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Brandt Jean, brother of man killed by cop gets Ethical Courage Award for hugging her

PLANO, Texas (AP) — The brother of a man killed by a Dallas police officer has accepted an Ethical Courage Award from a law enforcement organization after she was convicted of murder.

The Institute for Law Enforcement Administration gave 18-year-old Brandt Jean the award Tuesday for his “display of empathy and forgiveness” toward Amber Guyger.

In October, Brandt embraced Guyger in court after she was sentenced to a decade in prison for last year. Guyger, 31, said she mistook Jean’s home for her own and thought the 26-year-old was an intruder.

Gregory Smith, director of the Dallas-area institute, said Brandt’s actions helped the community heal.

Brandt said at the ceremony that it was hard to accept an award from a police training group because he believes a lack of training led to his brother’s death.



Kamala Harris ends White House bid, citing lack of funding



SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Sen. Kamala Harris told supporters on Tuesday that she was ending her bid for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination, an abrupt close to a candidacy that held historic potential.

“I’ve taken stock and looked at this from every angle, and over the last few days have come to one of the hardest decisions of my life,” the California Democrat said. “My campaign for president simply doesn’t have the financial resources we need to continue.”

A senior campaign aide said Harris made the decision Monday after discussing the path forward with family and other top officials over the Thanksgiving holiday.

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BILL COSBY SPOKE FROM PRISON AND THE WHOLE WORLD LISTENED

PRISON INTERVIEW WITH BLACKPRESSUSA

BILL COSBY

One of the things that I keep telling, the, the, the crowd, that had some 400 people... yesterday...is that first of all I'm not a psychiatrist, I'm not a psychologist, I'm an entertainer.



BREAKING NEWS PA V. COSBY

Cosby insists he is not guilty and says his trial was a sham, unjust and not fair



Obamas' publisher makes new pledge to education organization



NEW YORK (AP) — The publisher of Barack and Michelle Obama has pledged to donate 300,000 children’s books to a leading educational organization, adding to the 1 million copies already given.

Penguin Random House announced Tuesday that it had joined with the former president and former first lady in contributing to First Book () in the Obama family’s name. For every \$3 donated to First Book between now and the end of the year, Random House will give two new books to First Book, up to 300,000 books. First Book distributes books and other resources to schools and programs serving children from low-income communities.

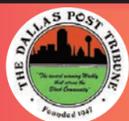
The initial First Book contribution was announced by Penguin Random House upon acquiring memoirs by the Obamas in 2017. Michelle Obama’s million-selling “Becoming” came out last year. Barack Obama is currently working on his book about his years in the White House.

“When children have greater access to our books and stories, we, together with President and Mrs. Obama, are helping to shape a literate, educated, and democratic society that will become the next generation of readers and leaders,” Penguin Random House CEO Markus Dohle said in a statement.

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior Corespondent

When Bill Cosby opened up to the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) in his first interview since his incarceration more than a year ago, the acclaimed actor/producer/comedian said he wanted to get a message across to Black America – to African American men in particular

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Three Baltimore Men Exonerated After Nearly Four Decades in Prison

Written By Stacy M. Brown

Afred Chestnut, Ransom Watkins and Andrew Stewart were released and exonerated after spending 36 years in prison for a crime they didn't commit.

The men were teenagers when they received a life sentence in 1984 after being convicted of murdering 14-year-old DeWitt Duckett in Baltimore.

"Everyone involved in this case — school officials, police, prosecutors, jurors, the media, and the community — rushed to judgment and allowed their tunnel vision to obscure obvious problems with the evidence," said Shawn Armbrust, executive director of the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project, which represents Watkins.

"This case should be a lesson to everyone that the search for quick answers can lead to tragic results," Armbrust stated.

DeWitt reportedly was



shot in the neck following a dispute over a jacket as he walked to class at Harlem Park Junior High School in Baltimore.

Marilyn Mosby, the Baltimore City State's Attorney, reopened the case earlier this year because of lingering questions and recent revelations of corruption in the city's police department that allegedly stretched back for decades.

Chestnut also sent a query to the city's Conviction Integrity Unit, which the Washington Post said included exculpatory evidence that he uncovered in 2018.

An assistant prosecutor who worked on the case in 1984 reportedly said that prosecutors had no reports at the time that would have cast doubt on the guilt of the three men.

Following their conviction, court records were sealed, and it wasn't until a year ago, that Chestnut had successfully obtained the related documents through a freedom of information request.

According to the District Attorney's office, the police records revealed that several witnesses told authorities that the person responsible was an 18-year-old who immediately fled the

scene and dumped his weapon.

Instead, the Baltimore police focused their investigation on Chestnut, Watkins, and Stewart. The alleged shooter was fatally shot in 2002.

"On behalf of the criminal justice system, and I'm sure this means very little to you, gentlemen, I'm going to apologize," Circuit Court Judge Charles Peters told the men at a hearing on Monday, November 25.

Peters said the men are entirely exonerated.

She the People's Statement on Kamala Harris

SAN FRANCISCO -- In response to news that Senator Kamala Harris has ended her presidential campaign, She the People Founder Aimee Allison issued the following statement:

"The Democratic field became much less diverse today, after the only Black woman in the presidential race dropped out. It was evident when Sen. Kamala Harris launched her campaign that she would be a formidable contender for the White House -- one who was able to attract a multiracial and enthusiastic base that would fuel her historic bid.

"I had hoped that she would be able to recapture some of that early excitement. As a Black woman, I know from personal experience that Kamala has to work three times as hard as some of the other candidates in this race to get half as far.

"Kamala's presence in the race helped blaze a trail for the next generation of women of color. She ran a competitive campaign that has forced us to re-think what it means to be electable.

"But, her journey is not over. We believe her political career will continue to grow and she will become stronger and rise up higher from this experience. If someone like Joe Biden can run for president multiple times before becoming Vice President and a leading contender for president, we have no doubt Kamala will only rise up higher."

She the People is a national network connecting women of color to transform our democracy. We are elevating and amplifying the voice and power of women of color as leaders, political strategists, organizers, and voters. She the People is building an inclusive, multiracial coalition driving a new progressive political and cultural era. Connect with She The People on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Kamala Harris ends White House bid, citing lack of funding

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Her withdrawal marked a dramatic fall for a candidate who showed extraordinary promise in her bid to become the first black female president. On a chilly January day in Oakland, California. The first woman and first black attorney general and U.S. senator in California's history, she was widely viewed as a candidate poised to excite the multiracial coalition of voters that sent Barack Obama to the White House.

Her departure erodes the diversity of the Democratic field, which is dominated at the moment by a top tier that is white and mostly male.

"She was an important voice in the race, out before others who raised less and

were less electable. It's a loss not to have her voice in the race," said Aimee Allison, who leads She the People, a group that promotes women of color.

Harris ultimately could not craft a message that resonated with voters or secure the money to continue her run.

She raised an impressive \$12 million in the first three months of her campaign and quickly locked down major endorsements meant to show her dominance in her home state, which offers the biggest delegate haul in the Democratic primary contest.

But as the field grew, Harris' fundraising remained flat; she was unable to attract the type of attention being show-

ered on Pete Buttigieg by traditional donors or the grassroots firepower that drove tens of millions of dollars to Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders.

In her note to supporters, Harris lamented the role of money in politics and, without naming them, took a shot at billionaires Tom Steyer and Michael Bloomberg, who are funding their own presidential bids.

"I'm not a billionaire," she said. "I can't fund my own campaign. And as the campaign has gone on, it's become harder and harder to raise the money we need to compete."

Harris suffered from what allies and critics viewed as an inconsistent pitch to voters. Her slogan "For the

people" referenced her career as a prosecutor, a record that was viewed skeptically by the party's most progressive voters.

Harris and her aides believe she faced an uphill battle — and unfair expectations for perfection — from the start as a woman of color. Her campaign speech included a line about what Harris called the "donkey in the room," a reference to the thought that Americans wouldn't elect a woman of color.

Harris often suggested it was criticism she faced in her other campaigns — all of which she won.

Her departure from the presidential race marks her first defeat as a political candidate.

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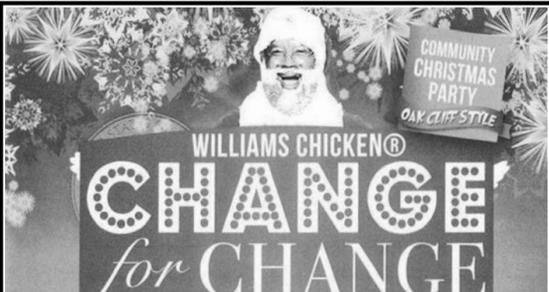
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"A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN"
St. John 1:35-51

In our previous article, we discussed the committed task of John the Baptist as a herald of Jesus Christ, for he introduced to others Jesus Christ who is the supreme sacrifice when he said - "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Again, in our passage today, we find John and his disciples beholding Christ and John the Baptist is still uttering - "Behold the Lamb of God" (St. John 1:35-36). First and foremost, the messenger's chief concern is to stress the sacrificial work of Christ. John's presentation did not change, and our message to others shouldn't change either. We should present the supreme excellence of Christ's sacrificial work so well that others might be drawn to the Saviour (St. John 1:37). The two unidentified disciples in our text were drawn to the person of Christ. Our blessed Saviour posed a searching question to the two unidentified, now followers of Himself, as He asked - "what seek ye" (St. John 1:38). The question posed by our Lord was asked to help them comprehend their purpose for following Him. That same question can be directed to us today - Why are we following Christ? Are we following Him for riches, fame, comfort, or ease? But, what was the response to Christ's question to the disciples? Our answer is found in the latter part of verse thirty-eight in their question to Christ - "Where dwellest thou?" Perhaps in their question the two disciples were desiring an intimate fellowship and communion with our blessed Lord. And that should be our motive to have blessed communion and intimate fellowship with our Saviour! The two disciples found complete satisfaction with Christ, for they abode with Him (St. John 1:39) and one of the two, Andrew, told his brother, Simon Peter, about the Lord (St. John 1:40-43). We should always share with others the joy that we have in Christ! In verse 43, we see Christ's call to Philip - "Follow me", and the contagious influence of one follower of Christ sharing with another follower of Christ about their contact with the Master (St. John 1:44-51). Certainly, when one has truly had an encounter with the Lord, he or she cannot keep it to themselves. During this season of sharing, don't forget to share the good news of the gospel - the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:1-4).

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DALLAS, TX, December 3, 2019 – announced today that it has achieved "High Performer" status from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) following an annual performance evaluation of each public housing authority across the country.

The "High Performer" rating is the top rating in overall categories from financial stewardship, management and physical condition and ranks DHA among the best public housing authorities in the country. The rating is based on 14 national indicators of performance that measures a PHAs effectiveness and ability to assist eligible families to afford decent rental units at a reasonable subsidy cost as intended by Federal housing legislation.

HUD has set three performance grades for the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP):

- "High Performers" (overall score of 90%+)
- "Standard" (60-89%)
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DHA achieved a score of 99% by securing 143 points out of a maximum of 145 across the 14 key measures. The key indicators of performance are:

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- Ensure that all available housing choice vouchers are used
- Expand housing choice outside areas of poverty or minority concentration
- Enroll families in the family self-sufficiency (FSS) program as required and help FSS families achieve increases in employment income

"Our team is dedicated to ensure that families across North Texas have access to quality housing solutions. We are proud that our most recent SEMAP 'High Performer' ranking is a direct reflection of these efforts," said David Zappasodi, senior vice president and chief operating officer for DHA. "We thank our team for their hard work to achieve this prestigious designation and are honored to have this position of service in our community," he concluded.

For more information about the SEMAP program, please visit: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/semmap/semmap#4

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Dallas City of Learning Shares Summer 2019 Impact Report and Announces Program Awards

DALLAS, TX, December 2, 2019 – Today, The City of Dallas, the Dallas Independent School District (DISD), Big Thought and the Center of Research and Evaluation at SMU hosted a 'State of Summer' update about the progress of the Dallas City of Learning program.

Dallas City of Learning is a citywide initiative to ensure all students have access to high-quality summer learning programs. In partnership with more than 700 community partners, the program connects students to the city's most valuable out-of-school time resources.

By sixth grade, each limited resource student has already missed out on 6,000 hours of learning compared to their more affluent peers. The summer months are especially challenging, as students lose two to four months of academic skills in the extended time away from school.

Dallas City of Learning is a public-private partnership that was launched in 2014 and serves an average of 76,500 DISD students each summer, helping to close this gap.

"Continuing to keep our students' minds sharp over the summer months impacts their school performance and ultimately, their long-term prospects for academic success," said T.C. Broadnax, city manager of Dallas. "The City of Dallas is grateful for the hundreds of partners that work hard to deliver this important program for our children."

Dr. Michael Hinojosa, superintendent of DISD stated, "Dallas City of Learning has provided more than 7,300 summer learning programs over the past three years. This program is helping us create more equity for our students who live in areas with little or no enrichment activities. We are stopping the 'summer slide' – improving attendance, GPAs and STAAR scores."

"As someone who was the first in her family to graduate from a four-year college, I know that it takes a village for us to move our children forward," said Cynt Marshall, CEO of the Dallas Mavericks. "Dallas City of Learning is providing our children with a village that cares, teaches and enriches. We should all support this program as an investment in our future workforce."

Byron Sanders, CEO of Big Thought shared, "It is our team's privilege to work with more than 700 incredible partner organizations to break down barriers in program deserts, improving access to learning resources across the city. Nearly three million hours of programming were provided during the summer of 2019 and our students are responding very positively to their teachers and the curriculum."

Three program awards were announced at the State of Summer event:

- Neighbor's Award Goes to Frazier Revitalization**
The Dallas City of Learning Neighbor's Award recognizes an outstanding partner whose work in summer learning has been identified as uniquely community-focused and uplifting. The summer 2019 Neighbor's Award winner is Frazier Revitalization, a place-based nonprofit that serves as a catalyst for the revitalization of the community, where 50 percent of the population lives below the poverty line. As part of Dallas City of Learning, Frazier Revitalization utilized a social-emotional learning approach to counter the negative and health behavior patterns caused by childhood trauma and provided consistent academic programming after school and in the summer to help close the achievement gap by building math and reading skills.
- Superintendent's Award Goes to Bold Idea**
The Dallas City of Learning Superintendent's Award recognizes an outstanding partner whose work in summer learning has been identified as uniquely innovative. The winner of the Superintendent's Award for 2019 is Bold Idea, an education non-profit organization that helps north Texas students discover computer science and prepare for careers in technology and engineering.
- Partner of the Year Award Goes to the Dallas Public Library**
The Dallas City of Learning Partner of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding, multi-year partner whose work in summer learning has demonstrated elevated levels of expertise year over year in how they impact access and dosage to high quality summer programming. The summer 2019 Partner of the Year is the Dallas Public Librar, which provided various programs for students and their families.

Dallas City of Learning Summer 2019 Summary

- More than 700 program partners participated
- 2,735 programs were offered
- 95% of programs offered were free for participants
- Total youths served = 68,303
- 2,993,300 cumulative hours of programming were provided
- 30+ days of student participation delivers the greatest impact
- Multi-year participation is better for student outcomes

Key Outcomes

With every 10 days of Dallas City of learning programming:

- Elementary school students are 25 percent more likely to pass STAAR math
- Elementary school students are 35 percent more likely to pass STAAR reading
- High school students are 40 percent more likely to pass End of Course English 1

The Dallas City of Learning summer program is most effective when partners are offering programming on a long-term and consistent basis. Big Thought, the Dallas City of Learning program manager, is currently looking to extend existing partnerships for next year as well as recruiting new program partners for the summer 2020 program.

For more information about becoming a Dallas City of Learning partner, please visit: <https://dallascityoflearning.org/partner>.

Dallas City of Learning is supported by a strong network of funding partners. To see the full list, please visit: <https://dallascityoflearning.org/about>.

ABOUT DALLAS CITY OF LEARNING

Dallas City of Learning (DCoL) was established in 2014 as a collaborative public-private initiative led by Dallas Independent School District, the City of Dallas Mayor's Office and Big Thought. DCoL is an out of school arts, culture and STEM learning system for grades K-12 that focuses on connecting youth with low- and no-cost learning experiences that cultivate creativity, build social and emotional skills and boost academic achievement. Students choose from an array of digital and in-person activities throughout the city that spark their interests and feed their curiosity.

ABOUT BIG THOUGHT

Driven by our mission to make imagination a part of everyday learning, Big Thought is an impact education nonprofit dedicated to closing the opportunity gap for youth in Dallas and beyond. Throughout our 30+ year history of innovation, Big Thought has become a national model in arts education, out of school time systems, summer learning and juvenile justice intervention. Now we're one of 6 community partnerships in the U.S. helping scale national best practices in social and emotional learning. For more information about Big Thought, visit: .

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7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, December 5	Friday, December 6	Saturday, December 7	Sunday, December 8	Monday, December 9	Tuesday, December 10	Wednesday, December 11
H - 72° L - 51°	H-58° L- 42°	H- 59° L - 46°	H- 69° L- 59°	H-71° L-37°	H- 50° L-34°	H-57° L-40°

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones different tone after another loss



ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Jerry Jones still believes the Dallas Cowboys can get in the playoffs. He even mentioned Super Bowl after yet another loss.

Well, the Cowboys (6-6) still lead the NFC East after a 26-15 loss to the Buffalo Bills on Thanksgiving Day. And Jason Garrett is still their coach.

“I’m looking ahead at another ball game. I’m looking ahead at winning four or five straight. Five straight and helping write a story they will talk about, how it looks like you were down and out, and got it done,” Jones said. “I mean that. That’s the way that I’m operating. Every decision that I make over the next month will be with an eye in mind to get us in the Super Bowl now.”

While obviously still disappointed and emotional — Jones clearly had some tears in his eyes after exiting the locker room from which the muffled shouts of players could be heard — it was a far different mode than when the owner blasted the coaching staff after a 13-9 loss at New England.

After another loss four days later, Jones instead said he wasn’t going to panic and was looking for ways to help the team.

“One of them is not a coaching change. One of them is not reworking the offense or the defense,” he said. “Those aren’t alternatives for us to be ready to play over the next month and give us a chance to be what we want to be.”

Jones believes some games can turn out differently if the Cowboys stay healthy and other teams don’t, “and all of a sudden we start jelling and we start getting some turnovers. ... I like our bet there. I do, even though we haven’t played well the last three games.”

Dallas plays at Chicago next Thursday night, and has games left against the Los Angeles Rams, Philadelphia and Washington.

The Cowboys haven’t beaten a team that has a winning record. They are 3-6 since opening the season with three consecutive wins — all over teams that currently have two wins each — in what is the final year of Garrett’s contract.

They are 4-0 against their NFC East rivals — all have losing records. Dallas twice beat the 2-9 New York Giants, and has one win each over the 5-6 Eagles and 2-9 Redskins.

Linebacker Jaylon Smith admitted there were plenty of upset people in the locker room.

“For sure, we understand the type of team that we have and what we’re capable of,” Smith said. “We’ve got to figure it out, it’s crunch time.”

Asked what gives him confidence that his team can win out, Jones responded, “I don’t know that I would inject confidence anywhere in this thing relative to just the hanging on the mathematical chance, but hanging on the fact that that group of people in there, I know at various times over the last several years, I thought they were absolutely, exactly what I wanted to be in the room with as the part of a team. ... Those names haven’t changed.”

After being held to three field goals on a wet, blustery day in New England, the Cowboys returned home and opened the game with a nine-play, 75-yard drive. They led 7-0 on Dak Prescott’s 8-yard touchdown pass to Jason Witten.

Buffalo (9-3) then scored 26 consecutive points while the Cowboys missed two field goals — including one at the end of the first half that would have made it 13-10. Prescott had two turnovers in the first half, an interception and a fumble.

Defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence said the team still believes in Garrett and the coaching staff.

“That’s a stupid question, but yes absolutely. I feel like this is a man’s game, it’s not just on the coaching staff,” Lawrence said. “I don’t feel like they did anything to hurt us, we did self-inflict the wounds. It’s really about the offense and defense capitalizing and we didn’t really do that.”

Some fans were heard during the game chanting “Fire Garrett” and others held signs expressing their displeasure. There were a lot of empty seats by time Dallas scored a late touchdown in its fourth Thanksgiving loss by double figures the past six years.

“We know we have tough fans who love and hate us at the same time,” Smith said. “For us we’re going to give it our all and we know what we need to do. We need to go out here and win and find a way.”

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News You Ought to Know

Internal Revenue Service Gift cards are not for paying taxes TX-2019-2020

DALLAS — Gift cards may be a popular holiday gift for family and friends, but don’t be tricked into believing they are a way to pay taxes. During , the IRS urges taxpayers to protect themselves from fraud. Thousands of people have lost millions of dollars and their personal information to tax scams. Scammers use the regular mail,

telephone, or email to deceive individuals, businesses, payroll and tax professionals.

“The IRS doesn’t call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer,” said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman. “Generally, the IRS will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes.”

Many taxpayers have encountered individuals impersonating IRS officials — in person, over the telephone and via email. Don’t get

scammed. The IRS initiates most contacts through regular mail delivered by the United States Postal Service. However, there are special circumstances in which the IRS will call or come to a home or business, such as when a taxpayer has an overdue tax bill. See on IRS.gov for more details.

BBB Warns Consumers to Beware of Home and Vacation Rental Scams this Holiday

Better Business Bureau serving North Central Texas, in conjunction with BBB offices in five other states, is having a press event on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

Consumers will be warned when looking to move into a new apartment or home for rent about how to avoid fake listings. They will also provide insight into how to spot spoofed travel websites, spoofed ads for travel (especially on social media), and fake vacation rental postings. 5.2 Million people have

lost money to a rental scam and the BBB believe that over 40% of those searching will encounter a fake listing at some point.

Representatives from the Federal Trade Commission and the Dallas Association of Real Estate Brokers have already agreed to participate.

Details
WHERE: BBB Serving North Central Texas - Dallas Office
Thanksgiving Tower
1601 Elm Street
Suite 1600

Dallas, Texas 75201
Parking will be validated for participants. Light refreshments will be served.

WHY: Anyone doing an internet search to locate a place to rent is at risk of encountering a fraudulent listing. The hardest hit are repeat travelers during peak traveling season and those of modest means that don’t use traditional methods of booking/securing rentals



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2172	Hit \$500,000 Overall Odds are 1 in 3.89	\$10	12/29/19	6/26/20
2146	Amazing 8s Overall Odds are 1 in 4.83	\$2	1/22/20	7/20/20
2140	Cash Game Overall Odds are 1 in 3.93	\$5	1/22/20	7/20/20

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Bill Cosby Spoke from Prison and the Whole World Listened

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Bill Cosby breaks his silence, granting his first exclusive interview since beginning his sentence at SCI-Phoenix, a maximum-security Pennsylvania penitentiary near Philadelphia.

In a special phone call on November 24 with the National Newspaper Publishers Association's , Cosby said he's spending his time helping to teach and encourage a large population of African American inmates — men he calls residents — via Mann Up, a prison reform program.

The 82-year-old educator and award-winning TV producer/director/comedian was sentenced to serve 3-to-10-years in Pennsylvania's prison system following his September 2018 conviction on charges of aggravated indecent assault.

Unless he receives relief from the state's appellate courts, Cosby said he fully anticipates serving his entire sentence, saying he's not guilty and will never admit to something he didn't do. Displayed remorse is generally a required prerequisite to obtaining parole or a shortened sentence.

During the exclusive interview with NNPA, Cosby was candid, vivid and outspoken.

Andrew Wyatt, Cosby's spokesman, was also on the call, where Cosby stressed that there would be no ground rules or restrictions. No topics were off-the-table for discussion.

Cosby received no special treatment from the facility for this interview. Because inmates are only allowed to remain on phone calls for 15-minutes, Cosby had to call back multiple times in order to complete the interview.

"I have eight years and nine months left," Cosby stated. "When I come up for parole, they're not going to hear me say that I have remorse. I was there. I don't care what group of people come along and talk about this when they weren't there. They don't know."

He said his trials were a sham, unjust and not fair.

"It's all a set up. That whole jury thing. They were imposters," Cosby stated.

"Look at the woman who blew the whistle," he said, alluding to the potential juror who overheard a seated juror proclaim before the trial that, "he's guilty, we can all go home now."

"Then she went in and came out smiling, it's something attorneys will tell you is

called a payoff," Cosby stated. "I know what they've done to my people. But my people are going to view me and say, 'that boy looks good. That boy is strong.' I have too many heroes that I've sat with. Too many heroes whom I listened to like John Henrik Clarke, Kenneth Clark, and Dorothy Height. Those people are very strong, and they saw the rejection of their people. This is political. I can see the whole thing."

"I am a privileged man in prison," he stated.

During the call, Cosby referred to his small cell as "my penthouse."

He revisited his famous 2004 "Pound Cake" speech and clarified that he probably should not have addressed that controversial dissertation to all African Americans — the residents at SCI-Phoenix make for the perfect audience, Cosby stated.

Cosby said he remains concerned, however, for all of Black America.

"They are under siege. This thing with the drugs and the different pockets of the neighborhoods where it's going on. When you look at what drugs are doing... things that make these people drive around and shoot into crowds," Cosby said.

"The insanity of what is the cause to the brain by all the drugs these people are dealing with. It's exactly what I warned them about in 2004. They've thrown education out the window.

"They've thrown respect for the family out the window, and they're blaming each other for what's going on. There is post-traumatic stress syndrome, and there are also bad manners."

While inmates who spoke to NNPA Newswire said they were saddened to see an icon like Cosby imprisoned, each said they believe he's serving a higher purpose. Cosby agreed.

He said the shelving of his iconic "The Cosby Show" is proof that those in power have long conspired to remove anything positive from the Black community.

"When 'The Cosby Show' came on with the Huxtables, just think about it. While it was running, other networks and even the media were doing jobs on trying to belittle whatever it represented," Cosby stated.

Then, with 'A Different World,' they really ramped up the rhetoric. "While new shows were coming and we had gone off the air — this is

the worst time in the history of television — I remember hearing shows coming on advertising saying this is not 'The Cosby Show,' which is an indictment in itself.

"They did not like what 'The Cosby Show' looked like for us, and many of us traded into it. Now, look at what has happened. They've taken everything that I've done and swept it into a place where it would not be shown.

"Thank goodness for TV One and BET, but we've got to respect ourselves. We've got to have a very, very strong respect for our history."

Cosby often tells his fellow residents about an epiphany he had while serving in the Navy, which has allowed him to remain in good spirits while behind bars.

"I got a wife, family, and friends who are so happy that I have something. I go into my penthouse and lay down and start to think about how I can relay a message and give it on Saturdays (during Mann Up sessions) so that they would hear it and feel it," Cosby stated.

"This Saturday, I gave a talk dedicated to women. I told the story of my wife, who said to me when she got back home after bringing our 43-year-old daughter back home dead from the hospital. It was the most difficult thing she's ever done in her life, to sit there and watch her daughter die," he stated.

"From there, I went into the fact that mothers have something that we all have, which is a navel. We have to respect our mothers and our women. We've got to stop buying drugs. If you have no buyer, you can't sell," Cosby stated.

After calling back a third time to complete the interview, Cosby said he needed to express the critical role the Black Press has had in telling his story.

"Sixty-five years from now, they will be quoting what you've written about your fellow journalists. [Wyatt] has information on how these people have rejected the truth. You have the information too because you were in that courtroom," he stated.

"I'm a privileged man. You talk to [NNPA President and CEO] Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., and he will tell you that there is a history of Black political imprisonment in America, and it's repeating itself in some kind of way."

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Drake is Spotify's most-streamed artist of the decade



NEW YORK (AP) — Drake is the king of streaming: the rapper has been named Spotify's most-streamed artist of the decade.

Spotify announced Tuesday that Drake has been streamed 28 billion times in the last 10 years. Ed Sheeran came in second, while Post Malone, Ariana Grande

and Eminem round out the Top 5. Sheeran's "Shape of You" was the most-streamed song of the decade.

For 2019, Post Malone is the top-streamed artist globally. Billie Eilish, Grande, Sheeran and Bad Bunny round out the Top 5. Eilish's debut album — "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?" — is the year's most-streamed album, while Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello's "Senorita" tops the list of the most-streamed songs.

"The Joe Budden Podcast with Rory & Mal" is the year's most-streamed podcast on Spotify.



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