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# Vote shows GOP's problems in replacing Obama health law

## Dallas hires Detroit officer as its 1st female police chief



In this June 11, 2015, photo, Detroit Police Deputy Chief Renee Hall speaks before a group of "Detroit Ambassadors" during a swearing-in ceremony in Campus Martius Park in Detroit. Dallas has hired its first female police chief to lead a department that last summer saw several officers killed when a gunman opened fire during a protest. City officials announced Wednesday, July 19, 2017, that Hall will take over the Dallas Police Department on Sept. 5. (John T. Greilick/Detroit News via AP)

(AP) — Dallas announced Wednesday that it has hired a Detroit deputy police chief to be its first female police chief and lead a department that saw several officers killed last summer when a gunman opened fire during a protest.

U. Renee Hall, who starts Sept. 5, will step into the role tasked with hiring hundreds of officers.

"I am honored to be chosen to lead the Dallas Police Department at this critical time in its history," Hall said in a statement. "I look forward to building on the successes of the past, preserving community trust and ensuring the safety of our officers and the entire Dallas community."

Hall, who currently directs Detroit's neighborhood policing bureau, will replace David Brown in Dallas. Brown retired in October.

The finalists announced this summer for the job consisted of candidates within the department and across the country. David Pughes has been serving as interim Dallas police chief but didn't want the position permanently.

Brown's leadership was lauded after four Dallas officers and one transit officer were killed in July 2016 during a protest. However, police unions criticized him during his tenure for declining morale, how he was addressing a surge in violent crime and for not doing enough to retain officers.

When fully staffed, the department has funding for 3,600 officers. But with a sharp increase in retirements and officers leaving for other police departments as a result of the ailing Dallas Police and Fire Pension, the department has less than 3,100 officers.

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Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., joined from left by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., speaks with reporters outside the chamber after Vice President Mike Pence broke a 50-50 tie to start debating Republican legislation to tear down much of the Obama health care law, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, July 25, 2017. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Where the Senate Republican effort to demolish the Obama health care law ends up is anyone's guess, but early indications are the GOP will have a hard time replacing that statute with any sweeping changes.

Senators planned to vote Wednesday on a Republican amendment repealing much of President Barack Obama's law and giving Congress two years to concoct a replacement. A combination of solid Democratic opposition and Republicans unwilling to tear down the law without a replacement in hand were expected to defeat that plan.

Late Tuesday night, the Senate voted 57-43 to block a wide-ranging proposal by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell replacing Obama's statute with a far more restrictive GOP substitute. Those voting no included nine Republicans, ranging from conservative Mike Lee of Utah to Maine moderate Susan Collins, in a roll call that raised questions about what if any reshaping of Obama's law splintered Republicans can muster votes to achieve.

The rejected amendment — the first offered to the bill — was centered on language by McConnell, R-Ky., erasing Obama's tax penalties on people not buying insurance, cutting Medicaid and trimming its subsidies for consumers. It included a provision by Ted Cruz, R-Texas, letting insurers sell cut-rate policies with skimpy coverage plus an additional \$100 billion — sought by Midwestern moderates including Rob Portman, R-Ohio — to help states ease out-of-pocket costs for people losing Medicaid.

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## Black seniors test reminiscing to guard against Alzheimer's

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

(AP) - Sharon Steen dons her tennis shoes and, with two fellow seniors, walks streets that in her youth were a vibrant center of Portland, Oregon's African-American community. Wasn't this the corner where an NAACP march began in 1963? Look, the record store is now a fancy high-rise.

It's more than a stroll down memory lane. Steen enrolled in a small but unique study to see if jogging memories where they were made can help older African-Americans stay mentally sharp and slow early memory loss.

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In this photo taken July 6, 2017, from left, Ron Young, Gahlena Easterly and Sharon Steen reminisce as they take a mile-long walk through North Portland, Ore. streets that once were full of black-owned homes and businesses. Researchers are studying whether jogging memories where they were made can help African-American seniors stay sharp and slow early memory loss. (AP Photos/Gillian Flaccus)

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be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire.

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# EDITORIAL PAGE



Colleen White, Ed.D  
Editorial Columnist

## A Little Bit of Faith: A Special Moment

I wish everyone could experience the joy of watching two people from different races come to an understanding of each other because of one collective experience. I was fortunate enough to have experienced this at Red Lobster one weekend not so long ago with my father. My father is a Vietnam veteran who served nearly 30 years in the Army. When he came back from two tours of Vietnam, there were no parades, no one was thanking him for his service, and he was told not to wear his dress uniform too often in public. It was as if he had to be a secret agent.

This particular Saturday evening my father was in town visiting and insisted that we go out to dinner. As always, he had on his official Army cap that identified his ranking in the military. While laughing, talking, and taking pictures at the table, a distinguished older white gentleman saw my father and said to him, "Thank you for your service." My father immediately reached his hand across the table to shake the other man's hand. Watching this moment, I knew was special. As I listened to the two men speak of their experiences during the Vietnam war, the white gentleman said to my father, "I was on the supply ship, I wasn't on the

ground like you were, sir." My father in a kind voice replied, "It doesn't matter, we were all fighting the same war. Everybody had their part to play." The white gentleman looked in my father's eyes and they connected. It was as if years of misunderstandings on both sides of their experiences dividing them by race began to erode away. My father asked him a few more questions and they spoke of their own experiences and yet, there lives were connected because they were trying to stay alive during the Vietnam war. And like these two men were willing to lay down their lives for our country, our Heavenly Father

did the same for us. In the book of John, it said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). It is always interesting when God allows two people who are different to be able to connect because of one experience. They were no longer black or white, they were two men discussing and being thankful for surviving the war and appreciating the role that both men had during a time when they were young and fighting a war that was unpopular. God always has a rainbow at the end of a cloud somewhere. Amen? Amen.

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More are expected to leave before Hall's start date, when the changes to the pension plan go into effect. The

Legislature passed a bill that requires higher officer contributions and a reduction in benefits to fix the plan that was projected to go insolvent in less than a decade.

Detroit faced its own pension woes a few years ago when the city negotiated with employees and public safety unions to adjust their pensions to help the city come out of bankrupt-

cy. Public safety employees kept their benefits, but lost their cost-of-living increases.

## Vote shows GOP's problems in replacing Obama health law

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GOP defectors also included Sens. Dean Heller of Nevada, who faces a tough re-election fight next year, and usually steady McConnell allies Bob Corker of Tennessee, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Kansas' Jerry Moran.

Before that defeat, President Donald Trump and McConnell snatched victory from what seemed a likely defeat and won a 51-50 vote to begin debating the GOP drive against Obama's Affordable Care Act, which sits atop the party's legislative priorities.

Senators started 20 hours of debate on the bill Tuesday, though angry Democrats were burning time — not counted against that total — by requiring clerks to read amendments. At week's end, a "vote-a-rama" of rapid-fire voting on a mountain of amendments was expected before moving to final passage — of something.

debate, they remained fragmented over what to do next. Several pointedly left open the possibility of opposing the final bill if it didn't suit their states.

In a day of thrilling political theater, Vice President Mike Pence broke a tie roll call after Sen. John McCain returned to the Capitol from his struggle against brain cancer to help push the bill over the top. There were defections from just two of the 52 GOP senators — Maine's Susan Collins and Alaska's Lisa Murkowski — the precise number McConnell could afford to lose and still carry the day. All Democrats voted against

dismantling the 2010 statute that looms as President Barack Obama's landmark domestic achievement. Leaders were openly discussing a "skinny bill" repealing unpopular parts of the statute like its tax penalties on people not buying coverage — a tactic aimed chiefly at letting Senate House bargainers seek a final compromise.

McConnell was practically zen-like in his evaluation of the next steps, saying the Senate will "let the voting take us where it will." Asked what Republicans would do now that the dog had caught the car — an expression for someone who regrettably achieves a trying goal — Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said, "We'll have to see if the car can survive."

Even McCain, R-Ariz., who received a warm standing ovation and bipartisan hugs when he returned, said he'd oppose the final bill if it didn't reflect changes to help his state and lambasted the roughshod process his own party was using.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said a final bill negotiated by the two GOP-led chambers would mean "drastic cuts in Medicaid, huge tax cuts for the wealthy, no help for those with pre-existing conditions and tens of millions losing coverage."

He accused party leaders of concocting a plan behind closed doors and "springing it on skeptical members, trying to convince them it's better than nothing, asking us to swallow our doubts and force it past a unified opposition. I don't think that is going to work in the end. And it probably shouldn't."

Associated Press writers Erica Werner, Stephen Ohlemacher, Jill Colvin, Ricardo Alonso-Zaldívar and Mary Clare Jalonick contributed to this report.

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## NAACP NAMES DERRICK JOHNSON AS INTERIM PRESIDENT

By Lauren Victoria Burke  
(NNPA Newswire Contributor)

The NAACP has named Derrick Johnson, the vice chairman of their board of directors, the organization's interim president.

The unanimous decision was made by the executive committee of the board of directors during the Association's 108th annual convention in Baltimore. The NAACP is the largest and oldest civil rights organization in the U.S. The executive committee of the board is comprised of 14 peo-

ple. On May 19, the NAACP board announced that the contract of Cornell William Brooks, the outgoing president, would not be renewed. Brooks' contract ended on June 30. Brooks began his tenure as NAACP President in May of 2014.

"I am thrilled to announce that my friend and colleague Derrick Johnson has been appointed to interim president and CEO. I could not think of a better, more battle-tested or more qualified individual to guide the NAACP through this transition period," said Leon

Russell, the chairman of the board of the NAACP.

"Derrick's longtime service with the Association will allow him to take decisive action to deal with daily challenges. He will also serve as the primary spokesman for the NAACP. I have every confidence in Derrick and will support him in this new endeavor every step of the way."

In a statement released on July 22, Johnson said that it is truly an honor and a privilege to be named the interim president and CEO of an organization that he's served for

decades.

"There's a lot of work that needs to be done and we won't waste any time getting to it. We are facing unprecedented threats to our democracy and we will not be sidelined while our rights are being eroded every day," said Johnson. "We remain steadfast and immovable, and stand ready on the front lines of the fight for justice."

The NAACP is about to embark on a nationwide listening tour to hear advice on what their focus should be moving forward. NAACP leadership has

acknowledged that younger civil rights organizations are getting more traction and attention in a world of social media and faster communications.

The first stop on the NAACP listening tour is Detroit on August 24. The second stop will be San Antonio, Texas in September. The organization's leadership will "visit a total of seven major cities across the country over the next few months," according to a press release about the tour.

Johnson will serve as interim president and CEO until a new

president is named. Johnson formerly served as vice chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors as well as state president for the Mississippi State Conference NAACP.

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## BLACK PARENTS HAVE TO GET INTO THE ESSA GAME

By Shawnta S. Barnes  
(NNPA/ESSA Guest Columnist)

Back in May, I traveled to Chicago and saw "Hamilton: An American Musical" about founding father Alexander Hamilton. During Act II, Hamilton's adversary Aaron Burr was upset, because he was excluded from "the room where it happens." He wanted to be involved in the important decisions, the policy decisions. Knowing my 18-month Teach

Plus Policy Fellowship was coming to an end on June 23 and after reflecting upon my fellow education blogger David McGuire's piece "The Silent Black Voice in Education," I wanted to make sure I took advantage of any opportunity to be in the room where it happens, so I put my name on a list to be part of one of Indiana's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) working groups. I was excited to later learn that I was selected as a member of one of

the technical working groups.

ESSA is the reauthorization of the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and replaces No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Each state is tasked with submitting a plan to the U.S. Department of Education detailing how ESSA requirements will be implemented in its schools. Before Indiana's plan was drafted, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) took measures to ensure voices from

around the state were heard. Community meetings were held across the state in each of Indiana's congressional districts. The IDOE created five technical working groups: accountability, assessment, educator effectiveness, school improvement, and student supports. I was part of the student supports group. In May and June, the groups made recommendations for the plan and in July the groups will have the opportunity to read through

the section they worked on and provide comments.

On Friday, June 30, the IDOE released its first draft of the state's ESSA plan. In addition to the working groups, the public also has the opportunity to provide feedback. After feedback is considered, the plan will be submitted to Governor Holcomb for review. The IDOE plans to submit the final version to the U.S. Department of Education on September 18, 2017.

Towards the end of the song, "The Room Where It Happens" Alexander Hamilton tells Burr:

**When you got skin in the game, you stay in the game  
But you don't get a win unless you play in the game  
Oh, you get love for it, you get hate for it  
You get nothing if you Wait for it, wait for it, wait**

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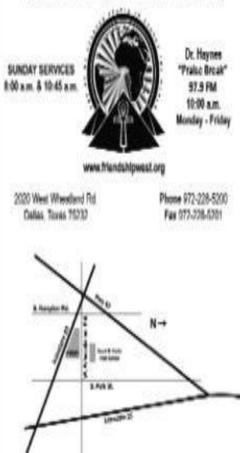
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## Black Parents Have to Get into the ESSA Game

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I definitely have skin in the game; I'm a parent and an educator. If you are part of our community, you have skin in the game, because the plan implemented under ESSA will shape our community's children, our future leaders. A few have asked, "Why do you even want to get involved? It won't matter." One key point I learned during my policy fellowship is when policy is shaped and decisions are made, it takes collaboration and compromise and you won't get everything you want. If you don't participate or "play in the game," you won't be able to move the needle. You won't be able to make any change.

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### How diabetes affects your feet

People who have diabetes can develop different foot problems. If your blood sugar is too high, over time, this can keep the nerves in your arms and legs from working properly. You can help keep this from happening to you.



### Diabetes foot complications

Most problems with your feet happen because of nerve damage that can cause tingling, pain (burning or stinging), or weakness in the foot. This can also make you not feel anything in your foot so you can injure it without knowing.

With loss of feeling in your feet, you could have a stone in your shoe all day and not know it until the skin breaks and becomes infected. Also, poor blood flow can make it harder for your foot to fight an infection and get better.

Diabetes makes blood vessels in your feet and legs get thin and harder. There are some things you can do to make blood flow better such as quitting smoking. Also, follow your healthcare provider's instructions for keeping your blood pressure and cholesterol at healthy levels.

Another thing you can do to make your blood flow better is exercise. Exercise makes the blood in the legs and feet move faster. A good choice is to walk for exercise wearing strong, good-fitting, comfortable shoes. But, do not walk if you have open sores.

If you have poor blood flow and loss of feeling in your feet, this could lead to ulcers and infections that can make you need an amputation (surgery to cut the foot off). You can prevent most amputations with regular foot care and the right footwear (shoes).

### How to keep your feet healthy

- Take care of your diabetes.
- Check your feet each day, including the tops and bottoms.
- Use a hand mirror if you cannot see the bottom of your feet. Look for dry, cracked skin, blisters, cuts, scratches or other sores.
- If you have a blister on your foot, do not try to break it. Call your healthcare provider to have it checked out.
- Wash both feet each day with warm water (never hot). Pat your skin dry, do not rub it.
- Choose lanolin-based lotions or creams (check the label) to put on your feet. Do not put lotion between your toes or on your toenails.
- Always wear shoes or slippers that cover your toes and heels.
- Always wear socks with your shoes to keep them from rubbing your skin and to help keep your feet dry.
- Wear white cotton socks so that you can tell right away if you have a problem such as blood or pus.
- When you notice a foot problem, tell your healthcare provider right away.

Talk to your doctor about steps you can take to keep your blood sugar under control and to keep your feet healthy. To learn more about diabetes, go to <http://www.parkland-hospital.com/diabetesfacts>.

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## What's Next for O.J. Simpson?

**Football legend O.J. Simpson is set to be released from prison on October 1. (Wikimedia Commons)**

O.J. Simpson will be a free man on October 1.

On Thursday, July 20, a Nevada parole board unanimously voted to grant the fallen gridiron star parole on his 2008 conviction on armed robbery and kidnapping charges.

"Thank you," Simpson, 70, said, dropping his head in relief.

Although, many media outlets noted how much slimmer Simpson appeared compared to 2014 when the Daily Mail dubiously reported that he tipped the scales at 300 pounds, prison records indicated that, by 2016, he weighed 235 pounds.

Simpson wore prison issued blue pants and a blue top and told the four-member board that he had missed as many as 36 of his children's birthdays while incarcerated.

He said that he started and led Baptist ceremonies in prison and has "basically spent a conflict-free life."

When the board asked about his participation in the armed robbery that took place in a Las Vegas hotel room, Simpson

said he was unaware that any of the men were carrying guns.

During the hearing that lasted more than an hour, Commissioner Tony Corda asked Simpson, "What were you thinking?"

Simpson said he was simply trying to retrieve items that belonged to him, including personal photos of his children, ex-wife and mother.

"I've done my time," he said. "I'd just like to get back to my family and friends. I'm sorry it happened. I've said, 'I'm sorry to Nevada.' I thought I was glad to get my stuff back, but it wasn't worth it."

Board members held up thousands of letters they said were both in support and against Simpson's parole. They said they would not consider any letters that asked them to take into account the brutal 1994 slayings of Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole Brown, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Simpson was famously acquitted of the murders of Brown and Goldman, but a civil court jury found him responsible for their deaths and ordered the football legend to pay more than \$33 million to the Brown and Goldman families.

According to an article published in The New York Times in February 1997, the criminal court jury and the civil court jury basically heard the same case, with a few key differences.

"The criminal case was tried by a predominantly Black jury, and conviction required a finding that Mr. Simpson committed the June 12, 1994, slayings beyond any reasonable doubt," The New York Times article said. "The civil case was tried before a predominantly White jury, and a verdict required only 9 of 12 votes, with the basic legal standard being that in all probability Mr. Simpson committed the slayings."

MarketWatch.com reported that Simpson collected between \$400,000 and \$600,000 from his National Football League pension while he was incarcerated.

"He made over \$400,000 if he started taking his pension at age 55, and over \$600,000 if he started taking it at 65," the MarketWatch.com article said, which was based on ESPN's analysis.

Simpson isn't required to use his pension funds to pay the Browns or the Goldmans, because NFL pensions are protected by state law, according to MarketWatch.com.

Arnelle Simpson, Simpson's oldest child, was one of two people to testify at the hearing for Simpson. No one spoke in opposition of his parole.

Arnelle Simpson fought back tears, as she described her father as being her rock.

"We just want him to come home, so we can move forward for us, quietly," she said.

One of Simpson's robbery victims, Bruce Fromong, also spoke, telling the board he felt Simpson's 33-year prison term was too long and the nearly nine years he'd already served exceeded justice for the crime committed.

He said he and Simpson had been friends for more than 20 years and, at one point, turned to Simpson to reiterate his support of the one-time Heisman Trophy winner.

"O.J., if you called to tell me that you were getting out tomorrow, Juice, I'd be here to pick you up," Fromong said. "I mean that, man."

The board took about 30-minutes before rendering its decision that was televised live on several news outlets and on ESPN.

Simpson's attorney said, with the permission of probation, he'll return to Florida and lead a quiet life.

The MarketWatch.com article said that, "If Simpson lives in Florida when he's released—he lived there before his arrest—he also wouldn't be forced to sell his house to pay off the civil suit, because of the state's homestead exemption."

## Cowboys lineman Collins signs extension worth up to \$17.4M

**OXNARD, Calif. (AP)** - Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman La'el Collins has signed a two-year contract extension worth up to \$17.4 million, earning a payday that eluded him when a police investigation kept him from getting drafted two years ago.

Collins, who will get \$9.5 million in guaranteed money, was considered a first-round talent out of LSU in 2015 but wasn't selected after his name surfaced in the probe of a woman's death just before the NFL draft. He was soon cleared, and chose the Cowboys in free agency on a fully guaranteed \$1.5 million, three-year deal.

The agreement Tuesday came a day before Collins' 24th birthday, and he said the contract "means a lot to me and my family in so many ways."

Collins is expected to replace the retiring Doug Free at right tackle after starting 14 of 15 games at left guard in his first two seasons. He missed the last 13 games last season with a toe injury.

## Tuesday's Sports in Brief

By The Associated Press

## PRO FOOTBALL

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Research on 202 former football players found evidence of a brain disease linked to repeated head blows in nearly all of them, from athletes in the National Football League, college and even high school.

It's the largest update on chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, a debilitating brain disease that can cause a range of symptoms including memory loss.

The report doesn't confirm that the condition is common in all football players; it reflects high occurrence in samples at a Boston brain bank that studies CTE. Many donors or their families contributed because of the players' repeated concussions and troubling symptoms before they died.

The new report was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

CTE was diagnosed in 177 former players or nearly 90 percent of brains studied. That includes 110 of 111 brains from former NFL players; 48 of 53 college players; nine of 14 semi-professional players, seven of eight Canadian Football League players and three of 14 high school players. The disease was not found in brains from two younger players.

**OXNARD, Calif. (AP)** — Former Dallas Cowboys receiver Lucky Whitehead's identity was falsely used in a shoplifting arrest, police in his home state of Virginia said.

Prince William County police said they were confident the man charged in a case involving \$40 worth of stolen food and drink from a convenience store in June wasn't Whitehead. The Cowboys released him Monday after reports that he was arrested and subsequently cited for missing a court hearing.

Whitehead's agent, Dave Rich, contended that his client wasn't in Virginia at the time of the reported arrest. Police said they are seeking the person who used the identity of Whitehead, whose given name is Rodney Darnell Whitehead Jr. Police said the person arrested June 22 didn't have an ID but provided a name, date of birth and social security number matching Whitehead's given name. Officers checked a photo in Virginia's database of driver's licenses.

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**FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)** — Receiver Andrew Hawkins says he is retiring from the NFL and donating his brain to research.

The six-year NFL veteran signed with the New England Patriots in May as a free agent. But he said in a video on uninterrupted.com that his body isn't responding as he prepared for training camp.

The Concussion Legacy Foundation says Hawkins has pledged his brain for research into chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE. The degenerative disease is known to cause cognitive and behavioral problems in athletes, members of the military and others who sustained repeated head trauma.

The 31-year-old undrafted free agent out of Toledo played three seasons each with the Bengals and Browns. In 2014 he had career highs of 63 catches and 824 yards. He also helped the Montreal Alouettes win back-to-back Grey Cup championships in the Canadian Football League.

## PRO BASKETBALL

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Stephen Curry has delivered his share of success already to a franchise that desperately needed it. Now, he's being paid for all he has done — and certainly will do.

Curry finalized his new contract, signing a \$201 million, five-year deal with the champion Golden State Warriors that initially was the richest ever, until James Harden topped it with a \$228 million extension from the Rockets.

Considered overlooked and undersized when he arrived on the NBA scene after being drafted seventh overall out of Davidson College in 2009, Curry has silenced the doubters with every spot-on heave from half-court.

The two-time NBA MVP, who earned \$12 million this season as one of the league's biggest bargains, averaged 28.1 points in the playoffs while also contributing 6.7 assists and 6.2 rebounds. Now, he will earn \$40 million per season.

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Golden State Warriors star Draymond Green was sued by a couple who claim he and his entourage assaulted them last year in Michigan.

Jermaine Edmondson and Bianca Williams filed the lawsuit seeking unspecified monetary damages in California's Alameda County.

The lawsuit claims Green bumped into them at a night club in East Lansing last summer and that the forward bullied Edmondson, who was then a football player at Michigan State University, about how he pays for scholarships for people like him. It claims men in his entourage then physically assaulted him, pushing him against a wall and choking him. When his girlfriend tried to intervene, one of the men pushed her into a wall, the lawsuit says.

The next night they ran into Green at a restaurant and when the couple approached him to make peace, he slapped Edmondson in the face, the lawsuit claims.

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Derrick Rose has signed with the Cleveland Cavaliers, who now have a possible replacement for Kyrie Irving. Rose is getting a one-year, \$2.1 million contract from the Cavaliers. The free agent gives Cleveland a proven player to handle point-guard duties if it chooses to trade Irving. Irving recent-

ly told the team he wants to be traded despite making it to three straight NBA Finals.

The 28-year-old Rose now has a chance to compete for a championship alongside LeBron James, a fellow former league MVP.

A three-time All-Star and the 2011 MVP, Rose averaged 18 points and 4.4 assists last season while shooting 48 percent from the field with New York. Although he has been injury prone, Rose played in 64 games for the Knicks and in 181 over the past three seasons.

## SWIMMING

**BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)** — Katie Ledecky breezed to her third gold medal of the world championships, backing off a bit on her most grueling night of the meet.

It was left to Lilly King, Kylie Masse and Adam Peaty to take down the swimming record book.

Ledecky captured the 1,500-meter freestyle by more than half the length of the pool on Tuesday, and returned just 49 minutes later to post the fastest time in the semifinals of the 200 free.

## BASEBALL

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Infielder Eduardo Nunez was traded from the San Francisco Giants to the Boston Red Sox for minor league right-handers Shaun Anderson and Gregory Santos.

The deal was finalized during San Francisco's 11-3 win over Pittsburgh and announced after the game.

Nunez started at third base, hit a two-run double and scored twice before he was removed for a pinch hitter in the fifth inning. The infielder, who was hit by a pitch on the left elbow earlier in the game, was shown on television shaking hands with teammates in the Giants' clubhouse.

The 30-year-old hit .308 in 76 games with San Francisco this season and has reached base safely in 40 of his last 42 games. Nunez drove in 31 runs and had a team-high 17 stolen bases despite being slowed by a hamstring injury this month.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Nationals are hopeful that Stephen Strasburg will make his next scheduled start despite exiting Sunday's outing after two innings with pain in his forearm.

The right-hander met with team doctors but did not undergo an MRI, Washington manager Dusty Baker said. Team spokeswoman Amanda Comak later told reporters that Strasburg was diagnosed with a nerve impingement that is no longer a problem, without providing further details.

"The doctor said he's doing fine. Hoping he'll progress enough to make the next start," Baker said.

Following Sunday's start at Arizona, Strasburg described the problem as slight "achiness" in his forearm and said the early exit was a precaution.

Strasburg (10-3 with a 3.25 ERA in 20 starts) is scheduled to start Friday against the Colorado Rockies.

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# Her Excellency



After the interview with Her Excellency Kaley Omalley, CBS and Ester Davis, ION & BPEN

During Megafest, 2017, Dallas was graced with kings, queens, ambassadors, distinguished clergy and foreign diplomats; lots of high class, lonely class, middle, modest and homelessness. It was a dynamic spiritual awakening for all the world to see and Dallas rolled out the bejeweled 'red carpet'.

Her Excellency President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of the Republic of Liberia, Nobel Peace Prize Winner and first elected female Head of State in Africa was also in Dallas. And the pride and adoration of such a giant walking among us was overwhelming.

Her Excellency President Johnson Sirleaf is the world's first elected black female president and Africa's first elected female head of state. On my list of photojournalists is a young energetic intern who is from Liberia. Upon mentioning Her Excellency, he was engulfed in smiles from cheek-to-cheek and called her

"The Iron Lady" affectionately. President Johnson Sirleaf has many accomplishments from receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 2011 for her nonviolent struggle, for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peacebuilding work, to her Liberian Presidency in 2006. What a journey!

President Johnson Sirleaf was born in Liberia in 1938 and attended the prestigious Harvard University in the United States. Returning to her native country, a military coup sent her into exile in the 1980's. Her outspoken position against the military regime issued her a prison sentence of ten (10) years. After serving part of her sentence, she returned to the United States living in Washington D. C., but returned to Liberia in 1997 for the third time. Gathering all her fortitude, determination and energy for such a changing time as this time, she ran for President for the first time and lost. In 2005 she ran for the Liberian Presidency once more promising economic development and an end to civil war and corruption. In 2006, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was inaugurated as the people's president. Her Excellency has indeed lived up to the expectations and promises made during her tenure. She now stands beautifully as a bright beacon for not only women, but for all mankind.

Thank you, your Excellency.

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## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING: DO YOU LOVE YOU?

By James Washington  
(The Dallas Weekly/NNPA Member)

The road to spiritual salvation is sometimes so obvious, so apparent that we just miss it. Like most of Jesus' message, it doesn't seem possible that by simply changing ones' outlook, the Kingdom of Heaven is yours. "Teacher, which is greatest commandment of the law?" Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is just like it; "Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36-40. It is not always through guile and deceit that the devil works his evil. He can accomplish his goals if he can convince you that what is very important is of little matter and no consequence.

This love thing is pretty well documented throughout the Bible and Christ certainly clarifies its importance in the above passage. Remember this is the Son of God talking. The single most important thing I can do to abide in God's will is to possess love in my heart for God and my fellow man. Is that it? Yeah. That's it! If that's as close to a guarantee as we can get, why are many of us hell bent on doing the things that will

insure our place at the table in Hell's Kitchen?

I personally think the concept of loving God is pretty easy to comprehend. Most of us, dare I say, are arguably trying to accomplish this in one way or another. It's the loving your neighbor as yourself that's causing the problem. The devil is having a field day with this one. Count how many people you can't stand at this very moment. Take your shoes off and add to your list those people, who if they died tomorrow, you would be among those who would say 'good riddance.' The devil has us so confused and dumbfounded on this issue that we can't see that the hatred we harbor for others, the contempt we feel for people we don't even know, masks an underlying reality that won't allow us to love our neighbor. In actuality, we hate ourselves. You see the devil has tricked us into hating the mirror image of who we really are. Deep down inside we hate in others that which we might become, because we really don't like what we have become. Hello, somebody!

The devil knows man is not perfect, so he entices us into hating the imperfection of others; their flaws and faults, their weaknesses and shortcomings. All the while, being imperfect ourselves.

Isn't it interesting that most people, who claim being saved, tell you they

first had to realize that God through Jesus' sacrifice loved them warts and all? The stories come from former drug addicts, adulterers, petty gossipers, murderers and greedy self-absorbed takers in life, who wished they knew how to have a healthy respectful loving relationship with another human being. One by one, they, we, line up and confess that once we accepted that God indeed loves us, then and only then, are we able to love ourselves and subsequently love others just like they are; all imperfect, all flawed children of God, all welcomed at his eternal table. At this point, one sees God in every man, every woman and every child, because once you accept that God resides in your own sinful soul, you can see God in others.

God knew you before you knew you and he loved you anyway in spite of what He knew you were going to do or become. As incredible as that sounds, it's true. It's called love. God's point is so simple. If He's got it for you, the least you can do is have it for others. Step back, Satan. I love me and I ain't got nothing, but love for you too.

May God bless and keep you always.

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