

September 8 is the first day of school. At this time, Dallas ISD currently plans to offer both virtual and face-to-face learning when school starts. Dallas ISD has developed a comprehensive reentry guide and procedures to keep families informed and ensure students' safety and campus staff amid the continuing challenge of COVID-19.



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## BREAKING NEWS:

# Biden picks Kamala Harris as running mate, first Black woman



### Biden selects Kamala Harris as running mate

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden has tapped California Sen. Kamala Harris to be his running mate.

#### Who is Kamala Devi Harris?

**BORN:** Oct. 20, 1964 in Oakland, Calif.  
**EDUCATION:** B.A., Howard University; J.D., University of California Hastings College of Law

**CAREER SUMMARY:** Worked as a prosecutor in California's Bay Area, serving as Alameda County deputy district attorney and San Francisco district attorney before becoming California's attorney general, in charge of the country's second largest Department of Justice. Elected to the U.S. Senate in 2016.



#### In her favor:

- A proven debater who adds diversity and relative youth to the Democratic ticket, along with compelling personal story as the daughter of immigrants from India and Jamaica

#### The flip side:

- Prosecutorial record may turn off some Black voters and progressives who see it as out of step with issues of racism in the legal system and police brutality

Sources: AP reports; Congressional Biographical Directory



By **KATHLEEN RONAYNE** and **WILL WEISSERT**

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Joe Biden named California Sen. Kamala Harris as his running mate, making history by selecting the first Black woman to compete on a major party's presidential ticket and acknowledging the vital role Black voters will play in his bid to defeat President Donald Trump.

In choosing Harris, Biden embraced a former rival from the Democratic primary who is familiar with the unique rigor of a national campaign. The 55-year-old first-term senator, who is also of South Asian descent, is one of the party's most prominent figures. She quickly became a top contender for the No. 2 spot after her own White House campaign ended.

She will appear with Biden for the first time as his running mate at an event Wednesday near his home in Wilmington, Delaware.

In announcing the pick Tuesday, Biden called Harris a "fearless fighter for the little guy, and one of the country's finest public servants." She said Biden would "unify the American people" and "build an America that lives up to our ideals."

Harris joins Biden at a moment of unprecedented national crisis. The coronavirus pandemic has claimed the lives of more than 160,000 people in the U.S., far more than the toll experienced in other countries. Business closures and disruptions resulting from the pandemic have caused severe economic problems. Unrest, meanwhile, has emerged across the country as Americans protest

racism and police brutality.

Trump's uneven handling of the crises has given Biden an opening, and he enters the fall campaign in strong position against the president. In adding Harris to the ticket, he can point to her relatively centrist record on issues such as health care and her background in law enforcement in the nation's largest state.

The president told reporters Tuesday he was "a little surprised" that Biden picked Harris, pointing to their debate stage disputes during the primary. Trump, who had donated to her previous campaigns, argued she was "about the most liberal person in the U.S. Senate."

"I would have thought that Biden would have tried to stay away from that a little bit," he said.

Harris' record as

California attorney general and district attorney in San Francisco was heavily scrutinized during the Democratic primary and turned away some liberals and younger Black voters who saw her as out of step on issues of racism in the legal system and police brutality. She declared herself a "progressive prosecutor" who backs law enforcement reforms. Biden, who spent eight years as President Barack Obama's vice president, has spent months weighing who would fill that same role in his White House. He pledged in March to select a woman as his vice president, easing frustration among Democrats that the presidential race would center on two white men in their 70s.

Biden's search was expansive, including Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a lead-

ing progressive; Florida Rep. Val Demings, whose impeachment criticism of Trump won party plaudits; California Rep. Karen Bass, who leads the Congressional Black Caucus; former Obama national security adviser Susan Rice; and Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, whose passionate response to unrest in her city garnered national attention.

A woman has never served as president or vice president in the United States. Hillary Clinton was the Democratic presidential nominee in 2016. Two women have been nominated as running mates on major party tickets: Democrat Geraldine Ferraro in 1984 and Republican Sarah Palin in 2008. Their parties lost in the general election.

The vice presidential pick carries increased sig-

nificance this year. If elected, Biden would be 78 when inaugurated in January, the oldest man to ever assume the presidency. He's spoken of himself as a transitional figure and hasn't fully committed to seeking a second term in 2024.

Harris, born in 1964 to a Jamaican father and Indian mother, spent much of her formative years in Berkeley, California. She has often spoken of the deep bond she shared with her mother, whom she has called her single biggest influence.

Harris won her first election in 2003 when she became San Francisco's district attorney. In that post, she created a reentry program for low-level drug offenders and cracked down on student truancy.

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## Low-Income Voters Can Impact American Elections Says Poor People's Campaign Report Released

By Pamela E. Ice  
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The Rev. William J. Barber, II and the Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, co-chairs of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival (PPC), released a report they hope will change how American politicians build their platforms and the issues they address as they campaign. Titled *Unleashing the Power of Poor and Low-Income Americans: Changing the Political Landscape*, the report, researched and written by economist and Assistant Professor of Social Work at New York's Columbia University, Robert Paul Hartley, makes a few startling observations about poor and low-income eligible non-voters.

Hartley reports that, "In the 2016 presidential election, there were 138 million voters out of 225 million eligible voters. Twenty-nine million of these voters were poor or low-income and there were **an additional 34 million poor or low-income people who were eligible, but who did not vote.**"

Hartley calculates that non-voting low-wealth people had the potential to

change the outcome of the 2016 election if only candidates had bothered to address poor people's issues in their campaigns. Rev. Barber says, "Not only is it immoral to ignore poor and low-income people, not only is it economically [foolish], it is political suicide to ignore them in 2020." The PPC is currently waging concentrated voter registration drives in Texas and across the nation to get non-voting poor people prepared to vote in person or by mail in the November 3 election. The implications for this Fall's candidates are clear: Ignore the issues of poor and low-wealth people in the next three months at your peril.

The issues of poor and low-wealth people include "health [care], jobs, wages, food, [and clean] water," according to Shailly Gupta Barnes, in the report's foreword. Denita Jones of Dallas agrees, "My government is failing me and millions like me. We need higher wages, better workplace protections, lower rents, access to quality affordable health care, and fresh healthy food. Real freedom means not having to choose between your health and your rent."

Jones continued, "This [Covid-19] crisis just takes the Band-Aid off a wound that has been festering for too long. It's time to apply some UV light and disinfectant to the wound of inequality in this country."

Another person involved with the PPC, Lauren Simmons who lives in Houston's Third Ward says, "Covid-19 has impacted our community physically, financially and emotionally. I have seen it up close and personal because I tested positive. I'm not surprised how poorly our [Texas] leaders have handled this issue, especially considering that we have the most uninsured people in this state." Simmons added, "I'm also disturbed by the push to have children [and] school employees return to campuses that were already underfunded and ill equipped pre-Covid."

Dr. Jennifer Wimbish, a member of the Texas PPC Steering Committee and co-chair of the Dallas Poor People's Campaign noted that the report indicates that "the issues of poor people should be front and center in terms of discussions of those seeking to win in November."

## All Night Long: Lionel Richie recalls closing 1984 Olympics

By TIM DAHLBERG

EDITORS — With the Tokyo Olympics postponed for a year because of the coronavirus pandemic, The Associated Press is looking back at the history of Summer Games. Lionel Richie, then just starting his solo career, spoke to the AP recently about his performance at the closing ceremony of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

Lionel Richie was just beginning his career away from the Commodores when he got word he was wanted for what would be the biggest solo gig of his life.

The Los Angeles Olympics were just a few months away and closing ceremony producer David L. Wolper had a problem. He wanted to put on an all-star singing finale to close out the games, but the stars weren't cooperating.

Michael Jackson was out because he was a Pepsi spokesman and this was a Coca Cola Olympics. Frank Sinatra wasn't available, and neither were other artists whose managers didn't want them appearing in an ensemble act.

So it was left to Richie

to bring the curtain down on the first Olympics in the United States in 52 years.

"Next thing I know I'm on a football field out in the (San Fernando) valley somewhere rehearsing with all these people diving and dancing all over," Richie recalled in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "I was just getting my feet wet after the Commodores. I think I had done a couple Vegas shows just to warm up, but nothing like this."

The audience would be vast, so the song had to be good. Some 92,000 people had tickets to the LA Coliseum that night, and an estimated 2.6 billion more would tune into the closing ceremony on television.

Richie's new solo album had several hits, but he knew there was only one song to end the celebration that was the successful Los Angeles games.

He would do "All Night Long." And he did it almost all night long, singing for 9 minutes as athletes danced on the field and people rocked in their seats.

"I basically just re-enacted the entire All Night Long video and

brought it to life on stage," Richie said. "For the first time in my life they were saying don't worry about the budget and just do the song. It was a brilliant moment."

Before Richie took the stage there had already been a spaceship dubbed "The Aluminum Taco" by producers that hovered over the Coliseum, depositing a 10-foot-tall alien who got out and hung around the Olympic flame. The E.T. movie had just come out two years earlier, and aliens were still a theme.

Break dancers were big at the time, too, which is how Richie found himself surrounded by several hundred of them as he paraded around the stage inside the Coliseum. Among the break dancers was a 16-year-old named Cuba Gooding Jr., who would go on to big things of his own in Hollywood in later years.

"He turned to me and said, Mr. Richie I want to make sure this works, we'll make you look good," Richie recalled. "I said, kid, your mom and dad aren't going to be looking at me they'll be looking at you. Go out and have the best time of your life because they'll remember this for



a lifetime. Years later he came up to me and said do you remember me backstage?"

Richie hit the stage in white pants and a sparkling open blue glitter blazer. As he began singing some of the break dancers began crashing around him because the stage was slick with evening dew. As the words came out, the dancing in the stadium began. Athletes from around the world partied like it was 1984, and kept partying until they were finally told to leave the stadium.

"Well, my friends, the time has come," Richie sang in the song's

Calypso style, "to raise the roof and have some fun."

Richie was already a star on the verge of breaking out. Now he was a global superstar, something he found out quickly enough the next day.

"I was sitting in traffic and a guy four cars up was crossing the street and saw me and yelled 'Lionel Richie, All Night Long, All Night Long.' All the people started honking their horns and a Japanese family on the way to visit Disneyland started screaming," he said. "I realized, holy crap, I'm no longer the invisible

man." It was an iconic Olympic moment that elevated closing ceremonies which were mostly an afterthought at previous Olympics to a new status.

And it was a signature moment for Richie, whose career is still in high gear at the age of 71. Richie is a judge on "American Idol" and would have been touring Europe this summer had the pandemic not interfered.

"That was it as far as a performing highlight," he said. "You can't get any bigger than the whole world watching."



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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Vice President Biden, Senator Harris and The Black Vote



By **Dr. John E. Warren**

**Publisher,**  
The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper

Vice President Biden did the right thing both for himself and for the country in selecting Senator Kamala Harris as his running mate. Although she was not this paper's first choice, the choice was not one based on a question of qualifications. She has

always been qualified. For some it was a matter of timing. But then this was the same issue with President Obama when he decided to run for the Presidency as a young U.S. Senator from Illinois. It looks like history's greatness has an opportunity to repeat itself.

Senator Harris represents the fulfillment of the dream deferred by Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm 50 years ago when she boldly declared her candidacy for no less than the Presidency itself. She never made it to the official selection of the Democratic Party for either office.

The selection of Senator Harris as running mate

will now test the sincerity of those of us who know that America cannot afford one day longer of Donald Trump in the White House than the November 3, 2020 election allows.

We must not assume that Biden and Harris will automatically defeat Trump. We must work to make that defeat a reality with every fiber of our being. We must vote.

We must make sure that those who have been protesting the pandemics of racism, bigotry, and police brutality while suffering death at the hands of Covid-19 must register and must vote in spite of all the efforts of Donald Trump, the Russians, and Republican efforts to sup-

press the elections. We must vote early to overcome the efforts to delay or destroy the U.S. Postal Service. We must encourage the vote and the face mask and understand that for Donald Trump, the more of us that die by November, the fewer the votes against him.

When elected, we hope President Joe Biden will exercise another decision of wisdom and appoint Susan Rice as Secretary of State. No one is better qualified nor better prepared. Let's restore the greatness of democracy. Let's work to make this election a victory as if the Voting Rights Act had just been passed.

## Selecting the Right Woman for Vice President

By **Dr. John E. Warren**  
**Publisher,**  
The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper

The Vice Presidency cannot be the result of a popularity contest. It cannot be based on personal press coverage, speeches, campaign rhetoric and who we like. This person must be prepared to become President of the United States, if necessary. Donald Trump has shown us what the lack of experience or preparation for that office can do to this nation. California's favorite daughters (Kamala Harris and Karen Bass) are young enough to run another day.

As we move into the final days for Vice President Biden to select a running mate for the Vice Presidency, it is a foregone conclusion that this must be a person of color and a woman in particular. Why a woman?

And why a Black woman? Well, consider it was the Black vote of South Carolina following the endorsement of a Black Congressman that put Biden in the race. It was the Black vote in 2017 that elected Doug Jones to the U.S. Senate over Roy Moore with more than a 92 percent turnout, and it was the Black Female vote throughout the South that was strong in places like Florida and Georgia.

The political and social issues of this present time clearly drove an unprecedented number of women of all colors to run for the Presidency this year. The resurgence against racism and inequality kick started by continued police brutality and murder have made color an issue and put Black women at the forefront of the politics of the Presidency. Hence, the Black female vote has become essential. The issue then is the selection

of the right woman for the position.

President Biden and his Vice President will have to hit the ground running in January 2021. In addition to the Pandemic, there will be domestic and international issues requiring immediate attention. We believe that Biden's years of experience on the Hill and eight years as Vice President will make a difference in addressing these issues. And, we believe that an experienced Vice President like Susan Rice, with her knowledge of International Relations as a Rhodes Scholar, her experience as United States Ambassador to the United Nations from 2009 to 2013, and as the 24th United States National Security Advisor from 2013 to 2017 makes her more than qualified to handle the international stage and its players, including Putin. She doesn't have to learn the

G7. She knows China and North Korea. But most of all, she has worked with the Vice President and they know each other.

These qualifications do not take away from the abilities of all the other potential candidates for the No. 2 job. But one thing is certain. It is still possible for Donald Trump to win a second term without the Black vote and without a Black woman in that No. 2 slot. There are many Blacks that will not vote, despite the concerns about Donald Trump. We believe that Susan Rice is capable of assuming the Office of the Presidency, if necessary, and she is not seeking the office. There will certainly be a number of key cabinet positions and no one is more prepared to fill them than Joe Biden.

At the end of the day, this is our opinion. We welcome yours.

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## A Journey Through the Gospel of St. John

### "The Healing by Jesus at a Distance"

St. John 4:43-54

As this chapter concludes, we find that Jesus makes His journey to the region of Galilee, the region that up to now, knew and witnessed the things that He had done at Jerusalem (4:43-45), and the miracle that He had wrought at Cana of Galilee with the changing of water to wine (2:23); however, with all of the above evidence, many of His townsmen did not appreciate His person nor the authoritative and life-giving merit of His word. No wonder that Jesus said emphatically that - "a prophet hath no honour in His own country" (4:44). This statement has reference to His welcome by the townsmen of Nazareth - a place where He was reared; yet, they were confused with Jesus' true identity, and

exhibiting firm unbelief, displayed their disdain for Him by leading Him to the brow of a hill to cast Him down (Luke 4:28-29). Now, we find our Lord going back to Galilee, mainly Cana of Galilee, where He will be confronted with a Nobleman, "whose son was sick at Capernaum" (4:46). Although this Nobleman was a man of station and means, He had a grave issue - his son was at Capernaum sick. In reading about this incident, one apparent thought ran across my mind - people of high station in life, as well as, those who are at the bottom socially, are not exempted from the problems of life. Having heard about the fame of Jesus, the Nobleman makes a request of the Master - asking

that Jesus would come down and heal his son who was at the point of death (4:47). Jesus replies by saying - "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe (4:48). The Nobleman did not challenge Jesus' statement in v. 48, but was determined in his request - "Sir, come down ere my child die (4:49). The Nobleman had some measure or degree of faith but it was weak and limited. In his request he believed that Jesus could heal at close range, but not at a far distance. Our lesson concludes with Jesus healing the Nobleman's son at a distance. Sincere faith in Jesus Christ will be rewarded. As the lesson opened, we were confronted with an anxious father, now, the lesson con-

cludes on a gracious note: not only was his son healed, but he became a believer and his whole house (4:51-54). This lesson really teaches us that the power is in the spoken word of Christ. And if mankind needs salvation, just believe His bare word, for Christ is the only way to the Father, in that St. John 14:6, says - "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Would you like to get to the Father? Then, you need to trust in the Son! **May God truly bless.**

By **Rev. Johnny C. Smith**  
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## NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

### Ex-Dallas cop appeals murder conviction in neighbor's death

DALLAS (AP) — Attorneys for a white former Dallas police officer have filed an appeal of her murder conviction in the killing of her Black neighbor inside his home.

Amber Guyger is serving a 10-year prison sentence for the September 2018 fatal shooting of Botham Jean. She testified at trial that she mistook his apartment for her own and mistook Jean for an intruder when she entered and shot him.

In papers filed Tuesday with the 5th Texas Court of Appeals, her attorneys argue that the evidence presented at her trial last year was "legally insufficient to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Guyger committed murder." They argue that Guyger had a "reasonable belief" that she was in her own apartment and there was an intruder inside, and that her mistake "negated the culpability of murder because although she intentionally and knowingly caused Jean's death, she had the right to act in deadly force of self-defense."

The appeal wants the Dallas-based court to overturn her murder conviction and sentence and order a new trial, or replace it with a conviction for criminally negligent homicide and order a new sentencing hearing. Criminally negligent homicide carries a maximum punishment of two years in jail.

### Court upholds murder sentence of ex-cop who shot Black teen

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas appeals court has upheld the murder conviction and 15-year sentence of a white ex-police officer who fatally shot an unarmed Black teenager in 2017.

The 5th Court of Appeals in Dallas issued its opinion on the former Balch Springs officer's appeal Monday, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Roy Oliver, who was fired from the Balch Springs Police

Department after the shooting, killed 15-year-old Jordan Edwards when he fired into a car packed with teenagers leaving a house party in suburban Dallas. Oliver claimed he had no option but to use lethal force because he says he thought his partner was in danger.

Oliver was found guilty of murder in August 2018 and was sentenced to 15 years in prison. He was also fined \$10,000.

In his appeal, Oliver's lawyers argued there were more than a dozen separate issues with his trial, including that the court allowed evidence it should not have.

The appeals court disagreed.

Four other aggravated assault charges against Oliver were dropped during his appeal, but could be refiled.

### Air traffic is down, gun seizures up at US airports

By DAVID KOENIG

DALLAS (AP) — With air traffic nearing a five-month high, airport security is finding guns in passenger carry-on bags at three times the rate recorded before the pandemic.

And 80% of the guns are loaded.

The discoveries at airports comes at a time when U.S. gun sales are surging, and analysts believe many of those purchases are being made by first-time buyers.

Officers seized just over 300 guns in July, or 15.3 guns for every million people screened, compared with 5.1 per million people in July of last year, the Transportation Security Administration said Monday.

TSA Administrator David Pekoske said there has been a significant increase in loaded guns at checkpoints. He said screeners are already working in conditions of heightened risks and that "no one should be introducing new ones."

The number of loaded guns, Pekoske said, "is just an accident waiting to happen."

Background checks on gun buyers have been rising every month compared with a year earlier since April

2019, but they picked up even faster this year. The number of checks topped 3 million in four of the last five months. They had not exceeded 3 million in one month since December 2015.

FBI figures show that there were more than 3.6 million firearms background checks requested on buyers in July, a 79% increase from July 2019, following a 70% increase in June.

Cowen analyst Cai von Rumohr, who tracks gun sales, said the increases are likely due to fear about COVID-19 lockdowns, civil unrest, and former Vice President Joe Biden's lead over President Donald Trump in polls ahead of the Nov. 3 election "given his more restrictive stance on gun control relative to President Trump."

"Fear drives a lot of gun sales," he said.

### Hotels criticized for taking virus money face investigation

DALLAS (AP) — A group of hotels that took, and later returned, tens of millions of dollars in federal virus-bailout money are under investigation by securities regulators for transactions between companies in the group going back to 2018.

The Ashford companies were among the biggest recipients of federal money that was intended to help small businesses survive the coronavirus pandemic.

The companies disclosed in a regulatory filing this week that they received subpoenas from the Securities and Exchange Commission for transactions that go back long before the pandemic hit. The subpoenas went to Ashford Hospitality Trust, Ashford Inc., and Braemar Hotels & Resorts.

All three companies were founded and are run by Dallas hotelier Monty J. Bennett, a major Republican donor who has given \$150,000 to President Donald Trump's PAC in the past year and \$373,250 since 2016, according to Federal Election Commission records.

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# College Football in the Spring: When? How much? Who plays?

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**  
AP College Football  
Writer

Back in April, not long after the NCAA basketball tournament was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, the idea of moving the 2020 college football to the spring of 2021 already was being tossed around.

A last resort is what it was called by conference commissioners and athletic directors.

When it looked as if the U.S. might be winning its fight against COVID-19, the idea of a spring season mostly fell by the wayside.

“We broached it very little in our AD meetings and really haven’t gotten serious about it at all,” Wisconsin athletic director Barry Alvarez said Tuesday. “I had one AD from another league call and just talk about it a little bit.”

Time to start talking about it a lot.

The Big Ten and Pac-12 postponed fall football on Tuesday, hoping to salvage a spring season like the Mid-American Conference and Mountain West plan to do.

What that looks like is anybody’s guess, but officials in those conferences need to figure out everything from how to prepare in the fall to how much to play in the spring, where in the calendar it could fit and who exactly is going to

be suiting up for these teams?

More than two dozen FBS players, including some big stars from the Big Ten such as Penn State linebacker Micah Parsons and receivers Rondale Moore of Purdue and Rashod Bateman of Minnesota, opted out of the 2020 season even before the conference postponed.

Will other highly regarded future NFL players such as Ohio State quarterback Justin

Fields, Oregon offensive lineman Penei Sewell and Penn State tight end Pat Freiermuth bother participating in a spring season?

The NFL scouting combine is in late February and the draft is in late April. If the NFL does nothing to accommodate spring college football, some of the sure-thing players are almost certain to leave. The players who needed another year to improve their stock might be

more inclined to stay and play. But an injury in the spring could be an even bigger problem when it comes time to earn a spot on an NFL roster in the summer.

Maybe players will still try to play in the fall but in another conference. The Southeastern Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Big 12, American Athletic Conference, Conference USA and Sun Belt are all still on track to start their seasons in September.

## Deion Sanders joins Barstool Sports after leaving NFL Network



Deion Sanders poses with a bust of himself with a little something extra during the induction ceremony at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

AP File Photo

AP - Deion Sanders is joining Barstool Sports after spending the last 14 years as an analyst and host on NFL Network, which he quit on Tuesday.

The Pro Football Hall of Famer will host a podcast called “21st and Prime,” bringing the name over from his old NFL Network television show. Sanders will also be part of an NFL pre-game show from his ranch in Dallas alongside Dave Portnoy and Dan “Big Cat” Katz, according to the announcement on Barstool’s website.

“Controversy ain’t never scared me,” Sanders said in a video. “Content distribution is where all my kids and the kids I coach get their info. Barstool, baby, is where the next

generation of fans are. And guess what? I’m right where I want to be.”

Indeed, Sanders’ outspokenness should make him a good fit there. The man commonly known as “Prime Time” sparked some backlash recently for criticizing athletes who’ve opted out of playing this season because of the coronavirus pandemic.

“All Players OPTING out in all sports PLEASE BELIEVE the game will go on without u,” he tweeted. “This is a business & don’t u EVER forget that. There’s NO ONE that’s bigger than the game itself. Only the refs,umps & officials are that important that u can’t play without them. NOT YOU! #Truth.”

## Black Victims of U-Michigan doc Seek Equity in Settlements



This file photo, date and location not known, provided to AP by the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan shows Dr. Robert E. Anderson.

By **COREY WILLIAMS** and **LARRY LAGE**  
Associated Press

NOVI, Mich. (AP) — Dozens of Black former University of Michigan student-athletes who claim they were abused by a sports doctor at the school asked Wednesday to be treated fairly as the university settles hundreds of lawsuits expected to cost the institution millions of dollars.

They’re demanding that victims of Dr. Robert Anderson receive fair compensation “based on their trauma rather than based on their color.”

Most personal injury cases are settled out of court with the amounts often based on data that projects lower lifetime earnings for Blacks, Latinos and women than white men, said Parker Stinar, an attorney with Denver-based Wahlberg, Woodruff, Nimmo & Sloane law firm.

A former Michigan football player and wrestler discussed their experiences during a news conference at a hotel in the Detroit suburb of Novi.

“I still love the University of Michigan,” said Dwight Hicks, who captained the Wolverines football team in 1977 before going on to win two Super Bowls as a four-time Pro Bowl defensive back for the San Francisco 49ers. “I hope the University of Michigan understands and acknowledges what happened to so many of us. And I would hope that they would recognize the trauma that was bestowed on us.”

Stinar said nearly half of the 750 men who say they were sexually abused by Anderson are Black.

“As plaintiff trial lawyers, we are familiar with the prejudices that jurors have against plaintiffs, especially plaintiffs

that are minority men,” said Stinar, whose firm represents more than 100 clients with claims against Anderson. “Historically, Black men receive the lowest verdict or settlement awards, especially compared to white men and women.”

Anderson worked at the university from the mid-1960s through 2003. He died in 2008.

Campus police began investigating him in 2018 after a former student-athlete wrote to athletic director Warde Manuel about being sexually abused during medical exams in the early 1970s.

The university has acknowledged some employees were aware of accusations against Anderson before the 2018 complaint. The school started an independent investigation into the claims, which date back as far as the 1960s.

The university has not yet shared details of any settlement process, a spokesman said Tuesday in an email.

Insurance companies and courts rely on testimony of economic experts who use wage tables to calculate damages, according to a 2018 report by the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

“How Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Impact Your Life’s Worth: Discrimination in Civil Damage Awards” says the

data typically comes from the quarterly population survey by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

That data often is based on the race, ethnicity and gender of the person filing the lawsuit, and since Blacks, Latinos and Hispanics and women of all races typically earn less than white men, the damages offered and awarded often are less than what white men would receive, the report said.

Airon Richardson, an emergency physician and former wrestler at the University of Michigan, hopes that the school properly compensates Anderson’s victims while developing programs to educate student-athletes on what to do if they believe they’re victims of abuse.

Richardson, who also spoke at Wednesday’s news conference, is not yet part of the lawsuits against the school. He arrived as a sophomore in 1994 on the Ann Arbor campus and was seen by Anderson for his annual physicals and occasionally for strep throat.

“I vividly remember being in the exam room, him looking in my throat, him giving me antibiotics,” Richardson said. “But he also did a genital exam and I remember seeing posters on the exam room talking about how to properly perform a testicular exam.”

# Super-Sized Racism: McDonald's Scrambles To Address Racial Diversity Issues



By **TREVOR COLEMAN**

*Part Three of a Three-Part Series*

For anyone following the events that have unfolded since the shocking murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis at the hands of city police officers, the list of major corporations and foundations announcing their support for the Black Lives Matter movement reads like a virtual all-star roster of Fortune 500 companies.

From McDonald's \$1 million donation to the Open Society Foundations' \$220 million, the contributions have been pouring in to address racial equality and systemic racism. And along with the financial support have been expressions of sympathy, if not solidarity, with the aims of the movement which is to rid America of structural and institutional racism as well as the pursuit of economic parity and justice across all sectors of American society.

However, this rush to suddenly embrace BLM while welcomed by many, has also raised questions about the true extent of those commitments and the businesses' own record of diversity and inclusion within their organizations.

Given the explosive racial discrimination lawsuit against McDonald's by two former African American female vice presidents that has been rocking the fast food industry, one of the most obvious targets of such scrutiny is

that leader in the fast food industry.

Last month during the heat of the protest over the murder of Floyd, McDonald's released a dramatic ad that referenced several African American victims of racial violence: Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Alton Sterling, Botham Jean, Atiatiana Jefferson, Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd.

"They were all one of us," the ad reads. "We see them in our customers. We see them in our crew members. We see them in our franchisees. And this is why the entire McDonald's family grieves. It's why we stand for them and any other victims of systematic oppression and violence.

"Today we stand with black communities across America. Which is why we're donating to the National Urban League and the NAACP. We do not tolerate inequity, injustice, or racism."

The ad was released across its social media accounts while the company pledged to donate \$1 million to those civil rights organizations. McDonald's generated a total revenue of \$21.08 billion in 2019 and African Americans make up about 14 percent of its customer base.

Interestingly enough the gesture illuminated the painful dichotomy between McDonald's words of support for racial progress, diversity, inclusion and economic parity and the reality of its record on race over recent years. It is a record at the very heart of the racial discrimination

lawsuit.

In fact, just last week as the country continued to convulse over demands that it more aggressively and honestly address issues of institutional racism within the legal, political, criminal justice, academic, entertainment and business industries, McDonald's announced its Global Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer Wendy Lewis suddenly "retired." However, rather than having a credible, experienced, professional waiting in the wings to replace her as another dedicated corporate officer focused on addressing and correcting racial inequities throughout the corporation, in a memo obtained by the Chronicle, Heidi Capozzi, executive vice president and global chief people officer for McDonald's announced instead they are creating something called a "global, cross-functional advisory council."

Given the racial dynamics roiling the country at this very moment a Chicago-area businessperson, following the lawsuit but who did not want to be identified, said it almost unthinkable that a leading Fortune 500 company not prioritize a Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer role and be prepared with another expert in the wings to step in and pick up the slack when they know a retirement is pending.

"Especially nowadays when companies of all sizes are rushing to hire Chief Diversity and Inclusion officers, or deem it important enough to create an office and staff," that

person said.

In her memo, Capozzi wrote: "... the council is made of leaders from across the system to holistically identify and address areas where McDonald's can be a catalyst for change. The advisory council is focused on building meaningful actions into the business that support employees, customers, franchisees, suppliers and our communities."

While obliquely conceding "we have more work to do," nowhere in the lengthy statement does it mention specifically addressing claims of racial inequities and discrimination within the organization. Including allegations made in the lawsuit by the plaintiffs Domineca Neal and Vicki Guster-Hines that under the current leadership of its new CEO Chris Kempczinski, and Charles Strong, zone president west, there are no African Americans on the executive team. And that they defunded the company's African American Diversity Council which provided career development and a talent pipeline for African American employees and targeted African Americans for demotion and elimination.

The women claim this not only resulted in the absence of African Americans at Kempczinski's leadership table to advocate on behalf of Black employees, franchise operators or customers, but also a dramatic reduction in the number of African American executives in the top ranks (Vice President or higher) of McDonald's operations. Those numbers fell to seven in 2019 from 42 in 2014, the year before former CEO Steve Easterbrook, Kempczinski and Strong took over.

A Chicago executive familiar with the lawsuit scoffed at the \$1 million dollar donation noting it represented less than .02 percent of McDonald's revenue of more than \$21 bil-

lion last year. They claimed it was simply "window dressing" and a superficial effort to appear socially conscious and supporters of racial equity when in reality the company has been pulling away from its traditional commitment to racial diversity and inclusion after nearly 50 years of being an industry leader.

"If they were genuinely interested in helping African Americans obtain racial and economic justice, along with implementing a strong internal policy of developing and promoting African American executives and entrepreneurs they could have followed Netflix' example and invested funds in Black banks and other Black businesses and grassroots organizations including community development institutions (CDIs) that build sustainable wealth and close the wealth inequality gap," the person said.

In a post in Variety magazine, Netflix announced last month that it will donate \$5 million to Black youths, Black creators and Black-owned businesses. \$1.5 million will be going to the Ghetto Film School, Black Public Media, Firelight Media and Film Independent's Project Evolve to support Black creators. Another \$1 million in grants each, to Colin Kaepernick's Know Your Rights Camp, the Posse Foundation, and Black Girls Code to support Black youths. And another \$500,000 in grants to be distributed by Vermont Slauson Economic Development (VSEDC), a nonprofit group that provides resources to communities in South Los Angeles to help Black businesses traditionally underserved by banks.

In addition to this donation Netflix will also match their employees' personal donations at 200%.

And yet, McDonald's, which at one time set the industry standard for its investment in diversity and

inclusion initiatives, announces after losing its diversity officer that it is forming an "advisory council" to be a "catalyst for change" but deliberately avoids mentioning African Americans in its statement.

However, given the urgency of the moment many African American civil rights and social justice advocates along with Black corporate executives said the time for "studying" or needing advisory councils to figure out what to do about racial inequality is over.

Mellody Hobson, co-CEO and president at Ariel Investments, a Black-owned Chicago-based investment firm, criticized such timid approaches to addressing racial inequality in the workforce in 2020.

During a recent interview on CNBC she noted that in corporate America "talk is cheap."

"When it comes to diversity, for whatever reason, this has been this ongoing struggle where we just can't move the needle," she said. "I love the saying 'math has no opinion.' You just count and when you count and you see at the highest levels of corporate America, all the way down the chain, the differences in the numbers and how people of color, black and brown Americans, are under-represented; minorities do not show up in the numbers that we exist in this country."

"That is not acceptable," Hobson added. "And so, what we must do to hold ourselves accountable in corporate America is set targets like we set targets on everything else and identify people you want to get and be very clear and very bold about what the expectations are. And if we do that, we would see this needle move, because so much of this unrest, the civil unrest is tied to economic inequality. That's just a fact. And we need to move the needle on this economic inequality."

## Census Takers to Start Visiting Nonresponding Households

### Census Takers to Start Visiting Nonresponding Households

Census takers are working to follow up with households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census.

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## TEXAS STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL YOUTH AMBASSADORS BY CAMPAIGN FOR TOBACCO-FREE KIDS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Three Texas students have been named as National Youth and Young Adult Ambassadors by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids for demonstrating leadership in fighting tobacco use in their communities.

These young leaders were among 133 youth and young adults from 33 states who participated in the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids' Digital Advocacy Symposium, a five-day online training session focused on building advocacy, communications and leadership skills.

The Youth and Young Adult Ambassadors will work with the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids to advocate for effective policies to reduce youth tobacco use at the federal, state and local levels. These policies include ending the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including flavored e-cigarettes that are addicting a new generation of kids.

The Youth and Young Adult Ambassadors from Texas include:

- Aliya Carr, 16, is from Dallas, Texas and an incoming high school junior. She has been involved in tobacco prevention and control for three years, with her local TAG Youth Against Tobacco Club. Aliya was inspired to elevate her activism as an Ambassador by her personal experience with tobacco use in her family, and she hopes to motivate her peers to stay tobacco-free.

- Sergio Umanzor, 18, is from Bryan, Texas and a rising college freshman. He has been involved with tobacco control and prevention for two years, through his work and leadership with Vikings Kicking Out Tobacco. As an Ambassador, Sergio will continue to be a

leader in tobacco control advocacy in his community and at the national level, and enhance his skills to bring his message with him to college.

- Veronica Verango, 16, is from Bryan, Texas and an incoming high school senior. She has been involved in tobacco control and prevention for four years, as a member of Vikings Kick Out Tobacco. As an Ambassador, Veronica will use her passion for this issue to shape policies, educate her community and address social norms around tobacco use in her school to make it cool to be tobacco-free.

“We are thrilled to welcome this new class of Youth and Young Adult Ambassadors, whose passion and leadership will help us create the first tobacco-free generation,” said Matthew L. Myers, President of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. “Young people are critical voices in the fight against tobacco because they speak from experience about how they are targeted by the tobacco industry. Policy makers should listen and support strong policies to protect our kids, including a prohibition on all flavored tobacco products.”

While the United States has greatly reduced youth smoking, use of e-cigarettes among young people has skyrocketed in recent years. From 2017 to 2019, e-cigarette use more than doubled among high school students (to 27.5%) and tripled among middle school students (to 10.5%), according to the 2019 National Youth Tobacco Survey. More than 5.3 million kids used e-cigarettes 2019 – an increase of more than 3 million in two years. Sweet flavors like gummy bear, mint and mango have fueled the popularity



Aliya Carr, Youth and Young Adult Ambassador from Dallas, Tx

of e-cigarettes among kids.

Other flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, are also popular among youth. The tobacco industry has a long history of targeting kids, Black Americans and other groups with marketing for menthol cigarettes and other flavored products, with devastating consequences. More than half of all youth smokers today – including seven out of ten Black youth smokers – smoke menthol cigarettes.

Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, killing approximately 480,000 people and costing about \$170 billion in health care bills each year.

In Texas, 11.3 percent of high school students smoke traditional cigarettes, while 18.9 percent use e-cigarettes. Tobacco use claims 28,000 lives in Texas each year.

The Youth and Young Adult Ambassadors were selected through a competitive application process and participated in the Digital Advocacy Symposium to become powerful advocates for change. In addition to gaining advocacy and communications skills, these young leaders learned about how tobacco use is a social justice issue because of tobacco-related health disparities due to the tobacco industry's longtime targeting of minority populations.

## BREAKING NEWS: Biden picks Kamala Harris as running mate, first Black woman



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She was elected California's attorney general in 2010, the first woman and Black person to hold the job, and focused on issues including the foreclosure crisis. She declined to defend the state's Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriage and was later overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

After being elected to the Senate in 2016, she quickly gained attention for her assertive questioning of Trump administration officials during congressional hearings.

Harris launched her presidential campaign in early 2019 with the slogan “Kamala Harris For the People,” a reference to her courtroom work. She was one of the highest-profile contenders in a crowded Democratic primary and attracted 20,000 people to her first campaign rally in Oakland.

But the early promise of her campaign eventually faded. Her law enforcement background prompted skepticism from some progressives, and she struggled to land on a consistent message that resonated with voters. Facing fundraising problems, she abruptly withdrew from the race in December 2019, two months before the first votes of the primary were cast.

One standout moment of her presidential campaign came at the expense of Biden. During a debate, she said Biden made “very hurtful” comments about his past work with segregationist senators and slammed his opposition to busing as schools began to integrate

in the 1970s.

“There was a little girl in California who was a part of the second class to integrate her public schools, and she was bused to school every day,” she said. “And that little girl was me.”

Shaken by the attack, Biden called her comments “a mischaracterization of my position.”

The exchange resurfaced recently with a report that one of Biden's closest friends and a co-chair of his vice presidential vetting committee, former Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd, still harbors concerns about the debate and that Harris hadn't expressed regret. The comments attributed to Dodd and first reported by Politico drew condemnation, especially from influential Democratic women who said Harris was being held to a standard that wouldn't apply to a man running for president.

Some Biden confidants said Harris' debate attack did irritate the former vice president, who had a friendly relationship with her. Harris was also close with Biden's late son, Beau, who served as Delaware attorney general while she held the same post in California.

But Biden and Harris have since returned to a warm relationship.

“Joe has empathy, he has a proven track record of leadership and more than ever before we need a president of the United States who understands who the people are, sees them where they are, and has a genuine desire to help and knows how to fight to get us where we need to be,” Harris said at an event for Biden earlier

this summer.

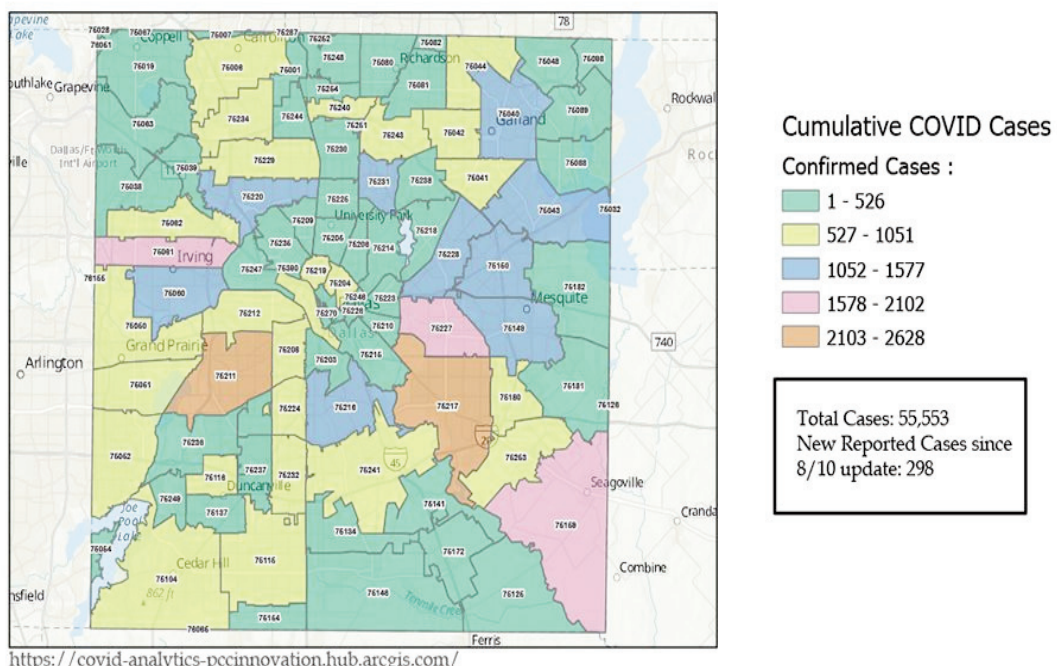
At the same event, she bluntly assailed Trump, labeling him a “drug pusher” for his promotion of the unproven and much-questioned malaria drug hydroxychloroquine as a treatment for the coronavirus. After Trump tweeted “when the looting starts, the shooting starts” in response to protests about the death of George Floyd, a Black man in police custody, Harris said his remarks “yet again show what racism looks like.”

Harris has taken a tougher stand on policing since Floyd's killing. She co-sponsored legislation in June that would ban police from using chokeholds and no-knock warrants, set a national use-of-force standard and create a national police misconduct registry, among other things. It would also reform the qualified immunity system that shields officers from liability.

The list in the legislation included practices Harris did not vocally fight to reform while leading California's Department of Justice. And while she now wants independent investigations of police shootings, she didn't support a 2015 California bill that would have required her office to take on such cases.

“We made progress, but clearly we are not at the place yet as a country where we need to be and California is no exception,” she told The Associated Press recently. The national focus on racial injustice now, she said, shows “there's no reason that we have to continue to wait.”

## Dallas County COVID-19 Updates



As of 11am August 12, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 234 additional confirmed cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total confirmed case count in Dallas County to 55,787, including 794 confirmed deaths\*. An additional 88 probable cases of COVID-19 have been reported since yesterday, bringing the total probable case count in Dallas to 2,360, including 7 probable deaths from COVID-19.

“My advice to Black girls everywhere: whenever you find yourself in a room where there aren't a lot of people who look like you — be it a classroom, or a boardroom, or a courtroom — remember that you have an entire community in that room with you, all of us cheering you on.”



- Kamala Harris via Twitter, Feb. 2, 2018