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Domestic terror arrests in Michigan heighten alarm of right wing violence

By Barrington M. Salmon,
NNPA Contributor

In recent months, FBI Director Christopher Wray, Chad Wolf, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, and several lower-level Trump administration officials had been warning about the danger posed by homegrown domestic terrorists. Those concerns escalated throughout the summer after clashes between protestors who were marching to demonstrate against the police-involved murder of George Floyd in May and white nationalist Trump supporters.

Those fears were realized last week when the agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, working with Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, her staff and Michigan state law enforcement, apprehended 13 men tied to two militia groups who are charged with hatching a plot to kidnap, try and murder Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, kill those in law enforcement, kick off a civil war and overthrow the government.

Whitmer, Nessel and other critics argue that white extremists in Michigan and elsewhere are animated by dangerous racist and inflammatory rhetoric from President Donald Trump. They have castigated his embrace of white nationalist mili-



Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer was the target of an alleged kidnapping plot by right wing militias. The investigation has yielded 13 arrests so far. (austin_slack / Flickr)

tias, his unwillingness to condemn their violence and intimidation tactics and his complicity in the recent rise of rightwing violence.

"My greatest fear is what's different now than when I was working these cases in 1990s, there was no rhetoric coming from the White House supporting White supremacy and law enforcement is failing to properly react to that violence that occurs," said Mike German, a retired FBI agent and a fellow at the Brennan Centre's National Security Program. "This makes these groups and individuals feel that they have a greenlight."

German, a writer, author and scholar, has been monitoring and studying white identity extremists, white nationalists and other domestic terror groups for a number of years. This follows his time in the FBI in the 1990s working undercover and infiltrating white supremacist and right-wing militant groups.

He said he's deeply concerned about the increase in violence perpetrated by far-right individuals and groups over the past three years. Of equal concern, he said, is that these groups have been allowed to oper-

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- Tina Turner

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis

By Stacy M. Brown
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With a soulful sound completed by thumping bass and a picturesque view of the wind blowing the American flag over the White House, civil rights icon and National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., kicked off a brand-new public television show called "The Chavis Chronicles."

Chavis, a student and disciple of the Rev. Dr. Mar-



tin Luther King, Jr., and a member of the famous Wilmington 10 civil rights group, began his new show on Sunday, Oct. 4, featuring Major Neil Franklin, the executive director of the Law Enforcement Ac-

tion Partnership (LEAP) and House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (D-SC).

Sporting a dark blue suit with a slick necktie and with his NNPA lapel pin for his millions of television viewers, Chavis chronicled the current Black Lives Matter movement, police brutality, the battle for equality, and health disparities in his debut.

The program counts as an extension of his duties as NNPA president, one which provides heightened and needed exposure for the more than 200 publishers of the Black Press of America.

"It's crystal clear that there's a great disparity in

the value of Black lives, and not just in this country," Franklin declared during the broadcast.

"This is a global issue, and we've gotten to a point now where action needs to occur, and it's everyone's responsibility to close that gap."

Clyburn spoke of the future of American democracy, particularly as it pertains to those enduring poverty.

"If you think about the world in which we live and who and what makes up the world, you've got to be shortsighted if you don't know that the future growth and development of this

country will be determined by how well we are able to diversify the leadership of this country and how well we are able to diversity the resources of this country," Clyburn stated.

The program fills a massive void for African Americans on public broadcasting stations that opened after the departure of Tavis Smiley. The Chavis Chronicles is seen as a combination of "Meet the Press" and "Fareed Zakaria GPS," but with an urban American flare.

Chavis goes beyond the headlines to offer profound insights on matters that impact the public.

Co-produced by Chavis and series creator Clara Wilkerson, The Chavis Chronicles focuses on contemporary reviews and analysis of leaders and innovators of African descent in America and throughout the Diaspora.

According to Wilkerson, Chavis promises lively discussions about "the life-journeys, issues, and historical and social-changing moments of freedom fighters whose genius, courage, and commitments have helped to improve the quality of life for all in the United States and throughout

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Greg Mercer

(Newswire.com) - Jungle Scout, the leading all-in-one platform for selling on Amazon, today announced that its Founder and CEO, Greg Mercer, won the Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur of the Year 2020 Central Texas Award.

Award winners were selected by an independent panel of judges and were unveiled during a virtual awards gala on Oct. 8. Finalists were evaluated based on six criteria: overcoming adversity, financial performance, innovation, societal impact, talent management, and commitment



to building a values-based company.

"I'm incredibly fortunate to have been able to spend my career as an entrepreneur, and I'm honored to be recognized as a winner of the Entrepreneur of the

Year award," said Mercer. "Entrepreneurship has been a part of my life since I was a kid selling candy at a community yard sale. Founding Jungle Scout allowed me to help entrepreneurs like me achieve their goals, and now I get to continue evolving Jungle Scout into the most powerful, data-driven tool on the market — that keeps me excited to get to work every day."

Mercer founded Jungle Scout as a product research tool in 2015 after years of running his own Amazon business. Jungle Scout has grown to become the leading platform for Amazon and ecommerce businesses

from entrepreneurs to enterprise brands alike.

Today, Jungle Scout is made up of a team of more than 150 employees around the world, and supports more than \$3 billion in annual Amazon revenue.

The Entrepreneur of the Year Award is a prestigious business award program for entrepreneurs that recognizes visionary leaders who deliver innovation, growth and prosperity that transform our world.

Past national winners have included:

- Howard Schultz of Starbucks Corporation
- Pierre Omidyar of eBay, Inc.

• Reid Hoffman and Jeff Weiner of LinkedIn

• Kendra Scott of Kendra Scott LLC

Mercer was one of nine award winners for the Central Texas Region. He will represent Central Texas at the National Awards Ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 19, at which time 10 national winners will be named.

Jungle Scout is the leading all-in-one platform for selling on Amazon. Founded in 2015 as the first Amazon product research tool, Jungle Scout today features a full suite of best-in-class business management so-

lutions and powerful market intelligence resources to help entrepreneurs and brands manage their Amazon businesses.

There are a total of 14 specific product tools associated with the basic platform, which is supported by Mercer's team of more than 150 professionals from all over the globe with backgrounds ranging from a former archaeologist to stand-up comedian.

Jungle Scout is headquartered in Austin, Texas and supports nine global Amazon marketplaces. Read more at www.junglescout.com.

Joe Morgan

By Stacy M. Brown,
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Joe Leonard Morgan, one of the all-time greatest second basemen in Major League Baseball history, and a key cog in Cincinnati's Big Red Machine, has died at the age of 77.

Over 22 mostly magnificent seasons, the left-handed batting Morgan, who memorably flapped his



left arm before each pitch thrown to him, totaled 2,517 hits, 1,650 runs scored, and

a .271 lifetime batting average.

Additionally, he slugged 268 home runs and stole 689 bases.

Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1990, Morgan began his illustrious career with the Houston Colt .45s in 1963.

He remained with Houston, which in 1965 changed its nickname to the Astros for nine seasons.

In 1971, the Astros traded Morgan to the Cincinnati Reds.

In Cincinnati, he joined Pete Rose, Johnny Bench, Ken Griffey Sr., George Foster, and others to form the renowned Big Red Machine.

In 1975, the Reds defeated the Boston Red Sox in one of the most memorable World Series ever, an epic matchup where five of the seven games were decided by one run.

The following year, Morgan helped lead the Reds to a sweep of the New York Yankees in the Fall Classic

to capture a second straight title.

Morgan earned League Most Valuable Players in each of those seasons.

He earned selection to the All-Star team 10 times and won five Gold Gloves.

In 1983, Morgan joined the Philadelphia Phillies and helped lead them to a World Series appearance against the Baltimore Orioles. Baltimore won the series in five games, and Morgan would play one more season, ending his career with the Oak-

land A's.

Morgan's death is the latest among several legendary baseball players over the past several months, including fellow Hall of Famers Lou Brock and Bob Gibson of the St. Louis Cardinals, Tom Seaver of the New York Mets, and Whitey Ford of the New York Yankees.

"This is so sad," Cincinnati Herald Publisher Jan Michele Kearney said of Morgan's death.

"I'm shocked and saddened by the news."



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My Plan to Lift Every Voice in Black America

By Joe Biden

There is injustice in America. There is discrimination. There is a legacy of racism and inequality that lives still in our institutions, our laws, and in too many people's hearts that makes it harder for Black people to succeed. These are facts in the United States of America in 2020, and we must all do more to move our nation closer to the ideals inlaid at our founding—that all women and men are created equal.

This year has also brought us too many examples of the dangers Black people can face in the course of going about their lives. With grieving hearts, we learned to say the names of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks, and many more. I've spent time with the families of George Floyd and Jacob Blake, sharing their grief and anger and seeing the incredible resilience of communities that for too long have had a knee on their neck. And I was inspired by their commitment to turn their pain into purpose.

Today, there are Americans all across this country, especially Black Americans, who are exhausted and hurting. Who are disappointed by a system that never seems to deliver for your communities. Who are sick and tired of a cycle where, in good times, Black communities lag behind, in bad times they get hit first and hardest, and in recovery, they take the longest to bounce back.

We're in the midst of four simultaneous crises—a pandemic that has claimed more than 200,000 lives, a disproportionate number of whom were Black; an economic crash that has hit Black workers and Black business

owners especially hard; a long overdue reckoning on racial justice; and a climate crisis that is already hurting Black and Brown communities the most.

It is our job to do everything in our power to rip out systemic racism across our society, root and branch. It will be hard work in any case. But we will not succeed without a leader who understands our history and is ready to grapple with our challenges.

President Trump wants to paper over the living wound of racism. He's issued Executive Orders and established a new national commission designed to whitewash our history—and deny the daily reality of being Black in America. He actively appeals to white supremacists and fans the flames of hatred and division in our country, because he thinks it benefits him politically. He ignores the most basic job of every president: the duty to care for all of us, not just those who voted for him.

It's the polar opposite of what I will do as president. I was proud to serve for eight years alongside President Obama. I watched up close how he filled the Oval Office with dignity and compassion for others. And, together with Senator Kamala Harris as my vice president, we will restore honor, integrity, and competence to the White House.

We will build an administration that looks like America, including nominating the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

We will work to unite the country around solutions that will push our country forward, and most importantly, I will listen to those impacted by the longstanding inequities in our system—especially Black Americans, Latinos, Asian

Americans, and Native Americans.

That's how we will work together to deliver real, lasting change. Criminal justice and policing reforms, but also economic opportunity and financial stability. Building wealth for families of color and passing it down. Closing the racial wealth gap is one of the most powerful ways we can build real equity in our society, and it's going to require a full-court press. That's what my Lift Every Voice plan is—a comprehensive agenda to take on the range of issues that drive inequality in Black America.

We'll tackle student debt and invest more in our HB-CUs, so higher education is a pathway to wealth and opportunity instead of to debt that prevents you from owning a home or starting a small business.

My plan will empower Black-owned small businesses, with short-term relief to get you through this tough time and long-term investments to help you build back better — with access to new capital and financing and government contracts.

Critically, we're going to tackle the racial homeownership gap head on. There is no greater vehicle for wealth creation than homeownership. That's why my plan will restore the steps President Obama and I took toward eradicating housing discrimination, including redlining; end racial bias in how we judge which families are credit-worthy; and provide a \$15,000 down payment tax credit to help millions of young Black families buy their first home.

We'll fix our upside-down tax system to finally reward work, not wealth. Trump thinks billionaires deserve more tax cuts. But under my

plan, I'll make sure the super wealthy and big corporations pay their fair share, while ensuring that no one making less than \$400,000 a year sees their taxes go up.

And I'm going to fight like hell to defend your family's health care, just like I would my own. Right now, in the midst of a pandemic, Donald Trump is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn Obamacare—all of it. He wants to overturn the very law that expanded coverage to an additional 3 million Black Americans. If he succeeds, more than 20 million Americans will lose their coverage, and more than 100 million people with preexisting conditions will no longer be protected against their insurance companies charging them more, or denying them coverage all together.

I'll defend Obamacare and build on it—adding a public option that will automatically enroll 4 million more people that Republicans shut out by refusing to expand Medicaid in their states. We're going to get to universal coverage and lower health care costs. We're going to give working families a bigger subsidy to lower their premiums. And we're going to take on pharmaceutical companies, bringing down the cost of your prescription drugs by 60 percent.

As my friend John Lewis used his final words to remind us: "Ordinary people with extraordinary vision can redeem the soul of America." We cannot be tired. We cannot be hopeless. The choice in this election couldn't be more stark, and we must vote for the future we want for every single one of our children. I'm ready to fight for you and your families, and I hope to earn your vote.

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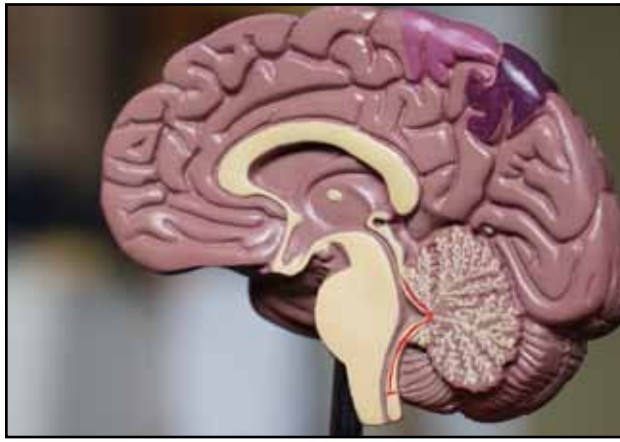
VA studying brain stimulation for treatment of Alzheimer's

By Mike Richman
U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Veterans are at higher risk for Alzheimer's disease compared with the general population. Part of that has to do with military risk factors like PTSD or brain injury. High rates of diabetes among VA patients also play a role.

That's why learning new ways to prevent or treat Alzheimer's disease is a priority for VA research.

One recent study focused on apathy. Apathy is the most common behavioral problem in those with Al-



Robina Weermeijer / Unsplash

zheimer's, affecting 7 in 10 patients. Apathy involves loss of motivation and initiative, and social withdrawal.

The small pilot study at

the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System found that brain stimulation improved apathy. The results are online in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease.

In the photo above, by Jeff Bowen, Dr. Prasad Padala simulates a repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation treatment with Ashlyn Jendro, a research assistant. She's holding her thumb up to indicate the twitching caused by the pulses.

Pilot study involved 20 Veterans

Twenty Veterans with Alzheimer's disease and apathy took part. Half received repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS), a type of brain stimulation. The others received sham stimulation, basically a pla-

cebo.

Through patient and caregiver interviews, the VA team documented "significantly greater improvement" in apathy levels in those who received brain stimulation compared with the control group. The positive effects continued up to three months.

Besides improvements in apathy, the researchers also noted "significantly greater improvement" in memory, attention, and cognition in the rTMS patients compared with the sham treatment group.

In rTMS, doctors apply

magnetic coils to the scalp at specific points. This creates an electric current in brain cells. The Food and Drug Administration has approved the therapy for depression that doesn't respond to other treatments. The technology is being studied widely for other brain disorders including Alzheimer's.

The research team concluded that repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation "may be safely used in people with Alzheimer's disease and may improve

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ate with very little response from the Department of Justice, the FBI and local law enforcement and with the sympathy of the White House.

In September 17, 2020 testimony before the House Homeland Security Committee, Wray said "many of these violent extremists, both domestic and international, are motivated and inspired by a mix of ideological, sociopolitical, and personal grievances against their targets, which recently have more and more included large public gatherings, houses of worship, and retail locations."

"Lone actors, who by definition are not likely to conspire with others regarding their plans, are increasingly choosing these soft, familiar targets for their attacks, limiting law enforcement opportunities for detection and disruption ahead of their action," Wray continued. "Domestic violent extremists (DVEs) pose a steady and evolving threat of violence and economic harm to the United States."

The FBI director said trends may shift, but the underlying drivers for domestic violent extremism — such as perceptions of government or law enforcement overreach, sociopolitical conditions, racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, misogyny, and reactions to legislative actions — remain constant. He said the FBI is most concerned about lone

offender attacks, primarily shootings, as they have served as the dominant lethal mode for domestic violent extremist attacks.

But the rise of groups like the Proud Boys, the Three Percenters, the Hell Shaking Street Preachers, the G416 Patriots, Odinsvakt Kindred, Stormfront and others belies the FBI analysis and narrative of the lone wolf domestic terrorist.

German and Wray said more deaths were caused by DVEs than international terrorists in recent years. For example, 2019 was the deadliest year for domestic extremist violence since the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. Wray added that the top threat America faces from domestic violent extremists stems from those in law enforcement has identified as racially/ethnically motivated violent extremists (RMVE). RMVEs were the primary source of ideologically motivated lethal incidents and violence in 2018 and 2019 and have been considered the most lethal of all domestic extremists since 2001.

"Of note, the last three DVE attacks, however, were perpetrated by anti-government violent extremists," Wray said.

Experts who monitor White nationalist extremist groups have watched with increasing alarm at the rash of violent clashes, the shootings, use of vehicles to injure protestors and brawls

that have broken out between the Proud Boys and other far-right, neo-fascist, armed and unarmed militia groups and protestors seeking social and racial justice.

Yet, to the consternation of many, Trump, Attorney General William Barr, the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been spending their time and effort since Trump came into office targeting Black Lives Matter activists, the broad coalition of multiracial social justice advocates involved in protests and members of Antifa, all while ignoring the real threat that confronts this country.

In response to massive social justice protests, Mr. Trump and top officials such as Attorney General William Barr, have emphasized the threat posed by leftist groups like Antifa, but rarely mentioned or blamed far-right groups involved in the majority of the violence. Mr. Trump himself has regularly downplayed the threat of White supremacist violence during his presidency and has recently described Black Lives Matter as "a symbol of hate."

"This administration is not unique for not prosecuting right-wing violence. The fact that the murderers involved in the Greensboro massacre in 1979 were never caught illustrates that," said DC-based talk show co-host and longtime social justice activist Jacqui Luqman. "The Klan was openly communing with law en-

forcement. The danger now is the danger that has always been allowed to exist. We've already seen it."

"There is a long history of violence these groups have waged against Black people and their allies who have shown up to confront this anti-Black racism. Recently, they have attacked people with cars and other vehicles and there have been several shootings with one person killed. There have been assaults of protestors committed by far-right wing people armed with baseball bats and other weapons. They have shown their willingness to commit violence because time-and-time again, the police has not stopped them. Officers are very slow to apprehend them if they have done so at all. They know they can be violent because the police are on their side and Donald Trump and Barr have sanctioned what they're doing."

An FBI affidavit points out that the plotters seemed to be motivated at least in part by their belief that state governments, including Michigan's, were violating the Constitution. Militia members were and are opposed to stay-at-home orders, limitations of public movement and other restrictions, and in response, the plotters talked about targeting police officers in their homes, blowing up Whitmer's country home and kidnapping her.

In a news conference after the arrests, Whitmer reiterated that she had made

"tough choices to keep our state safe." And she placed the problem squarely on Trump.

"When our leaders speak, their words matter. They carry weight," she said. "When our leaders meet with, encourage, or fraternize with domestic terrorists, they legitimize their actions, and they are complicit." Trump, she said, "refused to condemn white supremacists and hate groups like these two Michigan militia groups" and told one far-right group to "stand back and stand by."

The broader American public watched cops kill George Floyd and that has triggered a racial reckoning, a summer of sustained protests and a realization

among White people that the current racial paradigm is untenable and unsustainable, said Dr. Leon. But while that has led to marches, protests and demonstrations by a multiracial coalition of Americans, there has been a right-wing conservative backlash politically, socially in some quarters, and on the streets. Meanwhile, administration critics see negative and inaccurate FBI designations of the Black Lives Matter movement and ANTIFA as a way for the government to criminalize broad-based grassroots movements and organizations seeking fairness and justice for Blacks and the civil rights and liberties supposedly guaranteed to Americans.

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Souls to the Polls: An Early Voting event with social distancing

At a time when disenfranchisement, voter suppression and voter intimidation are once again threats to democratic rights, DFW Metro Justice & Equality launched an Early Voting initiative called Souls to the Polls to encourage African-Americans to vote. Voters will meet at designated locations and caravan to local polling sites on the Super Sundays of Oct. 18 and Oct. 25, 2020. These exciting events will create culture and unity through a single urgent activity.

Though Souls to the Polls is a social event, it will include social distancing to prevent coronavirus spread. DFW Metro Justice & Equality requests that Souls to the Polls participants wear masks and remain in their vehicles until their caravans reach their voting locations.

Since Souls to the Polls will occur during Early Voting (Oct.13-30), voters are eligible to vote at any



voting location within their respective counties. By participating in Souls to the Polls, voters will avoid the long lines predicted to occur Election Day, Nov. 3, 2020.

Participating organizations will include:

New Beginnings Church
1569 W. Main St.

Lewisville, TX 75067
Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, at 11 a.m.

Souls to the Polls event webpage: <https://nbcfm.org/event/2020-10-18-souls-to-the-polls/>

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church

2951 Evans Ave.
Fort Worth, TX 76104
Oct. 25, 2020, at 11 a.m.

Coppell Rotary Club
768 Main St.
Coppell, TX 75019

Souls to the Polls event link: <https://bit.ly/34YWmOg>

Oct. 18, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.

Souls to the Polls: Ride in for a New America

3662 W. Camp Wisdom Rd.

Dallas, TX 75237

Oct. 25, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

3802 Washington St.
Greenville, Texas 75401

Oct. 25, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Prior to Souls to the Polls, participants are encouraged to decorate their cars with signs like "Get Out and Vote," "Your Vote Counts" and "Rock the Vote." During Souls to the Polls, the cars will ride through communities in a parade to encourage others to make voting a priority.

Not only will Souls to the Polls accomplish the important goal of increasing voter turnout, it will also

be a social event filled with camaraderie and fun while social distancing.

Churches, community organizations, businesses, sororities and fraternities, car clubs, jeep clubs, horse-riding clubs, motorcycle clubs, residential communities, barbers and their clients, hairstylists and their clients, high school groups, college groups and more may participate.

When voters arrive at the voting location, they will be asked to show a photo ID.

Acceptable photo IDs include current forms of expired less than 4 years ago:

- Texas driver's license
- Texas election ID certificate

- Texas personal ID card
- Texas handgun license

- U.S. military ID with photo

- U.S. citizenship certificate with photo (doesn't need to be current)

- U.S. passport

Voters who are aged 70+ may present acceptable forms of photo identification that are expired for any length of time if the ID is otherwise valid. Voters without acceptable IDs may sign a sworn statement that they have a valid reason for not having one and

should visit votedenton.com to see what they can do to vote.

Interested participants may register at <https://bit.ly/2G9MVTE>. After participants register, they will be contacted with details.

The mission of DFW Metro Justice & Equality is to address disparities resulting from systemic oppression and to advance people of color and the disadvantaged by implementing initiatives that promote equity, equality and justice for all!

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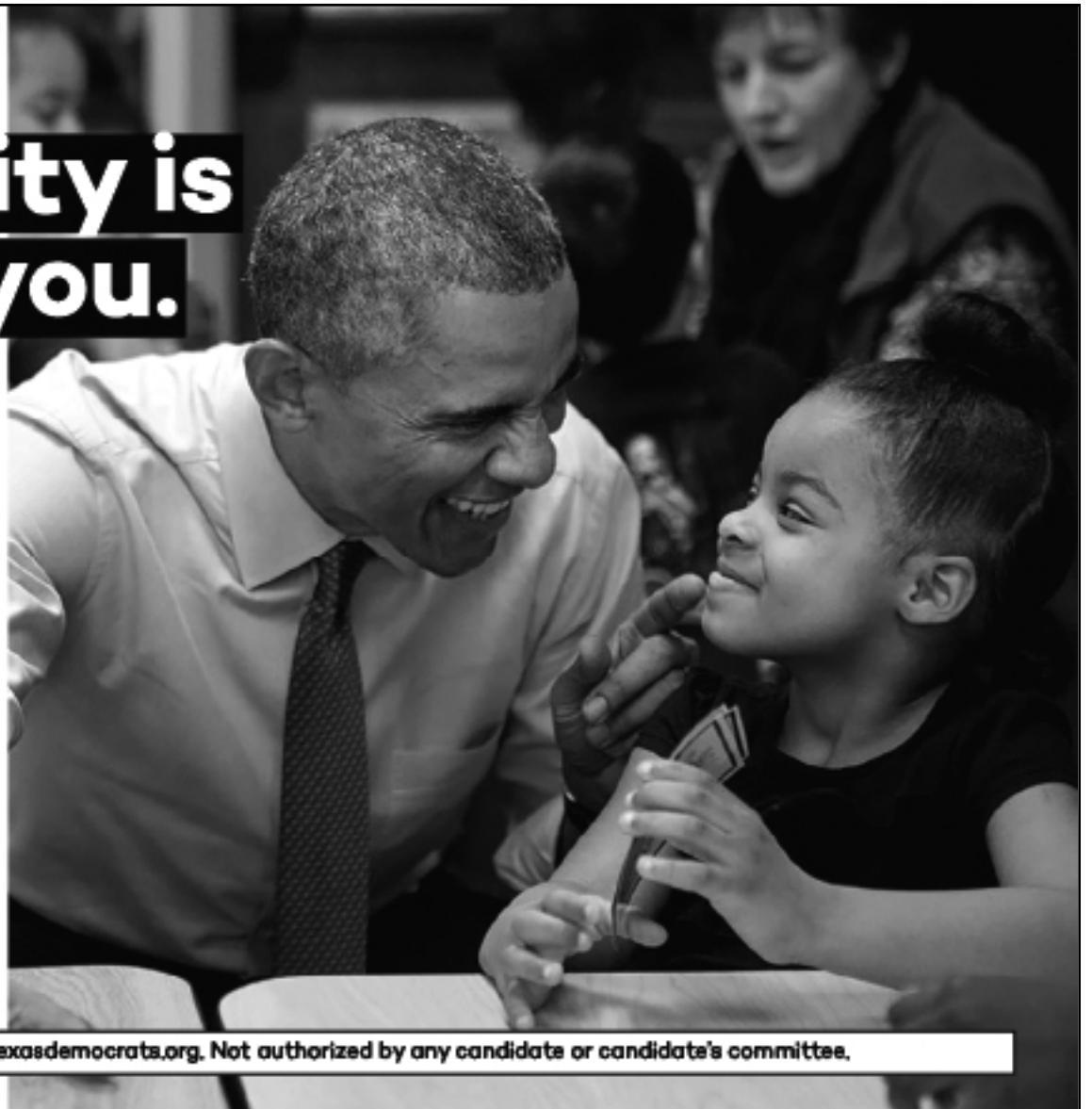
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Off to a Good Start



Joyce Foreman
Dallas ISD
District 6

We're off and running in a new school year, with students attending classes either in person or online. While we remain constrained to conducting much of the district's business in a virtual format because of the coronavirus, there is still the opportunity to move forward to meet the educational needs of our students.

Ribbon-Cutting Coming Up

I'm delighted to announce the virtual ribbon cutting for the Charmaine and Robert Price Career Institute, which will premiere at 10 a.m., Oct. 30, on Facebook and the district website. Students from the district's eight southern-sector high schools—Adamson, Carter, Kimball, Molina, Pinkston, Roosevelt, South Oak Cliff, and Sunset—can attend the institute for a half-day twice a week and graduate with a diploma and an industry certification in their choice of high-demand careers.

Dallas ISD, Big Thought, Dallas Afterschool and Dallas Park and Recreation share early lessons from national study on social emotional learning support for students

(BUSINESS WIRE)-Dallas ISD, Big Thought, Dallas Afterschool and Dallas Park and Recreation share early lessons from a six-year national study they are participating in called the Partnerships for Social and Emotional Learning Initiative (PSELI). Dallas was selected to be one of six communities to be part of the initiative via a competitive nationwide review process. PSELI was launched in 2016 to gain knowledge about how to

help children develop SEL skills. Evidence points to the importance of social and emotional skills – including teamwork, persistence, goal-setting and self-control – for success in school and careers. These skills are developed over time and through repeated experiences in school, out-of-school settings, and at home.

The study was sponsored by The Wallace Foundation, a philanthropy that works to foster improve-

ments in learning and enrichment and undertaken by RAND Education and Labor, a division of the RAND Corporation that conducts research on education and workforce issues.

The Wallace Foundation has two goals for PSELI: for local partners to strengthen their capacity to deliver benefits to children in their communities, and for PSELI to develop new knowledge that will be use-

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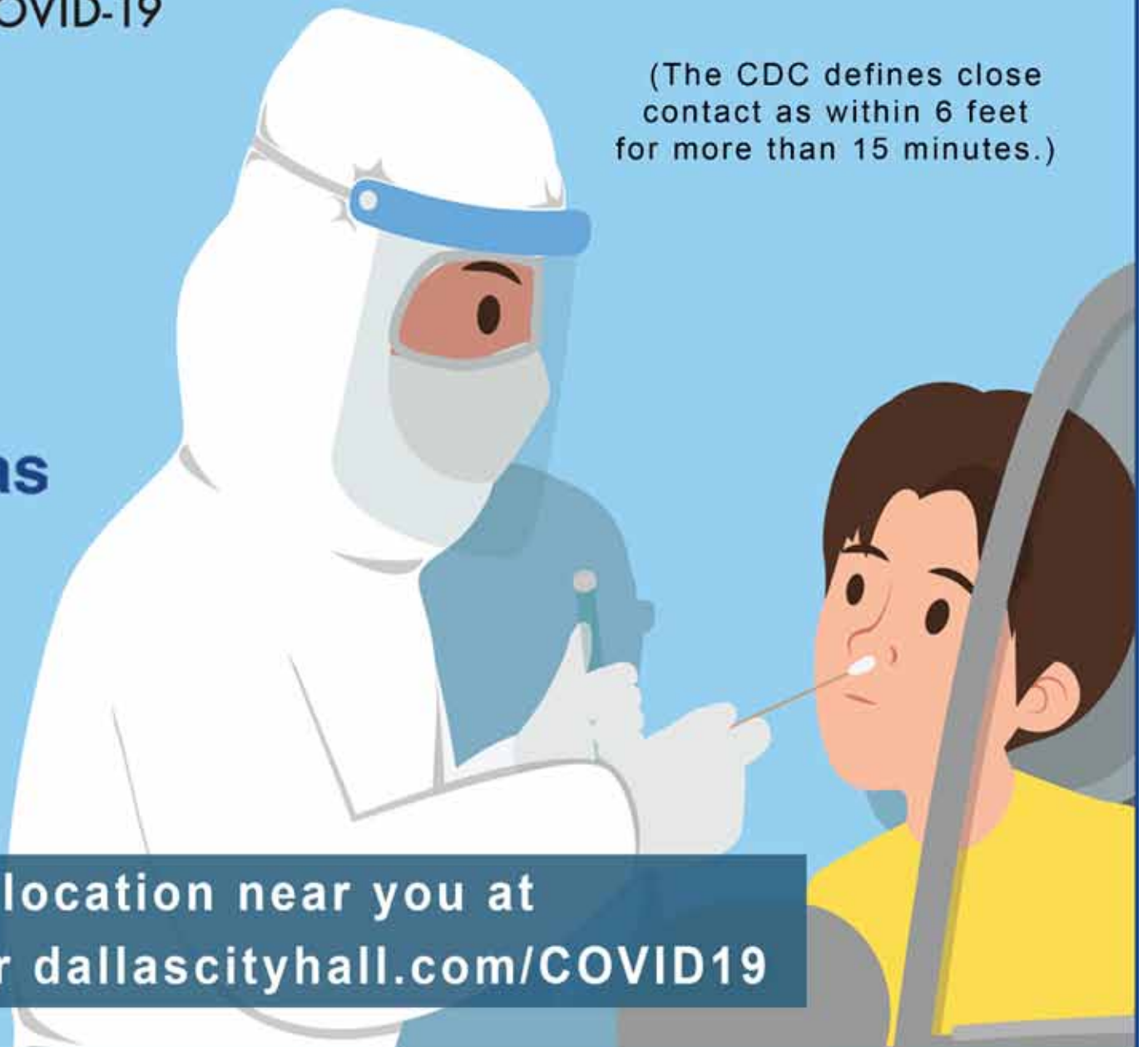
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One-On-One: U.S Representative Colin Allred on voting, healthcare, education and the American family

By Allen R. Gray
NDG Contributing Writer

Colin Zachary Allred is in the midst of a highly contested battle to win back his seat as the U.S. Representative from Texas's 32 Congressional District. Allred won the seat in the 2018 midterms by defeating longtime Republican incumbent Rep. Pete Sessions. That defeat enabled Democrats to wrest control of the U.S. House and shift the balance of power in Washington, D.C.

Recently, the 37-year-old Dallas native took time from his hectic schedule to share his views on our rapidly evolving society. We found Allred to be empathetic, charismatic, and caring. Above all else, Allred is a candidate who is purpose-driven, committed to the best interests of his constituents—yet genuinely humble.

We spoke to Allred after the first two days of early voting had ended, and voters were showing up at the polls in unprecedented numbers. We wanted to know what Allred viewed this trend of increased of voters to be an indication of.

Allred says he believes the record number of voters to be an act overt defiance of knowledgeable voters who are aware of the numerous efforts to suppress their right to vote. "I'm really proud that in these first two days we've broke all records for early voting," says Allred. "It's an indication of how excited (voters) are, but also how determined (voters) are."

How does a politician's background enable or disable the politician from being able to empathize with the vast majority of Americans?

Allred explained that the word experience usually brings to mind one's work experience, but one's "lived experiences"—those life situations one faces during



U.S. Rep. Colin Allred (TX-32) sat down for an exclusive interview with NDG's Allen R. Gray, which is available on the North Dallas Gazette Youtube channel. (Screenshot)

one's upbringing—are the most vital experiences of all. Allred was the child of a single mother, who sometimes had to work two jobs to subsidize her teacher's salary. "That taught me a lot about what families are going through right now," Allred says with conviction. "No one has to tell me what it's like to have a family that's struggling and not sure how they're going to pay the bills next month. I know that from personal experience." Allred also said he is aware of the hardships families face when trying to secure safe childcare in a time when COVID-19 forces parents to choose if they are going to work or stay home. "You can learn these things if you're an empathetic person and you put the work in," Allred concedes. "I'm not saying you have to grow up that way—but when you do grow up that way I think it gives you some insight that you can't read in a book."

The rising costs of healthcare and the way the price of prescription medication is also skyrocketing are two of the most prominent topics on Allred's agenda. We wanted to know his views on how these two life necessities are affecting American families.

Allred believes that an acceptable expectation of Americans is that they should be able to afford

medications, especially those like diabetes prescriptions that are vital to their existence. "But right now, about one in four Americans have to ration their insulin if you're a diabetic," Allred grimly informs us. "And that's something you really can't ration. You're not suppose to. It's to keep you alive." Senior citizens and families alike have to often decide if they are going to eat or pay bills or buy lifesaving medication for themselves or their children.

The biggest culprit in this rise in cost is price gauging says Allred, adding that this covetous act must be addressed. "So, we passed legislation in the House of Representatives (legislation that Allred helped draft and introduce) to use the leverage we have as a government to negotiate drug prices," Allred stated. "The biggest lever we have is Medicare."

Allred says that if Medicare, who is by far the largest purchaser of all brands of medicine, sets rates then those rates would lower costs for all users of prescription medicines. "Right now, unfortunately in the law, Medicare is not allowed under the law to negotiate drug prices," Allred says sorrowfully. "They basically have to pay whatever the cost is." This ability to barter for prices is not a foreign concept, how-

ever. Price negotiations are taking place with other entities like the Veterans Affairs System.

"This is something we recognize and that we can get done," Allred states with confidence. "Right now, we don't have enough votes in Senate to join us—and we don't have a president who's made this a priority."

"I'm confident with a President Joe Biden, and hopefully with a different Senate next Congress we will be able to pass this (legislation) and help folks who are struggling save a lot of money."

Should Medicare benefits be extended to other Americans beyond those who are elderly and disabled?

Allred said, "I do think we should consider lowering the Medicare age from 65 to 60 or even 55 to catch folks who are having to retire early because of health problems. My mom, for instance, had to retire a little bit early after teaching for 27 years because of some health problems."

At present, only about 40% of minority households have a father involved in the family's structure. Allred, who was estranged from his father, understands the importance of extended family members and community support. Currently, Allred is a new

dad who has a young son, born in February of 2019. He and his wife, Alexandra, are anticipating the born of their second son in March 2021.

So, how does the absence of a mother or father affect the development of a child?

"It has an enormous impact," Allred says from experience. "We've seen from the research—not only on the child but on the family itself—it puts much more stress on the parent who's left. Outcomes are less likely to be successful."

Other disadvantages of a child being from a single-parent home, according to Allred, are a shorter lifespan and that child will earn less income, and parents are less likely to be engaged with the child. Allred contends that the child will continue that cycle when they become parents.

Yet, Allred says there are exceptions to this undesirable path. "Even where you do have a single-parent household if you put into place structures to support those families, then you can start reducing and breaking out of the cycle."

Allred is a proud graduate of Dallas ISD's Hillcrest High School. He used his achievements there to play football and educate himself at Baylor University. His hard work and dedication at Baylor landed him in the National Football League. His salary in the NFL funded his education in law school. Although, Allred's tale is not the common DISD story for

young Black men.

African Americans comprise 20% of DISD's student population, yet they account for 51% of the discipline referrals. Academically there is a persistent gap between the achievement of African American students and others. This disparity, though, is more than a DISD matter alone. This disturbing disproportion is pervasive across our entire country.

What, if anything, can be done legislatively to stop this alarming cycle of desolation?

"The statistics are undeniable," Allred admits. "We have some structural barriers in place that are not working. Even with the great folk at DISD trying really hard to address some of these (disparities)."

Allred submits that this grave disparity is not just a product of the school systems alone but is indicative of societal issues that have affected far too many students and their families. "When (students) walk in those school doors, hopefully, it is a refuge, but they are still bringing the world with them."

Allred says the work begins on the outside of the school with legislatures reducing structural racism and barriers that lead to what we see as our schools' poor performance. "The most important thing we can do in the schools," Allred shares leaning on his observations as the son of a teacher, "is to have a highly trained, and highly quali-

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Cowboys corralled by Cardinals in 38-10 blowout

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports

In their first game without quarterback Dak Prescott since he entered the NFL in 2016 as a wide-eyed rookie out of Mississippi State, the Dallas Cowboys looked very unimpressive and mostly uninspired.

Playing on the big Monday Night Football stage, the Cowboys staged their worst performance ever at home since AT&T Stadium opened in 2009 en route to getting embarrassed by the Arizona Cardinals, 38-10. The Cowboys turned the ball over four times, fell behind 21-0 in the second quarter and just never really had a meaningful pep in their step all night long.

The four turnovers led to 21 points by the Cardinals. That means the Cowboys -74 points off turnovers differential this season is the worst by any team in the NFL over the past 20 years.

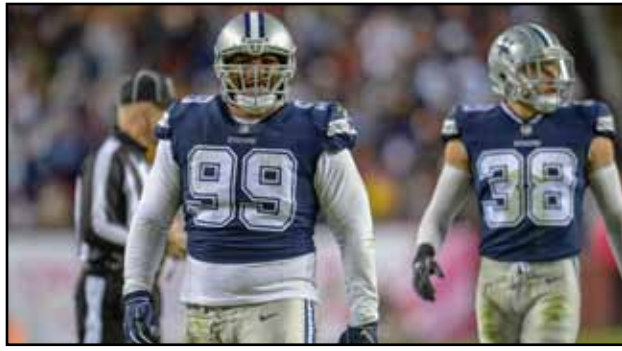
"We're the worst in the league taking care of the football," coach Mike McCarthy said. "We're not taking it away, and we're giving up more points than anybody in the league off of turnovers."

"It's frustrating to see the pattern here -- five of the six games this year. So we've got to continue to work at it."

The Cowboys will continue working at it without Prescott, whose 2020 season ended prematurely when he suffered a compound fracture and dislocation of his right ankle during last week's win over the New York Giants. Andy Dalton was expected to be a capable backup to Prescott, but Dalton was just 34-of-54 for 266 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions against the Cardinals.

Dalton also was sacked three times as the Cowboys' injured offensive line took a beating.

"We're hurting ourselves with the turnovers and we've got to get this fixed," Dalton said. "It's been a trend this year, especially



The Dallas Cowboys have a lot to address following last week's dismal performance. (All Pro Reels / Flickr) (CC BY-SA 2.0)

early in games, and that's affected how we've been able to play.

"We haven't been able to run our full offense and run it how it should be running just because we're getting down in these games just because we are turning the ball over."

A pair of first-half fumbles by running back Ezekiel Elliott exacerbated the situation and put the Cowboys back on their collective heels. Elliott's fumbles -- it's the first he's lost two fumbles in a game in the NFL -- led to two Arizona touchdowns and a 14-0 lead for the Cardinals.

From there, it was all downhill for the Cowboys.

"I started the game off with two fumbles -- gave the ball away," Elliott said. "And that gave them all the momentum that they needed to go and take off."

"I want to say I'm sorry. This one's on me and I need to be better for this team."

The game turned out to be a triumphant homecoming for Cardinals quarterback Kyler Murray, who led Allen High School to three consecutive state championships in games played inside AT&T Stadium. Murray dazzled Monday's crowd of 25,174 with his quickness and with his unique play-making abilities.

Murray completed 9-of-24 passes for 188 yards and two touchdowns, and also ran 10 times for 74 yards and a touchdown. It was Murray's 80-yard scoring strike to Christian Kirk that put Arizona up, 21-0, with 4:43 remaining before halftime, and it was his one-yard scamper around

quarter.

"We really need to get off the field on third down," said linebacker Leighton Vander Esch, who was playing for the first time since fracturing his collarbone on opening day against the Los Angeles Rams. "We had them in third-and-long for so many times."

"Just getting off the field on third down, I think that's going to take a huge step on our defense. Just tightening

up our coverage, don't let anybody behind us. There's not really any excuses for that."

Vander Esch said it mattered not that the Cowboys' offense has often put the defense in some very difficult spots with their bushel of turnovers.

"We've got to take pride in defense, and about going out there and having our offense's back, regardless of what the situation is," he said. "Whether they get

good field position or they punt the ball down to the two-yard line, or whether they turn the ball over on the two-yard line on their end.

"We've got to have the mindset that we're going to go out there -- and we've got to take pride in that as a defense -- that we're going to go out there and we're going to stop them no matter what. Everybody's got to

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Film Review: 'The Trial of the Chicago 7' sheds light on historic moment

By Dwight Brown
NNPA Film Critic

Fiery rhetoric. Conflicting politics. Angry activists. Heated demonstrations. Violent police clashes. Government subterfuge. Duplicious judges... The anti-war uproar of the late '60s is so relevant today. One particular incident pulls all those volatile elements under one roof, into one courtroom: The historic Trial of the Chicago 7.

Writer/director Aaron Sorkin won a Best Writing, Adapted Screenplay Oscar for *The Social Network* and marked his directing debut with *Molly's Game*, a film about a woman who ran high-stakes poker games. Both projects were based on true stories, which would lead audience's to believe that fact-based films are Sorkin's thing. They'd be right. Here, he pulls together the bits and pieces, participants and locations, rivalries and relationships of people involved in a trial that defined a movement. With meticulous research, his reflection on the historic Chicago trial seems to be mostly in words, versus action. Similar to his approach to *Molly's Game*, dialogue supersedes other modes of conveying a story. This very intellectual reinterpretation is fact-filled to the point of being dense. Yet it is emotionally charged enough to be compelling.

In 1968, MLK and RFK have been assassinated. President Johnson is sending more and more troops to fight in Vietnam, an endless war involving 30,000 American casualties and counting. Fathers, sons and brothers die. Vice President Hubert Humphrey will be formally named the Democratic Party's presidential candidate, and anti-war activists mount their protests in the streets and parks in Chicago, Illinois. Mayor Richard Daley employs the National Guard and the CPD on the demonstrators.



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A bloody battle ensues. Protestors, police and civilians are injured.

In 1969, eight people are charged with "conspiring to start a riot"—defined as "a plan among two or more people conspiring to plot across state lines." The case is presented in a courtroom by lead prosecutor Richard Schultz (Joseph Gordon-Levitt, *Inception*), at the behest of the U.S Attorney General John Mitchell, who serves under President Richard Nixon. A guilty verdict could land the defendants in jail for decades. Judge Julius Hoffman (Frank Langella, *Frost/Nixon*) quickly shows he is the boss in his courtroom, even if he's a bit ditzy. The accused feel like they are part of a media circus, and act accordingly:

Tom Hayden (Eddie Redmayne, *The Theory of Everything*) and Rennie Davis (Alex Sharp) head the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS); counter-culture activist Abbie Hoffman (Sacha Baron Cohen, *Borat*) and Jerry Rubin (Jeremy Strong, *Molly's Game*) lead the Yippies (Youth International Party); organizers David Dellinger (John Carroll Lynch), John Froines (Danny Flaherty) and Lee Weiner (Noah Robbins) represent Mobe (National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam); and Black Panther Party Chairman Bobby Seale (Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, *Watchmen*) is on trial too, morally supported by fellow Panther Fred Hampton (Kelvin Harrison Jr., *Waves*) and getting occasional assistance from defense attorney William

Kunstler (Mark Rylance, *Bridge of Spies*), who is actually representing other defendants.

That's a lot of characters, moving parts and subplots for any audience to discern and remember. Yet as the prosecution makes its case and those on trial claim their innocence—either reverently (Hayden), with rebellion (Seale) or party antics (Rubin and Hoffman)—following who is who and why they do what they do is an achievable goal for attentive audiences, though probably not for casual viewers. Under Sorkin's guidance, everything plays out accordingly. Flashbacks to the

riots and debated events are displayed, breaking up the certain monotony of a pure courtroom drama.

From a historical standpoint, what's on view is pretty flabbergasting. The government's case is more about retribution than defending the country from anarchists. The prosecuting attorney has just enough consciousness to keep the audience guessing about his intentions. Friction between the white activists and lone black defendant boils over into heated discussions about racism and how the "petulant schoolboys" have parents who can save them, and the Panther does not. He has no sense of entitlement. No safety net. Clashes between the always irreverent Yippies and the more sober SDS are equally contentious. In these striking ways, Sorkin's script has just enough of an unpredictable edge to keep that average egghead, history buff, counter-culture devotee or child of the '60s engaged.

Some of the outdoor

scenes look like a set, even if they aren't. The interiors (production designer;

Shane Valentino, *Nocturnal Animals*) fair better. Exterior and interior shots, from lighting to composition, (director of photography Phedon Papamichael, *Ford vs. Ferrari*) are fine. The wardrobes for the lead actors make sense (costume designer Susan Lyall, *Molly's Game*) but the clothes on the demonstrators look like they were bought from TJ Max and never worn before. It takes a full 2h 10min to retell this drama/history/thriller (editor Alan Baumgarten, *Molly's Game*) and there are not many extraneous moments. It's a pity that the over-hyped musical score does a disservice to the beginning of the film (composer Daniel Pemberton, *Molly's Game*).

The cast is pretty earnest. You never question their conviction or strategy for their performances. Frank Langella is suitably wicked and crazed. Mark Rylance

plays Kunstler as bright, courageous and a bit of a showman. Strong's performance as Rubin greatly outweighs that of Cohen's Hoffman; the former is a real actor and the latter is a British actor/comedian who can't go as deep or master a Worcester, MA accent. Similarly, the pivotal role of Tom Hayden was given to British Oscar-winning actor Eddie Redmayne who emotes well but can't mimic Hayden's Michigan accent and doesn't resemble him at all. Bobby Seale's outrage is well represented by Yahya Abdul-Mateen II. Ditto Kelvin Harrison Jr. as Hampton who is equally electric.

As a director, Sorkin is better at the inside scenes, less deft at the outside crowd sequences that look fake and arranged. It takes a director with a great feel for action to make demonstrations and riots look real. He's not there yet, and that may not be his goal. Staging

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Black SuperPac urges candidates, parties to spend millions with Black businesses

By The Florida Courier Staff

One of America's leading Black conservative political action committee has instituted a national effort to help Black-owned businesses earn some of the billions of dollars spent during America's political campaigns as the 2020 election year hits the home stretch.

BlakPAC, a federally-registered "Super PAC" (political action committee), is spearheading an initiative urging all candidates, political parties, political action committees, and donors to take "The Art Fletcher Pledge" to commit to spending ten percent of their funding, revenues, or both with Black-owned and businesses and financial institutions.

Billions spent

According to the Center for Responsive Politics website at [opensecrets.com](https://www.opensecrets.com), which tracks cam-

paigned funding and expenditures, the 2020 presidential candidates have raised more than \$2.8 billion thus far — all to be spent prior to Election Day, November 3, 2020.

That amount does not include campaign fundraising or expenditures for congressional, state, or local elections, or campaign dollars raised by fundraising committees or political parties.

"The purpose of the pledge is simple," explained BlakPAC Chairman George Farrell.

"Any candidate, Democrat, Republican or independent, that cannot execute the ability to spend 10 percent of campaign funds with Black businesses cannot be trusted to operate honestly as an elected government official and should not earn our votes."

Farrell, a Washington, D.C. native who attended

Howard University, is a real estate developer and entrepreneur. He and his wife Sandra Lopez co-founded BlakPAC with former Florida Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll.

Carroll was the highest-ranking Black female elected official in the state's history. She served as the second in command to former Florida Gov. Rick Scott from 2011-2013.

'Economic flesh'

The pledge is named after Arthur Fletcher, a former assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor in the Nixon administration. Fletcher, a Black Republican and lifelong civil rights activist referred to himself as "the father of affirmative action enforcement" for his work with the 1969 "Philadelphia Plan."

The plan required federal government contractors in Philadelphia's construction trades to set goals and time-

tables for hiring minority workers. It gave the businesses autonomy on how to increase minority employment. However, if the goals were not reached, the con-

tracts could be terminated by the federal government.

"The name of the game is to put some economic flesh and bones on Dr. (Martin Luther) King's dream,"

Fletcher is quoted as saying.

Fletcher went on to work with successive Republican

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ful to the field. Today, The Wallace Foundation and RAND Education and Labor published Volume I of a series of reports based on findings from this initiative that provides insights into early lessons from the six-community, 38-site study.

Key global findings include:

- The experience of PSEL communities suggests benefits in developing adult understanding of SEL and skills in order to foster these in students.

- Creating a shared vision of SEL, determining roles and responsibilities, and identifying which SEL skills to develop were helpful early steps in implementing SEL.

- Communities approached SEL implementation in three ways:

through explicit skills instruction, integrating SEL into academic instruction and OST activities, and creating a positive in-school and out-of-school culture and climate.

- SEL-focused partnerships (between schools and OST programs and/or districts and OST coordinating entities, or intermediaries) face barriers - but there are strategies to help overcome them.

Seven Dallas ISD elementary schools were part of PSEL Phase 1. Big Thought and Dallas Afterschool served as the Out of School Time Intermediaries (OSTI), providing technical support and coaching. Dallas Park and Recreation is the after school provider for five of the seven Phase 1 sites, and Big Thought is the af-

ter school provider at two sites. Collectively, the Dallas effort is referred to as SEL Dallas.

Early analysis of the SEL Dallas initiative indicates that students at SEL Dallas campuses have fewer disciplinary referrals, that campus culture is perceived to be more positive and that staff have fewer absences than non-SEL Dallas campuses.

This six-year study began in the 2017-2018 school year. Each summer from 2018 to 2020, RAND is providing non-public formative feedback to each community along with an interactive website in which each grantee community can view the data RAND has collected about their sites. In 2020 and beyond, RAND will publish public reports about the implementation and effects of PSEL.

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have that pride, that sense of urgency, that conviction that no matter where the ball's at on the field we're going to get the job done."

The Cowboys were able to get the job done and secure their only touchdown with 2:48 remaining in the game when Dalton fired a one-yard pass to Amari Cooper to bring Dallas within 31-10 of the Cardinals. But while Arizona was simply trying to run the clock out, running back Kenyan Drake managed to gallop 69 yards off tackle for a touchdown a mere 23 seconds later.

It's the fifth straight game the Cowboys have allowed at least 34 points.

"I felt like the preparation coming into the game was probably our best so far this year," McCarthy said. "But obviously that doesn't account for anything, particu-

larly after a performance like (Monday).

"I have continued issues with ball security on my football team. It's something I personally take a lot of pride in, and how it reflects why you play the game of football, and I'm not getting it done right now."

With Prescott sidelined, Elliott was expected to step up and lead the way for the Cowboys. For that to happen, he knows he has to perform better than he did against the Cardinals.

"I'm supposed to be a guy this team can rely on, I'm supposed to be a guy that this team can lean on when times get rough, and I just wasn't that (Monday)," Elliott said. "I got us started off to a terrible start."

"The defense was playing well, but I killed our

momentum - two fumbles. I can't do that. I can't. It's not acceptable, and I need to figure it out."

Despite their transgressions, the Cowboys still lead the NFC East with a dismal 2-4 record going into Sunday's 12-noon kickoff at Washington. It's the first time a team with a losing record has led its division through Week 6 of the NFL season since 1970.

"I feel like we're good mentally, but that's not really for me to say," Vander Esch said. "I don't know how all of the other guys feel, really."

"I think the energy is good, I think we've had good energy every single week. We just got to clean stuff up and play one snap at a time, one week at a time. We've got to be 1-0 in the week that we're playing. Nothing else matters."

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presidents, including Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush. Later in his career, he also served as chairman of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, and as the head of the United Negro College fund.

He died in 2005.

Growing support

"The Art Fletcher Pledge should be a demand!" exclaimed Carl Marbury, a Pittsburgh, Penn.-based entrepreneur. "Extending the ideas of Art Fletcher to campaign spending should be a demand that every organization that supports the economic empowerment of minority-owned businesses should be making of candidates looking for the votes of their members."

"In response to rioting, burning and looting, many American businesses and organizations are investing in voices that are loud and often irresponsible. BlakPAC is opening the way for investment in softer but experienced and responsible voices which present plans and projects which actually solve problems and benefit

Americans," said former Louisiana State Senator Elbert Guillory, a Black Republican. He has signed on as a pledge supporter.

"People often forget those who commit to a cause and act as a catalyst for historic change," said Robert Whittemore, another pledge supporter.

"Art Fletcher, a Republican civil rights leader, championed affirmative action to assure minority workers' civil rights were protected and represented to assure access to opportunity and economic equality through employment."

"Today, BlakPAC calls upon candidates and campaigns to make a pledge for affirmative political action, assuring minority activists and minority-owned businesses receive the funding needed to get the right candidates elected."

Electing conservatives

According to its website, www.blakpac.gop, "BlakPAC contributes to conservative candidates who share our values and serve as positive role models. They are our best advocates

for conservative ideas to be showcased in the community." The organization has been in operation since January 2015.

BlakPAC also provides candidate training, exit polling, voter research, and social media campaign services, and has set up paid internships for Black youth who are interested in working on political campaigns.

Easy to do

"Meeting the Art Fletcher Pledge is easy if the commitment is there for affirmative political action," Farrell said. "There are some 200 Black-owned newspapers in the United States covering every possible market with a very loyal readership. Many of these papers are weeklies and therefore have a long shelf life compared to daily newspapers."

"There are more than 100 Black-owned radio stations. There are even Black-owned television stations and Byron Allen's Weather Channel," he said.

"National and statewide candidates should be serious about reaching swing voters - otherwise known as Black voters - who pro-

vide the margin of victory in Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Texas."

The 2018 Florida governor's race was decided by 44,000 votes. According to Farrell, Republican Ron DeSantis owes his victory in the Florida gubernatorial election to about 100,000 African American women who unexpectedly chose him over Democrat candidate Andrew Gillum because of a school choice-

oriented get out the vote effort by BlakPac.

Black Republicans sign up

New Journey PAC President Autry Pruitt and Vernon Robinson of Black Americans for the President's Agenda PAC are both Art Fletcher Pledge signers and have spent more than \$1 million on advertising targeting Black voters and on Black-owned radio stations in Ohio,

Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Florida.

Black Republican congressional candidates Carla Spalding of Florida and Casper Stockman from Colorado have signed and have agreed to meet the commitment.

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October 25, 9:45 am

Please join us in our quiet time, "Prayer and Meditation" followed by Morning Worship. You will be blessed and inspired as we celebrate service to God, our community and all mankind.

October 28, 7 pm

You are invited to join us via video-conferencing for Prayer and Bible Study from 7 to 8:45 pm as we pray for the world's Coronavirus.

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October 28, 7 pm

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- Malachi 3:8-10

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October 23, 7 pm

All men are invited to Men's Ministry meeting each Friday night at 8 pm, (IBOC promotes proactive male leadership.)

October 25, 10 a.m.

Join us for our Morning

Service; and don't forget to invite family and friends to join us as we celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

October 26, 7 pm

You are invited to Monday School to see what God has

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apathy, function, and some aspects of cognition."

How long does the benefit last?

Can the effect last longer than three months? "That's the million-dollar question," says lead researcher Dr. Prasad Padala. He is a geriatric psychiatrist with VA and University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

"Unfortunately, no study has looked at that thus far. Ours is the first study to say that the effects persist until three months. I don't know about four months. I don't know about five months. The only thing I can say is at three months the effects were still there.

"If I have to treat somebody clinically based on this

result, I would be inclined to give them a maintenance treatment, a booster dose of sorts at three months, like we do now for treating depression."

Apathy keeps neurons from connecting

The main side effects from the rTMS were discomfort in the area where the magnet sat on the patient's head, and headaches. Those issues occurred only during treatment and resolved soon afterward.

Padala says those in the study who received the sham treatment were subsequently given access to the real treatment through a clinical program.

He is enthusiastic about the therapy's potential.

"I'm so interested in this area because people with pre-dementia who lose their motivation and have a lot of apathy tend to convert into dementia at much higher rates than those who keep their motivation and interest levels.

"So if you don't do anything in your daily life, you're not connecting the neurons in the brain and you're hastening the process of neuro-degeneration. To put it simply, if someone has pre-dementia and on top of that they have apathy, their brain shrinks faster."

Based on his research to date, he believes "brain stimulation may slow down the shrinking of the brain." More study is needed, he emphasizes.

having to deal with so many things that didn't happen in those other phases.

"So, I want to see us put into place ladders of opportunity, so everybody has a chance to pursue their version of the American dream like I was able to. And then it's up to you. It really is. It's up to you to work hard. It's up to you to take advantage of your opportunities...But if we don't give you that opportunity then I think we've failed you.

"I don't think the government can create outcomes, but I do think we can create opportunities."

Allred's final thoughts were about hope for a better future.

"Opportunity structures have to be in place so that (families) can succeed. What we don't want to have is what I think we have right now, which is we're just wasting so much talent (from our young students). We have so much potential that is going unrealized in our DISD schools, and really, across the country. Talented young people who I know and who I grew up with, who I think could have done so much more if we had given them a few more opportunities."

"I was fortunate..."

"Most people don't have that chance."

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fied and caring teacher in every single classroom.

"I think we do have teachers who care a lot, but we're not paying them enough. And we lose a lot of our successful teachers to other jobs where they can make more money to take care of their families."

"I'd like it to be that the best and brightest of DISD go to college, become teachers, and come back to teach in DISD because then they not only know that they will be valued, but they will also have that value reflected in how they're compensated."

"Having a good teacher is the most important factor in any student's improvement."

Young students who are about to vote for the first time are also paying attention to Allred and the issues he considers to be important. Dallas ISD student Wendy Perez, a senior at South Oak Cliff High School, wanted to know what social issue is the most important to Allred? Also, with all the recent events of racism and police brutality being repeated on the news, what Allred hopes to accomplish to help settle those contentious fronts?

"What I want to see is a restoration between the police and our communities, where people feel like the police are there to protect and serve; and that you have a level of trust...a positive relationship.

"I also want to see our police not to be asked to do more than what the scope of their job is supposed to be. I know a lot of police officers in Dallas—they're asked to be mental health counselors because they're dealing with folks who have mental health issues... It's difficult to deal with someone who is having a mental health crisis. (Police) are asked to solve a lot of inter-family problems. They spend a lot of their time dealing with domestic disputes that often turn violent...(Police) are asked to deal with drug issues that are more about addiction than they are criminality."

"It's our society that we have to address the most. The police and our interactions there, that's the end point. We have a middle point and a beginning point that I think is more about... our education system, our healthcare system (our single-parent homes)—the police are just the endpoint of

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"The Lord told him, 'Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying'"

(Acts 9:11).

The story is told of a man that stepped into the cab to take his first drive to downtown Jerusalem. It was an exciting time for him! His cab driver's name was Moses. "When in doubt, just call out 'Moses!' and there is a good chance someone will answer," he said.

Moses offered to drive me throughout the city and surrounding area. The man was a rookie, not sure what he was getting himself into. It was a dangerous time to roam through Jerusalem. His cab driver began to talk openly with the man when the cab driver discovered that the man was a believer in Jesus.

The cab driver was a born again Jew. His father was a rabbi and he had been excommunicated from his family for his belief that Jesus is the Savior.

Because of his faith, his

marriage was in trouble and holding on only by a thread. His salvation had cost him deeply. He used to work on the family farm for his rabbi father-in-law but now drove a cab.

The Jewish - Palestinian conflict had cut tourism by 90% - so as a cab driver, Moses had plenty of time on his hands.

He began to share his story with the man. "He'd been questioning his purpose in life. He began thinking there had to be more. His Jewish laws didn't satisfy something in him. He became very depressed.

Then one day a remarkable thing happened. He was in his bedroom. Suddenly, he heard a voice in his room that said, "Go to Christ Church!" He thought that he was imagining things. Then, he heard it a second time!

He looked in the yellow pages and discovered that Christ Church was located downtown in the 'Old City.' The people there explained to him what happened. Jesus was calling him to know Him. He has known Him ever since.

Now he has meaning and purpose. Things are still very difficult but he now has a peace inside that he



Attending a surprise Be The Change breakfast honoring Sister Tarpley were; (L to R, Top Row) Chris Samuels and Texas (Tre) Williams, (Middle Row) Phylis Stromile, Sabrina Samuels, Tameka Williams, Faye Miller, Gary Miller, Vanessa Talton and Pastor Adolphus Talton Sr., (Front Row Seated) Sister Shirley Tarpley and Sister Rachel Lewis. The delicious food was catered by Gary and Faye Miller

didn't have before."

Friend, Jesus is still reaching out to those who want to know Him. Do you have a faith that is willing to be rejected and ostracized by those close to you? Jesus said we are to follow Him even at the expense of the loss of our father and mother.

Pray to God, tell Him that He is great and greatly to be praised. That you wish that everyone would praise Him and give Him first priority in their lives. This world would be a better place... and individual lives would be so much better, so much happier.

Tell Him that you are so burdened for those who are unemployed, underemployed, or not able to work. They try to exist on what little they have. Some of them receive help from charities and government programs; others scrape here and there to earn a little; others have nothing. Pray that God will lift up these people.

Pray that God will encourage them and guide

them and show them the way. Pray that God will meet their EVERY need--whether for deliverance from sin, sickness, or some shackle that holds them down--for a job or career and financial needs--for shelter--for medical care--for counseling--for friendship--whatever they truly need.

For some people their greatest need is to find a purpose and a feeling of

worth. Pray that they will lift up their eyes to God, from whence comes their help and their salvation. Ask God to have mercy and help them.

Ask God to show you what you can do to help them and enable you to do so. Ask God to intervene. And may God receive all the glory and praise for great things that He will do and are doing; in the precious name of Jesus.

NDGtv North Dallas Gazette takes a moment to reflect on the past with **Historical Perspectives from Sister Tarpley**. Hear what it was like growing up in a very different Dallas when Booker T. Washington was a black school. Sister Tarpley graduated from there and went on to college and later became a city councilmember in Carrollton.

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NDG Book Review: 'Reclaiming Her Time' is informative and light

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

"Excuse me. It's my time to talk."

Ugh, it's frustrating when someone doesn't honor your voice or respect your ideas. When it's your time to speak, they should at least be quiet, and you shouldn't feel bad for wanting to be heard. Speak up! As in the new book "Reclaiming Her Time" by Helena Andrews-Dyer and R. Eric Thomas, one politician had no problem doing so.

Born and raised in poverty, little Maxine Carr had one thing most kids in the 1930s and 40s didn't have: she had the certainty that if



she didn't open her mouth to speak up, there'd never be any food in it. With thirteen children in the family and just an overwhelmed mother raising them, Maxine and her siblings scrambled for whatever they got, and they learned to stand up for themselves because nobody else was ever going to

do it for them.

Perhaps because of this, Maxine was always a fighter and never let an opportunity pass her by. She landed a job at age thirteen, so she could buy her own clothing. She worked hard to graduate from high school, knowing that an education was important. At eighteen, she was married, became a mother shortly afterward, and worked to help support her family. When she was twenty-eight years old, someone told her about Head Start, a program for children who needed a boost, and she applied to be a teacher.

"Head Start changed my life," she said later. It

opened up a world for her, and gave her the opportunity to use other talents to become a community advocate for the people of Southern California, following the Watts riots. Her roots gave her an innate ability to use the power of connections, which led her to volunteer work in local politics and later, to office.

In 1976, she made the leap to state politics with her election to the California State Assembly. She became Maxine Waters when she re-married in 1977.

And in 1990, she became the second Black woman to represent California and just the sixth Black woman in the House...

Cinderella did it. So did Andrew Carnegie. We love it when someone moves decisively from poverty to pinnacle, and "Reclaiming Her Time" tells the next story in line.

And yet, with side-bars, lots of colorful illustrations, and enough fuss-free slang to keep information accessible, authors Thomas and Andrews-Dyer have done more than just write about Congresswoman Maxine Waters, who they insist "is not a celebrity" and "is not your typical politician." No, in addition to Waters' lively and meteoric story, the authors also fully explain how their title words fit into Congressio-

nal hearings, firmly promising readers that "reclaiming" is no-nonsense and not rude. This, and other such information here makes this book like having your own personal tour of Congress.

Younger readers will enjoy it, as will adults who like things solidly informative but a little on the lighter side. If that's you and you love politics, "Reclaiming Her Time" is worth yours.

For more light reading, check out "Queens of the Resistance: Maxine Waters" by Brenda Jones & Krishan Trotman. It's a small, pocket-stuffer book that's perfect for taking a good story on the road.

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all the actors of this fairly large cast while they're indoors seems to be more in his wheelhouse. He gives the cast and characters time

to shine. Even when their monologues get preachy or sound too perfect. Even when their overly academic discussions feel more like

lines from a play than real life.

As you get caught up in the bickering, betrayals and last-minute revelations, it's almost easy to forget why the activists put so much on

the line and why the government focuses so much attention on them and not the cause of their ire. That all becomes clear in one extremely profound moment when the names of the

soldiers who died in Vietnam are read aloud. It's the money shot. Heartbreaking. A supreme injustice is exposed. It's the reason why they crusade and why audiences may care about this

film.

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the world in affirmation of the oneness of humanity."

"Last fall, I had a premonition that America was on the verge of mass social unrest," Wilkerson stated. "The constant police brutality videos on the news showing blacks suffering and dying at the hands of law enforcement was akin to seeing kindling wood pile up. It would only take one spark to ignite a flame."

Wilkerson continued:

"As we all know the death of George Floyd started this firestorm of protest that continues worldwide. Yet at that time it was just an intuition but I knew we would need Dr. Chavis's voice and his leadership as a civil rights icon. That's why I created The Chavis Chronicles.

"I've produced long format documentaries for Public TV for 25 years. I believed Public Television would be an excellent forum for this type of thought-provoking programming.

"I was thrilled when Dr.

Chavis agreed to host and collaborate on the series and now we are contracted to provide 52 episodes. It's a major undertaking, but I am grateful to have the opportunity to bring this TV series to a mass audience with Dr. Chavis."

American Public Television has ordered 48, one-hour episodes of the Chavis Chronicles which airs in more than 100 cities.

Melody McKinley and Tracie Caldwell serve as senior producers, and Tom Knier, Omar Teitelbaum, and Elie Mosseri also share editing duties.

"We have chronicled in-depth, our voices, our dreams, our pains, our aspirations, our struggles, and our challenges, opportunities, and our commitment to ensure freedom, justice and equality for all," Chavis declared on air following the initial broadcast.



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