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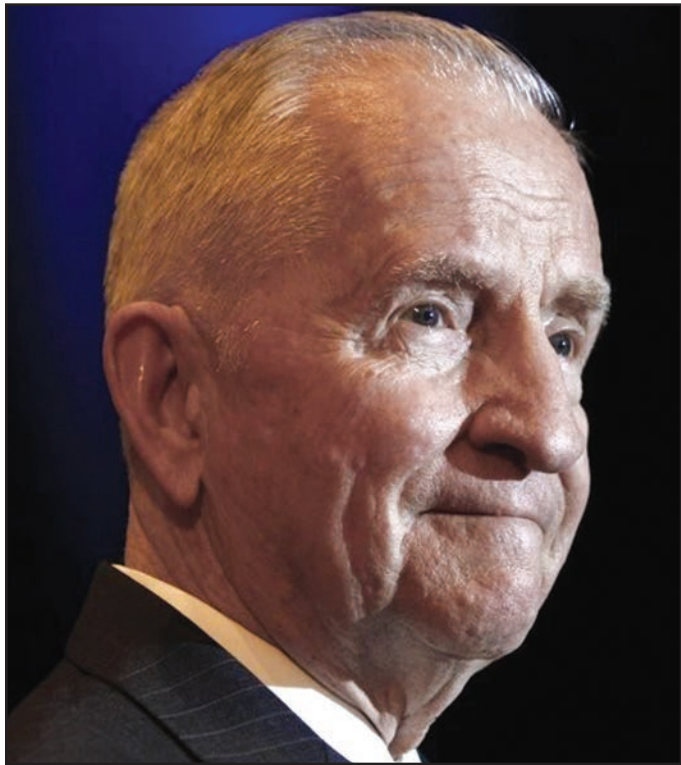
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Self-made Billionaire H. Ross Perot Dies at 89



By DAVID KOENIG

DALLAS (AP) — H. Ross Perot, the colorful, self-made Texas billionaire who rose from a childhood of Depression-era poverty and twice mounted outsider campaigns for president, has died. He was 89.

The cause of death was leukemia, a family spokesman said Tuesday.

Perot, whose 19% of the vote in 1992 stands among the best showings by an independent candidate in the past century, died early Tuesday at his home in Dallas surrounded by his family, said the spokesman, James Fuller.

As a boy in Texarkana, Texas, Perot delivered newspapers from the back of a pony. He earned his billions in a more modern fashion, however. After attending the U.S. Naval Academy and becoming a salesman for IBM, he went his own way — creating and building Electronic Data Systems Corp., which helped other companies manage their computer networks.

"He had the vision and the tenacity to make it happen," Luce said. "He was a great communicator. He never employed a speechwriter — he wrote all his own speeches. He was a great storyteller."

Perot first attracted attention beyond business circles by claiming that the U.S. government left behind hundreds of American soldiers who were missing or imprisoned at the end of the Vietnam War. Perot fanned the issue at home and discussed it privately with Vietnamese officials in the 1980s, angering the Reagan administration, which was formally negotiating with Vietnam's

government.

Perot's wealth, fame and confident prescription for the nation's economic ills propelled his 1992 campaign against President George H.W. Bush and Democratic challenger Bill Clinton. In June of that year, a Gallup poll showed Perot leading his major-party rivals, but he dropped out in July, then rejoined the race less than five weeks before the election.

In Dallas, Perot left his mark by creating the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, helping finance the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, and being a major benefactor of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He also provided help to families dealing with medical expenses or other challenges, according to those who knew him.

"He gave a lot to other people in public ways, but he also did it in private ways that nobody saw. There were thousands of stories just like that," said Meyerson, a longtime senior executive in Perot's companies.

Henry Ross Perot was born in Texarkana on June 27, 1930. His father was a cotton broker; his mother a secretary. Perot said his family survived the Depression relatively well through hard work and by managing their money carefully.

Young Perot's first job was delivering papers in a poor, mostly black part of town from his pony, Miss Bee. When the newspaper tried to cut his commission, he said he complained to the publisher — and won. He said that taught him to take problems straight to the top.

Associated Press writer Jamie Stengle in Dallas contributed to this report.

In this April 20, 2019, file photo, Ross Perot listens to a reporter's question during a news conference before accepting the Command and General Staff College Foundation's 2010 Distinguished Leadership Award in Kansas City, Mo. Perot, the Texas billionaire who twice ran for president, has died, a family spokesman said Tuesday, July 9, 2019. He was 89. (AP Photo/Ed Zurga, File)

Cincinnati's First Black Female Juvenile Court Judge Faces Jail Time After Sham Trial Exposes Racism, Cronyism and Corruption

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA
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Cincinnati, the third largest city in Ohio, sits on a hilly landscape along the Ohio River at the Kentucky border just opposite Covington and Newport.

It's ice cold temperatures during the winter is only surpassed by the cold-blooded racial history of the Queen City.

Nearly 20 years after a race riot wreaked destruction downtown and many of the city's already worn neighborhoods, the City Council called for a study to identify practices that might contribute to institutional racism.

What they haven't addressed is the travesty of a racially- and politically-motivated conviction of Tracie



Hunter, Cincinnati's first African-American female Juvenile Court Judge in Hamilton County's 110-year history. Hunter was also the first Democrat to serve in that capacity.

However, on July 22, Hunter is scheduled to begin a six-month jail sentence.

She was convicted for "securing a public contract" — she says that she still doesn't know what that means.

Shockingly, the jury was mostly comprised of wives of her political foes, and friends, attorneys and neighbors of the prosecutor.

One juror worked for WCPO Television, a station that has filed numerous lawsuits against Hunter.

Another juror was a lawyer who worked at the firm that represented WCPO.

Court documents revealed that the jury foreman contributed \$500 to state Sen. Bill Seitz, the father of county jury coordinator Brad Seitz, who was responsible for compiling the panel of jurors.

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Dallas Entrepreneur Started his Apparel Line with Only 38 Cents

Jaylen LaGrande, the owner of 316 Collection and author of 38 Cents, went from selling tee shirts out of the trunk of his car to a kiosk in the mall. Now, he has a full-service retail apparel store in the Dallas Galleria Mall. He began his entrepreneur journey at 17 years old with only 38 cents in his savings account. Today he

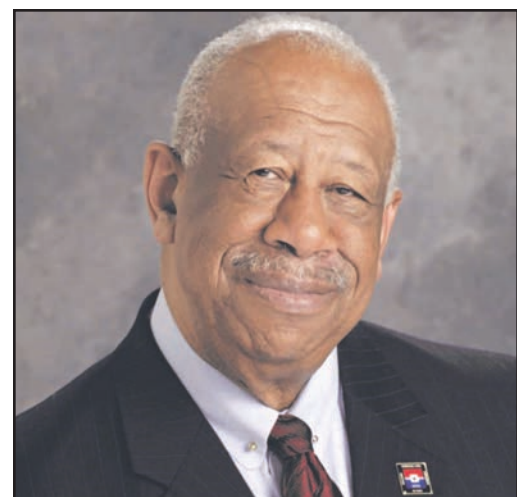


is a global entrepreneur traveling to Africa to share his journey and to inspire others. He has written a book chronicling his journey with the same name as the loose change he amassed in his account.

Stevie Wonder says he's getting a Kidney Transplant in Fall

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Dallas County Community College District announces the death of former chancellor Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr.



DALLAS - Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr., former chancellor of Dallas County Community College, local minister and educator died Monday, July 2 at his home in Dallas. He was 85. Dr. Lassiter was appointed

chancellor in 2007 after serving as president of El Centro College for 20 years.

"It is with tremendous sadness that I inform you of the death of beloved former Dallas County Community College Chancellor Dr.

Wright Lassiter Jr.," said Dr. Joe May, DCCCD's chancellor.

"We all live in the spirit of hope and service that was the trademark of Dr. Lassiter's life," said Dr. May said. "He lived by example. He was larger than

life, yet he lived with humility. He taught us how to serve our students with passion and focus.

"We will carry on his legacy of teaching, leading and ensuring that higher education is accessible to all," Dr. May said.

Dr. Lassiter was the district's first African American chancellor.

During his time as chancellor, he oversaw a \$450 million bond election which resulted in the construction of 29 buildings including five new community education campuses.

"Dr. Lassiter served many students and employees at DCCCD for over 25 years. His leadership is a testament to his commitment to a higher education for all," said DCCCD

Board Chairwoman Diana Flores. "He often spoke with a quiet eloquence. We are saddened to learn of his passing, and the DCCCD Board offers condolences to his family."

Born in Vicksburg, Miss., Dr. Lassiter received a bachelor's degree from Alcorn State University; a master's degree from Indiana University, and a doctorate in education from Auburn University.

He arrived in Dallas in 1983 to become president of Bishop College, now Paul Quinn College.

Dr. Lassiter was the recipient of numerous awards and honors. In 2013, the early college high school at El Centro College was renamed in his honor, The Dr. Wright L.

Lassiter Jr. Early College High School.

In 2002, he was nominated by Pres. George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as a member of the National Advisory Council to the National Endowment for the Humanities. He previously served as a commissioner for the United States Commission of Minority Business Development and as a member of the Texas Council for the Humanities.

In 2006, BKM Total Office of Texas, a Dallas-based furnishing company established the Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr. BKM scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to students attending any of the seven DCCCD colleges who are majoring in

entrepreneurship studies and other disciplines.

Dr. Lassiter retired in 2014 but continued to serve as a graduate school faculty member at Dallas Baptist University. An ordained minister, he taught at Concord Baptist Church and was an interim pastor at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, both in Dallas.

In 2016, he received the national Leadership Award from the American Association of Community Colleges.

A lifelong learner, Dr. Lassiter was the author of several books.

He is survived by his wife, Demetria Lassiter; two adult children and two grandchildren. His first wife, Bessie Lassiter, died in 2014.



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The State of Dallas County

My Day by Dr. J. Ester Davis

State of Dallas County

Adding more to the world view on Dallas and its prosperous resume, County Judge Clay Jenkins recently spoke at a luncheon hosted by the Greater Irving, Richardson and Las Colinas Chambers of Commerce. The State of Dallas and the State of Dallas County continues to gain in job creation doubling the national average, welcoming more businesses and expansions, maybe an upcoming major Uber presence with thousands of jobs in downtown Dallas. Judge Jenkins added, "For the third year in a row DFW led the whole country in job creation". It is no secret that we are leading the nation in warehouses because they are going up

everywhere. I view this statement as a positive gain . . . and a subject for another day.

The good news is challenging and not without challenges. Among these top issues is a 'surge' in sexually transmitted diseases (STD). One source says that there are 1,083 cases of STD per 100,000 people in Dallas County alone. The key word here is Dallas County 'alone'. There are 32 "free" STD Testing & HIV Clinics in Dallas. The region faces outbreak of many STD epidemics, to-wit: Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis. There are tests for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Herpes, HIV Early Detection, HIV and Trichomonas's.

Sidebar: Before you comment and judge, please

research the national ages.

So health care is still a massive issue. The County Judge did announce the opening of more clinics. Red Bird Mall and looking for a location in Lancaster, Texas.

Economic challenges is a double edged sword. Unemployment is 3%, but about 27% of Dallas County children live in poverty. The County Judge was direct continuing with we all have a role to play. He acknowledged that "people of color are making less with the same jobs and skills . . . as their white counterparts."

The message here in businesses, please look and see to it that people are paid fairly. On the other side of the coin . . . let's prepare ourselves and our

children with the skills needed for this paradigm shift history making era.

"We all have a role to play" . . . is extremely important enlisting every citizen in Dallas County. Dallas County Promise offers "free" college to high school students around the county. Free college?? Now that's something to talk about! Which means that the economic gains of today can continue and the employment, among other societal changes, can remain at this... all time low percentage.

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A Fool's Folly!

By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

The hundreds of thousands of distressed desperate women with babies, children and men from Central America, South America and Africa who journey thousands of miles from their countries, risking their lives and leaving those that they love behind to enter the United States for a new life will not be stopped by a Southern border wall.

That belief is simply folly, or at worse, political rhetoric designed to win over emotional voters that can be easily manipulated during the election season by an administration whose

life expectancy, many predict, will conclude in 2020.

Serious thinkers understand that a comprehensive federal immigration strategy and a working relationship with the leaders of nations such as Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador are critical to stem the tide of the massive numbers of migrants that are moving north.

Perhaps the president and those who help him to shape his immigration policy might consult with people such as the president of El Salvador, Nayib Bukele, who recently suggested that migrants would main in the country that he leads if there sufficient employment

and a safe environment.

President Bukele recently urged Washington to become his country's partner in creative a massive jobs programs in El Salvador. He said that he believe his government, with assistance from President Trump, could create nearly 400,000 jobs that do not exist today. Those jobs, President Bukele said, would discouraged Salvadorans from seeking a life in the United States, he added, saying "... if people have an opportunity for a decent job, a decent education, a decent health care system and security, I know that forceful migration will be reduced to zero."

No one wants to leave their

home. If the average person were to examine their own lives and found that they were jobless and fearful, they would search for a place where they could earn an income and raise their families in peace. Isn't that what the first settlers in this country did when they fled what they characterized was tyranny in England.

So, history teaches us that those who stand at our Southern eager to enter and those who are walking towards it are not much different from those who settled what is now the United States of America, which we have declared as the 'the land of the free and the home of the brave.'

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Cincinnati's First Black Female Juvenile Court Judge Faces Jail Time After Sham Trial Exposes Racism, Cronyism and Corruption

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Three black jurors, none of whom had known ties to prosecutors and all of whom held out for acquittal, ultimately succumbed to pressure by other panelists and a judge who refused to allow defense lawyers to poll the jury after announcing the verdict.

In all American trials, particularly those that end in guilty verdicts, it's the right of attorneys to request the judge to poll all 12 jurors to ensure each were in agreement with the verdict.

"The judge refused a motion for a retrial after he refused to poll the jury, in clear violation of the law and at the request of my attorney," Hunter told NNPA Newswire during the annual National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) annual convention in Cincinnati.

Hunter was joined by a large group of supporters sporting black T-shirts imprinted with the logo, "Justice for Judge Tracie Hunter."

"At the close of the trial, three jurors came forward and said that their finding was 'not guilty' and if Judge Norbert Nadel had polled the jury, they would have said so," Hunter said.

However, she and her supporters were quick to point out that the judge presiding over the appeal was none other than Prosecutor Joe Deters' mother-in-law, Judge Sylvia Hendon.

Representatives for Deters and Hendon declined to com-

ment to NNPA Newswire.

Hunter, who earned her undergraduate degree from Miami University in 1988 and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1992, won election in 2010, stunning the Republican-led city by defeating GOP contender John Williams.

Williams and the GOP contested Hunter's victory and a heated court battle and numerous appeals by the Hamilton County Board of Elections which refused to count more than 800 votes from majority Democrat and Black precincts, ensued.

Hunter then filed a federal lawsuit to have those voted counted.

While the court finally ordered those votes to be counted, election officials still certified Williams as the victor.

However, once the votes were counted, the election was overturned in Hunter's favor.

The 18-month period proved pivotal because then-Gov. John Kasich appointed Williams to the bench and the state Supreme Court changed the rules giving Williams administrative authority over the court.

As the senior judge and the only one elected, Hunter would have received the position of administrative judge.

Still, Hunter worked behind the bench to protect the rights of children including refusing to allow their names and faces to appear in news coverage.

Among other things, she instilled a system that focused on rehabilitation instead of incarceration.

Hunter mandated prosecutors turn over all critical evidence to defense lawyers.

She forced juvenile court to change its entire reporting system; outlawed the routine shackling of juveniles in her courtroom; exposed that juvenile case statistics were being inaccurately reported and falsified to the Ohio Supreme Court; hired African Americans in key positions; reduced default judgments; and spearheaded the change of state election laws which paved the way for ex-felons to vote.

"I also bought in people from outside of Cincinnati who affirmed that shielding these 12-year-old kids faces and preventing their names from being in the media helped to reduce any chance that they'd have a repeat run-in with law enforcement," Hunter said.

However, the Cincinnati Enquirer and WCPO Television joined Republican county officials in the prosecutors' and commissioners' offices in lawsuits challenging Hunter.

"They filed 30 lawsuits in less than 9 months that I was on the bench," Hunter said.

After serving just 18 months, her enemies found a way to silence her and end her career.

Hunter was charged with theft for using her judicial credit card to appeal the lawsuits filed against her by Deters, the prosecutor.

Now, with her law license suspended and having exhausted any savings and appeals, Hunter is facing jail.

After being convicted on one of 10 counts filed against her,

Hunter lost her appeal.

Further frustrating is that Hunter is the lone caregiver to her ailing and aging mother.

Hunter, who's also a church pastor in Cincinnati, remains buoyed by the support of so many including The Coalition for a Just Hamilton County which is composed of members from the Interdenominational Ministry Alliance; the Cincinnati Chapter of the NAACP; the local chapter of Al Sharpton's National Action Network; the Black United Front; the Southern Christian Leadership Council; the Nation of Islam and others.

"They've tried to stop me from telling my truth and I have is my truth," she said,

noting that she's mostly refrained from giving interviews because the local media has only used sound bites to try and embarrass her.

"I've lost hope in the justice system which is why I became a judge in the first place," Hunter said. "I've not lost faith in God even though they've tried to drive me out of this city even with what the Ku Klux Klan did," she said, alluding to when the hooded racist group threatened 12-year-olds and their families in front of North College Hill Elementary School after Hunter ruled that their faces and names couldn't be used in the media.

"There is so much racism, so much nepotism and so much cronyism here in Cincinnati but I just hold on to the belief that the truth shall set you free and I will continue to stand on the truth," she said.

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COMMENTARY: Biblical silence about slavery leaves lasting questions today. (Part 2/Conclulsion)

Why was Jesus silent about slavery?

When Jesus conducted his ministry, it was widely believed that such outcomes would be the result of certain methods to, in other words, "scare people" into submission to God. Like the slave or servant, we would be physically harmed if we're not good enough. There are several parables like this in the Gospels. Matthew 18:23-35 says we will be "jailed and tortured." Matthew 25:14-30 says we will be "cast into the other darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." The Book of Matthew goes even further in chapter 24, verses 45-51 in that the disobedient servant/slave will be "cut in pieces." These excerpts from Scripture may indicate how Jesus pictured masters treating their slaves.

Following the 'Golden Rule'

When Jesus gave the Golden Rule ("love your neighbor as yourself") or (do to others what you would have them do to you"), most people naturally believe he implied that slavery was wrong. In other words, if we should treat others as we want them to treat us, that means that we shouldn't enslave them. While this is obvious in the 21st Century—and had even become clear to abolitionists in the 19th Century—this ideal was not obvious to large swaths of those who would abide by America being "founded as a Christian nation." Jesus did not invent the Golden Rule. Rather, he was quoting from verse 18 of the passage in Leviticus 19:11-18 where the same principle, "love your neighbor as yourself" effectively sums up the other commands in that passage. This is much like how Jesus said that the Golden Rule sums up the "law and the prophets" (Matthew 7:12 and Matthew 22:36-40). At that time, Jesus' audience would have known that he was quoting from Leviticus, one of the Five Books of Moses (the Torah), which commanded Israel to "invade and

enslave distant cities," and, in particular, Exodus which said that slaves are merely property and may be severely beaten "for just shy of two days" when their behavior would merit such a response.

In the minds of Jesus' audience, it would have been far from obvious that the Golden Rule outlawed slavery because the two concepts had coexisted in the Scriptures—presumably without contradiction—for centuries. At a minimum, modern civilization could say that if Jesus meant the Golden Rule as a command to abolish slavery, then millions of slaves in the next 2,000 years would have wished he had made his intent far more obvious.

'How to Make A Negro Christian'

'By the mid 19th Century, the majority of slaves had been introduced to Christianity, although most still could not read the Bible based on illiteracy and the fact that in several states in the Deep South, the White aristocracy discouraged Black persons from meeting in prayer. In 1832, the Rev. Charles Colcock Jones published the book "How To Make A Negro Christian," a sort of guide to slave owners on how to introduce the precepts of Jesus while instilling abject servitude upon their property. Jones was popularly referred to as the "Apostle of the Blacks." In one passage from his book, he explained how the typical slave owner could use Scripture to hold sway over his captives:

"And having our plantation, the time and persons of our servants wholly under our control, we can arrange the manner and frequency of our instructions, as we please, and the period of these instructions with as much punctuality, and with as little interruption, as we can arrange the morning and evening devotions of our own fireside. Our very children might become, to some extent, teachers, by reading to them portions of the Bible, or plain tracts and things of such sort." Further, Jones elaborated on why teaching the Gospels to slaves would make them even more obedient and diligent

in their daily chores: "Will the authority of the masters be weakened by instructions of this sort? No, it will be strengthened. And we believe that their authority can be strengthened and supported in this way only; for the duty of obedience will never be felt and performed to the extent that we desire it, unless we can bottom it on religious principle. Let them (slave masters) invest a little capital in the minds and hearts of their people (slaves), and it will prove to all concerned, a peace-giving and profitable investment for time and for eternity."

A 'double-edged sword' for African Americans

Some slave owners, however, did not allow their slaves to attend church and ridiculed the notion of religion for slaves because they refused to believe that Black persons had souls. Others forbade their slaves to attend church because, according to John Brown, an ex-slave from Georgia: "White folks 'fraid the nig*rs git to thinkin' they was free, if they had churches 'n things."

The Christian faith occupies a complicated—and often radicalized—place in the history of African-Americans, namely because it was abused by White colonists and slave traders to subjugate generations of people.

Many scholars have since tried to explain the dichotomy between the brutality of slavery and the benevolence of the Gospels.

"Christianity was a double-edged sword [for African Americans]," said Dr. Lawrence H. Mamiya, co-author of the 1990 book "The Black Church in the African-American Experience." He explained that long before colonialism and slavery, Africans were practicing Christianity. "On the one hand, Whites wanted to use Christianity to make slaves docile and obedient. On the other, the Africans adapted Christianity for their survival and liberation."

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Pre-registration open for the 23rd Annual Mayor's Back to School Fair



Pre-registration for the 23rd Annual Mayor's Back to School Fair is now open. The free event, scheduled for August 2., at Centennial Hall at Fair Park, provides everything from dental screenings and immunizations to eyeglasses and undergarments to children who qualify. Families can register in advance at one of 18 events held across Dallas from July 13 to 27. Free school supplies are available only to families whose child(ren) attend a Dallas ISD school or live in Dallas and meet eligibility requirements. Pre-registration locations are listed below.

- Saturday, July 13; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
J.Erik Jonsson Central Library
1st Floor Lobby
1515 Young St., Dallas, TX 75201
 - Monday, July 15; 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
M.L. King Jr Recreation Center
2901 Pennsylvania Ave., Dallas, TX 75215
 - Tuesday, July 16; 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Casa View Elementary School
2100 N. Farola Dr., Dallas, TX 75228
 - Tuesday, July 16; 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Lancaster-Kiest Branch Library
2008 E. Kiest Blvd., Dallas, TX 75216
 - Thursday, July 18; 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Leonides Gonzalez Cigarroa Md Elementary School
9990 Webb Chapel Rd. , Dallas, TX 75220
 - Friday, July 19; 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Eastfield College Pleasant Grove Campus
802 S. Buckner Blvd., Dallas, TX 75217
 - Saturday, July 20; 10 a.m. – Noon
Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center
5150 Mark Trail Way, Dallas, TX 75232
 - Saturday, July 20; Noon – 2 p.m.
Fretz Park Library Branch
6990 Belt Line Rd., Dallas, TX 75254
 - Tuesday, July 23; 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Sam Tasby Middle School
7001 Fair Oaks Ave., Dallas, TX 75231
 - Wednesday, July 24; 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Highland Hills Branch Library
6200 Bonnie View Rd., Dallas, TX 75241
 - Thursday, July 25; 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Harmony Science Academy Dallas High
12005 Forestgate Dr., Dallas, TX 75243
 - Thursday, July 25; 2 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Baylor Scott & White Health and Wellness Center at Juanita J. Craft Recreation Center
4500 Spring Ave., Dallas, TX 75210
 - Saturday, July 27; 10 a.m. – noon
Prairie Creek Branch Library
9606 Lake June Rd., Dallas, TX 75217
 - Saturday, July 27; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Martin Weiss Recreation Center
1111 Martindell Ave., Dallas, TX 75211
- Visit www.mayorsbacktoschoolfair.com for more information about this event and qualification requirements.
- An estimated 35,000 children and family members attended last year's Mayor's Back to School Fair.

Dallas CASA's Parade of Playhouses

Dallas CASA's Parade of Playhouses Returns to NorthPark Center July 12 to July 28

What: Children's playhouses designed by some of Dallas' premier builders and architects will be on display at NorthPark Center July 12 to 28 for Dallas CASA's 24th annual Parade of Playhouses. Dallas CASA's signature community awareness event which raises funds to serve abused and neglected children, Parade of Playhouses will feature 17 perfectly pint-sized creations on display and available to win by raffle. The event is presented by Crest Cadillac / Crest INFINITI / Crest Volvo. This year's collection of houses included a lunar landing module, an inclusive autism awareness house, a food truck and many other unique designs.

When: Friday, July 12 to Sunday, July 28

Where: NorthPark Center, 8687 N. Central Expressway Dallas TX 75225

Visuals for media:

The playhouses will be moved into NorthPark Center by forklifts in the early morning hours on Thursday, July 11 and Friday July 12. Builders and designers will be on hand as houses are placed. Playhouse images and b-roll footage will be available Friday afternoon, July 12

Dallas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteers serve as the voices in court for abused and neglected children removed from their homes and placed in the protective care of the state.

FREE JOB TRAINING AVAILABLE AT FRAZIER HOUSE

Are you interested in earning a weekly stipend while participating in free job training in the Low-Voltage field? You can learn to install home theatres, Internet service, satellite dishes and more in this 4-week training course. The potential earnings for individuals starting jobs in the low voltage field are about \$40,000. To be considered for this program, you must apply and attend an orientation at Frazier House on Wednesday, July 17 at 9:30 a.m. to noon. This class will begin the third cohort of this program that began in March. To date, 21 individuals have participated in the training with 18 being placed in jobs following their graduation from the class. The hourly wage potential is from \$13 to \$19 per hour.

About the program:

- 4-week program that meets a mandatory 4 days a week
- Must be available between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Weekly stipend paid to active participants
- This is a background friendly opportunity
- No GED required, but you must be able to read and pass the field exam to be accepted in the program

Registration is mandatory. You can complete the form at <https://www.zwhj-coc.org/registration-form-low-voltage>. Frazier House is located at 4600 Spring Avenue, Dallas.

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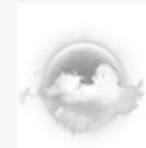
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'I just want to be like them': Fans fete World Cup Champs

NEW YORK (AP) — Adoring fans packed New York City's Canyon of Heroes on Wednesday amid a blizzard of confetti to praise the World Cup-winning U.S. women's national soccer team as athletic leaders on the field — and as advocates for pay equity off it.

Crowds chanted "USA! USA!" and workers sounded air horns from a construction site as the hourlong parade moved up a stretch of lower Broadway that has long hosted so-called ticker tape parades for world leaders, veterans and hometown sports stars.

Co-captain Megan Rapinoe and her teammates shared a float with Mayor Bill de Blasio and U.S. Soccer Federation president Carlos Cordeiro. Rapinoe struck her now-famous victory pose, took a swig of Champagne and handed the bottle to a fan. Goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher held the World Cup trophy aloft.

Aly Hoover, 12, of Glen Ridge, New Jersey, stood at the sidelines with a poster of the face of Alex Morgan, another team star. "I just want to be like them," she said.

Garret Prather brought his newborn son "to celebrate how the American women made us proud on and off the field." The team sealed its second tournament win by beating the Netherlands 2-0 on Sunday. It will get \$4 million for winning the World Cup from FIFA, the international soccer governing body. The men's French team got \$38 million for winning last year.

The U.S. women's team has sued the U.S. Soccer Federation for gender and pay discrimination. The federation will give the women bonuses about five times smaller than what the men would have earned for winning the World Cup. The case is currently in mediation.

Kate Lane, who watched the parade, called the pay gap "massive" for the soccer players and "across the board" for most women.

"Especially in male-dominated professions," said Lane, of Limerick, Ireland. "Women put just as much commitment into their work as their male counterparts."

She's hopeful the younger generation is soaking up the message from the women's team, noting a girl about 7 years old wearing an "Equal Pay" T-shirt.

Earlier Wednesday, team members joined New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, as he signed a bill expanding gender pay equality in the state. He said women's soccer players should be paid the same as male players.

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, a Democrat, introduced a bill Tuesday that would bar federal funding for the men's 2026 World Cup until the U.S. Soccer Federation provides equal pay to the women's and men's teams.

At a City Hall rally after the parade, de Blasio, also a Democrat, honored the team with symbolic keys to the city, saying it "brought us together" and "showed us so much to make us hopeful."

After chants for "Equal pay!" from the crowd, Cordeiro said women "deserve fair and equitable pay. And together I believe we can get this done."

At the rally, Rapinoe noted the diversity of the team: "We have pink hair and purple hair, we have tattoos and dreadlocks, we got white girls and black girls and everything in between. Straight girls and gay girls."

The parade is named for the strands of ticker tape that used to be showered down from nearby office buildings. The tape has since been



replaced with paper confetti, which drifted down from office buildings throughout Wednesday's parade, along with documents and spreadsheets folded into paper airplanes.

The Department of Sanitation said it has assigned 350 workers to parade cleanup, with trucks, backpack blowers and brooms at their disposal.

The team had already started celebrating its record fourth Women's World Cup title. After touching down at Newark Liberty International Airport on Monday, players shared a toast and sang "We Are the Champions."

Team members appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America" in Times Square on Tuesday to show off their trophy and answer questions from cheering kids.

Rapinoe, the outspoken star who won the

awards for the tournament's best player and top scorer, also appeared on CNN and MSNBC later Tuesday.

Rapinoe told CNN's Anderson Cooper that Republican President Donald Trump's slogan "Make America Great Again" is "harking back to an era that wasn't great for everyone. It might've been great for a few people."

Rapinoe told MSNBC's Rachel Maddow that Trump had yet to invite the women's soccer team to the White House.

Trump had tweeted that he would invite the team, win or lose. Rapinoe has said she wouldn't be going to the White House. The team has accepted an invitation to visit Congress.

Associated Press writers Melissa Murphy and David Bauder contributed to this report.

If you have sports information that you would like placed in the DALLAS POST TRIBUNE Sports Section e-mail us at: chloe@dallasposttrib.net

NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Lawyers: Move trial for ex-cop charged in neighbor's death

DALLAS (AP) — Lawyers for a former Dallas police officer accused of fatally shooting a neighbor in his own apartment are asking that her murder trial be moved.

Amber Guyger is scheduled for trial in September in the killing of Botham Jean last year.

Her lawyers said in a Monday court filing that "prejudicial" media coverage and public officials' actions have made it impossible for the 30-year-old to get a fair trial in Dallas County.

They say media spread a "false narrative" that race motivated the shooting by stating she is white and Jean was black. They also say a former Dallas County district attorney "poisoned the jury pool" by commenting on the case.

The defense has asked that the case be moved to another county in the same judicial district as Dallas.

A lawyer for Jean's family said the public facts of the case do not bias potential jurors and the trial should be held in Dallas County.

"There is no basis whatsoever for a change of venue and accordingly the feeble motion should be denied," attorney to S. Lee Merritt said in a statement.

A gag order prohibits the defense and prosecution from speaking publicly about the case.

2 dozen Dallas officers disciplined over offensive posts

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police officials say more than two-dozen officers face disciplinary measures after they were found to have posted bigoted or other offensive material to social media in violation of the department's code of conduct, including mocking protesters who were pepper-sprayed.

Officials announced Friday an internal review determined that 25 officers posted or shared objectionable material.

Four of those officers have been placed on administrative leave because of the extreme nature of their posts.

The findings come after The Plain View Project last month released a database cataloging thousands of bigoted or violent posts by police officers in several states.

More than 1,000 public posts from people identified as current and former Dallas officers were flagged by researchers with the project, which spent two years looking at the personal Facebook accounts of police from Arizona to Florida.

The Dallas posts also included joking about police shooting victims.

55 Years Temporary Exhibit at the Sixth Floor Museum to be extended through October 13

DALLAS, TX — July 9, 2019: The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza will extend its popular temporary exhibit 55 Years to remain on display for an additional 10 weeks. The exhibit of five decades of magazine covers featuring President John F. Kennedy opened November 13, 2018 and was originally scheduled to end August 4, 2019. The new closing date is Sunday, October 13.

"This exhibit was created in remembrance of the fifty-fifth anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and it has been very well-received by our visitors, who are intrigued to see the evolution of how the President has continued to be memorialized over the decades," said Nicola Longford, Chief Executive Officer. "Extending this exhibit affords more people the opportunity to view items from our collection that are not typically on display."

Located on the seventh floor and composed of artifacts from the Museum's collections, 55 Years conveys President Kennedy's lasting imprint on our nation's consciousness. Arranged by decade, the fifty-seven magazine covers range from immediately after the assassination in 1963 through 2018.

During his lifetime, President Kennedy regularly appeared on magazines that both flattered and criticized

him, but immediately upon his death, critical coverage became rare and imagery of the President reflected a commemorative, nostalgic tone. As the memory and mood of the nation shifted over the decades, Kennedy's legacy was both questioned and revered, and he has become an idealized symbol of an aspirational era.

Admission to 55 Years is included with general Museum admission.

Dallas passes ordinance to pay for sick leave

The city of Dallas is trying educate small businesses how a new paid sick leave ordinance may affect them. And if the small businesses don't comply, they could subpoena their employment records and fine them.

The ordinance was approved in April, and goes into effect in less than a month, which is causing hundreds of Dallas businesses to review their sick policies.

There were a lot of looks of confusion Tuesday night as Dallas business owners asked questions of city representatives to try to understand the new paid sick leave ordinance.

The rule that goes into effect August 1 requires one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours an employee works. It applies to any employee who works a total of 80 hours in Dallas in a year.

Trump revamps kidney care to spur transplants, home dialysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is directing the government to revamp the nation's care for kidney disease, so that more people whose kidneys fail have a chance at early transplants and home dialysis — along with better prevention so patients don't get that sick to begin with.

Senior administration officials told The Associated Press that Trump is set to sign an executive order Wednesday, July 10 calling for strategies that have the potential to save lives and millions of Medicare dollars.

Beyoncé drops new original song from 'The Lion King'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Beyoncé has dropped a new original song from Disney's live-action "Lion King." The song, "Spirit," was released Tuesday and should get an Academy-Award push for Academy Award consideration.

The tune comes at a pivotal moment for Nala, the character voiced by Beyoncé, in the film that comes out July 18. She also co-wrote the song.

It's part of an album called "The Lion King: The Gift" that Beyoncé is executive producing and performing on along with other artists. It will be released digitally July 11, with the physical album coming July 19.

The collection is a companion to the main "Lion King" soundtrack, which consists mostly of songs from the animated film, along with a new number from Elton John and Tim Rice, who wrote the songs for the original.



PARK AND RECREATION WORKERS CONTINUE CLEANUP, DEBRIS REMOVAL AT DALLAS PARKS



(DALLAS) — Dallas Park and Recreation forestry workers are removing storm-ravaged trees and debris in the aftermath of last month's heavy rains and winds. Park and recreation officials have estimated that more than 700 trees in parks across Dallas did not survive the storm, with many more severely damaged and obstructing roads, power lines, trails, playgrounds and other public areas within city

parks. "Workers are accessing our parks to determine the degree of damages. Our initial responses focus on identifying hazardous trees and their impact on public safety. We are in a recovery phase to address unsafe issues by removing flooding debris, trees on downed power lines, trails and other areas," said Willis C. Winters, Director, Dallas Park and Recreation Department.

Winters said park workers have determined heavy damage at popular Dallas parks including White Rock Lake, Lake Cliff, Flag Pole Hill, Hamilton, Samuell-Grand, Harry S. Moss and golf courses at Tenison. Currently, Cottonwood, Coombs Creek and Great Trinity Forest trails are still closed as are White Rock Lake and Wagging Tail dog parks. Officials said this damage is unprecedented in

the park system and estimate that it could be weeks - even months - for crews to clear debris and trees from severely affected parks.

"We have deployed staff from our facilities, horticulture and grounds divisions to assist forestry crews with recovery operations. Our employees are working days, nights and weekends to restore the parks. They are committed to addressing the safety issues affecting heavily used public areas such as playgrounds, picnic pavilions and athletic fields. We are working tenaciously and diligently to clear the public areas and make sure they are safe," Winters said.

Storm recovery activities have created a need for officials to reassign key employees to support forestry workers, thus creating the need to adjust the citywide park mowing schedules. "Until our normal mowing cycles can

resume, we ask residents to be mindful of our department's efforts taking place in storm-affected areas," said Oscar Carmona, park and recreation assistant director for park maintenance and operations.

With unexpected winds gusting to more than 70 mph, pecan, red oak, cedar elm, cottonwood and other tree species were lost. Among the casualties were some of the city's tallest and oldest trees, ranging in caliper from 6 inches up to more than 60 inches with the majority averaging 24 inches in caliper.

Winters said the department proposes to replace the total number of tree caliper inches lost as opposed to the actual number of trees. "So far, we estimate the total caliper inches for the lost trees at 15,600, resulting in the need for 5,200 new trees to be planted."

Dallas Park and Recreation will undertake reforestation efforts this fall in order to begin renewing tree canopies throughout the park system. Using volunteers, the department will launch the first of many community-replanting programs that will eventually result in more than 5,000 new trees in parks.

Adding that tree replace-

ments and after-care maintenance is costly, Winters is encouraging Dallas businesses and corporations to create partnerships with the department to assist with funding irrigation for the new trees. Winters explains that not all city parks have irrigation systems that necessary for newly planted trees to survive. The cost of an irrigation system for each new small tree grove is \$5,000 for labor and materials. More than \$1.25 million is needed for the new plantings, according to Winters.

Onsite park recovery operations involve crews manually picking up tree limbs, branches, and rubble. Smaller trees and branches are fed through industrial chippers that produce mulch for use in parks. Crews use heavy equipment to manage larger trees and branches, which have to be disposed of in the city landfill.

Heavy winds not only affected parks but other park and recreation facilities including 16 recreation centers and eight aquatic centers and community pools which experienced power outages for several days. The aquatic facilities and recreation centers have opened.

Stevie Wonder says he's getting a kidney transplant in fall

LONDON (AP) — Stevie Wonder surprised concertgoers in London Saturday night by announcing that he will take a break from performing so that he can receive a kidney transplant this fall.

The 69-year-old music legend made the announcement after performing "Superstition" at the end of a packed British Summer Time concert in London's Hyde Park.

He said he was speaking out to quell rumors and sought to reassure fans that he would be okay.

"I'm going to be doing three shows then taking a break," he said. "I'm having surgery. I'm going to have a kidney transplant at the end of September this year."

He said a donor has been found and that he would be fine, drawing cheers from a devoted crowd of tens of thousands that stretched out from the stage as far as the eye could see.

"I came here to give you my love and to thank you for yours," he said. "You ain't gonna hear no rumors about us. I'm good."

He did not provide additional information about his kidney illness. There had been a recent report that Wonder was facing a serious health issue.

A representative for Wonder didn't immediately respond to a request Saturday for details about his health. He has kept an active schedule, including performing recently at a Los Angeles memorial service for slain rapper Nipsey Hussle.

Wonder, who has received more than two-dozen Grammy Awards, has produced a string of hits over a long career that began when he was a youngster who performed as Little Stevie Wonder. His classic hits include "You Are the Sunshine of My Life" and "Living for the City."

Wonder seemed in top form throughout the concert, performing a series of his hits and paying tribute to musical heroes including Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye and John Lennon. He performed stirring rendition of the latter's "Imagine" near the end of the show.

He fans reveled in the warm summer



night — though a light drizzle fell near the end — and the career-spanning retrospective that evoked Wonder's early days as a young Motown star.

He did seem less ebullient than in the past and made his health announcement in a somber tone with a severe look on his face. But he was smiling as he left the stage with the band playing the memorable conclusion of "Superstition" one final time.

Associated Press television writer Lynn Elber in Los Angeles contributed.

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