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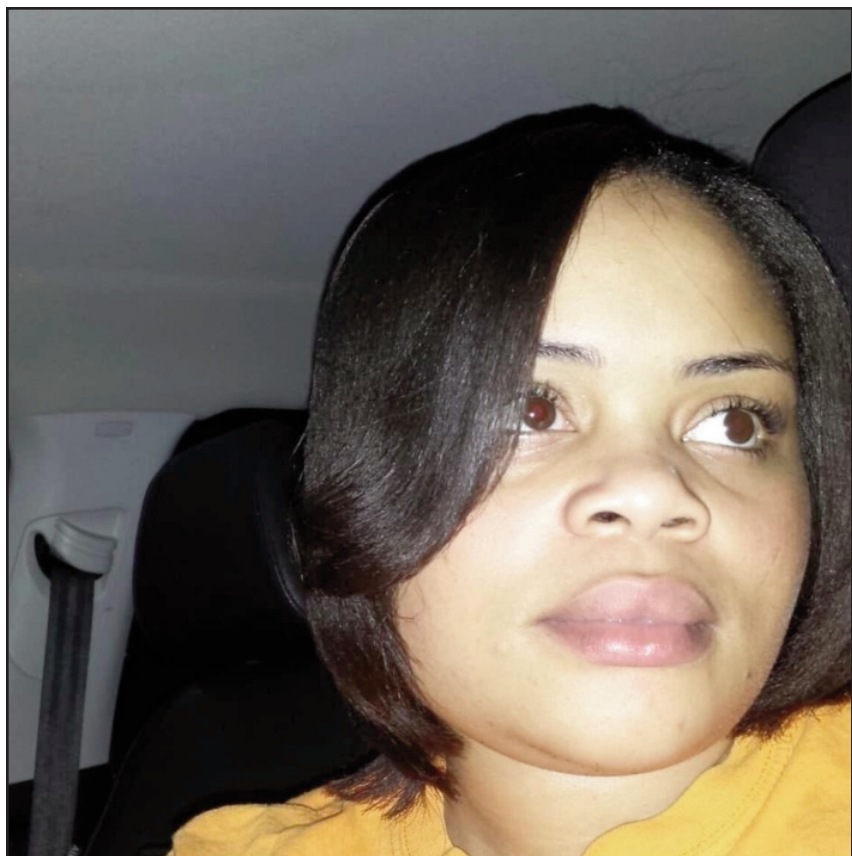
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## 'Smart, ambitious, kind:' Shooting victim a family linchpin



This undated photo provided by Jefferson's family shows Atatiana Jefferson. A white Fort Worth police officer who shot and killed Jefferson through a back window of her home while responding to a call about an open front door acted without justification and resigned Monday, Oct. 14, 2019, before he could be fired, the police chief said. (Jefferson's family via AP)

By JAMIE STENGLE

DALLAS (AP) — Atatiana Jefferson was devoted to her family and had

moved into her mother's Fort Worth home earlier this year to help as her mom's health declined, relatives said.

With her mother in the hospital, Jefferson and her 8-year-old nephew were the only two people home early Saturday when a police officer fired a gunshot through a back window, killing Jefferson.

The 28-year-old Jefferson, who family members sometimes called "Tay," and her nephew had devoted their night to Call of Duty and were still up playing the video game when the officer shot. They had the front door of the home open to let the cool breeze in, said Lee Merritt, an attorney for Jefferson's family.

"They did that all night — from sunset until the time that they lost track of time ... when they heard someone prowling around in the bushes," Merritt said during news conference with her family Monday.

"He and his Auntie Tay experienced the fear of someone prowling in the backyard," Merritt said. "His Auntie Tay did not allow him to check the window, she checked herself."

The white Fort Worth officer, responding to a call from a neighbor who was concerned about the open door, fired a split-second after shouting at the black woman to show her hands. Police bodycam video shows the officer didn't identify himself as police.

He resigned Monday and was later charged with murder.

Amber Carr said her sister, Jefferson, loved spending time with her nephews.

"My sister, the relationship she has with my sons is undescrivable. Sometimes people think that they are her kids and not mine," said Carr, who also has a 4-year-old son.

She said the last time she spoke to her sister was a week before she was killed.

"She came to the hospital in Plano where I was recovering from a major heart surgery. She came and brought me food, she brought me a new cellphone," Carr said at the news conference.

Jefferson loved playing basketball and video games with the 8-year-old, but she also helped him understand he had to be responsible for getting himself ready for school each morning and wrote him a schedule to help him get organized, Carr said.

"She helped him become more independent and self-sufficient," she said.

Jefferson grew up in the Dallas area. She graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana in 2014 with a bachelor's degree of science in biology, and her family said she

worked from home selling medical equipment. Merritt said Jefferson was considering going to medical school and had been studying for the Medical College Admission Test.

Another sister, Ashley Carr, who read from a statement prepared by the family, described Jefferson as "a smart, ambitious, kind person with an adventurous spirit." She also called her a hard worker.

She was good about saving money, the family said after the news conference. They had been paying someone to cut the grass at the mother's home, but Jefferson bought a lawn mower and weed eater when she moved in and even taught her nephew how to mow.

When Carr picked the 8-year-old up at a facility where police had taken him after Jefferson was killed, it was the boy who told his mother about the shooting.

In the days since, the child has been the one comforting his mother. Carr said she can see Jefferson's loving influence in the boy's actions.

"In the middle of the night when I'm crying, he wakes up and tells me to breathe in my nose and out my mouth," Carr said at the news conference. "He holds me, he hugs me."

## JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Announces New Location For Dallas Instructional Site



Jarvis Christian College President Dr. Lester C. Newman, the Jarvis Board of Directors, Executive Cabinet, faculty and staff welcomed alumni, students, elected officials and the Dallas community to their new instructional site at RedBird Mall with a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception.

Dr. Newman invited the audience to explore the many programs at its newest location and join its community. "This is a very exciting time at Jarvis Christian College, where the rich heritage of the past is evident but where innovation and growth are inevitable," he said. "As a historically black, liberal arts college, Jarvis is a family-oriented community, dedicated to developing innovative, servant leaders in various fields of study, and equipping them with the skills to make a tangible difference in their lives and in the lives of others, whether locally, nationally or globally."

More than 100 guests toured the new facility which houses classrooms, a conference room and offices for instructors, recruiters and administrative staff. "We will offer degree completion programs in areas of Criminal Justice, Business Administration and Religion," said Dr. Newman. Through our Business Administration Program, we will offer specializations in Data Analytics and Cyber-Security. Jarvis Christian College looks forward to becoming a part of the Dallas Educational Corridor." Eight-week certification classes in Medical Billing, Coding Specialist, Medical Assisting and Microsoft Office (Excel and Word) are also offered, both online and in a traditional classroom setting.

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## Whitney Houston, Notorious B.I.G.

nominated for  
rock hall of fame



This combination photo shows Notorious B.I.G., who won rap artist and rap single of the year, during the annual Billboard Music Awards in New York on Dec. 6, 1995, left, and singer Whitney Houston at the BET Honors in Washington on Jan. 17, 2009. Houston and the Notorious B.I.G. are among the 16 acts nominated for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 2020 class. (AP Photo)

By MESFIN FEKADU

NEW YORK (AP) — The late musical icons Whitney Houston and the Notorious B.I.G. are among the 16 acts nominated for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 2020 class.

The prestigious organization announced Tuesday that Dave Matthews Band, Motorhead, Pat Benatar, Soundgarden, The Doobie Brothers, T.Rex and Thin Lizzy join Houston and B.I.G. as first-time Rock Hall nominees. The 35th annual Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place on May 2, 2020, at the Public Auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio.

Nine Inch Nails, Judas Priest, Rufus featuring Chaka Khan, Depeche Mode, Kraftwerk, MC5 and Todd Rundgren round out the 16 nominees for the 2020 class. The official inductees will be announced in January.

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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Saluting a National Hero



**By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson**

Were he alive on October 12th, Dorie Miller, the Waco, Texas-born naval hero would have celebrated his one hundredth birthday. His selfless heroic deeds for our nation on December 7th, 1941, when he was only 23-years-old, will live in history forever!

Miller, who served in the United States Navy as a cook, because non-white sailors were not allowed to participate in combat, risked his life during a Japanese aerial attack to save a number of sailors from dying. He even commanded a machine gun to deter attacking enemy planes.

Miller should have received the Medal of Honor, our

nation's highest military award, for his efforts but racial prejudice prevented him from receiving the honor that witnesses to his heroics, including the senior surviving officer aboard his ship believed that he should have been awarded. The 'Medal of Honor was stolen from him, many believe.

Dorie Miller loved the Navy. He was offered non-combat duty after Pearl Harbor by the military, but he insisted that he return to sea where unfortunately he was killed during another attack in the Pacific on December 24th, 1943. When he died the nation lost one of its greatest heroes.

Congressional efforts to secure the Medal of Honor for Miller began as early as 1944 when former Michigan Representative John Dingell Sr. introduced legislation to right a grievous wrong. Other members of Congress who championed Miller's cause included Congressman John Dingell Jr. and my former Texas State House colleague Mickey Leland who died in a plane crash in Africa in 1989 while a member of Congress. I

have attempted to secure the medal upgrade for Miller since becoming a member of Congress.

He and my late father, who also served in the Navy, were personal friends. As a small girl I joined my father as he called on neighbors and friends in Waco to contribute money to purchase an appropriate gift for our hometown war hero.

In previous cases where military medals have been upgraded advocates for recipients had to show one of two items, new evidence of valor or racial bias. In Miller's case both can be shown.

In the new evidence standard the After Action Report by the senior surviving officer of the ship that Miller defended details numerous acts by him that were not included in his original medal citation, as is the practice in the military.

The public writings and statements of Frank Knox, the Secretary of the Navy while Miller served indicated that he was opposed to integrating the Navy, and that he did not believe that non-white seamen were capable of function-

ing as quality sailors.

When he first was alerted about Miller's heroics, Knox, a civilian appointee, only awarded a letter of accommodation to Miller, even after reading the After Action Report which detailed acts of valor that included Miller risking his life to save the lives of others.

The Navy Cross was awarded after Admiral Chester Nimitz, who had personal knowledge of Miller's heroics and President Franklin D. Roosevelt intervened. Both of these fair-minded men, no doubt, believed that Miller should have received the Medal of Honor.

But it appears that a compromise was reached to save Secretary Knox from press scrutiny and embarrassment for only giving Miller a letter for all that he had done!

**Congresswoman Johnson represents the 30th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives where she chairs the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.**

## Parkland staff stars in 10th anniversary Medline Pink Glove Dance Video

**DALLAS** — Shall we dance? Hundreds of Parkland Health & Hospital System staff said 'yes, if it supports breast cancer awareness and health,' by taking part in the legendary Medline Pink Glove Dance video. The annual project has scored millions of views each year since its launch in 2009 to raise breast cancer awareness by uniting physicians, administrators, nurses, breast cancer survivors and community members through the joy of dancing — while sporting pink exam gloves.

This year, Parkland was invited by Medline to join a handful of hospitals across the country in a special anniversary Pink Glove Dance video that was unveiled last week at the 2019 ANCC National Magnet Conference in Orlando, the largest nursing conference in the U.S.

Because gloves are the first point of contact between the healthcare worker and patients, Medline, a global manufacturer and distributor of healthcare products, introduced the Generation Pink™ glove line in 2009 to get people talking openly about breast cancer.

For the past 10 years, the Pink Glove Dance video has fueled conversation worldwide about the critical need for breast cancer prevention. The original video featured nearly 200 workers from an Oregon hospital wearing Medline's pink gloves and dancing in support of breast

cancer awareness and prevention. Over the past decade, nearly 700 Pink Glove Dance videos have been created, garnering 17 million views. Through the video campaign, the Medline Foundation has donated \$1.3 million to non-profit organizations that support detection and prevention initiatives.

More than 500 Parkland nurses, physicians, therapists, pharmacists, administrators, police officers, housekeepers, medical assistants, food service and other staff took a break from their duties to dance to the upbeat notes of singer Tori Kelly's 2016 rendition of the Stevie Wonder hit 'Don't you worry 'bout a thing' at one of seven locations on the Parkland campus. Drone cameras captured dancers in the hospital's Wellness Garden and on the construction site of Parkland's new Moody Center for Breast Health, scheduled to open in 2021. Donors who contributed to Parkland Foundation's \$40 million capital campaign for the new center twisted and jived alongside construction workers sporting pink hard hats.

Two versions of the Pink Glove Dance Anniversary Video are now available online. View the Parkland Pink Glove Video at <https://youtu.be/AmA1gXldds> and the National Pink Glove Video at <https://youtu.be/7BPo5W9NaTc>

One out of every eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer during her lifetime, according to the National Cancer Institute.

Each year, Parkland provides breast health services for 30,000 individuals and diagnoses and treats hundreds of patients with breast cancer — volumes that greatly exceed most other area hospitals. Parkland treats 20% of all breast cancer cases in Dallas County.

"Early diagnosis is a key to survival," said W. Phil Evans, MD, division chief of breast imaging at Parkland and UT Southwestern and director of the UT Southwestern Center for Breast Care. "We want to ensure that women in Dallas County know their risk factors, recognize early warning signs of the disease and have the opportunity to be screened to find cancer early."

With advances in screening and treatment, the death rate from breast cancer has decreased by 40% since 1990. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 or older, but breast cancer also affects younger women. About 20% of all new cases in the U.S. are found in women younger than age 50. Most women should begin yearly screening with mammography at age 40, Dr. Evans said.

During October, Breast

Cancer Awareness Month, Parkland is offering events throughout Dallas County to promote breast health and breast cancer awareness. No-cost mammogram screenings (ages 35 and up) will be available from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the locations below to uninsured and underinsured women. To register and ensure your eligibility for no-cost mammograms, please call 214-266-4398 or the contact person for the event you wish to attend.

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For additional details, please visit: [www.DFWKidsFallFest.com](http://www.DFWKidsFallFest.com).

## Jarvis Christian College Announces New Location For Dallas Instructional Site

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Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. – 8:50 p.m. and on the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. In the spring, classes will be offered five days a week and alternate Saturdays.

During the program, guests were welcomed by Dallas City Councilman Tennell Atkins whose district includes RedBird Mall. "This new loca-

tion will not only allow the campus to grow but to be a part of the triumphant return of RedBird, a historic mixed-use development for Southern Dallas," said Councilman Atkins. "My goal is to continue the work to ensure that economic development in the Southern sector moves at a faster pace as your Dallas campus helps equip a future workforce." Other speakers included

Roland Parish, one of the investors in Redbird Mall and William Fisher, Rev. Chris Dorsey, Dr. Glenell Lee-Pruitt, Kenneth Gwyn and Tory Edwards, all members of the Jarvis Board and staff.

"I am honored that Jarvis Christian College has become a part of the Dallas Community," said Dr. Newman. "It is our goal to expand educational opportunities for adult learners inter-

ested in completing their college degree. Jarvis has a rich history of affecting the lives of students, their communities, the great State of Texas and the nation."

**For more information about classes at Jarvis Christian College Dallas location, please call (903) 703-4890 ext. 2955, contact the Office of Admissions or visit 730-4890 ext. 2202 or visit online at [www.jarvis.edu](http://www.jarvis.edu).**

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## Gina Rodriguez apologizes for singing N-word lyric



**NEW YORK (AP)** — Gina Rodriguez has apologized for singing along on her Instagram story to a Fugees verse that includes the N-word.

The "Jane the Virgin" actress deleted the short video she posted Tuesday and replaced it with her apology, but not before memes and other backlash ensued. Rodriguez said in her apology she's a longtime Fugees and Lauryn Hill fan and didn't mean to offend anyone.

She sang along to "Ready or Not" and recited the racial slur as she sat in a makeup chair.

Some of the outrage focused on remarks Rodriguez made last year during a panel discussion. She said black women in Hollywood are paid more than Latina women. Detractors at the time noted the highest paid TV actress in the world that year was Sofia Vergara, from Colombia.

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## Motown Founder Berry Gordy Retires

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Correspondent  
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From the Miracles, Supremes, Marvin Gaye, Lionel Richie, and the shaping of the original Little Steven, to being the genius behind the launch of the man that would become known as "the King of Pop," Berry Gordy long ago indelibly cemented his place as one of the true legends of popular music.

Known as "The Chairman," Gordy is the founder and original architect of Motown Records — an American original that arguably featured the most exceptional assembly of talent in music history — has retired.

He announced his retirement during the 60th-anniversary celebration of Motown that took place in Detroit last month. "I have come full circle, and it's only appropriate [to make the announcement] while here in Detroit, the city where my fairy tale happened with all of you," Gordy said.

Sixty years ago, long before the lottery's slogan of "A

Dollar and a Dream," was appropriated to describe "rags to riches" success, Gordy put up what little cash he had and launched Motown Records, forever and better known by its simpler singular moniker: "Motown," out of his small Motor City home.

The determined businessman demanded the best from everyone passing through the illustrious halls of Motown.

Among his initial signings was The Miracles featuring Smokey Robinson. Smokey would go on to become a recording legend, but he is also the songwriting genius who penned tunes for artists like Diana Ross and Marvin Gaye.

In 2001, Gordy told this reporter that the secret to success was, in part, understanding who to trust. Gordy made no bones that the foremost person he believed in is himself. However, he also knew when to comply.

"Her recollection is absolutely correct," Gordy said with a respectful laugh when relayed a story told by Lula Mae Hardaway. Hardaway, who died in 2006, said she was

probably the most hardened person Gordy had ever negotiated with. The negotiation involved her young son who would soon become known to the entire world as Stevie Wonder.

"For a year, I refused to sign a contract to let Steve work for Motown because I wasn't sure if they'd provide a proper tutor for him to get a good education," said Hardaway, who penned her life story in the 2002 book, "Blind Faith: The Miraculous Journey of Lula Hardaway, Stevie Wonder's Mother."

"We were poor, but I wasn't stupid, and I wouldn't be taken advantage of," Hardaway told this reporter.

"We could certainly use the money Berry was offering, which really wasn't much, but it wasn't about the money, even though when we did finally agree to sign, it was a whole lot more than what he originally offered," Hardaway stated.

Gordy said he knew he was getting a genius in the young Stevie Wonder, and a decade after his initial signing, Gordy

and Wonder would ink what at the time was the largest contract in Motown history.

Along with Robinson and Wonder, Motown would produce an extensive roster of hit-makers.

From Marvin Gaye's groundbreaking "What's Going On?" to the Diana Ross and the Supremes "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," the hits came nearly every day.

Perhaps Gordy's most shrewd signing was that of the Jackson Five.

While the group never won a Grammy Award and enjoyed a handful of No. 1 hits, it was its lead singer that Gordy took a particular interest in.

"When people ask, 'Did I know that Michael Jackson would become as big as he did?' I tell them, 'Why of course,'" Gordy stated. "Why wouldn't I believe he'd break records and set new standards? No one worked harder, and no one worked as often as Michael Jackson."

Even though his solo success came under a different record label, Jackson would rock the world with the ultra-successful

"Off The Wall" album. The singer would then cement himself as perhaps the greatest pop music star in history with the release of his 1982 album, "Thriller."

Two years after "Thriller," Lionel Richie [former lead singer of the Commodores] released "Can't Slow Down."

The recording became the biggest selling album in Motown history.

It was the last major record under Gordy's leadership.

He sold the label in 1988, and until this year, Gordy remained in the entertainment industry producing Broadway musicals and feature films.

"Motown records is one of the most successful Black-owned record labels of all time," said Aaron Douglas of R.E.A.L. Music Entertainment.

"Its history is in concrete because of the mega artists and because Berry Gordy had an eye for up-and-coming talent. ...a Black owner giving a Black up-and-coming talented artists a chance to show their talent to the world and to be a proven success over and over again. This would be a blue-

print for other young aspiring Black people. Seeing is believing," Douglas stated.

Gordy made a difference not just in the music industry, but also in the world, said music producer Linnette A. Harrigan. "The Motown Sound has impacted millions worldwide, and it has influenced the popular music we hear even to this day.

"Berry Gordy paved the way for minorities in a way that had never been seen before. His Motown sound is now known as the sound that changed America, helping to bring together the nation then divided by race and segregation.

"As an African-American leader, businessman, entrepreneur, and important and historical agent of change, Berry Gordy is an inspiration and role model especially for African-Americans like myself," Harrigan stated.

She added: "His legacy should and could never be forgotten."

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## 7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

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### After record world medal haul, Biles a face of 2020 Olympics



Simone Biles of the United States shows her five gold medals she won at the Gymnastics World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany, Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019. (Marijan Murat/dpa via AP)

Thomas Bach said Sunday that Biles' star status would make gymnastics a must-see event at the Tokyo Olympics.

"You can have legends confirming their status as we have just seen with Simone Biles, this amazing performance there on the beam, but you also have new stars," he said. "Gymnastics has all the ingredients to be top Olympic event in Tokyo."

Despite its dispute with Biles over the scoring for her new double-double beam dismount — its grade was lessened in part so as not to encourage less-skilled gymnasts to attempt the risky move — the International Gymnastics Federation knows Biles is crucial to the sport.

Labeling her "wonder woman" and "a hero," FIG president Morinari Watanabe is keen for Biles not to retire after the Tokyo Olympics. "I hope she will continue after 2020, because she is an excellent

athlete," he said Sunday.

Biles is certainly the only athlete who could pull off her look in training at the U.S. nationals in August. She caused a stir with a leotard bearing her surname and a goat's head picked out in sequins, a nod to "Greatest Of All Time."

Few disagree, but Biles hasn't yet won everyone over.

"There's no need to turn her into some unbeatable queen. If I was 15 years younger, I'd definitely take the fight to the American," the Russian gymnast Svetlana Khorkina said in comments on the Russian Olympic Committee website Thursday.

Khorkina won 20 world championship medals between 1994 and 2001 and held the women's record until Biles overtook her Tuesday.

One record is likely to remain out of Biles' reach, however. Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina won a record 15 Olympic medals between 1956 and 1964. Biles won five Olympic

medals in Rio de Janeiro, and could add six more next year in Tokyo, but appears highly unlikely to stick around until the 2024 Olympics.

However, there's another record to aim for. Matching her world championship performance from last week would make Biles the first female gymnast to win five gold medals at a single Olympics, and the first female athlete to do so in any sport since East German swimmer Kristin Otto in 1988.

After Biles pioneered a new beam dismount and triple-double on the floor this season, her coach Laurent Landi says he favors refining her existing routines for the Olympics over adding yet more upgrades.

"I can find plenty of (upgrades), but you need to be realistic and only the medals count at the end," he said. "We don't need to show off everything we can do."

**By JAMES ELLINGWORTH**  
**STUTTGART, Germany (AP)** — Next stop Tokyo for Simone Biles.

With Usain Bolt and Michael Phelps both retired since the last Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, the U.S. gymnast will be the face of the games for much of the world.

In gymnastics, no one else comes close. Biles won

five of the six gold medals at last week's world championships and broke the all-time record of 25 medals by any gymnast, male or female.

"She's just above anything else that we have seen in the sport," five-time Olympic gold medalist Nadia Comaneci said of Biles on Sunday, praising "the domination that she has toward all the other

gymnasts that competed here."

Biles has not just got the talent. She's got the character of an Olympic star.

There's the laser-like focus on training, the same easygoing humor which endeared the world to Bolt, and — crucially in the modern era — a savvy social-media style.

International Olympic Committee president

### News You Ought to Know

#### George Conway donates to Trump's GOP primary challenger

**By HUNTER WOODALL**  
MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — The husband of White House counselor Kellyanne Conway has donated to one of President Donald Trump's Republican primary challengers. According to Federal Election Commission filings, George Conway donated \$5,600 to former Illinois congressman Joe Walsh's 2020 run on Aug. 30. Conway, an attorney, has been critical of Trump during his presidency. In March, Trump

tweeted that Conway is "a stone cold LOSER & husband from hell!" For his part, Conway has questioned the president's mental health and described Trump's presidency as "maddening to watch."

In addition to Walsh, former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld and former South Carolina governor and congressman Mark Sanford are also running against Trump in the Republican presidential primary.

Several states have decided to cancel their Republican primaries ahead of the 2020 election, an effort that helps smooth Trump's path to reelection.

#### Media Advisory: South Pearl Street converts to two-way operation

A section of South Pearl Street, from Canton Street to Pacific Avenue, is expected to permanently switch from one-way to two-way operation by Monday, October 28.

Starting October 14 -19, the west side of South Pearl Street from Canton Street to Pacific Avenue will be blocked off with temporary barricades to install two-way traffic signals at each intersection and to place new permanent southbound striping.

During this operation, crews will shift traffic to the west and shift the barricades to the east side of the street to place new permanent northbound striping.

New two-way signals will be activated on October 19, but the northbound section of the street will remain blocked off while City employees monitor traffic conditions along South Pearl Street.

A message board will be placed north of Pacific Avenue facing towards southbound traffic on Pearl Street to inform incoming drivers of the new traffic pattern.

The street is expected to fully reopen by Monday, October 28.

### Houston, Notorious B.I.G. nominated for rock hall of fame

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Each year, between five and seven acts usually make it into the Rock Hall following a vote by 1,000 people, including performers, music historians and industry experts. Fans are able to vote online.

Acts are eligible for induction 25 years after the release of their first commercial recording. Houston has been eligible for nearly a decade: Her self-titled debut album was released in 1985. The six-time Grammy winner is one of the greatest singers of all-time, known for hits like "The Greatest Love of All," "I Will Always Love You" and "I Wanna Dance With Somebody." She died in 2012.

B.I.G., born Christopher Wallace, released his debut album, "Ready to Die," in 1994. He was shot to death in 1997, 16 days before the release of his sophomore album, "Life After Death." His hits include anthems like "Juicy," "Big Poppa," "Stay With Me," "Hypnotize" and "Mo Money Mo Problems."

### Dallas ISD axes plan to privatize some public schools

**DALLAS** - Dallas ISD announced Tuesday it is scrapping a proposal that would have turned over the control of certain schools to private operators.

After a community backlash earlier this year, the district limited the proposal to pre-K. But the latest proposal would have applied to dozens of elementary through high schools.

The district's reversal came just hours after FOX 4 interviewed a top district leader about the plan that was up for a vote next month.

Dallas ISD Trustee Joyce

Foreman was already on record with her concerns before the district's sudden reversal.

"If we talk about taking away the good schools and leaving the schools that are struggling, are we really for public education? Or are we for privatization?" she asked.

Brian Lusk, Dallas ISD's Chief of Strategic Initiatives, was still promoting the policy change Tuesday morning. He addressed some of the concerns.

"It's not privatization. Only non-profit organizations or institutions of higher ed are

eligible. We're not partnering with charters. This is not privatization."

There is a financial incentive from the state legislature. For every student in a partnership school, the district would receive \$800 more per student. The now-abandoned policy would have expanded partnership charters to the district's open enrollment campuses.

"There are other opportunities, such as enhancements in the arts that can take arts to the next level," Lusk said. "Montessori models resources in Montessori

space that would help our pipeline for teachers."

The district has been working to turn Martin Luther King Jr. Learning Center into an open enrollment arts school, which would act as a Baby Booker T. It was revealed in a briefing earlier this month that CitySquare could be one of DISD's partner organizations.

A spokesperson said the district will continue its partnerships under SB 1882 for pre-K. The board approved those partnerships in March.

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**New arts-focused school to expand opportunities for South Dallas students and beyond**



**DALLAS** — From singing songs during recess to shining bright during talent shows, Principal Romikianta Sneed has seen firsthand the amazing talents of her South Dallas students at Martin Luther King Jr. Learning Center.

Sneed is thrilled the campus, starting next school year, will offer an arts emphasis and, pending a name change approval from the board of trustees, become the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Arts Academy.

“We have so much talent and creativity in our South Dallas community,” Sneed said. “We know our students will thrive in environments where they are encouraged to express their creativity and realize their dreams.”

The Office of Transformation and Innovation, Dallas ISD Fine Arts Department and school leadership are working together to launch the campus as a transformation school, which is an open enrollment campus designed around an innovative instructional model.

Students who live in the current MLK Jr. attendance zone will get priority admission to the campus. Students currently attending MLK Jr. can continue their education at the school.

“This school will be a pipeline into Booker T. Washington or one of our other fantastic fine arts programs in our high schools,” said Angie Gaylord, Dallas ISD Deputy Chief of Transformation and Innovation. “This is bringing an amazing opportunity to sunny South Dallas.”

Classes at MLK Jr. will include piano, dance, vocal music and visual art taught by educators skilled in academic and arts instruction. The school will make arts education available to scholars from prekindergarten through fifth grade in the 2020-2021 school year, adding a grade each year up to eighth grade.

Students will begin their days with social and emotional circle time and breakfast in the classroom followed by academic and arts enrichment programs until 5:15 p.m.

Students at MLK will be mentored by its partner arts school, Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Staff and students of the two campuses will share learning and mentoring opportunities and collaborate on curriculum and field learning experiences.

Becoming an arts-focused transformation school is just the latest great news for the campus. As part of the Accelerating Campus Excellence initiative, MLK Jr. Learning Center has seen tremendous growth, rising from an “F” to a “B” school.

“Amazing things are happening here at MLK,” Sneed said. “And we believe the best is yet to come.”

Families can learn more about the new offerings of the future Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Arts Academy by attending Discover Dallas ISD on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m.–1 p.m., at W.H. Adamson High School.

**Fort Worth chief: ‘absolutely no excuse’ for woman’s killing**



**FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)** — The furor Tuesday over the killing of a black woman by a white Fort Worth officer became increasingly about a gun pointed at a bedroom window. But the police chief and activists said the focus was on the wrong gun.

In bringing murder charges against Officer Aaron Dean in the slaying of Atatiana Jefferson, police released an arrest warrant Tuesday quoting the victim’s 8-year-old nephew as saying Jefferson had pulled out a gun after hearing suspicious noises behind her house.

Black politicians and others criticized the police and the media for bringing up Jefferson’s weapon, angrily accusing the department of trying to deflect blame onto an innocent victim.

“The Fort Worth Police Department is going about the task of providing a defense for this officer,” said Lee Merritt, an attorney for the Jefferson family.

Interim Police Chief Ed Kraus himself declared there was “absolutely no excuse” for the killing and said Jefferson behaved as any Texas homeowner would have if he or she had heard a prowler. It wasn’t clear from the warrant whether Dean even saw her weapon through the glass.

The killing early Saturday shocked people across the U.S. and led many black people to wonder once more whether they are no longer safe from police in their homes. Earlier this month, a white former Dallas officer got 10 years in prison for murder for killing a black neighbor in his own apartment. She said she mistook his place for hers and thought he was an intruder.

Dean, 34, resigned and was arrested Monday for firing a single bullet through a windowpane while investigating a neighbor’s report about the front door being left open at Jefferson’s home. Jefferson was staying up late, playing video games with her nephew.

Police bodycam video showed Dean making his way around the side of the house into the backyard in the darkness and opening fire a split second after shouting at the 28-year-old Jefferson to show her hands. He did not identify himself as a police officer.

In the arrest warrant, Jefferson’s nephew said his aunt had taken a gun from her purse and pointed it at the window. Over

the weekend, the Police Department also stirred anger by releasing images of the gun inside the home.

State Rep. Harold Dutton, a black Democrat from Houston, blamed the media in part.

“Why would you publicize that Ms. Jefferson had a gun in her home?” he asked. “I’m sure the police told you that. But that was her Second Amendment right, and equally as important, it had nothing to do with the incident for which we are here about. Too often, you, the media, have been complicit in throwing dirt on the victim while ignoring the real culprit, current law enforcement.”

State Rep. Nicole Collier, a black Democrat from Fort Worth, likewise complained about the tendency to focus on things that would tend to exonerate police officers, “like showing marijuana or showing a handgun when people are rightfully in their own home.”

After the deadly shooting last year in Dallas, police reported finding marijuana in the dead man’s apartment in what was decried by some as an attempt to smear the victim.

In the Fort Worth case, the arrest warrant notes that the other officer at the scene told authorities she could see only Jefferson’s face through the window when Dean fired. Dean’s own bodycam video showed that the view through the glass was obstructed by the reflection from his flashlight.

Merritt questioned whether Dean saw a gun at all, noting that the window was covered by blinds, it was dark outside, and Dean never said “gun” before firing, as officers are trained to do.

“Why do people keep weapons in their homes? Well, maybe, when there’s someone prowling around in the back at 2 a.m. in the morning, you may need to arm yourself,” Merritt said. “It is only appropriate that Miss Jefferson would have a weapon in that situation.”

Dean resigned without talking to internal affairs investigators, and what he saw and why he opened fire remained unclear. His attorney not immediately return messages for comment.



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The police chief did not directly address the nephew’s account of the gun at a news briefing Tuesday. Police spokesman Sgt. Chris Daniels said the information was included in court papers so that a judge would have a clear understanding of the facts of the case.

“Leaving out pertinent information could be seen as misleading; Judges DO NOT like that,” Daniels said in an email.

Dean was released from jail on \$200,000 bail less than four hours after his arrest. The police chief said he would have been fired if he hadn’t quit first. Police also referred the case to the FBI for possible federal civil rights charges.

Apparently close to tears, Kraus pleaded with the city of nearly 900,000 not to allow the killing to reflect badly on the entire department.

“The officers are hurting,” he said. “They try hard every day to try to make this city better.” He added: “I likened it to a bunch of ants building an ant hill, and then somebody comes with a hose and washes it away. And they just have to start from scratch.”

Merritt said Fort Worth needs to change its “brutal culture of policing,” and Mayor Betsy Price has called for a top-to-bottom review of the department.

Of the nine officer-involved shootings so far this year in Fort Worth, five targeted African Americans and six resulted in death, according to department data.

Nearly two-thirds of the department’s 1,100 officers are white, just over 20% are Hispanic, and about 10% are black. The city is about 40% white, 35% Hispanic and 19% black.

—Bleed reported from Little Rock, Arkansas.