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# Martha White dies sparked '53 Louisiana capital bus boycott

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Martha White, a Black woman whose actions helped launch the 1953 bus boycotts in Louisiana's capital city, has died. She was 99.

White died Saturday, her family and others confirmed.

White, then 23, was working as a housekeeper in the capital city of Baton Rouge in 1953 when she took action. After a long day of walking to and from work while seeking to reach her bus stop, she decided to sit in one of the only bus seats available — one designated for white passengers.

When the driver ordered



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her to get up, White refused and another Black woman sat beside her in solidarity. The bus driver threatened to have the women arrested. Ultimately police, the bus company manager and a civil rights activist, the Rev. T.J. Jemison, showed up. Jemison informed the driver of a recently passed ordinance to desegregate buses in the city, meaning White wasn't violating any rules.

In response to the ordinance, bus drivers began a strike and the ordinance was later overturned. That prompted a boycott by the Black community in Baton

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## Meghan and Harry welcome second child, Lilibet 'Lili' Diana

By LINDSEY BAHR and JONATHAN LANDRUM



Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex arrive at the annual Endeavour Fund Awards in London, Thursday, March 5, 2020. (AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth, file)

Prince Harry and Meghan may have stepped away from their royal duties — but family appeared to be top of mind in naming their second child, Lilibet "Lili" Diana Mountbatten-Windsor, who was born Friday in California. The name pays tribute to both Harry's grand-

mother, Queen Elizabeth II, whose family nickname is Lilibet, and his late mother, Princess Diana.

"Thank you for your continued kindness and support during this very special time for our family," Harry and Meghan, also known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, wrote in a statement that accompanied the birth announcement Sunday.

The baby is "more than we could have ever imagined, and we remain grateful for the love and prayers we've felt from across the globe," they

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## COMMENTARY: After Record Turnout in 2020, Texas Set to Pass Most Restrictive Voting Laws in the U.S.

By Lauren Victoria Burke, NNPA Newswire Contributor



Texas had the highest voter turnout in 30 years in 2020. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

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The Black Card

## Big Mama Said: “Be nice to people on the way up, as you will meet them on the way down”

By Terry Allen, CEO 1016 Media  
Founder, Sister CEO Small Business Camp  
Columnist for Texas Metro News



Terry Allen

What was Lucille saying to me and others when she stated, “You better be nice to the people on your way up because they will be the same people you meet on the way down?” I learned that when I walk down my own yellow brick road that my road is a marathon not a sprint. And one thing for sure is like anyone else’s road of life there are several twists, turns, bumps and detours. I learned to be very mindful of the peaks and valleys. Big Mama knew that if you are kind to all people at all times, I would survive the valleys,

the twists, the turns and more. How does this play out today in this new normal of awakening and pandemic crisis? From the very beginning, in every ‘people’ moment, it was to my benefit to treat others with respect, courtesy and of course, Big Mama’s, first lesson – “Treat every person as if they were you!”

Now logically that was the right thing to do, but I have encountered so many individuals whose mindsets operate strictly off self-interest, fear or just an unhealed consciousness that tells them the smart thing to be is all about them over everyone else. Our collective history is filled with factual accounts of self-interest overriding courtesy and kindness. A close contact and former literary client, Mary Wilson, founding member of the Supremes of Motown fame, wrote in two of her books how the

people around her chose self-interest over courtesy and kindness. Her story, read by millions, chronicled how individuals who share a cultural and musical background used self-gain to earn money and minimize the humanity of the industry. They chose immediate success over long term greater good. This did not just happen to Ms. Wilson; there are countless stories in the entertainment industry that tell the same story.

While these people may be successful in the moment, but the final chapters of their life book hasn’t been written yet. Unfortunately their bad actions will show up as their rise becomes a fall. At that moments get to meet those who experienced their actions. When God sends self-interested people a wellness check, all the money, success and prominence becomes less vital. The people they

dissed going up have to lend them a hand when they fall down. Having lots of money can pay off some of the issues but it will never be a substitute for the peace and assurance that you did the right thing for the people that are showing back up in your life.

So many of the business owners, I have advised sometimes have to deal with the dilemma of meeting the individuals they were not nice too when they scaled up! In conclusion, Big Mama said be nice to people. When you’re not, you may still be able to succeed temporarily and think that you don’t need any one of those you passed over. Then it catches up to you. Big Mama’s playbook works! Her rule is, “Treat people well knowing it’s the right thing to do and know that dissing others isn’t a good path to success”

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The baby girl was born at 11:40 a.m. at the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara, California, and weighed in at 7 lbs, 11 oz, a spokesperson for the couple said. The child is eighth in line to the British throne.

A Buckingham Palace spokesperson said the queen; Harry’s father, Prince Charles; his brother, Prince William; and other members of the family had been informed and are “delighted with the news of the birth of a daughter for The Duke and Duchess of Sussex.”

U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson also congratulated the couple in a tweet.

Harry and Meghan Markle — formerly an actor — married at

Windsor Castle in May 2018 and welcomed their son, Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor, a year later.

No photos of the newborn or the Sussexes accompanied the announcement. The couple has said that in lieu of gifts, they request those interested learn about or support nonprofit organizations working for women and girls, including Girls Inc., Harvest Home, CAMFED or Myna Mahila Foundation.

The birth of the healthy baby girl opens a happy chapter for the couple following a miscarriage in July 2020. Meghan gave a personal account of that traumatic experience in hope of helping others.

Months before the miscarriage, the couple announced they were quitting royal duties and mov-

ing to North America, citing what they said were the unbearable intrusions and racist attitudes of the British media. They live in Montecito, an upscale area near Santa Barbara, California.

In the wake of quitting royal duties, they gave an explosive TV interview to Oprah Winfrey in March, in which the couple described painful comments about how dark Archie’s skin might be before his birth and Meghan talked about the intense isolation she felt inside the royal family that led her to contemplate suicide.

Buckingham Palace said the allegations of racism made by the couple were “concerning” and would be addressed privately.

Winfrey and Harry recently collaborated on the Apple TV+ mental-

health series “The Me You Can’t See.”

In the interview with Oprah, Meghan also talked about the fact that her son was not given the title of prince. Harry said the royal family cut him off financially after he announced plans to step back from his roles — and that he was able to afford security for his family because of the money his mother left behind.

Despite leaving royal duties, Harry’s place in the order of succession to the throne remains.

The first seven places remain unchanged: Prince Charles; Prince William; William’s children, Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis; Prince Harry, and his son, Archie.

Lilibet’s birth moves Prince Andrew, who was born second in line in 1960, down to ninth place.

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A new law in Texas, passed during Memorial Day weekend, would make Texas one of the most restrictive in terms of ease of voting. Texas’ voting laws were already restrictive compared to other states.

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under 65 can’t use fear of COVID to vote by mail. In addition, Texas has closed 750 polling places since the U.S. Supreme Court under John Roberts, destroyed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 with their Shelby vs. Holder decision in 2013.

Since the victory of President Biden over Donald Trump by over 7 million votes in November of 2020, Republican legislatures and governors have been passing more restrictive voting laws. The effort is coupled with Trump and his supporters pushing “the big lie” that the 2020 election was somehow fraudu-

lent. President Biden’s victory is seen as American voters turning back the Trump movement.

In 2016, Trump won the electoral college but lost the popular vote to Hillary Clinton by 2.8 million votes. Texas was ranked 44th in voter turnout in 2020

The new law, which is expected to be signed by Republican Governor Greg Abbott, would ban drive-through voting and 24-hour voting. The new bill would prohibit election officials from mailing absentee ballots to all voters and prohibit using any temporary

structure as a polling location such as a tent or mobile home. Many of the methods of voting that would be prohibited under SB7 were used by hundreds of thousands of voters during the 2020 election.

Democrats in Congress must soon decide whether they will end the filibuster to protect voting rights on the federal level and pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2021. The legislation would restore and strengthen the parts of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that were diluted by the Roberts Court.

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**"A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN"**

ST. JOHN 16: 12-22

**THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN GLORIFYING THE SON, JESUS CHRIST**

By **REV. JOHNNY CALVIN SMITH**

Indeed, the glorification of our Blessed Lord by the Holy Spirit, is the preeminent and central subject of the passage before us. Although the Lord will ascend into heaven to dwell with His Father, His departure will mean the presence of the Holy Spirit taking up residence into the life of every believer. The Holy Spirit's ministry is so vital to our spiritual growth, for He will accomplish the work which He was sent to perform in us, if only we will yield to Him!

Every believer is indeed blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit, for the Holy Spirit quickens us (St. John 3:6); He indwells us (I Corinthians 6:19); He leads us (Romans 8:14); He grants us the assurance of our son-ship (Romans 8:16); He helps us in our weakness by making intercession for us (Romans 8:26); He seals us unto the Day of Redemption (Ephesians 4:30). Again,

the awesome ministry of the Holy Spirit is so vital to our Christian experience, for He empowers us to do our Master's will!

In verses 12 and 13, the Holy Spirit's ministry was needed because the disciples were obsessed with sorrow because of Jesus' departure from them; however, the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit, would lead them into the truth about Jesus and His great mission. What a wonderful promise declaring that the

Holy Spirit will guide us into the truth of the Word. Contextually, the disciples' lack of understanding of the essence of the Person and work of Jesus, will be consummated as the Holy Spirit gives insight into the deeper meaning of Christ's cross and resurrection experience, as well as, the truth regarding His return. According to verse 14, the chief or main mission of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Son.

The Holy Spirit has a blessed ministry of presenting the things of God, for I Corinthians 2:9-10 says - "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that loved Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." The unique bond that existed between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit is brought out in verse 15, for Christ said: "All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that He (the Spirit) shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you." The Holy Spirit brought glory to Jesus as He unfolded to the disciples things regarding the Person and work of Jesus.

Beginning with verse 16, our Lord's revelation to His disciples shifts from the Spirit's future work to what lies ahead for the disciples. In verses 16-18, although the disciples were confused regarding Christ's departure from them, Christ's death, resurrection and post resurrection ministry, along with His ascension, will make Christ's enigmatic statements obvious to them! Knowing that bewilderment existed among His blessed disciples, yet Christ perceived that their sorrow will be transformed to joy (v. 19-20). In verses 21-22, our Lord illustrated the truth of pain turned to joy by the pain of child birth followed by the joy of delivery when a child is born. The disciples experienced the pain of Christ's departure, but the joy was experienced when they saw Him after His resurrection!

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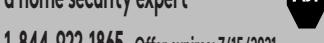


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BY RAGAN CLARK

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From his death on June 3, 2016, to his funeral a week later, the Bluegrass community that raised him joined visitors from around the globe to celebrate the life and legacy of "The Greatest." That week is the focus of the new documentary, "City of Ali."

Running at just under an hour and a half, "City of Ali" shows the way Ali's hometown united during his death. As the funeral procession snaked its way through the city to the cemetery, the streets were lined with admirers throwing flowers onto his hearse and shouting his name.

"He was always so excited to go back to Louisville and to see his people, because that's where it all started," recalled Ali's daughter,

Rasheda Ali. "He loved Louisville and Louisville loved him back."

Rasheda Ali, who participated in the documentary, says learning of the events surrounding that week was special to her because it was during her "darkest hour."

Ali may have been known to float like a butterfly and sting like a bee, but there was much more to the man. Ali used his words as effectively as he used his fists, refusing to

be silenced by those who did not like what he had to say.

To celebrate his life on the anniversary of his passing, the center, which also participated in the documentary, is holding an Ali Festival through June 13, with screenings of "City of Ali" taking place daily.

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Baton Rouge Mayor Sharon Weston Broome issued a statement Monday recognizing White's contribution to the city's civil rights movement.

"Martha White undoubtedly shaped our community in Baton Rouge, and communities across our nation," Broome said. "We honor her legacy today and every day."

That boycott later helped provide the framework for the famous effort sparked by Rosa Parks that led to a bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955.

Ted Jemison, the son of the Rev. T.J. Jemison, remembered White as being outspoken and unafraid to

share her opinion. He told The Advocate of a conversation he had with her years ago about that day. He recalled her telling him she just wanted to sit in that bus seat because she was tired from being on her feet constantly that day.

"Can you imagine working on your feet all day and just wanting to sit down?" Jemison recalled White as saying. "She was the same way from when she was young to when she was 90 years old. She knew that what she did was for the good of everyone in Baton Rouge."

"We really lost a true pioneer for civil rights," said Jason Roberts, co-owner of the Baton Rouge African American Museum, speaking of White's death, the newspaper reported.

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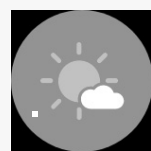





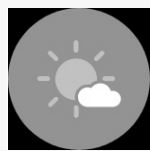
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## 7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

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## Seven for Simone; Biles claims another US Gymnastics title

BY WILL GRAVES

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Simone Biles toned it down. A little anyway. And soared even higher.

The 24-year-old gymnastics superstar claimed her record seventh U.S. title Sunday night, delivering another stunning — and stunningly easy — performance that served little doubt the pressure surrounding her bid to become the first woman to win back-to-back Olympic championships in more than 50 years is only pushing her to even greater heights.

Shaking off a somewhat sloppy start Friday, at least by her impeccable standards, Biles put on a four-rotation showcase that highlighted why a GOAT emblem — a nod to her status as the Greatest Of All Time — has become a fixture on her competition leotard.

Her two-day total of 119.650 was nearly five

points better than runner-up Sunisa Lee and good friend and teammate Jordan Chiles. Biles' all-around score on Sunday of 60.100 was her highest since 2018 and served notice she is only getting better with the Tokyo Games less than seven weeks away.

It helped that she managed to stay inbounds (mostly) during her floor routine after stepping out three times on Friday. Blame in on the rush she gets when the lights are on and a crowd is in the palm of her hands. She was far more precise in finals save for one tumbling pass where one of her feet stepped over the white border.

Oh, well, something to work on for the Olympic trials later this month in St. Louis.

"It's so crazy because in training I never go out of bounds and I never have this much power," Biles

said. "But with the adrenaline, that's where it comes."

While Biles' victory was never in doubt — it rarely has been during her nearly eight-year reign atop the sport — she remains in no mood to coast.

And to think she didn't even bother with her latest innovation, a Yurchenko double-pike vault she drilled twice at the U.S. Classic last month that caught the attention of everyone from LeBron James to Michelle Obama. Instead, she opted for two with slightly lower difficulty that she completed so casually it was hard to tell if she was in front of an arena that screamed for her at every turn or just fooling around at practice back home in Houston.

Not that it mattered. She still posted the top score on vault anyway. Just like she did on beam. Just like she did on floor. Just like she's done everywhere she's



Simone Biles celebrates after competing in the vault during the U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Sunday, June 6, 2021, in Fort Worth, Texas. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

saluted the judges since the 2013 U.S. Championships.

The Yurchenko double-pike will return at trials and likely in Tokyo, where if she completes it during competition yet another element in the sport's Code of Points will be named for her. Just add it to the list of

what they call "#SimoneThings."

Biles has been a lock for Tokyo from the moment she returned to training in late 2017. Chiles and Lee may also be nearing that territory. The top two all-around finishers at trials will earn an automatic spot

on the Olympic team, though U.S. national team coordinator Tom Forster allowed Biles, Chiles and Lee have separated themselves from the pack.

"You can look at the scores and if the scores are anything, it looks like that," Forster said.

## The "HOT" Bitcoin ATM

### My Day

By Dr. J. Ester Davis



Dr. J. Ester Davis

We had three graduations this year in my family. Two college one high school. My one granddaughter, grandson number 4 and a favorite grandcousin. To add more 'drums beats' another grandcousin had an art opening at the Galveston Art Museum in the midst of the graduations. All three graduations were so different and exciting. Of course being a scholar of the last generation, I was looking for a program at the in person graduations. No programs. Just a bar code for your

cell phone to scan if you wanted a program. No alphabetical order of names. Graduates, especially at my granddaughter's services were ad hoc. Graduates could sit where they wanted in any order they chose on the floor of the stadium.

I write on anything . . . all the time. So, I wrote on a napkin "the world will change more in the next 12 months than in the last 12 years". A couple days after the graduation frenzy, I walk into an upscale grocery store and Ooh!!!... *W.H.A.T is this?* A Bitcoin ATM, for your digital wallet, next to the ATM for your debit card money clip. Yes, that is correct, the Bitcoin ATM has hit mainstream status. At the moment, to use a Bitcoin ATM you need a smartphone. Insert 'ole fashion cash' into the ATM Bitcoin and you receive the same amount of Bitcoin for your digi-

tal wallet. Of course minus the hefty handsome transaction fee which is deducted from your debit card/bank account.

The story of the Bitcoin is fascinating and futurist. This whole thing started about a decade ago. Here is what I *minimum ally* understand. The Bitcoin only exist on a series of computers. There is no bank, no federal reserve. It is a code. The fantasy is that some mainstream corporations are accepting them for payment; i.e. Dish Network, PayPal and some online businesses. The most famous story is about Tesla and Elon Musk, the electric car company who spent close to \$2 million dollars in January.

The Bitcoin is not for everybody. At the moment, some crooks are using it for SCAMS primarily targeting seniors and online romance

seekers. But I believe it does have a future. Depending on how many people invest on any given day, the value rises. Now apply that theory to real estate, antiques and islands. The one word I would use today for the concept is 'erratic' . . . slightly related to a slot machine. Back to the Tesla idealist, a little tweet from Musk recently ignited a serious drop in two hours, but if you keep following the industry several years ago, it was worth \$500 to \$50,000 in early May, 2021.

That's enough power for 32,000 ATM's to chime in on the fun of skill, speculation, temptation and anticipation. "The world will change more in the next 12 months than the last 12 years".

Send me an email (or 214.376.9000) about your appetite for the future of money. Be careful out there.

## Texas GOP's Allen West resigns after combative run as chair

By PAUL J. WEBER

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas GOP Chairman Allen West said Friday he is stepping down after a short but combative run of using the job to antagonize top Republicans in America's biggest red state, including protesting outside Gov. Greg Abbott's mansion.

The decision intensified speculation that West, a firebrand who served one term in the U.S. House after coming up during the tea party movement in 2010, may pursue statewide office in Texas. He was coy about his future plans but acknowledged he is considering a run, although he did not say for which office.

"We will let you know when we want you to know," West told reporters in the East Texas town of Whitehouse, where he laid into the GOP-controlled Legislature for not passing enough conservative measures, including voting restrictions that

Democrats blocked in a walkout.

Abbott, who is running for a third term in 2022, was endorsed earlier this week by former President Donald Trump.

West's departure ends a turbulent 11 months as an activist chairman who eschewed the job's usual role of promoting party unity and instead used the platform to pressure and criticize Abbott and other top Republican leaders. That included protesting last fall outside Abbott's mansion over coronavirus restrictions.

Over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, West spoke at an event in Dallas that was organized by adherents of the QAnon conspiracy theory. When West took over as party chairman last summer he changed the party slogan to "We Are the Storm" — which is associated with the conspiracy — but has denied that it is related to QAnon.

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## Dallas ISD's free summer learning experience will meet the needs of the whole child

BY THE HUB



Dallas ISD is offering a free summer learning experience to students that, if offered by another provider, would likely cost families at least \$300.

"This is an outstanding opportunity for students that won't cost their parents a penny," said Sharla Hudspeth, executive director for Dallas ISD Extracurricular and Extended Learning Opportunities.

The PreK-8 Summer

Cool Camp is designed to meet the needs of the whole child. Students will experience a full day of activities, ranging from fun hands-on learning to various extracurricular activities. Transportation, breakfast, lunch and participation incentives will be provided to students.

Students who are eligible for the camp, which will be offered at 82 different Dallas ISD schools, will be contacted by their home campus.

The camp is 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on June 22-24 and June 28-July 1.

Meanwhile, Dallas ISD is again partnering with Big Thought and the City of Dallas for Dallas City of Learning, an online directory of low to no-cost activities for youth of all ages. The opportunities include activities such as theatre, dance, band, sports and STEM. Visit [www.dallascityoflearning.org](http://www.dallascityoflearning.org) to learn more!

## IN MEMORIAM: Iconic Actor Clarence Williams III Dead at 81

By **Stacy M. Brown**, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent  
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Actor Clarence Williams III, who starred as Lincoln Hayes on the countercultural ABC drama, "The Mod Squad" and as superstar Prince's father in "Purple Rain," has died. He was 81.

Williams' management team said the celebrated actor died of colon cancer.

"RIP Clarence Williams III. He was AMAZING IN EVERYTHING! Please watch him in Sugar Hill, Half Baked, and Purple Rain!" tweeted actor Reggie Watkins Jr.

"RIP Clarence Williams..." tweeted the Prince Museum with a photo of the actor appearing in the film "Purple Rain."

Williams career started on the Broadway stage where he earned a Tony nomination for his acting in the three-person drama, "Slow Dance."

Comedian Bill Cosby recommended Williams to producer big-wig Aaron Spelling, who immediately took to the actor.

Williams returned to Broadway in 1979's "Night and Day."

His co-starring role as



Linc on "The Mod Squad" in the 1970s, catapulted Williams into the mainstream.

However, some of his best work came on the big screen, particularly as Prince's father in the 1984 hit, "Purple Rain," and nine years later, in the Wesley Snipes-led, "Sugar Hill."

In 1998, Williams portrayed jazz legend Jelly Roll Morton on the big screen, and he also worked in hits like "Reindeer Games" and "Against the Wall."

He was a favorite of comedian Dave Chappelle who worked with him on several features.

Williams was born on Aug. 21, 1939.

The son of professional musician Clay Williams,

he was raised by his grandparents, composer-pianist Clarence Williams, a frequent collaborator of blues legend Bessie Smith, whose songs were used years later in "Ain't Misbehavin,'" and Eva Taylor, a singer and actress.

Williams became exposed to acting as a teenager when he stumbled upon a rehearsal for "Dark of the Moon" at the Harlem YMCA — Cicely Tyson was starring in it — and the director gave him a couple of lines in the play.

His work included "The Cool World" (1963), "Deep Cover" (1992), "Hoodlum" (1997), "Imposter" (2001), and "The Butler" (2013).