'I want the best for you, because that's exactly what Botham would want ... ?- Brandt Jean, brother of Botham Jean



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Brother of Botham Jean forgives, and hugs Amber Guyger before she heads to Prison

"If you truly are sorry, I forgive you. I love you just like anyone else."

DALLAS (AP) - A white Dallas police officer was sentenced Wednesday to 10 years in prison for killing her black neighbor in his apartment, which she said she mistook for her own unit one floor below.

Victim impact statements began with Botham Jean's brother Brandt Jean: "If you truly are sorry, I forgive you. I love you just like anyone else. I want the best for you, and I wasn't going to say this in front of my family - I don't even want you to go to jail. I want the best for you. Because that's what Botham would want for

Brandt Jean then asked for permission to hug Guyger, which the judge allowed.

Guyger's sentence was met with boos and jeers by a crowd gathered outside the courtroom. "It's a slap



Brandt Jean embraces Amber Guyger after giving his victim impact statement. Guyger was given a sentence of 10 years in jail for the murder of Botham Shem Jean. (DPT Sceenshot from WFAA live feed)

in the face," one woman entered Jean's fourth-floor

The basic facts of the unusual shooting were not in dispute throughout the trial. Guyger, returning from a long shift that night,

apartment and shot him. He had been eating a bowl of ice cream before she fired.

Guyger said she parked on the wrong floor and mistook Jean's apartment for below his, and mistook him 911 call played repeatedly during the trial, Guyger said "I thought it was my apartment" nearly 20 times. Her

her own, which was directly lawyers argued that the identical physical appearfor a burglar. In the frantic ance of the apartment complex from floor to floor frequently led to tenants going to the wrong apartments.

But prosecutors ques-

tioned how Guyger could have missed numerous signs that she was in the wrong place. They also asked why she didn't call for backup instead of walking into the apartment if she thought she was being burglarized and suggested she was distracted by sexually explicit phone messages she had been exchanging with her police partner, who was also her

The shooting drew widespread attention because of the strange circumstances and because it was one in a string of shootings of unarmed black men by white police officers.

One of the Jean family lawyers hailed the verdict as "a victory for black people in America" after it was handed down Tuesday.

The jury was largely made up of women and people of color.



Wings for a New World

My Day by Dr. J. Ester Davis



Is it so sad that the death of Botham Jean and his Family has embedded so much grace and dignity in our spirit? And that spirit is now part of the world . . . worldwide. Little else can be said after the spoken words of young Mr. Jean about his life without his older brother, Botham. The tears from all mankind must be the ones spoken by his Dad, Minister Bertrum Jean when he referred to 'rivers of living waters' in his message the Sunday before the opening of this trial. Little else can be said after the bounty of strength, courage and fortitude this family has 'come to America' to exhibit to the universe.

Little else. . .

Impeaching a President



By Stacy M. Brown, **NNPA** Newswire Correspondent

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's decision to move an impeachment inquiry into President Trump has rocked Washington.

The news of the resulting investigation has also unified Democrats, particularly those like Rep. Maxine Waters of California, who has argued for some time

that Trump should face impeachment.

"Donald Trump has admitted to abusing the power of the presidency by asking Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to launch an investigation into his political opponent in order to get dirt that the Trump campaign could exploit in the 2020 U.S. presidential election," Waters stated.

Trump allegedly asked

Zelensky to dig up dirt on former Vice President Joe Biden, the current frontrunner to be Democratic candidate in the 2020 election.

"This action within itself where the president is seeking the cooperation and assistance of a foreign government in uncovering dirt on his opponent - is unlawful, unconstitutional, and unpatriotic. I am elated that the Congress of the United States will move forward in an expedited manner to investigate and impeach this president," Waters said.

Still, experts and historians told NNPA Newswire that the probability of impeaching Trump remains extremely low.

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Jessye Norman, international opera star, dead at 74



Jessye Norman (AP Photo/Keystone/Dominic Favre, File)

NEW YORK (AP) — has died, according to fam-Jessye Norman, renowned international opera star whose passionate soprano voice won her four Grammy Awards, the National Medal of Arts and the Kennedy Center Honor,

the ily spokesperson Gwendolyn Quinn. She was

> A statement released to The Associated Press on Monday said Norman died at 7:54 a.m. EDT from sep-

tic shock and multi-organ failure secondary to complications of a spinal cord injury she suffered in 2015. She died at Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospital in New York, and was surrounded by loved ones.

"We are so proud of Jessye's musical achievements and the inspiration that she provided to audiences around the world that will continue to be a source of joy. We are equally proud of her humanitarian endeavors addressing matters such as hunger, homelessness, youth development, and arts and culture education," the family statement







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The Impeachment Inquiry

By Congresswoman Eddie forthcoming. **Bernice Johnson**

It is not without significance that the majority of members in the United House Representatives have taken the extraordinary stop of launching an impeachment inquiry into the presidency of Donald J. Trump, focusing on a phone conversation that he had this summer with the president of Ukraine, and the activities of those who were allegedly

the conversation. I have joined others in asking the president turn over requested information concerning the phone call to the Intelligence House Committee where the inquiry will be held, and I am hopeful that the president and those around him will be

acting on behalf of the

administration to conceal

Intelligence Committee determines that the President participated in impeachable offenses, it will then forward its report to the full House where a vote will be taken on whether or not to impeach Mr. Trump. If a majority of the House members vote to impeach the matter will be sent to the U.S. Senate where a trial will be conducted. A president can be removed only if two thirds of the Senate votes to oust him or her.

Only three presidents in our nation's history have found themselves facing impeachment. It is a very serious matter. But it was placed in our Constitution by the nation's founders as a remedy to keep our nation and its government safe.

Specifically, Intelligence Committee will attempt to determine

whether or not during conversations with foreign leaders President Trump made promises or threats that undermined the security of the United States in return for personal gain.

A former official with the Central Intelligence Agency, who has sources in the White House, has alleged that during the phone conversation with the president of Ukraine President Trump used his authority to solicit information on political opponents that could be used against them in next year's election. If the official's complaint is accurate, the president's conduct was unlawful.

Also, the complaining official, known as a whistleblower, protected by a federal

law, has stated that he was told that President Trump and his operatives sought to keep the conversation with

the Ukrainian president private by having its contents placed on a separate server in the White House where it would not become public

The whistleblower's complaint was passed on to the acting director of national intelligence who described the report as "urgent and important." He said that the whistleblower had acted in good faith, and had followed

This is a sad time for our nation and our government, but we must protect our democracy. Thus, we must move forward!

Congresswoman Johnson represents the **Congressional District in the** United States House of Representatives where she chairs the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

Impeaching a President

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The idea of impeachment as drafted into the Constitution by its framers, is designed to establish the process whereby we can remove a President from office that was engaged in unlawful activity, said David Reischer, an attorney and CEO of LegalAdvice.com.

"Technically, the House and Senate can impeach President Trump purely for political reasons but the standard by which to get sufficient votes in the House and Senate is whether 'High Crimes and Misdemeanors' have been committed," Reischer added.

Section 4 of Article Two of United States Constitution reads:

"The President, President and all Civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

The Constitution requires a two-thirds super-majority among Senators voting for conviction because the framers wanted to establish that removal from high office via any process that, thereby, overturns the vote (the will) of the electorate, justifies and requires a high burden of proof, according to experts.

"Like the Mueller report, while the allegations against the president are serious, the allegations stop just short of actually concluding that a crime had been committed," stated Reischer.

Removal is not the only reason to launch a formal impeachment inquiry, according to Sam Nelson, an associate professor and chair of the Political Science Department at the University of Toledo.

"Many observers have focused on the futility of impeachment given that a Republican-controlled Senate will almost certainly not vote to remove the President," Nelson noted.

He added that the impeachment investigation into President Richard Nixon proved that the proceedings could move public opinion when there is evidence presented in an open forum.

Additionally, an official inquiry strengthens the hand of the six committees already investigating the president and his administration, Nelson told NNPA Newswire, adding, "These committees are locked in legal battles with the White House over subpoenas, witness testimony, and executive privilege."

"Courts are more likely to side with Congress in the exercise of its Article I power to investigate an impeachment than when they are engaged in regular oversight.

"And, perhaps most importantly, impeachment exists in the Constitution to be a deterrent to unconstitutional, criminal or illicit behavior by presidents, judges and other government officials," he said.

Impeachment is the ultimate backstop for the constitutional separation of powers and Congress's co-equal role in the constitutional design, according to Nelson. Impeachment, even if the Senate does not vote for removal, should act as a deterrent not just to Trump but also to future presidents

of both parties, he said. "To not open an impeachment inquiry given the gravity of the most recent allegations against the president is to give him, and all future presidents, vast, unchecked power to ignore the Constitution, the other branches of government, and the public interest," stated

So, what's the process to impeach the president?

Historian and radio show host Michael Hart said it begins when one member of the House drafts articles of impeachment against an elected official.

Impeachment is the same as an indictment in U.S. criminal courts.

Following the drafting of the articles of impeachment, the Speaker of the House decides whether to entertain the idea by convening an impeachment committee.

"This is done to discuss the merits the merits of the charges – and there could be many – and determine if support for the move is there," Hart stated.

If the charges rise to the height of impeachment – as determined by the Speaker and under advisement from other caucus members, a formal declaration of impeachment is drawn, and hearings

After the hearing, Congress decides whether to vote on impeachment.

If the vote succeeds, the Senate then must determine whether they will act.

"A little-known fact is that the impeachment of a president can be originated by a senator - but that senator would have to find a House member to sponsor and bring forward the call to the House," Hart said.

Despite little chance of success, members of the House have used or considered impeachment as a way to taint a president, Hart noted.

"It's a public condemnation, although it can be a risky one," he said.

It can also bring forth needed facts, something Democrats and a growing list of other observers said is necessary for the current administration.

"An impeachment process is a viable option for the cur-House Representatives given that the hearings will force several people in or close to the Trump Administration to testify before Congress under oath," said D. Gilson, a writer who has taught popular cultural studies.

"Politically, this is smart as it will likely reveal misdeeds and contradictions leading up to the 2020 election. Judicially, this is smart as it requires folks to speak under oath, as opposed to on Twitter or Fox News," Gilson stated.

Waters added that when coupled with Trump's already shady history, there's more than enough evidence for Congress to launch an impeachment query.

Although the U.S. intelligence community unequivocally concluded that Russia interfered in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, Trump has shown brazen support and deference for Russian President Vladimir Putin and the Kremlin and has continued to undermine and outright deny the validity of the U.S. intelligence community's findings, stated Waters.

Special Counsel Robert

Mueller identified at least ten instances of obstruction of justice by the president during the 2016 presidential campaign and through the course of the Russia investi-

Mueller furthered the scope of what's known about collusion and coordination between the Trump campaign, Trump's allies, and the Kremlin in their efforts to undermine U.S. election systems on Trump's behalf, Waters said.

"This president orchestrated hush-money payments in order to silence his mistresses with the aid of his attorney, Michael Cohen, who pled guilty and is serving jail time for these acts, which are potential felony violations of campaign finance laws," she stated.

"He and his children have sought out opportunities to enrich themselves during his tenure as president. He is under investigation for accepting payments from foreign governments and officials that have stayed at his hotels and golf properties in violation of the Constitution's emoluments clause, which prohibits elected officials from personally profiting from payments from foreign governments and officials that have stayed at his hotels and golf properties."

Waters continued:

"This president has been documented by Washington Post for having lied more than 12,000 times since taking office. Unlike any other president in modern history, Trump has refused to release his tax returns to the American people. These and a host of other actions are further evidence of his disgraceful and contemptible actions as the president of the United

"As I have stated time and time again, Donald Trump is a dangerous and dishonorable man. He has no respect for our democracy, our Constitution, or the rule of law. It is past time that Congress fulfills Constitutional duty to impeach him. I am elated that it appears that day is upon us."

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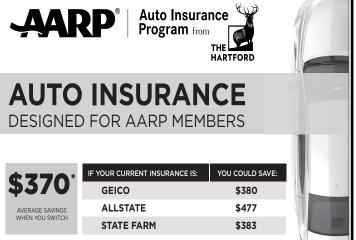
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By Jonathan Landrum Jr.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tyler Perry remembered shedding tears when he saw an Atlanta highway exit bearing the name of his television and film studio for the first time.

The actor-director-writer believes he might have the same emotions during the grand opening of his massive state-of-the-art Tyler Perry Studios on Saturday night. He's planning a star-studded unveiling of his 330-acre studio, where some big projects have already been filmed including his "Madea" films along with AMC's "Walking Dead" and Marvel's blockbuster hit "Black Panther."

"When I came here in 1992, I came with a dream," Perry said in a recent interview. "I'm looking at everything I've dreamed and more to come to pass. It just reminds me. I just thought this was the Promised Land and that sign reminded me of that every time I pass it. The studio is a reminder as well."

Perry said his sprawling studio rivals other major Hollywood studios including Warner Bros. and Paramount Pictures. It's considered one of the largest production studios in the country with 12 soundstages, 40 buildings onsite that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and more than 200 acres of green space.

The filmmaker built the studio on a former Army base called Fort McPherson, which is south of downtown Atlanta, after purchasing the land in

best," he said. "I built the absolute best I could. We perform and run this place like a top. We have excellent service and everything you would expect to have in a major film television studio. People are glad to shoot here. A lot of them want to return because of the way we handled it."

Perry went from being homeless to become a force as a filmmaker to now being honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, which he will receive Tuesday. His career has been built on the success of his "Madea" stage play tours and movies along with his "Why Did I Get Married?" films.

He recently partnered with Viacom to launch the BET Plus streaming service, which debuted last month. He'll also have two new drama series, "The Oval" and "Sistas," premiere on BET this month.

But with all his accomplishments, Perry said Hollywood still has a hard time understanding the value of his content, which has gotten what he calls "undying" support from African Americans. He said the industry also struggles to realize the "power of the black dollar" and the amount of work he's put into each project.

"Nobody in Hollywood believes that I'm sitting around and writing seven series by myself," he said. "I have no writer's room because nobody else is writing anything. I'm writing everything. There's nobody else directing any of the shows. I'm on (the) set directing every

"I gave them the absolute show. That's so rare for the town. They can't even wrap their brains around it. On these TV shows, they shoot three, four or five pages a day. I'm shooting 90 pages a day. It's very difficult for them to even wrap their brains around that to understand. So I feel like they don't get it. If they did understand, they would realize that there's a lot to Hollywood that could change or should change."

One place Perry believes he can continue to make a difference is through his studio. He's known for creating opportunities for African Americans and other people of color to work on his sets since opening a 200,000square-foot studio in 2006. He sold that studio a few years ago after he moved to his current location.

Perry believes his films and owning a studio could have a lasting impact on his legacy. But he wants the studio to become a beacon to inspire other filmmakers with the hope of keeping it in the fami-

"I think they will go hand in hand," Perry said of his filmmaking career and studio ventures. "But I think this brickand-mortar of the studio speaks volumes because it's not about my dream. It's about all the other people that are able to come in and build dreams and share dreams and tell their stories as well. I hope it lives on forever and ever. And if my son wants to take it over, that would be even better."



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Things to know about California's law on college athlete pay

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - California is the first state to pass a law allowing college athletes to hire agents and get paid for use of their name, image or likeness. Some things to know

WHAT DOES THE LAW

about the new legisla-

tion:

It lets college athletes at public and private schools in California hire agents and get paid for the use of their name, image or likeness. It does not apply to community colleges.

DO SCHOOLS HAVE TO PAY ATHLETES?

won't get salaries like professional athletes do. But it will let them earn money in other ways, such as signing endorsement deals with shoe companies or appearing in a commercial for a FOR THE NCAA? local business.

WHEN DOES IT TAKE EFFECT?

Jan. 1, 2023.

CAN STUDENT ATH-LETES WITH ENDORSE-MENT DEALS KEEP THEIR **SCHOLARSHIPS?**

Yes. The law bans schools from revoking scholarships from players who sign endorsement

CAN ATHLETES SIGN ANY **ENDORSEMENT DEAL THEY WANT?**

No. Student athletes cannot sign endorsement deals that conflict with their school's existing contracts. For example: If a school has a contract No. Student athletes with Nike, student athletes at that school could not sign endorsement deals with Under Armour or any other Nike competitor.

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP

A 19-member working

make formal recommen-Board of Governors on Oct. 28 and 29 in Atlanta. There appears to be an appetite to at least NCAA's long-standing rules on amateurism.

WHAT ARE THE LEGAL **RAMIFICATIONS?**

Legal experts differ on how the NCAA may react. Former college baseball player turned NCAA investigator Tim Nevius, an attorney and college athlete reform advocate, says the only option is to overhaul the entire system. He argues the current rules prevent college athletes from exercising economic rights other American citizens have.

The case could head to court. Josephine Potuto, a law professor at the University of Nebraska and a former chair of the NCAA's committee on

group is expected to infractions, contends the NCAA could argue in dations to the NCAA's court that the California law violates the federal Commerce Clause. The NCAA has already declared the legislation is loosen some of the unconstitutional. Other options include declaring schools that abide by the new law ineligible for postseason tournaments.

WHAT MODELS OR FRAMES OF REFERENCE COULD THE NCAA USE IN ITS PROPOSALS?

Perhaps they can find some framework in the basketball model, which now gives some players the option to meet with and be represented by professional agents certified by the NCAA without losing eligibility — a major concession by the NCAA following embarrassing recruiting scandal. Still, there are real concerns about how far administrators are willing to go.



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News You Ought to Know

R. Kelly complains of girlfriends' lack of joint access

CHICAGO (AP) — R. Kelly's lawyers want the judge in the singer's New York federal case to reconsider and grant him bond, saying the hardships of being jailed include being able to see just one of two previous live-in girlfriends at a time.

The Chicago Tribune reports the request was filed Monday in New York, where Kelly is charged in a racketeering scheme to sexually abuse girls.

Kelly is detained in Chicago, where he faces similar charges. Even if the New York judge grants bond, Kelly must get the Chicago judge to agree to bond before he could be released.

Monday's motion complained that only one person unrelated to Kelly can visit him at a time over 90 days, so just one of the two young women who lived with him before he was jailed can visit during that period.

Mathew Knowles revealed he has been diagnosis with breast cancer

Mathew Knowles, father of Beyoncé and Solange Knowles, is battling breast cancer. He revealed his diagnosis in a Good Morning America interview which aired on the ABC morning show, Wednesday, October 2.

The Latest: Ex-addict says Dallas cop helped her get sober

DALLAS (AP) — The Latest on the trial of a former Dallas police officer convicted of murder in the shooting death of her neighbor inside his apartment (all times local):

12:50 p.m.

A woman who met Amber Guyger when the Dallas police officer busted a drug house says Guyger helped her turn around her life.

LaWanda Clark told jurors Wednesday during Guyger's murder trial that she struggled with a crack cocaine addiction and that Guyger wrote her a ticket on the day of the drug bust. She says Guyger told her that the ticket could be the impetus to turn her life around.

While Clark was speaking, attorneys showed jurors a photo of Guyger attending Clark's graduation from a community drug treatment program.

Clark said Guyger treated her as a person, not as "an addict," and said she is now sober.

Guyger faces up to life in prison for the September 2018 shooting death of Botham Jean. She says she mistook Jean's apartment for her own, which was one floor below.

These Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket games will be closing soon:

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Game #	Game Name / Odds	\$	Official Close of Game	End Validations Date
2111	10X® - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.90	\$1	10/20/19	4/17/20
2139	Triple Play - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.76	\$2	11/20/19	5/18/20
2109	30X - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.27	\$3	11/20/19	5/18/20
2125	Crazy Cash Blowout - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.51	\$5	11/20/19	5/18/20
2116	Golden Nugget - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.17	\$5	11/20/19	5/18/20
2118	Hot 5s Hot Streak - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.69	\$5	11/20/19	5/18/20
2066	Pac-Man® Slots - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.90	\$5	11/20/19	5/18/20
2122	The Big Ticket - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.78	\$10	11/20/19	5/18/20

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