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## National unrest reaches Dallas streets

By David Wilfong  
NDG Contributing Writer

The death of an African American detained by police in Minneapolis has sent shockwaves around the country; indeed, around the world.

On May 25, George Floyd was apprehended by police after being accused of passing a counterfeit bill. In the minutes following, videos surfacing on the Internet showed Minneapolis officer Derek Chauvin pressing his knee against the neck of an already-handcuffed Floyd for more than eight minutes. Subsequently, according to autopsy reports, Floyd went into cardiac arrest and died.

There were immediate calls for justice, and legal action to be taken against Chauvin and other officers involved.

"As a former prosecutor and attorney for 40 years, I believe there is ample evidence for those officers involved in this incident to be charged and for the case to proceed through the justice system," said Texas Sen. Royce West. "Policing in America today has its challenges. We cannot continue to bring harm to innocent people, continue to exercise biased behavior, or continue to encounter incidents of excessive use of force resulting in the killing of unarmed and non-threatening human beings. There is no reason violent and in-



Protesters in Minneapolis react to the killing of an African American man at the hands of police. By the weekend, the protests had turned violent here in Dallas. (Photo: FibonacciBlueFlickr)

condiary tactics should be used by any police department in the United States."

The sentiment was shared across the political spectrum. Former U.S. Rep. and Fox political commentator Trey Gowdy, also a former prosecutor and known for his staunchly conservative stances, was unequivocal in his assessment as well.

"It may not have been premeditated," Gowdy said. "Ok, take murder one off; but it's either murder two or murder three, and I can tell you in South Carolina somebody would already be arrested. And if he weren't

a cop; if it were just another person killing someone in the street, asphyxiating them, there'd already be an arrest. You'll have to ask Minnesota why it takes that long to process a video. It's pretty clear to me."

As the public waited for the justice system to take action, protests began hitting the streets of Minneapolis. Solidarity demonstrations then began popping up in other major U.S. cities; and by last week there were demonstrators outside the U.S. embassies in London and

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#### People In The News...

NDG Quote of the Week: "Whatever we believe about ourselves and our ability comes true for us."

— Susan L. Taylor

## Oprah Winfrey

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Senior Correspondent

During a recent virtual address to the class of 2020 college graduates, Oprah Winfrey spoke of the need to provide for those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

“What this pandemic has done is made me think about giving differently. How I give and who’s on the receiving end of that, and how do you do that in such a way that sustains people? I’ve ultimately always believed that you



teach people to fish. But sometimes people just need fish and a piece of bread,” the media mogul stated. “Sometimes you need some fish, OK? Sometimes you don’t have time to learn to

fish. I just need some fish today!”

Winfrey made sure that there was plenty of “fish” in the places she’s called home. Through the Oprah Winfrey Charitable Foundation, the OWN Network boss announced she was donating \$12 million to organizations dedicated to helping underserved communities in Chicago, Baltimore, Nashville, Milwaukee and Kosciusko, Mississippi.

Born in Kosciusko, Winfrey has lived in each of the cities where she’s donating money.

“This thing is not going

away. Even when the virus is gone, the devastation left by people not being able to work for months who were holding on paycheck to paycheck, who have used up their savings — people are going to be in need,” Winfrey told the Associated Press.

“So, my thing is, look in your own neighborhood, in your own backyard to see how you can serve and where your service is most essential. That is the real essential work, I think, for people of means.”

Of the \$12 million donations, Winfrey gave \$5

million to Live Healthy Chicago, which provides immediate support to seniors and high-risk residents affected by the coronavirus.

She gave \$2 million to Nashville Nurtures, a collaboration with Mount Zion Baptist Church and Tennessee State University (TSU). Winfrey graduated from TSU and began her career in Nashville. She later lived in Milwaukee, where she announced a \$100,000 gift to SaintA and the Nia Imani Family, Inc., which assists those in need of housing and mental health care.

In Baltimore, where she once worked, Winfrey is donating money to Living Classrooms Foundation and Center for Urban Families. Winfrey also said she’s giving \$115,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of East Mississippi.

“I want to be able to reach people who have been incarcerated and are coming out of prison,” Winfrey noted.

“I want to reach mothers of domestic violence. I want to reach people. I want to help people get access to testing.

## Darnisha Harrison

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The novel coronavirus has ravaged most of the globe, but in the U.S., African Americans and other communities of color have disproportionately born the lethal impact of the pandemic.

Darnisha Harrison, a Louisiana State University grad and founder and CEO of Georgia-based Ennaid Therapeutics, says that scientists working for her company are developing a drug-based therapy whose laboratory tests continue to



show promise. If successful, her scientists’ solution could be instrumental in blocking the continued spread of COVID-19.

Ennaid Therapeutics uses artificial intelligence (AI)-based drug discovery plat-

forms to develop antiviral drugs.

The drug that shows so much promise has been labeled ENU200, a repurposed, patent-pending, and orally deliverable antiviral drug that was previously approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for a different indication. The development of ENU200, as a therapeutic, is targeted to treat the up to 80% of asymptomatic, mild to moderate cases of COVID-19 viral infections.

“Our science strongly suggests that ENU200, a repurposed drug with a well-established clinical and safety profile, has the poten-

tial to be a broad solution to address the COVID-19 pandemic and, specifically, the near 80 percent of coronavirus cases that are asymptomatic, mild to moderate,” said Harrison. “Key to ENU200 is its target of two proteins on the SARS-CoV-2 virus that interfere with the virus’ ability to enter healthy cells and its replication. Additionally, unlike other COVID-19 drugs in development, which must be administered via injection or intravenously under the care of a physician, ENU200 can be administered orally, thus enabling in-home treatment for COVID-19 infections.”

“The FDA has been very

supportive at fast-tracking review every step of the way, and that is true around the world,” Harrison told WBRZ-TV in Baton Rouge.

“We anticipate the clinical trials could start within 90 days. The clinical trial itself could take a month. We feel quite optimistic that in the 120-day window, when our clinical material would be ready, we could have a drug that could be safe and effective at treating COVID-19.”

In a statement posted on the company’s website on Monday, April 27, Harrison noted that the rationale for developing ENU200 arose from a bioinformatic search

for in-silico identification of prior-approved chemical compounds blocking the CoV proteins, spike S glycoprotein and Mpro. A Mpro is a key CoV enzyme.

The results suggest the use of ENU200 as a current, viable treatment for COVID-19 and other CoV infections, Harrison stated. “ENU200 blocks the S glycoprotein of CoV, which is responsible for host cell attachment and mediating host cell membrane and viral membrane fusion during infection.”

“The in-silico predictions hint that ENU200 matches

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## Janet Antwi, PhD

Ten years ago, Janet Antwi boarded a one-way flight from Ghana to the U.S. to accomplish her dream of pursuing knowledge, gaining skills, and achieving high-level professional experience.

“I wanted the quality and rigor that this country’s educational opportunities provide, and I hoped to serve as a role model for other minority students that they can also succeed,” Antwi said. “My love and enthusiasm for seeking knowledge and sharing what I obtain with others forms the basis of my desire to teach. Also, the joy of seeing students obtain competencies and achieve their purpose, both in my classes or through



building their careers, is incredibly fulfilling.”

Antwi, who joined Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) in January 2019, serves as an assistant professor of nutrition and dietetics. Her interest in minority student education and excellence drew her to PVAMU.

“I wanted to support an underserved population to take advantage of opportunities and build careers to solve the major issues that face our society, which are in line with the core values of PVAMU’s strategic plan,” Antwi said. “I was also attracted to the mission and vision of the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences, as its land-grant status offers several opportunities for collaboration and grant seeking, aligning with my research agenda.”

Antwi’s research interests include nutrition and physical activity in obesity for low-income and underserved populations; Type 2 diabetes and metabolic syndrome; the impact of dietary supplements and antioxidant compounds on

HIV disease progression; and international nutrition and health in community and clinical settings.

“My goal is to instill and get the best out of my students — professionally, intellectually, and morally,” she said. “I hope my students realize that learning is a lifetime achievement and that they feel safe to learn and share ideas with confidence so they can excel. It is important to me that students gain curiosity and take ownership of their learning to gain a deeper understanding of the content.”

Antwi says her favorite part of teaching is engaging students in hands-on experiences through activities, such as a flip classroom and student-led active learning.

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# The Black church faces an atypical crisis

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If a Tsunami happens on the other side of the world, some may be unaware and unaffected. Others may hear the news and be aware of the disaster, but still be unaffected. Still others may be aware and only inconvenienced by the tsunami, cancelling plans to visit that part of the world.

But then there are those affected by the crisis and those who are deeply impacted. Relatives are lost, homes are lost, friends are lost, income is lost. During the coronavirus crisis, essentially everyone in the entire world has been affected.

Blacks in the U.S. have been disproportionately affected during the pandemic. Although African Americans only compose 6 percent of the population in the state of California, Blacks comprise 10.6 percent of the COVID-19 deaths. This has been attributed to the fact that a number of Blacks have underlying and sometimes untreated conditions — cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes, etc. — which compound problems, when paired with the coronavirus.

“Some of us are only two degrees away from a COVID death — we know someone who knows someone,” said Dr. Erica Holmes, executive director of the Champion Counseling Center at Faithful Central Bible Church. “The church is now being called back into the role of meeting the needs of the entire church body.”

During a recent meeting organized by Anchor of Hope Ministries, a local, faith-based nonprofit assisting the formerly incarcerated,

Holmes stated that the Black church has historically been centered to meet the community’s needs in a variety of ways.

“Often, Blacks could not access governmental services,” Holmes said. “The church was the entity in the black community that met the needs of the oppressed.”

After slavery and during the civil rights era and beyond, Black churches gave rise to community businesses, schools, banks insurance companies and the like.

“Black churches were ‘one-stop shops’ because other means of access to community services were off limits,” Holmes said.

Holmes pointed to a recent Pew Research Center study that concluded that Blacks still have close ties to churches, as 47 percent of Black adults surveyed said that they attended religious services, compared to 39 percent of Latinx and 34 percent of Whites.

An additional Pew poll showed that 43 percent of Black adults say they look to their religion for guidance on right and wrong.

“It speaks to the power of the pulpit,” Holmes said. “It’s important for the church to have accurate information to keep their congregations safe. How are those individuals who visit the pews one, two, or three times a week impacted?”

“They are looking to you to help them understand,” Holmes said. “Maybe they need to hear that the governor of California said it’s not safe yet, so sit back. You must be able to address the realities of life right now.”

Holmes also noted a silver lining, in that the crisis brought technology to some churches.

“With this pandemic, there has been a major reor-

ganization, but we must see the opportunities as well,” she said. “Like being able to use things like zoom, Facebook and telephone trees, where members are calling at least two other members per day. Those people are interacting with people they hadn’t interacted with in the sanctuary.”

Additionally, persons who already had difficulties surviving day-to-day before the crisis, may have those difficulties exacerbated, Holmes explained.

“Because their equilibrium is thrown off, they can’t usually find a way of coping and dealing with these new feelings,” she said. “It’s important for us in the faith community to pay attention to things we might see.”

Holmes explained that even though church leaders are not face-to-face with members, they should still be on the watch — via phone calls or internet services — for any signs of abuse that may be triggered by the current stay-at-home order.

“Does the child have on a turtleneck shirt when it’s 80 degrees outside?” Holmes asked. “Are the parents yelling at the kids in the background? These individuals don’t feel that the safer at home order accurately describes their situation.”

Holmes attends debriefing meetings with the County Department of Public Health each Thursday.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has guidelines for faith-based communities at <http://ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/Guidance-FaithBasedOrgsEnglish.pdf>.

Limited attendance at funerals and weddings is al-

lowed following the guidelines. All other in-person gatherings are prohibited. Worship service must be live-streamed, recorded, or taped. Baptisms, infant dedications, bar and bat mitzvahs, and confirmations must be postponed. When feasible, ceremonial gatherings can be conducted virtually.

Cemeteries and crematoriums are able to provide direct burials and cremation services but without a gathering of people. Immediate family members who live together and a faith leader may gather in person at a cemetery but are encouraged to reach out directly to the funeral home to understand specific protocols and whether they provide livestream services. Memorial services should be postponed and can be scheduled for a later date.

“Faith leaders clearly have a key role to play in offering comfort and care to Los Angeles County at a time when illness, isolation and economic hardship come together to burden so many residents and communities,” the department writes in its “Guidance for Faith-Based Organizations” piece. “We ask for your support and leadership in helping us mitigate those burdens by reducing the spread of COVID-19, assuring optimal care for those who become ill, and speeding community recovery.”

Holmes encouraged her fellow church leaders to speak life into the current situation.

“The parishioners need to hear how the church is planning for the future,” Holmes said. “What is our next step? How are we going to address the ‘new normal.’”

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# UT Study: Patients who use doctors' online portals stay healthier

(UT AUSTIN) Coinciding with calls to #stayhome and #stayhealthy comes some new advice: #stay-connected with your doctor through online patient portals.

People who engage with health care providers through online patient portals spend less time in the hospital, cutting medical costs, according to a new study published in the June 2020 issue of MIS Quarterly.

In the first large-scale, longitudinal analysis to explore how use of patient portals affects individual health outcomes, researchers at The University of Texas at Austin found that patients with chronic disease who used the technology were less likely to be



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hospitalized, need emergency care or be readmitted. They also had shorter hospital stays.

“The study is good news for hospitals and patients alike,” said lead researcher Indranil Bardhan, professor of information, risk and operations management in UT Austin’s McCombs School of Business. “Effective use of patient health infor-

mation systems is a good predictor of future patient behaviors and health outcomes.”

Through portals, patients can request medication refills, view lab results and X-rays, track and update medical history and securely email physicians.

These conveniences carry a hefty price tag for hospitals in human capital and

training, and the researchers wondered whether it was worth the expense in terms of patients’ long-term health.

They partnered with UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas to study patient portal logs for 3,266 patients with congestive heart failure over a 12-year period, noting which portal features the patients used and how much time they spent engaging with them.

On average, those who effectively used the portals were 2% to 4% less likely to be hospitalized, which translates to thousands of patients for even a medium-sized hospital — and at \$30,000 per patient, a significant savings for the system.

The researchers also

found that those engaging with the portal were 3.2% less likely to visit the emergency room, and those who were hospitalized had shorter stays, by about 11%.

Importantly, readmission rates — meaning a patient is hospitalized more than once in a 30-day period — were about 2% lower among users of patient portals. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services uses these rates to benchmark hospitals against their local peers, so hospitals with lower readmission rates avoid significant financial penalties.

Bardhan said it is in the

interest of hospitals and insurance companies to get patients on board, and mobile technologies may be key, especially in light of the current pandemic. Providers have already begun offering patients free health-tracking accessories as an incentive to keep in touch with their health team, improve care coordination, and drive change.

“It’s clear that when patients are able to engage more effectively with their providers about their health status, it helps to create the lifestyle improvements that lead to better health outcomes,” Bardhan said.

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the receptor-binding domain (RDB) by simultaneously blocking the key residues for binding to ACE2, e.g., Gln493 and Asn501. This function is key to the viral life cycle and a major target for antiviral drugs, such as ENU200 and vaccines,” said Harrison.

All available data demonstrate that Mpros are largely conserved structures, Harrison added. “The combination of such unique features reveals that ENU200 blocks COVID-19 and other coronavirus action by specifically targeting the Mpro active site. Before showing specific blocking/antiviral activity against S glycoprotein and Mpro of COVID-19, ENU200 had previously shown protease inhibition of a different virus, indicating that ENU200 interacts with two targets.”

The in-silico drug discovery platform applied state-of-the-art codes by combining virus targets and a wide range of libraries of compounds, Harrison added.

Computational steps include:

- A first geometrical and electronic optimization of the drug-candidates based on quantum chemistry

within density functional theory (DFT) methods.

- The resulting refined structures were next implemented in blind docking calculations, an approach that allows to scan the whole protein surface in the search of main binding pockets.

- Only the best poses are retained for the analysis, so that the provided structures correspond to the drug-target interaction with the largest affinity.

Harrison said in vitro work is now being completed.

“Currently, we have in vitro and in vivo data supporting ENU200’s inhibition of a viral protease in a different viral infection. Both viruses are RNA viruses. We think it is noteworthy to mention as proof that ENU200 is indeed an antiviral,” she stated.

Since ENU200 has a well-tolerated safety profile, Ennaid is confident that being allowed to treat the up to 80 percent asymptomatic, mild/moderate cases of COVID-19 infections will reduce COVID-19 viral shedding and severity, Harrison noted.

Ennaid believes it can quickly bring ENU200 to

market by treating patients with COVID-19 in a Phase 3 in-home, self-dosing clinical trial of patients with asymptomatic, mild to moderate coronavirus infections utilizing their iClickCare® secure clinical reporting software service to monitor the in-home trials.

“ENU200 would also reduce worldwide fear and allow continued economic and operational development worldwide. ENU200 can mitigate COVID-19 and may even cure coronavirus,” she said.

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# \$35,000 in donations for COVID-19 relief to be awarded by the Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

The Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, in rapid response to escalating community needs due to the coronavirus, will provide \$35,000 in grants and donations to address COVID-19 specific issues.

The Chapter is giving 35 for 35, \$35,000 in commemoration of the 35th Anniversary of the Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, which was recognized on April 20, 2020.

Chapter president, Carolyn Roberson, shares her thoughts on taking action in saying "This pandemic is ravishing our communities, thus it's imperative to make an impact now. The \$30,000 in grants have been designated for three organizations that are on the front lines in supporting individuals and families currently facing trauma due to the COVID-



On hand to celebrate the fund-raising accomplishment were Links memers; (Front Row, Left to Right) Sandra Stewart, Veronica Spencer-Austin, Lisa Ross, Sherel Riley, Charda Greene, Carolyn Roberson (Chapter President), Jennifer Stimpson, PhD., Marnese Barksdale Elder, Laura Rodgers, Sue Gainer, Rosalind Bell, The Honorable Brenda Hull Thompson, Alice Davis, (Second Row) Carol Huntley Little, Marilyn Evans, Lauren McDonald, MD, Michelle Thomas, Kimberly Powell, Brenda Raney, Angela Ross, Terri Croxton, Marcia Page (Western Area Treasurer) and Claudia Coleman. (Courtesy photo)

19 crisis. Additionally, we are committed to disbursing another \$5,000 in COVID-19 specific funding throughout the year to rapidly respond to community needs as they arise."

The Mid-Cities (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated COVID-19 Relief Grants have been awarded to:

- **Brighter Tomorrows** - Domestic and Sexual Violence

Emergency Shelter, Irving and Grand Prairie, TX

Global experts are reporting that the coronavirus and the need to shelter in place has driven an increase in domestic violence and

child abuse. The Mid-Cities Links' \$10,000 grant to Brighter Tomorrows is part of an ongoing relationship of financial and volunteer assistance. The grant will be used for COVID-19 related

needs including funding cleaning supplies and paper products, facility improvements to make families more comfortable in small spaces, and for additional accommodations as needed in response to increased demands brought on by the public health crisis.

• **Irving Cares** - Cares continues a longstanding partnership of financial support. Specifically, the grant funds will help provide food,

Assistance for Irving Residents to Address a Financial Crisis

The Mid-Cities Links' \$10,000 grant to Irving rent subsidy, job, utilities and prescription assistance for those affected by COVID-19.

The coronavirus' economic impact is devastating

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# NAACP launches #WeAreDoneDying campaign

WASHINGTON, DC – The NAACP, the nation's foremost social justice organization, has launched a campaign entitled #WeAreDoneDying, aimed at exposing the inequities embedded into the American healthcare system and the country at large. From COVID-19 to running while Black in America, the abuse faced by people of color, particularly African

Americans is devastating. The campaign is a Call-to-Action and highlights the NAACP's policy interests and supported legislation for African Americans and people of color, a large demographic that is often left out of recovery effort conversations. The integrated and interactive content will create actionable steps for people to feel empowered

by demanding action from their state's elected officials on issues such as healthcare, education, criminal justice, economic justice, and voting rights.

"With crumbling economic infrastructure, our community members face tough choices as access to food, good jobs, and a quality education slips further away," said Derrick John-

son, president and CEO, NAACP. "These issues are compounded by the lack of strong leadership from the White House. In the absence of adequate guidance, Black lives are adversely affected. We will no longer stand idle as our people suffer discrimination, marginalization, and

are offered as disposable for poor decisions by this Administration."

As the incidence of COVID-19 cases and deaths rise, the Black community is experiencing the worst outcomes. With more confirmed cases and deaths than any other country, African Amer-

icans are facing the brunt of this virus. The numbers continue to rise each day while states reopen non-essential businesses with little to no evidence that the country is ready.

Learn how you can take action with the campaign by visiting naacp.org.

## Charles E. Whitaker, Jr. Foundation hosts second Gun Violence Awareness Scholarship event

The Charles E. Whitaker, Jr. Foundation will host its second Gun Violence Awareness Scholarship event on Saturday, June 13th, 2020 from 8:30 AM- 12PM. The location is Zeiger Park- 400 Eagle Dr., Desoto, TX, 75115.

The foundation was established in loving memory of Charles E. Whitaker Jr., a Dallas Firefighter who was killed in 2008 due to a senseless act of violence. This

event was orchestrated by his daughter, Bria Whitaker, to honor his legacy and stop the gun violence in Dallas that has increased tremendously within the last year.

"I created this event to provide a safe space to initiate conversations on what can be done to prevent gun violence in the community and get people engaged in more positive activities," Creative Director, Stylist and Menswear Designer

Bria Whitaker said.

If you are interested in attending, tickets are now available on Eventbrite and the event is free. We are accepting sponsors and donations for this year's event as well. A portion of the ticket sales will go towards a scholarship that will be awarded to one college student selected by the Charles E. Whitaker, Jr. Foundation scholarship committee this summer.

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## Pandemic inspires Adamson valedictorian to pursue calling as a nurse

By Nina Lakhiani  
Inside Dallas ISD

For as long as Adamson High School senior Elias Calixto can remember, education has always been his main focus in life. While some students prioritized friends or other interests, Calixto prioritized textbooks.

“My parents came to this country with nothing but the clothes on their backs,” Calixto said. “My mom knows from experience the importance of education,

she taught me the value and power a textbook can have.”

Calixto is a first-generation high school graduate and valedictorian of his class at Adamson High School. Ever since he received a ranking of number one during his sophomore year, Calixto realized that the sacrifices his mother made to ensure he and his sister received opportunities she never had were a big stepping stone to his accomplishments.

“Being the valedictorian

for my class, I’ve been able to reiterate my gratitude for the countless sacrifices my mom has made,” Calixto said. “As for many immigrant parents, they just want to give their kids something more.”

Although this graduation experience wasn’t exactly what he had envisioned, Calixto credits his family for helping him realize that his hard work has already paid off with a full-ride offer to the University of Texas at Austin.

“At the end of the day,

we are just happy to make our parents proud and hope to give them the life they deserve when we get older,” he said.

Calixto plans to pursue a career in nursing this fall and says witnessing so many people choosing to risk their lives every day to help others during the pandemic has inspired him more than ever to follow his calling as a nurse.

“If there was ever an opportunity to put myself on the front lines, I would,” he said.



Adamson Valedictorian Elias Calixto says the COVID-19 pandemic has inspired him to pursue a career in healthcare as a nurse.

(Photo: Dallas ISD)

## Superintendent weighs in on George Floyd killing

By Michael Hinojosa  
Superintendent  
Dallas ISD

The nation and our community are reeling in the aftermath of the killing of yet another unarmed black man. The video that showed a white policeman kneeling on George Floyd’s neck until his death is beyond shocking. These images continue to rever-

berate across the nation, sparking protests and unrest. This clear display of racial hatred has enraged people young and old, black, brown and white. It has led to protests everywhere, including here in Dallas, even amid a global pandemic.

Conscience requires that those in power speak out against racism and prejudice and act to redress them.

Our students and families are among those who have taken to the streets of Dallas to protest these ills. We join with them in declaring that the status quo of indiscriminate and violent over policing of minority communities is an affront to human rights that can no longer be accepted.

Dallas has experienced its share of injustice and inequity that has damaged re-

lationships between white, black and brown communities and institutions designed to serve them, including the police and even schools. The scope of this disconnection is a clarion call to our district leadership and the 22,000 teachers and staff to devote ourselves and all available resources to rebuilding this broken trust. In a few short days, Dallas ISD’s Racial

Equity Office will launch a series of community conversations that will help redouble efforts to provide services that create agency and change lives. We encourage the community to join us in this dialogue to plan the way forward.

As Dallas ISD continues the work to meet the needs of students with at-home learning, meals, uniforms, social emotional learning

and mental health support, I ask the staff, city leaders and all residents of Dallas to really listen to the voices of our young people and their parents and to heed their cry for substantive change. Together we can transform Dallas from a place of haves and have-nots to a community where life-changing opportunity is within reach of every family.

## DeSoto ISD school board president’s message on social justice

By Karen Daniel  
Board President  
DeSoto ISD

With the recent news of the unfortunate deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, I see and hear the pain and unrest of our community and communities across this country.

As I watch the protests, I see the many voices and perspectives of these experiences. I see human beings combining their energy and influence to better the position and experience of African Americans in this country. In those crowds, I see faces from every race and walk of life, an image that poses a familiar similarity in the support of civil rights and equality and a dramatic

shift from the segregationist times in which I grew up.

I was a teenager in the ‘60s and remember the strife of the era. Until a few years ago, I felt that we had made great strides in race relations, but recent events have made me feel that we are back in the ‘60s and have gone nowhere at all. It is very disheartening to me to feel so much hatred, especially since I have so many friends of all races.

As human beings, we all have our perspectives and experiences. My challenge to our community is that as we continue along life’s journey that we do so with respect and empathy for others and sensitivity for the experiences of those that we ourselves may never face.

I challenge us to examine the dark and ugly places within our hearts and purge them from ourselves. There is goodness and hope in each and every person in this world but we have to maximize that. We have to lean into and lead with that. Here, is where we will develop shared understanding, tolerance and empathy for the imbalance that exists in this world.

To our families in DeSoto and Glenn Heights, we stand with you. We see you. We hear you. We value you. As a diverse Board of Trustees, we are here to ensure that you have access to a school system that embraces a culture that takes what makes us unique and special and uses that as the glue that

makes DeSoto ISD a school community knit together in the beautiful fabric of every race and culture within our system.

While we pause in acknowledgment and lamentation of our current reality, I pray that we can one day live in a better world where today’s reality is no more, where every child has every point of access, opportunity, safety, and security regardless of race, color or creed.

As the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was quoted, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

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# Plano Mayor's Summer Internship Program moves forward, offering remote and onsite placements

Rising Plano public high school juniors and seniors stuck at home the past few months will now have something to look forward to as Mayor Harry LaRosiliere announces the Plano Mayor's Summer Internship Program will continue with remote and onsite placements. In its seventh year, the "learn-and-earn" program immerses students within some of the area's top corporate and nonprofit workplaces.

Beginning June 8, approximately 53 teens will begin remote or onsite (or a combination of both) internships earning a minimum of \$10 per hour working 20-to-40 hour weeks. The internships run through Aug. 4. The interns will follow employers' safety requirements that include wearing masks, social distancing, handwashing, etc.



Entering its 7th year, the Plano Mayor's Summer Internship Program has provided career growth opportunities for scores of young students. (Photo; City of Plano)

Many of the interns, assigned to nonprofits, will support COVID-19 relief efforts.

"This year's intern class will be trailblazers for our program. They will have a firsthand view of how to work in a virtual workforce for top companies and non-profits in our area," said Mayor LaRosiliere. "More than ever, our best

and brightest will have the opportunity to shine and sharpen their unique skill sets, resiliency and awareness in a business environment."

He added his thanks to employers and program sponsors "who strongly believe in this program and have pivoted during these difficult times to invest in our students."

Mayor LaRosiliere reports that students will benefit from meaningful assignments, exposure to top executives, participation in virtual meetings and more.

In preparation for their first day on the job, Intern Enrichment Days will be held virtually June 3-4 focusing on business soft skills, personal branding, teambuilding and work-

readiness topics. A host of business leaders will share their expertise via teleconferencing calls.

Capital One will present two sessions – Managing Your Money on budgeting and savings, and The Shift from Teen to Co-Worker, which addresses professional goals, rules of professional etiquette and how to look beyond the genera-

tional gap.

Atmos Energy will focus upon Behavior Styles which offers insight into communication and collaboration, and Outloud will present How to Tell Your Personal Intern Story. The City of Plano Library System will dive into Navigating Your Career by offering tips on selecting a career and providing a wide array of career resources, from occupational descriptions and video courses, to tutoring and coaching.

The rigorous two-day session concludes with a "Meet Mayor Harry" Q&A session.

A "virtual" Community Service Day – titled "Responding to Crisis" – will be held June 12 giving interns a chance to come together and learn how others

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**Allen**

Collin County families and individuals impacted by COVID-19 can now apply online for housing and living assistance grants, part of the **Collin CARES recovery plan** that provides up to \$2,500 in monthly financial assistance to each qualifying

household.

Program applications opened at 8 a.m. on June 1. The county plan provides direct financial assistance for housing, utilities, and groceries, with a maximum of four months of eligibility.

Direct payments to lenders, landlords, and utility

companies may take up to a week to begin once completed applications are approved.

The funds come from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which sent more than \$171 million in federal aid to Collin County in relief for

family and government COVID-19 related costs incurred from March 1 through the end of the year.

Details and eligibility requirements are posted on the county's Collin CARES webpage, [www.collincountytx.gov](http://www.collincountytx.gov), and on the City of Allen website.

**Garland**

Looking for a way to help your neighbors during these challenging times? You can help with their utility bills by contributing to **Provide Aid in Dollars (PAID)**. The option to contribute is available on your utility bill. Funds are distributed through the Salva-

tion Army to economically challenged families.

The City of Garland is working with its utilities customers during these difficult times. Although we are not currently disconnecting for non-payment, we anticipate resuming collection-related activities on or about June 15.

**UNREST, from Page 1**

Berlin. While many protests were peaceful, violent incidents began to occur in various locations.

**The anger hits home**

Being a major city, and with a past history of racial issues of its own, there was no surprise that protesters would take to the streets in Dallas too.

An organized protest was scheduled on Friday with both the knowledge and cooperation of Dallas PD. According to Police Chief Renee Hall, officers began noticing a separation of protesters beginning around 8:45 to 9 p.m. Some protesters began to try to access the freeway to block traffic but were blocked by Sheriff's deputies. A later shift occurred a short time later at Griffin and Young Streets, when bottles and bricks began to be thrown at officers and their vehicles. At that time police deployed tear gas to disperse the crowd and protect themselves.

Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson addressed the issue at a press conference prior to attending a family funeral on May 30, calling for calm and peace in the city.

"Last night we saw a very large, peaceful demonstration that reflected the Dallas that I know as a native son of this city," Johnson said. "Those protests gave voice to the many people of color in this country who have long felt frustration and pain that I not only understand, but that I share. And I respect those folks who came out last night for seeping out and calling for justice in the memory of George Floyd."

Johnson said the outrage over Floyd's death was justified, and added the police officers in Dallas and all over the country shared in the condemnation of the acts which led to his death.

"But we also, unfortunately, saw some reckless

behavior from a small group of people whose agendas had nothing to do with human rights or civil rights," Johnson said. "They exploited a collective cry for help for their own personal gain by looting. They chose to destroy things at a time when we should be building each other up, and we just can't allow that; not in Dallas."

Johnson said he expected more protests on Saturday night, and advised anyone planning to cause destruction, violence or crime to stay at home and not attend. However, those words were not heeded. Saturday night brought a new round of problems which by most accounts were worse than the night before.

Dallas Police Chief Renee Hall, who had spoken alongside the mayor the day before, found herself at the podium again the next day. She said officers had noticed smaller groups within the protests acting "strategically" and reacting to the movements of the police.

"What we realize now, is that this is no longer people protesting," Hall said. "We all agree that our hearts go out to the Floyd family. But this is not what we're dealing with. We are dealing with individuals who are vandalizing property, attempting to injure police officers, and the protesters who are peacefully protesting, putting their safety and lives at risk as well. This will not be tolerated in our city."

At that time, Hall announced the implementation of a curfew aimed at quelling the disruptions. The curfew runs from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. in key areas and would be in effect, "for the next several days."

The curfew extends to Deep Ellum, Farmers Market, The Cedars, Central Business

District, West End, Victory Park, and Uptown. Hall also said that the logistical groundwork had been put in place to make mass arrests possible.

On Sunday night, protesters were peaceful, but then entered the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge after being warned by police that would be a violation of law. After the crowd didn't stop and entered the bridge, arrests were made. There was a lot of the police on social media following the altercations, but on Monday Chief Hall was unapologetic in her response.

"Let me be clear, I am not here to make people happy," Hall said. "My job, and our job in law enforcement, is to keep this city safe. We have pledged that. We will do that, and that is our goal."

On Monday, Texas Governor Gregg Abbott made an appearance with the mayors of Dallas and Fort Worth and vowed to use state resources to support local cities dealing with actions which go above and beyond the level of "peaceful protests." He said the state was deploying additional law enforcement personnel to the area to reinforce local police. He also said people were coming in from out of the area, and even out of the state to take advantage of local unrest.

"We are up to the task of doing both correcting injustices and restoring safety in our communities," Abbott said. "What I have seen as governor, is that Texans can overcome any challenge. We can put an end to the violence that is gripping our cities. We can remedy the injustices that have plagued African American and other minority communities in Texas. And we will seize this moment, to bridge the divides that exist in our state, so that we can and we will keep Texas the greatest

state in the United States of America."

As of press time, the curfew is still in effect in the downtown areas identified by city officials. As an aftereffect, DART suspended all buses and trains running into the curfewed areas. Hundreds of passengers were sent scrambling on Monday evening to find alternate routes to get home if their trains or bus routes were cut short.

Businesses operating in the curfew zone are asked to close by 5 p.m. Residents and essential workers needing to travel through the curfew areas are told to carry proof of residency or work credentials.



This map, provided by the City of Dallas, shows the area where the 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew is in effect.

"Trump's failed leadership is putting lives at risk. I served in Iraq, so I know first-hand the consequences when politicians ignore the experts.

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# Two widely divergent music legends come together to feed kids in Arlington

In a time of discontent and division, two beloved artists will meet for the first time to do something special for students in need. Together they will provide meals with the African American Peace Officers Association of Arlington so that no youth in the area go hungry that day. Robert Mason of Warrant will be in town to headline the Rockin' the Red Carpet event at 1010 Collins Event Center that night and Toon is now a local after being displaced by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and is a staple in the local charitable events scene.



Sir Earl Toon was a member of the "classic era" of Kool & the Gang. He has relocated to DFW after being displaced by Hurricane Katrina and is a regular at local charity events. (Courtesy photo)

Mason has been the lead singer of multi platinum rock band Warrant for 12 years following the untimely death of original lead singer Jani Lane and lead the rest of the original members to the release of 2011's Rockaholic and the critically-acclaimed album Louder Harder Faster in 2017. He also fronted Lynch Mob and is a cur-

rent member of the all-star group The End Machine with members of multiplatinum groups Dokken and Foreigner.

Toon was a member of the "classic era" of Kool & the Gang and co-wrote the hits "Celebration," "Ladies Night," "Get Down On It,"

and "Cherish." The band has sold over 75 million albums and is part of the Grammy Hall of Fame and has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Toon owns YMO Enterprises and runs the charitable annual event Give A Kid A Coat.

"Music breaks down bar-



Robert Mason has been the lead singer of multi platinum rock band Warrant for 12 years. He will be in attendance at the Arlington event before taking the stage at "Rocking the Red Carpet" on Saturday. (Photo: Jennifer Hughes / Courtesy)

riers and builds bridges it's a universal language that everyone understands," Mason said. "I'm proud to stand with Sir Earl and help

people feel a little better about life, I'm sure he feels the same."

Mason was not only the vocalist for multi-platinum

artists Warrant, he also performed with Lynch Mob and The End Machine.


Sir Earl Toon is the former keyboardist, vocalist, and writer for multiplatinum artists Kool & the Gang.

The event features a free hot meal giveaway provided by the African American Peace Officers Association of Arlington to students under the age of 18 (students must be present to receive the meal)

The giveaway will take place at the Anderson Elementary School parking lot (1101 Timberlake Drive, Arlington, TX 76010) on Saturday, June 6th, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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# Irving Arts Center slated to reopen galleries on July 1

People have been locked inside their home for countless weeks now, and looking forward to the time when they can once again saunter through the community and stop in at various places of local interest. Museums and art galleries have been particularly hit by the COVID-19 shutdowns, and smaller venues have particularly missed their guests. But the Irving Arts Center is beginning to see some light at the end of the tunnel, and is planning to open their doors to the public again on July 1.

“As a staff, we have been spending a lot of time thinking about the future – what it will be like, how we can find some version of post-pandemic normal – and par-

ticularly, how we can make a visit to Irving Arts Center safe and rewarding for visitors and patrons,” said Executive Director Todd Hawkins. “Our team is exploring everything: new entrance and exit procedures, masks and hand sanitizers for our staff and patrons, thorough and frequent cleaning of all surfaces, and ways to put protocols in place that protect us all and still allow visitors to experience and connect to art in a satisfying way.”

Of course, this is not a full-fledged reopening, and the risks involved with the coronavirus are not completely gone. So there will be some considerations in how the facility will operate.

“We are reviewing ad-

vice from health care professionals and the CDC, following the guidance of Dallas County officials, and collaborating with industry leaders and our peers at similar facilities,” Hawkins said. “We are reviewing best practices, speaking with our clients and surveying our patrons. When will we be ready? When will this all be put into action?”

“I am happy to say that the galleries will re-open on July 1 with an attendance limit of 25 percent and social distancing protocols in place. While there are virtual tours of many of the exhibits on the website, there is nothing like seeing the work ‘up close and personal’.”

The galleries are only part

of the offerings of the Irving Arts Center, and while the staff is looking forward to allowing guests to return for viewing, many of the other programs at the center are still on hold.

“When will the theatres reopen? I can’t answer that just yet,” Hawkins said. “But please know that the safety of our audiences, our staff and the performers that make the music, dance and drama happen are of paramount importance to us. We have plans in place and once large gatherings can resume safely, we will be ready!”

The Irving Arts Center is located at 3333 North MacArthur Blvd. in Irving. More information can be found at [www.irvingartscenter.com](http://www.irvingartscenter.com).



Though not operating at 100 percent of its normal fare, the Irving Arts Center will be reopening its galleries to the public on July 1. (Photo: Irving Arts Center)

# Apple Music launches Africa Now Radio hosted by DJ and Curator Cuppy

Apple Music recently announced its new show Africa Now Radio with Cuppy, host of the show and Nigerian-born DJ and curator. Africa Now Radio with Cuppy, based on the recently launched Africa Now playlist will showcase the latest African sounds, be it amapiano, afrobeats, highlife, alte, house, hip-hop, afrobongo, or kuduro. Listeners will hear the latest and greatest African artists and new forms of

African popular music which fuse traditional and contemporary sensibilities, morphing into hybridized sonic fragments connecting all corners of Africa.

“With a DJ background, I’m excited not only to play music but showcase the vast array of talented artists cultivating the music scene on the continent!” said

Apple Music host Cuppy. “There are so many rich textures and sounds in Africa and the time is now for

the world to embrace our diversity. Each and every week I’ll be bringing a dynamic guide to discovering

and celebrating the biggest and best sounds from across

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# As businesses reopen, a good plan and flexibility are key

By Adam Witty

With the economy trying to overcome the effects of COVID-19 and the nation's political unrest, business leaders face a challenge like never before as stores and offices reopen and try to lure back customers and clients.

"Even before our current crisis, it's always been important for businesses to respond to unanticipated changes in the market that threatened their product or business model," says Adam Witty, the ForbesBooks co-author of *Authority Marketing: Your Blueprint to Build Thought Leadership That Grows Business, Attracts Opportunity, and Makes Competition Irrelevant*.

"Now, a willingness to adapt to changing consumer habits and ways of doing business will be more important than ever. One big challenge will be that businesses need to have a plan as they work to return their operations to normal, but they also need to



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remain flexible and willing to change that plan as the circumstances around them change."

At the same time, all of this will need to be done while following CDC guidelines and taking into account the concerns of employees and customers, says Witty, who also is the founder and CEO of Advantage|ForbesBooks ([www.advantagefamily.com](http://www.advantagefamily.com)).

"I'm a big believer in

making decisions based on facts and data," he says. "But if you don't stay on top of what has been a very fluid situation, you could end up making decisions based on information that is already outdated."

Going forward, Witty says, businesses need to:

- Play the long game. It's easy to get into a "survive-the-week" mindset, and certainly businesses need to make some things happen now to see them

through the crisis. But as they ride out the difficulties in the short-term, Witty says, they also need to create a plan that will help them prosper over the long haul.

• Be ready for the worst, hope for the best. With 41 million people who want to work out of work, the path back to normal won't be easy, and most people are predicting the recession will continue at least into early 2021. "Some businesses aren't going to be able to reopen at all, and that includes big retail chains and local mom-and-pop stores," Witty says. "That's going to have a ripple effect in the economy." So, as much as everyone may hope for a quick turnaround, it's still best to make your plans based on the idea that the economic downturn will last a long while, he says.

- Stay optimistic. These

are the most challenging circumstances any business has faced in at least the last 50 years, Witty says. Despite that, business leaders and their employees can't let gloom rule their feelings and emotions. "When you're going through tough times," he says, "it's better to have an optimistic attitude than a pessimistic attitude."

"As a businessperson, my hope is that we've already seen the bottom, and that each month going forward the economy will get better," Witty says. "With that said, there is no playbook for this. But the businesses where leaders and employees all work together, plan carefully, and try to keep a positive attitude are the ones most likely to emerge in good shape when this is over."

Adam Witty, co-author with Rusty Shelton of *Authority Marketing: Your*

*Blueprint to Build Thought Leadership That Grows Business, Attracts Opportunity, and Makes Competition Irrelevant*, is the CEO of Advantage|ForbesBooks ([www.advantagefamily.com](http://www.advantagefamily.com)). Witty started Advantage in 2005 in a spare bedroom of his home. The company helps busy professionals become the authority in their field through publishing and marketing. In 2016, Advantage launched a partnership with Forbes to create ForbesBooks, a business book publisher for top business leaders. Witty is the author of seven books, and is also a sought-after speaker, teacher and consultant on marketing and business growth techniques for entrepreneurs and authors. He has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Investors Business Daily* and *USA Today*, and has appeared on ABC and Fox.

## AFRICA, from Page 10

Africa, the Motherland. It will be entertainment at its best, Cuppy style!"

On the debut episode, Nigerian Producer Kid-dominant - known for producing African hits such as Davido's "Fall" and AKA's "Fela In Versace" - joins Cuppy via FaceTime. He tells Apple Music about his new single 'eWallet' featuring South African superstar rapper Cassper Nyovest and taken from his forthcoming debut album due for release in the second half of 2020. South African actress and 'Queen Sono' lead character Pearl Thusi calls in to share her favorite African proverb and current favorite African song.

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# CBC wants federal dollars to aid the Black Press

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Senior Correspondent

Congressional Black Caucus Chair Karen Bass (D-Calif.) joined the Black Press of America for a live interview to discuss the plight of African Americans during the coronavirus pandemic.

Congresswoman Bass, the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), called the pandemic a “double-punch” to African Americans.

She also called out President Donald Trump for what she stated was his

lack of leadership as the virus has claimed more than 100,000 lives, including as many as 40,000 black people and the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd.

Arbery, an African American Georgia resident, was shot and killed while jogging by a former law enforcement officer and his son.

Floyd died after a police officer inexplicably and aggressively pressed his knee into the handcuffed Minneapolis resident’s neck.

Bass also warned that Republicans led by Lind-

say Graham (R-SC) are trying to get certain federal judges off the bench so that the GOP can shape the judicial branch for generations to come.

She said the Trump administration’s failure to act and to lead during the pandemic has damaged America’s reputation on the world stage and the president’s obsession with former President Barack Obama is in large part because Obama was superior in every way.

“The man [Trump] has a very serious inferiority complex, I think

he knows that President Barack Obama is superior to him intellectually, morally, physically, and I think that’s very troubling to him,” Bass stated.

“How dare this black man be better than him. Obama’s popularity around the world is off the charts. Trump has never been able to arrive at the same standard, quality, effectiveness, honesty, moral character of Barack Obama.”

During the 30-minute exclusive interview, Bass said the Black Press and local newspapers were essential, and she and the CBC con-

tinued to press for a financial set-aside for publishers.

“It’s not only discussions, and it was on our priority list. It still is,” Bass said of efforts to assist struggling African American newspaper publishers financially.

“The best way to come at it is that the CBC has been calling for specific intervention in areas where COVID-19 specifically is killing black people,” Bass stated, adding that it’s a four-pronged effort.

“One is testing, one is tracing, and one is a public educa-

tion campaign,” she said.

“The way we have packaged this; we think the public education campaign should provide direct resources to black newspapers, and that’s part of our plan.

“The Census needs to invest in our (black-owned) newspapers heavily. There’s no reason the federal government doesn’t do business with our newspapers. Of the billions of dollars they spend in advertising, some of it should be spent with our newspapers,” Bass stated.

## Unemployment benefits fraud puts workers at risk of more ID theft

By: Seena Gressin  
Federal Trade Commission

A large-scale scam involving phony unemployment benefits claims has been making headlines. Criminals, possibly based overseas, are filing claims for benefits, using the names and personal information of people who have not lost their jobs. The investigation is ongoing, but this much is known: the

fraud is affecting tens of thousands of people, slowing the delivery of benefits to people in real need, and costing states hundreds of millions of dollars.

Most people learn they’re affected when they get a notice from their state unemployment benefits office or their employer about their supposed application for benefits. By then, however, the benefits usually have been paid to an ac-

count the criminals control.

Here are steps you can take to help your business respond quickly to any phony claims and assist employees whose personal information has been misused.

Tell your employees about the scam. Ask them to report fraudulent benefits claims to your Human Resources (HR) department as soon as they learn about them. Direct your HR team

to flag any notice they get from the state about a claim supposedly filed by a current employee.

Check your state unemployment benefits agency’s website for reporting instructions. Depending on your state, the agency may want to get the fraud report from you, the employee, or both.

Give your employee a  
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give back in a meaningful way. Representatives from The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB), NTT Data Services and FedEx along with Mayor LaRosiliere will offer insights into how companies and nonprofits respond in difficult times. Also, interns will participate in a NTFB activity entitled “Tough Choices,” giving students an eye-opening, virtual-reality experience illustrating what many food bank’s recipients go through on a day-to-day basis.

In addition to presenting sponsor Capital One, JPMorgan Chase is the Job Fair sponsor. (They also are underwriting 20 interns in the technology and healthcare industries and the nonprofit sector.) NTT Data Services

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ments are hiring. View job openings at <http://livenationentertainment.com/careers>.

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Note: Until further notice, all services at Bethel church will be via Video-Conferencing and perhaps other churches as well; log on individual churches websites for details. See Bethel's website [www.bethelbiblefellowship.org](http://www.bethelbiblefellowship.org) for their details because of the coronavirus.

**June 7, 9:45 am**  
Please join us in our quiet

time, "Prayer and Meditation" followed by Morning Worship. You will be blessed and inspired as we celebrate service to God, our community and all mankind.

### June 10, 7 pm

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### June 10

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- Malachi 3:8-10

Check "IBOC's" website for details of their services until further notice because of the coronavirus.

#### June 5, 7 pm

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

#### June 7, 10 a.m.

Join us for our Morning Service; and don't forget to invite family and friends to join us as we celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus

Christ.

#### June 8, 7 p.m.

You are invited to Monday School to see what God has to say to us in His Holy Word.

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Join us for Morning Worship Service as we praise and worship God for His Honor and His glory. Don't forget to comeback at 7 p.m. for our Brazilian Church.

#### June 10, 7 pm

You're invited to our Wednesday's Bible Study class; you will learn what God has to say to us. Come to be encouraged by God's plan for your spiritual growth and His glory.

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#### June 7, 8 and 11 am

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#### June 8, 7 to 8 pm Every Monday Night

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#### June 10, 7 pm

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### Lucille Rattler

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Visitation: Thursday, June 4th, 2020 (2-6 p.m.) at Sandra Clark Funeral Home  
Service: Friday, June 5th, 2020 (11 a.m.) at Sandra Clark Funeral Home  
Cemetery: Cedar Hill Memorial  
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Service: Monday, June 8th, 2020 (11 a.m.) at Sandra Clark Funeral Home

Cemetery: Carver  
**Sandra Clark Funeral Home**

### Nacole Davis

### Boxer Curtis Cokes

Born: 6/15/1937  
Died: 5/29/2020  
Visitation: Sunday, June 7th, 2020 (2-5 p.m.) at

Born: 9/20/1954  
Died: 4/28/2020

Visitation: Monday, June 8th, 2020 (1-6 p.m.) at Sandra Clark Funeral Home

Service: Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 (11 a.m.) at Sandra Clark Funeral Home

Cemetery: Carver Memorial Park

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### Taisha Carter

Born: 3/30/2000  
Died: 5/28/2020  
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**Sandra Clark Funeral Home**

### Vanessa Boykins Richardson

Born: 3/28/1974  
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## LINKS, from Page 5

individuals and families.

• **The Parkland Foundation, Dallas TX** - The Parkland Health & Hospital System is responding to the urgent needs of those disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Mid-Cities Links' \$10,000 grant to the Parkland Foundation will be used to purchase handheld ultrasound machines (So-

nosites) for patient related COVID-19 care.

The Links, Incorporated is an international organization, founded more than 70 years ago, by women of African descent to make a positive impact on their communities. Through the years, The Links, Incorporated has raised millions of dollars for worthy causes including education, health care, arts and

# Making judgements



**Sister Tarpley**  
NDG  
Religion  
Editor

*“Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”*

(Luke 6:37)

Have you ever made a judgment about a person or situation only to discover how wrong you were in your assessment? The story is told of the case in a story that was told by Os Guinness in his book, The Call.

“Arthur F. Burns, the chairman of the United States Federal Reserve System and ambassador to West Germany, was a man of considerable gravity. He was medium in height, distinguished, with wavy silver hair and his signature pipe; he was economic counselor to a number of presidents from Dwight D. Eisenhower to Ronald Rea-

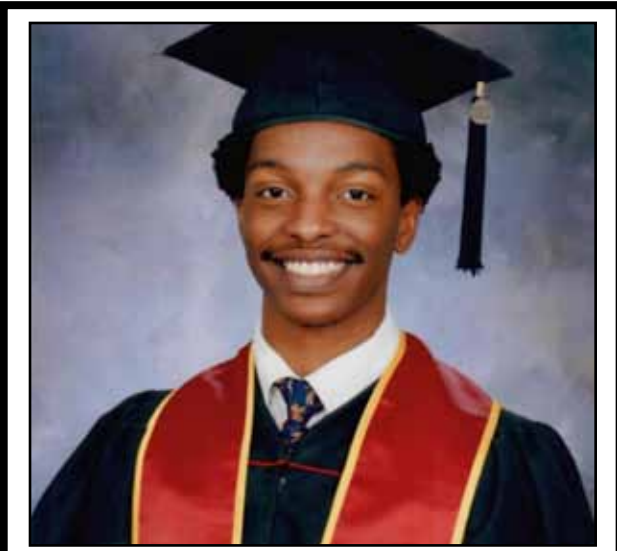
gan. When he spoke, his opinions carried weight and Washington listened.

Arthur Burns was also Jewish, so when he began attending an informational White House group for prayer and fellowship in the 1970s, he was accorded special respect.

In fact, no one knew quite how to involve him in the group and, week after week when different people took turns to end the meeting in prayer, Burns was passed by-out of a mixture of respect and reticence.

One week, however, the group was led by a newcomer who did not know of Burns’ status. As the meeting ended, the newcomer turned to Arthur Burns and asked him to close the time with a prayer.

Some of the old-timers glanced at each other in surprise and wondered what would happen. But without missing a beat, Burns reached out, held hands with others in the circle, and prayed this prayer: ‘Lord, I pray that you



**Brandon Alan Douglas**  
University of Southern California (USC)  
Brandon graduated in May 2020 with a B.A. in Creative Writing and a Minor in Music Production. The proud parents for Ryan (featured last week, a high school graduate, and Brandon, a college graduate, are Greg and Robbie Douglas, and their grandmother Mrs. Orelor Murry all of Carrollton, Texas.

would bring Jews to know Jesus Christ. I pray that you would bring Muslims to know Jesus Christ. Finally, Lord, I pray that you would bring Christians to know Jesus Christ. Amen.’

Burn’s prayer has become legendary in Washington. Not only did he startle those present with refreshing directness, but

he also underscored a point about ‘Christians’ and ‘Christianity’ that needs repeating regularly.

It highlights another im-

portant aspect of the truth of calling: Calling reminds Christians ceaselessly that, far from having arrived, a Christian is someone who in this life is always on the road as ‘a follower of

Christ’ and a follower of ‘the Way.’”\*

Before you judge a situation, consider that your judgment might not be an accurate assessment of the situation.

**NDG to** North Dallas Gazette takes a moment to reflect on the past with **Historical Perspectives from Sister Tarpley**. Hear what it was like growing up in a very different Dallas when Booker T. Washington was a black school. Sister Tarpley graduated from there and went on to college and later became a city councilmember in Carrollton.

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# NDG Book Review: Get caught in the web of *Black Widow*

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You find yourself spinning, spinning, spinning.

When you lose someone, that's how it feels: like you're spinning in place, you can't think or understand, and there's a time limit, as if you're in one of those game show Cash Machines and you can't catch a thing. You can barely fathom that, as in the new book "Black Widow" by Leslie Gray Streeter, it will get better.

They were not childhood sweethearts.

They were, however, in the same graduating class: Scott Zervitz, the tall, white, Jewish dude that



knew everybody; and Leslie Streeter, a quiet Black nerd who spent part of middle-school overseas. She sat behind him in one class, and that was their only connection – although she re-

membered that he was cute, and he told his friends that he really liked her.

Twenty-some years later, they reconnected over a class reunion. He happened to be living a half-hour away from her Palm Beach condo and, well, one thing led to another. She resisted, though, clearly stating that she was a celibate-until-marriage kind of girl.

That didn't faze him.

He was a keeper.

They married, their families embraced their differences, he was looking forward to a new job, and they were in the process of adopting a baby boy. And then, in the middle of

"making out" one night, Scott abruptly died.

Remarkably, Streeter held herself together in the following days, but barely, and with an oceans' worth of tears. Of those hours, she says, "timelines keep slipping" and there are things she doesn't remember and can't tell. But someone suggested once that while making new memories with Scott is no longer possible, talking about him would let him "live on in those stories with... new people."

And so, she shares...

She writes of his love for the Baltimore Ravens, his passion for sports memorabilia, his solidness, and his

easy self-assuredness. He was a fan of 1970s TV. He was calm. He was "smart, and that was super-hot." He was romantic. He was generous.

He was loved.

Okay, so here's the thing: that box of tissue you brought with you? Once you get about mid-book, don't put it away. Keep it around because, while "Black Widow" will make you laugh sometimes, your eyes will leak a lot, too.

But yet, this book isn't all touchy-feely-teary. Author Leslie Gray Streeter tells her story with a sense of humor that seems to appear because she's had the

time to find it, which could be of comfort to widows who need to know that that can happen. Because she so keenly recalls the kind of details that are often lost in a fog of grief, Streeter's sometimes-profanic memories add textured richness to this tale, as well as a knife-sharp view at the process of getting through. Readers will love that intensity. New widows will appreciate the wisdom.

At the risk of spoiling, there's a sweet ending to this love-letter that you need to see, so stop spinning. Start "Black Widow," and it won't take long to be caught in its web.

## FRAUD, from Page 12

copy of any documentation of your report to the state, including any confirmation or case number you receive. Let the employee know if the state requires that the employee also re-

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Suggest employees visit IdentityTheft.gov. At IdentityTheft.gov, employees can report the identity theft to the FTC and get step-by-step recovery help. IdentityTheft.gov will guide

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report, and more. IdentityTheft.gov also will produce an FTC Identity Theft Report that identity theft victims can use to clear fraudulent information from their credit reports.

Check your cyber security. This fraud is a sharp

reminder that sensitive personal information in the wrong hands can result in tremendous harm.

Is it time to check your company's cyber defenses? With so many people telecommuting, you may want to start by sharing tips to

help your employees maintain security when working from home.

For a deeper dive, consult Cybersecurity for Small Business, the FTC's no-nonsense site for security-conscious business owners.



## If I could do one thing, I'd have a daycare closer to work.

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