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# Four Minneapolis officers fired after death of black man



People gather and pray around a makeshift memorial, Tuesday, May 26, 2020, in Minneapolis, near the site where a black man, who was taken into police custody the day before, later died. 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)

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 authorities. It immediately drew comparisons to the case of Eric Garner, an unarmed black man who died in 2014 in New York after he was placed in a chokehold by police and pleaded for his life, saying he could not breathe.

Frey apologized to the black community early Tuesday in a post on his Facebook page for the officer's conduct, which included keeping his knee on the man after he stopped moving.

"Being Black in America should not be a death sentence. 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."

But the man stops talking — and slowly becomes motionless under the officer's restraint. The officer does not remove his knee until the man is loaded onto a gurney by paramedics.

Several witnesses had gathered on a nearby sidewalk, some recording the scene on their phones. The bystanders became increasingly agitated. One man yelled repeatedly. "He's not responsive right now!" Two witnesses, including one woman who said she was a Minneapolis firefighter, yelled at the officers to check the man's pulse. "Check his pulse right now and tell me what it is!" she said.

By AMY FORLITI and JEFF BAENEN

— 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

## Stimulus payment for 4 million Americans to arrive by prepaid debit card



By Steve Novello /Fox 4 News

DALLAS - Instead of direct deposit or even a paper check, four million people will find their stimulus payment arrive in the form of a prepaid debit card.

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## COVID-19 data sharing with law enforcement sparks concern



NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — More than 11 million people have been tested in the U.S. for COVID-19, all with the assurance that their private medical information would remain protected and undisclosed.

Yet, public officials in at least two-thirds of states are sharing the addresses of people who tested positive with first responders — from police officers to firefighters to EMTs. An Associated Press review found that at least 10 of those states also share the patients' names.

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## Obituary

### Millie Marie Cavil Ferguson



Millie Marie Cavil Ferguson

Millie Marie Cavil Ferguson was born April 14, 1932 to the parents of Fred D. Cavil and Robbie Nelson Cavil. To that union three children were born: Fred Avery Cavil; and twins, Millie Marie and Willie Morie Cavil.

Millie was a native of

San Antonio, Texas. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree, graduating Cum Laude from Tillotson College, Austin, Texas (which later became Houston-Tillotson University.) Millie earned a Master of Education Degree from Prairie View

A&M University, Prairie View, Texas; Vocational Certification, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas and achieved advanced studies at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Millie retired from the Dallas Independent School District after twenty-eight years of service.

Her life's work included teaching in the Dallas Independent School District, as well as, assisting her husband, Floyd, in his photography business. They would both attend community and family activities and capture those images as special memories that would last a lifetime. Millie was also an editor at the Dallas Post Tribune newspaper, and wrote and edited articles of importance and special interest to the citizens of Dallas.

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## After five-week battle with COVID-19, Dallas pastor now faces rejection from peers

By Shaun Rabb/Fox4

DALLAS - Some who have overcome COVID-19 now are forced to swallow the bitter pill of being treated differently by some of the people they've known for a very long time.

Treating people differently who are victorious over the virus is an outgrowth of fear of the unknown, one psychologist says. A Dallas pastor who beat the illness is now battling coronavirus consequences.

Bishop Eli Jacobs is back with his wife and new baby.

A few weeks ago, Jacobs had just come home from hospitalization after a five-week fight with COVID-19. Two negative tests show he's now virus-free.

"You got to have two before you can go out or even go back to work," he said.

Jacobs is free of the virus, but not over the effects of the virus

"Didn't know it was going to cause so much chaos," he said.

Not on himself, but others.

"I've been trying to go out and get a haircut," he said. "Seems like my barber don't want to cut my hair no more."



Outside of family, Jacobs is experiencing rejection.

"After overcoming some of the challenges he's facing, it's rejection," said Dareia Jacobs, Eli's wife. "He's dealing with, 'Oh! he still might have the COVID. No!'"

"We're grateful for each and every survivor. We celebrate the fact that they've gone through and come out on the other side," said Psychologist Dr. Brenda Wall. "But what it does is it untaps fear in our community. There's a lot of fear."

Fear because of what we don't know about the virus, says Dr. Wall, and where we can't manage fear. We find something or someone to be the object of that fear.

"When we see someone who's been through it, we think maybe they're a threat without accepting responsibility for the fact that the people who are asymptomatic right now may be the greatest

threat," she said.

Wall says those who've had the virus are in control.

"What you get to say is, 'I'm safe. I know you're worried about it. Let me tell you what it was like Do you have any questions,'" Wall said. "As the vanguard they were at the vanguard of becoming ill and coming out on the other side, and they do have an opportunity to let us know I'm safe. I'm not a threat."

Jacobs now knows the consequences of coronavirus go beyond the physical to the psychological.

"You can overcome this," he said. "But it can bother you mentally."

Dr. Wall says it is important for people who have recovered to talk about the trauma and the loss caused by the illness.

While the virus is changing society, Bishop Jacobs wants you to know he's the same person he was before COVID-19.





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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Woman fired after backlash from racist park confrontation

By **TOM HAYS** and **RYAN KRYSKA**

NEW YORK (AP) — The verbal dispute between a white woman with an unleashed dog and a black man bird watching in Central Park might normally have gone unnoticed in a city preoccupied by the coronavirus pandemic.

That changed when birdwatcher Christian Cooper pulled out his phone and captured Amy Cooper calling police to report she was being threatened by “an African-American man.” The widely watched video — posted on Facebook by Christian Cooper and on Twitter by his sister — sparked accusations of racism and led to Amy Cooper getting fired.

“Unfortunately we live in an era with things like Ahmaud Arbery, where black men are seen as targets,” Christian Cooper told CNN. “This woman thought she could exploit that to her advantage, and I wasn’t having it.”

The confrontation began



early Monday morning when Christian Cooper said he noticed Amy Cooper had let her cocker spaniel off its leash against the rules in the Ramble, a secluded section of Central Park popular with birdwatchers.

In a Facebook post, he claimed the dog was “tearing through the plantings” and told her she should go to another part of the park. When she refused, he pulled out dog treats, causing her to scream at him to not come near her dog.

Amy Cooper also warned him she would summon police unless he stopped recording.

“I’m going to tell them there’s an African American man threatening my life,” Amy Cooper is heard saying in the video as she pulls down her face mask and struggles to control her dog.

“Please call the cops,” Christian Cooper says.

“There’s an African American man, I’m in Central Park, he is recording me and threatening myself and my dog. ... Please send the cops immediately!” she says during the call before he stops recording.

Police say by the time they responded, they were both gone.

In the fallout, invest-

ment firm Franklin Templeton announced Tuesday afternoon it had fired Amy Cooper, saying, “We do not tolerate racism of any kind.”

A group called Abandoned Angels Cocker Spaniel Rescue said it had custody of her dog for the time being. The pet could be heard coughing in the video after she clenched it by the collar with its front legs off the ground.

Amy Cooper released an apology through a public relations service Tuesday night, saying she “reacted emotionally and made false assumptions about his intentions.”

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## SENATOR ROYCE WEST CALLS FOR ARREST OF AMY COOPER



DALLAS – State Senator Royce West (D-Dallas), candidate for U.S. Senate in the July 14 Democratic Primary Runoff, on Monday called for the arrest of Amy Cooper, a woman walking her dog in New York’s Central Park who threatened to have an African American man arrested after falsely claim-

ing he threatened her life.

The incident, which occurred last week, happened after Christian Cooper, an African American man who was bird-watching, alerted Amy Cooper she was walking her dog off-leash in an area of the park that did not allow for off-leash walking. The woman then called

police and claimed a black man was threatening her life.

Although neither party was present when police arrived, the video of Amy Cooper claiming she was calling the police has gone viral on social media.

“Making a false police report is illegal in New York as it is in Texas and many other states. This type of conduct must be addressed,” West said.

“This type of conduct is what creates an atmosphere that can result in African Americans being falsely arrested, shot, or killed by police. People who attempt to weaponize the police against African Americans

and other minorities must be held accountable.”

West was aware that Amy Cooper has apologized, but still believes she should be held accountable.

“We need more than a slap on the wrist here to deter this from happening again. This woman displayed explicit bias in claiming an African American man was causing her to fear for her life,” West continued.

“She wasted police time on racist garbage because she didn’t want to leash her dog. The New York penal code should be used here to its fullest extent,” West said.

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## Stimulus payment for 4 million Americans to arrive by prepaid debit card

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## SENATOR ROYCE WEST CALLS CORNYN ATTACK AD A "TRUMP JUNIOR" MOVE



DALLAS - State Sen. Royce West, candidate for United States Senate in the July 14 Democratic Primary runoff, responded to an attack ad released by Sen. John Cornyn Tuesday, calling it the work of a "Trump Junior" campaign.

"Cornyn called me the leader of a liberal mob today to raise money," West mused. "Like I said, if being liberal means I stood up for women's rights, or healthcare for all, or better education, then I'll take it as a compliment. The truth is, he's desperate. He's pulling out the Trump Junior playbook of misinformation and bullying tactics. It's not a good look for a U.S. Senator."

West commented on the irony of the situation, con-

sidering Cornyn's silence about radical right-wing mobs. "He was quiet as a mouse when mobs burned effigies of President Obama. He didn't say anything about racist chants at Trump rallies. If he's looking for a mob, he might want to look around the fringes of his own support base."

"For 16 years in the Senate, Cornyn has stood silent on voting rights, he has stood silent on women's rights, he has stood silent as President Trump said there were 'good people on both sides' when an innocent person died in Charlottesville at the hands of a neo-Nazi during right-wing mob violence," West said.

"I'm sure he is afraid of facing a candidate like me

## COVID-19 data sharing with law enforcement sparks concern

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First responders argue the information is vital to helping them take extra precautions to avoid contracting and spreading the coronavirus.

But civil liberty and community activists have expressed concerns of potential profiling in African-American and Hispanic communities that already have an uneasy relationship with law enforcement. Some envision the data being forwarded to immigration officials.

"The information could actually have a chilling effect that keeps those already distrustful of the government from taking the COVID-19 test and possibly accelerate the spread of the disease," the Tennessee Black Caucus said in a statement.

Sharing the information does not violate medical privacy laws, according to guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. But many members of minority communities are employed in industries that require them to show up to work every day, making them more susceptible to the virus — and most in need of the test.

In Tennessee, the issue has sparked criticism from both Republican and Democratic lawmakers, who only became aware of the data sharing earlier this month.

The process is simple: State and local health

departments keep track of who has received a test in their region and then provide the information to dispatch centers. The AP review shows that happens in at least 35 states that share the addresses of those who tested positive.

At least 10 states go further and also share the names: Colorado, Iowa, Louisiana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Tennessee. Wisconsin did so briefly but stopped earlier this month. There have been 287,481 positive cases in those states, mostly in New Jersey.

"We should question why the information needs to be provided to law enforcement, whether there is that danger of misuse," said Thomas Saenz, president of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

He said law enforcement agencies should provide assurances that the information won't be turned over to the federal government, noting the Trump administration's demands that local governments cooperate with immigration authorities.

Law enforcement officials say they have long been entrusted with confidential information — such as social security numbers and criminal history. The COVID-19 information is just a continuation of that trend.

Article by **KIMBERLEE KRUESI**

November, an army of reasonable Texans marching to the ballot box who want leadership that cares and can get things done will be the ones to defeat John Cornyn. That won't be a liberal mob, but moms, dads, grandparents, and everyday Texans who want real leadership in the US Senate."

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### Strong finish for ESPN's Mike Tyson offered upward of \$20M to fight again



(AP) - For some reason, there are people out there who think it's a good idea to fight Mike Tyson. And at least one challenger is ready to put his money where the former champ's fist might wind up. "I think I know what we need to do to make this thing happen," Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship president David Feldman told Bleacher Report, which reported that the organiza-

tion is set to offer Mike Tyson more than \$20 million to come out of retirement. The 53-year-old Brooklyn native hasn't fought in 15 years, but video or recent workouts showing Iron Mike training with the power and speed that once made him the most exciting fighter on Earth has renewed interest in what Tyson might be able to do now. Tyson concluded one of

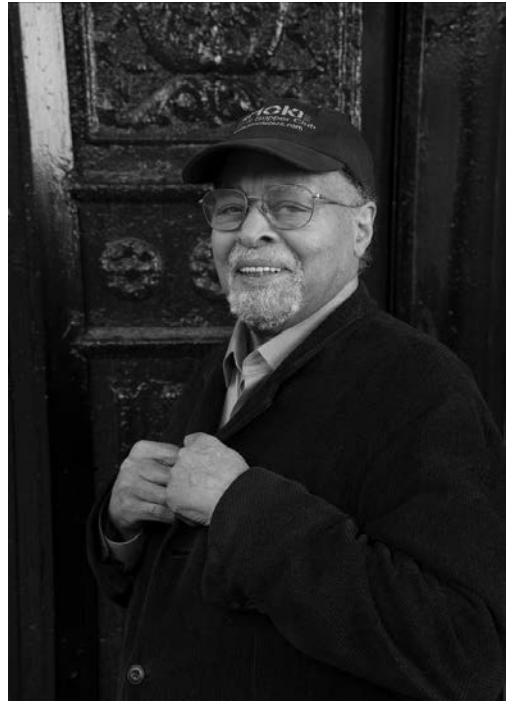
those videos by throwing a barrage of hooks and uppercuts and saying "I'm back." The 5-foot-10, 240-pound bruiser said during an interview with rapper TI last month he might lace up the gloves for a good cause. The folks at BKFC trying to bait Tyson reportedly said they plan to sweeten their eight-figure offer to Tyson with charitable donations. **AP Photo Credit**

### Jimmy Cobb, 'Kind of Blue' drummer for Miles Davis, dies

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS

Jimmy Cobb, a percussionist and the last surviving member of Miles Davis' 1959 "Kind of Blue" groundbreaking jazz album which transformed the genre and sparked several careers, died Sunday. He was 91. Born in Washington, D.C., Cobb told The Associated Press in 2019 he listened to jazz albums and stayed up late to hear disc jockey Symphony Sid playing jazz in New York City before launching his professional career. He said it was saxophonist Cannonball Adderley who recommended him to Davis, and he ended up playing on several Davis recordings. But Cobb's role as a drummer on the "Kind of

Blue" jam session headed by Davis would forever change his career. That album also featured Adderley and John Coltrane. The album, released on Aug. 17, 1959, captured a moment when jazz was transforming from bebop to something newer, cooler and less structured. The full takes of the songs were recorded only once, with one exception, Cobb said. "Freddie Freeloader" needed to be played twice because Davis didn't like a chord change on the first attempt, he said. Davis, who died in



1991, had some notes jotted down, but there weren't pages of sheet music. It was up to the improvisers to fill the pages. "He'd say this is a ballad. I want it to sound like it's floating. And I'd say, 'OK,' and that's what it was," Cobb recalled.

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### Texas pushes for kids to return to normal during pandemic



Plastic barriers are placed between Bruce McCall, 5, left, and Capri Bishop, 6, as they sit at a table during martial arts daycare summer camp at Legendary Blackbelt Academy in Richardson, Texas, Tuesday, May 19, 2020. As daycare and youth camps re-open in Texas, operators are following appropriate safety measure to insure kids stay safe from COVID-19. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

By JIM VERTUNO

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — After months of home schooling and lost sports seasons, millions of Texas children may get a taste of a somewhat normal summer after all — if their parents go for it. Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott last week said child care facilities can reopen immediately and set the stage for a return to summer camp, youth sports leagues and even summer school. All come with guidelines on just how to do it amid the coronavirus pandemic, including sanitation practices and limits on how many children can be in one place. They also

require parents to keep their distance from one another while celebrating a goal, home run or dunk. It's all welcome news for Whitt Melton, co-owner of Legendary Black Belt Academy in the Dallas suburb of Richardson. The business has been open to offer child care for essential workers but will now expand and open its planned summer camp. Melton said he hopes to boost enrollment from the current seven children to a maximum of 30 a day, which would allow him to maintain proper social distancing measures for kids and instructors. But he doesn't expect the ramp up to happen right away.

### WANTED: Residents to join conversations about racial equity in proposed bond 2020

Dallas ISD's Racial Equity Office (REO) is calling on communities in the city's southern sector to help define what racial equity will look like in Dallas ISD's proposed Bond 2020 package of school and facility improvements. REO has scheduled a series of community conversations to support its Equity in Bond Planning process. Under the leadership of REO, Dallas ISD has proposed investing \$41 million in 2020 Bond Program funds to create school-community hubs in neighborhoods of color that have faced historic segregation and financial disinvestment. To assess the present-day impact of discrimination on students and families, REO is using a measurement tool

called the Community Resource Index, or CRI. Developed by the non-profit organization, the Child Poverty Action Lab, the CRI is a way of looking at how past discrimination continues to affect communities, families, education, economics and health. REO's Equity in Bond Planning process aims to address inequities in ways that improve student academic achievement and increase opportunities for student success. REO is proposing to create four school-community hubs in the neighborhoods served by Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, L.G. Pinkston, and H. Grady Spruce high schools. To jumpstart the planning process, REO has

scheduled virtual community conversations from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, for residents served by H. Grady Spruce High School and Tuesday, June 18, for neighborhoods served by Lincoln High School. REO plans to share with residents their area's CRI data and collect input from students, families and residents about how the school-community hubs can improve life for students and their families. Future meetings will be held for parents and residents of the Franklin Roosevelt and L.G. Pinkston high school communities. Leslie Williams, Dallas ISD Deputy Chief of the Racial Equity Office, says staff will spend much of the time in these conver-

sations listening. "We want to hear residents' reaction to the CRI data and learn how they see the connection of current problems to past redlining and segregation," said Williams. "The bottom line is we want the community to help us help improve student outcomes." Residents of the Spruce and Lincoln school communities can visit the Racial Equity Office webpage for more information and to register to join the community conversations via Zoom or by telephone. Spanish interpretation will be available, and participants will have the opportunity provide input and ask questions.

Racial Equity Office Community Conversations Timeline and Objectives

	June	July	August	September
<b>Community Engagement</b> 	Interviews and Focus Groups at Spruce and Lincoln High Schools	<u>Workshops</u> Identify Community Needs, Assets, and Opportunities	<u>Workshops</u> Design and prioritize programs for school community hubs	Present Concepts to Board of Trustees



## COMMENTARY: COVID-19 —

# My Personal Battle from a Positive to a Negative Result – (Part 2 of 2)



## Jeffrey L. Boney Shares His Personal Journey of Surviving the Coronavirus and Dealing with the Emotional and Mental Anguish Required to Overcome COVID-19

By Jeffrey L. Boney,  
NNPA Newswire  
Contributor

One of the first things Dr. Varon ordered his medical staff to do with me upon my arrival to the ER was to do a CT Scan. For those who may not know, a CT Scan is more detailed than a regular X-ray, and allows doctors to see inside your body by using a combination of X-rays and a computer to create images of your organs and other things inside your body.

Of course, I didn't know why a CT Scan was being performed on me at the time, nor did I know what the end result would be. Let me just say that performing that CT Scan on me was the best thing that could have ever happened to me, because it revealed something major that was going on inside my body that couldn't be seen by looking at me from the outside. The CT Scan revealed that my lungs showed a severe case of pneumonia, as well as other issues involving my vital organs that came as a result of the Coronavirus.

It was decided at that moment that I needed to be admitted to the

Intensive Care Unit (ICU) right away. It was then that I realized how serious things were, and it was the moment that I knew that I was going to have to rely on my faith in God.

I called my wife to tell her I was being admitted and informed her that I was not going to be able to have any visitation throughout my time in the ICU. I was on a mental and emotional roller coaster at this point. I didn't know how long I would be in ICU, but more importantly, whether I would make it out alive. I could not help but think about the time in 2003 when my wife and I took my mom to the ER because she was ill. It was a life-altering experience for me.

After being seen by doctors in the ER, the medical staff informed us that my mom would need to be admitted to address her serious health condition, which turned out to be worse than believed.

My wife and I decided to stay with her, but my mom kept telling us to go home, get some rest and come back the next morning. We stayed anyway. They moved her in the wee hours of the morning to a different floor. It was then that I told her that I was not be going very far, as I chose to sleep at my mother-in-law's house because it was closer to the hospital than my house was.

As reluctant as I felt

leaving my mom at that hospital, nothing compares to the phone call I received from the hospital, no more than five minutes after I laid my head down on the pillow. The nurse on duty called to inform me that my mom had stopped breathing and had slipped into a coma. I mean, right after I left.

They told me that there was a shift change and that my mom had been given a specific medication, and by the time the new nurse on duty went to check on my mom, they became aware of the situation.

I was devastated. I felt guilty. I felt as if I was there, I could've possibly done something. Several months later, my mother passed away and I never forgot that moment.

As I was being prepared to go to ICU myself, I was reminded of my mom's experience, and I was instantly bombarded with memories and emotions about what she endured. I also struggled with the mental anguish of worrying about a virus that reportedly has no cure or vaccine to fight it. I knew I needed to draw on something greater than myself to get through this ordeal.

On Friday, March 27th, the journey towards fighting the Coronavirus had truly just begun.

Not only did I have a severe case of pneumonia when I entered ICU, my liver and kidneys also needed to be protected

from the virus; my heart rate was through the roof; my heart condition worsened and I was headed to the point of potential heart failure; my blood pressure was high; I had a sharp pain in my right side; I continued to have heavy diarrhea episodes; and I still had a loss of appetite. Things were not looking good for me and I felt horrible. I began to wonder if I was ever going to get better.

From the very beginning, I had to rely on my faith in God, as I continued to deal with the mental anguish of being in this Coronavirus-specific ICU area, particularly knowing that there were people around with breathing issues and hearing machines go off all day and night, and as I regularly looked at the news and read reports showing the number of people dying on a daily basis as a result of the virus.

I needed a miracle.

Because I didn't have any respiratory issues, just digestive issues, it caused the doctors to develop a treatment plan for me that was different than other patients they had been treating prior to my arrival to the hospital. Dr. Varon and Dr. Joseph Gathe, Jr. oversaw my care. They created a whole Coronavirus cocktail, which included heavy doses of Vitamin C, which was specific to my treatment. Per Dr. Varon, my case taught them that they must use high dose blood thinners on every Coronavirus patient admitted to the hospital.

After several days, my symptoms began to subside, and my appetite came back in a major way. I longed for my breakfast, lunch and dinner, and couldn't wait to eat it. Dr. Varon eventually informed me that all of my vital organs had returned to normal and that my blood work and vital signs were solid.

Finally, I felt like I was turning a corner and getting better. That was until a second CT Scan was

performed, which revealed more shocking and devastating news regarding my health condition.

When the results of my second CT Scan came back, it revealed that I had been diagnosed with a pulmonary embolism in my right lung. A pulmonary embolism occurs when blood clots block the flow of blood to the lungs. A pulmonary embolism can be fatal and life-threatening, which is why Dr. Varon and his team promptly took the necessary steps to address the blood clot and reduce my risk of death. I was immediately placed on blood thinner medication.

I continued to follow the instructions of the doctors until I received that wonderful news that on Sunday, April 5th, I had made significant and miraculous improvement, and subsequently was being discharged to go home to my family. I was so thrilled, yet still deeply concerned because I still didn't know whether I was still "POSITIVE" with the Coronavirus.

I was concerned about my family and praying they would be fine. Prior to being discharged, I had another COVID-19 test done and was awaiting the results. I self-isolated once again, until I got my second test results. After several days, I got the results and tested "NEGATIVE" for the virus. Because I wanted to be completely sure before interacting with my family again, the doctors administered another COVID-19 test and those results came back "NEGATIVE" as well.

This was a long and faith-filled journey, to which I still am slated to have to deal with this blood clot in my right lung for the next six months or so. I will continue to fight and do what I am supposed to do. In the meantime, I am encouraging everyone, especially my African American brothers and sisters, to get tested. I believe everyone

should be tested immediately, regardless of whether you have symptoms or not.

This is NOT a drill.

This virus is unrepentant and aggressive and can spread quickly to anyone who comes in contact with it. Listen to your local leaders and medical professionals to help stop the community spread.

I am a living witness that you can contract this virus and how it impacts you. Don't ignore your symptoms and don't ignore the seriousness of this virus. Don't be selfish and just think about yourself. Think about your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, loved ones and those you don't know. Stay safe!

Giants can be intimidating. The fight can many times be tough. Sometimes we lose. Sometimes we win. The common thread in winning versus losing is giving it all you have when you are in the midst of a fight. In the Bible, David showed us that giants can indeed fall. This was my journey, and this is my testimony.

I am forever grateful to God and to everyone who uttered a prayer, shared an encouraging word, providing any resources or sent positive energy my way.

My family and I greatly appreciate each and every one of you. God bless you, and let's do everything in our power to defeat this horrible and vicious COVID-19 virus.

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## Bryan Adams student headed to Texas A&M after overcoming homelessness to finish in top 15 of her class

DALLAS — Undeterred by a crises that led her to homelessness, Angelina Solis will finish in the top 15 of her graduating class at Bryan Adams High School and attend Texas A&M University on scholarships next Fall.

At 15, Solis was a Bryan Adams sophomore, immersed in the Leadership Academy and played in the drumline of the school's marching band. Unexpectedly, her family got evicted and had to move without a day's notice to her hometown of

Fort Wayne, Indiana.

"We were struggling, but my mom never let us see it," Solis said. "I only had 20 minutes to pack all my clothes and whatever I could grab. That same night, my family, my dog and my turtle took the 19-hour road trip to Indiana."

Her family bounced from house to house after arriving. The administrators of her new high school determined she'd have to repeat 10th grade. Solis missed her high school and her old life, so she attempted to return to

normalcy.

She asked her Bryan Adams friends if they could put her up while she went to school. She convinced her mom to let her return to Texas and coordinated phone calls between her mother and her friend's parents. When all was in place, she found a ride to Dallas with family members who were heading to Corpus Christi. And by the Fall of her junior year, she was back in Bryan Adams High School.

"I chose to come back

by myself. I'm considered homeless because I don't really live with my parents and just stay with friends," she said. "That's been a challenge, because I've had to keep my academics as my focus and not let my personal challenges get on the way."

Bryan Adams High School offers Career and Technical Education through NAF Academies and a unique Leadership Academy program. Under this model, all students partake in a portfolio defense during their soph-

omore and senior year, where they speak about their leadership skills and academic achievements in front of a committee of educators and community leaders. Solis has been taking classes in the biomedical science pathway for the last four years.

"The (NAF) endorsement was important to me and I didn't want to give up on what I had accomplished in the previous years," Solis said. "This is where I started high school and where I spent two years of my life with

all these people that I know now. I found a good program and a group of friends that I didn't want to walk away from."

Solis currently lives at a friend's house and works at Dick's Sporting Goods. She has already been accepted into Texas A&M University, where she plans to earn a Bachelor of Science in Health. Her mom, who is a surgical technologist, inspired her to join the medical field. Solis' goal is to become a nurse practitioner or a veterinarian.





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## Relief: Tools And Resources To Navigate Today's Financial Crisis



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The government has designed programs to provide support and relief to those in need during this time. Here are some highlights of the CARES Act that may impact your finances:

### Unemployment

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# Obituary

## Millie Marie Cavil Ferguson

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She was a talented homemaker and an excellent cook. She was generous in sharing sumptuous meals, not only for her family, but for anyone who would come by to visit.

Millie Marie Cavil Ferguson was initiated into Beta Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated at Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas, January 1953.

As a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Millie served Alpha Xi Omega in leadership positions including the 25th President of Alpha Xi Omega Chapter, First Vice President, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Hospitality Committee Chair and Publicity Committee Chair. She chaired and served on many committees during her membership in Alpha Xi Omega Chapter. Millie was a candidate for Regional Director in 1977. Her sorority honors include Graduate President Award, and National Reactivation Award presented at New

York National Convention. Millie served as Treasure of the South Central Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated from 2000-2004. Millie's legacy in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated includes her daughter, Stephanie A. Ferguson Hawthorne and granddaughter Tamorah M. Hawthorne, both members of Alpha Xi Omega Chapter.

Millie was a devoted and active member of Holy Cross Catholic Church and served with the Alter Society and Parish Council. She was a Life Member of Maria Morgan YWCA and the NAACP. Millie was affiliated with Church Women United, Catholic Daughters of America, Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, St Fidelis Court 102, Black Academy of Arts and Letters, African American Museum, Dallas Black Dance Theater, Dallas Alumni Association of Huston-Tillotson College, Eight Ladies Bridge Club and Thirteen Hearts Bridge Club, where she served as President.

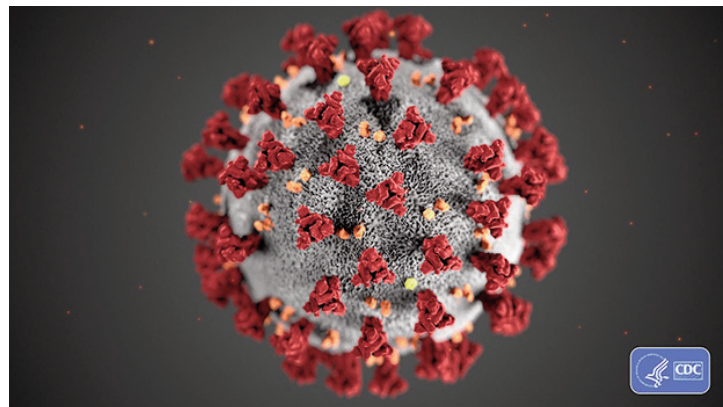
Millie was married to Floyd F. Ferguson, the love of her life, before he preceded her in death. They were the proud parents of one daughter, Stephanie Anne Ferguson Hawthorne; three sons, Stephen Anthony Ferguson, Michael Floyd, and Patrick Fitzgerald Ferguson and six grandchildren, Tamorah, Stephanie (deceased), Brian, Evan, Raven and Stephen II Brittaney. She was beloved by her Sorority members, church members and countless individuals from the community. Her love also extended to many others who affectionately called her Aunt Millie and Mamma Millie.

### Final Arrangements for Millie M. Cavil Ferguson

**Friday, May 29, 2020**  
**Public Viewing - Mask Required**  
**10AM-5PM**

**Evergreen Funeral Home**  
6449 University Hills Boulevard  
Dallas, Texas 75241

## Parkland expands COVID-19 testing to new locations



Parkland offers COVID-19 testing by appointment only for current Parkland patients who meet the medically necessary criteria with a Parkland physician's order. Parkland patients can contact the COVID-19 Patient Line at 214-590-8060, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unscheduled, drop-in appointments for the general public will not be available at this time. Please do not come to the Emergency Room or Urgent Care Emergency Center for a testing appointment. First respon-

ders and healthcare workers can also be tested at Parkland's main campus and should call Parkland COVID-19 Patient Line at 214-590-8060, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Main campus testing site  
4811 Harry Hines Ave.,  
Dallas, TX 75235

Hatcher Station Health Center  
4600 Scyene Road,  
Dallas, TX 75210

Garland Health Center  
802 Hopkins Street,  
Garland, TX 75040

deHaro-Saldivar Health Center  
1400 N. Westmoreland Road, Dallas, TX 75211

Bluitt-Flowers Health Center  
303 E. Overton Road, Dallas, TX 75216

Irving Health Center  
1800 N. Britain Road, Irving, TX 75061

Southeast Dallas Health Center  
9202 Elam Road, Dallas, TX 75217

E. Carlyle Smith, Jr. Health Center  
801 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Not sure if you have COVID-19 symptoms? Visit to use the virtual symptom checker.

### Rosary – 7PM -8PM

**Holy Cross Catholic Church**  
5004 Bonnie View Road  
Dallas, Texas 75241

**Saturday, May 30, 2020**  
**Private Funeral - 11:30AM**

**Holy Cross Catholic Church**  
5004 Bonnie View Road  
Dallas, Texas 75241

**A public memorial will be planned at a later date.**  
The family is requesting

in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Millie Ferguson Memorial Scholarship. Please make checks payable to the Ivy & Pearl Foundation of Dallas.

**Ivy & Pearl Foundation of Dallas**  
PO Box 224487,  
Dallas, TX 75222-4487