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- Frederick Douglass



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Photographer Recounts facing Dallas Gunman



A security guard and a civilian run for cover as bullets ricochet off the building as a shooter (far background left) fires towards them on Monday, June 17, 2019 at the Earle Cabell federal courthouse in Dallas. A masked gunman opened fire Monday at the federal courthouse before being fatally shot in an exchange of gunfire with federal officers, witnesses and authorities said. No officers or citizens were injured. (Tom Fox/The Dallas Morning News via AP)

By JAKE BLEIBERG

DALLAS (AP) - Waiting outside a federal courthouse, photographer Tom Fox took in Dallas' 8 a.m. bustle. People dressed for work got out of cars. A homeless man danced on a street pole.

But when what initially sounded like a truck backfiring clarified into gunshots, the routine assignment for a veteran journalist morphed in a moment.

As shots echoed off the tall buildings, an armed officer dashed past The Dallas Morning News photographer. A man came around the corner half a block away and Fox pulled out his long lens — focusing in on green military-style garb, a mask and a belt full of ammunition. The gun barrel swung around. Fox squeezed off a last frame. And he ran for cover behind a column in the building's façade.

"I was just praying in that corner that he wasn't going to pass me," Fox, 51, told The Associated Press. "I was just afraid he was going to be running with a gun. He was going to pass me, see me, identify me with the camera and shoot me."

Fox's photos offer a rare in-the-moment glimpse of the type of shootings most Americans only see after the fact. In capturing the gunman approaching the doors of the federal building, Fox said he acted on instinct reinforced by his colleagues' experiences blocks away a few years earlier.

Brian Isaack Clyde's assault on the Earle Cabell Federal Building marks downtown Dallas' second high-profile shooting by a U.S. Army veteran in less than three years. In July 2016, Micah Johnson shot and killed five law enforcement officers and wounded nine others before police killed him. But Clyde was the only fatality Monday.

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Mayor Eric Johnson – 2019 Inauguration Speech



Thank you. Thank you very much. What a wonderful day. Thank you so much for being here.

Mayor Rawlings, Members of the City Council, City Manager Broadnax, city staff, distinguished guests, family, friends, and my fellow Dallasites:

I am honored, beyond all possible description, to serve as the 60th elected Mayor of the City of Dallas, Texas. I thank God for this incredible opportunity. I have known for a long time that public service would be my life's work, and I am grateful to the people of Dallas for allowing me to serve as their mayor.

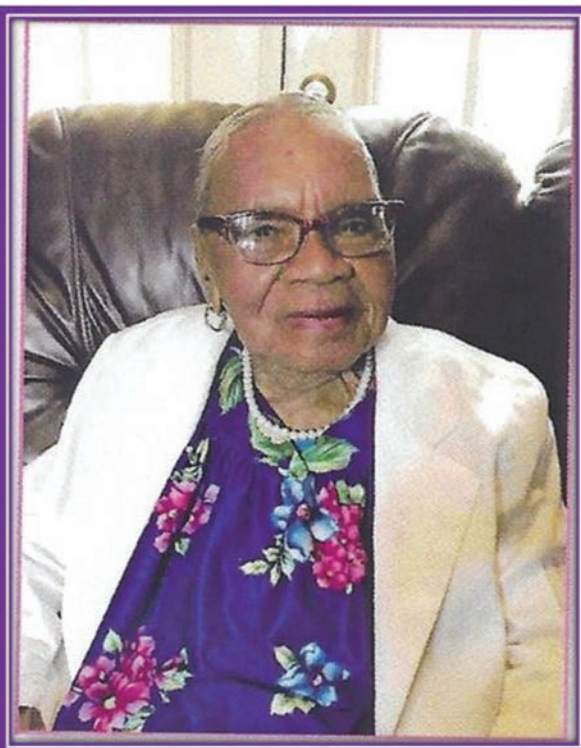
And speaking of service, I would like to thank Mayor Mike Rawlings and his lovely wife, Micki, for the past eight years. Mayor Rawlings, you've been a good friend to me. But you've been an even better friend to Dallas. Thank you so much for your leadership. Because of it, we are a better city than we were eight years ago and I know that everyone here deeply appreciates you and your family for that.

I also want to say "thank you" to my family. I am truly blessed to have the love and support of my wife and best friend, Nikki. Nikki you are my rock, my partner, and quite often, my reality check. None of this would be possible without you.

Thank you, Nikki. I love you so much.

And to our two boys, William and George: I am so proud of both of you! Today I will be taking on a new job title. But I want you boys to know that my two most important job titles will always be "husband" and "dad".

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Mrs. Ruth Mims Holly

March 4, 1917 - June 7, 2019

After 102 Years of Life, Family and Friends Say Final Goodbye to Mrs. Ruth Mims Holly

Proverbs 31:10-31 - "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her worth is far above rubies".

Dennis Mims and his bride, Pearl Casel Mims, welcomed their second child, a baby girl, March 4, 1917, in Yard, Texas, Anderson County. They named her Ruth; which means "friend" originating from the Biblical story of Ruth and 'Naomi. Growing up, Ruth was blessed with an older brother Curtis, and a younger sister, Ruby.

Ruth accepted Christ at an early age and united with Friendship Baptist Church, Yard, Texas, where she also attended school in the same community.

While visiting New Hope Baptist Church during a revival with her family on a summer evening, Ruth met her beau, Charlie Holly. After a brief courtship, they married, January 26, 1938.

To this union, they were blessed with seven children; 5 girls and two boys. After marriage, Ruth united with New Hope Baptist Church, where she remained as an active member until her declining health. She served on the Usher Board, Deaconess Ministry, and was honored as "Mother of the Church" in her later years.

She was also a member of the Masonic Hall Order of Eastern Star Union Oak #64, Tennessee Colony, TX.

Ruth was a school cafeteria cook in the Bethel School System and after a few years, chose to be a housewife; raising their seven children. She was also a caregiver to her elderly parents; demonstrating to her children how to care for their elders. Friends in the community often entrusted her to take care of their preschoolers while they worked.

During her 102 years of life, she was able to witness many monumental events and often relayed: "I never thought I'd live to be this age!" God has really BLESSED me!"

Ruth answered God's call and earned her wings, Friday, June 7, 2019 at 11:15 a.m. in Waco, TX.

Waiting to meet her in glory are: Parents, Dennis and Pearl Mims; husband, Charlie Holly; brother, Curtis Mims; sister, Ruby Mims Morgan; son, Charlie D. Holly; daughter, Juanita Johnson; and son-in-law, James Thomas.

Those remaining to carry on her legacy with fond memories are her loving children and caregivers: Selma (Bennie, Jr.) Neal, Elma (Ray) Hicks both of Waco, TX; Glenda Thomas of Smyrna, Delaware; Ethel (Len) Williams of DeSoto, TX; Donald (Pam) Holly of Tennessee Colony, TX; and granddaughter reared as a daughter, Mary Beck, Waco, TX.

Seven other grand-children; seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; eleven first cousins... one of which is very special: Ethel Pimpton; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and family friends.

The Dallas Post Tribune is sadly saying goodbye to our last Centenarian we honored in our publication over the years.

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- Mrs. Beatrice Mims Johnson (109 years) – January 6, 1910 – March 28, 2019
- Mrs. Ruth Mims Holly (102 years) – March 4, 1917 – June 7, 2019

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EDITORIAL PAGE

Watching Trump, Seeing Nixon

By **Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson**

One thing is for certain, the 45th president of the United States, Donald J. Trump, knows little about the true function of government, the history of our democracy and the fundamental importance of our Constitution, the document that guides our nation.

Mr. Trump may understand business and the entertainment industry, but he has proven in the past two years that he has little knowledge of how our democratic society functions, nor the significance of our three independent branches of government. It seems that he is best suited for a 17th century European monarchy.

A ringmaster and bully, Mr. Trump seems to believe that the Supreme Court is his personal bastion of legal advertisers, and that the Congress is his legislative playground whose members will jump when he says jump, and kiss his ring when he extends his hand. Oh how delusional!

Mr. Trump does not seem to understand that one of the functions given to the House of Representatives is oversight of the executive branch of government. Any historian, if the president were to ask, would correctly inform him that the founders of this nation expressly placed that role in the Constitution so that a chief executive could not do as he or she wished after climbing out of bed in the late morning.

I am not certain if the founders anticipated that one day the leader of the nation would be an individual with the qualities of Mr. Trump, who seems to believe that he has supreme power, and that only his glass will hold water.

A case in point is Mr. Trump's refusal to allow past and current members of his administration to testify before congressional panels that are seeking answers or explanations that the public have every right to know.

Mr. Trump, with the attitude of an heir to a throne, has instructed people to refuse to appear. He states that their information is privileged, but most astute people know that he simply wants to conceal something unfavorable.

He has also claimed privilege over information that the Congress has requested for review. In the case of the Census he supports his Labor Secretary who was not forthcoming while appearing before a congressional panel.

Sadly, the 45th president does not seem to understand that his unwillingness to cooperate with Congress has serious consequences. President Nixon discovered that before he left office. Mr. Trump should learn from Mr. Nixon's experience!

Congresswoman Johnson represents the 30th congressional district of Texas in the United States House of Representatives, where she chairs the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

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"A SURVEY OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS"

ROMANS 15:7-13

PAUL'S EXHORTATION TO SERVE AND HONOR, PART II

The word "wherefore" in verse 7, builds upon Paul's argument of the oneness that unity brings in the body of Christ; and because that fact is true, Paul exhorts Christians to "receive one another, as Christ has received us" (v. 7). Just as Christ is our perfect example of humility and service (vs. 3-4), He too is our example for full acceptance of others. The exhortation to "receive ye one another" (Romans 15:7) is addressed to the entire church, not just one segment of it as in Romans 14:1. Whether you are strong or weak, Gentile or Jew, believers are supposed to accept one another without any conditions attached.

Our perfect example in accepting one another is Christ. Thank God that Christ has accepted us on the basis of faith alone, regardless of our ethnicity or social status. Whether we are Jew or Gentile, black or white, rich or poor, powerful or impotent, we are all welcome in the fellowship of faith. Praise God! When Christ accepted us, He did so "to the glory of God (Romans 15:7). It also brings glory to God when we (Christians) receive one another in love. In verses 8 and 9, Christ's lofty example is now given additional emphasis as it relates to both Jews and Gentiles.

Christ is seen as "a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God (v. 8). "Minister" is a term that denotes servant-hood. To say that He was a servant of "the circumcision" suggests that He became a Jew and submitted to all the Jewish laws (see Galatians 4:4-5). He was a minister "for the truth of God" - strictly speaking, it means that Christ appeared among the Jews on behalf of God's truth. He came to confirm the fact that God is truthful in all His words and deeds! Speaking strictly again, Christ came "to confirm the promises made unto the fathers." His coming to the Jews guaranteed the truth of the promises God made to the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Through His mighty death and resurrection, Christ provided the means to fulfill all God's promises to Israel. Also, Christ came "that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy" (v. 9). God had no promises to confirm to the Gentiles because He had given no covenants as He had Israel (Romans 9:4-5; Ephesians 2:11-12). Any spiritual blessings they enjoy arise solely out of His mercy (Ephesians 2:4). Our Lord's coming confirmed God's truth for the covenant people (Jews) and granted His mercy to those He would graciously bless through His people (see Genesis 12).

Continuing this great subject of God's inclusion of the Gentiles in being blessed through the covenants and promises of God, Paul quoted four Old Testament passages, namely: Psalm 18:49, Deuteronomy 32:43, Psalm 117:1, and Isaiah 11:10. These passages were quoted to establish the fact that God mercifully included Gentiles in the blessings that flowed from Israel's covenants (vs. 9-12). Paul closes this section with a wonderful benedictory prayer, having taught on the subject of Christian unity. In verse 13, God is "the God of Hope" because we (Christians) have accepted Christ as Saviour; thus, we have the assurance of eternal life. Paul prayed that God might give these believers the full measure of joy and peace. Believing is the key to spiritual joy and peace. As we apply this benediction, let us exercise faith in the God of hope, who alone brings joy and peace to all our relationships. And as we submit to the Holy Spirit's power, let us remain focused as we look "for that blessed hope," the appearing of Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13).

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"I don't think, if it wasn't for the July 7th shootings, that I would have known how to react," said Fox. "It was just instinctual."

Officials have praised the training and courage of the Federal Protective Service officers who confronted Clyde, saying their actions likely prevented many more deaths. But little information has emerged on what motivated the attack.

On what appeared to be his Facebook page, Clyde posted frequently about weapons. A post on Sunday with a photo of a short sword has the caption: "A modern gladius to defend the modern Republic." A Saturday post features a photo of gun magazines.

He captioned a video posted June 9 — the day a severe storm hit Dallas: "This storm is about to pay for kicking me off my porch." In that video Clyde talks to the camera in a candle-lit room. He says, "I don't know how much longer I have, but the ... storm is coming. However, I'm not without defense." He then lifts a long gun, saying he's "ready" and "Let's do it."

Federal authorities have not confirmed the authenticity of the Facebook page, which was taken down Monday after the shooting. Fox said the man pictured in it is the same person he saw at the courthouse.

After graduating from high school in Austin in 2015, Clyde went into the U.S. Army. He served as an infantryman from August 2015 to February 2017 and achieved the rank of private first class, according to the Army.

Clyde graduated last month from Del Mar College, a community college in Corpus Christi. He was recognized as an outstanding student at a ceremony in April, according to a statement from Del Mar College.

Gabriel Wadsworth, who was stationed with Clyde at Fort Campbell in Kentucky, expressed shock at the news.

"Nobody knew that he would have done something like this," Wadsworth told The Dallas Morning News.

Crouched in his corner, Fox listened to the sounds of gunfire and shattering glass. A video shows bullets strike the wall above him.

Fox began recording video, but said the shots were louder in person than they ever are on the screen.

"It was very intense, and it seemed like it wasn't going to stop," he said. "I just waited and waited and waited for almost an eternity."

When an officer eventually appeared across the street, Fox said he was determined to find the gunman and "crept along" with police through a nearby parking lot.

Fox said he didn't see Clyde get shot. "The last I saw him was in my camera lens down the street, and I'm thankful that I never saw him until I saw him lying face down in the parking lot," he said.

As officers in blue surgical gloves cared for Clyde, Fox told his editor that there'd been a shooting and texted in a smartphone photo.

Fox said police told him to stay on the scene. But before he went in for an FBI interview, the 29-year Dallas Morning News veteran said he met a colleague on a corner and handed off his cameras' memory cards.

"My photos were already being worked up before I got back to the paper," he said.

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Mayor Eric Johnson – 2019 Inauguration Speech

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My friends, as with all ceremonies such as this, today represents a new beginning, not just for me and the City Council members seated behind me, but for our entire city. Dallas voters did more than cast a vote on June 8th, they cast a vision. They made a clear choice about who they want to be and where they want to go.

Our mission in the coming years will be to fulfill this vision for our city. To create a brighter future and to build an even better Dallas: a Dallas that works for every person, in every neighborhood.

I promised the people of Dallas that I would seek consensus. And I will.

I pledged that our new City Council would unite to find common ground and common-sense solutions to our problems. And we must.

Today, we officially begin the work of unifying our city behind a single, powerful vision:

Dallas will be a place where anybody can do anything. Take me, for instance. I grew up in very modest circumstances in West Dallas and Oak Cliff, the son of a working class family. But with the love and support of a single Dallas ISD teacher, Miss Faris, my world was opened up to endless possibilities and dreams. And because of a family, a neighborhood, a church, and non-profit organizations like the Boys and Girls Club that supported my dreams, I stand before you today doing something that, at one time in my life, even I would have told you was impossible.

We MUST build a Dallas where every child has the tools, including the love and support, they need to dream big dreams and to accomplish what might at first appear to be impossible.

And every single day we must work to transform Dallas from what it is into what it can and ought to be.

Today is a new day for our city. And it is a fresh start for our new City Council and our entire community. It is a day where we must work together, and we must explore new ways of doing things in order to achieve the greatest possible results. Campaign season is officially over and I am hereby extending my hand to every member of our new City Council. I promise to work with each and every one of you to do what is best for Dallas.

A new day for Dallas means a new culture of civility at City Hall. We can attack problems without attacking people. As mayor, that is exactly what I am asking our city leaders to do, whether we are dealing with each other, city staff, or the public. The challenges facing this city are simply too big for us to act small. When we disagree on an issue, we need to do so with a spirit of grace, a tone of civility, and from a posture of friendship. After all, we all want what is best for our city. So, to the members of our new City Council—my door is open. And so is my mind.

Let us work together to build a friendlier and more respectful city government.

A new day for Dallas means a new focus on ethics. I've served in elected office for nearly a decade. One principle I have never wavered on, and will never compromise on, is that there is no place in government for corruption. I am committed to working with our new City Council to rewrite our city's Code of Ethics. We must end the corruption at City Hall immediately, completely, and permanently.

Our city government should be as honest and hard-working as our city. As a husband, a father, a lawyer and an elected official, honesty and integrity have always been my guides and they will continue to be my guides as your mayor.

Let us work together to build a more honest and ethical city government.

A new day for Dallas means a new focus on data and innovation.

A 21st century city must have a 21st century government. As a legislator, I pushed hard for more data-driven policy making, particularly in the areas of early childhood education and public safety. Data can help our city government become more innovative and efficient by directing taxpayer dollars toward those programs and initiatives that are most likely to yield results. With lower revenue caps being imposed on cities like Dallas by my old friends in the Texas Legislature, it is now more important than ever that we learn to do more with less. We simply cannot afford to fund programs or initiatives whose effectiveness is not, or cannot be, supported by data.

We should also do a better job of harnessing the power of technology to deliver services to the residents of Dallas and to make more data more readily available to the public. We must provide a higher level of customer service, transparency and accountability to our residents if we truly want Dallas to be a 21st century city.

Let us work together to build a more innovative, data-driven city government.

A new day for Dallas means a new emphasis on education and workforce.

The Dallas of tomorrow is being created in the classrooms of today. And so we need to do everything we can to ensure that we are delivering the high-quality education that our children deserve and our parents demand. We will continue to partner with our friends in the education community and support them in their work. And we will push for common-sense ideas like expanding full-day public Pre-K, aligning our public schools with 21st century workforce needs, and improving access to affordable child care.

I know firsthand the difference a quality education can make in a person's life. I would not be standing before you today were it not for the incredible education I was so blessed to receive. I am proud to announce that over the next four years, there will be even greater support from the mayor's office for both improving our public schools and for enhancing our city's workforce. In the coming weeks, I will be creating a new City Council committee focused on our city's education and workforce needs and I will also be appointing an Education and Workforce czar or czarina to help Dallas become known as quickly as possible as the "Education and Workforce Capital of Texas".

Improving our public schools and our workforce is going to take all of us. We definitely need support from City Hall, but we also need support from the business community, neighborhood and community organizations, and of course, the education community -- from our local school districts to our community college district. Supporting our public schools is an investment: an investment that will allow us to reap benefits far into the future in the form of a more skilled workforce that will, in turn, strengthen our economy.

Let us work together to improve our public schools. And let us work together to develop a more skilled workforce to help lift our fellow Dallasites out of poverty and make our city more prosperous and equitable.

Finally, a new day for Dallas means a new approach to fighting crime.

Nothing a government does is more important than protecting its residents. Like all major cities, Dallas sometimes faces challenges when it comes to public safety.

We are facing such a challenge right now, and it is a serious one. But, like we have every single time we have faced such a challenge in the past, we will rise to meet the current challenge and we will ensure that Dallas remains one of the safest large cities in the country.

I will encourage our Police Chief to strengthen our partnerships with our friends in law enforcement at the federal, state, and county levels in order to increase the number of licensed peace officers on our streets immediately. I have been assured by the Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety that his agency stands ready to help Dallas by deploying the same strategies his agency used to help the City of San Antonio reduce its crime rate by nearly 20 percent last year when they were dealing with a similar public safety challenge.

I will also work with our new City Council, our City Manager, and our Police Chief to address, in a sustainable way, our police officer shortage, by tackling the issue of officer salaries and benefits and also the issue of low morale within our police department. And we need to address head-on the fact that we have a long way to go when it comes to police-community relations. We have to work even harder to encourage young men and women from every neighborhood in Dallas to pursue careers in law enforcement and to become Dallas police officers.

Let us work together to build an even safer Dallas. So, here is my agenda for the next four years:

Institutionalize civility and a culture of respect at City Hall. Eradicate corruption in all its forms.

Increase the use of data to foster greater innovation.

Develop a workforce that is recognized as one of the most skilled in the nation. Ensure that Dallas remains one of the safest large cities in America.

Is this an ambitious agenda? Yes. Will it be easy? No. But will we get it done? Absolutely.

And get it done, we must. Because our future, and more importantly our children's future, depends on it.

We can and we will create a brighter future for Dallas.

My friends, today I promise you that we will challenge the status quo and that, when we do, we will change this city.

Those of us seated up here on this stage need help from all of you. This is YOUR city. We are YOUR government.

I am asking each of you to work with us. None of this can happen without you. If you have an idea, call us. If you have a question, come see us. We are a government for the people. And we want your involvement. No, we need your involvement.

The work ahead of us will be challenging, but rewarding. So, let us begin today. It is indeed a new day in Dallas. And together, we can be...

One Dallas, with one vision. And we can be one people, with one incredibly bright future. That is our mission, and this is our moment.

May God bless you and may God continue to bless the great City of Dallas, Texas.

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Friday, June 21



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Cowboys' Prescott clicks quickly with new QB coach Kitna

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott's new quarterbacks coach with the Dallas Cowboys has far more NFL starts and touchdown passes than either of his predecessors.

Oh, and Jon Kitna easily has the most interceptions as well. "It's just the fact that I can tell them, 'I've already paid that cost for you. You don't even need to look at the route when you get this coverage. I've already done that. I threw that pick. So go somewhere else,'" Kitna said. "I think there's some respect for that."

Experience aside, Kitna clicked quickly with Prescott by appealing to his desire to build on his first playoff victory, which came two years after the unheralded fourth-round pick became the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year in what began as a fill-in role for the injured Tony Romo.



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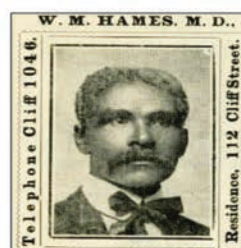
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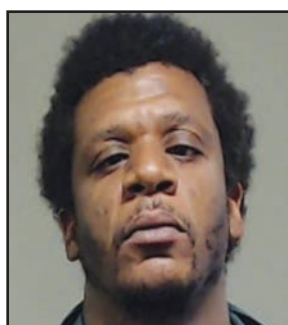
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Man arrested in deaths of Dallas transgender woman, 2 others



DALLAS (AP) — A 33-year-old man has been arrested in the slayings of three women in Dallas, including a transgender woman whose death brought nationwide attention, police said Wednesday.

Kendrell Lavar Lyles has been charged with three counts of murder in the deaths, including last month's slaying of 23-year-old transgender woman Muhlaysia Booker, Dallas police Maj. Max Geron said.

Lyles was being held without bond in the Collin County Jail in McKinney. He has no attorney yet to speak for him.

The June 5 arrest came after tips from the public led police to Lyles as the suspect in the deaths of two women in the Collin County section of north Dallas, Geron said. Authorities haven't disclosed the names of those victims, but further investigation led them to the Booker slaying in Dallas County, southeast of downtown Dallas.

Detectives found that Lyles' car matched the description of the one witnesses reported seeing Booker enter on May 18, the night she was later found dead, Geron told reporters.

"We don't know the motive (for the slayings) at this point. We know that the meeting for one (Collin County) murder was, according to the witness, to engage in a drug transaction. The reason for the shooting is still unknown at this point," Geron said.

NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Trump EPA close to gutting Obama rule on coal power plants



by Ellen Knickmeyer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is close to completing one of its biggest rollbacks of environmental rules, replacing a landmark Obama-era effort that sought to wean the nation's electrical grid off coal-fired power plants and their climate-damaging pollution.

The final Trump administration replacement rule, expected as soon as this week, instead would give individual states wide discretion to decide whether to require limited efficiency upgrades at individual coal-fired power plants.

The Environmental Protection Agency said Administrator Andrew Wheeler would have a major policy announcement Wednesday but did not disclose the topic. Democrats, environmentalists, industry representatives and others, however, expect the final rule on coal plants.

Joseph Goffman, an EPA official under President Barack Obama, said he feared that the Trump administration was trying to set a legal precedent that the Clean Air Act gives the federal government "next to no authority to do anything" about climate-changing emissions from the country's power grid. The Obama rule, adopted in 2015, sought to reshape the country's power system by encouraging utilities to rely less on dirtier-burning coal-fired power plants and more on electricity from natural gas, solar,

wind and other lower or no-carbon sources.

Burning of fossil fuels for electricity, transportation and heat is the main human source of heat-trapping carbon emissions.

Supporters of the revised rule say the Obama-era plan overstepped the EPA's authority.

"This action is recalibrating EPA so it aligns with being the agency to protect public health and the environment in a way that respects the limits of the law," said Mandy Gunasekara, a former senior official at the EPA who helped write the replacement rule. She now runs a nonprofit, Energy45, that supports President Donald Trump's energy initiatives.

"The Clean Power Plan was designed largely to put coal out of business," Gunasekara said. Trump's overhaul is meant to let states "figure out what is best for their mission in terms of meeting modern environmental standards" and providing affordable energy, she said.

Democrats and environmentalists say the Trump administration has repeatedly sought to use the power of government to protect the sagging U.S. coal industry from competition against cheaper, cleaner-burning natural gas and solar and wind power while ignoring scientific warnings about climate change.

McConnell on reparations for slavery: Not a 'good idea'

By LAURIE KELLMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Tuesday rejected reparations for slavery in part because it would be hard to know whom to pay.

The Kentucky Republican spoke to reporters on the eve of a rare House hearing on what compensation, if any, the U.S. might owe for the economic and other damage done by slavery. The session Wednesday before a Democratic-led subcommittee is Congress' first on the issue in years.

Asked about reparations, McConnell responded: "I don't think reparations for something that happened 150 years ago, for whom none of us currently living are responsible, is a good idea."

"We tried to deal with our original sin of slavery by fighting a civil war, by passing landmark civil rights legislation, elected an African American president," Barack Obama, in 2008, McConnell said. "I don't think we should be trying to figure out how to compensate for it. First of all, it would be hard to figure out whom to compensate."

A review of public reports by The Associated Press suggests it's the first time since McConnell was elected to the Senate in 1984

that he has discussed reparations for slavery in the U.S.

McConnell spoke a day before a Democratic-led House subcommittee was scheduled to hold a hearing on reparations, featuring testimony from actor Danny Glover and author Ta-Nehisi Coates, among others.

Wednesday is "Juneteenth," a celebration of the day in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, with the news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free.

In its first year, on-time bus arrival rate climbed to 95 percent over previous operator

DALLAS (AP) — The on-time bus arrival rate increased to 95 percent by the end of the school year, according to a report shared with Dallas ISD trustees on June 13.

Dallas ISD started running its own transportation system for the first time this past school year after Dallas County residents voted to dissolve Dallas County Schools (DCS), the taxpayer-funded agency that Dallas ISD contracted with to bus students. The average on-time arrival rate under DCS in 2017-2018 was 65 percent.

While Dallas ISD saw notable transportation improvements this past school year,

Dallas ISD Chief of Operations Scott Layne said the district must do a better job to start the school year. In August, the on-time arrival rate was 70 percent.

"The start was bumpy, but we've come a long way since then," Layne said. "While some transportation issues will always come up at the start of the school year—no matter how much we plan and prepare—we are now much better prepared to address those issues."

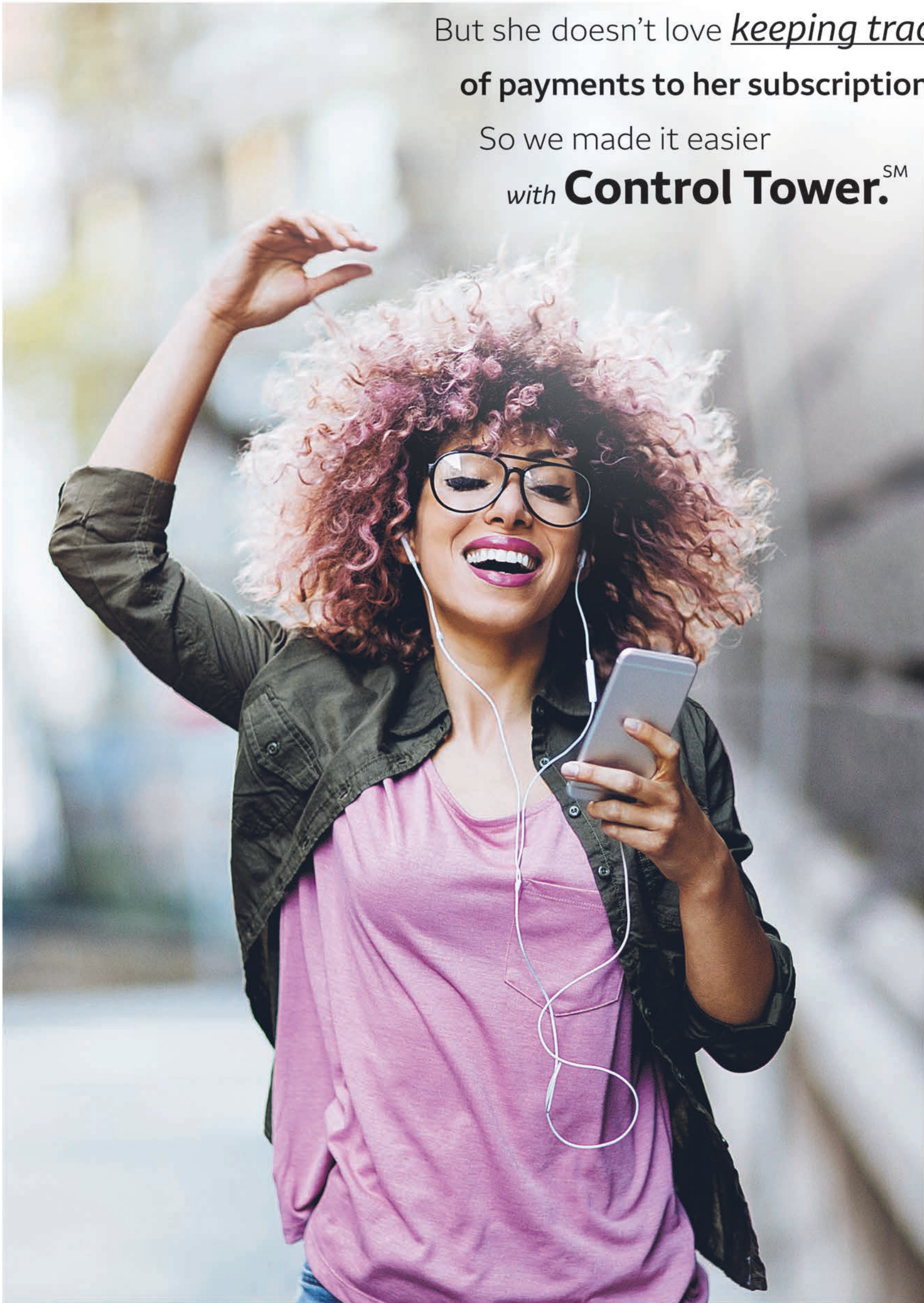
A mobile app rolling out will give parents real-time updates on their child's bus and drop-off time. The district will provide bus route access to families at the end of July, rather than the week leading up to school.

Meanwhile, increasing the starting pay to \$20 per hour for bus drivers—and adding attendance incentives and retention bonuses—has helped eliminate a driver shortage.

"We look forward to continuing to provide a high level of service to families to get students to school on time and ready to learn," Layne said.

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