lie” to the whole Santa-thing-with-children. We lie to others, and we lie to ourselves.

Lying takes many forms, as Ketteler learned when she decided to pay heed and live as honestly as possible. There are secrets, for instance, that are an insidious kind of lie, similar to a lie of omission. There are lies of self-interest and “prosocial lying,” which is a lie told to benefit someone else. There’s “spin,” or lies told to make someone forget about the things the liar has done; withholding and concealing information; and the “fudge factor”

that might seem minor, but which is still lying, in the end. No matter what kind of lies we tell, or to whom, researchers say that we lie up to a third of the time we talk with others, and three-quarters of those lies are told to benefit ourselves.

Most of the time, then, we like to tell ourselves that lying doesn’t really hurt anybody, but that in itself is a lie, Ketteler says. She points to politics, and questions of trust that’ve surfaced.

Another hurt: polygraph tests show that lying has negative impacts on the body, raising heart rates and

blood pressure. At work, it can cause you to lose allies and clients, and maybe even the trust of the person who writes your paycheck...

So, here’s the first truth: “Would I Lie to You?” is a lot more life-story than not.

If you’re prepared for that, then author Judi Ketteler’s words will give you plenty to think about when you’re striving to be as truthful as... well, not as possible, but as applicable, in your work and at home. You’ll see that lying, in a way, can be a kind of grace and you’ll learn how it’s possible to lie nicely here, but you’ll also see

that there’s such a thing as too much candor: Ketteler includes anecdotes from her own life and marriage, which are squirmy and just barely relevant.

Still, despite those biographical leanings, there’s plenty of fodder for self-assessment inside this book, and tips to help discern what kind of lie is shameless and what’s downright wrong. Knowing that – and learning ways to remove those habits from your day-to-day – gives this book its strength back. Overall, “Would I Lie to You?” might look pretty good from here.

Inductees named for African American Education Archives and History Program Hall

Ten distinguished educators will be inducted into the African American Education Archives and History Program Hall of Fame Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Bobbie L. Lang Luncheon to be held at the Hilton Garden

Inn, 800 North Main Street, Duncanville.

In addition to the event date change, ticket purchase dates and purchases for “In Honor/Memory Of” have changed also.

The honorees are:

- Deceased: Dr. Helen Jones
- Living: Carolyn Bailey, Willie Crowder, Shirley Fisher, Lela Herron, Dr. Robbie Pipkin, Orethann Price, Delores Seamster, Carolyn Thompson, Harnell

Williams


• Special Award: The late Rev. George W. Pryor

This event is an annual opportunity for the African American Education Archives and History Program to recognize individuals

who have made outstanding contributions to the education of African American students in Dallas County.

Luncheon tickets are \$75 each. A table for 10 is \$750. The deadline for reservations is June 4.

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