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PELOSI ORDERS IMPEACHMENT PROBE: 'NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW'



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., reads a statement announcing a formal impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi launched a formal impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump on Tuesday, acquiescing to mounting pressure from fellow Democrats and plunging a deeply divided nation into an election year clash between Congress and the commander in chief.

The probe centers on whether Trump abused his presidential powers and sought help from a foreign government to undermine Democratic foe Joe Biden and help his own reelection. Pelosi said such actions would mark a “betrayal of his oath of office” and declared: “No one is above the law.”

Pelosi’s brief statement, historic yet presented without dramatic flourish, capped a fre-

netic stretch on Capitol Hill as details of a classified whistleblower complaint about Trump have burst into the open and momentum has shifted swiftly toward an impeachment probe. The charge was led by several moderate Democratic lawmakers from political swing districts, many of them with national security backgrounds and serving in Congress for the first time.

After more than two and one-half years of sharp Democratic criticism of Trump, the formal impeachment quest sets up the party’s most urgent and consequential confrontation with a president who thrives on combat — and injects deep uncertainty in the 2020 White House race. Trump has all but dared Democrats to take this step, confident that the specter of impeachment led by the opposition party would bolster his political support.

Trump, who was meeting with world leaders at the United Nations, previewed his defense in an all-caps tweet: “PRESIDENTIAL HARRASSMENT!”

Pelosi had barely finished speaking as he began a mini-blizzard of tweets assailing her announcement.

At issue are Trump’s actions with Ukraine. In a summer phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, he is said to have asked for help investigating former Vice President Biden and his son Hunter. In the days before the call, Trump ordered advisers to freeze \$400 million in military aid for Ukraine — prompting speculation that he was holding out the money as leverage for information on the Bidens. Trump has denied that charge, but acknowledged he blocked the funds, later released.

Biden said Tuesday, before Pelosi’s announcement, that if Trump doesn’t cooperate with lawmakers’ demands for documents and testimony in its investigations the president “will leave Congress ... with no choice but to initiate impeachment.” He said that would be a tragedy of Trump’s “own making.”

The Trump-Ukraine phone call is part of the whistleblower’s complaint, though the administration has blocked Congress from getting other details of the report, citing presidential privilege. Trump has authorized the release of a transcript of the call, which is to be made public on Wednesday.

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Trial begins for former Dallas cop who fatally shot neighbor



Assistant District Attorney Jason Hermus shows a photo of Botham Jean to the jury during his opening statement before the jury during former Dallas police Officer Amber Guyger’s trial in Dallas, Monday, Sept. 23, 2019. Guyger is accused of shooting Jean, her black neighbor in his Dallas apartment. (Tom Fox/The Dallas Morning News via AP, Pool)



Former Dallas police officer Amber Guyger, center, arrives for the first day of her murder trial in the 204th District Court at the Frank Crowley Courts Building in Dallas, Monday, Sept. 23, 2019. Guyger is accused of shooting her black neighbor in his Dallas apartment. (Tom Fox/The Dallas Morning News via AP, Pool)

DALLAS (AP) — A white Dallas police officer went on trial Monday in the shooting death of a black neighbor as attorneys sparred over whether the officer was distracted by a phone call when she mistook the neighbor’s apartment for her own and the victim for an intruder.

Prosecutors contend Amber Guyger, 31, was distracted by the conversation with a colleague with whom she had a sexual relationship. Guyger’s attorneys argued that she fired in self-defense based on the mistaken belief that she was in her home and that Botham Jean was a burglar.

Jean, a 26-year-old accountant from the Caribbean nation of St. Lucia, “was doing no harm to anyone, which was his way,” Dallas County Assistant District Attorney Jason Hermus said in an opening statement.

Jean was in his living room eating a bowl of vanilla ice cream on Sept. 6, 2018, when Guyger entered the apartment, which was one floor directly above her apartment, Hermus said.

Hermus said Guyger had worked overtime that day, mostly involving office work that was not strenuous. He said jurors will see sexually explicit messages that Guyger exchanged that evening with a co-worker that discussed meeting up after her shift ended. He said some messages had been deleted from Guyger’s phone after the shooting.

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In the Spirit of Botham

My Day
By Dr. J. Ester Davis

I walked up the steps of this historic 90-year old church embedded in the heart of Dallas . . . overlooking the City of Dallas and was greeted by a friendly person calling my name. Minister Jon Morrison and The Cedar Crest Church of Christ opened their doors to the community, the media and this family. The Botham Jean Family Press Conference was scheduled for 12:30 PM, Sunday, September 22, but I wanted to be a part of some of the service. Entering the sanctuary the visual monitor positioned prominently for view at all angles announced the speaker who had already taken the pulpit. It read ... Minister Bertrum Jean. “It’s About Time We Hunger & Thirst After Righteousness”. (Matthew 5:1-6).

Minister Bertrum Jean’s message was about spiritual hungry, rivers of living waters and having an appetite and thirst for righteousness. His composure was steadfast, with compassion for all, direct with the sternness of a loving father. Bertrum Jean’s voice maintained a pointed cadence, deliberate and full of your attention. As a writer, speaker and show host, I tend to stay away from body language. It is over rated. There are cultural differences in the language of the body. So many therapist and so called ‘experts’ misinterpret what you are seeing.

Just in listening and in personal thoughts, Minister Bertrum Jean’s message was painful and sad. At no time did this courageous minister/father exhibit a portrait of revenge nor anger. Not even a hint of hatred or malice. It was an amazing deliverance of heart. . much like the spirit of his son, Botham.

Botham Jean, a 26 year old from St. Lucia, was murdered in September, 2018, by a Dallas Police Officer in his home. The trial is an international incident in process in Dallas, Texas, with local and global media present following every detail. The trial is expected to last about two weeks and the family members entourage is committed to remain in Dallas awaiting justice.

Most names are linked to a namesake or meaning. Allison and Bertrum Jean assigned their son to a promise with his name. The name “Botham” mean . . . you can go to great heights and equally great depths. You are fixed in your opinions. You are frank, methodical and believe in law, system and order.

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EDITORIAL PAGE

THEATRE REVIEW: "Hamilton" is highly entertaining and historically provocative

By Lee Eric Smith, The New Tri-State Defender

Having seen "Hamilton" now during its opening week here at The Orpheum in Memphis, I get it. The reason Lin-Manuel Miranda chose to tell the story of Alexander Hamilton with a heavily influenced hip-hop soundtrack is because the story of Alexander Hamilton is, at its heart, a classic hip-hop story.

A poor young man, raised by a single mother until her death leaves him orphaned at 12, uses his wits, wisdom and words to claw his way to the top, earning money, power and respect along the way. He even loses his life in a gunfight over a senseless beef.

All of that and more are in "Hamilton." It lived up to expectations, though not in the way that I imagined. If you're expecting to be blown off the stage by the sheer power of the performances, well, that may not happen. Some of the performances were solid, but not mind-blowing, though there were several gems in the media show I attended.

That said, the power of "Hamilton" lies in its diverse cast and the hip-hop flavored storytelling they solidly deliver. Together, they allow patrons to see a far-too-important-but-too-little-known perspective into the birth of the United States.

Gen Xers of a certain age will remember learning the preamble to the U.S. Constitution on Saturday mornings, because Schoolhouse Rock was able to cleverly weave history, animation and music into catchy jingles. All together now: "I'm just a bill. Yes, I'm only a bill.

And I started out on Capitol Hill . . ."

Well, in 'Hamilton,' Lin-Manuel Miranda has taken those concepts to epic heights. You think that all you're doing is listening to two characters battle-rap each other, but you're really learning some of the bare-knuckle politics that shaped America.

Here are a few random thoughts to keep in mind if you're on the fence about seeing "Hamilton."

Casting Part 1: Remember that "solid-but-not-mind-blowing" thing I just wrote? I was mostly thinking about Joseph Morales, who played Alexander Hamilton in the Memphis production. Honestly, this may not even be his fault though. For years now, even first-timers like me have grown accustomed to looking for Lin-Manuel Miranda in that role — performing lyrics he wrote, no less. Morales has the unenviable job of being a fair-skinned Latino man stepping into a role made famous by a fair-skinned Latino man. The comparisons between Morales and Miranda simply CANNOT be fair to Morales . . . but they'll be hard for viewers to overcome.

Casting Part 2: From the "gems," category, there are a couple of star performances here. Ta'Rea Campell and Erin Clemons shine as the Schulyer (pronounced Skyler) sisters and their complex relationship with Hamilton. Marcus Choi portrays a stately George Washington. And Pierre Jean Gonzales, listed as a backup for Hamilton, captures the frenemy dynamic between the two men. You'll have chills during these performances in particular. And Jon Patrick

Wallace will crack you up as King George.

Casting Part 3: This is one of those things I wasn't expecting. After about 20 minutes or so, the fact that you're watching an Asian George Washington and a black Thomas Jefferson become irrelevant. It frees the viewer to see these characters simply as human beings — men and women making difficult decisions in troubling times. I found that refreshing, and it made me look at the founding of America in a different light.

The oppressed becomes the oppressor: As we commemorate 400 years of Africans in America, it becomes easy to forget: Slavery had been around for well over 100 years before the founding of America. And on top of that, the colonies felt they were being oppressed by King George. Government by and for the people had never been tried before, let alone succeeded.

I can't help thinking about a child who grows up in an abusive home only to become an abuser in adulthood and how that cycle repeats through generations. Does that justify abuse or slavery? Of course not. But "Hamilton" made me appreciate how difficult it was to establish our democracy and how fragile it is.

Rapid rhymes: I'll be 50 in a few months and the hip-hop I grew up on was Run-DMC, Fat Boys and Whodini. Meaning that while I have no idea what today's mumble-rappers are saying, it still took a moment for my ears to calibrate what was being said on the stage during "Hamilton." I could only imagine what it was like for the largely white, AARP-eligible crowd to follow the

lyrics. If you've ever used the phrase "hibbety hoppety" outside of a reference to "Rapper's Delight," you may have a hard time following the story but hang in there.

Live or Tracked?: It makes perfect sense that a traveling tour of Hamilton would not bring a full on orchestra or band, simply for logistic and financial reasons. Though I did not see an orchestra/DJ, I cannot say for sure that Hamilton was performed over pre-recorded tracks. But the music did have the distinct feel of pre-recorded tracks, and if you're used to hearing live musicians in a Broadway show, you'll probably notice the difference. If you come out feeling the show was missing some energy, that's probably why.

Buff up on history: I wouldn't go as far as to say you need to read up on Alexander Hamilton before seeing the show . . . but it could help. While researching my earlier piece for this week's print edition, I did, and knowing some of the plot points — Hamilton's orphan past, the illicit affair that led to blackmail — helped me keep up when I couldn't quite follow the rapid-fire rhymes.

In any case, "Hamilton" is likely to have you googling things like "Schulyer Sisters" and "Aaron Burr" when you come out of the theatre. You might even read up on The Federalist Papers. I think that's a good thing. A better understanding of how our nation was founded can only help us understand these tempestuous times we're in now.

"Hamilton" isn't just entertaining, it's also energetic and enlightening. Do NOT throw away your . . . SHOT!

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Dallas awarded \$500,000 grant to preserve African American civil rights history

Dallas, Texas – The City of Dallas was awarded a National Park Service Grant in the amount of \$500,000 to preserve African American civil rights history. This funding will support major renovations of the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House. The African American Civil Rights Grant Program awarded \$12.2M and is funded by the Historic Preservation Fund and administered by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. Through this nationally recognized award, NPS seeks to support efforts nationwide to preserve resources, places and stories which tell defining parts of our nation's history and the African American experience and civil rights movement.

"As Mayor, I truly believe that the Juanita J. Craft House tells a piece of our City's history that has been long ignored," said Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson. "Telling the full history of Dallas and highlighting the leadership of those who helped advance our City through the Civil Rights Era is vitally important as we continue to address our contemporary challenges. I

was heartened that the City Council included \$250,000 in next year's budget for this project, and I am elated to receive this generous grant so we can properly honor Juanita Craft's legacy and inspire generations to come. I am eager to visit the restored Craft House -- and to take my children with me."

The 1,300 square foot, one-story frame home is located at 2618 Warren Ave. in the Phyllis Wheatly Historic District of South Dallas. This was the home of Juanita J. Craft, one of Dallas' most significant civil rights figures and only the second African American woman to serve on the Dallas city council. Juanita J. Craft lived in this house for 50 years and both Lyndon B. Johnson and Martin Luther King, Jr., visited her there to discuss the future of the civil rights movement. Craft played a crucial role in integrating two universities, the 1954 Texas State Fair, Dallas theaters, restaurants and served the NAACP for 50 years helping to establish 182 chapters across the state of Texas.

"The Office of Cultural Affairs is honored to receive this monumental

investment in the Craft House by the National Park Service," said Jennifer Scripps, director of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. "Juanita Craft's legacy of serving her community, advocating for civil rights and mentoring young people will now be able to be appropriately honored in the home once it is restored and re-opened."

In May of 2018 a major flood occurred resulting in major damage to the home, resulting in its closure to the public. In June 2019, the City of Dallas Arts and Culture Advisory Commission adopted the first-ever Historic Structures Report, a document with a complete assessment of the home, its historic significance and recommendations for how to improve it going forward. Efforts to engage the community in conversation about their collective vision for the home and to raise funds for its restoration and exhibits and programming for future audiences are currently underway. The entire budget for this project is just over \$1M, and the City of Dallas 2019-2020 budget includes \$250,000 in capital funds

for this project.

"I am thrilled that the National Park Service will grant \$500,000 towards the Craft House," said Councilman Adam Bazaldua. "South Dallas has always recognized the legacy of Juanita Craft in our community, but this high level of support by our nation's Historic Preservation Fund signifies that her work and inspiration is valued and recognized nationally. Juanita Craft's legacy carries on in the fight for equity in District 7 and throughout Southern Dallas. It is my hope that preserving and reopening the Juanita Craft House will draw perspective, inspiration and vision from across Dallas – and our country, to spark civic engagement, inspire activism and bring together allies in our continued fight for equity."

Renovations for the Craft house are scheduled to begin in 2020 and anticipated to conclude by the end of 2021.

To learn more about the Craft House visit: <https://dallasculture.org/cultural-venues/juanita-craft-house/>

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Four career institutes to prepare students for high-wage jobs out of high school



From Wing Stop to Dallas ISD maintenance supervisor: 'It's been a great journey' for this district dad



David Ybarra was working at Wing Stop before joining Dallas ISD's Operation Services as a groundskeeper. "I wanted something more than a job," Ybarra said. "I wanted a good, stable and dependable career with benefits that I could grow in." At age 19, Ybarra had to quickly learn the new career path and craft he signed up for. And while Ybarra admits that there were times he doubted himself over his work challenges and responsibilities, they only helped him thrive. "It took the right leaders in the Operations Division to help me grow," Ybarra said. "They shared their knowledge and experiences with me so I

could find the solutions to challenges. Fast forward 10 years, and Ybarra, who has a child enrolled in Dallas ISD, is now the Interim Supervisor at the Northwest Grounds Division. "It's a great journey being a part of the district," Ybarra said. "Now as a supervisor, I get to help and advise new incoming leaders who will one day grow into a bigger role like I did." Ybarra credits his peers and supervisors for helping him achieve the role he has today. But he added that it would not be possible without internal ambition and perseverance. "Dallas ISD is like a big door, and once you open it, there

are so many other doors of opportunities in which you can grow into," Ybarra said. "But you just have to have the patience and strive to learn above all." For those interested in a dependable career like Ybarra that pays a minimum of \$16.94 per hour, Dallas ISD is holding a Maintenance and Facilities Job Fair on Sept. 25 from 5-8 p.m. at Cary Middle School, 3978 Killion Dr. The job fair is hiring positions in

- Groundskeeper
- Maintenance Drivers
- Grounds Crew Leaders
- Grounds Supervisors
- Multiple HVAC positions

Four new career institutes in Dallas ISD will provide students with workforce-ready skills that high-wage employers need now and in the future. Dallas ISD Chief Academic Officer Ivonne Durant and Assistant Superintendent Oswaldo Alvarenga briefed trustees on Sept. 12 about the updated plan to open four career institutes in the four quadrants of the district. "We understand that while some students will enter college directly after high school graduation, other students will need to join the workforce immediately, and still others may need to work while they attend college or pursue post-secondary education," Alvarenga said. "This is a career and tech education program that will guide students from concept to hands-on training with instruction by experienced tradesmen with

firsthand experience and the contacts to connect students to internships, apprenticeships, and jobs in their industry. About 800 ninth-graders at 12 high schools are currently taking the Principles of Construction class at their home campus to prepare for the two career institutes opening August 2020. The students next school year will then take some classes at the career institute, and other classes at their home campus. Durant and Alvarenga said a third career institute will open in 2021-2022 and a fourth career institute will open in 2022-2023, with students starting relevant classes on their home campus the year before each career institute opens. The ultimate goal is for more than 4,500 students to be enrolled in a career institute in 2023-2024. The career institutes will

offer authentic, real-world learning experience that lead to industry certifications, internships, pre-apprenticeships and post-graduation employment and/or college programs. The current pathways are:

- Construction and carpentry
- Plumbing and pipefitting
- Electrical and solar technology
- Heating ventilation and air conditioning
- Interior design
- Aviation and unmanned aerial systems
- Potential future pathways are:
- Logics
- Cybersecurity
- Mechatronics
- Air traffic controller
- Automotive technology

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7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Table with 7 columns for days from Thursday to Wednesday, showing weather icons and high/low temperatures.

Blessed are the children

By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

It was an amazing site witnessed last Friday by the world's adults when nearly four million children, including many in North Texas, gathered in cities, suburban and rural areas and in villages to express their outrage that elected officials and policy makers are doing very little to reverse a changing climate which is a direct threat to them.

The young people, many of them taking a day off from school, spoke to the world in one clear voice, declaring that their futures, their ability to earn income and to live decent and productive lives is in doubt and that doing was nothing was unacceptable to them.

In cities such as Cape Town, Berlin, New York, Kampala, New Delhi, Melbourne, Houston and Dallas they demanded a future in which they and their families would be unharmed by poisonous air quality, raging storms and changing weather patterns that have recently resulted in death and destruction.

In speech after speech they declared that they were frightened about their futures, and reminded those who listened that they would soon be of voting age, and that they would remember those who were indifferent to them, and their demands.

In Houston where Tropical Storm Imelda recently flooded homes and destroyed property, students marched and chanted in loud voices, "Our streets flood, so we flood the streets."

Many of these same students witnessed the viciousness of Hurricane Harvey just two years ago which brought their city and the region to a life-threatening standstill.

They joined their fellow students in their outrage because they have seen the danger and witnessed the burdens that changing climates can bring.

Like their fellow students and many others they are tired of those who refuse to take the actions that the world's leading scientists describe as necessary.

In the House of Representatives we have passed legislation designed to

PELOSI ORDERS IMPEACHMENT PROBE: 'NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW'

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"You will see it was a very friendly and totally appropriate call," Trump said.

Trump has sought to implicate Biden and his son in the kind of corruption that has long plagued Ukraine. Hunter Biden served on the board of a Ukrainian gas company at the same time his father was leading the Obama administration's diplomatic dealings with Kyiv. Though the timing raised concerns among anti-corruption advocates, there has been no evidence of wrongdoing by either the former vice president or his son.

While the possibility of impeachment has hung over Trump for many months, the likelihood of a probe had faded after special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation ended without a clear directive for lawmakers. Democratic House committees launched new inquiries into Trump's

businesses and a variety of administration scandals, but all seemed likely to drag on for months.

But details of Trump's dealings with Ukraine prompted Democrats to quickly shift course. By the time Pelosi addressed the nation on Tuesday, about two-thirds of House Democrats had announced moving toward impeachment probes.

After Pelosi's Tuesday announcement, the president and his campaign team quickly released a series of tweets attacking Democrats, including a video of presidential critics like the speaker and Rep. Ilhan Omar discussing impeachment. It concluded with a message for the Trump faithful: "While Democrats 'Sole Focus' is fighting Trump, President Trump is fighting for you."

Pelosi has for months resisted calls for impeachment from her restive caucus, warning that it would backfire against

the party unless there was a groundswell of public support. That groundswell hasn't occurred, but Pelosi suggested in comments earlier Tuesday that this new episode — examining whether a president abused his power for personal political gain — would be easier to explain to Americans than some of the issues that arose during the Mueller investigation and other congressional probes.

The speaker put the matter in stark terms on Tuesday: "The actions of the Trump presidency revealed dishonorable facts of the president's betrayal of his oath of office, betrayal of his national security and betrayal of the integrity of our elections."

Associated Press writers Julie Pace, Laurie Kellman, Andrew Taylor and Zeke Miller in Washington and Jonathan Lemire and Deb Riechmann in New York contributed to this report.

stop the rise of dangerous green-house gas emissions whose presence in our atmosphere leads to the warming of our planet.

The Republican controlled Senate has refused to consider the legislation, alining itself with President Trump and his administration.

The children are being purposeful, and we should be very proud of them.

They bring great meaning to the words that are found in 3

John 1:4 which reads, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

News You Ought to Know

Dallas police officer charged with false overtime report

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas police officer has agreed to plead guilty to falsely reporting 160 hours of federally funded overtime work hours after submitting 29 fake traffic citations.

A statement Monday from the inspector general of the U.S. Department of Transportation says Officer Matthew Alan Rushing was charged last week with the federal offense.

The charge alleges Rushing wrote and submitted the fake citations from February through May to justify the fraudulent overtime pay funded from a federal grant.

Rushing was placed on administrative leave. A federal judge still must accept Rushing's plea, and no sentencing date has been set. He could be sentenced to up to five years in federal prison.

Former Texas Tech standout Andre Emmett killed in Dallas



DALLAS (AP) — Former Texas Tech basketball standout Andre Emmett, the team's all-time leading scorer, was shot to death early Monday near his home in Dallas.

Emmett, 37, was sitting in his vehicle outside his home at about 2:30 a.m. when he was approached by two people who displayed a handgun, police said. An altercation ensued and Emmett was shot as he ran away, police said.

Police said the suspects fled and a passer-by called 911 after finding Emmett several hundred feet from his home.

Emmett died at a hospital. Texas Tech spokesman Wes Bloomquist said a university administrator had spoken to Emmett's family to confirm his death.

Emmett scored 2,256 career points from 2001-04 with the Red Raiders. He averaged 17.6 points per game.

After college, Emmett played one season each with the Memphis Grizzlies and New Jersey Nets and also played overseas and in the BIG3 3-on-3 basketball league.

He was inducted into the Texas Tech Hall of Fame last year.

Current head coach Chris Beard, who was an assistant to Bob Knight when Emmett played for the Red Raiders, said Emmett was "arguably the best player in program history

and an even better person."

Beard, who said he'd just talked to Emmett a few days ago, said Emmett had established a foundation in his hometown of Dallas to help kids.

In a statement BIG3 described Emmett as kind and easy-going, and said he was "a joy to be around."

Police: Shooting of Dallas transgender woman was hate crime

DALLAS (AP) — Police in Dallas say a transgender woman was seriously wounded after being shot multiple times and are investigating the attack as a hate crime.

Investigators say a man driving a pickup pulled alongside the woman late Friday, yelled slurs about her gender identity and fired several times, striking her in the chest and arm.

Authorities say the woman's injuries prevented her from speaking with them until Sunday when she relayed details of the shooting.

Police are searching for a red, four-door pickup with large rims.

The shooting comes after two men were arrested in June in separate Texas killings of transgender women.

A 22-year-old man is accused of killing a woman and dumping her body in a Dallas lake. A 33-year-old man is accused in the deaths of three women, including one who was transgender.

2 Muslim men from Texas say American Airlines profiled them

DALLAS (AP) — Two Muslim men from Texas say American Airlines profiled them and canceled their flight after crew members said they "didn't feel comfortable" flying with the pair.

Abderraoof Alkhalwaleh and Issam Abdallah said they filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Transportation against the Fort Worth-based airline, asking the federal agency to investigate the incident. The men say American Airlines discriminated against them Saturday for appearing Muslim and Middle Eastern during a flight from Birmingham, Alabama, that was headed to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

The pair says flight attendants reported them because a crew member noticed Abdallah flush the toilet two times while in the airplane restroom, according to a letter the men's attorney sent to the DOT. The men also waved to each other on the plane.

"It was the most humiliating day of my life," said Abdallah, who spoke Thursday at the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

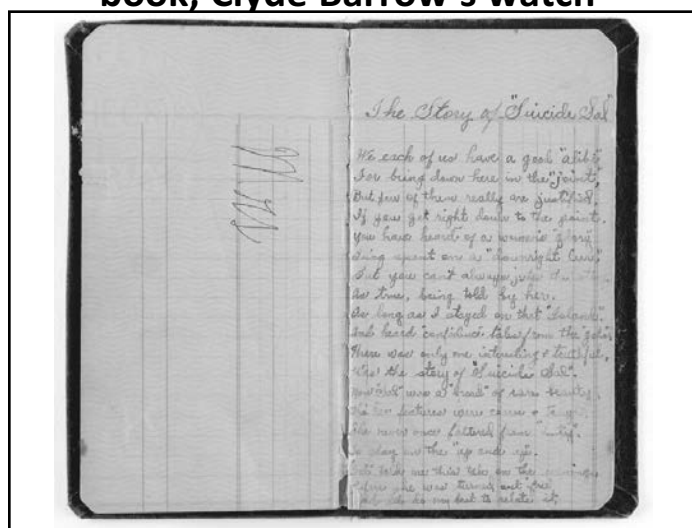
The passengers were put on a later flight. Alkhalwaleh and Abdallah were questioned and searched by the FBI and the Transportation Security Administration before they were cleared to board.

"I have taken hundreds of flights — and to be treated

with such disrespect, suspicion, to be questioned in public and to be singled out and followed around in front of other airport customers — I am really worried as to what my next flying experience will be," said Alkhalwaleh, adding that he flies with American often and is an AAdvantage Executive Platinum member, the company's highest frequent flier ranking.

American Airlines spokeswoman LaKesha Brown said the flight was canceled as a result of "concerns raised by a crew member and a passenger."

Auction: Bonnie Parker's poetry book, Clyde Barrow's watch



DALLAS (AP) — A book of poetry handwritten by Bonnie Parker and a watch belonging to Clyde Barrow are among items from the outlaw Texas couple being

offered at auction.

RR Auction will offer the items Saturday in Boston. Parker and Barrow were shot to death by lawmen in Louisiana in 1934 following a massive manhunt.

The auction house says Parker wrote the poetry in the bank book while in jail. Auction house executive vice president Bobby Livingston says half the poems appear to be original compositions.

Other items being offered are a Bulova watch Barrow wore when he was killed, a draft of a Dallas police "wanted" poster for Barrow and a shotgun confiscated after a 1933 shootout in Joplin, Missouri, in which two lawmen were killed and the gang sped away.

Beat the Heat

A sunburn isn't the worst that heat can do to your body. Exposure to extreme heat can result in illnesses and injuries, heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps or heat-related rashes. Even temperatures in the 90s can have the same effect as triple-digit days, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Heat exhaustion occurs when people are exposed to high temperatures, especially when combined with strenuous physical activity and humidity, and when the body loses fluids and becomes dehydrated. Heat stroke happens when the body's cooling system stops working. This can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given. It's important to recognize the signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses before the situation becomes critical.

Heat exhaustion signs:

- Sweating a lot
- Feeling weak
- Cold, pale skin
- Nausea or throwing up
- Fast, weak pulse
- Fainting

What to do:

- Move to a cooler place.
- Lie down and loosen clothing.
- Put a cool, wet cloth on as much of your body as you can.
- Sip water.
- If you throw up and it continues, get medical help right away.

Heat stroke signs:

- Body temperature above 103 degrees.
- Hot, red, dry or moist skin.
- Fast and strong pulse.
- Going unconscious.

What to do:

- Call 911 right away – heat stroke is an emergency.
- Move the person to a cooler place.
- Bring the person's temperature down with cool cloths or a bath, if you can.
- Do not give the person anything to drink.

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Trial begins for former Dallas cop who fatally shot neighbor

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During pretrial proceedings, prosecutors and defense attorneys clashed over whether those messages should be entered into evidence.

In his opening statement, defense attorney Robert Rogers rejected the prosecution argument that there were unique signs that would have signaled to Guyger that she was on the wrong floor. In fact, he said, the identical look of the apartment complex from floor to floor often led to confusion among tenants, with dozens regularly parking on the wrong floor or attempting to enter the wrong apartment.

Rogers said the floors of the parking garage were not clearly marked so it was understandable when Guyger, tired from a long shift, pushed open a door and believed an intruder was inside.

Guyger "was on autopilot," he said of her entrance to Jean's apartment. "She had tunnel vision."

Rogers also dismissed as "preposterous" the relevance to Jean's death of Guyger's sexual relationship with her partner.

Martin Rivera, Guyger's colleague at the time and

her former lover, acknowledged having a 16-minute telephone conversation with Guyger as she headed home from work the night of the shooting. He said the two exchanged sexually explicit messages and images earlier that day but denied making plans to rendezvous with Guyger later that night, as prosecutors suggested.

When prosecutors asked River what the conversation was about, he said he believed it was mostly about police work but his memory of the call was hazy.

After the shooting, prosecutors said, Guyger deleted the logs of her text exchanges with Rivera from her cellphone. Rivera acknowledged doing the same thing.

Earlier in the day, Allisa Findley of New York, Jean's older sister, testified that she was the first in the family to be informed of his death via a phone call from a hospital social worker.

"I just immediately became cold," Findley said. "It just didn't make sense."

Findley said she broke the tragic news to their mother and that she still sometimes calls her brother's phone hoping that he will answer.

"I haven't accepted it

yet," she said.

The case is being heard by a jury that appeared to have a majority of women and people of color.

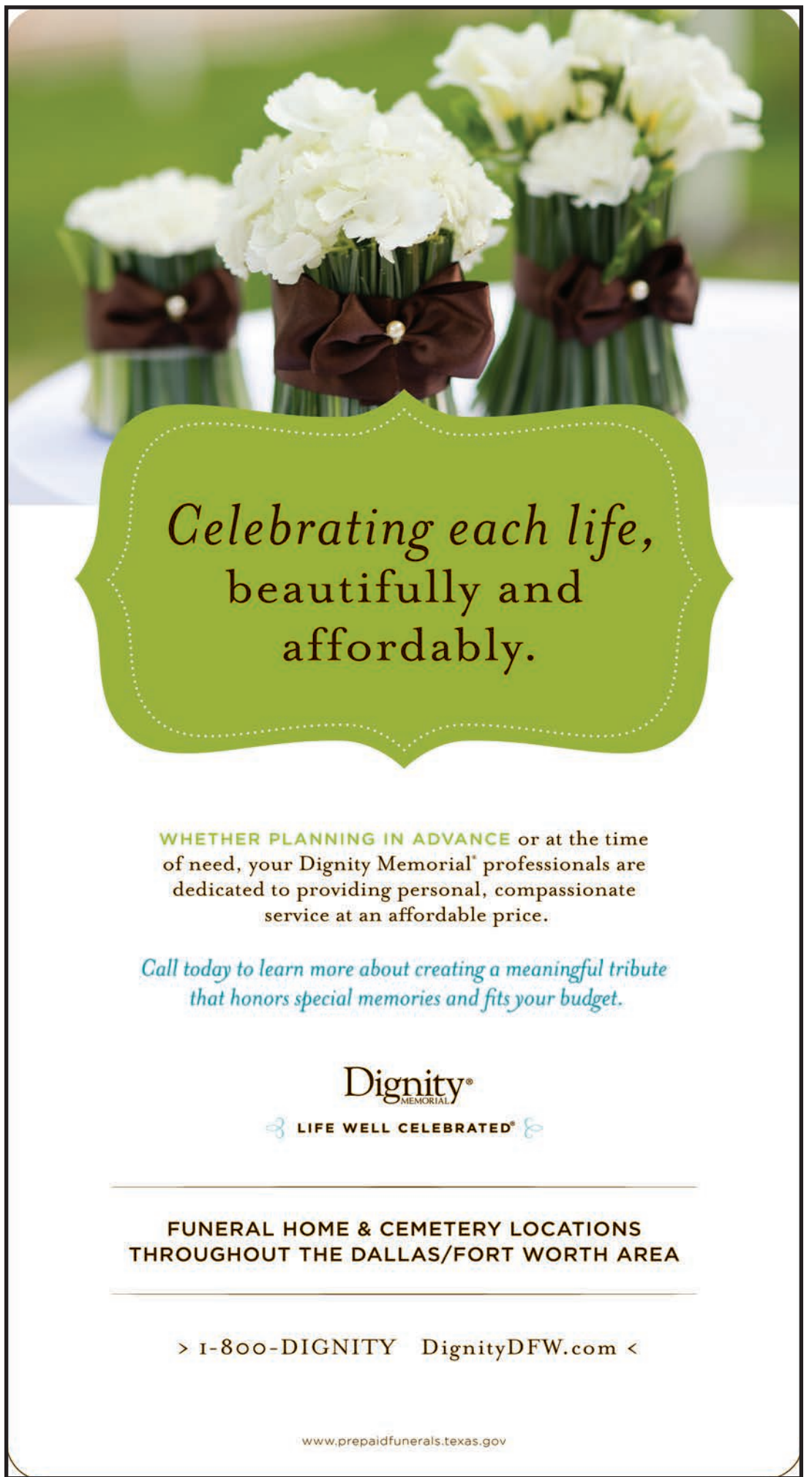
The shooting attracted intense national scrutiny for the strange circumstances and because it was one in a chain of shootings of unarmed black men by white police officers.

The trial's outcome may hang on whether the jury believes that Guyger's mistake was reasonable, according to legal experts.

Guyger was off duty but still in uniform when she shot Jean. She told investigators that after a 15-hour shift she parked on the fourth floor of the complex's garage — rather than the third floor, where she lived — and found the apartment's door ajar.

Three days later, Guyger was arrested for manslaughter. She was subsequently fired from the Dallas Police Department and charged by a grand jury.

The jury will have to decide whether Guyger committed murder, a lesser offense such as manslaughter or criminally negligent homicide, or no crime at all.



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