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## New report reveals alarming amount of systemic police and prosecutorial misconduct

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Senior National  
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On Jan. 21, 2011, former Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge was sentenced to four and a half years in federal prison for perjury and obstruction of justice because he lied under oath about his use of torture to extract confessions from numerous criminal suspects, overwhelmingly Black men.

Burge was fired in 1993 and was prosecuted only for lying in a civil case. He served more than four years in prison and died in 2018.

In 1987, when Ken Anderson was District Attorney of Williamson County, Texas, he successfully prosecuted Michael Morton for murdering his wife, Christine.

To do so, according to a report from the National Registry of Exonerations, Anderson concealed that neighbors had seen a suspicious stranger hanging around the Mortons' house.

After the murder, while Morton was in custody, someone else attempted to use a credit card belonging to his wife and cashed a \$20 check that was in her missing purse.

Further, the Mortons' three-year-old son, who witnessed the killing, told his grandmother that "a mon-



A new study sheds an alarming light on the prevalence of police misconduct, and continued wrong-doing when cases go to court. (Photo: Wesley McLachlan / Unsplash)

ster" killed his mother when "Daddy was not there."

What followed was a parade of horrors, researchers said.

In 2011, DNA testing of a bandana found near the crime scene identified the actual killer.

The District Attorney's Office had successfully resisted testing that bandana for many years. Morton spent 24 years in prison for a crime that he did not commit – a crime that was itself an unspeakable tragedy for him and his family.

The real killer went on to bludgeon another woman to death in 1988. Anderson himself was dis-

graced. He pled guilty to contempt of court, spent four days in jail, was disbarred, and was forced to resign from the position he later held as a judge.

While researchers of a new report released on Tuesday, Sept. 15, said it's hard to summarize the enormity of the harm Burge and his underlings inflicted their victims, and what Anderson did, they did piece together a critical and comprehensive study on tainted cases that have only underscored why Americans – particularly Black people – have

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- Rosa Parks



## Alejandra Ramos Gomez

By Javier Giribet-Vargas  
Dallas ISD

When schools unexpectedly closed in March due to the Covid-19 threat, Walnut Hill Elementary School teacher Alejandra Ramos Gómez first found it tough to talk to students.

The kids were just bouncing back from the tornado that five months ago demolished their home campus, and she worried about the additional toll the epidemic would bring. After a few awkward virtual lessons, she fully embraced



her professional and personal passion: social and emotional learning.

"We began talking to the students about how they were feeling and how their new reality was affecting

them," Gómez said. "I really wanted to allow them to express themselves so that they could develop an interest in showing up to class virtually."

Gómez started a Facebook Page – "Aprendamos con Ms. Ramos" (Learning with Ms. Ramos) – to further connect with students and their parents. On her page, which now has more than 4,000 subscribers, she hosts bilingual videos and readings and shares teaching strategies and anecdotes.

We asked Gómez a few questions to learn more about her experience since

the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

**How did you make your virtual teaching unique?**

We'd do activities where the students used critical thinking and made real-life connections. Once I asked them to find a plant in their backyard and learn everything they could from that plant. Another time, I asked them to draw a map of their house and present it. If they were given a reading assignment, I wouldn't only ask them about what happened in the book, but how they'd change the ending, or how they'd write their own story.

I also have a poetry club and a dance club at the school, so we started to meet with the students virtually once a week. I had approximately 25 students in the dance club and they did exercises through Zoom; and about 12 in poetry club, where we talked about how we felt and wrote about what was happening. These mostly informal lessons allowed them to enjoy themselves and listen to each other, and ask questions and use new words, and they serve a very immediate purpose.

The most important part is to listen to the students,

so that they can know that they have safe space where they can talk about their feelings. We started every day with the circle of mindfulness. We'd practice breathing techniques that they could do if they were feeling overwhelmed. We'd tell them that if their parents felt stressed out, to help them, and to be attentive to the world around them.

**How did you use the technology resources to your advantage?**

I started my Facebook page because I realized that

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## Reggie D. Smith

(BlackNews.com) -- Reggie D. Smith, founder of one of the fastest-growing Black-owned line of gourmet sauces called STL Pure Heat, started out creating delicious meals for just his friends and family. Now, however, he is the owner and CEO of one of the hottest food products in the country.

Bold and different has always been Reggie D.'s style. Reggie was raised in East St. Louis, IL by two strong black women lovingly called Reba (momma) and granny. Reggie's pas-



sion for whipping up delicious meals has been nurtured since birth. Pursing his passion through many business ventures, Reggie thought about when people were the happiest and that

was when they were eating his famous Pure wings with his secret sauce. Reggie's "secret sauce" was born through one of his business ventures, Pure Ultra Lounge Bar and Grill. Thinking back, he wondered if he could bottle this happiness up and then Pure Heat was born with three different flavors.

Based in St. Louis, Missouri, STL Pure Heat is a perfect mix of flavor and heat that flawlessly blends peppers, spices, and locally sourced vegetables into one sweet and tangy marinade. His sauces can be used to transform meats and sea-

food dishes into authentic, at-home culinary delights for dipping as a marinade or as a meal topper.

Made locally in small batches with all-natural ingredients, the sauces have only 40 calories per serving and are available in three different flavors - Sweet & Spicy, Sweet & Mild, and Garlic Heat. Each bottle has a unique blend of sweetness with a nice kick of your desired heat. Reggie makes it extremely easy for foodies to go beyond the ordinary hot sauce and jazz up their next dish with creativity.

The brand has even gar-

nered some ardent fans who display their culinary loyalty with the Pure Heat men's and women's T-shirts he also sells.

Especially during grilling season, professional and family chefs can show off their talents at the grill and embellish their perfectly seared steaks and burgers with flavorful sauces that reflect the taste of true southern roots.

Reggie says that it was during one of his other business ventures when he discovered that he had created an amazing sauce that everyone enjoyed. He takes pride in using local small

businesses to manufacture and package his products and says that it is important for him to see his community flourish.

His sauces can be purchased at more than 30 grocery stores across the nation or online at STL-PureHeat.com.

In addition to the availability of his sauces, the website also features recipe ideas like "Pure Heat Shrimp n Grits" and how to use the sauces on such unusual cuisines like alligator. Readers will also find product news and other items of interest in the blog section.

## Linsey Mills

(BlackNews.com) -- Financial consultant and businessman, Linsey Mills, has launched a new book to equip entrepreneurs with the skills to build a sustainable business in a shrinking economy. In the book, Your Business Venture: The Prep, The Pitch, The Funding, Mills shares the three major pillars that are needed to master, ideate, create, develop, pitch, launch, and grow a profitable and sustainable business. All of this is pow-



ered by one great idea and the passion and confidence that it can work.

Mills describes The Prep as preparing the mind to identify or attract ideas that have the potential to be a successful business. The Pitch is how effectively the entrepreneur presents his idea to potential partners, funders, and investors; The Funding is exploring the types of available funding and what funding works best for the business.

A successful entrepreneur himself, Mills challenges entrepreneurs to think outside the box. He underscores the importance

of knowing the product and target market, delivering the perfect pitch, and building a solid team. The author shows his reader not only how to launch a successful grand opening but also how to avoid the grand closing.

Statistics indicate that the Coronavirus pandemic has forced over 100,000 businesses to permanently close their doors. And while many may view this time as the worst time to start a business, Mills encourages entrepreneurs to go for it, pointing out that success-

ful businesses such as Uber were started during a recession.

When asked about his motivation for writing the book, Mills explained: "I wanted to encourage people to identify problems and provide viable solutions to solve our business, societal, economic, and philanthropic concerns. By training current and future innovators, I hope to increase the potential of people to move into action and find the solutions that will make real differences in our lives."

Your Business Venture is expertly written and is filled with a goldmine of advice and strategies to succeed in the new economy. It is a dynamic resource for new entrepreneurs who want to minimize their risk of loss, and for existing entrepreneurs who want to improve their process and profitability. The book is available for purchase on Amazon in Kindle and paperback formats. For further information or to purchase a copy of the book, visit: <https://amzn.to/32KvP6o>.



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**The most important election of our lifetimes**By U.S. Rep. Colin Allred  
(TX-32)

Growing up in Dallas, attending our public schools, and being raised by a single mother who taught in Dallas public schools, I idolized Congressman John Lewis from Georgia. Mr. Lewis was a champion of civil rights, a lifelong voting rights activist, and an American hero who believed in the potential of our nation. He never stopped fighting to make sure the voice of every American was heard. Mr. Lewis is a big reason why after my NFL career ended I chose to go to law school to become a voting rights attorney and to go to work here in Texas to help my community vote.

Shortly before he passed, Mr. Lewis said that "this is the most important election in American history." Now every year politicians say something like that, but for

Mr. Lewis to say it, after all he had seen and done, you know we have to listen.

There is so much at stake in this election. From access to affordable health care and protections for people with pre-existing conditions to a recovery from COVID-19 that doesn't leave anyone behind. The future of our economy, as we work to ensure that everyone has access to a good education and a good job. And the civil rights of every American -- because no matter who you are, who you love or where you live, everyone should have a right to pursue their version of the American Dream.

We stand up for these values by voting. For African Americans, the right to vote is almost sacred, because it has always been a fight just to be allowed to participate in our democracy. We can never forget that it is only because of heroes and heroines

like John Lewis, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Barbara Jordan and so many others who stood up and even risked their lives to ensure we are able to participate freely today. Barriers certainly still exist, but we can and must overcome them, because as my former boss President Barack Obama likes to say, "Democracy is not a spectator sport," and we all have to be involved.

The deadline to register to vote is October 5th, so check your status and if you haven't yet registered, make sure to print out an application and mail it to your county clerk's office.

If you are 65 or older, sick or disabled, or outside the county during the voting period, you can vote by mail. So, request your ballot today and make sure you mail it back in as soon as possible. Voting by mail is easy, but you have to make sure you follow the instructions care-

fully and mail your ballot back at least seven days before the November 3rd postmark deadline.

For those who want to vote in person, there is good news. The Governor has extended the early voting period by nearly a week, so early voting starts on October 13th and ends on October 30th. Also new to this year, in Dallas County, you can vote on Election Day, November 3rd, at any voting center in the county, so visit DallasCountyVotes.org to find the vote center closest to you.

Your voice and your vote matters, now more than ever. So, whether you are voting by mail, voting early, or voting on Election Day, make a plan and make sure you vote. Visit my website colinallred.com/voting-information to check your status and to find all the information you need to be involved.

**The United States Postal service delivers much more than mail**By Ray Curry,  
Secretary-Treasurer, UAW

America's Postal service has been an essential institution that has connected every one of us as Americans even before we were a nation independent of Great Britain.

**Needed now more than ever**

The notion to privatize the USPS is a truly un-American idea and could not come at a worse time. The recession we are experiencing due to the coronavirus is hitting Black Americans much harder than white Americans, with Blacks nearly three times more likely to be hospitalized for Covid-19 and their unemployment rate at 14.6% compared with 9.2% for whites.

The Postal Service provides the only service that guarantees delivery to every American, which makes it especially crucial for rural areas and small towns that

are too costly for private companies like FedEx or UPS to deliver to. Privatizing the service would add to the expense of crucial deliveries -- at a time when we are more and more relying on deliveries to receive our daily needs.

Then think about the importance of the post office in ensuring that the people's will in our democracy will be accurately and duly noted. In November, the postal service will play a crucial role in allowing Americans across our land and in foreign countries to cast their vote in our upcoming Presidential election.

And please also think of the USPS and those in its employ. The postal service has delivered a solid, secure, middle class lifestyle to a more than 600,000 workers and to an especially high number of Latino and African Americans.

And privatization, I would

argue, is un-American for another reason. It is yet another attempt at union busting. Both the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), which represents primarily non-rural letter carriers employed by USPS as well as the American Postal Workers Union (APWU), which represents postal clerks, mail processors and sorters, building and equipment maintenance, custodial workers, truck drivers and others employed by USPS, would be in serious jeopardy.

**Demand that we save the USPS**

Fortunately, there is a way forward. The Delivery for America Act (H.R. 8015) can help make this happen. This legislation will deliver urgently needed funds to the postal service and reverse detrimental policy changes that are currently restricting postal workers' ability to deliver mail and packages on

time.

The Act has passed the House of Representatives. The Senate must follow suit immediately. Across the nation, delivery of mail has slowed dramatically due to the Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's recent decisions.

The Delivery for America Act appropriates the \$25 billion that the USPS requested to sustain the level of service all Americans depend on.

We MUST protect postal workers' jobs.

And we MUST ensure a safe and secure election. In the coming weeks, voters across the country will prepare to exercise their civic duty to elect their government, and Congress must do everything in its power to ensure that voters will be able to do so safely.

For our citizens, for our democracy, for our livelihoods... We must support the USPS in every way we can.

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# Hyundai Hope On Wheels awards \$11.2 million to pediatric cancer research and celebrates September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, California (PRNews-wire) — Hyundai Hope On Wheels® (HHOW), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, supported by Hyundai Motor America and its U.S. dealers, announces its 22nd consecutive year in the fight to end childhood cancer. September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness month and the organization announces new grant winners in efforts of finding more cures and improving care for children fighting pediatric cancer. When a child is diagnosed with pediatric cancer, s/he is immediately thrust into a scary world of cancer. For a child diagnosed, the journey back to health often includes constant trips to the hospital, medical tests, surgeries, and nights spent away from all things familiar. The nonprofit organization has selected 26 grant winners for pediatric cancer research and 23 institutions to receive grants for COVID-19 testing. To date, this brings Hyundai Hope On Wheels donations to just over \$172 million to support the fight against pediatric cancer.

The annual September campaign theme is Every Handprint Tells A Story. Every 36 minutes a child is diagnosed with pediatric cancer. There are more than



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15,000 new cases of pediatric cancer diagnosed in the United States each year. Although 80% of kids with cancer can be cured, pediatric cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children. With its Every Handprint Tells A Story campaign, Hyundai Hope On Wheels brings together the many stakeholders — the child, families, doctors, hospitals, advocates, donors, and others — who work to identify new ways to find a cure and improve care for children battling pediatric cancer. When a child is diagnosed, it not only changes their life, but his/her family and broader communal network.

“As the board chair for Hyundai Hope On Wheels, there is no greater joy for me than to meet the faces of brave pediatric cancer fighters at children’s hospitals across the nation,” says

Scott Fink, Board Chair and Hyundai owner, Hyundai of New Port Richey (New Port Richey, FL) and Hyundai of Wesley Chapel (Wesley Chapel, FL). “These amazing kids embody the word hope. They exemplify all that’s wonderful about childhood, and they show adults the courage of facing adversity. The reality is there is nothing fun about being a kid with cancer. With Hyundai Hope On Wheels, we will continue this fight the disease, and help these children thrive and return to a happy and normal life.”

Hyundai Hope On Wheels grants are awarded through a competitive peer-reviewed process. The Scholar Hope Grant and The Young Investigator grants are awarded during the month of September, exclusively to COG member institutions. This year, the

organization awarded COVID-19 drive-thru testing grants to 23 sites throughout the nation. More than one-million COVID-19 tests have been completed at sites supported by the Hyundai grant.

2020 Every Handprint Tells A Story Campaign elements

The Hyundai Hope On Wheels annual September campaign, Every Handprint Tells A Story, crisscrosses the nation to increase awareness and raise awareness of pediatric cancer. Highlights of this year’s campaign include:

- Nationwide Virtual Grant Ceremonies to 26 new grants winners
- Video stories of hope from child survivors and doctor researchers
- Annual 2020 Celebration of Hope Awards, to be broadcast online on September 19th
- Interactive website experience at HyundaiHopeOnWheels.org
- Social media childhood cancer survivor and doctor-researcher videos
- National Media Day
- And more....

The gold ribbon is the symbol for childhood cancer. The public is invited to help spread awareness about Hyundai Hope On Wheels and its efforts to end childhood cancer. For more information about Hyundai Hope On Wheels grant winners, please visit [www.hyundai-hopeonwheels.org/research](http://www.hyundai-hopeonwheels.org/research).

Follow the program at:

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## Public support for dedicated park and recreation funding is strong, survey says

Ashburn, Va. (Sept. 30, 2020) — Two-thirds (66 percent) of U.S. adults want their local government to dedicate funds that directly support parks and recreation, according to a newly released National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) poll. Dedicated park and recreation funding, such as specific revenues, taxes and levies for parks, is essential to the parks, programs and services that help build healthy, strong and vibrant communities nationwide.

People across all generations support dedicated park and recreation funding, according to the recent survey.

Seventy-three percent of Gen Xers support this notion, followed by 72 percent of Gen Zers, 68 percent of millennials and 59 percent of baby boomers. Among those who strongly support this notion is parents. Nearly 80 percent of parents are strong supporters of dedicated funding for local parks and recreation.

“Dedicated funding for our nation’s park and recreation agencies, and the lifesaving programs and services they provide, is absolutely essential to the health and wellbeing of communities everywhere,” said Kevin Roth, NRPA’s

vice president of research, evaluation and technology. “NRPA calls upon communities everywhere to make park and recreation funding a priority — especially in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, a time when our parks and public open spaces are greatly needed.”

Three in five people — or more than 190 million people — visited a local park, trail, public open space or recreation facility during the first three months of the COVID-19 pandemic (mid-March through mid-June 2020), according to a recent NRPA report.



## Forward deployed...



From the left, Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 3rd Class Terrell Blakemore, from Dallas, and Quartermaster 3rd Class Cristel Lopezmorales, from Bridgeton, New Jersey, process charges in the travel office of the Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). Ronald Reagan, the flagship of Carrier Strike Group 5, provides a combat-ready force that protects and defends the United States, as well as the collective maritime interests of its allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Quinton A. Lee)

## Texas pro sports teams and civic organizations unite to encourage voter turnout in the Lonestar State

Joining together for a cause that's bigger than Texas, 10 professional sports teams and five civic organizations throughout the state have launched the #TexasTeamUp campaign to encourage unprecedented voter turnout during the 2020 election cycle.

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), League of Women Voters of Texas, MOVE Texas, the Texas NAACP, and the Urban

League have joined with 10 professional sports teams for the campaign: the Austin Spurs, Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Mavericks, Dallas Wings, Houston Dash, Houston Dynamo, San Antonio FC, San Antonio Spurs, Texas Legends, and Texas Rangers.

The campaign, which will include joint voter education and awareness efforts from each organization through marketing and social media assets,

was created to encourage eligible voters to prepare for and participate in the upcoming elections.

For more information on the upcoming elections, including dates, polling locations, and candidate information, go to [MOVETexas.org](http://MOVETexas.org) or [My.LWV.org/Texas](http://My.LWV.org/Texas).

"The Texas NAACP is proud to join with Texas professional sports teams, the League of Women Voters of Texas, LULAC, the

Urban League, and MOVE Texas to encourage all eligible persons to register to vote and then vote," said Texas NAACP President Gary Bledsoe.

"This partnership recognizes our common social fabric to which we are all part and how at times such as Presidential elections we are better and stronger as a nation if we all vote and have our votes counted."

## Dallas College scores \$3 million grant for serving Hispanic students

Dallas College has received a \$3 million Title V Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Grant from the U.S. Dept of Education after submitting proposals earlier this year.

The money will go to three of our campuses, El Centro, Eastfield, and North Lake, while supporting various initiatives across Dallas College. The funds will be used to expand educational opportunities and



improve the recruitment of Hispanic students.

Additionally, this grant will support the introduction of new work-based learning programs for interns and apprentices. It will also fund culturally respon-

sive course enhancements, facilitate faculty use of online instruction tools that improve faculty-student engagement, and create a bilingual orientation program that is inclusive of family.

Taken together, all new

programs made possible by this funding are designed to help underserved students become successful and overcome barriers.

An HSI is a college that has at least 25 percent full-time Hispanic enrollment.

The grant begins Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30, 2025.

Dallas College, formerly the Dallas County Community College District, was founded in 1965, and comprises seven campuses:

Brookhaven, Cedar Valley, Eastfield, El Centro, Mountain View, North Lake and Richland. Dallas College offers online learning and serves more than 83,000 credit and 25,000 continuing education students during the fall and spring semesters. Dallas College also offers dual credit for students in partner high schools and early college high schools throughout Dallas County. Dr. Joe May,

the college's 7th chancellor, has established the Dallas College higher education network in partnership with area school districts, colleges and universities, businesses, community organizations and others to support student success and college completion by removing barriers and providing services that help them earn a college credential and start their professional careers.

## Texas Democratic Party and AAPIs for Biden launch AAPI Ten Days of Action

Austin, Texas — Today, the Texas Democratic Party's Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Caucus, AAPIs for Biden, and the Asian American Democrats of Texas announce a ten-day campaign to celebrate and mobilize AAPI voters, as the fastest-growing electorate in Texas. The AAPI Ten Days of Action will contact more than 215,000 Texas

AAPI voters, surpassing the state's margin of victory in 2018.

The last two decades saw a 137% increase in the AAPI population in Texas, and yet, historically, voter contact has been an unmet need for AAPIs. In the 2018 Asian American Voter Survey, 50% of Asian Americans received no contact or were unsure if they received

contact about the election from Democrats.

Recently 164 Republican members of Congress, including 17 from Texas, failed to support a resolution that condemned racism against Asians. In the face of rising anti-Asian hate spurred by the Trump Administration, the country has turned to AAPI voters as the deciding factor that could

help flip Texas. National Super PAC AAPI Victory Fund recently announced a \$1 million investment in turning out Texas' Asian vote.

Not only is Sen. Kamala Harris the first Asian

American and Black Vice Presidential candidate, but Texas is poised to send our first group of AAPI leaders to Congress, with DCCC-targeted Congressional Candidates Sima Ladjevardian

(TX-02), Lulu Seikaly (TX-03), Sri Kulkarni (TX-22), Gina Ortiz Jones (TX-23), and Donna Imam (TX-31).

Go to [joe.link/texasaapi](http://joe.link/texasaapi) to sign up for the Ten Days of Action.

## Dallas police seek public help in recent homicide case

A suspect is being sought in the killing of a motorist in downtown Dallas on Sept. 24.

On that date, at around 10:15 p.m., the victim, Paul Clinton, a 36-year-old black male, was in a vehicle driving at the 2600 block of N Ervay Street, when he was struck by gunfire. The victim was transported to an area hospital by private convey-

ance, where he was later pronounced deceased.

Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that the shooting actually occurred at 100 S Ervay St at the intersection of Main St.

Dallas Police are asking that anyone with information regarding this offense contact Det. Morgan with the Dallas Police Department

Homicide Unit at (214) 671-3630 or [jake.morgan@dallascityhall.com](mailto:jake.morgan@dallascityhall.com). Please reference case #170654-2020.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for information called into Crime Stoppers that leads to the arrest and indictment for this felony offense and other felony offenses. Call Crime Stoppers at 214-373-TIPS (8477), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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## Perot Museum teams up with African American Museum, Dallas, to seek designer for a staircase image spotlighting African American leaders in science

A call for entries is underway for an African-American designer from North Texas to create a vibrantly colored image to be installed on the Perot Museum's large, outdoor staircase facing Field Street; submission deadline is Oct. 30 for a \$5,000 prize award.

In partnership with the African American Museum, Dallas, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science has announced a call for entries for a staircase commission to create a vibrantly colored and eye-catching site-specific creative design that celebrates African-American leaders in science – from history and modern day – who have made significant contributions to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). The Staircase Project is presented by Kroger.

To spotlight the artistic talent in the Dallas/Fort Worth region, the Perot Museum will commission



This Field St. staircase design was created for the special exhibition, *Art of the Brick*. (Photo: Perot Museum)

an African-American creative designer who resides in North Texas to design the image.

The winning designer will be awarded a prize of \$5,000. The deadline to enter is Oct. 30, 2020, and the winner will be notified of his/her selection by no later than Dec. 1, 2020. There is no submission fee. For rules, details and submission instructions, GO

HERE.

The creative design will be reproduced on weather-proof, vinyl materials and professionally installed on the Perot Museum's large, multi-story outdoor staircase facing Field Street, a main thoroughfare into Downtown Dallas. For images and videos of past staircase installations along with design templates, visit the museum's website.

Entrants will be provided a suggested list, compiled by the African American Museum, of extraordinary scientists, inventors and innovators to inspire creativity for the design. These leaders include famed agricultural inventor and "Wizard of Tuskegee" George Washington Carver, NASA's Mary Winston Jackson (who was portrayed in *Hidden Figures*), father of

the blood bank Dr. Charles Drew, and telecommunications inventor Shirley Ann Jackson, the first African-American woman to earn an MIT doctorate. Other noteworthy African-American STEM leaders also may be included, and a mix of men and women leaders from both history and modern day is recommended.

The panelists are Dr. Lauren Cross, program coordinator & assistant professor, interdisciplinary art and design studies, College of Visual Art and Design at the University of North Texas; Dr. W. Marvin Dulaney, deputy director and chief operating officer of the African American Museum, Dallas, and former chairman of the history department at The University of Texas at Arlington; Byron Sanders, president and CEO, Big Thought; Dr. Linda Silver, Eugene McDermott Chief Executive Officer, Perot Museum

of Nature and Science; and Arthur Simmons, quality systems management, processes & analytics, Texas Instruments.

Participants must be a U.S. citizen 18 years of age and older, and collaborations of up to two individuals are allowed. Submission requirements include an overall image and detailed specs, artist statement, short bio and photo for promotional purposes. Finalists will participate in mandatory interviews – conducted in person or virtually – with the judges.

Because the Perot Museum and the African American Museum are both 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations, entries must be non-political and non-violent in nature.

The Perot Museum is located at 2201 N. Field Street in Dallas, Texas. For rules, details and visitor information, go to [perotmuseum.org](http://perotmuseum.org).

### GOMEZ, from Page 2

most parents are on Facebook, and that it was easy for them to find my page and my lessons and share them with my students. I would do live bilingual readings every Wednesday during lunch-time where students could connect and listen to a story. I also bought a ventriloquist figure and I share videos of bilingual recommendations.

That way, it's not just me talking and talking over Zoom, but I'm providing them material and content that helps them learn, keeps them engaged and start conversations with others.

**How important is parent engagement right now?**

Parent engagement is vital right now. I always tell

them: "teachers, parents and students are a triangle. You and I are at the bottom, pushing your student up. If parents and teachers do not have that understanding, we can't push the student up and we can't strengthen the student."

At first, the parents and I were talking every day, and then once a week every week. The first question was never asking why their child didn't turn an assignment in. I asked about how they are doing and how things are at home. I'd focus on what I could do to help them so that they could better help their student.

**How are you preparing for this upcoming school year?**

I've been studying a lot

during the summer. I've participated in several programs, some that the district pays for, and some that I found interesting.

I am studying Project Based Learning, where students can learn through working on a project virtually, and I already have a few projects that I like for this school year.

I'm also studying place-based projects, where the students also learn through a project, but it involves nature and their community and the people that surround them. I'm also taking a class where I'm learning strategies of effectively teaching words to students in a bilingual setting.

I know it will look differently than previous school years, but I really am ready for a great school year.



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## Irving PD joins national ABLE Project

The Irving Police Department has been accepted into the Active Bystander-ship for Law Enforcement (ABLE) Project, Georgetown University Law Center's national training and support initiative for U.S. law enforcement agencies committed to building a culture of peer intervention that prevents harm.

By demonstrating agency commitment to transfor-

mational reform with support from local community groups and elected leaders, the Irving Police Department joins a select group of 30 other law enforcement agencies and statewide and regional training academies chosen to participate in the ABLE Project's national rollout.

To date, hundreds of agencies across the country have expressed interest in

participating.

Backed by prominent civil rights and law enforcement leaders, the evidence-based, field-tested ABLE Project was developed by Georgetown Law's Innovative Policing Program in collaboration with global law firm Shepard Mullin LLP to provide practical active bystander-ship strategies and tactics to law enforcement officers

to prevent misconduct, reduce officer mistakes, and promote health and wellness.

ABLE gives officers the tools they need to overcome the innate and powerful inhibitors individuals face when called upon to intervene in actions taken by their peers.

Irving Police Department

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## MISCONDUCT, from Page 1

lost trust in the police and prosecutors.

In the report titled, "Government Misconduct and Convicting the Innocent: The Role of Prosecutors, Police and other Law Enforcement," the National Registry of Exonerations examined more than 2,400 cases nationally which measured the role of government misconduct in wrongful convictions and how African Americans specifically suffer from those actions.

The study found that 54 percent of official misconduct involved corruption or negligence by police, prosecutors, lab workers, or other government employees.

The authors – which included researchers from the Newkirk Center for Science at the University of California, Irving, the University of Michigan Law School, and the Michigan State University College of Law – cautioned that "the tally is very likely a vast undercount of the actual number of instances in which misconduct has led to the convictions of innocent people."

They outlined that many who've been wrongly convicted – including those who pleaded guilty to low-level crimes – did not have the necessary resources or legal counsel.

Why did Ken Anderson conceal all that evidence of Michael Morton's innocence?

"We don't know. We could ask, but we wouldn't trust the answer – if any was given – and Anderson himself may no longer know if he ever did," the authors wrote.

They concluded that the most important causes of of-

ficial misconduct in criminal cases are systemic, "pervasive practices that permit if not encourage bad behavior; lack of the resources needed to train, supervise and conduct high-quality investigations and prosecutions; and ineffective leadership by police commanders, crime lab directors and chief prosecutors," the authors stated.

"If these systemic problems are corrected, misconduct is less likely to occur – and when it does happen, more likely to be counteracted before innocent people are condemned."

Overall, Black defendants' exonerations have a slightly higher rate of misconduct than those of white defendants, 57 percent to 52 percent.

But the differences are more significant for murder cases (78 percent to 64 percent) – especially those with death sentences (87 percent to 68 percent) – and drug crime exonerations (47 percent to 22 percent).

The study concluded that official misconduct falls into five general categories:

- Witness tampering occurred in about 17 percent of exonerations.

- Misconduct in interrogations occurred in 57 percent of all exonerations with false confessions or about 7 percent of all cases.

- Fabricating evidence happened in about 10 percent of cases, in three forms: Forensic fraud – in 3 percent of exonerations, police officers or forensic analysts lied about forensic evidence.

- Fake crimes – in 4 percent of exonerations, police planted drugs or guns on innocent suspects, or lied and said the suspects had as-

saulted them.

- Fictitious confessions – in about 2 percent of exonerations, officers fabricated confessions from defendants who did not confess.

At trial, misconduct occurred in about 23 percent of exonerations, about evenly divided between perjury by law enforcement officers, 13 percent, and trial misconduct by prosecutors, 14 percent (with some overlap).

### Misconduct in interrogations occurred overwhelmingly in murder cases the led to exoneration

Concealing exculpatory evidence and misconduct at trial were most common in murder cases, followed by white-collar crimes. Witness tampering was slightly more common among exonerations for child sex abuse exonerations than for murder, and fabricating evidence was several times more common among exonerations for drug crimes than for any other crime.

Concealing exculpatory evidence contributed to 44 percent of exonerees' convictions, more than any other type of official misconduct.

The rate of concealing exculpatory evidence varies by crime, from 61 percent for murder to 27 percent in child sex abuse cases.

"It is so common and widespread that it happened in 82 percent of all exonerations with any official misconduct," the researchers noted.

Prosecutors concealed exculpatory evidence in 73 percent of cases in which [exonerations] occurred.

Police concealed exculpatory evidence in 33 percent of cases where it occurred

(including cases with concealing by more than one type of official), and forensic analysts did so in 6 percent.

In some portion of those exonerations, prosecutors did know about the concealed evidence. Still, the researchers stated that they knew of about 13 percent that included concealed physical objects like clothing and weapons.

The authors conceded that "this gap may in part reflect how effectively objects can be destroyed or hidden, but information may linger in electronic or physical files or the memories of people."

In 63 percent of cases with concealed exculpatory evidence, substantive evidence of the exonerees' innocence was hidden – evidence that in itself helps prove the defendant's innocence, such as an eyewitness who named another person as the criminal, the report noted.

In 80 percent of such cases, impeachment evidence that undermined testimony by prosecution witnesses was concealed – for example, evidence that a witness who identified the exoneree as a murderer told his brother he never saw the killing.

In half the exonerations with concealed exculpatory evidence, both substantive and impeachment evidence were hidden. Often, a single item of evidence serves both functions.

"Substantive evidence may sound more important, but concealing impeachment evidence that eviscerates the credibility of a critical prosecution witness can be devastating to an innocent defendant," the authors stated.

"Predictably, law enforcement officials usually con-

ceal their own misconduct. That's misconduct in itself, derivative concealment," they wrote.

For example, it's misconduct for an officer to plant drugs on a suspect, and it's a separate act of misconduct to conceal the officer's knowledge that the suspect is innocent.

Other notable findings in the report include:

Evidence of other official misconduct was concealed in 26 percent of all exonerations.

Guilty pleas rather than trial verdicts obtain at least 95 percent of criminal convictions in the United States, but 80 percent of exonerations followed conviction at trial.

About 28 percent of those trials (23 percent of all exonerations) included official misconduct in court.

Perjury by all law enforcement officials occurred in 14 percent of the trials at which exonerees were convicted, or 13 percent of all exonerations (including those after guilty pleas).

In about a quarter of those cases, officials lied about forensic testing, or about things the officials themselves claimed to have witnessed the exonerees do or say.

Perjury by police officers occurred in 11 percent of trials of exonerees. In 9 percent of those trials (7 percent of all exonerations), officers lied about others' information.

Most often, police lied about the investigations' conduct, including what a witness said or how a lineup was conducted.

The most common subject of police perjury was the conduct of interrogations at which innocent de-

fendants confessed.

"We miss a great deal of police perjury," the authors wrote.

"We rarely have access to transcripts or other detailed information about trial testimony, so we only learn about perjury at trial if it becomes a conspicuous issue."

In 1959, the Supreme Court held that a prosecutor has a constitutional obligation to correct perjury by a state witness even if she did not herself offer the false testimony.

However, researchers discovered that prosecutors permitted perjury to go uncorrected in 8 percent of exonerations. In most cases, the perjury was by civilian witnesses.

The most common lies were about the favorable treatment the witnesses receive in pending criminal cases of their own.

"We know that prosecutors lied in court in 4 percent of exonerations. The real rate may be higher since we only count cases with clear evidence that prosecutors made statements they knew were false," the researchers noted further.

They said about half of lies by prosecutors were made in a closing argument with a common pattern of repeating and affirming perjury by a witness that the prosecutor knew about but failed to correct – for example, a lie by a witness who claimed to have no deal with the prosecutor.

Federal prosecutors committed misconduct in exonerations more than twice as often as police (52 percent to 20 percent), while state prosecutors committed misconduct less often than police (29 percent to 36 percent).



# As 2020 debate schedule released it's clear Harris improved enthusiasm gap for Biden campaign

By Lauren Victoria Burke  
NNPA Contributor

Democrats are enthusiastic about getting rid of Donald Trump. But a nagging issue regarding the Biden campaign keeps finding its way on to panel discussions and into think pieces about the 2020 campaign: Whether Joe Biden can cause the type of excitement around his campaign that will get voters inspired enough for him to win.

Over the last few months, Biden has received impressive polling results. More importantly, Biden has done well in polls in states he must win on the electoral map. By September 1, Biden's poll-



*As Biden and Trump move closer to Election Day, the topic of whether Trump will come up with another shocking win has worried some Democrats as outlier polls showing the race tightening occasionally pop up. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)*

ing was solid. Five polls released on September 2, demonstrated the following: Quinnipiac: Biden 52%, Trump 42% (+10), USAT/Suffolk: Biden 50%, Trump 43% (+7), Reuters/Ipsos: Biden 47%, Trump 40% (+7), Grinnell/Selzer: Biden 49%, Trump

41% (+8), Economist/YouGov: Biden 51%, Trump 40% (+11).

The question of enthusiasm has been a popular one since Barack Obama took the 2008 campaign by storm as an insurgent candidate who motivated young voters and took on

the party establishment. As Biden and Trump move closer to Election Day, the topic of whether Trump will come up with another shocking win has worried some Democrats as outlier polls showing the race tightening occasionally pop up. But the selection of Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) certainly drove excitement for base Democrats. Democrats raised \$26 million, including from 150,000 first time contributors in the 24 hours after Harris was announced as Biden's running mate. Black women are the most reliable voting block for the Democratic Party.

Biden himself could make a difference in the

excitement differential during the three presidential debates. One will be held in late September and the last two will be held in October.

On September 29, the first presidential debate will take place at Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. Fox News anchor Chris Wallace will be the moderator. October 7, the one and only vice presidential debate will be held at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. USA Today's Washington bureau chief Susan Page will moderate.

On October 15, the second presidential debate will be held at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the

Performing Arts in Miami. Steve Scully, senior executive producer and political editor of C-SPAN Networks, will moderate. On October 22, the last presidential debate will be held at Belmont University in Nashville. Kristen Welker, co-anchor of "Weekend Today" and NBC News' White House correspondent, will be the moderator.

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## Readjusting: Best Practices For Managing Your Business's Finances In Today's Economy.

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### What are my options in terms of Federal loans and grants?

There are many newly developed programs for businesses to access much needed financing. The Small Business Administration (SBA) offers many options to help businesses through COVID-19, including the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). If you received a PPP loan, keep tabs on how you spent the funds. This will make it easier to sort out potential loan forgiveness or repayment terms when the time comes. Other loan options offered by the SBA include Debt Relief, Express Bridge Loans, and Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) designed to help you through economic challenges. You can also review options through the Federal Reserve. Their Main Street Lending Program offers various high-dollar loans with deferred interest.

### How can I access additional capital?

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### What can I do to pivot my business to maintain cashflow?

You've most likely already made some modifications to how your business operates. We suggest identifying new revenue streams and adjusting your services based on your customers' current needs. Consider expanding your online footprint to be more accessible, or cut unnecessary costs. It's wise to prepare for unpredictability by staying in touch with trends that will impact your business. It's also helpful to measure and track the effectiveness of any operational changes.

To learn more ways we can help you stay Open For Business, visit the Wells Fargo Small Business Resource Center at: [smallbusinessresources.wf.com](https://smallbusinessresources.wf.com)



# String of errors leads to third game downfall for Cowboys

By Dwain Price  
NDG Sports

The bad news is that the Dallas Cowboys made an enormous amount of egregious mistakes that led to Sunday's 38-31 loss to the Seattle Seahawks.

But the good news is that despite that heartbreaking loss, the Cowboys are still tied for first place in the NFC East with Washington with a 1-2 record.

The Cowboys turned the ball over three times, missed two extra point kicks, allowed a safety and misfired on a two-point conversion in a lost afternoon on the road in the Pacific Northwest. And that's not counting the legion of penalties — 10 of them for 59 yards — and the number of plays where Seahawk receivers were so wide open that it was as if they were playing



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in a different area code than the Cowboys.

The sloppy play all added up to a dog day afternoon for the Cowboys, who will host the Cleveland Browns on Sunday at noon at AT&T Stadium in Arlington in the first of three straight home games.

"Obviously a lot went on during the course of the game," Cowboys coach Mike McCarthy said. "I

thought our guys battled as they always do. I think when you look at the numbers — and I'm seeing it — we had a lot of production.

"But the key plays of the game, you've got to give those (Seattle) guys credit. Their big plays resulted in more points than ours."

Just like they did last week against the Atlanta Falcons, the Cowboys dug themselves a very huge and

extremely uncomfortable hole. But unlike against the Falcons when the Cowboys rallied to prevail, 40-39, after falling behind by 20 points, this time Dallas' comeback bid fell short.

Behind the brilliance of quarterback Dak Prescott, the Cowboys erased a 30-15 deficit and went ahead of the Seahawks, 31-30, with 3:59 remaining in the game following a 42-yard field goal by Greg Zuerlein. However, Russell Wilson tossed a 29-yard touchdown to DK Metcalf with 1:47 left, and Prescott was intercepted in the end zone with just six seconds to go, sealing a wild game where the Cowboys racked up 522 total yards.

"I want the ball in my hands," said Prescott, who completed 37 of 57 passes for 472 yards, three touchdowns and a pair of interceptions. "I'm never go-

ing to shy away from the moment -- having the ball in my hands and having a chance to win the game.

"I want to make those throws and I want to have that opportunity."

It's the sixth time in his career — a Cowboys' franchise record — that Prescott has passed for 400-plus yards in a game. It's also the second straight week that he's passed for at least 450 yards.

Still, the Cowboys don't have much to show for the video game-type numbers

Prescott are manufacturing. And they can probably look in the mirror and see the reasons why.

"If you look at it, the last three weeks we're only stopping ourselves," Prescott said. "So, we've got to get out of our own way, be cleaner with the ball, play smarter football and find a way to start faster.

"We're going to go back and we're going to figure a way to get this thing right and clean it up."

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# NDG Bookshelf: 'Rise Up: Confronting a Country at the Crossroads'

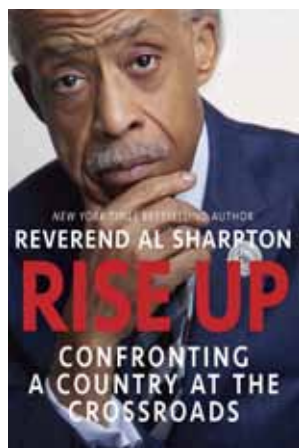
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You're beat down.

Tired, ready to rest, just plain done. So much racism, so many politicians doing so many things. You're wiped, laid low with no more go, and you're not sure you have the energy for more of this. But there's hope for the hopeless, a lift for the fallen, and in "Rise Up" by Reverend Al Sharpton, there's reason to keep on.

We are being tested.

It's happening now, Sharpton says, in a way that we've never seen. We're poked by haters every day, prodded by evildoers. The nation is at a "crossroads"



and work is being done to "make America great" but not for everybody. This has to change.

Democracy, says Sharpton, is not perfect but it really is the best of all political practices. To make

it work now, we need and "deserve" strong leadership that isn't racist or homophobic, misogynistic, or against immigration or voter's rights. It's what we must have to preserve democracy – and yet, he says, in the last four years, we've gone from a transformational leader who embraced diversity to one that's transactional, and does not. The former allowed a cultural shift that many in the Black community enjoyed. With the latter, we seem to have backtracked.

That came as no surprise to Sharpton: he's known Donald Trump for decades, has met with him numer-

ous times on various projects. He knows him as just a guy from Queens, a deal-maker, just another politician Sharpton's acquainted with. He's known a lot of politicians: King, Obama, Mandela, Clinton. Shirley Chisholm, whom he sweetly calls "Mrs. C." He's known celebrities, too: James Brown was like a father to Sharpton. Aretha Franklin was a friend.

Moving forward, he says, we must ask white allies to step aside and make room for Black leaders in issues where Black lives are most affected. Black activists shouldn't ignore the fight for LGBTQ rights because

they, too, are human rights – as are issues of climate change. And as for staying "woke," remember that waking up means getting up, too...

Let's start here: Reverend Al Sharpton doesn't have very much good to say about Donald Trump. If you're familiar with Sharpton, you already knew this was coming – but "Rise Up" offers some background that happened between the two, and they're great stories.

That's a lot of what you'll get inside this book, in fact: stories, and they mix in with Sharpton's observations and thoughts so well that it's easy to be lulled into

the telling. No worries: like any good preacher does, he happily yanks your attention back to the pulpit, to racism, voter's rights, and politics. True to what you'd expect, Sharpton isn't shy, and he'll make readers who are Black, white, and brown think, hard, about today's issues.

Don't be surprised to see a somewhat gentler version of Reverend Sharpton in this book – gentler, but no less fierce. Don't be surprised if this book sparks conversation and action. Now go: you've got time, read it before the election, and "Rise Up" won't let you down.

## CRA must help address systemic racial barriers and inequality, and it must benefit LMI and families of color

WASHINGTON, D.C. – This week in a board meeting, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve approved its draft Advance Notice of Proposed Rule-

making (ANPR) on the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). In May, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency finalized its CRA rule, while the Feder-

al Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) has yet to join an agency in finalizing a CRA rule.

The CRA is a civil rights law designed to expand fi-

nancial opportunity. The law requires banks to meet the credit needs of the communities in which they are chartered. The CRA was

created to be a key driver in financial equity, helping to spur hundreds of billions of dollars of investment in underserved areas. Yet,

the CRA requires strengthening to evolve with the changing banking land-

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That clean up includes trying to avoid the mitigating circumstances in the early stages that tilted the game in the Seahawks' favor.

During a consecutive three-play span, Seattle's Tyler Lockett was very wide open behind the Cowboys' secondary for a 43-yard TD. Then, Tony Pollard muffed the ensuing kickoff, and had to hustle to recover it at the one-yard line. And on the very next play, running back Ezekiel Elliott slipped and fell in the end zone for a safety and a 9-3 lead for the Seahawks.

"Those three plays there make it hard to say it was a good day," McCarthy said. "It's obviously a nine-point swing right there, so we've got to do a better job."

"I think like anything in the game of football you need a return on an investment in which you emphasize. We spend a tremendous amount of time on handling the football and we need to do a much better

job in that area."

Of the Seattle receivers who were wide open seemingly all day, McCarthy said: "People are not supposed to run wide open. That's what Monday's are for, and we'll take a hard look at it."

Things were so difficult for the Cowboys' secondary that one Seattle second-half touchdown drive was aided by three penalties against the Dallas secondary.

"It was really on us, honestly, just miscommunication," rookie cornerback Trevon Diggs said. "Most of the plays we gave them was because of us, so we've got to fix that. We fix that, the score may be different."

The score also may have been different if the Cowboys could have found a way to contain Wilson, who was 27-of-40 for 315 yards and five touchdowns as he's become the leader in the race to win the NFL Most Valuable Player award this year. Defensive end Aldon Smith did sack Wilson

three times, but that wasn't nearly enough.

"I think we need to do a better job of starting games, and that's just something that comes with time, experience and us knowing each other and growing together," Smith said. "At the end of the day we've all got a job to do and we're just going to do our job better."

For the Cowboys, Michael Gallup caught six passes for 138 yards and a touchdown, Cedrick Wilson had five receptions for 107 yards and two touchdowns, and Amari Cooper added nine catches for 86 yards. But all of those impressive statistics went for naught as the Cowboys are now 2-8 over the past two seasons in one-possession games.

"We just got to be better, starting with myself, making more of these games – one-score games," Prescott said. "I know we will."

"We'll just go back this week and have some tough practices and we'll change this thing around. We'll get this thing right and be proud of what we can do."

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# Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. does it again and raises \$1 million in support of HBCUs

CHICAGO, IL (Sept. 23, 2020) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is proud to announce that for the third consecutive year, the sorority has successfully raised \$1 million in 24 hours for the benefit of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The sorority's annual HBCU Impact Day on September 21 exceeded its \$1 million goal in online donations alone from local AKA chapters, private donors and corporate matching dollars from across the globe.

"We did it, we did it again!" Dr. Glenda Glover, AKA International President and Chief Executive Officer shared with excitement in a video message to sorority members. "The

online receipts alone totaled more than \$1.3 million. We can now continue to provide endowments to our treasured HBCUs."

HBCU Impact Day is one part of a four-year \$10 million fundraising goal set by Dr. Glover, who has challenged the women of AKA to lead the charge in helping to secure fiscal sustainability and success for accredited HBCUs around the country. The sorority was successfully able to reach the \$1 million goal consecutively in 2018 and 2019, supporting the organization's HBCU for Life: A Call to Action platform, which aims to promote HBCUs by encouraging students to attend and matriculate through these insti-

tutions.

Last year, AKA gifted \$1.6 million to the first 32 of 96 HBCUs through the AKA-HBCU Endowment Fund. Each HBCU received \$50,000 in unrestricted endowment funds as part of a phased approach to help schools reduce student debt through scholarships, fund industry-specific research, recruit and retain top faculty, and other critical operations especially during this global pandemic.

On Sunday, September 20, the sorority held a virtu-

al brunch to launch the next round of 32 HBCU endowment recipients. Four more recipients were announced: Delaware State University, Lane College, St. Phillips College, and Medgar Evers College. Four additional grants will be announced on Friday, September 25, the last day of HBCU Week. The sorority will then announce 24 more recipients — six schools every Thursday for the next four weeks.

"These institutions continue to make a powerful impact in our communities

and throughout our country, graduating 22% of all African Americans with bachelor's degrees, nearly 80% of all African-American judges and 50% of all black lawyers," said Dr. Glover, who is also the president of Tennessee State University and an HBCU graduate. "It's gratifying to know that funds raised will establish sustainability to our historically black colleges and universities."

Dr. Glover thanks everyone who contributed to the

success of the 2020 HBCU Impact Day and notes that the \$1.3 million raised online does not include checks in the mail and other contributions. Although HBCU Impact Day has passed, individuals or organizations interested in supporting the effort can still make contributions by texting AKAHBCU to 44321, giving by mail or online at <http://aka1908.com/hbcus/donate-hbcu>.

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scape and to fully meet its statutory mission.

Center for Responsible Lending Executive Vice President Nikitra Bailey released the following statement:

"Unlike the OCC's approach in finalizing a deeply misguided rule without stakeholder support, we appreciate the Federal Reserve's commitment to a data-driven process that solicits broad input. The Federal Reserve should ensure that updated regulations account for the harsh realities of discrimination that still plague today's financial marketplace.

"CRA was designed to undo the injustices created by the horrific practice of redlining and to expand financial opportunity, equity,

and help spur investments in underserved areas. Our nation's most recent reckoning with racial injustice has elevated the recognition and urgency to enact significant reforms to address structural racial barriers and provide opportunity to LMI families and people of color. CRA must be one of the major tools to provide these long overdue reforms."

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**October 07, 7 pm**

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# Oh, to be crazy and get paid for it

By Dr. James L. Snyder

I usually don't complain a lot. When I do I get caught in some dilemma that I can't talk my way out. You think I would learn my lesson, but I'm still in the learning curve.

After supper one night, we took our coffee into the living room to watch a little bit of the news. That is always the wrong thing to do, and you would think I would know it by this time.

Watching the news, my wife could see that I was getting a little bit agitated. I don't always get agitated, but when I do... I do.

"What has you all worked up," my wife asked?

Finally, I broke my silence and said, "I'm rather tired of all of these crazy politicians who don't know their right hand from their left hand, except when they stick it out for donations. I'm tired of these crazy politicians being on television! Why can't they go to the principal's office like I had to do so often when I was in grade school?"

When I quieted down, I heard some chuckles across the room. I looked in my wife's direction, and there she sat giggling and chuckling and having a great time

of it.

"What's so funny?"

She just looked at me and continued giggling and then finally said, "Don't you know that those crazy politicians get paid for being crazy. The crazier they are, the more money they make."

Then she broke into one of her hysterical laughs.

"Don't you," she said between giggles, "wish you were that crazy?"

"If you want to make money like them," my wife continued, "you will have to be just as crazy as they are."

That's a very good thought. Maybe I ought to look into this situation a

little closer.

"That's why you don't have much money," my wife explained, "you are not crazy enough!"

That was a surprise coming from my wife. I thought she knew how crazy I really was. But then I got to thinking. Perhaps she is right after all.

"Where do you suppose they get all of their craziness?"

Again, my wife chuckled and looked at me and said, "Because they have no idea what they say from one day to the next. They live in a bubble and have lost a sense of reality in this world of

ours."

Again, she was spot on about this craziness in politics.

"They don't live in the real world," my wife began to explain to me. "They live in a world of their imagination, and their imagination creates a spirit of craziness."

"So," I said to her, "if I'm going to get paid for being crazy, I gotta quit living in the real world."

"Now you got it," she replied.

I got it, but I'm sure not going to get it. Getting paid for being crazy means that I have to live in a bubble and not the real world, I wonder

if it's really worth it?

Maybe being poor and sane is the better alternative.

How much money would be worth becoming that crazy?

I then thought of a verse in the Bible. "Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless" (Ecclesiastes 5:10).

Being crazy isn't worth all the money in the world.

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### October 04, 10 a.m.

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### October 05, 7 to 8 pm Every Monday Night

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### October 07, 7 pm

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*"But I think it is necessary to send back to you, Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs."*

(Philippians 2:25-26)

The story is told of a man that got on a bus with other delegates attending a workplace conference in South Africa. It was a season in his life in which he had experienced many losses both financially and relationally. God was stripping away the old wineskin and creating a

new one.

He said that one of the things God was teaching him was that God, not his skills, not his work, but that God was his provider of financial needs during this season of training.

God provided the man with the means to attend the conference. One day before the registration deadline, a man came to his office and gave him \$2,500 and told him he was to go.

Now, a man had just placed an envelope in his hand. "Here, God says I am to give this to you. Inside are 10 crisp American \$100 bills - \$1000!" The man was from Kuwait.

Every believer needs to come to know Christ as their provider. Jehovah Jireh means God is my pro-



*Sister Tarpley showing respect and appreciation for Police Chief Derick Miller and the entire Police Department in Carrollton, Texas*

vider. When God called the Israelites from their place of slavery they had to walk through the desert.

There is no way to earn a living in the desert. So God provided manna each day for them. Sometimes He

even brought water from rocks.

They had to experience a new way of gaining provision that was not rooted in sweat and toil. God had to demonstrate His faithfulness as Jehovah Jireh to His

people.

There were times when Paul's tent making business was not the way God would provide for him. God often uses others as His instrument of provision. So, God sent Epaphroditus to take care of Paul's needs.

Do you know God as your provider? Do you have a need? Place your need before the Lord today and ask Him to demonstrate His faithfulness as Jehovah Jireh.

Tell God that you want to KNOW Him. God is great and He does great things. Tell God that you want to spend more time with Him.

Ask God to help you make time to sit before His throne in quiet places to read His Word in order to know Him more intimately, to help you develop an ear to hear His voice so that you know when to turn to the right or to the left. Trust God to guide you in all things.

## ABLE, from Page 7

Chief of Police Jeff Spivey said seeking inclusion to join the ABLE Project reflected important priorities for the Irving Police Department.

"Policies mandating employees intervene when they witness misconduct are an important first step to protecting the rights of individuals," said Chief Spivey. "Without direction and instruction on how intervention should be accomplished, the policies themselves do not provide

the specificity necessary to empower our employees with the knowledge and confidence to courageously accomplish these directives."

Those backing the Irving Police Department's application to join the program included, Tony Grimes, President of the Irving/Carrollton chapter of the NAACP, Paresh Patel, Outreach Coordinator for BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha and the Hindu-American community, and

City Manager Chris Hillman, all of whom wrote letters of support.

"This training is consistent with the Irving Police Department's desire for creating a culture of continual improvement and will ensure they are prepared to respond appropriately if faced with a duty to intervene," wrote NAACP President Tony Grimes.

Professor Christy Lopez, co-director of Georgetown Law's Innovative Policing Program, which runs ABLE, explained: "The ABLE Project seeks to en-

sure every police officer in the United States has the opportunity to receive meaningful, effective active bystander training, and to help agencies transform their approach to policing by building a culture that supports and sustains successful peer intervention to prevent harm."

**NDGtv** 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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