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# **Brand** new Eddie Bernice Johnson Elementary School enjoys enthusiastic kickoff to the school year

By the **HUB** 



DALLAS pus in Wilmer, Tx. celebrated its first day of distance learning with a visit Superintendent Michael Hinojosa and the school's namesake, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson.

Hinojosa and Johnson, a 14-term Dallas congresswoman, toured the Eddie Bernice Johnson Elementary School on Tuesday, Sept. 8, greeting teachers in various classrooms. The school's music

The teacher even wowed the newest elementary cam- guests and visiting media by singing a song.

> The \$36 million project is Dallas ISD's first brand new school since 2015 and was constructed as part of the 2015 Bond Program. The school will serve students in grades pre-K3 through fifth. The 83,720-square-foot campus includes an administrative area, media/library, art and music classrooms, gymnasium, dining/stage, central plant, playgrounds, and parking



# **ZAC AND COVID-19** "My Day"

By Dr. J. Ester Davis



Director Zachery Thompson Most people know him as just Zac.

And after more than ties, especially the African

twenty (20) years with Dallas County Health, he is a vital sought-after resource in all communi-

American community. Back in April, 2020, we interviewed Zac about his current status in the community, his passion for volunteering at Bethlehem Center Food Pantry and his thoughts on the COVID-19 that had taken up residency on American soil. Mr. Thompson is a Dallas Maker, graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School onward to UTA with a degree propelling his life long career. As a director of public health, Zac's resume includes several viruses the county was confronted with directly and indirectly, locally and globally. And that list of viruses over two decades is extensive.

I am reminded of the resurgence of measles and history. Americans over the age of 50 are familiar with measles. We know that measles is a highly contagious disease. Atlantic.com, on Health noted that the " once defeated disease in the United States is a failure of communication". The word virus has its roots in a Latin term for 'poison'. COVID is a disease that involves and affects all of

Several days after the interview conducted by Dr. Fred Jones, President, Trinity Intl Seminary, I

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## Biden Campaign & DNC **Announce New Vote-By-Mail Features on IWillVote.com**

By Stacy M. Brown NNPA Newswire

On Monday, Sept. 14, Joe Biden for President campaign and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) have announced new features on – the DNC's voter participation website - that will help voters easily request and return their ballot by mail.

According to the campaign, the site will also help visitors learn important information about

the voting process in their state as they make their plan to vote.

Previously, an individual could use the site to check or update their registration and find voting locations. The new user experience will also guide a voter through their best voting-by-mail option based on their state and county regulations, including:

Requesting a ballot online. A voter will be

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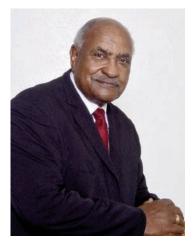
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# EDITORIAL PAGE

# "We the People.



By Rev. Dr. John E. Warren. Publisher

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The Constitution of the United States starts with the words, "We the People," not "Me The People." Donald Trump and those who follow him would change those words and, in effect, replace Democracy with Racism. The Constitution has been

the means to "establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence," and "promote the general Welfare," of all the people of this nation. Nowhere does the document say "for a select few or a chosen few." Nowhere does it say "for White people only," although that had been the implied interpretation in the beginning.

The Bill of Rights, inspired by Thomas Jefferson and drafted by James Madison, was adopted in 1791 as the U.S. Senate which refuses first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution; adding such guarantees as Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech Press, Department of Justice Petition and Assembly, Due Process of Law and Equality before the law. laws of the land. The The 13th, 14th and 15th

"The Civil Amendments," abolished slavery, declared all persons born naturalized in the United States as America citizens, including African Americans; and prohibited each government in the United States from denying citizens the right to vote based on that citizens's race, color or previous condition of servitude.

We keep America great by exercising our right to vote in spite of efforts by Trump, the Republican to uphold its oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the U.S. which is charged by its creation to uphold the protests we see today in Amendments, known as our cities is a guaranteed

Constitutional right. The violence is not. The right vote is a guaranteed state right, not regulated by the President nor under his jurisdiction. Let us not get so caught up with Donald Trump that, in protest, we ignore our guaranteed rights as "We the people" and not the "Me the People" of Trump and his racist supporters who really mean "Make America White Again."

America had never stopped being great until Donald Trump, Mitch McConell of the United States Senate and William of the U.S. Department of Justice decided that the President is more important than the U.S. Constitution and its guarantees of more than 200 years. Something to think about.

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Printing and mailing their request. A voter completes a vote-by-mail request form on . The voter then prints, signs, and mails the request form to the state.

Requesting a prepaid return envelope: A voter completes a vote-by-mail request form on and

requests a prepaid return envelope. The voter will then receive their completed request form via mail to sign and return in a prepaid return envelope. "How ever voters choose to cast their ballots, these updates to IWillVote.com site provide the tools necessary to exercise their right to participate in our democracy and ensure our community's voice is heard. "Our lives and our livelihoods are at stake this November, and we're doing everything in our power to ensure every voter has all the information they need to make a plan to vote and send Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to the White House,"

# City to pay millions to Breonna Taylor's mom, reform police

By **DYLAN LOVAN** 



(AP Photo/**Dylan Lovan**, File)

LOUISVILLE, (AP) — Months after the Taylor thrust her name to the forefront of a national reckoning on race, the city of Louisville agreed to pay the Black woman's family \$12 million and reform police practices as part of a settlement announced Tuesday.

But Taylor's mother not enough. and others who have taken up her cause said much more must be done to right the wrongs of racial injustice in America.

"Please continue to say her name," Taylor's moth-Tamika Palmer, declared at an emotional news conference, evoking the call that has become a national refrain for those outraged by the shooting and police violence.

Taylor's death sparked months of protests in Louisville and calls nationwide for the officers to be criminally charged. The state's attorney general, Daniel Cameron, is investigating police actions in the March 13

Ky. fatal shooting.

"I cannot begin to imagpolice killing of Breonna ine Ms. Palmer's pain, and I am deeply, deeply sorry for Breonna's death," said Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer in announcing the terms of the lawsuit settlement.

> Standing nearby as the mayor spoke, Palmer said the police reforms were

"We must not lose focus on what the real job is, and with that being said, it's time to move forward with the criminal charges, because she deserves that and much more," Palmer said. "As significant as today is, it's only the beginning of getting full justice for Breonna."

The lawsuit, filed by Palmer in April, accused police of using flawed information when they obtained a "no-knock" warrant to enter the 26year-old woman's apartment. Taylor and her boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, were roused from bed by police.

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## Continued Zac Page 1

asked for one word to described Zac. "He is a visionary", was the reply. This is a mighty narrative factoring in Zac is now a member of the "retired talent" community. More importantly, after the interview, we started

receiving comments about Zac. One of the messages stuck with me. A former student of Director Thompson from West Dallas called. Director Thompson spent thirteen(13) years at the West Dallas Community Center. All grown up now he expressed

thoughts about the man he looked up to and was happy to see him well and still on the 'frontline' of making things happen.

The global and national challenges with COVID-19 are important to all of us, but Zac, operating from a position of trust munities. and commitment, concen-

trates on the local stats in Dallas County, which is public information. Let on the list. Email address: ZachThompson@sbcglobal.net Our thanks to all our retired talent that is still making significant contributions to our com-

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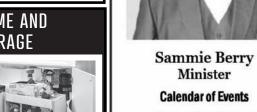


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## A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN

Two Notable Miracles by Christ on Land and on the Sea St. John 6:14-27

In this momentous chapter, we have discussed the Miracle of Jesus feeding the Five Thousand beside women and children. It was a very notable miracle and gospel writer reports about it. As a result of this signal miracle, Jesus' popularity increased tremendously to the extent that verse 14, says – "Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the

world." Furthermore, in verse 15, we are told that the people were so excited about Christ's ability as a miracle - worker until they wanted to take Him by force and make Him a King (v. 15). But, what really laid behind their zeal? They really had no appreciation for His Divine person, nor did they understand the real reason for His first coming. Moreover, our blessed Lord knew about their motive; and any way: "He did not need to be made King, for He

already King" (Matthew 2:2). And before He reigns as King, He must die a vicarious death for human kind! In other words, before the crown, He must endure the cross: no cross, no crown! Having instructed His disciples to get into a boat and go to Bethsaida, Jesus dismisses the crowd and went into a mountain to pray (Mark 6:45-46). While Jesus was on the mountain praying, the disciples were struggling

on the lake, for a tempestuous wind had caused much difficulty on the lake. As the disciples' lives were in danger, Our Lord came to their rescue "walking on the sea;" and He arrested their fears by saying -"It is I; be not afraid" (St. John 6:19-20). In our darkest trial, our Lord is not indifferent to our plight; but He is right there with us to calm our fears and to placate our troubled hearts! What a God we serve. Having delivered

His disciples (v. 21), Christ will give a lengthy discourse explaining the spiritual import of the notable miracles of feeding the five thousand, and Jesus' walking on the water. After the crowd discovers that our Lord is no longer on the eastern side of the lake, where they were fed, they took a boat and found Jesus in Capernaum (v. 22-25), and raised a question -"Rabbi, when camest thou hither" (v. 25). Having analyzed their motive, Jesus knew that they were only following Him for physical sustenance (v. 26) but they needed to focus on the spiritual bread that leads to eternal life! May God Bless!

By Rev. Johnny C. Smith

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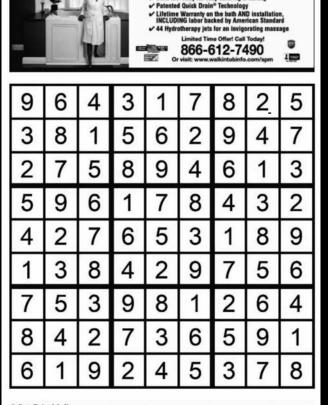
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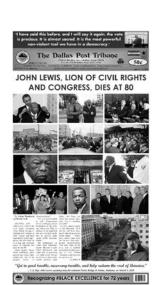
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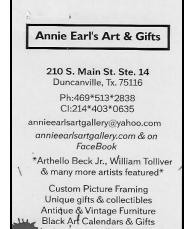
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DALLAS – In healthcare, Officer at Parkland. as with other industries, crisis often inspires innovation. On March 11, Parkland Health & Hospital System admitted its first patient with COVID-19. In an attempt to help contain the spread of the novel coronavirus in the community, Parkland quickly partnered with the Parkland for Clinical Innovation (PCCI) develop an innovative technology-based solution to the challenge of identifying people most at risk of exposure to the virus, alert them of their risk and provide early diagnosis and treatment for those already infected.

The Proximity Risk Index generates a score for each patient using a sophisticated machine-learning algorithm, geo-mapping and hot-spotting technology to generate a dynamic personal risk score based on an individual's proximity to other confirmed, active COVID-19 cases. Parkland created three initiatives utilizing the index to help triage which patients they should reach out to proactively to assess their needs. "This project utilizes the key skillsets of Parkland and PCCI — innovation, public service, outreach and community engagement — in service of our patients and the residents of Dallas County. It is greatly extending our reach in combatting COVID-19 effectively, particularly for the most vulnerable in our community," said Brett Moran, MD, Senior Vice

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The first initiative, dubbed Proximity Index 1.0, was developed and implement-

ed in the spring to identify patients with appointments in the next 1-2 days who would be coming for an inperson visit at a Parkland facility. The goal is to find those at risk of having COVID-19 and triage them prior to the appointment to reduce risk of spreading the disease to others in the waiting room or clinic. For those who triage positive (i.e., suspected to be exposed), Parkland offers them a COVID-19 test and a virtual visit. To date. Parkland has screened with this tool.

Proximity Index 2.0 rolled out the week of Sept. 8 to address the risks and needs of patients who are NOT coming into the health system in the next 30 days but have been seen in the past year. The goal is to connect directly with more Dallas County residents who are at higher risk of getting COVID-19 and at higher risk of poor outcomes if they should get it. Engaging people before they are sick or at early stages of illness can help aid recovery and prevent further spread of COVID-19 to family, friends and the community.

These patients receive a text from Parkland asking a few questions about their health and activities to help determine potential exposure to, or illness due to, 19 in July a short time after COVID-19. If the patient her husband was treated for screens that they are at risk the infection at Parkland Information for COVID-19 exposure, Memorial Hospital. A

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they are provided information about where to get tested and instructions about staying safe. Parkland also more than 8,000 patients asks patients with COVIDrelated symptoms if they The second initiative, have medical needs and if so, arrange for a virtual visit for the patient, help obtain refills for medications or meet other healthcare needs. are

Individuals also assessed for their risk for food insecurity. Parkland has partnered with a local community-based organization that will deliver food to these potentially ill individuals who need good nutrition to keep them well or help recover from illness. "The work PCCI does to connect providers with other community services to improve patients' social determinants of health is more important now than ever," said Steve Miff, PhD, PCCI President and CEO. Parkland patient Blanca Leon, 43, of Dallas, devel-

oped symptoms of COVID-

Parkland community health worker followed up with the family to ask if they needed assistance with safely scheduling healthcare visits, obtaining groceries, financial aid for medical expenses or other needs. Leon said she was grateful for Parkland's outreach during a difficult "We appreciate all the assis-

tance that Parkland has offered," Leon said. "People should take this virus serously." third

The initiative, Proximity Index 3.0, created geo-mapping of all COVID-19 cases across Dallas County. With the assistance of PCCI, Parkland identifies trends of where cases are growing, then mobilizes its staff of community health workers along with community leaders to disseminate information to those areas regarding staying safe, monitoring for symptoms and resources for where to get tested and obtain medical help.





# 7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, September 17

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Sunday, September 20

Monday, September 21

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# Cowboys' Prescott acknowledges mental struggles of offseason

By SCHUYLER DIXON



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) gives instructions to his teammates during an NFL football training camp practice at The Star, Friday, Aug. 28, 2020, in Frisco, Texas. (AP Photo/Brandon Wade)

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott says he was already feeling the emotional burden of the pandemic when the star quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys received word that one of his brothers had died by suicide in the an spring.

death for the first time in a recent TV interview set to air this weekend. On Thursday, Prescott told reporters who cover the team he sought help from family, coaches and teammates past and present and sports psychologist Chad Bohling of the New York adviser to the things for me." Cowboys.

Prescott acknowledged the "When you have thoughts endured the death of their insensitive comments sat there and tried to gathcause of Jace Prescott's that you've never had, I mother, Peggy, who died were received by people er what had happened and those type of things can think that's more so than of colon cancer when Dak internally at FOX Sports wanted to ask why for so

be vulnerable about it," Prescott said. "Was able to have those conversations and then reach out further just to more people. I think being open about it and not holding those feelings Yankees. Bohling has been in was one of the better "We have addressed the "I mean, obviously tears

ize it and recognize it, to at Mississippi State in network said.

Dak Prescott said he knew Jace Prescott bore the greatest burden as their mom's primary caregiver while she battled cancer. Jace Prescott died at 31 in the southeast Texas city of Orange in April.

The youngest of three brothers, Dak Prescott said the pandemic was a struggle because he's a people person who thrives through interacting with and trying to inspire oth-

Fox sports commentator Skip Bayless criticized Prescott's admission, saying on his TV show he had no sympathy for the 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year and that it was a sign of weakness for the leader of the franchise.

After Bayless' comments were blasted on Twitter, Fox issued a statement praising the quarterback and saying it didn't agree with what Bayless said.

hide such feelings as a leader, Prescott said no.

"I think that is a fake leader," said Prescott, who starts his fifth season Sunday night in the first game at the new home of the Los Angeles Rams. "Being a leader is about being genuine and being real. Before I even lead, I have to make sure my mind is in the right place to do that and lead people to where they want to be. I think that is important to be vulnerable, to be genuine and to be transparent."

Prescott said in the TV interview he thought he might be experiencing depression just a few days before his older brother's death. Prescott said he hadn't been sleeping well before his father woke him up from one of his best nights of sleep in a long time with news of Jace Prescott's suicide.

significance of this matter and tears and tears," Dak The Prescott brothers with Skip and how his Prescott said. "I mean, I anything a chance to real- Prescott was a sophomore and our audience," the many reasons. As much as you want to ask why as

Asked whether he should much as this, I mean, I know my brother, and as we said, he had a lot of burdens on him."

> Prescott said he hopes he can help others by acknowledging a difficult offseason mentally. He also had an unsettled situation with his contract, and didn't get a longsought multiyear deal that will be worth more than \$100 million if it ever gets completed. The two-time Pro Bowler is playing this season on the \$31 million franchise tag.

> In part because of that huge pay raise (he made \$2 million in the last year of his rookie deal), Prescott is quick to say he knows many others were struggling with similar emotions in the pandemic. "I don't want to sit here and dwell on the things that were a struggle for me when I know I'm very fortunate and blessed and other people have it much more worse," he said. "But just to be transparent about it, that even in my situation, emotions and overcome you if you don't do something about it."

## Report: Death penalty cases show history of racial disparity

By COLLEEN LONG



WASHINGTON (AP) Black people have been overrepresented on death rows across the United States and killers of Black people are less likely to face the death penalty than people who kill white people, a new report found.

The report from the Penalty Information Center is a history lesson in how lynchings and executions have been used in America and how discrimination bleeds into the entire criminal justice system. It traces a line from lynchings of old killings outside the law where Black people were killed in an effort to assert social control during slavery and Jim Crow, and how that eventually translated into state-ordered

executions.

grapples with criminal justice and police reform following the deaths of other Black people at the hands of police Across the coundeath penalty but executions occur mostly in Southern states.

And after a 17-year hiatus despite waning public support for the death penalty. The center, a think tank that studies both state and federal capital cases, wrote that capital punishment must be included in the discussion of the past.

"I think what the data tells us and what history tells us is that they're all part of the same phenomenon. The death penalty is inextricably linked to our history of slavery, of lynching, and Jim Crow segregation, and we wanted to put what is happening today in its appropriate context," said Robert Dunham, who leads the Death Penalty Information Center.

People of color have been overrepresented on death row — in 2019, 52% of the death row inmates were Black, but that num-It comes as the U.S. ber has dropped to 42%

this year, when approximately 60% of the population is white. But it also showed that the killers of white people were more try. 30 states have the likely than the killers of Black people to face the death penalty, and cases with white victims were more likely to be investigated.

> Since the death penalty resumed in 1977, 295 Black defendants were executed for killing a white victim, but only 21 white defendants were executed for the killing of a Black victim even though Black people are disproportionately the victims of crime.

> "If you're thinking about Black victims of crime, they are more likely to be the victims of homicide, but we've created this system where Black victims of crime are less likely to get the services they need, the clearance rate for those crimes is much lower," said Ngozi Ndulue, author of the study. "Instead what we have is what is seen as the 'worst of the worst' being executed, and that means in many cases the person

killed was white."

The report also details or a teenager. several case studies in which race may be playing a role today. Payne told police he was Christopher's apartment building in Millington, Tennessee, to meet his girlfriend when he saw a man in bloody clothes run past him. Payne, who is African American, has said he found and tried to help the victims, who were white, but panicked when he saw a white policeman and ran away.

Payne is sentenced to die Dec. 3, but he has asked a judge to order DNA testing. At the time of his trial, DNA testing of evidence was unavailable, and no testing has ever been done in his case. A request for DNA testing, in 2006, was refused based on a Tennessee Supreme Court ruling that has since been overturned.

His recent petition said police focused almost exclusively on him as a suspect, although nothing in his history suggested he would commit such a crime. He was a minister's son who never caused

problems either as a child

But prosecutors alleged Payne was high on cocaine and looking for sex when he killed Christopher and her daughter in a "druginduced frenzy." The town of Millington is in Shelby County, which has the most death sentences and lynchings of any county in the state.

The report also takes aim at the federal government's scheduling of executions. The first set were all white men, a move critics argue was a political calculation to avoid uproar. The federal death penalty suffers the same racial bias, according to the report. Of the 57 people on federal death row, 34 are people of color, including 26 Black men, some convicted by allwhite juries, the report found.

Christopher Andre Vialva, 39, is scheduled to receive a lethal injection on Sept. 24.





#### Join Souls to the Polls Make Sure the Voices of Our Community are Heard!

#### 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.

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!

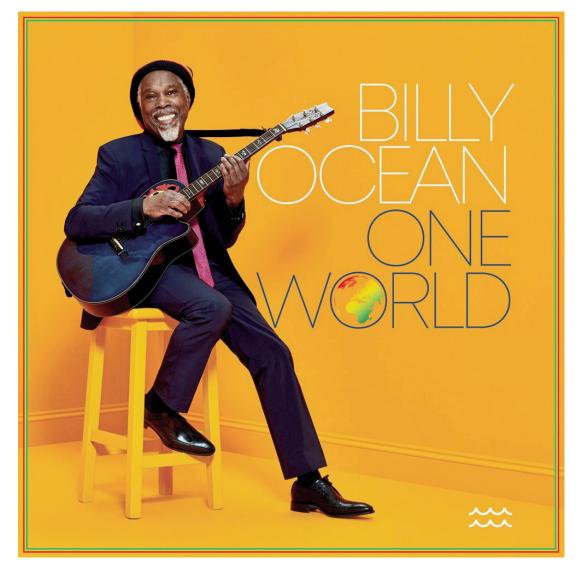
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# At 70, Billy Ocean returns with an album to 'lift you up'

By MARK KENNEDY



NEW YORK (AP) — Billy Ocean is angry. But you won't hear it in his music.

Now 70, he's frustrated by structural racism and by Black people being shot by police. He's fed up with hatred and thinks society is often going backward.

Yet none of that is unleashed in his mix of soul, reggae, R&B and pop infused with the warmth of the Caribbean. It's the way he's done it his 1984 "Caribbean Queen (No More Love On the Run)" to his bright new album,

"If I was an angry man, I wouldn't be able to make the sort of music I'm trying to make," he says. "It's a gift to inspire people. I like to think it's a gift to lift you up. It shouldn't bring you down. What is the benefit of everybody trying to bring people down?"

For his first studio album in a decade, Ocean returns to the theme of uplift. Three songs alone have the word "love" in the title. He sings in the title track: "What we need is a love revolution."

"We need a love revolution because there's too much hatred around and there's too much misunderstanding around," he tells The Associated Press by phone from his home in the U.K.

"I mean, for God's sake: How long are we going to go on with this sort of climate?" he asks. "For me as a Black person, how long are we going be shot down by the police?"

To make the album, Ocean co-wrote 19 songs last summer and settled on 12, going into the mix three times to get the balance right between slow tunes and uptempo ones.

Though the songs were crafted before the pandemic and summer of protests, he feels they seem right for our time now. Many urge unity and respect.

"The Lord works in mysterious ways. These songs were written before any sort of hint of the political climate and the pandemic climate that people are going through right now," he says. "But yet somehow we finish it and it sort of fitted right. It's a time when people need a little consciousness. People need a little uplift."

The new album sees Ocean reuniting with producer Barry Eastmond, who first teamed up with him as keyboardist on "Caribbean Queen." Eastmond would go on to produce and help write many Ocean hits, including "When the Going Gets Tough" and "Love Zone."

"It's all from a place of love," says the producer. heart."

Born Trinidad, in Ocean's love of music came early, fed by his musician father. Local calypso led to getting hooked on Nat King Cole and Sam Cooke.

ed to England, where young Billy got turned on by the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. Then came Motown — The Supremes and Marvin Gaye — and James Brown and Otis Redding.

out now is really what went in, to be honest with you," he says.

Two musicians became his north star, both named Bob — Bob Dylan and Bob Marley. They showed Ocean a way to add positivity and social consciousness to his music.

"For me, to make music that can sort of make people think and instill a bit of consciousness in them, fine. That's great. That's what we're here to do," he says.

Beginning "Caribbean Queen" in 1984, he topped music charts for years, earning a Grammy, and had hits like "When the Going Gets Tough, the Tough Get Going," "Loverboy," "Get Outta My Dreams, Get Into My Car" "Suddenly."

He says his lyrics have gotten wiser as he has. "It's a lot more mature, a

to, say, like 'Caribbean Queen,' for example. I'm older, so I just feel that I should be little bit more responsible" he says.

lot more mature lyrically

"I see things around me — some good, some bad — and try and make them topical and write them in a way that is inoffensive to people, but at the same time, still make people think."

He plans to tour again and music is still flowing through him. He hopes to hit stages in 2021 highlighting "One World" to a world that needs to heal in more ways than one.

"The Lord has given me an outlet and that outlet is music. It's not always easy. Sometimes it's a struggle. But after the struggle and you come up with something that's good, it's so rewarding."

**STAY SAFE!** 

#### **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 Texas's site.

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.



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Eastmond calls him "probably the most honest artist I've ever worked with."

"It's all from his heart and 'We have to do better. But we can't do it in a destructive way. We have to do it in a peaceful, loving way.' In all his songs, he's talking straight from the

Ocean's family relocat-

"I was absorbing it like crazy. And so what comes