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Dallas' police chief resigns, will stay through end of year

By JAKE BLEIBERG

DALLAS (AP) — U. Reneé Hall, the first Black woman to lead the Dallas police force, submitted her resignation Tuesday but agreed to stay on through the end of the year.

Hall's resignation letter, which the city provided to The Associated Press, didn't give a reason for stepping down. She did not respond to a request for comment.

Hall is the latest in a parade of big city chiefs to resign or retire amid the protests and unrest that have swept the county since George Floyd, a Black man who was on the ground and handcuffed, died in May after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for several minutes.

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

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

Hall, 49, wrote in her resignation letter that

Dallas police have dealt with "an unthinkable series of events" since she took office in 2017. She said she's proud of how the 3,000-officer department "coped" and "implemented critical reforms."

Hall came to Texas from Detroit, the year after a sniper fatally shot four Dallas police officers and one transit officer during a protest in July 2016. Police ultimately killed the gunman with a robot-delivered bomb.

During Hall's tenure, a Dallas officer was convicted of murder for the high-profile 2018 shooting of her neighbor, and even before the coronavirus pandemic the city was struggling with an increase in violent crime. Dallas city councilors and the mayor have recently been critical of Hall's leadership during the protests, which included police arresting hundreds of people who'd marched onto a city bridge, only to drop charges against nearly all of them.

Last month, the police department issued a report that found it struggled with operational plans, communication and maintaining a centralized command structure during days of protests.

Mayor Eric Johnson said he has not spoken

with Hall, but "was not terribly surprised" by her resignation.

"We cannot exclusively rely on law enforcement to reduce crime, but we absolutely need new policing strategies and fresh eyes that can help us reverse the unfortunate and unacceptable increases in violent crime in our city," Johnson said in a statement.

Since Floyd's death, police chiefs have stepped down for various reasons in Seattle, Atlanta, Portland, Oregon, and Richmond, Virginia. In Rochester, New York, on Tuesday top police leaders announced their retirements amid nightly protests over the handling of the suffocation death of Daniel Prude in police custody.

Hall's predecessor in Dallas, David Brown Sr., became the superintendent of the Chicago Police Department this spring, and her resignation letter hints that she will continue police work elsewhere.

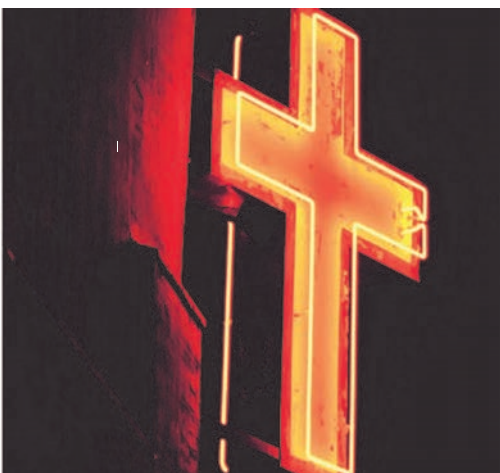
"I will remain committed to my true calling which is law enforcement," she wrote.

The headline of this story has been corrected to show Hall will remain in the post through year's end and will not leave Nov. 10.



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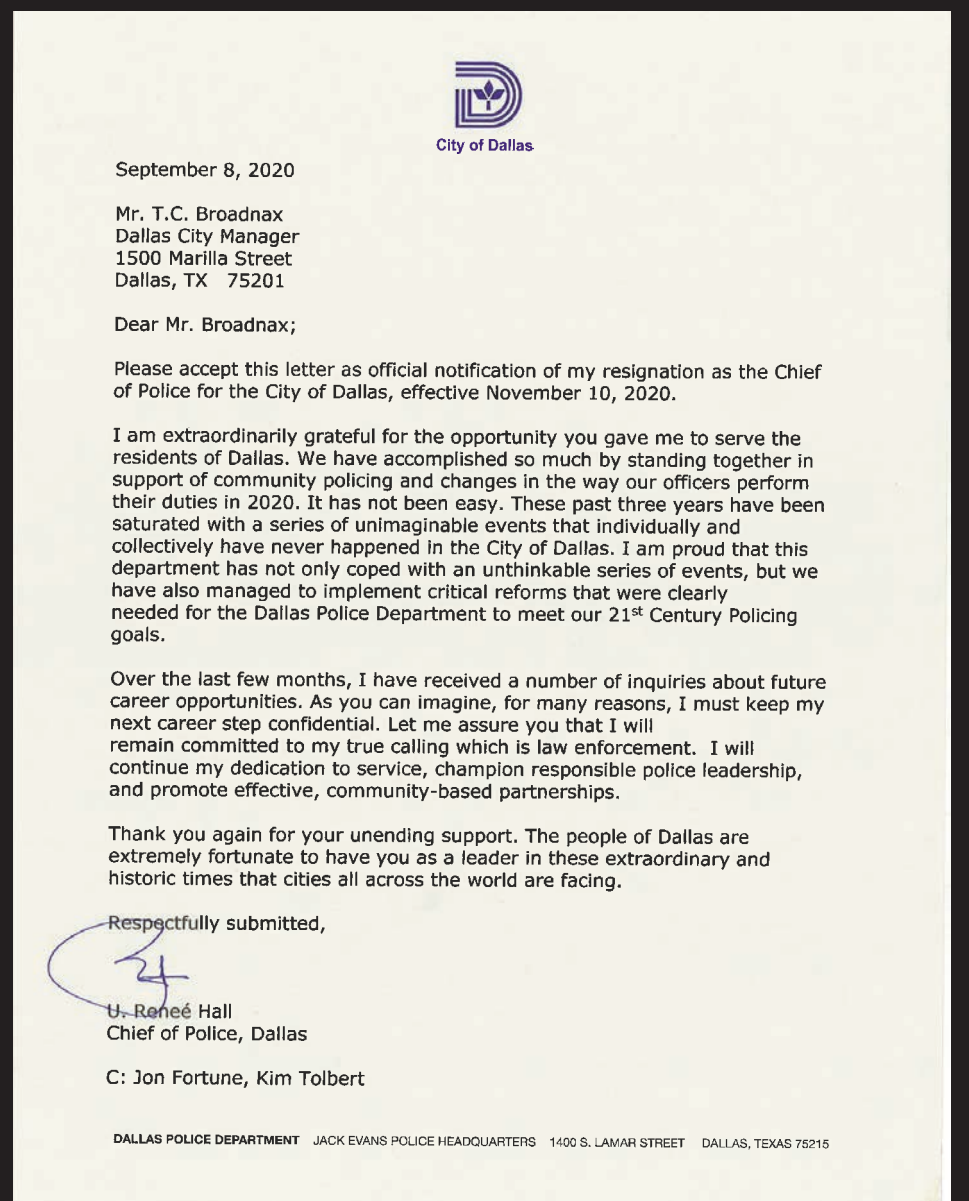
Tennessee latest city to witness what some are calling intimidation tactics

By Ashley Moss, Texas Metro News
A confederate flag was left hanging from a tree on the property of a Nashville company that

publishes Sunday School materials for the nation's Black churches, including many congregations in Dallas/Fort Worth and across the South. Neighbors discovered the homemade flag – made from a square cardboard box and colored on all

sides with red, white and blue paper-mâché to look like a Confederate flag with brown rope tied around it and hanging from a tree at R.H. Boyd Publishing Company in Nashville late Wednesday.

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Civil Rights Icon Benjamin Chavis to Host Weekly Black Talk Show on PBS

By Hazel Trice Edney



(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Civil rights icon Dr. Benjamin Chavis, former NAACP executive director and current president/CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), will become host of a weekly Black-oriented public affairs talk show on PBS (Public Broadcasting System) in October.

As racial tensions and disparities have skyrocketed in almost every category of American life, Chavis and the show's producer Clara Wilkerson says it's time for a program that challenges the mind and focuses on solutions. They believe the show, Chavis Chronicles, is among the answers. PBS apparently agrees.

"Our nation is polarized by race; polarized by politics; polarized by economics; polarized by health disparities; polarized by the pursuit of education and the education gap; culturally polarized; ethnically polarized; religiously polarized," Chavis said in an interview with the Trice Edney News Wire. "And so, with all of these multiple polarizations that are undergirded by systemic racism, having a national one half hour in depth discussion about these issues - particularly from an African-American perspective - which the main stream media has not really chosen to focus on, will be crucial."

American Public Television (APT), the leading syndicator of high-quality, top-rated programming to the nation's public television stations, has confirmed that Chavis Chronicles is set to air in top markets across the nation, starting Oct. 1.

"We have reviewed the

materials and are pleased to confirm it has been accepted for release in October, 2020 to the nation's public television stations," said a letter to Wilkerson from Judy Barlow, APT vice president for business development. "We are honored to work with you and Dr. Chavis on this fine series which will bring important conversations to the American people. Thank you for bringing it to us." Wilkerson, an award-winning independent producer, has worked with PBS for more than 25 years. Her company, CRW Worldwide, Inc., has produced more than 25 documentaries and video productions held in over 300 libraries internationally. Wilkerson says she created the Chronicles format specifically with Chavis in mind.

"I first and foremost see this show as one that touches the mind, body and soul. PBS is intellectual," Wilkerson describes her vision for the show. "We're bringing this program to those who want to see something more introspective - deep thinkers, change makers, leaders - but then we're not snobs. We're not saying we just want to do it for those who are highly educated. We want people who are into social justice and what's good for the masses."

Chavis Chronicles will be rare programming as there are currently no weekly talk shows on network television specifically from a Black perspective. Also, unlike cable television, PBS is still free of charge, which makes it accessible to people of all income levels, Wilkerson points out. "That's why PBS is a great place for this. There's no better place because we can reach the masses."

PBS is a non-profit corporation established by Congress in 1967. It is funded by multiple resources, including private donations, foundations, federal funds, and dues from member stations. Chavis Chronicles will be self-funded, including through adver-

tising sales, "so we can be more autonomous," Wilkerson said.

An APT "Fact Sheet" describing the programming of Chavis Chronicles in its first year calls it "a thought-provoking half-hour weekly series with an urban American flair, featuring interviews with famous leaders and politicians, doctors and scientists, cultural leaders and influencers from around the globe...The Chavis Chronicles goes beyond the headlines offering insights on matters that impact the public and provides a unique perspective from a renowned living legend of the African American community." More than 62 million homes will have access to the show in 100 markets. They include top Nielsen-rated markets: New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Houston, Boston and Atlanta.

Chavis says the first episode will feature an interview with U. S. Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.) in his home office in Columbia, S.C. It will not only spotlight Clyburn as the nation's highest-ranking Black lawmaker in his role as House majority whip; but also his family roots and civil rights background.

A social justice activist of more than 60 years, Chavis says his experiences have given him an appeal to people from all walks of life. He started his civil rights career as a youth coordinator for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from Duke University while serving an unjust 34-year prison sentence as a member of the Wilmington 10, who Amnesty International declared political prisoners. The Wilmington 10 case garnered international attention and was pardoned 40 years later. He also received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Howard University. He believes Chavis Chronicles will draw a

vastly diverse audience despite it being from an African-American perspective.

"The problem of systemic racism is not just a Black problem. It's a White problem. It's a Latino problem. It's an Asian problem; a native American problem. So, this is a program for all audiences from all racial backgrounds. It's also intergenerational. While I've had a longevity in the civil rights movement; I still have an appeal to millennials. I still have an appeal to the Hip Hop generation. I still have an appeal to the environmental justice movement which I helped to initiate 30 or 40 years ago," Chavis says. "So, it's very broad in terms of the scope of the program, but it comes from an African-American perspective."

As president/CEO of NNPA, the Black Press of America, Chavis already has a broad weekly audience as a columnist. He also serves as board chairman of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) and is a regular contributor on the Black News Channel. However, he stresses that his new role as a PBS talk show host will be independent of all of his various other positions and responsibilities.

"And so, we have an unprecedented opportunity to present an in depth discussion; an in depth analysis and also to talk about some solutions to the problems that beset America and that beset people of color throughout the world; particularly those of African descent," Chavis concludes. "My whole career is about freedom, justice and equality. But, overarching, the struggle for freedom, justice and equality is to stand for what's true. Speaking truth to power, publishing truth to power, distributing truth to power. Now I have an opportunity to broadcast truth to power. If the Chavis Chronicles is going to represent anything, it's going to represent the truth."

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Review: In 'Tenet,' a time-bending thriller for bended times

By JAKE COYLE



Melinda Sue Gordon/Warner Bros. Entertainment via AP)

I went in fresh to "Tenet." I didn't have any real sense of the plot, yes, but it's more that it had been some five months since I was last in a movie theater. That's a long hiatus — a dark ages for sitting in the dark — for someone,

anyone, used to going to the movies more days than not. The last film I had seen in a cinema, back in March, was the Vin Diesel vehicle "Bloodshot," so you can imagine my eagerness

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St. John 6:1-13

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frankly, many were following Him only because He produced physical relief, but they were not interested with being spiritually relieved. They only followed Christ because He was producing; the crowd did not discern that He was the Lord of glory; they were oblivious to His divine glory! That point leads me to ask this poignant question – “What is our sole reason for following Christ?” Are we following Him because He is multiplying blessings in our lives? Or, will we follow Him if He begins to subtract blessings in our lives? Again, what is our motivation for following Him? Our Lord knowing the motivation of this crowd, withdrew to the mountain with His disciples (v. 3); and immedi-

ately, we read that the Feast of Passover was nigh (v. 4). The Passover was a signal event in the life of the Jews, for it signified the night in which they left Egypt, the night in which they were emancipated from slavery. Yet, in their midst, the Lamb of God was, for the most part, rejected by the mass of people, for they only looked upon Him as a glorified miracle worker, and did not discern His divine glory. Whereas, the hungry multitude didn't really discern His divine glory nor appreciated the supreme excellence of His person, Jesus, nevertheless, displayed unusual compassion for the multitude, and raised a rather poignant question to Phillip – “Whence shall we buy bread, that these may

eat?” (v. 5). Our Lord being omniscient knew or had the solution to the problem of feeding this vast multitude, but raised the question to prove or test Phillip (v. 6). In our lives, the Lord often gives us pop exams as various trials invade our lives in order to refine and cultivate our characters! What a God we serve! Phillip's response in verse 7 is a portrait of many of us who are overwhelmed by the trial of the hour, for we forget that the same Lord who was sufficient in handling yesterday's problem, is the same One who is more than adequate in handling our present problem. Furthermore, Phillip's answer exhibits that he placed a frugal calculation to the problem; thus, he made a mere calculation

without looking to the vast resource that he had in Christ! Phillip's language in verse 7, is the language of unbelief. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, suggested that there was a lad with a meager amount of five barley loaves and two small fish, but said: “But what are they among so many?” (v. 8-9) Both men's frailty in arriving at a solution to the problem, paved the way for the Master to display His compassion and power. As our lesson concludes, we find the people being seated, preferably in order (Mark 6:40); our blessed Lord then blesses the meager amount, with the disciples being used as distributors! (v.10-11) My brothers and sisters, from a spiritual perspective as disciples of Christ, and as

we obey His commands, we are nothing more than distributors of the bread of life. And if mankind would only appropriate this bread, he or she will never hunger (St. John 6:35). A vast miracle will occur in the lives of anyone who appropriates the bread of life: “they will be sufficiently fed! Just as Jesus fed the five thousand beside women and children (Matthew 14:21) and there were leftovers, He can spiritually satisfy those who are spiritually devoid of eternal life. Yes, if you are spiritually famished today, Christ is the answer, for St. John 6:47, says: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.” May God truly bless!

By **Rev. Johnny C. Smith**



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"Clearly someone is trying to send a message," said LaDonna Boyd, president and chief executive officer at R.H. Boyd. "We will certainly make sure we get to the bottom of whoever did this. We will press charges and bring (the perpetrator) to full justice."

Thursday, Metropolitan Nashville Police's Specialized Investigation Division combed the Nashville neighborhood that is home to Boyd Publishing and the nearby historically Black Meharry Medical College, one of the nation's oldest medical schools training African American doctors, searching for evidence in the case.

"Obviously, this is a great concern, which is why we involved our division," said Kris Mumford, public information officer for the Metropolitan Nashville Police. When it comes to something like this in a neighborhood, with a box, with a Confederate flag hanging from a tree, we obviously want to investigate what's going on."

Continued Assault from above

national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability. In most states hate crime laws include crimes committed on the basis of race, color, and religion; many also include crimes committed on the basis of sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, and disability.

Experts with the U.S. Department of Justice estimated that an average of 250,000 hate crimes were committed each year between 2004 and 2015 in the United States.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at **615-742-7463**.

In the Dallas area news of the latest assault was widely discussed.

The Rev. William Dwight McKissic expressed concern about race relations in America.

"Something has happened to the fabric and framework of our country. We are beginning to border on what we saw in the 50s and 60s. I remember it. I was there to witness it," said McKissic, pastor of megachurch Cornerstone Baptist Church in South Arlington, which is aligned with the National Baptist Convention of America.

The incident is the latest in a string of events across the nation involving African American churches and incidents perceived to be racist.

In late July, the FBI launched an investigation after someone wrote "KKK" and racial slurs on an air conditioning unit at a Black church in North Highlands in the San Francisco Bay area.

In 2019, the federal bureau began investigating a series of fires at Black churches in Louisiana, calling them suspicious and saying they likely are hate-related.

In Dallas, last month, the Rev. Frederick D. Haynes III said a group of nearly 1,000 Blue Lives Matter protestors had parked without proper permission on his church's parking lot, under a massive multi-story banner reading "Black Lives Matter."

Haynes said that he is not surprised about this latest occurrence.

"I think we can expect more of this," he said. "There has been an environment set by the White House to express hatred."

Across the country African American pastors said they were concerned. The Rev. William Sheals said the country is experiencing an "ugly spirit in this year in 2020."

"We have got to defeat it in prayer, but we have also got to defeat it in marching to the polls," he said. "We must disobey this law. We must follow a higher calling. This is spiritual warfare... from high places.

Sheals pastors one of metro-Atlanta's largest Black congregations, Hopewell Baptist Church of Norcross, GA.

Mumford said Metropolitan Nashville Police Department responded to a call from Boyd at about 5 p.m. of a device hanging from a tree on a lot adjacent to and owned by Boyd Publishing.

Alarmed that the box might contain an incendiary device, police flew helicopters over the property and officers swarmed the area. Seven police cars circled the property, Boyd said.

By late Wednesday evening, a police bomb squad unit had accessed the box, determined no bomb materials were inside and had it perched in the back-seat of one of the police cars. It is now classified as a suspicious package.

Mumford declined Thursday to reveal any more of the box's contents saying the case was an ongoing investigation.

Meanwhile, detectives spent Thursday seeking video from nearby Meharry and other homes and businesses, Mumford said, in the hopes of identifying a suspect. She said the culprit could face several charges for intimidation, trespassing and possibly a hate crime.

"Someone did get a picture of the perpetrator's car and apparently they came at night and hung it up," said Ms. Boyd. "Hopefully we will be able to find out who did this."

Boyd plans to press charges and said that in 2020, incidents like this need to be taken seriously, and are a reminder of the need to be aware of one's surroundings.

"There's all kind of foolishness going on, all around the country, and obviously this was very intentional because of the place that they put it, in a predominantly Black neighborhood, right next to Citizens Bank, Meharry Medical College, Fisk University, and right down the street from Tennessee State University," she said.

The property, which stands at the intersection of Jefferson Street and 21st Avenue in Nashville, is home to R.H. Boyd Publishing Corporation, one of the oldest Black-owned businesses in the country.

Founded in 1896 by the Rev. Dr. Richard Henry Boyd, the long standing organization provides Christian and inspirational resources for African-American churches and communities across the country.

At the federal level, hate crimes are defined as crimes committed on the basis of the victim's perceived or actual race, color, religion,

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Hall of Fame outfielder, speedster Brock dies at age 81

By HILLEL ITALIE



In this April 9, 1965, file photo, Lou Brock, of the St. Louis Cardinals, poses in Missouri. Hall of Famer Brock, one of baseball's signature leadoff hitters and base stealers who helped the Cardinals win three pennants and two World Series titles in the 1960s, has died. He was 81. (AP Photo, File)

NEW YORK (AP) — Hall of Famer Lou Brock, one of baseball's signature leadoff hitters and base stealers who helped the St. Louis Cardinals win three pennants and two World Series in the 1960s, has died. He was 81.

Dick Zitzmann, Brock's longtime agent and friend, confirmed Brock's death Sunday, but he said he couldn't provide any details. The Cardinals and Cubs also observed a moment of silence in the outfielder's memory before their game at Wrigley Field.

Brock lost a leg from diabetes in recent years and was diagnosed with cancer in 2017.

"Lou Brock was one of the most revered members of the St. Louis Cardinals

organization and one of the very best to ever wear the Birds on the Bat," Cardinals chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. said in a release.

"He will be deeply missed and forever remembered."

The man later nicknamed the Running Redbird and the Base Burglar arrived in St. Louis in June 1964, swapped from the Cubs for pitcher Ernie Broglio in what became one of baseball's most lopsided trades.

Brock stole 938 bases in his career, including 118 in 1974 — both of those were big league records until they were broken by Rickey Henderson.

"Lou was an outstand-

ing representative of our national pastime and he will be deeply missed," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a release.

Brock's death came after Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver died Monday. Brock and Seaver faced each other 157 times, the most prolific matchup for both of them in their careers.

Along with starter Bob Gibson and center fielder Curt Flood, Brock was an anchor for St. Louis as its combination of speed, defense and pitching made it a top team in the '60s and a symbol of the National League's more aggressive style at the time in comparison to the American League.

The Cards were World

Series champions in 1964 and 1967 and lost to the Detroit Tigers in seven games in 1968. Opposing teams were warned to keep Brock off base, especially in the low-scoring years of 1967-68 when a single run often could win a game. But the speedy left fielder with the pop slide was a consistent base-stealing champion and run producer.

A lifetime .293 hitter, he led the league in steals eight times, scored 100 or more runs seven times and amassed 3,023 hits.

Brock never played in another World Series after 1968, but remained a star for much of the last 11 years of his career.

Documentary About Murder of Botham Jean Set to Air on ID on Thursday, September 10

Emotional episode comes amid continued unrest over police killings of African Americans and two years after Jean's slaying

Season two of *Impact of Murder* kicks off with a heart wrenching two-hour episode on Botham Jean with "The Ballad of Botham Jean," airing on Thursday, September 10 from 9-11 p.m. EDT/PDT on Investigation Discovery.

Written by by **Nsenga K. Burton, Ph.D**

Jean was shot in 2018 inside his Dallas apartment by white, female, off-duty police officer Amy Guyger. Guyger claimed she shot Botham because she thought she had entered her own home, and he was a trespassing bur-

glar. Like many controversial police killings of minorities, Botham's murder sparked national outrage.

Botham Jean was a promising young Black accountant who dreamed of returning to his native St. Lucia to become Prime Minister. As his family mourned, the murder ignited protests from Black Lives Matter activists and sparked a media frenzy.

This senseless tragedy is retold by those closest to the case with gripping, emotional accounts from Jean's family, including his mother, Allison Jean; father Bertrum Jean; sister, Allisa Charles-Findley; as



well as those who worked with the family to bring justice to Botham, including lawyer Lee Merritt and prosecutor Jason Hermus.

Perhaps the most heartrending account comes from 18-year-old Brandt Jean, who mourns Botham's death while wrestling with his anger against his brother's killer. His request for a courtroom embrace of his brother's murderer, Guyger, displayed an astonishing act of forgiveness and inflamed worldwide, polarizing reactions.

"I have to admit it was tough to relive my son's horrible murder," said Allison Jean. "However,

this is an important story. I want people to know how good my son was, and how senseless his death was."

Additional episodes in season two of *Impact of Murder* on ID include: a fatal chance encounter in *Stolen Dreams* which premieres Thursday, September 17 at 9 p.m. ET/PT; a wrongful conviction in *The Betrayal* premiering Thursday, September 24 at 9 p.m. ET/PT; and the finale exploring a devastating case exploring the cycle of domestic violence in *There's No Winning in Murder* debuting on Thursday, October 1 at 9 p.m. ET/PT.

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for a new aftertaste.

It's complicated, in a way, to parse the experience. There's the feeling of being back in a movie theater, and then there's the sensations particular to "Tenet." For Christopher Nolan, whose films build their conceptual architecture around the metaphysics of movies themselves, it's kind of one and the same. His movies are designed, from a molecular level, to unlock innate cinematic powers and glorify the almighty Big Screen — a lonely god these last few months.

As the first major film released in theaters since the pandemic began, "Tenet" has swelled in the minds of anxious moviegoers, adopting the role of savior. Nolan vs. COVID-19 is as much part of the drama of "Tenet" as anything on screen, and just as convoluted and disorienting. Seeing "Tenet" for this critic meant crossing numerous state lines and watching it at a nearly empty movie theater — a luxury of social distancing that won't be possible for most, even in reduced capacity theaters. At its best, moviegoing has always been thrilling, even dangerous. That may

be doubly so right now.

For better and worse, "Tenet" is just a movie. It won't beat the virus and it won't single-handedly save movie theaters. It won't even really blow your mind. But for much of its 150-minute running time, Nolan's globe-trotting sci-fi riff on the spy thriller will provide a dazzling escape, one dense with singular imagery and intellectual puzzles. And, perhaps most vitally, it will give a cool, brutalist refresher of the movies' capacity for awe, for imagination, and, yes, for tiresome grandiosity. For the palindromic "Tenet," it cuts both ways.

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IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020

How to Vote

2020 US general election State - Texas

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Texas offers absentee ballots by mail to voters who will be unable to vote in person. All other voters are expected to vote in person. Texas offers early voting.

Vote in person
Vote on Election Day
Voters registered in Texas can look up where to vote on .
Vote early

Texas voters can also vote before Election Day. The early voting period runs from Tuesday, October 13, 2020 to Friday, October 30, 2020, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live.

What to bring

You will be asked to show photo ID to vote in Texas. Acceptable forms include: Texas driver's license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS); Texas election ID certificate; Texas personal ID card; Texas handgun license; US military ID with photo; US citizenship certificate with photograph (doesn't need to be current); or a US passport. Forms must be current or expired less than four years. For voters aged 70 or older, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired for any length of time if the identification is otherwise valid.

Voters without ID: If you don't have ID and cannot obtain one due to a reasonable impediment, you'll need to sign a sworn statement that there is a reason why you don't have any of the accepted IDs, and present one of the following: certified birth certificate; valid voter registration certificate; or a current utility bill, government check, bank statement or paycheck, or government document with your name and an address. If you meet these requirements and are eligible to vote, you may vote in the election.

If you don't have ID and do not have a reasonable impediment to obtaining one or did not bring ID to the polling place, you may cast a provisional ballot. In order to have the provisional ballot counted, you will be required to visit the voter registrar's office within six (6) calendar days of the date of the election to either present one of the forms of photo ID or submit a temporary affidavit, or, if applicable, qualify for the disability exemption, in the presence of the county voter registrar while attesting to the fact that you do not have any of the required photo IDs.

SOULS TO THE POLLS

Join Souls to the Polls
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What is Souls to the Polls?

Souls to the Polls is a voter turnout initiative that encourages organization members and supporters to meet at designated locations and caravan together to a local polling site. This exciting event will join culture, unity and service in a single URGENT activity. Participants will have fun decorating their cars with signs saying "Get Out and Vote," "Your Vote Counts" and "Rock the Vote" and riding through communities parade style to encourage people to make voting a priority.

Why is this necessary?

The struggle for equal voting rights dates to the earliest days of U.S. history. Now, after a period of bipartisan efforts to expand enfranchisement, Americans once again face new obstacles to voting. Souls to the Polls was created to ensure that disenfranchised communities, specifically communities of color, have their voices heard.

Why now?

Because of the ongoing pandemic and continued efforts to suppress the votes of minority communities, waiting until Election Day is not wise. The sooner we get out and vote – the better! Souls to the Polls matters now more than ever!

What now?

Super Sunday early voting dates are Oct. 18, 2020, and Oct. 25, 2020, and Souls to the Polls will be from 1-5 p.m. If your organization would like to participate, complete the Eventbrite registration form below.

Who should participate?

The entire community is welcome to mobilize a caravan to the polls! Suggestions are: churches, community organizations, businesses, sororities, fraternities, car clubs, jeep clubs, trail-riding clubs, motorcycle clubs, residential communities, barbers & clients, hair stylists & clients, high school groups, college groups, and more!

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Congresswoman Johnson Humbled and Grateful for Elementary School Named in her Honor

DALLAS, TX – Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson released the following statement on the Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees' decision to name a new school in her honor - the **Eddie Bernice Johnson Elementary School**.

"My focus is always on serving the constituents of District 30 without expecting any recognition. I am grateful to all of you for considering me worthy of this honor.

"Whoever thought in my lifetime I would have a school of this magnitude bearing my name – I thank you for that black girl from Waco, Texas whose goal in life was to relieve pain and promote health for all.

"Throughout my career serving as a representative for this region both in Austin, and in Washington, I have kept my eyes on public education and our schools. Let me take a moment to reflect on such progress that has been made since my day. Growing up during segregation, I didn't have the same opportuni-

ties as the students who will, one day, attend this school. The big thing was trying to get a book with all its pages because in my school all the African American kids got books that white kids discarded.

"When I finished high school and desired to be a professional nurse, there was not a college in Texas I could attend with a nationally accredited nursing program, so I attended St. Mary's College Holy Cross School of Nursing in South Bend, IN at Notre Dame University. I only say this to say to young people who will attend the magnificent school - you have a better opportunity, please make the best of it. "When you get discouraged remember what an opportunity you have and yes you can rise - be focused and determined. It is my hope that the students attending this school get all the opportunities they deserve, so that we can mold and grow the next generation of scientists, physicians, dentists, and community leaders. It's no coincidence that governments who invest in their young people and

their education have better outcomes and develop at a much faster pace than those who refuse to invest in their future.

"The teachers and facility in public schools across the country are responsible for inspiring and lifting millions of young people out of poverty and into the middle class. I am sure many teachers and faculty are facing difficult choices as we continue to deal with the coronavirus pandemic. Balancing their desire to help young people succeed in the future while calculating the risks going into the classroom may have on their health is no easy task. The least we can do is to stand with them and respect whatever decision is made.

"I shall leave you with a quote from my father that I used in my honors speech when I graduated from high school – I do not know where he got it, but it has stayed with me. "Once a task has begun, never leave it till it's done – be the labor great or small – do it well or not at all."

Dallas temporarily bans scooter program due to misuse

DALLAS (AP) — The city of Dallas has decided to temporarily ban its scooter program after receiving an influx of complaints about people misusing them.

The Dallas Department of Transportation decided to halt the program on

Monday. Scooter operators must remove about 5,000 scooters.

"A lot of people are still riding these scooters, and they seem to be up to no good," said Michael Rogers, the city's transportation director.

Mobility advocates say

they are not pleased with the city's decision, but officials are convinced that there need to be tighter regulations in place for riders.

City officials said Tuesday that companies have not been disabling the vehicles at night when they are not permitted. There have been complaints of groups of people riding them late at night and harassing business owners

and residents. The coronavirus pandemic has worsened the problem. Officials said that before the pandemic, scooters were used mostly for transportation but are now being used for entertainment.

A city ordinance allows scooters to operate until 9 p.m. in Deep Ellum and until midnight in other neighborhoods.

Mayor Eric Johnson

said in a that he was surprised by decision to halt the program.

"I don't understand how the city can essentially suspend an ordinance without City Council action," he wrote. He also stated that they should meet as soon as possible to discuss future plans.

Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano, who represents Deep Ellum, said Rogers can pause the scooter pro-

gram for emergencies such as public safety concerns without council approval.

Council member David Blewett, whose district includes the Central Business District, said he has received complaints about the scooters from concerned residents.

"If we can fix some of the issues, then we have a chance to bring them back,"



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