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Soul icon Aretha Franklin is seriously ill



NEW YORK (AP) — Fans and friends, including Mariah Carey and Missy Elliott, offered prayers and well wishes to Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, who is seriously ill.

A person close to Franklin, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person was not allowed to publicly talk about the topic, told The Associated Press on Monday that the singer is seriously ill. No more details were provided.

Franklin, who had battled undisclosed health issues in recent years, canceled planned concerts earlier this year after she was ordered by her doctor to stay off the road and rest up. She was originally scheduled to perform on her 76th birthday in March in Newark, New Jersey, and at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in April.

Last year, the icon announced her plans to retire, saying she would perform at “some select things.” One of those select events was a gala for Elton John’s 25th anniversary of his AIDS foundation in November in New York City, where Franklin closed the event with a collection of songs including “I Say a Little Prayer” and “Freeway.”

Eli Davis: 1929 – 2018 “A Man for All Seasons”

My Day
By Dr. J. Ester Davis



In 1988, the theme for the Dunbar Social Club Debutantes was “Magnificent Reflections”, the music entertainment was performed by the famed East Texas All Stars from Tyler, Texas, and

President Eli Davis bought greetings of welcome to the Sixty-Sixth Annual Dunbar Social Club Debutante Cotillion Ball. “It is within this décor that the Dunbar men present the 1988 Debutantes. These lovely young ladies, who make their debut to society, will have moments to cherish for years to come. . .”

President of the Dunbar Social Club is a mere tidbit of the leadership roles Eli Davis played while here on earth. Married for 66 years to his “lovely college sweetheart”, he raised and educated four of his own children, one niece and a bounty of young minds as a principal, a youth director, an image of examples.

He was ordained as a Deacon in 1970 and wore this Christian banner loudly.

Eli Davis, never forgot where he came from. He spoke often of his church, Greater New Zion Baptist Church, sending him to college on twenty-five (25) cents cake bake sales. He would call the ladies by name and in every session of this story he would always say ‘thank you again’ for investing in me.

A “man for all seasons” retells the historic legacy surrounding Eli Davis. A “man for all seasons” refers firstly to fortitude, purpose and character that a person possesses naturally. It truly means to be that person and no matter the circumstances or time, he will rise to the challenge of being the man God has created in him.

Eli Davis used all the gifts in his DNA toolbox. From military to street ministry. From school house to the jail house. From driving the church bus to driving a point to congress. From national conventions to congressional nominations. From world traveler to Dallas Big Brothers. He was a community hero.

I think as we prepare to celebrate his life, Eli Davis would be proud of us “rehashing” his life’s actions and most proud of how he spent his ‘dash’. Rest in peace Deacon Davis. Thanks for the memories and the examples.

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit”. - Nelson Henderson

Wake: Greater New Zion Baptist Church
Rev. Joe S. Patterson, Presiding
Celebration of Life Wake Service,
Friday, August 17, 2018 @7:00PM
Funeral: Greater New Zion Baptist Church
Rev. Joe S. Patterson, Presiding
Homegoing Celebration Services,
Saturday, August 18, 2018 @11:00AM
Rest: DFW Cemetery
Tuesday, August 21, 2018 - Time TBA

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Paul Quinn College to Break Ground on First Building in 40 Years



WHAT: Paul Quinn College, the creator of the Urban Work College Model and one of the nation’s most innovative colleges, will break ground on its first new building on campus in 40 years. The new building, named the Trammell S. Crow Living and Learning Center, is LEED-certified and will feature 30,000 sq. ft. of residential space for students and 10,000 sq. ft. of classroom and office space. The building will also include a dance studio and 1,500-person capacity competitive gym.

The school will also unveil the Bishop and Dr. John Hurst Adams and Family Lecture Hall and Auditorium in a ribbon-cutting ceremony immediately following the groundbreaking. The state-of-the-art lecture hall/auditorium was funded in part by the friends and the Family of Bishop and

Dr. John Hurst Adams and will be used for classes, speaking engagements, movies, assemblies, and meetings.

WHEN: Friday, August 17, 2018 @ 11:00 am

WHERE: Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Road, Dallas, Texas 75241>

PARKING: All visitors should check in at the security office immediately upon entering campus. From there, visitors will be directed to venue parking.

WHO: Dr. Michael J. Sorrell, President, Paul Quinn College, Trammell S. Crow, Founder of EarthX (formerly Earth Day), Toni Rose, Texas State Representative and Paul Quinn College Alumna, Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Bishop, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Don J. Clevenger, PQC Board Chair and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Oncor, Victor J. Elmore, President & CEO, Texas Mezzanine Fund

LIVE STREAM: The groundbreaking will be live streamed starting at 10:55 a.m. @ <http://www.pqc.edu/streaming>.

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SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” John 10:10



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EDITORIAL PAGE

Social Security Makes Up Majority of Retirement Income for Many

Washington, DC — Social Security provides the majority of retirement income for about half of all Americans and a much greater proportion for many. In particular, people of color, women, and people at the lower ends of

the income distribution rely on Social Security more than other groups, CEPR policy analyst Alan Barber notes today in a CEPR Blog post.

“Social Security benefits account for half of the family income for 50 (54) percent

of those over the age of 65,” Barber writes. “The percentage rises to 70 percent for blacks and Hispanics. Benefits are roughly 90 percent of income for one in four (31 percent) of those 65 or older.”

On Social Security’s 83rd anniversary, Barber’s blog post provides an important reminder of how important the program is to so many Americans.

OP-ED: GETTING REAL ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION FOR BLACK AND BROWN STUDENTS

By Nate Davis (CEO and Board of Directors Chairman, K12 Inc.)

Our nation’s graduation rate is at an all-time high. The national figure shows 84 percent of young people, overall, graduating from high school within four years after first entering the 9th grade, a trend that has been on a consistent upswing since the 2010-2011 school year.

Still, despite much progress with that indicator, major gaps still exist. And there is great concern that the graduation rate hype not only masks those gaps, but distracts us from what must be our ultimate goal: ensuring all students earn a high school diploma and are college and career ready.

Even as overall graduation rates improve, Black and Hispanic students continue to lag behind that curve. Graduation rates for African American students are 76.4 percentage points—8 percentage points behind the national average—and Latino students are at 79.3 percent. Native American students fare even worse at just 72 percent graduation. Meanwhile, White and Asian students are anywhere from four to six points higher than the national average.

None of us can reasonably expect the closure of inequality gaps, if we’re simply satisfied with overall graduation rates while resigned to stubborn achievement gaps. Yet, it seems as if we’re in a phase whereby these disparities are being treated as normal—“the way it is”—as opposed to addressing a larger parity prob-

lem. We have to ask ourselves: are we having a responsible and responsive conversation about high school graduation?

The most recent “Building a Grad Nation” report from America’s Promise Alliance says that, “Twenty-three states have Black-White graduation rate gaps larger than the national average, including five states—Wisconsin, Nevada, Minnesota, New York, and Ohio—where the gap is more than 20 percentage points...Twenty-four states have Hispanic/White graduation rate gaps that exceed the national average, and in two states—Minnesota and New York—the gap is more than 20 percentage points.”

The persistent normalcy of lower achievement among certain disadvantaged student populations is deeply troubling. Closing those gaps should be as important—if not more—than simply raising overall graduation rates.

At the same time, graduation rates can be used to unfairly malign schools that are serving underprivileged youth and, in fact, helping at-risk students earn a high school diploma. Alternative schools are singled out for having four-year cohort graduation rates that are generally lower than the national average, but left out of the conversation is how these schools are intentionally designed to serve credit-deficient transfer students and former dropouts at risk of never earning a diploma at all.

Measuring how well schools are graduating students is important, but it should be done right, and must not create

disincentives for schools to serve credit-deficient students or dropouts looking for a second chance. After all, what is more important for these students: graduating or graduating “on-time”? It’s why graduation rate calculations should be reformed altogether so schools are held accountable for students’ annual progress toward graduation every year, not just in the fourth year of high school.

Sadly, the drive to meet on-time graduation has led to recent cases of manipulation and fraud, which, of course, is wrong, but it also misses the primary purposes of high school altogether: preparing students for higher education, careers, and the workforce. The linkage between these goals—graduation and college and career readiness—is crucial for broader national competitiveness. Graduating students is meaningless if they are not prepared.

The number of high school students heading into remedial courses in their first year of college are staggering, and the gaps between varying demographics are even more troubling. Nearly 60 percent of African American students are forced to enroll in non-credit remedial classes in college, according to the Center for American Progress, compared to 45 percent of Latino students and 35 percent of White students. This means that Black, first-year college students, already burdened the most by rising college costs and loan debt, are taking on a greater share of the \$1.3 billion wasted on non-credit remedial

courses.

There is no one silver bullet that will solve our nation’s graduation problem, but we can start by realigning graduation standards to the expectations of colleges, career training programs, industries and jobs, and developing competency-based, personalized learning paths for students unconstrained by four-year cohorts. And we must finally address funding gaps that exist for too many alternative schools working to eliminate achievement gaps between advantaged and disadvantaged students.

Addressing this complex challenge requires a mix of other solutions, too; improved learning models and instruction, greater support for our teachers, innovative technology, and increased services to disenfranchised students groups are just a few that we should be working on. But none of this can happen without educators, policymakers and business leaders willing to engage in honest and constructive conversations, and then pledging to act.

A rising graduation rate is worth celebrating, but let’s not become complacent.

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Nate Davis is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors at K12 Inc., an online education provider for students in pre-K through 12th grade.

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Dear NAACP Members:

Please note the following General Membership meeting of the Dallas Branch NAACP, for the purpose of election of officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee.

1. On September 4, 2018, at the Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center, there will be an election of the Nominating Committee. All members whose memberships are current as of 30 days prior to the meeting date may be elected to the Nominating Committee.

2. On October 9, 2018, at the Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center, there will be a report of the Nominating Committee, receipt of Nominations by Petition, and election of the Election Supervisory Committee. All members who memberships are current as of April 1, 2018 of the election year may be nominated for office or as an at-large members of the Executive Committee. In order to sign a nominating petition, or be elected to the Election Supervisory Committee, a member must be current as of 30 days prior to the October meeting.

3. On November 10, 2018, the election of officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee will take place at the Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center, 5150 Mark Trail Way, Dallas, TX. Polls will open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In order to vote in a Branch election, one must be a member in good standing of the Branch 30 days prior to the election. A form of identification is required.

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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Brotherhood (1st & 3rd Wed.) - 8:00 p.m.
Senior Mission (1st & 3rd Wed.) - 8:00 p.m.
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Morning Worship 10:45 AM
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Wednesday Mid Week Bible Study 6:00 PM

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Rev. Dr. C.J.R. Phillips, Jr.

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Schedule of Activities

Sunday

Early Morning Worship- 8AM
Church School- 9AM
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Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service - 6:30 p.m.
Bible Class - 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Bible Class - 11:00 a.m.

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Calendar of Events

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STATEMENT FROM REV. AL SHARPTON REGARDING THE ARREST OF MICHAEL DREJKA, MAN ACCUSED IN DEATH OF UNARMED MARKEIS MCGLOCKTON

NEW YORK — The Rev. Al Sharpton, civil rights leader and President of National Action Network (NAN), released the following statement following the news that the Florida State Attorney's Office will file charges in the state's latest "stand your ground" case. Sharpton visited Clearwater this month to call for an end to stand your ground laws around the country.

"NAN commends the Florida State Attorney's Office for its decision to file manslaughter charges against Michael Drejka, who shot and killed Markeis McGlockton last month in a gross abuse of the state's 'stand your ground' laws. These laws are an abomination that systematize a method of vigilante justice that consistently provides cover to racists and bigots for murdering innocent Black Americans — which is why I visited Clearwater this month to stand with NAN leaders and Florida's Democratic candidates for Governor to call for putting an end to these kinds of laws once and for all. Today's charges offer a ray of hope — but our work is not done. NAN will continue its work as the leading advocate for change in our nation's broken criminal justice system."



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Free agent Dez Bryant to visit receiver-thin Browns

(AP) — Dez Bryant's going to meet with the Browns. Depending on how things go, he could stay awhile.

The free agent wide receiver has scheduled a visit with Cleveland on Thursday, and the anticipated stopover could lead to the three-time Pro Bowler signing with a team craving more play-makers.

Bryant, who released by the Dallas Cowboys in April after eight seasons, has shown previous interest in joining the Browns. Last week, Bryant posted on Twitter that he intended to speak with the team and a Browns spokesman confirmed the sides will talk later this week.

But while Bryant would certainly be a talent upgrade for a team coming off a 0-16 season, Browns coach Hue Jackson said it's vital to make sure he fits with Cleveland's culture.

"It's not just a given," Jackson said following Tuesday's practice. "I think you have to work through whatever conversations we have and feel good about it."

Cleveland needs receiver help and receiver

Jarvis Landry and quarterback Tyrod Taylor have lobbied for Bryant, who has 531 career receptions for 7,459 yards and 73 touchdowns.

But the 29-year-old Bryant has baggage, and the Browns have to be sure he's not only committed to them, but that he won't be a distraction. Bryant frequently clashed with Dallas coaches and he recently went on a Twitter rant criticizing former teammates.

Jackson said the team will be prepared to ask Bryant the appropriate questions.

"We do all of our homework prior to (a visit), and you have very open and candid conversations with guys about what your locker room is, how your team is run, how we go about doing things and see if it fits," he said following Tuesday's practice. "The player has to be honest, and we have to be honest about what our expectations are. You just lay it out, and I think that's the only way you can do it at this time."

The Browns have been in the market for another

receiver since camp opened.

Former Pro Bowler Josh Gordon has been absent to focus on his health and the team doesn't know when he'll be back. Cleveland recently traded former first-round pick Corey Coleman to Buffalo and there are still questions about whether rookie Antonio Callaway can be counted on because of his background and recently being cited for marijuana possession and driving with a suspended license.

Bryant is believed to have other options, but he could be enticed to join Landry, who isn't sure if Cleveland has enough for his friend.

"We're just trying to figure out if he wants to be here," Landry said. "Then obviously we're open arms and we'd love to have him. He'd be a great addition to our team and our offense for sure."

Bryant had 69 catches for 838 yards and six TDs last season, below his usual standards. His last 1,000-yard season was in 2014.

As Trump Distorts NFL Players' Messages Let's Instead Join Together

By Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

As teams gear up for the NFL season, President Trump is reviving his destructive and diversionary attacks aimed at turning fans against players.

The league office stepped in it, by unilaterally declaring that players who do not wish to stand during the national anthem, should stay in the locker room. The NFL players association had little choice but to force negotiations over that insult.

Jerry Jones, the owner of the Dallas Cowboys, is a decent guy. But he stuck his foot in it as well, when he recently announced that the Cowboys had to stand for the anthem and couldn't stay in the locker room—or else. The league wisely told him to zip it, while the policy was under negotiation and so it goes.

So much of this is a false narrative. Fake news.

Trump dishonestly insists that the players are disrespecting the flag. In fact, the players kneeling during the anthem were expressing a silent protest not against the flag, but against police brutality and the reality of structural racial inequality.

Kneeling before the flag in silent, nonviolent protest is not disrespectful to the 'Stars' and 'Stripes.' In fact, it's just the opposite. It is a sign of deference and respect, a call to honor what the flag is truly supposed to represent.

Burning the flag is constitutionally protected, but is a desecration. Burning a cross is a desecration. It is violent. Kneeling before the cross, or during the

anthem, on the other hand, isn't a desecration; it is a call for help.

Colin Kaepernick was and is concerned about Blacks being beaten and killed by police. He kneeled during the anthem to highlight how the values of the flag were being ignored on the streets. He wasn't disrespecting the flag—he was protesting those who trample its values. He was being a patriot.

Now Trump wants to light the dynamite again. His politics prey and thrive on division. He hopes to divide us one against the other, while his administration rolls back protections of consumers, workers and the environment, allowing corporate lobbyists to rig the rules, with lards of more and more tax cuts and subsidies on entrenched interests and the wealthy.

So, he purposefully peddles the false narrative that the players are disrespecting the flag.

Jones, who is a Trump supporter, isn't a bad man. Beyond the playing field, beyond contracts, he has been a decent guy. He paid for the funeral of Cowboy great Bob Hayes. But Jones has allowed himself to be turned into Trump's pawn in this diversion. The reality is that we would not have the Dallas Cowboys in Dallas, were it not for those protesting for their rights.

The victory of the Civil Rights Movement opened the way to a New South. The nonviolent protests and resistance pulled down the old barriers and walls in the South, clearing the way for the Cowboys and the Spurs and the Rockets of the New South, where Blacks and Whites could play on the same team and wear the same colors—where fans root for

the colors of their team, not the color of the players' skin.

Successful protests—the cost of far too many lives—finally ended slavery and apartheid in this society. We should be honoring the protesters, not distorting their message.

Kaepernick was right to protest what is going on in our streets. He has paid a heavy penalty for expressing his views in a nonviolent and dignified fashion. One of the best quarterbacks in the league, he has effectively been banned, a blatant conspiracy that ought to constitute a clear violation of anti-trust laws.

Kaepernick stands among giants. Curt Flood in baseball and Muhammad Ali during the prime years of his boxing life were also banned, but in the process, they changed sports and the country for the better.

There have always been politicians who profit by appealing to our fears. There have always been politicians who seek to divide us for political gain.

We've come a long way, but we still have a long way to go to fulfill the flag's values of liberty and justice for all. The players expressing their views in nonviolent and dignified fashion aren't disgracing the flag, they are expressing its values.

Let us turn against those who would divide us and join together to make America better.

The Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr., is one of America's foremost civil rights, religious, and political figures and the founder of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition. You can follow the Rev. Jackson on Twitter at @RevJJackson.

Dallas Wings coach Fred Williams out after 8th straight loss

(AP) — Dallas Wings coach Fred Williams was relieved of his duties Sunday with the club mired in an eight-game losing streak that jeopardized a playoff spot that once seemed secure.

Team President and CEO Greg Bibb announced his decision several hours after a 93-80 road loss to Washington. Assistant Taj McWilliams-Franklin was named interim coach. The Wings (14-17) have a one-game lead over Las Vegas for the WNBA's final playoff spot with three games remaining.

Bibb said the club will look for a new coach after the season.

"I felt this move was necessary," Bibb said. "The season has not met our expectations. I have the upmost confidence

that (McWilliams-Franklin) and our staff will do everything possible to put us in the best position to win. Our focus remains on qualifying for the playoffs and ultimately competing for a WNBA championship."

The 61-year-old Williams was close to the end of his fifth season with the franchise. The first two years were with the Tulsa Shock before the club moved to the Dallas area and was renamed the Wings.

After losing in the first round of the playoffs last season, the Wings had expectations of a higher finish in the Western Conference this year and a longer postseason run with the addition of center Liz Cambage to play alongside fellow All-Star Skylar Diggins-Smith.

Cambage, a 6-foot-8 Australian, set a WNBA

record with 53 points in a 104-87 win over the New York Liberty during a 7-1 stretch for the Wings. The losing streak started two games later, and Cambage has missed the past two games after hitting her head on the floor against Connecticut on Wednesday.

Williams is 131-153 in 10 seasons, which included stops in Utah and Atlanta before joining the franchise that won three titles in Detroit before moving to Tulsa in 2010. Williams' teams have made the playoffs four times, with a record of 5-9. His last playoff win was with Atlanta in 2013, when the Dream lost in the WNBA Finals.

Erin Phillips, who played her final season with the Wings in 2016 before retiring, is another

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Trump Makes Good on Threat to Revoke Brennan's Clearance

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is revoking the security clearance of former Obama administration CIA director John Brennan, a vocal critic of the president, the White House said Wednesday.

"Mr. Brennan has recently leveraged his status as a former high-ranking official with access to highly sensitive information to make a series of unfounded and outrageous allegations, wild outbursts on the internet and television about this administration," press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said.

Brennan has been deeply critical of Trump's conduct, calling his performance at a joint press conference with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Finland "nothing short of treasonous."

Sanders said the security clearances of other current and former officials are also "under review."

They include former FBI Director James Comey; James Clapper, the former director of national intelligence; former CIA Director Michael Hayden; former national security adviser Susan Rice; and Andrew McCabe, who served as Trump's deputy FBI director until he was fired in March.

Also on the list: fired FBI agent Peter Strzok, FBI lawyer Lisa Page and senior Justice Department official Bruce Ohr.

At least two of the former officials, Comey and McCabe, do not currently have security clearances.

Experts have said that stripping a security clearance in response to public criticism would be an unprecedented politicization of the clearance process.

Former CIA directors and other top national security officials are typically allowed to keep their clearances, at least for some period, so they can be in a position to advise their successors and to hold certain jobs.