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IN MEMORIAM: Dr. Susan Moore The Death of Black Doctor of COVID-19 Sets Off Alarms

By Lauren Victoria Burke, NNPA Newswire Correspondent



Photo Caption: Dr. Susan Moore said that despite telling her doctor that she was in pain she received medication after tests proved what she had been saying since she arrived at the hospital.

“He made me feel like a drug addict,” Dr. Susan Moore, 52, said on a video days before her death on December 22 due to coronavirus. The Black Indiana doctor states on a Facebook video that she had received poor treatment from White caregivers because she was African American. Her message reached over a million people on social media as of December 24.

Dr. Moore died on December 20. “This is how Black people get killed, when you send them home and they don’t know how to fight for themselves,” Dr. Moore said on the video. Moore asserted that her doctor attempted to discharge her at ten at night.

Moore’s Facebook live post received wide attention and a lengthy segment on Roland Martin Unfiltered on December 23. Dr. Moore knew what to ask for as she was being treated for coronavirus and strongly felt she was not receiving the best treatment.

Moore said that despite telling her doctor that she was in pain she received medication after tests proved what she had been saying since she arrived at the hospital.

“I put forth, and I maintain, if I was White, I wouldn’t have to go through that,” Moore said in her social media video. On December 24, The Grio reported that Indiana University Health Hospital, “addressed

claims of mistreatment in how Dr. Susan Moore was treated in the days before her death.”

Indiana University Health Hospital, in a statement said, “We are very sad to hear about her passing,” adding, “IU Health respects and upholds patient privacy and cannot comment on a specific patient, their medical history or conditions. As an organization committed to equity and reducing racial disparities in healthcare. We take accusations of discrimination very seriously and investigate every allegation.”

Black people have died at 3.6 times the rate of White people, and Latinos at 2.5 times the rate of white people, according

to an analysis by the Brookings Institution. Moore cared for her mother, who has dementia, and her 19-year old son. A GoFundMe page is hoping to raise \$100,000 to assist the Moore family. It has raised over \$109,000 so far. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/dr-susan-moores-family-assistance?qid=0b67322adabedeba722b9f6d0429414b>

The coronavirus pandemic has hit the U.S. hard and has now become the most deadly event in U.S. history since the Civil War. Over 327,000 Americans have died from COVID-19 in 2020. An average of 2,000 people are dying a day in the U.S. due to coronavirus.

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No sooner had President Donald Trump finished his State of the Union address than House Speaker Pelosi ripped the paper it was printed on in two.

Right there, on camera, behind Trump’s back. As he stepped down, she ripped again. Then a third time. And a fourth. If Trump knew about the American carnage going on behind him, he didn’t react as he left. But Pelosi was on her turf, with a deep understanding of her audience — and she wasn’t finished. In case any confusion remained, Pelosi held up

Pelosi rips up Trump speech. Right there on the podium.

By LAURIE KELLMAN and LISA MASCARO

what remained of the address to her family in the gallery, in full view of reporters.

“It was a manifesto of mistruths,” Pelosi told reporters as she left the Capitol. The ripping was not planned, according to a person close to the speaker who was unauthorized to speak publicly.

Tearing the speech gave Pelosi the last visual word over Trump, who had spoken to the House from a position of strength. He arrived in the chamber with the full force of the Republican Party behind him.

How deadly is new coronavirus? It’s still too early to tell

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists can’t tell yet how deadly the new virus that’s spreading around the globe really is — and deepening the mystery, the fatality rate differs even within China.

“You could have bad outcomes with this initially until you really get the hang of how to manage” it, Dr. Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organization envoy who led a team of scientists just back from China.

There’s nothing different about the virus from one place to another. Instead, the never-before-seen strain of

coronavirus struck Wuhan fast — before anyone knew what the illness was — and overwhelmed health facilities. As is usual at the beginning of an outbreak, the first patients were severely ill before they sought care, Aylward said.

And while there are no specific treatments for COVID-19, earlier supportive care may help, too. China went from about 15 days between onset of symptoms and hospitalization early in the outbreak, to about three days more recently.

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"A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN"

St. John 10:11-21

CHRIST, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

As we approach this awesome subject of Christ being our Good Shepherd, let us pause to thank our Heavenly Father for His awesome Gift, Jesus Christ. As the awesome Good Shepherd of verse 11, Christ is contrasting Himself to the Pharisees who were not genuine Shepherds. The Good Shepherd demonstrated His care for the sheep by giving His life as a substitute for sin. He was the only Lamb sufficient to save man, for John the Baptist said – "Behold the Lamb of

God, which taketh away the sin of the world." In verse 11, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep," Christ presents another one of His "I Am" statements that unequivocally affirm His absolute Deity (see also St. John 6:35, 8:12, 10:7). From verses 12 and 13, Christ is again contrasting the nature of a Good Shepherd to that of a hireling, one who only works for wages, with no heart interest for the sheep. The hireling is not committed to the sheep;

his only interest is his wage. The hireling has no ownership of the sheep and will desert them when danger approaches! Again, his real and genuine interest is only in temporary gains. His character reveals his conduct, for in the time of a crisis, he will abandon the sheep because he is selfish and has no interest in the welfare of the sheep. Do you really grasp the true picture of a hireling? Whereas the hireling has no interest in the sheep, the Good Shepherd has an unusual intimacy with

and great interest in the Sheep as verse 14 brings out. Isn't that something that we should ponder over? The Good Shepherd knows His sheep! Not only does He cares for, protects, provides, and guides us, but He knows us intimately! Centuries ago, David was so awe stricken with regard to God's omniscience for he wrote – "Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off" (Psalm 139:2). In verse 15, Christ stat-

ed that there exist a profound intimacy between the Father and Himself that is beyond description. Jesus, the One who knows the Father intimately, voluntarily gave His life as a ransom for mankind (v. 15). The "other sheep I have which are not of this fold" in verse 16 refers to Gentiles who would be saved. It is indeed wonderful that now both believing Jews and Gentiles comprise what we call the one body – the church (Ephesians 2:16). From verses 17 and 18, Christ makes an awesome prediction of His voluntary substitutionary death for man, and His resultant authority even over His own res-

urrection. He is definitely the Lord over both life and death! His sacrificial death for mankind was not a sign of defeat, but grand victory. He got up triumphantly from the dead, because He had mastery over it! As we conclude this section of John's gospel (St. John 10:19-22), we have discovered that truth will bring about a two-fold reaction: belief or unbelief. Those who believe Christ will gain eternal life; and those who reject Christ will remain in spiritual darkness, with their destination being the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:11-15). **May God bless!**



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DECEMBER Trump's \$2,000 checks stall in Senate as GOP blocks vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's push for bigger \$2,000 COVID-19 relief checks stalled out in the Senate as Republicans blocked a swift vote proposed by Democrats and split within their own ranks over whether to boost spending or defy the White House.

The roadblock mounted Tuesday by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell may not be sustainable as pressure mounts. Trump wants the Republican-led chamber to follow the House and increase the checks from \$600 for millions of Americans. A growing number of Republicans, including two senators in runoff elections on Jan. 5 in Georgia, have said they will support the larger amount. But most GOP senators oppose more spending, even if they are also wary of bucking Trump.

Senators will be back at it Wednesday as McConnell is devising a way out of the political bind, but the outcome is highly uncertain.

"There's one question left today: Do Senate Republicans join with the rest of America in supporting \$2,000 checks?" Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said as he made a motion to vote.

Meanwhile, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said some of the \$600 payments might be sent by direct deposit to Americans' bank accounts as early as Tuesday night. Mnuchin tweeted that paper checks will begin to go out Wednesday.

The showdown over the \$2,000 checks has thrown Congress into a chaotic year-end session just days before new lawmakers are set to be sworn into office for the new year. It's preventing action on another priority — overturning Trump's veto on a sweeping defense bill that has been approved every year for 60 years.

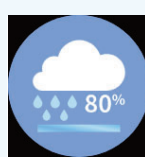
Saying little, McConnell signaled an alternative approach to Trump's checks that may not divide his party so badly, but may result in no action at all.

The GOP leader filed new legislation late Tuesday linking the president's demand for bigger checks with two other Trump priorities — repealing protections for tech companies like Facebook or Twitter that the president complained are unfair to conservatives as well the establishment of a bipartisan commission to review the 2020 presidential election he lost to President-elect Joe Biden.

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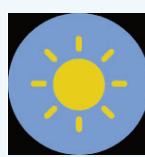
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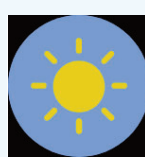
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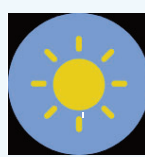
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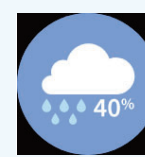
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Authorities: Utah's Ty Jordan died in accidental shooting



FILE - In this Dec. 19, 2020, file photo, Utah running back Ty Jordan (22) scores against Washington State during the second half of an NCAA college football game, in Salt Lake City. Jordan, a star freshman running back for the University of Utah who grew up in the Dallas area, has died, school officials announced Saturday, Dec. 26. Authorities in Texas and Utah have not released details about the circumstances of the Jordan's death. (AP Photo/Rick Bowmer, File)

DALLAS (AP) — Ty Jordan, a star freshman running back for the University of Utah who grew up in the Dallas area, has died, school officials announced Saturday. Authorities in Texas and Utah have not released details about the circumstances of the

Jordan's death. A day earlier, the 19 year old was named Pac-12's newcomer of the year. "Words cannot express the devastation and heartache that our team is feeling right now upon learning of the tragic death of our teammate and brother, Ty Jordan," Utah

coach Kyle Whittingham said in a statement.

Jordan, a speedy 5-foot-7, 200-pound player, emerged from a crowded Utah backfield to become the focal point of the team's offense. He finished the season with 597 yards rushing, 11 catches for 126 yards and six touchdowns.

Jordan came up as a tailback playing in Mesquite, a Dallas suburb, and was a highly touted recruit. He made a seamless transition to the college game, including three straight 100-yard rushing performances to close out the season.

Utah was one of nearly two dozen major college football teams to decline an opportunity to play a postseason bowl game, instead allowing players who had been in strict COVID-19 protocols for months begin their off-seasons.

January, 2020

Kobe helicopter tried to climb to avoid clouds before crash

By STEFANIE DAZIO, DAVID KOENIG and BERNARD CONDON

CALABASAS, Calif. (AP) — The pilot of the helicopter that crashed near Los Angeles, killing former NBA superstar Kobe Bryant and eight others, told air traffic controllers in his last radio message that he was climbing to avoid a cloud layer before plunging more than 1,000 feet (305 meters) into a hillside, an accident investigator said.

Radar indicated the helicopter reached a height of 2,300 feet (701 meters) Sunday morning before descending, and the wreckage was found at 1,085 feet (331 meters), Jennifer Homendy of the National Transportation Safety



FILE - In this June 7, 2009, file photo, Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) points to a player behind him after making a basket in the closing seconds against the Orlando Magic, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill, file)

Board said during a news conference Monday afternoon.

Some experts suggested that the pilot might have gotten disoriented because of fog but Homendy said investigating teams would look at everything from the pilot's history to the engines.

"We look at man, machine and the environment," she said. "And weather is just a small portion of that."

The pilot had asked for and received special clearance to fly in heavy fog just minutes before the crash and was flying at 1,400 feet (427 meters) when he went south and then west, Homendy said.

The pilot then asked for air traffic controllers to provide "flight following" radar assistance but was told the craft was too low for that assistance, Homendy said.

About four minutes later, "the pilot advised they were climbing to avoid a cloud layer," she said. "When ATC asked what the pilot planned to do, there was no reply. Radar data indicates the helicopter climbed to 2,300 feet (701 meters) and then began a left descending turn. Last radar contact was around 9:45 a.m."

Two minutes later, someone on the ground called 911 to report the crash.

OCTOBER

California Congresswoman South Central Residents Bewildered by Ice Cube/Trump Relationship

By Stacy M. Brown

To Sean Broadus and his brother Evan, Ice Cube was more than an icon. He presented as someone to admire — a hope for making it out of the hood.

The Broadus brothers live near the Gilbert Lindsay Community Center in South Central, Los Angeles, less than 20 minutes from where their idol grew up.

Both are having a hard time processing the hip-hop icon's revelation that he's working with President Donald Trump's re-election campaign on what Cube calls a "Contract with Black America."

"We can't say we understand why he would roll like that knowing the damage 45 has done to Black people, to



Hispanics, to our women and children," Sean, the older of the brothers, told Black Press USA.

Like Sean, Evan struggled not to criticize Cube heavily, often fumbling with his cellphone.

"I don't want to say the dude is a sellout. Maybe we need to hear more from Cube because when I look around the neighborhood when I go to Compton when I walk around our hood, there's nothing, and I mean nothing, that puts damn Donald Trump and freakin' Ice Cube in the same breath," Evan stated.

Though social media heat has turned up on the star, Cube stood firm in his decision to work with Trump on a "Platinum Plan for Black America."

Through a spokesman, Cube said he only wants what's best for African Americans.

NOVEMBER

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris Defeat Trump and Change History

By Lauren Victoria Burke, NNPA Newswire

After days of counting in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Nevada and Arizona, President Obama's former Vice President, Joe Biden, and California Senator, Kamala Harris, won the 2020 race for the White House.

News of their victory sparked spontaneous celebrations around the country. In Washington, DC, Philadelphia, New York and Atlanta people took to the streets on foot and in cars in celebration with Biden flags and signs. Times Square filled with a crowd unseen in months since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March.



Photo Caption: "Our work begins with getting COVID under control," Biden told thousands of people in Wilmington, Delaware.

In Washington, DC, cars honked horns driving up and down Connecticut Avenue and around the White House. A large crowd assembled at Black Lives Matter Plaza on 16th Street as close to Lafayette Park as they could get near the White House. Streets around the White House were fenced off creating a large perimeter around the streets that would allow people to get clear video and still photos of the building.

The level of celebration in several cities was reminiscent of the revelry seen after a sports team wins a championship. Bottles of champagne were opened on the street and music

played loudly. Relief after four years of Donald Trump's decision making and endless controversies, tensions and policy decisions were clearly on display in public.

The backdrop, 235,000 Americans dead as the result of the coronavirus pandemic, was not lost on the man who will be sworn in as the 46th President of the United States. In his first speech after being elected, President-elect Biden said he would, "marshal the forces of decency, the forces of fairness, the forces of science, the forces of hope" and promised his first job would be tackling the coronavirus epidemic. "Our work begins with

getting COVID under control," Biden told thousands of people in Wilmington, Delaware. On November 9, Biden will formally announce a task force to confront the COVID-19 crisis.

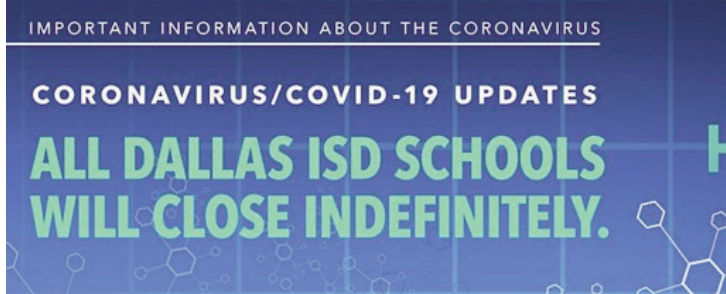
"In an election of record-breaking turnout, the American people have made clear who we are and who we aspire to be. Difficult times are ahead, but I have no doubt President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris have what it takes to help us build back better. I look forward to working with them to tackle the challenges ahead, from defeating the pandemic to addressing the racial and economic inequality that continues to grip our nation," wrote Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH) after Biden was declared the winner.

Trump is unlikely to admit the loss and concede. In the end, on January 20, 2021 at noon, the federal government and all executive power will be in hands of Barack Obama's former Vice President and now the new President of the United States, Joe Biden.

MARCH

Dallas ISD schools closed indefinitely

To slow the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the community, all Dallas ISD schools will close indefinitely. This action follows advice from the Dallas County Health and Human Services department (DCHHS). We recognize the significant impact this



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extended closure will have on the entire community, especially families who depend on the district for critical services.

While our classrooms are empty, our work on behalf of children continues. We have activated at-home learning, our teachers are prepared to

begin distance instruction, and Dallas ISD Food and Child Nutrition Services (FCNS) will distribute meals at select campus locations. These sites will become central locations for family and student resource distribution in the coming weeks.

APRIL

Coronavirus relief checks won't have to be repaid, feds say

(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, File)

CHICAGO (AP) — Videos and online reports claiming that millions of Americans will have to repay the relief checks they receive from the federal government under the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus economic recovery bill are not true. The government began issuing the one-time payments this week. Most adults who earned up to \$75,000 will see a \$1,200 payout, while married couples who made up to \$150,000 can



expect to get \$2,400. Parents will get payments of \$500 per child. The checks will be directly deposited into bank accounts or mailed to households, depending on how you've filed your tax returns in the past.

In recent days, social media posts have falsely claimed there's one catch to this money -- that you'll eventually have to pay it back.

"Next year, you're automatically going to owe \$1,200 come tax season," one of the videos, viewed hundreds of thousands of times on YouTube, falsely claims.

The video has also been shared widely on social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and TikTok.

The U.S. Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service, which are working to deliver the money to people, confirmed to The Associated Press that households will not have to pay back the money in next year's tax filing.

"This is not an advance and there is absolutely no obligation to pay it back," Treasury spokeswoman Patricia McLaughlin said in an email.

JUNE

Funeral held for Floyd

By JUAN A. LOZANO, NOMAAN MERCHANT and ADAM GELLER

HOUSTON (AP) — George Floyd was fondly remembered Tuesday as "Big Floyd" — a father and brother, athlete and neighborhood mentor, and now a catalyst for change — at a funeral



for the black man whose death has sparked a global reckoning over police brutality and racial prejudice. More than 500 mourners wearing masks against the coronavirus packed a Houston church a little

more than two weeks after Floyd was pinned to the pavement by a white Minneapolis police officer who put a knee on his neck for what prosecutors said was 8 minutes and 46 seconds.

JULY

JOHN LEWIS, LION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND CONGRESS, DIES AT 80

By Calvin Woodward and Desiree Seals

ATLANTA (AP) — John Lewis, a lion of the civil rights movement whose bloody beating by Alabama state troopers in 1965 helped galvanize opposition to racial segregation, and who went on to a long and celebrated career in Congress, has died. He was 80.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi confirmed Lewis' passing late Friday night, calling him "one of the greatest heroes of American history."

"All of us were humbled to call Congressman



(AP Photo/Susan Walsh, File)

Lewis a colleague, and are heartbroken by his passing," Pelosi said. "May his memory be an inspiration that moves us all to, in the face of injustice, make 'good trouble, necessary trouble.'"

The condolences for Lewis were bipartisan. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Lewis was "a pioneering civil rights leader who put his life on the line to fight racism, promote equal rights, and bring our nation into greater alignment with its founding

principles."

Lewis' announcement in late December 2019 that he had been diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer — "I have never faced a fight quite like the one I have now," he said — inspired tributes from both sides of the aisle, and an unstated accord that the likely passing of this Atlanta Democrat would represent the end of an era.

Lewis was the youngest and last survivor of the Big Six civil rights activists.

MAY

Four Minneapolis officers fired after death of black man

By AMY FORLITI and JEFF BAENEN

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Four Minneapolis officers involved in the arrest of a black man who died in police custody were fired Tuesday, hours after a bystander's video showed the handcuffed man pleading that he could not breathe as a white officer knelt on his neck.

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey announced the firings on Twitter, saying "This is the right call."

The man's death Monday night was under investigation by the FBI and state law enforcement



The FBI and Minnesota agents are investigating the death of a black man in Minneapolis police custody after video from a bystander showed a white officer kneeling on his neck during his arrest as he pleaded that he couldn't breathe. (Elizabeth Flores/Star Tribune via AP)

authorities. For five minutes, we watched a white officer press his knee into a Black man's neck.

Five minutes. When you hear someone calling for help, you're supposed to help. This officer failed in the most basic, human sense," Frey posted.

Police said the man matched the description of a suspect in a forgery case at a grocery store, and that he resisted arrest.

The video of the incident starts with the shirtless man on the ground, and does not show what happened in the moments

prior. The unidentified officer is kneeling on his neck, ignoring his pleas. "Please, please, please, I can't breathe. Please, man," said the man, who has his face against the pavement.

The man also moans. One of the officers tells the man to "relax." At one point the man calls for his mother and says: "My stomach hurts, my neck hurts, everything hurts ... I can't breathe." As bystanders shout their concern, one officer says, "He's talking, so he's breathing."

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AUGUST

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

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE and WILL WEISSERT

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Joe Biden named 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.

SEPTEMBER

Dallas' police chief resigns

BY JAKE BLEIBERG

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Catherine Cuellar, a city spokeswoman, originally said City Manager T.C. Broadnax accepted Hall's resignation effective Nov. 10, but later said the chief had agreed to Broadnax's request that she continue leading the department through the end of the year.

"When you review Chief Hall's Dallas record, there aren't enough superlatives to describe the impact she's had here," Broadnax said in a statement.

"I will remain committed to my true calling which is law enforcement," she wrote.

