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Black Dallas church alleges intimidation by pro-police rally

DALLAS (AP) — A predominantly Black Dallas church active in the “Black Lives Matter” movement alleges a pro-police rally tried to intimidate its members by roaring into its parking lot Sunday afternoon.

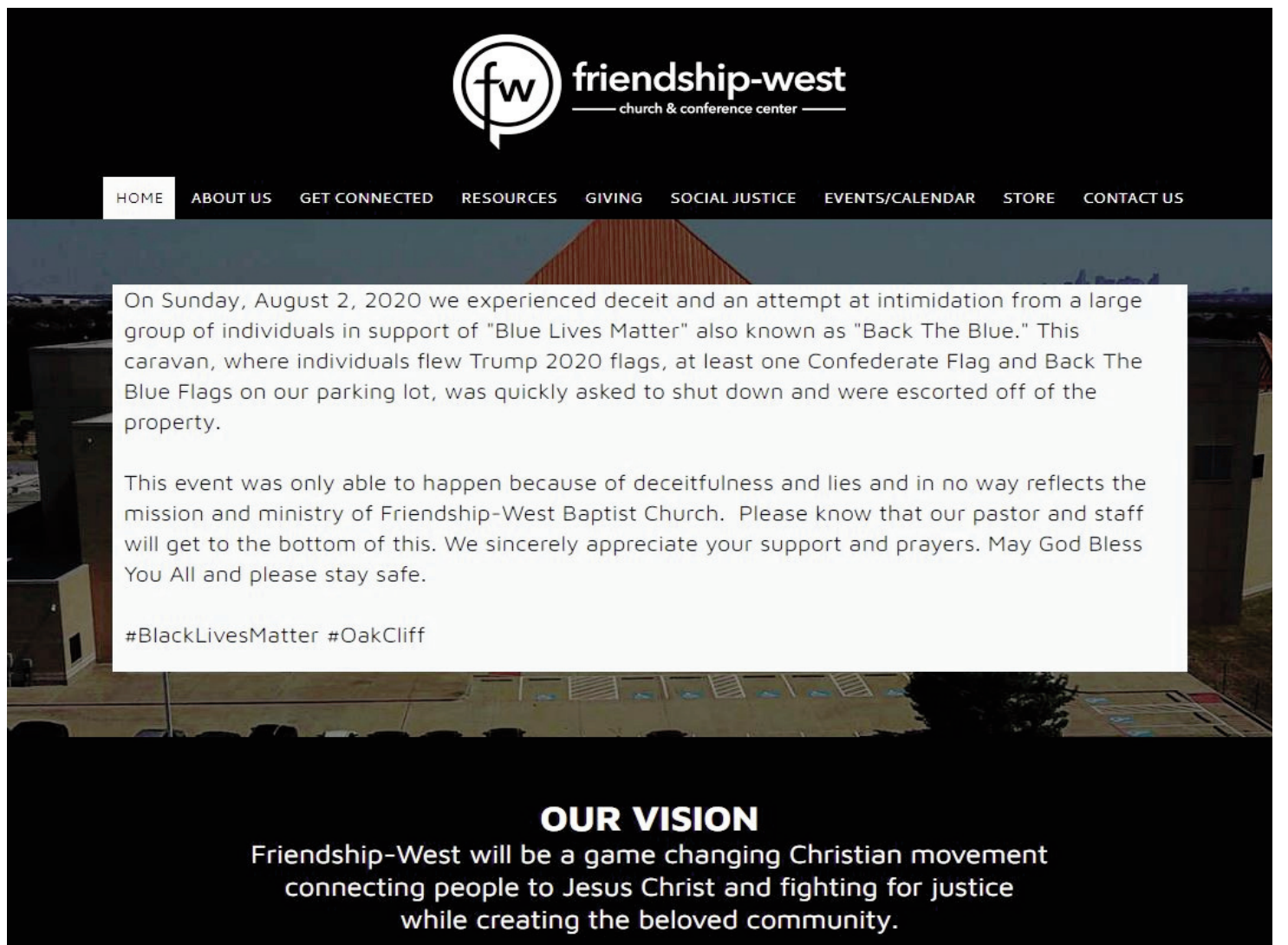
Organizers of the “Back the Blue Cruise” sponsored by clubs of pickup truck and motorcycle owners said about 1,000 vehicles participated in the 100-mile parade through the Dallas-Fort Worth area Sunday afternoon. Organizers said a Friendship-West Baptist Church pastor gave them permission to use its parking lot to rest.

Leaders of the church, which displays a huge “Black Lives Matter” banner on its exterior wall, said in a statement, however, that it was asked to use the parking lot for a “Black Lives Matter” rally, not a “Back the Blue” event.

“The meet up where individuals flew Trump 2020 flags and a Confederate Flag on our parking lot was quickly asked to shut it down and leave,” the statement on the church’s website said.

“There are seven or maybe eight megachurches with big parking lots right in our area. They chose ours, that’s all I’ll say,” senior pastor Frederick Haynes told television station KXAS. “We’re the only one out of those seven or eight that has a ‘Black Lives Matter’ sign up. We’re the only one whose pastor is always out when it comes to these kinds of rallies and takes a stand against injustice. So I think the answer is real clear.”

Some of the rally participants displayed Confederate battle flags and banners supporting President Donald Trump for re-election.



Statement from Friendship West Baptist Church Website regarding the unauthorized event on August 2, 2020

Rally co-organizer Henri Broady, who is Black, said there was no intent to antagonize the church or appear as a political or white

supremacy rally and he believed there was a miscommunication. Fellow organizer Nathan Adams also blamed a “communication breakdown” and

apologized “for any kind of misconceptions or misunderstandings or anything.” Nevertheless, some church members

responded Sunday evening with a “Black Lives Matter” rally and march at Dallas police headquarters Sunday night.

Protest leader Bush ousts 20-year US Rep. Clay in Missouri

By SUMMER BALLENTINE



(Photo by Taylor Jewell/Invision/AP, File)

Cori Bush, a onetime homeless woman who led protests following a white police officer’s fatal shooting of a Black 18-year-old in Ferguson, ousted longtime Rep. William Lacy Clay Tuesday in Missouri’s Democratic primary, ending a political dynasty that has spanned more than a half-century.

Bush’s victory came in a rematch of 2018, when she failed to capitalize on a national Democratic wave that favored political newcomers such as Bush’s friend, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

But this time around, Bush’s supporters said protests over the death of George Floyd in police custody in Minneapolis and outrage over racial injustice finally pushed her over the edge.

An emotional Bush, speaking to supporters while wearing a mask, said few people expected her to win.

“They counted us out,” she said. “They called me — I’m just the protester, I’m just the activist with no name, no title and no real money. That’s all they said that I was. But St. Louis showed up today.”

Bush’s campaign spokeswoman, Keenan Korth, said voters in the

district were “galvanized.”

“They’re ready to turn the page on decades of failed leadership,” Korth said.

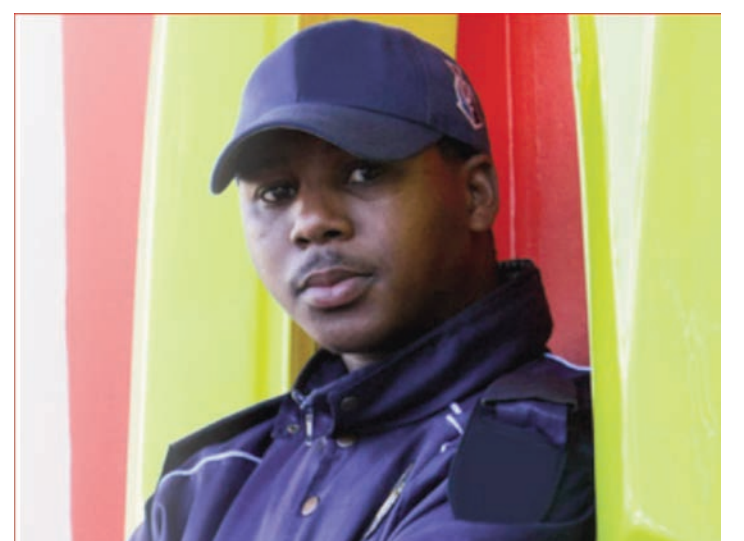
Bush, 44, also had backing from political action committee Justice Democrats and Fight Corporate Monopolies this election. She campaigned for Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders during his presidential bid.

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Super-sized Racism: Black McDonald’s Franchise Owners Should Matter

By TREVOR COLEMAN

PART TWO



During a recent interview with CNBC news, McDonald’s CEO Chris Kempczinski bragged that his company has “probably” created more Black millionaires than any other corporation.

Setting aside the fact the NFL, NBA, and a few other businesses may have something to say about that, the statement nonetheless did raise the question of the fast-food behemoth’s relationship with the African American community. Especially given the shocking allegations of systemic racism at the highest

levels of the corporation made this year in a lawsuit against the corporation by former African American executives.

Kempczinski himself is at the center of the lawsuit as a defendant along with former CEO Steve Easterbrook, and Charles Strong, the Chief Field Officer.

The plaintiffs, Detroit native Domineca Neal, and Vicki Guster-Hines; former vice presidents

allege the men were part of a new leadership team that took over in 2015 and not only tolerated and engaged in sexist and racially discriminatory treatment of them and other employees but implemented a new business plan which had a discriminatory impact on Black McDonald’s franchisees and a formerly thriving Black customer base.

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Dallas dispatchers answer call for help, donate groceries to senior citizen without food



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By GERARDO MARTINEZ / Fox 4 News/Facebook

DALLAS - A group of Dallas dispatchers banded together to help a senior citizen who called 911 for help because she didn't have anything to eat.

Dallas police say Valencia Crowder, a 911 dispatcher, received a call in late March from a senior citizen. The woman said she had exhausted all her resources and had nothing to eat. She called 911 hoping they could

point her a city program that could help her.

After taking the call, Crowder told her supervisor, Donna Shaw, about the senior citizen. The two then made a plan to go buy her groceries during their break and deliver them to her personally.

After word quickly spread around the call center about the plan, other dispatchers wanted to help too and chipped in for the groceries.

Police say the senior citizen burst into tears and started shouting praises

when she found out the dispatchers were on their way with groceries.

"The Dallas Police Department and the community are truly blessed to have such caring and loving Call Takers on the other end of a 911 phone call," the department said in a statement. "We appreciate your hard work and dedication; but even more than that, we appreciate your kindness and your overall ability to go above and beyond your duties to assist those in need."

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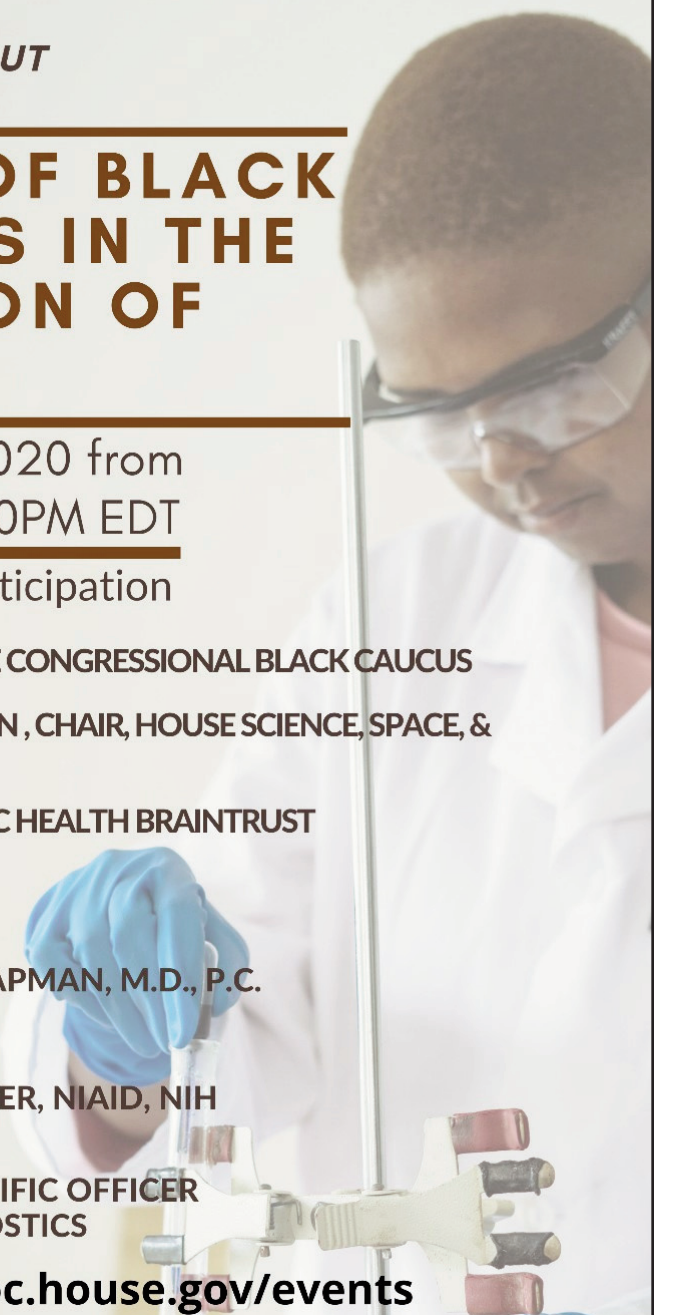
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EDITORIAL PAGE

The Attack on America



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

The National Archives in Washington D.C. house three important documents pertaining to America: The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights. On the North side of the building is the following inscription: "What is Past is Prologue." In reflecting on these words and looking at the destruction and override of basic principles of governance under Donald Trump, we should also remember what the historian Arnold Toynbee wrote in his exploration of the rise and fall of 28 different civilizations. "Great civilizations are not murdered, but destroyed from within."

America is under attack by Donald Trump, Mitchell McConnell, leader of the U.S. Senate and those Republican members who prop him up, as well as William Barr, Attorney General of the United States, who has turned his office into a rubber stamp of Donald Trump's totalitarianism. These men are trampling the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and ignoring the preamble of the Declaration of Independence. Their weapons are racism, bigotry, and financial greed for the few - like putting over \$2 Billion dollars in the current Republican stimulus proposal for a new FBI building across the street from Trump's Washington, D.C. hotel while cutting proposed unemployment benefits for millions of Americans to \$200.00 a week instead of the current \$600. McConnell has made a mockery of the doctrine of Separation of Powers in the Constitution at every juncture, from denying former President Obama's U.S. Supreme Court nominee a hearing to undermining the impeachment

process by refusing to call witnesses. McConnell refuses to investigate or give legal direction to the President and has trampled "States Rights" under the 10th Amendment to the Constitution which says: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." This does not allow sending federal agents into this nation's cities at the whim of the Federal government as is presently being done. President Trump violated his Oath to "Protect and Defend" against all enemies of the United States, Foreign and Domestic by not challenging Russian President Putin on questioning whether he offered bounties for the murder of American troops in Afghanistan. The Republican Party is equally as guilty of not rising to the aid of the American people in a national crisis such as the present pandemics. The lack of leadership, racist and selfish actions of these people over the

needs of the American people in a crisis that has already claimed more lives than most wars of the last century while, still claiming hundreds of lives daily, has set in motion the kind of collapse that brought down Rome in 177 A.D. It was a collapse from within more than conquest from without. This is why Toynbee said, "Great civilizations are not murdered. They commit suicide." But there is still hope. Our Constitutional safeguards have not been completely destroyed yet. We are less than 98 days from an election that can still set aright the "Ship of State." If we rise up and vote in November, we will once again be able to say: "Thou too sail on O Ship of State, O Union Strong and Great. Humanity with all its fears and all its hope of future years is hanging breathlessly in thy fate." Let's use our knowledge of what has happened in the past to stop the pandemics of Covid-19, Donald Trump and the racism and inequality we have finally decided to do something about. We can defeat this attack.

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Dallas developer facing bribery charges put on house arrests

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas real estate developer has been put on house arrest after two federal judges found that he violated conditions of his release by contacting a potential government witness in his pending bribery trial. Ruel Hamilton was recorded in January telling a former employee that she doesn't have to talk with investigators and that his company would cover the cost of a lawyer for her, according to court records unsealed Tuesday.

Hamilton was charged with two counts of bribery in a corruption probe that has shaken local government in Dallas. On April 5, 2020, former Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway was sentenced to just over 4 ½ years in prison after pleading guilty in a federal corruption probe. Robert Leonard, the company's CEO, his associate Slater Swartwood, and Larry Duncan, the former board president of a since shuttered school bus agency have all also pleaded guilty to charges

in the scheme. Hamilton, the owner of AmeriSouth Realty Group, is charged with two counts of bribery concerning a local government receiving federal benefits. His lawyers say he is innocent and the victim of a federal "set-up." He pleaded not guilty and was released ahead of his trial. Prosecutors argued Hamilton was trying keep his former employee quiet despite "carefully framed" statements that she was free to talk to the FBI.




In July, a federal judge ruled this was an "egregious" violation and ordered Hamilton jailed, but another judge modified the order to house arrest after Hamilton's lawyers argued that sending him to jail amid the coronavirus pandemic would put his life at risk. Hamilton's attorneys declined to comment on the record. They said in court filings that he "erred" in contacting the former employee but that he didn't know she was on the government's witness list at the time.

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Protest leader Bush ousts 20-year US Rep. Clay in Missouri

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Bush's primary win essentially guarantees her a seat in Congress representing the heavily Democratic St. Louis area. Missouri's 1st Congressional District has been represented by Clay or his father for a half-century. Bill Clay served 32 years before retiring in 2000. William Lacy Clay, 64, was elected that year. Clay didn't face a serious challenger until Bush.

This year, he ran on his decades-long record in Congress. "This election is a simple choice," Clay said in a Monday statement. "Cori Bush's Empty Rhetoric, or my record of real results and real reforms for the people." Both Clay and Bush are Black, and Black residents slightly outnumber whites in the district that includes St. Louis and north St. Louis County. Bush became ill while pregnant with her second

child in 2001 and had to quit her job at a preschool. When she and her then-husband were evicted from a rental home, the couple, their newborn and 14-month-old son lived out of a Ford Explorer for several months. Eventually, the couple divorced. Bush earned a nursing degree. She also became a pastor. Michael Brown's death in 2014 in Ferguson vaulted her into another role: activist. She became

a leader of some of the many protests that followed the fatal police shooting of the Black, unarmed 18-year-old. She was back on the streets in 2017 after a white St. Louis officer was acquitted in the shooting death of a Black suspect. She continues to lead protests. "She's being buoyed by this movement, and the movement's origin is in Ferguson," Justice Democrats spokesman Waleed Shahid said.

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A Journey Through the Gospel of St. John

"A Grave Lesson with Regard to the Harvest"
St. John 4:31-42

With the departure of the excited Samaritan believer, came the concerned disciples begging that Jesus would consume some food, for they knew that He was tired and thirsty (St. John 4:31). Christ, the greatest missionary, retorted by giving His concerned disciples a rather puzzling statement by saying – "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." (v. 32). The obscure statement of Christ caused the disciples to wonder (v. 33), which

will promote Christ to explain that His "food (meat) is to do the will of Him that sent Him, and to finish His work" (v.34). Then, our blessed Saviour will give a grave lesson on the subject of the harvest, instructing His disciples to "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (v. 35). In the context of chapter 4, that harvest represented the Samaritans who came unto Christ (v. 30); the Samaritans were the harvest and the disciples were the reapers, for others had already done the task of sowing (v. 35-38). By way of application, there is a vital harvest today – a harvest filled with people spiritually hungry. The harvest is filled with people who are despaired and

distressed, having lost direction on what constitutes real living. We need spiritual harvest directors, who will point the spiritually hungry to Christ, for Christ is the only way to salvation, in that Acts 4:12 says – "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Our lesson concludes with the effective testimony of a once Samaritan outcast, for her witness was so contagious that it led others to Christ as they confronted Him (v. 39-42).

May God truly bless!

by **Rev. Johnny C. Smith**
Editorial Columnist

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An easy way to help loved ones in the military or abroad vote absentee is by referring them to the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), which provides tools and resources to ensure that American citizens can vote from anywhere in the world.

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deadlines, as well as information on completing a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), which is the registration and ballot request form, and the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), the backup ballot. Both forms are available at FVAP.gov and can be filled out with the online assistant or by hand. For additional information, visit FVAP.gov, email Vote@FVAP.gov or call 1-800-438-VOTE (8683).

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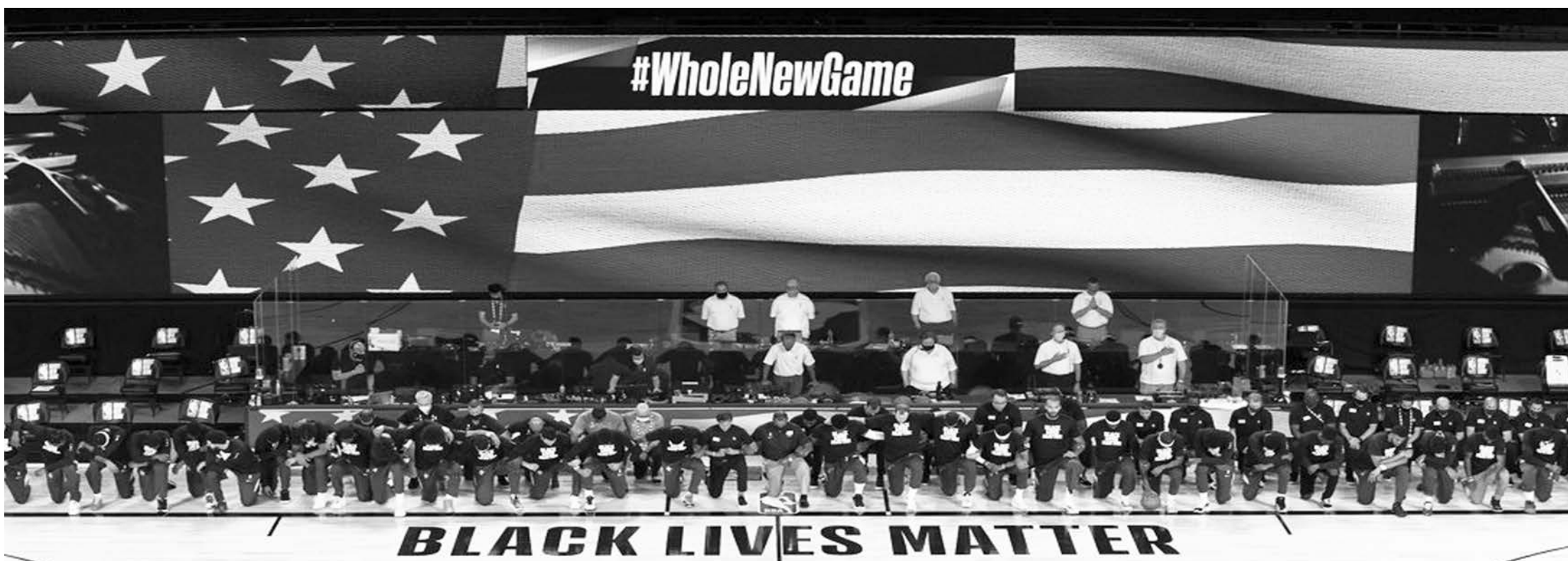


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Players, coaches kneel before NBA's re-opening night



Members of the New Orleans Pelicans and Utah Jazz kneel together around the Black Lives Matter logo on the court during the national anthem before the start of an NBA basketball game Thursday, July 30, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (AP Photo/Ashley Landis, Pool)

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Black players were next to white players. Coaches from one team were next to their compatriots from the opposing side. Many locked arms with the man next to them, some shut their eyes tightly, a few including LeBron James briefly raising a fist into the air or pointing skyward.

The NBA had a strong, powerful re-opening night message.

When it comes to

demanding change, the league stands united — and Thursday, the four teams that played on the first night of the league's restart showed that by not standing.

They were unprecedented images for the league in unprecedented times: The Utah Jazz and New Orleans Pelicans knelt alongside one another during "The Star-Spangled Banner," their way of joining the chorus of those demanding racial justice and equality in society. In the second game Thursday, James'

Los Angeles Lakers and the Los Angeles Clippers did the same thing during the anthem preceding their matchup.

"Tonight we witnessed sober, powerfully moving and heartfelt demonstrations by our players of their commitment to the pursuit of justice," National Basketball Players Association Executive Director Michele Roberts tweeted. "Very proud."

The coaches, first New Orleans' Alvin Gentry and Utah's Quin Snyder and then the Lakers'

Frank Vogel and the Clippers' Doc Rivers, were next to one another, their arms locked together. The scenes, which occurred with the teams lined up along the sideline nearest where "Black Lives Matter" was painted onto the court, were the first of what is expected to be many silent game-day statements by players and coaches who will kneel to call attention to many issues — foremost among them, police brutality following the deaths of, among others, Breonna Taylor and

George Floyd in recent months.

James said he took a knee with Colin Kaepernick, the former San Francisco quarterback who began kneeling during anthems in 2016 — a protest against oppression, he called it — in mind.

"I hope we made Kap proud," James said. "Hope we continue to make Kap proud."

Even the game referees took a knee during the pregame scene.

"I think it's critical that all of us, in a unified way,

turn attention to social justice," Snyder said during a televised in-game interview. "And all the players, all the coaches, are united in that fact and committed to do what we can do to effect long-term change."

Many players warmed up wearing shirts that said "Black Lives Matter." Thursday also marked the debut of new jerseys bearing messages that many players chose to have added, such as "Equality" and "Peace."

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PRESS ROOM: NNPA Supports Magic Johnson's Funding of Over \$100 Million in PPP Loans for Minority and Women-Owned Businesses

July 25, 2020 (Washington, DC) — Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., President and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) announced today that he and the NNPA have agreed to assist the efforts of Earvin "Magic" Johnson, majority owner of EquiTrust, the nation's largest minority-owned insurance company, and MBE Capital Partners (MBECP), the largest certified minority-owned asset-based lender, in funding over \$100 million in PPP loans.

EquiTrust, MBECP and the NNPA together today are focused on informing and encouraging minority- and women-owned businesses throughout the United States to take advantage of the current PPP loan opportunities for businesses in underserved communities.

Dr. Chavis emphasized, "I have the highest regard and respect for the entrepreneurial leadership and courage of Earvin Magic

Johnson. The NNPA, therefore, is enthusiastic and pleased to assist Johnson's EquiTrust and with MBE Capital to enhance the economic recovery of African American and other minority owned businesses amidst the devastating COVID-19 pandemic in America. Our businesses are the lifeblood of our communities."

Johnson's EquiTrust is providing critical financial support to underserved communities and businesses that have been traditionally neglected. These small and diverse businesses often have difficulty developing strong lending relationships with big banks. According to the Center for Responsible Lending, up to 90% of businesses owned by people of color have been, or will likely be, shut out of the PPP program.

MBE Capital is perfectly positioned to help small and diverse businesses take advantage of this latest round of PPP funding;

and the company is an approved SBA lender with over 20 years of experience serving diverse and minority businesses. They can process up to 5,000 loans per day, utilizing end-to-end online technology to accept, underwrite and transmit the applications to the SBA. MBE Capital has already processed over \$300,000,000 in PPP loans — including the EquiTrust partnership funding \$100,000,000.

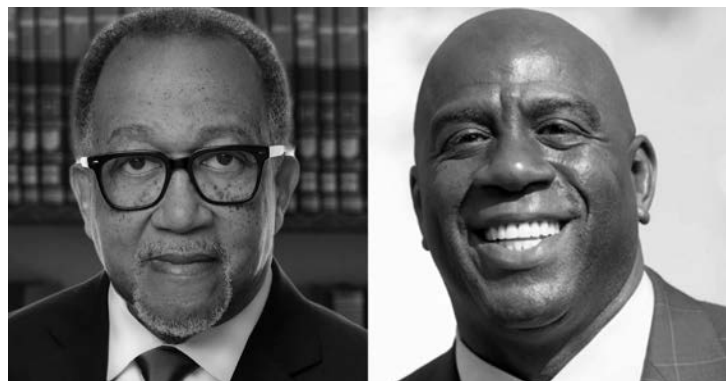
The NNPA is the nation's largest trade association of African American-owned newspapers and media businesses that reach 22.4 million readers per week across the nation.

MBECP has also partnered with The Enterprise Center (TEC), a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), providing them with technology and resources to help them process over \$100,000,000 in PPP loans. This will allow

TEC's CDFI to process more SBA loans in two weeks than they have in the last 10 years.

By working with Earvin "Magic" Johnson's EquiTrust, MBECP's pipeline is over \$500,000,000. MBE Capital is committed to providing vital funding for small businesses in underserved communities. With almost \$100 billion left in the second round of PPP funding, it is imperative that vulnerable small businesses are able to secure resources needed to sustain themselves.

According to Rafael Martinez, CEO of MBE Capital: "I contacted EquiTrust, to be an additional strategic partner because I know that EquiTrust believes in changing outcomes for underserved communities the way I do. The team at EquiTrust and my direct contact Kenyatta Matheny were incredible, and we put this deal together from first call to contracts in a week." He added: "After



Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., President and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and Earvin "Magic" Johnson, majority owner of EquiTrust, the nation's largest minority-owned insurance company.

receiving hundreds of emails and calls from applicants asking if they can receive their PPP loans as soon as possible because this was a last hope to stay open - and in some cases to keep food on the tables of their employees - I was moved to expand this and look to fund over 20,000 PPP loans for minority companies."

"This is a unique SBA-backed opportunity to use the vast resources of EquiTrust's to prudently provide real and much needed cash to deserving minority and women-owned businesses that

find it difficult to secure such funding through traditional means," said Eric Holoman, President and Chief Executive Officer of EquiTrust. "The jobs saved will make a significant difference to their families and communities. Equitrust is excited to partner with Rafael Martinez and MBECP to do this and more as we try to level the playing field for businesses that are the backbone of America."

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Super-sized Racism: Black McDonald's Franchise Owners Should Matter

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The lawsuit alleges under the leadership of Easterbrook at McDonald's Corporation and Kempczinski at McDonald's USA, the McDonald's companies engaged on a racist course of conduct, and "publicly abandoned its commitment to racial equality on a company-wide basis."

Beyond the alleged personal discriminatory treatment toward the women and other African Americans, the suit also alleges the corporate web page operated by McDonald's Corporation shifted away from its commitment from promoting racial diversity to gender diversity, which ominously portended new corporate priorities that allegedly proved to be detrimental to Black franchise owners and their customers.

"Where the Company has total control over its message, McDonald's under Easterbrook and Kempczinski proclaimed a commitment to gender diversity but conspicuously omitted any mention of a corresponding commitment to diversity based on race," the suit claimed.

The lawsuit further states its then-CEO, Easterbrook, repeatedly emphasized that under his leadership 'diversity' at McDonald's meant 'women,' omitting African Americans. And that his exclusion of African Americans from his "inner circles of trusted advisors" and defunding of the previously-vibrant McDonald's African American Council (MA2C), that worked hard to develop African American leadership talent in the company and in the ranks of its franchise owners meant the "death penalty" for that critical tool for Black business development.

Proof of this is in the steep decrease in the number of African American executives in the top ranks of McDonald's operations which fell to seven in 2019 from 42 in 2014, the year before the new regime took over. And

nearly one out of three African American franchisees left the McDonalds system since Easterbrook arrived which was disproportionate to the loss of non-African American franchisees.

McDonald's has steadfastly denied all allegations of the discriminatory treatment of Black employees or Black franchise owners. However, there have long been complaints from both within and outside the company that its Black franchises operators carried a heavier burden to meet corporate demands than its white counterparts.

"The bottom line is they come in undercapitalized for traditional reasons and then are given restaurants in challenging areas with higher operating costs and are subject to three strikes you're out by the corporation," said Carmen Caruso, an attorney for the plaintiffs.

This dilemma is illuminated in the lawsuit which alleges under Easterbrook and Kempczinski African American franchisees were intentionally hit hard on both their revenue and expenses. They allegedly suffered the disproportionate loss of revenue from losing African American customers more likely to dine in a restaurant owned by an African American franchisee, disproportionately in African American communities; coupled with sharply increased expenses imposed under programs such as "Big Bolder Vision 2020" (BBV2020) that McDonald's rolled out in 2017, sparking widespread franchisee discontent."

"The law further states McDonald's knew or recklessly disregarded the likelihood that BBV2020, among other financial stresses imposed by the company, would put disproportionate financial stress on African American franchisees and cause a disproportionate number of them to leave the system. McDonald's knew but did it anyway" the lawsuit states.

Larry C. Triplett, chairman, and CEO of the

National Black McDonald's Operators Association (NBMOA) acknowledged to the Chronicle that the operators have been facing challenges with McDonald's recently but said they were "attempting to work things out." And declined to comment any further.

Neal told the Chronicle the businesses were hobbled by a policy that pretty much limited Black owners to stores in inner cities where operating costs were higher and sales were much lower. She said she tried to advance a policy of "bundling" suburban locations with inner-city locations when approached for franchise opportunities by qualified Black operators to help balance out the burden.

"I worked to ensure strategic franchise decisions were made to help close cash flow gaps and was able to achieve that," she said.

So there are equitable solutions. But the new corporate leadership has not institutionalized them despite its proclaimed support for "diversity" even sponsoring a very high profile ad in support of the Black Lives Matter movement.

The dramatic ad begins by referencing Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Alton Sterling, Botham Jean, Atatiana Jefferson, Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd:

"They were all one of us," the McDonald's 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."

McDonald's released the ad last month across its social media accounts, while also pledging to donate \$1 million to the



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National Urban League and the NAACP. The corporation generated total revenue of \$21.08 billion in 2019.

By comparison Yum! Brands which owns KFC, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and The Habit Burger Grill pledged \$3 million to social justice efforts led by the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, American Civil Liberties Union and non-profits fighting for social justice in its hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. It generated about \$5.5 billion in revenue last year.

One insider who did not want to be named said after all the years of McDonald's taking such immense pride in being known as the one major corporation that took a chance on investing in the Black community with progressive and innovative outreach, hiring, and business development policies following the urban rebellions of the 1960s, its token gesture toward BLM and marginalization of the NBMOA is a sad but apt metaphor for the attitude of its new leadership.

"Larry (Triplett) has been fighting for years for equity in the treatment of NBMOA members, why is this so hard? Why is it taking him years to fight this battle? Why is it taking him years to get relief when we all know this is a big problem?"

"When you say 'Black Lives Matter' what are the policies put in place to know this is true on the operator side and corporate side?" the person said.

In a December 2019 story in the publication Business Insider, it noted that Triplett said in a letter to McDonald's east and west zone presidents that March that "Through no fault of our own we lag behind the general market in all measures."

However, he was more conciliatory in a later statement to the publication.

"The National Black McDonald's Operators Association (NBMOA) is the largest African American organization of established entrepreneurs in the country," Triplett said in a statement. "Our goal is to ensure that McDonald's Corporation (McDonald's) is fully and authentically engaged in the African American experience — including African American communities, employees, vendors, and franchisees."

It added: "These efforts are rooted in our core belief that diversity and a vibrant, inclusive, and respectful McDonald's makes us stronger. McDonald's is proud to create opportunities for entrepreneurship, economic growth, and mobility in communities across

the country."

"Working in collaboration with McDonald's, we both are committed to delivering world-class hospitality, operational excellence, and increasing guest visits," the statement read. "We are working together to make the McDonald's brand shine by fully integrating African Americans at all levels. We both recognize that when we move together; we move further. And we are encouraged by our progress."

<https://www.businessinsider.com/mcdonalds-black-franchisees-earn-less-than-white-counterparts-2019-11>

The Chronicle reached out to the McDonalds Corporation for comment however had not heard back by the publication's deadline. McDonald's has publicly stated all of its franchises in all communities have the opportunity to prosper, grow and achieve their business ambitions.

One Michigan businessman who did not want to be named but was familiar with the situation said after a period of tension, things are slowly improving. "We have some momentum going in the right direction but we are sitting down and working through our issues."

This story is developing. Stay tuned for Super-sized Racism Part Three in our next week edition.

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

- President Barack Obama

St. Louis prosecutor chided by Trump wins primary race



St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner in 2017
Jeff Roberson/AP

By **JIM SALTER**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner, whose job performance has been lauded by some civil rights activists and criticized by President Donald Trump and other leading Republicans, held off a challenge from a former homicide prosecutor in Tuesday's primary election.

Gardner, 44, defeated Mary Pat Carl in the Democratic primary. She'll be heavily favored in November against Republican Daniel Zdrodowski since St. Louis voters are overwhelmingly Democratic.

Gardner said her victory is "about people who sent a message that they want reform in the city of St. Louis."

Gardner has shaken up the St. Louis criminal justice establishment since she was elected in 2016,

becoming the city's first Black circuit attorney. She initiated reforms that have included using diversion programs instead of incarceration, stopped prosecuting low-level marijuana crimes and drew the ire of police leaders when she developed an "exclusion list" of officers who can't serve as primary witnesses because of unspecified credibility concerns.

But it was her decision to file charges in two high-profile cases that drew the scorn of conservatives.

In 2018, Gardner charged then-Gov. Eric Greitens, a Republican, with felony invasion of privacy.

Gardner again received national attention last month when she charged a white couple, Mark and Patricia McCloskey, with felony unlawful use of a weapon for displaying guns when protesters marched near their home.

Two Oak Cliff-area schools recognized as International Baccalaureate Candidates



Photo courtesy: **Dallas ISD**

DALLAS —Dallas ISD is bringing more educational opportunity into Oak Cliff with the announcement that John F. Peeler Elementary School and Hector P. Garcia Middle School have been recognized as International Baccalaureate (IB) Candidacy Schools.

"The International Baccalaureate is a rigorous, globally recognized school model that intentionally develops inquiring, knowledgeable and caring students who actively take part in creating a better world through intercultural understanding and respect," said Roshelle Andrews, M.Ed, Dallas ISD's IB

Coordinator. "IB students are empowered to consider how they think and learn, and are challenged to take ownership of their role as global citizens, not just students in a classroom. In the IB, students connect their learning to other disciplines and apply it to provide solutions within the broader community. This accomplishment is noteworthy as Peeler and Garcia will be the district pioneers of this model in the Oak Cliff area."

Peeler Elementary has been selected to be a part of the Primary Years Programme that focuses on the whole child, preparing students to become active, caring, lifelong learners with respect for themselves and others.

"International Baccalaureate will enhance the development of international mindedness for Peeler students, Peeler teachers and our Oak Cliff Community," said Principal Janie Carballo. "We are ready for this transformative experience!"

Garcia Middle has been selected to be a part of the Middle Years Programme that encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world.

"This was only possible with the support of our teachers, parents, and the Oak Cliff community believing in the potential of the students we serve," said Principal David Lee. "The IB Programme will allow our students to be more culturally aware and be equipped with the skills to be successful in this rapidly changing world. We at H.P. Garcia are Javelina proud and we are ready for this courageous next step in the future of our students!"

During the candidate phase, Peeler and Garcia will begin trial implementation of the programme and will need to fulfill the International Baccalaureate (IB) requirements for authorization. These schools will be joining Dallas ISD's nine other IB schools campuses.

U.S. Postal Service to Review Stamp Honoring Supremes Florence Ballard



By **Stacy M. Brown**, NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent
@StacyBrownMedia

Supremes legend Mary Wilson is on a crusade that she hopes will end with the United States Postal Service commemorating her late bandmate and close friend Florence Ballard on a Forever Stamp.

"I get so emotional when I speak about Flo," said Wilson, who received a 2020 NNPA Lifetime Achievement Award during the Black Press of America's recently completed virtual convention.

"I've been working hard to get that recognition for her because she deserves it."

Wilson noted that the U.S. Postal Service has done a brilliant job of issuing commemorative postage stamps about iconic pop culture heroes who have helped shape the world.

In the past, there have been U.S. Postage Stamps to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of several music business legends, including Elvis Presley, Sarah Vaughn, Patsy Cline, Jimi Hendryx, Marvin Gaye, and Janis Joplin.

Wilson's quest to get the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp to celebrate Ballard, a founding star of The Supremes, has gained momentum.

"We have received a proposal from the public, and it will be reviewed at our next Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee meeting," Roy Betts, a U.S. Postal Service spokesman, told BlackPressUSA.

The U.S. Postal Service and the members of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) have set specific criteria used in determining the eligibility of subjects for commemoration on all U.S. stamps and stationery, Betts added.

Among them are that stamps and stationery would primarily feature American or American-related subjects. The Postal Service will honor extraordinary and enduring contributions to American society, history, culture, or environment.

U.S. stamp programs are planned and developed two to three years in advance and, consideration would occur if suggestions are submitted three or more years in advance of the proposed stamp.

In 2018, the Postal Service began consider-

ing proposals for deceased individuals three years following their death.

Officials noted that the stamp program commemorates positive contributions to American life, history, culture, and environment.

Born in Detroit in 1943, Ballard was the eighth of Jesse and Lurlee Ballard's thirteen children.

Almost from the start, music played an essential part in her life, according to her biography.

Her father was her first teacher, and a young Ballard displayed a keen interest in his music. Jesse Ballard would play particular songs and teach his daughter to sing them.

Those early lessons made a deep impression, and legend has it that Florence Ballard was soon out-singing her father.

Ballard's musical gift was hard to go unnoticed. As she grew older, she found an outlet for her singing in school music classes and choirs.

While in her early teens, Ballard's career was set in motion.

Two of her neighbors, Eddie Kendricks and Paul Williams, sang in a group called the Primes (later to become the Temptations). They introduced her to manager Milton Jenkins, who was so impressed with the 14-year-old's voice that he asked her to perform as a soloist along with the Primes. After Ballard appeared with the group for a few engagements, Jenkins knew he had found an outstanding talent, her biography read.

Since groups were popular in the late 1950s, Jenkins suggested that Ballard form a sister group to the Primes.

Immediately she asked her friend, Mary Wilson, to be a member of the group. Betty McGlown and Mary's friend, Diana Ross, were also recruited. After gaining their parent's permission, the four teenagers, in the spring of 1959, became officially known as the Primettes. They began rehearsals with Ballard as the lead singer.

McGlown departed just before the group found fame at Motown with the name, The Supremes. Ballard died in 1976 at the age of 31.

"The memories are so vivid," Wilson said. "Florence Ballard was such a wonderful person. It's my sincere hope that we can get the Postal Service to honor her now."

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