

CORONAVIRUS

7 deaths a 'somber reminder' of danger

Dallas County officials fear July 4 gatherings will add to the toll

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Seven more coronavirus deaths in Dallas County are "a somber reminder of the dangerous nature of COVID-19," County Judge Clay Jenkins said Wednesday.

The deaths, which included a Dallas woman in her 20s who had no under-

lying health conditions, bring the county's toll from the virus to 380.

The other victims were four Dallas residents — a woman in her 40s, a man in his 50s, a woman in her 60s and a woman in her 80s — a DeSoto man in his 60s and a Seagoville man in his 70s who lived at a long-term care facility.

County officials also reported 544 new positive tests for the coronavirus. Dallas County has had 21,882 confirmed cases, or

about 8.3 for every 1,000 residents. The county does not report a number of recoveries from the illness.

On Tuesday, the county reported 601 cases and 20 deaths, both records.

Jenkins said in a written statement that the county previously saw cases surge about two weeks after Easter and Memorial Day, holidays when people may have taken fewer precautions as they celebrated.

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Patrick shuns Fauci's advice

He supports science but takes issue with doctor's grim warning

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AUSTIN — As cases of the coronavirus surge in Texas, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick says he is done listening to the country's top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci.

On Fox News Tuesday, Patrick accused Fauci of being wrong "every time, on every issue," and a day later pointed to some of Fauci's comments from the beginning of the pandemic as examples.

"I don't need his advice anymore," Patrick told host Laura Ingraham. "We will listen to a lot of science. We will listen to a lot of doctors. And Gov. Abbott, myself and other state leaders will make the decision.

No thank you, Dr. Fauci."

His statement comes as new coronavirus cases and hospitalizations in Texas have soared to record levels. In a Tuesday hearing, Fauci made a grim projection that the country's daily case count could more than double if "this does not turn around."

Fauci raised specific concerns with four states — Flori-

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A team of Parkland Memorial Hospital medical staff led by Dr. Matt Leveno (left) assesses an intubated patient in the COVID-19 Tactical Care Unit. Leveno, the unit's medical director, gives all the credit to his team members. "We sustain each other," he says.

Fatigue, mental strain high in unit

COVID caregivers draw support from one another

Inside Parkland Memorial Hospital's COVID-19 unit, the caregivers' eyes — alternately flashing determination, fatigue and sorrow — provide the only clue to the mental health toll this crisis is taking on even the most resilient staffers.

Encased from head to toe in protective plastic, many of these women and



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men have been in this fire-fight for more than three months. As we walked the Tactical Care Unit on Saturday, they acknowledged the

weariness and mental strain that I had seen in their only unmasked human feature.

Each wrestled with how to convey this deep distress, but fell back on some version of "people are just so very tired."

"They don't have the time — or energy — to give it more thought than that. "No matter how hard you work and how much



A health care worker changes out an IV drip while treating an intubated patient in the COVID-19 ward. The Tactical Care Unit is made up of 300 staffers.

you do, more people are sicker and more are dying than ever," nurse Perla Sanchez-Perez said. "It's been really, really difficult."

Like all of the 300 staffers who make up this team,

Sanchez-Perez volunteered for this job — and she's intent on pushing forward.

Samantha Rowley, senior vice president of nurs-

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State's May reopenings helped ease April woes

Receipts were in the books before COVID-19 cases accelerated again last month

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AUSTIN — Texas' reopening in May from its coronavirus lockdown eased the nearly record-level damage to sales tax receipts during the previous month's severe economic slowdown.

The year-over-year decline for June remittances was 6.5%, considerably better than the previous month's 13.2% decline, Comptroller Glenn Hegar said Wednesday.

The June figures — based on May purchases — revealed surprising strength in retail sales, especially for online shopping and businesses' purchases of building materials so they could remodel to mitigate COVID-19 spread, Hegar said.

"Retail sales likely also were boosted by increased alcoholic beverage sales at package, grocery and convenience stores," he said in a written statement. "That's because this category of spending shifted from restaurant and bar on-premise consumption, subject to mixed beverage taxes, to purchases for at-home consumption subject to sales tax."

Employers also generated more sales tax revenue by spending more to facilitate teleworking, with vendors of computer hardware and software products, Hegar said.

Receipts from May sales were in the books, however, before Gov. Greg Abbott suspended further business reopenings, closed bars, ratcheted back restaurant dine-in capacity and shuttered river-rafting and tubing businesses as coronavirus cases in Texas accelerated late last month.

The June sales tax haul was \$2.67

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Dallas County, cities collaborate on police reform

Committee aims to capitalize on push for racial justice to make lasting change

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As cities across the country begin to answer protesters' calls for dramatic changes to police and poverty, Dallas County is attempting a unique regional approach that includes both

the city of Dallas and its suburbs. If county officials pull it off, it could be a model for other large urban areas.

The countywide discussion to rethink public safety started Wednesday when a group of activists, faith leaders and officials from six cities met privately to find both immediate and lasting solutions to the longstanding problem of over-policing. The committee includes city officials from Balch Springs, Dallas, DeSoto,

Irving, Lancaster and Mesquite.

The 14-member working group, facilitated by Dallas County Administrator Darryl Martin, is meant to serve as a catalyst for racial justice at a time when the nation is ripe for dramatic changes to policing after the death of George Floyd.

Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man, was killed when a white police officer knelt on his neck for nearly eight minutes on May 25 in Minneapolis. His death, which was caught on tape, trig-

gered a wave of ongoing protests across the U.S., including in Dallas and its suburbs.

Since then, several cities and states have taken varying levels of actions.

The two specific goals for the committee here, according to its first agenda provided to *The Dallas Morning News*, is to find alternatives to police as first responders and identify "basic human needs," such as hous-

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Dallas County, cities work together on police reform

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ing, health care and the arts for the participating cities to invest in during the next budget cycle.

"There is an urgency for all of us," said Martin, who runs the city's daily operation.

Martin along with the city managers on the committee are responsible for drafting their respective government's budget, which must be approved by their governing bodies by the end of September. Any proposed shift in policy or tax dollars that may find consensus among this committee would still face several votes before becoming reality.

"We're working a little upstream to influence what those managers take to the table," said John Fullinwider, a committee member and co-founder of Mothers Against Police Brutality. "It's generally a good sign they want to talk."

Fiscal years aside, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, the county's chief executive, said it is important for the committee to act quickly before the political will for titanic change is lost.

Rev. Frederick D. Haynes, senior pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas and a member of the committee, echoed Jenkins.

"I think we have an opportunity to do something that can be pace-setting," he

said. "These are powerful days of America looking in the mirror. And I'm excited because it gives us a chance to exercise moral imagination and moral courage to birth something [that] should have been from the jump."

Haynes is one of the authors of a policy memo dubbed *New Directions for Public Safety and Positive Community Change*. It was written after a two-hour digital town hall between activists, Jenkins and other elected officials during the early days of protests.

Among the recommendations for local governments: hire platoons of therapists and counselors to respond to mental health emergencies, bench police officers after they use excessive force until after an investigation is completed and develop better relationships with historically underserved communities.

Brandon Wright, DeSoto's city manager, said he was excited to learn more about the community's ideas, especially identifying a different strategy to respond to emergencies.

"To me, it's not so much as we taking money away from police but making sure the services we have align with the mission we're trying to achieve," he said. "Sending a police officer is not the best tool for mental health."

The regional approach is novel, said Timothy Bray, a criminologist at the

University of Texas at Dallas. If successful, it could provide a model for other large urban centers that have multiple jurisdictions and police departments. There are more than 30 different police departments in Dallas County, Bray said.

"A county, in theory, can set up a body of standards," he said, such as prosecuting policies for certain offenses including excessive use of force by police officers. "If one city changes how it does policing but the neighboring cities don't, I don't know if we'd have as much of an effect as a regional approach."

Dallas County District Attorney John Creuzot will represent the county on the committee. Early in his tenure, he set out a series of policy changes including a prohibition on prosecuting individuals accused of stealing "necessary items" valued below \$750.

Creuzot was not available for an interview, his spokeswoman said.

Brittany White, a member of the working group and an organizer at Faith in Action, a national nonprofit that advocates for criminal justice reform including ending mass incarcerations, said she was in favor of the countywide approach.

"It does no service to my nieces and nephews if I only bring about change in the city of Dallas," she said, pointing to

her family's home on the border of Duncanville, Grand Prairie and Cedar Hill.

The memo initially asked for Jenkins and Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson to establish a joint committee to tackle the issue of police brutality and reallocating money from public safety to fund programs to end poverty.

Johnson declined to participate, citing two existing committees to handle the work. However, Dallas' City Manager T.C. Broadnax is participating.

"It's shortsighted to say we already have enough committees," Haynes said, noting that what makes this committee different is the expertise of community activists who have been pushing for major overhauls for years. "For me it's much different because you have people who are doing the hard work and heavy lifting fighting for transformation. They've been doing this for years. And this time they're not on the outside looking in."

White said the structure of this committee will allow for the voices of people affected by the systems, including those formerly incarcerated, to be heard.

"I don't want to be a gatekeeper," she said. "I'm going to be advocating for their needs. This is not a self-serving opportunity. This is about being of service to the people in the community"

AT A GLANCE Committee members

- Susan Cluse, Balch Springs city manager
- T.C. Broadnax, Dallas city manager
- Brandon Wright, DeSoto city manager
- Chris Hillman, Irving city manager
- Opal Mauldin-Robertson, Lancaster city manager
- Cliff Keheley, Mesquite city manager
- John Creuzot, Dallas County district attorney
- Brittany White, Faith in Action
- Sara Mokuria, Mothers Against Police Brutality
- Mercedes Fullbright, in Defense of Black Lives
- John Fullinwider, Mothers Against Police Brutality
- Imam Omar Suleiman, Yaeen Institute for Islamic Research
- Rev. Frederick D. Haynes, Friendship-West Baptist Church
- Rev. Michael Waters, Abundant Life African Methodist Episcopal Church

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BARNES, Paul M. 91, of Richardson died peacefully at home on June 25, 2020. Email requests to attend an online celebration to honor Paul's life is an obit. He is buried beside his son Paul L. Barnes (1956 - 1970) at Restland. Born in Arlington, Virginia in 1929, he was the youngest of two sons (brother Carl) to Paul Lafayette Barnes and Dorothy Abbott. A chemical engineer by profession, he worked for many years at Texas Instruments. In lieu of flowers, family requests contributions be sent to CARE Church (<https://www.carechurch.org>), where he was an elder and mentor.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary Anne Barnes, daughter Laurie Barnes, son David Barnes, granddaughter Genevieve Wang (Albert Wu), great-grandsons Ezekiel Wu and Wylie Wu, sister-in-law Gina Rehman (John Rehman), as well as nieces, nephews and their children.

CARTER, Jimmie Lee



Entered into "Eternal Rest" on June 24, 2020. Visitation: Thurs., July 2, 2020 3-7pm at Evergreen. A graveside will be held Fri., July 3, 2020 at 2:00pm at Carver Memorial Park, 45 Malloy Bridge Rd., Ferris, Texas

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McDANIEL, Kathy Adele



Kathy Adele McDaniel was born May 18, 1955 in Dallas, Texas. She left this world for her Heavenly Home on June 27, 2020 and is survived by a brother, Gary L. McDaniel, his wife, Kelly L. McDaniel, her nephew, Austin Lee McDaniel, his fiancée, Kimberly K. Gonzales, one niece, Natalie M. McDaniel and a grandniece, Posey M. McDaniel, all of Dallas, Texas.

Kathy is preceded in death by her loving parents Guy A. McDaniel and Norma Lee (Gough) McDaniel, and a brother Guy A. McDaniel II. In addition to her family, Kathy leaves many friends to mourn her death, some have remained in her life since elementary school.

Kathy graduated from Hillcrest High School in 1973 continuing her education at the University of North Texas. Following college, Kathy proved to have a natural talent for sales. Her first job was at Mansions on Greenville Avenue where she fitted many of Dallas' most prestigious gentlemen in high end custom suits. Lending her passion for sales to the family business, Kathy honed in on her keen closing skills in a predominantly male industry, selling oil field equipment and tubular for The McDaniel Company. This smart and savvy girl, with beauty and brains to match, was always a welcome sight in the oil patch. More recently, Kathy spent time working in real estate, flipping houses and selling for a profit.

Kathy was a devout Christian, and her life was characterized by a sincere joy and deep faith in Christ. She could quote any scripture in the Bible, and usually ended her beautifully, hand-printed or hand-written notes with a scripture message.

Kathy had a tremendous love and fondness towards animals. Over the years she rescued many dogs, found homes for some, and kept the rest. Their affections and loyalties were always mutual. Her final and favorite furry friend, Romeo, a blind rescue dog, remained at Kathy's side through her final hours.

Many of Kathy's best memories from early in her life were set against the awe-inspiring backdrop of Carmel, California. Her desire for the Monterey Peninsula to be her final resting place confirmed her father's claim that "When God created Pebble Beach, he thought of what Heaven looked like!" A celebration of life for Kathy will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your choice of an animal rescue group.

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COLLINSWORTH, Margie Duwe

Margie Collinsworth, age 92, passed away peacefully in Flower Mound, Texas on June 30, 2020. She was born May 4, 1928 in Lewisville, Texas. A 1945 graduate of Lewisville High School, she married RB Collinsworth in December 1947. They resided in Lewisville most of their 48 years of marriage moving in retirement first to Flower Mound and then to Lake Kiowa. As her health declined, Margie returned to Flower Mound to be near family. Margie began her career in banking working at Lewisville State Bank and then at Colonial Savings where she became vice president of loan servicing. Margie was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lewisville for many years. After moving to Lake Kiowa she joined the First United Methodist Church of Gainesville. Margie was preceded in death by her husband, RB Collinsworth, her parents, Fred and Lois Duwe, her sister, Freddie Stockard, her brothers, Bill Duwe and Jack Duwe, and her niece, Regina Stockard. Margie is survived by her four children, Carolyn Jan Collinsworth, William Jack "BJ" Collinsworth and his wife Janet, Susan Beth Zavoina and her husband Gene Carleton and Bart Duwe Collinsworth and his wife Susan, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. A private graveside service will be held at Flower Mound Cemetery.

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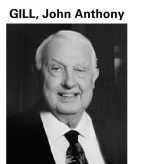
William J. Jefferson Eppepson died on June 29th at the age of 78. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William and Alberta Eppepson, and his younger brothers, Carlton and James. He is survived by his wife, Virginia "Ginger," his children, Erin and Brett, his daughter-in-law, Barbara, and granddaughters, Miller and Evelyn, whom he cherished dearly. Bill was born in Springtown, Texas on February 4, 1942 to William and Alberta Eppepson. After high school, he played baseball at Paris Junior College. Then, in 1971, Bill married Ginger Isaacs, a elementary teacher. He later received his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. Bill loved to coach. He graduated from Garland High School and moved back to teach and coach as soon as possible. After a lifelong coaching career in Garland ISD, he finished out his 30+ year career coaching his favorite sport, golf, which he coached in Garland ISD, and Leavelle ISD. A devoted grandparent, he and Ginger moved to Temple, Texas, in 2015 to be near Miller and Evelyn. Bill attended every event in the girls' lives, sporting or otherwise. He never missed his granddaughters' basketball and soccer games. Bill enjoyed coaching more than anything and could never stop being a coach! Whether attending a high school football game or watching golf, football or basketball on TV, he continued to coach. One of Bill's favorite quotes was "I tell them what to do, but those players and coaches on TV just do not listen!" Bill knew statistics about every sport and if you had a sports question, he could give you an answer. Bill was known for his punctuality. He never arrived anywhere late, and he was always prompt. His Casio watch became his signature piece that represented his timeliness. He traveled to Colorado and Wyoming often to visit relatives, as family played an important role in his life, so much so that he spent his spare time researching his family history and genealogy. He recently reconnected with several former players and coaches. Bill will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him. A graveside funeral service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 3, 2020. The family welcomes donations to the American Stroke Association as an expression of sympathy. In lieu of flowers.

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GILL, John Anthony
John Anthony Gill, 77 of Fairview, Texas went to join his heavenly Father on June 20, 2020 after a succession of health issues over the last year. John was the only child born to John Gill and Lottie (Sweeney) Gill on July 20, 1942. John grew up in Cliffside Texas, N.J. He graduated from high school and attended Newark College of Engineering before being drafted into the Army. He attended Officer Candidate School and was awarded his commission in 1966. While stationed at Fort Bliss he received The Army Commendation Medal.

John is survived by his wife Donna Ross Gill and their children Jennifer Lauren Riggle (Ransald), John Douglas Gill and Danielle Nicole Coffey. His grandchildren Madison Nicole Gill, Carissa Leigh Crutchfield, LCFI, Colton Lee Crutchfield and also Caley Lee Riggle will miss their Papaaw enormously.

John had two passions in life. His family was of utmost importance to him and his more than 50 year career in the material handling field. He retired in 2014 to have a lung transplant but for the 22 years prior to that he was with Malin Integrated Handling Solutions and Design. He was dedicated to the success of every project that he was involved in.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association.

A celebration of John's life will be scheduled at a later date.

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