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## Dying to Work — Amazon, other frontline workers bear brunt Of COVID-19

By Mel Reeves  
Community Editor  
Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder

"The organizer's conduct was immoral, unacceptable, and arguably illegal," is how an Amazon official sought to frame the efforts of one of its workers who was fired by the company. The worker, Christian Smalls, had tried to bring attention to unsafe working conditions at an Amazon warehouse in New York City.

Smalls had complained about the lack of gloves and masks and that the company had not been forthcoming in sharing with workers that others in the warehouse had contracted the virus, putting everyone at risk.

The official Amazon general counsel David Zapolsky also wrote in notes during a company meeting that included Amazon head Jeff Bezos, that Smalls who is Black, was not "smart or articulate." Ironically, Smalls has told his story to several national news outlets, including a major news network.

Nationally, workers have voiced similar complaints about a lack of protective equipment such as masks, inefficient sanitizing of workspaces, and failure by some



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employers to honor the social distancing as recommended by the CDC to protect themselves from contracting the coronavirus.

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The MSR last weekend asked a few employees at one of the local

Minneapolis Cub stores why they were not wearing masks. Two of them said management had told them they didn't want them to wear masks. They said management cited the CDC as declaring people do not need to wear masks to be safe from contracting COVID-19.

Asked if management had been informed that the CDC has since changed its guidelines, they said they were not sure. "I hope it

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### People In The News...



Rahkim Sabree

NDG Quote of the Week: "Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."

— Dr. Mae Jemison

## Dr. Dorothy Irene Height

By Alexis M. Herman  
President of the Dorothy  
I. Height Foundation



April 20, 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the death of our gentle but fearless leader and mentor, Dr. Dorothy Irene Height. This significant anniversary offers us an opportunity for reflection during these unprecedented times we are living in today.

Dr. Height undoubtedly was a creative, compassionate, and visionary leader. Her scholarship, travels and experiences shaped her understanding of power

and how to navigate it with competence and kindness. Through the programs and initiatives she developed, she used her power to empower poor women and girls around the world.

During the early Civil

Rights Movement when women worked behind the scenes, her quiet power brought wisdom and a social worker's perspective to deliberations and strategies of the "Big Six" civil rights leaders. With an understanding of the importance of power of location, she purchased a building in Washington, D.C. between the White House and the Capitol, the only African American-owned building along that corridor of power.

For decades, her political power was put to use serving as an advisor to five U.S. presidents. She led some of the largest and

most influential women's organizations in American history, including her beloved National Council of Negro Women. And she achieved these accomplishments always wearing fabulous hats and an engaging smile.

While those achievements were immense, they pale in light of her greatest and most enduring accomplishments. During the turbulent times and critical issues that prevailed throughout her lifetime, Dr. Dorothy Irene Height was "A Bridge Over Troubled Waters." Her activism started as a teenager by bringing her peers together to

nonviolently protest policies that prohibited African American children from swimming, debating or going to school with Caucasian youth.

She bravely confronted and navigated the injustices and engaged adults who had the power to make changes. Over the years, issues such as racism, the struggle for economic and social justice, women's rights, voter's rights, equal access to education, health-care and jobs, fair wages, and dignity for all, brought purpose and passion to her life.

When she walked into a room, wisdom, human-

ity, and hope arrived with her. She was the bridge to alignment and unity to many civil rights organizations and leaders. To African American, Caucasian, Latina, Asian, and Native American women organizations, she served as a bridge of vision and consensus in their pursuits seeking equality, equal pay, and jobs.

Through programs she implemented, she was at the forefront of the Y.W.C.A. realizing its most significant lifelong mission, eradicating racism. None of these were simple

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## Rahkim Sabree

New Britain, CT (BlackNews.com) - Author, Tedx speaker, Non-profit cofounder, and personal finance expert Rahkim Sabree has built a platform of advocacy for financial education especially in the black and brown communities. He declares in his TED talk that he grew up to the mantra "Each one teach one, each one reach one."



If you know, teach. If you don't know, learn" and that's exactly what he's done creating and sharing content across the popular social media sites like Ins-

tagram and Twitter, writing a book on financial empowerment, co-founding a non profit rooted in ending homelessness through education, delivering a TED talk, and most recently

contributing to publications like TheGrio on personal finance matters.

"I believe that the best financial investment is an investment in financial education," writes Rahkim Sabree. "Here are 5 ways to spend your stimulus check regardless of the amount." Rahkim then lists 5 ways including paying yourself first, investing in your future, paying your bills, investing in education, and investing through traditional mediums such as stocks and real estate."

As importantly as what to do with the money, he also makes a point of outlining

who will not be eligible for payments as he says many people are out there spending their "Trump Money" before they receive it. A mistake which will cost them.

Rahkim is mission driven to inspire people who "look like him" to embrace financial education by "building a team," he explains. "This is a conversation that should be had at every dinner table, in every classroom, over the course of every holiday."

An Extended Hand, Inc. was founded by Alfonso Holland and Rahkim Sabree in 2018 with a focus on addressing homeless-

ness. Holland and Sabree realized that while most organizations who focus on homelessness focus on rapid housing, there are serious gaps in being able to prevent homelessness through education in the areas of personal finance, job preparedness and entrepreneurship, and health and wellness. They've built their organization around education in these specific fields while also hosting events like clothing and supply drives for the homeless. They can be reached at inquiries@eah-ct.org and via social media at @anextendhand.

Rahkim Sabree grew up in Mount Vernon, NY. He largely attributes his success to his strong support system and belief in "the impossibility of impossibility". He is the author of Mentorship: The Playbook and Financially Irresponsible both available on Amazon. Rahkim describes himself as a "hybrid-entrepreneur" having a nearly 10 year tenure in the Banking and Financial Services world.

For more information on Rahkim visit his website at RahkimSabree.com or follow his social media @RahkimSabree on Instagram and Twitter.

## NDG Readers Sound Off...

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

I'm a home health care nurse aid I live in the Dallas area my job is to take care of the elderly and disabled if I am needed to travel out 50 to 100 miles for work what do I need to get out that way do I need to get an amend letter from Judge Jenkins or what am I to do?

- Anna Zarate

*(Editor's Response: Having something about your assignment from your employer on your phone*

or a hard copy should be enough. I do not believe they are randomly stopping people at this point.)

### City of Richardson announces closures and service changes due to COVID-19

I love my city. Thank you for all the things you are doing during this time to help protect us.

- Susanne

What about restaurants?

- Collin

### Bishop T. D. Jakes offers words of comfort as the

### nation faces the coronavirus

Bishop Jakes and First Lady are truly a blessing in my life without his teachings am certain I would have lost my way, am a mother of a child with severe autism if not for the strength from his sermons god help me am born again my background is Indian from the Muslim faith, glory to god despite the whole community judgment against me stand my ground Jesus is lord and pray for the world, of ts about time we have national prayer day in our country am proud

of you bishop grateful forever you are in our prayers thank god for you every day, we will get through this as long as we keep our heart with god almighty love your congregation they are blessed we are blessed through your ministry amen.

- Sabrina Charania

### New Report Looks at Six-Figure Jobs in Dallas

I wonder what the distribution of six figure earning families is? Where would they be located?

- Greg Muckelroy

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**Making COVID-19 a 'Black Man's Disease'**



**NDG Senior Columnist**  
**Ed Gray**  
*Straight Talk*

In these unprecedented times, the same story is told. The racism of America is still present as this disease ravages our country. From the very start, the COVID-19 crisis has been viewed in stark racist terms.

We got into this worldwide mess because the first judges of the validity of this disease were asleep at the wheel. In fact, the Chinese hid the seriousness of the illnesses as if it would be a bad public relation move as they attempt to supplant American power and influence.

The World Health Organization hesitated on calling COVID-19 a pandemic because it was influenced by donations from China. Meanwhile, President Donald Trump alternated between believing the crisis was overblown, or that the strong-armed government of China had the situation under control. Meanwhile the crisis worsens.

The United States had

months to prepare for this pandemic as it crossed the globe. COVID-19 was branded a "hoax" by Trump. A figment of the imagination of anti-Trump Democrats intent on making Trump look bad. By the time Covid19 landed on American shores from international travelers, it was largely viewed in the black community as a disease that afflicted Chinese and white people.

I had a friend who said to me, "Look at the reports, its only white people who get it from Chinese." I pointedly asked him when the last time was he was an international traveler. Therein lies the absurdity of the myopic viewpoint of African Americans to generally look at issues through a black or white-colored lens.

It is often said there is a thin line between love and hate. There is also a thin line between survival and sheltering in place. The shelter in place edicts, made by the local officials and governors, save lives as citizens quarantine from the COVID-19 virus.

Unfortunately, as some quarantine, their economic lives are equally imperiled. Whether black or white, the personal economies of

many Americans is headed for a Depression.

Surgeon General Jerome McAdams and President Trump, through their words, have appeared to market the COVID-19 as a Black man's disease. Focusing on the number of African Americans that have contracted the disease, the Trump Administration is now selling this disease as a black societal issue.

Surgeon General McAdams imploring black folk to "lay off drugs, tobacco, and alcohol" was off base. Adding to the theater of the absurd was asking black people, "do it for your granddaddy, do it for your Big Mama, do it for your pop-pop." The disturbing quality of his statement is that he never had previously implored any other segment of American society to do the same. The informality of speech and vernacular references to familial nicknames was condescending.

McAdams' blame game inferred that black people are acquiring COVID-19 through a form of African American social malfeasance. There is nothing wrong with black people that would predispose them from acquiring COV-

ID-19. What is malfeasant or wrong is lecturing black people without acknowledging the systematic structural racism of the American health system.

African Americans are dying at higher rates due to a lack of access to health care. The COVID-19 virus is an opportunity killer, not a selective assassin. COVID-19 kills regardless of color, social status, or age. There is no color to its death.

The Surgeon General's characterization of African Americans is an attempt to make COVID-19, a Black man's disease. If Covid19 is perceived as a black man's disease, lost lives won't matter, and the Trump protesters can continue their protest to open the economy.

I am Ed Gray, and this is Straight Talk.

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**The political and healthcare system is broken and corrupt in America**

By Roger Caldwell  
NNPA Contributor

"The chaotic culture of the Trump White House contributed to the crisis. A lack of planning and a failure to execute, combined with the president's focus on the news cycle and his preference for following his gut rather than the data cost time and perhaps lives," says Eric Lipton of the *NY Times*.

In order for the 2020 pandemic to end in America, the entire country must be shutdown in every state and the president must place large-scale orders for masks, protective equip-

ment, critical hospital equipment, ventilators and community leaders educating their constituents. This is not a time for "happy talk." The Coronavirus Task Force must enforce the quarantine with military forces and local police.

China started its lockdown on January 23, 2020 and by the beginning of March, the country was starting to open back up. They were able to get infected cases to low levels, and the United States must follow the same course of action.

At this point, America's testing process has failed, with testing of less than

1% of the population completed. There is no vaccine and more healthcare workers are getting infected with the virus with no time off. Before the country can be opened, there must be widespread testing and a national database of cases to prevent the spread of the virus.

In the African American community, the coronavirus is exposing systemic racism with frightening numbers. In Chicago, the Black population is 29% but 70% of the people dying from the virus are Black. In Louisiana, the Black population is 32% but 70% of the people dying from the virus

are Black. In other cities, like Washington, DC, Baltimore, Detroit and Dallas, there are alarming numbers that indicate health disparities are killing more Blacks.

No one will save Blacks but us. However, Black leaders must sound the alarm. When America gets a cold, African American get pneumonia. There is a failure of leadership with President Donald Trump and his Vice President Mike Pence managing and running the Coronavirus Task Force. They have done a terrible job, lying to Americans, with a general lack of preparedness.

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# Dallas oral surgeons offering free wisdom teeth extractions during COVID-19 economic crisis

The novel coronavirus pandemic has forced more than 16 million Americans to file for unemployment since March causing financial havoc for millions of people, including students—especially those with student loan debt. Now more than ever, it is crucial to help support local students and their financial strains during this economic catastrophe.

For the first year, Park Cities Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Associates is launching a new community initiative called Wisdom For Wisdom. The program will provide two local students with free wisdom teeth extractions to help offset their college expenses and support their higher education

goals. Students can apply to Park Cities Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Associates' website until May 14.

College affordability and student loan debt is a crisis that is plaguing the nation. Texas is among one of the top four highest states for total student loan debt outstanding among resident borrowers. The outstanding student loan debt in Texas is estimated at \$107.3 billion, making up about seven percent of the total national student loan debt of \$1.56 trillion. On top of food, tuition, housing, and other expenses, textbook prices are higher than ever. Statistics show that the soaring rise in textbook costs is the most inflated of all increasing col-

lege-related expenditures.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, college tuition and fees have risen over 60 percent and housing more than 50 percent in the past decade. With student debt on the rise, young people are often forced to put off buying homes, a reliable car, and even getting married and having children.

"With the recent abrupt yield to our economy, we are thinking about the local students in our community now more than ever, and want to help alleviate their financial burdens," Dr. William Phillips said. "This program serves students who are low-income and who do not have the means to afford wisdom

teeth extractions. Our goal is to ease the financial burden for students through the Wisdom For Wisdom program and help make a difference in the community."

The application period for the Wisdom For Wisdom program is open until May 14. To apply, students will watch a video about the wisdom teeth removal procedure, take a short quiz, and submit a 250-word essay about what they learned. Students can apply by visiting: <https://parkcitiesoms.com/wisdom>. Park Cities Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Associates will announce the recipients and update the public on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ParkCitiesOMS>.



Jon Tyson / Unsplash

## Katy Trail visitors to follow alphabetical guidelines to ease congestion

To manage the increasing number of Katy Trail users and encourage physical distancing during the COVID-19 outbreak, Dallas Park and Recreation will implement a trail management strategy that gives visitors access to the trail on specific days according to their last names.

The public will have normal access to the Katy Trail on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

But beginning Thursday, April 23, for the rest of the week and on the weekends, users whose last names begin with A through L are asked to use the Katy Trail only on Thursday and Satur-

day. Users whose last names begin with M through Z are encouraged to use the trail on Friday and Sunday.

The Dallas Park and Recreation Department worked with the Friends of Katy Trail to create this approach to lessen congestion and encourage physical distancing. Mayor Eric Johnson's of-

fice and Park and Recreation also consulted with Dallas County Health and Human Services Director Dr. Philip Huang regarding the guidelines.

If users comply with the guidelines, the City expects a significant reduction of con-

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## Government issues COVID-19 reporting guidelines for nursing homes

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced this week new regulatory requirements requiring nursing homes to inform residents, their families and representatives of COVID-19 cases in their facilities. This comes on the heels of 17 dead bodies found stacked in a morgue intended for four at a New Jersey nursing facility. They later reported 70 members of their staff and residents diagnosed with the virus.

"We must have transparency and accurate reporting at all our long-term care

facilities so we can protect our loved ones during this crisis," said Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32). "Residents at nursing homes are some of the most vulnerable populations and in future economic packages, I will fight to ensure these facilities and their hard-working staff can get the resources they need to stay safe."

The CMS will now require nursing homes to report cases of COVID-19 directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This information must be reported in accordance with existing

privacy regulations and statutes. This measure augments longstanding requirements for reporting infectious disease to State and local health departments. Finally, CMS will also require nursing homes to fully cooperate with CDC surveillance efforts around COVID-19 spread.

CDC will be providing a reporting tool to nursing homes that will support Federal efforts to collect nationwide data to assist in COVID-19 surveillance and response. CMS plans to make

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# DART seeking public input on new bus network

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is designing a new bus network to better serve the residents of North Texas, both now and in the future.

Transit riders, employers, stakeholders and community leaders will be surveyed by DART about a new system that works best for their needs through a series of webinars and town hall meetings beginning Thursday, April 23.

As the population within



Courtesy photo

DART's 700-sq. mi. service area continues to grow along with new employ-

ment and residential opportunities for North Texas residents, a complete

blank-slate redesign of the existing bus system provides DART with the ability to determine the most effective network for all 13 cities it serves.

In September 2019, DART hired Jarrett Walker + Associates (JWA), a leading transit planning and policy consulting firm, to re-envision DART's bus network.

As part of the three-phase approach to the project, DART has scheduled

a series of telephone town halls and webinars in April that will help decide how to balance competing priorities.

The public's input is encouraged to provide insight and perspective on a new bus system on the following dates:

- Informational Webinar, Thursday, April 23 from Noon – 1 p.m.

- Telephone Town Hall, Friday, April 24 from Noon – 1 p.m.

- Telephone Town Hall, Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

- Informational Webinar: en Español, Saturday, April 25, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Telephone Town Hall: en Español, Monday, April 27, from Noon – 1 p.m.

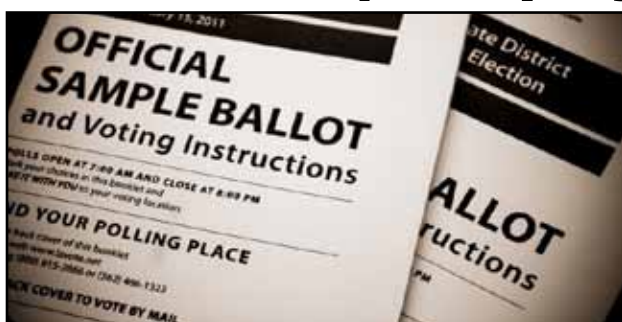
- Informational Webinar, Monday, April 27, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information and to sign-up for an information webinar, visit <https://dartzoom.dart.org/>.

## Texas judge issues temporary injunction expanding voting by mail

According to a statement issued by Common Cause Texas, Judge Tim Sulak in Travis County's 353rd District Court has issued a temporary injunction allowing all voters fearful of contracting coronavirus at a polling place to qualify to vote by mail by using a disability clause.

However, prior to the ruling Attorney General Ken Paxton put out this press release publicizing a letter he sent to House Elections



Facing elections this summer and fall, voting rights advocates are seeking to expand the opportunity to vote by mail. (Photo Courtesy: Brendan C/Flickr)

Chair Stephanie Klick basically saying any Texan who attempts to vote by mail using the disability clause due

to fear of COVID-19 would be in violation of the law and subject to prosecution.

"Mail ballots based on

disability are specifically reserved for those who are physically ill and cannot vote in-person as a result. Fear of contracting COVID-19 does not amount to a sickness or physical condition as required by the Legislature," said Attorney General Paxton. "The integrity of our democratic election process must be maintained, and law established by our Legislature must be followed consistently."

Paxton's suggestion is a violation of the election laws reflects the confusion which has existed regarding this issue. Voting rights advocates sought clarification by the court.

"Clearly, no one knows what this pandemic will look like in July or November and the smart thing to do is to interpret the law in a way that prioritizes public health and protects voting rights," Guitierrez stated.

Although even Common

Cause expects this ruling to be appealed, the Texas Democrats say they are ready to fight the GOP.

"The right to vote is the foundation of our democracy," Gilberto Hinojosa, Chair of the Texas Democratic Party stated. "As public health officials began speaking to the severity of the coronavirus pandemic, the Texas Democratic Party knew our elections here in Texas needed to be modified.

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changes," said one employee who wished to remain anonymous. "I definitely want to protect myself."

Amazon fired Smalls last week after he led a walkout by a number of employees at a Staten Island distribution warehouse. Amazon says he was fired for violating a company-imposed 14-day quarantine after he came into contact with an employee who tested positive for the coronavirus.

Smalls disputes this, saying the employee who tested positive came into contact with many other workers for longer periods of time before their test came back. He said he was singled out because he wanted the company to sanitize the work area and be forthright about the numbers of fellow workers who had contracted the virus.

Amazon workers have been particularly vocal across the country as social media has shared protests

by workers holding signs denouncing their working conditions. "This disease is killing people on a daily basis," one worker who wished to remain anonymous told Business Insider. "As people are testing positive for it where I work, they still expect for us to come there."

The U.S. Postal Service has confirmed that 259 employees have tested positive for the virus in its workforce of 630,000. To date, two letter carriers in New York City, one in Montgomery, Alabama and one in Detroit have died after contracting the virus.

The Postal Service has sought to make gloves and masks available in all of its work stations, but employees still say basic items are not available. More than 85,000 workers have signed a petition asking for better protections.

The Washington Post recently reported that four

grocery store workers have died after contracting the novel coronavirus. Two were Walmart workers who worked at the Evergreen Park Walmart in Chicago, one was a worker at Trader Joes in Scarsdale, New York, and another was a grocery greeter at a Giant store in Largo, Maryland.

A Detroit bus driver Jason Hargrove, whose Facebook rant warned people to be careful and be responsible died from the virus only weeks after posting the video. A bus driver in King County, Washington also succumbed to the disease last week; he too had been vocal about having his transit company provide better protection for him and his fellow drivers.

According to the Daily Mail, 22 New York City transit workers have died after contracting COVID-19.

Four workers at New York's Shop Rite stores have come down with the disease. Frontline health-

care workers have also been contracting the virus in increasing numbers. A number of them have died.

Workers for American Airlines have reported that a few of their co-workers have come down with confirmed cases of COVID-19. A worker for an American Airlines regional carrier in Boston said, "Since my co-workers have come down with it, you would expect that they would at least investigate who the worker has been in contact with and have them quarantined."

"They are basically saying they don't care if it spreads to our families or the general public. No serious measures have been taken to do anything about exposures."

Eddie Ortiz, an assistant manager at the New York store Gristedes, described his staff as tireless frontline warriors. "They didn't hesitate for one minute to stay and meet the needs of the public," he said.

Several of the country's

most prominent union leaders and a number of New York political leaders have demanded that Amazon rescind Smalls' dismissal. New York State Attorney General Letitia James and Mayor Bill de Blasio called for an investigation into Smalls' firing. James called Smalls' firing "immoral."

"At the height of a global pandemic, Chris Smalls and his colleagues publicly protested the lack of precautions that Amazon was taking to protect them from COVID-19," James said in a statement. "In New York, the right to organize is codified into law, and any retaliatory action by management related thereto is strictly prohibited. At a time when so many New Yorkers are struggling and are deeply concerned about their safety, this action was also immoral and inhumane."

According to Amazon their workers are heroes: "The truth is the vast majority of employees continue

to show up and do the heroic work of delivering for customers every day," said a company spokesperson.

"Amazon would rather fire workers than face up to its total failure to do what it should to keep us, our families, and our communities safe," said Smalls. "...We won't stop until Amazon provides real protections for our health and safety and clarity for everybody about what it is doing to keep people safe in the middle of the worst pandemic of our lifetimes."

Smalls told the MSR that it was important for him to express solidarity with fellow Amazon workers in Minnesota and the rest of the country and urged them to, "take the power back. We are the power. If they are not caring about your well-being, then walk out! Without us they are nothing."

Mel Reeves welcomes reader responses to [mreeves@spokesman-re-corder.com](mailto:mreeves@spokesman-re-corder.com).

# Dallas ISD announces expanded all-day learning center and new STEAM academy

Dallas ISD has announced a change is coming to South Dallas schools. An expanded all-day early learning center and a new state-of-the-art STEAM academy are just the latest building blocks in an effort to grow Dallas ISD's South Dallas initiative, providing more and better services to this vital community.

First up, in addition to continuing to serve our K-5 students, J.J. Rhoads Elementary is expanding



to become an all-day early learning center and will begin serving both Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 students in 2020-21. With extended hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. to accommodate working

parents, Rhoads will offer music and art as part of its after-school programming. Renovations are planned for the building, but Rhoads will remain open and will continue to serve

its students.

In the 2021-22 school year, the neighborhood is gaining a new state-of-the-art S.T.E.A.M. academy to serve 675 students when the rebuilt H.S. Thompson Elementary reopens. The new school will be large enough to accommodate all the students now at Rhoads as well and will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math, aimed at preparing students for success in the 21st cen-

tury.

Once the higher grades move to Thompson, Rhoads will have room to offer wraparound services as well as community partnerships and resources. Meetings will be held to gather community input.

Rhoads will have two principals on site in the coming school year, the current J.J. Rhoads principal, Chaundra Macklin, and the newly named H.S. Thompson principal, Crys-

tal Owens. They will be working together to ensure a smooth transition for our students.

These changes, coupled with the conversion of Martin Luther King Jr. Learning Center into a pre-K through 8th-grade school for the arts, are part of the district's whole-cloth plan to better serve students in the South Dallas community.

Visit Dallas ISD's web page to stay updated.

## Junior Achievement of Dallas releases free resource to help teens understand financial impact of COVID-19

Junior Achievement of Dallas (JA) is releasing a free resource for teens titled Making Sense: Understanding the Financial Impact of COVID-19. The guide is designed to answer teens' questions about the economic implications of COVID-19, including "Why

are some store shelves empty?", "Why are some people losing their jobs?" and "Are we going into a recession or even a depression?"

The guide is available at JA.org/MakingSense.

"While social distancing is essential to fighting COVID-19, the disease and

the steps we must take to address it are having a financial impact. Our goal is to help young people better understand what's happening," said JA Dallas President, Jan Murfield. "April is Financial Literacy Month, and this crisis is affecting all of us. Sharing this informa-

tion is relevant for hands-on learning, which is what makes JA effective."

The guide is written with middle school and high school students in mind. It uses relatable examples to explain what a recession is, how the Federal Reserve works and steps being taken

by the government and the private sector to deal with the economic impact associated with COVID-19.

JA is also offering free resources to teachers and parents who may have students finishing school online this semester. For access to our FREE, virtual JA Project

Tomorrows' curriculum such as JA Excellence through Ethics, JA Assembling You Career, and JA Influencer, please contact the JA Education Department at volunteer@jadallas.org.

Additional resources are also available at JA.org/Tomorrows.

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gestion on the trail, which will lessen the risks of spread of COVID-19.

"The Katy Trail is an incredible asset to our city, and I love that Dallas residents want to use it to get fresh air and exercise during these difficult and unprecedented times," Mayor Johnson said. "But I support the Park and Recreation Department's approach to creating adequate physical distancing on the Katy Trail. We cannot al-

low this amenity to become a health hazard. We have to be willing to adjust our practices and behaviors and take personal responsibility to stop the spread of COVID-19 so that we can save lives and get through these challenging times as quickly as possible."

"We know that getting outdoors is another way for families to cope with stay-at-home regulations. Overcrowding and congestion

on the Katy Trail make it nearly impossible for users to practice adequate physical distancing. Our communities' safety remains our key concern. We are working together to reduce the spread on this pandemic," said Dallas Park and Recreation Director John D. Jenkins. "We want our outdoor spaces to be accessible and we want visitors to do their part to protect themselves and others."

If families want to get out during the day, Director Jen-

kins and Mayor Johnson also suggested they go to parks within walking distances of their homes. Neighborhood parks may be considerably less crowded than larger, well-known ones. With more than 397 parks and 160 miles of urban trails, some sites are well-known, while others are not.

Dallas Park and Recreation staff have selected some of their favorite parks and trails for people to explore. Check out Dallas' Best Kept Secret Parks on

the department's website at DallasParks.org.

And for more informa-

tion on the novel coronavirus, visit dallascityhall.com/coronavirus.

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the data publicly available. This effort builds on recent recommendations from the American Health Care Association and Leading Age, two large nursing home industry

associations, that nursing homes quickly report COVID-19 cases.

"Nursing homes have been ground zero for COVID-19. Today's action supports

CMS' longstanding commitment to providing transparent and timely information to residents and their families," said CMS Administrator Seema Verma. "Nursing home reporting to the CDC is a critical component of

the go-forward national COVID-19 surveillance system and to efforts to reopen America."

The info is critical to understanding the impact on understanding the full impact of the virus.

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# Carrollton approves new centerpiece office at the new DART Trinity Mills station

Carrollton City Council unanimously approved an agreement for a 125,000-square foot, six-story Class A office structure to serve as the marquee building within the new Trinity Mills Station urban development.

The City of Carrollton, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), The Integral Group, and Koa Partners signed a Master Development Agreement (MDA) for the entire Trinity Mills Station on March 1, but Council's approval at the Tuesday, April 7 meeting means planning for the first of two major office buildings for the area is set to move forward.

The City and DART collectively own 26 contiguous acres of land that will comprise Trinity Mills Station, a future transit center district,



*New centerpiece office complex at the Trinity Mills Station in Carrollton. (Courtesy image)*

located at the southeast quadrant of the President George Bush Turnpike and IH-35E interchange. It is the largest publicly owned transit-oriented development site in North Texas and the most connected, since Trinity Mills Station is served by the DART Green Line light rail service to Dallas and the Denton County Transportation Authority

(DCTA) A-Train commuter service to Denton.

"This is a monumental milestone for the entire development team on all sides," Carrollton Urban Development Director Ravi Shah said. "The Trinity Mills Station MDA is the culmination of negotiations over the last two years and the start of a transformation in this area from an inner-

ring suburb to a vibrant hub for economic and social activity, with increased shopping and dining, hospitality and recreation venues, and business opportunities."

The City and DART have expressed their vision for the project as an active mixed-use development including office buildings, a hotel, restaurants, retail, residential uses and large outdoor grass gathering places for concerts, picnics, exercising, and other events that would create activity day and night every day of the year.

"I believe the Trinity Mills Station development will be one of the most impactful projects in Carrollton in recent history," Carrollton Mayor Kevin Falconer said. "In view of the previous projects in our surrounding cities in years

past, the City of Carrollton is in for an economic boost that will reclaim the area surrounding the old Home Depot property and infuse the neighborhood with a modern, streamlined aesthetic similar to Legacy Town Center."

Phase I features not only the six-story, 125,000 square-foot Class A office building that includes a four-story structured parking with five hundred parking spaces and 10,000 square feet of retail space, but also a five-story mixed-use residential development that also features structured parking, an esplanade, public infrastructure, and public green space. Commercial real estate company JLL (Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated) has been retained to serve as the exclusive leasing partner for the

office portion of the project with Executive Vice President Chris Doggett and Vice President Lauren Perry leading the marketing and leasing efforts. Construction is scheduled to begin in July 2021.

Integral, an Atlanta-based master developer led by managing principal, Art Lomenick, has partnered with Koa Partners, a Dallas-based office developer led by CEO, Harry Lake, to achieve the vision of re-developing the new Trinity Mills Station into a place to live, work, and play by transforming former parking lots and other commercial and acquired land by the City into an urban village that will spur further investment around the Trinity Mills DART station and

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**Dallas**

While classrooms are empty and the theatre is dark due to COVID-19, creatives are still innovating. The Bishop Arts Theatre's staff and artists cannot wait to welcome visitors back to the theatre, but in the interim, they invite you to enjoy their teaching artists for a **LIVE Zoom Showcase** on Friday, April 24 at 8 p.m.

Donations will be accepted for the Beyond The Classroom: Teaching Artist Shelter In Place Showcase



and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to the artists.

**Garland**

**Garland Youth Council Accepting Applications Through June** - Interested Garland residents who will be in grades 9-12 during

**Plano**

What if first responders had access to your drug allergies and medical history before the ambulance even arrived? It's possible when

you set up a safety profile with **SMART911**. Recently Plano Public Safety Communications launched SMART911. This tool makes your profile available to dispatchers when you call for help from a cell phone. This fills a critical gap because cell phones do not provide any information to dispatchers. You have the power to select what details to include in your profile such as medical conditions, household information, pet instruc-

tions and more. Watch the Smart911 video.

Make Every Day Earth Day – Learn ways you can live sustainably every day. Tune in on the Live Green in Plano Facebook page on Friday, April 24 at 2 p.m.

**Richardson**

Local nonprofit Network of **Community Ministries** is in need of volunteers to help deliver food to elderly clients. The assistance involves minimal human

contact to keep in compliance with social distancing guidelines; Network loads the groceries into volunteers' cars and the volunteers place the bags outside or just inside a client's door.

To volunteer, register via the Sign-Up Genius links located at Network's website and Facebook page. Watch one volunteer's experience with making deliveries in a new video created by the City's Communications Department.



*Carol Moseley Braun, the first African American female senator and the former United States Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa has endorsed Royce West in the Texas Senate Race (Image: Wikimedia)*

# Royce West receives endorsement of Ambassador Moseley-Braun in US Senate Race

CHICAGO—Ambassador Carol Moseley-Braun, the first African American woman to win a seat in the United States Senate, announced this week she is supporting Sen. Royce West (D-Dallas) in the July 14 Democratic Primary runoff

for U.S. Senate. "Senator West is a true Democratic leader of tremendous substance and experience," said Ambassador Moseley-Braun. "He has been a longtime leader in the Texas Senate on healthcare issues, protecting women's

healthcare choices, public education, criminal justice reform, and more," she said. "America needs Senator West's experienced leadership in the U.S. Senate during these difficult times our nation currently faces. I call on Texas Democrats to sup-

port Senator West with their vote, and for Democrats around the country to support him by visiting RoyceWest.com to sign up and volunteer for the campaign," Moseley-Braun said. West said he was honored to receive the Ambassador's

endorsement. "Carol Moseley-Braun is a trailblazer and has given much of her life to public service, in local office, in the Senate and as our Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa. I am honored to have her endorsement," West said.

# DFW bakery donates over 15,000 bread products during COVID-19

COVID-19 has resulted in many DFW companies stepping up to the plate to help their communities and Signature Baking Company is no exception.

To help their industry partners and clients, they began donating hundreds of loaves a week to charities who are supporting the hospitality and medical industry with free meals like 8020 Concepts' "Everybody Eats" charity initiative which gives free hot meals every day to families out

of work that can't afford groceries. Last week alone, Signature Baking Company donated 1800 buns and 300 loaves to 8020 Concepts to help feed healthcare workers and families that couldn't afford dinners.

Additional donations have been made to The Furlough Kitchen, which recently got a shout-out from John Krasinski, Wilkinson Center Food Pantry, Genesis Women's Shelter, The Human Impact and Mosaic Family Services.

Since March 15th, Signature Baking Company has donated over 3,000 loaves and 12,000 buns to charities throughout the metroplex.

"We know we aren't the only ones in the community that want to help out so we are offering gift cards so people can purchase bread for a non-profit of their choice at a discounted charity rate to help them keep their food pantries full. For individuals or businesses looking to make larger scale donations, Signature Bak-

ing Company can offer additional charitable discounts upon request," says owner Oscar DeSouza.

Additionally, to serve the greater community, they added a B2C offering with high-quality fresh bread, pastries and other baked goods now being delivered safely to doorsteps across the metroplex, so residents don't have to brave the store. The public can now order fresh bread for delivery on Tuesdays and Fridays at signaturebaking.com.



Courtesy photo

## HEIGHT, from Page 2

or easy undertakings, yet she courageously pursued what she knew to be right and good. Wherever the waters were troubled, she created a bridge, effective coalitions, and solutions.

Many of the critical issues of Dr. Height's era persist today. Over fifty years ago, she called attention to the health disparities related to social detriments, especially for Black women and the elderly. Chronic health conditions such as hypertension, heart disease and diabetes were always at

the forefront for education and outreach to our communities.

Today with thousands impacted by COVID-19 and millions who are unemployed, the consequences of these same health disparities are more apparent than ever. The troubled waters we now face have washed waves of reminders of the work our country still has to do. Leaders are searching for answers, managing fears and anxiety, and competing for vital resources in their communities.

In these turbulent, frightening, and uncertain times, we are called to embrace Dr. Height's spirit of direct action, by courageously bridging the waters with viable solutions, to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters, to hold leaders accountable for environmental and social justice policies, to provide food for the many who are in need today, to protect and defend the right to vote, to be the voice of the voiceless, and to lead with purpose and passion toward a just and safe society.

Ten years after her pass-

ing, we must embrace her spirit to right the wrongs and keep navigating troubled waters until we reach calm seas and still waters that were always her goals for women and children, for the country, for all of us. Today we must not only remember Dr. Height, but also renew her fighting spirit, and be that "bridge over troubled waters" that we need and seek. Girded by our faith and in the spirit of Dr. Height, I pray that each of us will find ways, large and small, to courageously speak up, stand up, and reach out to bring truth

and mercy to "the least of these."

In the days and weeks ahead, we would do well to remember her words spoken at the dedication of the Headquarters Building of the National Council of Negro Women, "Through this last century we learned that it is in the neighborhoods and communities where the world begins. That is where children grow and families are developed, where people exercise their power to change their lives.... Building on my religious faith deeply rooted in my childhood and youth, I found my

life's work. I am the product of many whose lives have touched mine, from the famous, distinguished and powerful to the little known and the poor. The past has taught me many lessons—most especially, that I have a responsibility to future generations."

In memory of Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, contributions may be made to the National Council of Negro Women at www.ncnw.org under donate.

*Alexis M. Herman is the President of the Dorothy I. Height Foundation*



# EarthxFilm's virtual festival kicks off on Earth Day

EarthxFilm has unveiled its lineup of virtual programming celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, including 36 features and shorts; virtual options for XR experiences; various filmmaker, youth leader live-streams, Q&A's, panels, live music and EarthxFilmYouth programming.

"It has been a labor of love to curate the offerings we have the privilege of presenting at this year's EarthxFilm film festival as we mark a half century of Earth Day," said Michael Cain, Co-Founder and President of EarthxFilm.

The 2020 EarthxFilm festival is supporting filmmakers financially during the COVID-19 crisis, with screening fees and online donations collected for the



*MOSSVILLE is the story of long-time African American residents of a town in Louisiana (Courtesy photo)*

films and filmmakers participating in the virtual film festival presentation.

Cash prizes totaling \$20,000 will be awarded to filmmakers and the environmental organizations and efforts that the winning films explore at a live-streamed awards ceremony

on Sunday, April 27. Additionally, the 2020 Youth Film Competition, a Planet911 Challenge developed in collaboration with Instagram and Creative Visions, will award up to \$5,000 in cash and prizes.

"So many of the stories we share about conserva-

tion, climate change, and the heroes working to protect our planet are a testament to the triumph of the spirit, and our collective hope for the future." David Holbrook, EarthxFilm Artistic Director.

Highlights of this year's documentary features include:

- Brett Falentine's **FIRE ON THE HILL: THE COWBOYS OF SOUTH CENTRAL L.A.**, a multiple award winner on the film festival circuit about South Central L.A.'s urban cowboy culture and how a mysterious fire in 2012 nearly wrecked it all;

- Alexander John Glus-trom's **MOSSVILLE: WHEN GREAT TREES FALL**, about a small town in Louisiana where a giant

chemical plant displaced its long-time African-American residents;

- David Byars' **PUBLIC TRUST**, narrated by Robert Redford, which weaves together an assortment of stories connected by the indefatigable journalist, Hal Herring, who works tirelessly to shine a light on the chicanery involved with America's public lands; and
- Deia Schlosberg's **THE STORY OF PLASTIC**, which looks at the scope and scale of the single-use plastic scourge and how plastic has taken over the world, to a very harmful effect.

Throughout the festival, EarthxFilm will have youth-friendly offerings showing films appropriate for youth and educator au-

diences that can be incorporated into distance learning curriculum for Earth Month.

Adding more programming for youth engagement, produced by EarthxFilm, a newly created video series, EarthxFilmYouth Reports, will showcase youth climate activists, environmental experts, and young planet heroes. Anchors age 10-22 will interview guests, moderate panels and hold town hall discussions with other environmentally aware young people.

This outline includes only a few highlights of the planned programming. More details and free registration is available for EarthxFilm, EarthXR and EarthxFilmYouth at [www.earthxfilm.org](http://www.earthxfilm.org).

## New adult coloring book collection empowering black women

CHICAGO (BlackNews.com) -- African American women looking for a dose of empowerment now have an exciting resource to help them thanks to the release of a new collection of adult coloring books by transformational health/wellness coach, author and speaker, Rhonda Thomas.

Thomas is dedicated to helping African American women achieve balance in the second half of their life. The Rhon's Way adult coloring book collection features seven themed coloring books on topics such as relationships, self-care, health and goals.

Each coloring book features dynamic, fun and engaging illustrations depicting black women in powerful scenarios. Women can choose a coloring book based on their interest or how they are feeling on a particular day. For instance, her Working My Dream Into My Reality entrepreneur/career coloring book is designed to help women realize they do not have to spend their life working in



*Courtesy photo*

jobs that don't value or satisfy her, but she can explore options using her knowledge and skills to transition into her own business as an entrepreneur if she desires.

Coloring is typically an activity enjoyed by children. But more and more adults are tapping into the therapeutic value of coloring books. The capacity to reduce stress through coloring is nothing new. In fact, long before the first commercial success of adult coloring books in 2012, one study conducted by Curry and Kasser in 2005 found that coloring mandalas (circle pictures) resulted in decreased heart rate and improved mood.

Over the last five years adult coloring books have been the rage. But unlike the average coloring book on the market, Thomas' adult coloring books not only allow women to destress by coloring, but they are empowered in the process through the thoughtful illustrations, captions and journal prompts.

When asked about her motivation for creating the collection of adult coloring books, Thomas said: "These coloring books are very important to me and I wanted to ensure that the images weren't just random, but images that would inspire and motivate black women to rise above life's

challenges. Also, I love getting away from the phone (coloring apps/technology) and just spending quality time thinking, coloring, and creating pretty images. I find it very therapeutic; hence the positive messages that I'm sharing to make my Sisters\* think about being their best self and get-

ting to their happy."

Already adults from all across the country are enjoying Thomas' adult coloring book collection. One customer said: "These coloring books speaks to who I am as a black woman. I've never seen anything like this coloring book that represents me, is fun, and speaks my

language as a mature adult."

The coloring books are available for purchase on the author's website for a retail price of \$22 each or purchase all seven of them for a discounted price of \$122. For further details or to browse the collection, visit: [www.rhonsway.com/shop](http://www.rhonsway.com/shop).

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# Newk's Eatery launches pantry program available for curbside pick-up

While many are looking for ways to fill their refrigerators and grocery store shelves are close to empty, Newk's Eatery has launched Newk's Pantry. The new service is offering guests and local communities a small footprint of grocery items and meal kits in-store, available through curbside pickup and delivery.



Newk's Family Lunch Essentials (Courtesy photo)

This is an excellent suggestion because I had the opportunity to visit their Irving location earlier this year and the food is not only wonderful, but the value for what you receive is incredible. The single salad we received was enough for two with some leftovers. Also, I am not even a mushroom soup fan, but

theirs was incredible.

Newk's Pantry will provide guests with a solution to shop for key groceries from Grab & Go coolers while picking up entire family meal kits from Newk's. Fresh offerings will include:

Newk's Grab & Go items (A la Carte sliced meats, cheese & bread, proteins,

soups, salads, etc.)

- Produce – bell peppers, carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, lemons & more

- Dry & Paper Goods – Toilet paper, paper towels, pecans, dried cranberries & more

- Desserts – cake slices, brownies, crispies

- Dairy – Cheddar, Swiss, Gorgonzola, hard-boiled

eggs

- Bread
- Wine & beer

Meal Kit offerings from Newk's will include all of the quality ingredients you need to make your favorite Newk's dishes at home with your family:

- Soup & Sandwich Kit (lunch meat and cheese, bread, soup)

- Family Lunch Essentials (lunch meat and cheese, bread, mac & cheese, Newk's chips, brownie's, applesauce packets)

- Family Meal Kit (soup, salad, protein, bread, beverage)

- Build Your Own Pizza Kit (ingredients for your pizza choice – Pepperoni &

Sausage, Pepperoni or Margherita – choice of regular or Cauliflower crust)

- Take & Bake Mac and Cheese

- Mac & Cheese Bar Family Meal Kit

Newk's continues to offer fresh, quality ingredients through curbside pickup and delivery at most locations.

## Dallas Cowboys and NFL ready for the virtual draft

By Ruth Ferguson  
NDG Editor

Unless they make a trade, the Dallas Cowboys have a first-round choice in the 17th slot. The Cowboys are tied for second in the league (New England) with 43 compensatory draft picks awarded from 1994-2020, and they have one in this year's draft (179th overall).

Experts have debated whether the Cowboys will choose a receiver, a quarterback for the future, or a defensive player. No one knows for sure. Due to COVID-19, the top prospects did not have an opportunity to visit The Star and meet with coaches and team officials. Even the internal meetings were virtual.

"The process has been going strong for three weeks," McCarthy told ESPN. "I give our IT department so much credit for keeping us updated with new instruments to make sure we can communicate clearly. It's been very productive. We're all in our homes. We spend a lot of times going through each and every prospect, so it's given us a chance to take a couple of laps through the draft board, especially for the first time going through it with Jerry and Stephen and the personnel staff. It's been very organized. I've been very impressed."

Fans should not assume that if a quarterback is selected, it is intended to send a message to Dak Prescott, who the team designated a

franchise player as negotiations continue to drag on. Drafting a quarterback

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# Black businesses matter, but will they get a fair share of COVID-19 aid money?

By Barrington M. Salmon  
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*The Final Call*



*Compared to other small business owners, African Americans have generally had to face more daunting challenges such as smaller cash reserves to draw from, difficulty in securing bank loans and other financing and being sole proprietors or “mom and pop” establishments that are ineligible for most small business loans. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)*

President Donald Trump and Congressional leaders announced the \$2 trillion economic stimulus package—the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to great fanfare, touting the deliverables of different aspects of the provisions and their belief in its ability to slow the economic tsunami exacerbated by the novel coronavirus pandemic. One of the major selling points is a \$1,200 one-time payment to adults.

The pandemic has cut a wide and deadly swathe through communities across the country, overwhelmed the medical infrastructures of places like New York City, Detroit and New Orleans, and brought much of America’s economic activity to a standstill. At press time the grisly tally in the U.S. stood at 356,942 confirmed cases and more than 10,524 deaths. New York is still the epicenter with more than 122,031 confirmed cas-

es and almost 4,159 deaths.

In a desperate effort to blunt the spread of Covid-19, state governors have ordered as many as 230 million people to stay home, which has brought commerce to a virtual standstill. Along with the sudden and brutal decline of the much vaunted, record-setting stock market, the economy began a freefall dragging with it jobs, businesses—large and small—and the destinies and fortunes of tens of millions of American workers.

Compared to other small business owners, African

Americans have generally had to face more daunting challenges such as smaller cash reserves to draw from, difficulty in securing bank loans and other financing and being sole proprietors or “mom and pop” establishments that are ineligible for most small business loans.

Businesses, big and small, have been savaged, with the hardest hit sectors being the travel and hospitality industries and the retail sector.

Financial planner and wealth manager Ivory J. Johnson acknowledged that Covid-19 has shaken

transportation options, and an urban landscape that reflects the importance of those options, will be fully realized with Trinity Mills Station.”

Falconer said he is very excited about this partnership and the vision set in place by the City, DART, and Integral. He said Trinity Mills Station was a Council priority from the Strategic Planning session in the summer of 2017 and, arguably, one of the most thrilling projects to come into fruition.

“Carrollton’s transportation infrastructure is one of its greatest strengths,” Falconer said. “Trinity Mills Station will be a tremendous catalyst for growth for all three of Carrollton’s DART light rail stations, as we continue to create a City that more families and businesses want to call home.”

For more information on Trinity Mills Station, visit [carrolltontxdevelopment.com](http://carrolltontxdevelopment.com).

up U.S. businesses and hit Black customers hard.

“It’s having a tremendous effect,” he said. “Cash flow just stops. Ten percent retail, 10 percent of restaurants, 20 percent of the population just stopped. This is the end of the business cycle, we’re at peak employment where wages go up, corporate money gets squeezed and they fire Bob,” he explained.

“People didn’t have time to pivot. For Black business, access to capital may not be there and Black customers are going to be hit very hard. It’s going to be a challenge for all businesses. You have to figure what you need to do now.”

He characterized the relief package as, “keep the light on money,” likened the U.S. economy to a Ponzi scheme with the U.S. government printing money “out of thin air,” and said now that corporations—who are carrying between \$4 trillion and \$10 trillion worth of debt—face an economic reckoning, the

realization is dawning that the way they’ve been doing business is untenable.

“They are now seeing that this isn’t sustainable,” said Mr. Johnson, who for the past two decades has helped families and small businesses create and protect wealth,

and who has guided them to see the benefits of developing a financial game-plan. “Nobody ever shoots Santa. People don’t care and weren’t complaining when they were making money.”

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## STATION, from Page 7

the Broadway corridor to Downtown Carrollton.

Lomenick has directed the initial redevelopment of numerous uptown and midtown communities throughout the U.S., beginning with involvement in the evolution of Dallas’ very own Uptown — transforming it into a thriving urban district of shops, residencies, offices, and engaging public spaces. He also orchestrated the business planning and development of Addison Circle and Legacy Town Center, two master-planned, new urbanist communities crafted in cooperation with the Town of Addison and City of Plano.

“Partnership and vision building are key to sparking successful catalytic developments like the proposed Trinity Mills Station,” Lomenick said. “The plan is to bring in people that are passionate about the project and turn an area like this

into a prime spot for corporate relocations and civic growth.”

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## AID, from Page 11

Mr. Johnson said the Covid-19 pandemic merely accelerated what has been happening to the economy, just at a slower rate.

"Here's the reality: what happened is that they are creating money out of thin air, buying assets, feeding the Ponzi scheme," he said. "They were rigging earnings, strip-mining stocks and buying back stocks, while the Federal Reserve pushed down interest rates and have been buying bonds and assets."

Mr. Johnson, who founded Delancey Wealth Management, LLC in 2012, said 35 percent of small businesses couldn't sustain a three-month shutdown, while 70 percent wouldn't survive past six months.

He said the country is staring at the abyss. The unemployment rate during the Great Depression was 25 percent and financial experts are predicting that unemployment figures could reach that figure before all this is done. In late March and early April, about 10 million Americans filed for unemployment. The next jobs figures are expected to be considerably higher.

Marc Morial is one of a number of critics who don't believe the package goes far enough and said he and others in the Civil Rights and business communities will have to push just as hard

as they have to ensure that more is done for African American businesses. He said he doesn't have to look too far to see the impact of the pandemic on small Black businesses owners in New York, where he lives.

"My barber is closed down. That's where three people work. It's their livelihood," he said soberly. "Every barber shop, every hair salon has been closed down."

Mr. Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League, said he, other Civil Rights organizations and their allies fought fiercely to ensure that Congress wouldn't pass a bill that completely ignored African American businesses at perhaps their time of greatest need.

Mr. Morial said, "There will definitely be a need for more money and we're working with Rep. Karen Bass to see what the next package will look like." President Trump signed the bill March 27.

Ohio Congresswoman Joyce Beatty and Rep. Dwight Evans of Pennsylvania told The Final Call that the good news is that small businesses including those who work as 1099 employees, beauty and nail salons, painters and others who are self-employed will have an opportunity to participate.

"April is when they can first apply," she said. "The good news is that dollars are available. It's first come, first serve. It was important for us to make sure that individuals who work as contractors weren't left out. We can't make a commitment that everyone will get in but people should prepare their packages, go to the Treasury website and download the application package."

Rep. Beatty, who is vice chairman of the Small Business Committee and serves on the Committee on Financial Services and the Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions subcommittee among others, said she has worked

very closely with Chairman Nadya Velasquez and other committee members.

"CBC members have stepped up. We're teaming up and working together but there are a lot of devils in the details, especially those not in the traditional SBA," said Rep. Beatty, who has served in Congress since 2013.

She said she and some of her colleagues met with Civil Rights leaders and will continue to do so as all of them try to stay ahead of this crisis. Congressman Evans said providing economic distress loans, the PPP and \$10 million for minority development agencies is very important and

underscores the importance of small businesses.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and it's very important in terms of what these programs will mean," he said. "We will probably need more money and jobs as ways to build wealth. Closing the income and wage gap and stabilizing and building Black businesses is a priority for Rep. Karen Bass."

Rep. Beatty agreed with Mr. Morial and Mr. Busby that there's much more that needs to be done to make sure that African Americans have a safety net during these calamitous times.

A March 20, 2020 letter

sent to the CBC points to 94 proposals to help African Americans that the body sent to Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, with only three speaking directly to Black people and only money allocated to Historically Black Universities and Minority Serving Institutions has a dollar amount attached to it: \$450 billion.

Ms. Preston said BBE is reaching out across American cities to see if business owners and others in the Black community are having the same issues.

"We're figuring strategically to speak in one voice," she said.

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### April 27, 7 p.m.

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### April 29, 7 pm

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# Things to ponder



**Sister Tarpley**  
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*Seeing the Works of God - Others went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters. They saw the works of the Lord....*

- Psalm 107:23-24a

When you were a child, perhaps you may have gone to the ocean for a vacation. I recall wading out until the waves began crashing on my knees. As long as I could stand firm, the waves were of no concern to me.

However, as I moved farther and farther into the ocean, I had less control over my ability to stand. Sometimes the current was so strong it moved me down the beach and I even lost my bearings at times. But I have never gone so far into the ocean that I was not able to control the situation.

Sometimes God takes us into such deep waters that

we lose control of the situation and we have no choice but to fully trust in His care for us. This is doing business in great waters. It is in these great waters that we see the works of God.

The Scriptures tell us that the disciples testified of what they saw and heard. It was the power behind the gospel, not the words themselves, which changed the world. The power wasn't seen until circumstances got to the point that there were no alternatives but God.

At times God has to take us into the deep water in order to give us the privilege to see His works; as with the coronavirus disease.

Sometimes God takes us into the deep waters of life for an extended time. Joseph was taken into deep waters of adversity for 17 years. Rejection by his brothers, enslavement to Pharaoh and imprisonment were the deep waters for Joseph.

During those deep waters, he experienced dreams, a special anointing of his gifts to administrate,



Sheila Tarpley Lott and her grand uncle Charlie Baker in Mexia, Texas.

and great wisdom beyond his years. The deep water was preparation for a task that was so great he never could have imagined it.

He was to see God's works more clearly than anyone in his generation. God had too much at stake for a 30-year-old to mess it up. So God took Joseph through the deep waters of preparation to ensure that he would survive what he was about to face.

Pride normally engulfs such young servants who have such access to power at such a young age. If God

chooses to take us into deep waters, it is for a reason.

The greater the calling, the deeper the water; all that you need do is just trust in God's knowledge that your deep waters are preparation to see the works of God in your life.

I did a little house cleaning last week, I threw out

Worry - It was getting old and in the way. It kept me from being me, I couldn't do things God's way.

I threw out those Inhibitions - They were just crowding God out. I made room for my new growth

and got rid of my old dreams and doubts.

I threw out a book on My Pass Old Grudges - It's not a good book to read anyway. I replaced it with a

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# NDG Book Review: *It's Not All Downhill from Here*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Getting old ain't for sissies.

Aging is not for the weak, whiners, or wimps, not for 'fraidycats or those with no confidence, and aging is absolutely not for the inflexible. But then again, as in the new novel by Terry McMillan, "It's Not All Downhill from Here," either.

The last thing Loretha Curry wanted was another "surprise" birthday party.

Good heavens, she was going to be sixty-eight on New Year's Eve and she told her husband, Carl, that she didn't want the fuss again this year. He would



listen to her wishes, but her girlfriends? They never would.

Yet, they did.

Korynthia, Poochie, Lucky, and Sadie stepped back and let Carl handle a special treat:

a weekend at Loretha's favorite hotel in Palm Springs, just the two of them. It was exactly what she needed to take her mind off everything: her mother had been moved into assisted living; her sister, Odesa, was some kind of witch; her daughter, Jalecia, was Heaven-knows-where and probably high on something; her granddaughter, Cinnamon, was a "space cadet"; and Loretha was just plain tired. A weekend away with Carl would be perfect.

But before it had even started, her birthday weekend ended in a way that Loretha could never have imagined, with a loss both

unfathomable and unfair. When it was all over and everybody went home, she could barely remember what hour it was. She closed her businesses because she had no energy to run them.

Staying at home, alone and staring at four walls, wasn't an option, though. Jalecia moved in with Loretha's ex-sister-in-law, who was always calling for money. Cinnamon announced that she was pregnant with twins and could she have one of Loretha's rentals? Then Korynthia insisted that Loretha join her dance class, some young man showed up and announced that he was Carl's

long-lost son, and Poochie started planning an all-girls cruise week. And life goes on after a bad event: uphill sometimes, and sometimes not...

FaceTime isn't cuttin' it. Skype's not enough. You can get by with phone calls and texts but it isn't the same: you need your friends, just as in "It's Not All Downhill from Here."

And yet, don't think that this is just another "girl-friends" book. Yes, absolutely, it's a story about women's friendships, but author Terry McMillan also explores what it's like to grow older, when a body's Of A Certain Age but the mind forgets

that's so. Readers who've glued together the pieces of a life shattered know all about this, and what it's like to do it again tomorrow, if the need arises. McMillan's characters possess just the right amount of wisdom for that, which will appeal not so much to her younger readers as, perhaps, to the age group that originally loved "Waiting to Exhale."

"It's Not All Downhill from Here" actually comes at the right time: it reminds readers that even in Novel-Land, things can get messy and you'll be okay. Find it for your next book-group virtual-meet. Read it, and share with your Sissies.

## TARPLEY, from Page 15

new book, called *Forgive & Forget*. I must take time and starting reading it today.

I threw out my whining

and complaining; oh how I treasured them so. Got me a New Philosophy too! I threw out the one that didn't agree with God from

long ago.

Then I brought in some new books that's called I Can, I Will, and I Must. Threw out the words, I Might, I Think and I Ought. Wow, you should see the dust!

I asked, Jesus to helped me to do some cleaning and He added some things Himself; like Prayer, Hope and Faith. Oh yes, I really like His style.

I picked up something special and I placed it at

the door—It's called God's PEACE. Nothing will get me down anymore.

Yes, I got my house looking good—it looks great around this place. For things like Worry, Trouble and Grudger, there's just no

place for them.

It's good to do a little house cleaning. Get rid of old things on the shelf. It sure makes things brighter—Maybe you should try it yourself!

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