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US winter storm causes 3rd day of dangerous icy conditions

By KEN MILLER and JEFF MARTIN



A driver slowly navigates through icy road conditions on the US 75 highway and LBJ 635 interchange Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, in Dallas. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A deadly storm system lashed a large swath of the southern U.S. with bands of sleet and snow for a third day on Wednesday, grounding an additional 2,200 flights, leaving hundreds of thousands without power,

forcing school closures and making already treacherous driving conditions worse.

Watches and warnings about wintry conditions were issued for an area stretching West Texas' border with Mexico through Oklahoma, Arkansas and

Louisiana, and into western Tennessee and northern Mississippi. Several rounds of mixed precipitation, including freezing rain and sleet, were in store for many areas throughout the day, meaning some places could get hit multiple times, fore-

casters said.

“It actually looks like it’s going to be getting worse again across Texas, it is already a pretty big area of freezing rain across western and southwestern Texas,”

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City of Dallas launches grant program for senior home repairs



On Wednesday, the Dallas City Council approved funding for the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization’s Senior Home Repair Program. The program will offer approved applicants up to \$10,000 in grant funds aimed at home repairs improving accessibility within the home, increasing safety and efficiency. “It has been an honor to help bring this program to fruition through collaboration with our dedicated City staff,” District 14 Council Member Paul Ridley said. “I am excited for our continued work together to help our aging residents get the assistance they need.”

The grant funds are available to residents in need of accessibility improvements such as wheelchair ramps, as well as to address significant

concerns to the health and safety of the residents. Funds may also be used to repair or replace HVAC systems, plumbing or water heaters.

“To be able to help our most vulnerable residents is the top priority of the City Council and the City of Dallas staff,” Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn King Arnold said. “These grant funds will help our aging residents make crucial repairs to their homes to keep them safe and comfortable.”

To be eligible for the program, a resident must be 65 years of age or older, at or below 80% area median income (AMI) and in need of repairs at their primary residence.

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For Many, The Devastating Tyre Nichols Video Shows Policing in America Cannot Be Reformed



AP Photo/Adrian Sainz

By Stacy M. Brown
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The devastating video of Memphis police officers rehearsing their excuse for their deadly use of force even as Tyre Nichols’ lifeless body lay just steps away painted a horrifying, if not entirely clear, portrait of five cops who murdered a man for no apparent reason and then conspired to destroy his reputation.

The actions of Demetrius Haley, Tadarrius Bean, Emmitt Martin III, Desmond Mills, Jr., and Justin Smith

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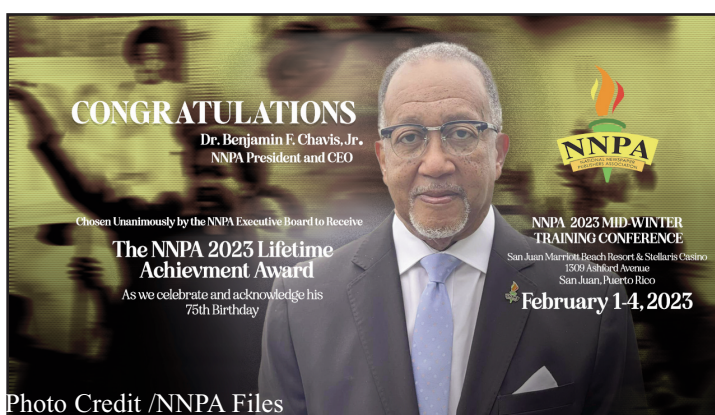


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A real zoodunit: Monkeys found but mystery deepens in Dallas

By JAMIE STENGLE

DALLAS (AP) — Two monkeys taken from the Dallas Zoo were found Tuesday in an abandoned home after going missing the day before from their enclosure, which had been cut. But no arrests have been made, deepening the mystery at the zoo that has included other cut fences, the escape of a small leopard and the suspicious death of an endangered vulture.

Dallas police said they found the two emperor tamarin monkeys after getting a tip that they could be

in an abandoned home in Lancaster, located just south of the zoo. The animals were located, safe, in a closet, and then returned to zoo for veterinary evaluation.

Police said earlier Tuesday that they were still working to determine whether or not the incidents over the last few weeks are related. The zoo closed Jan. 13 after workers arriving that morning found that the clouded leopard, named Nova, was missing. After a

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Dying While Black In America

By: **Dr. John E. Warren**, Publisher
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Dr. John E. Warren

The Last Poets, the original rappers with a message and a purpose, said "It's alright to die for a cause, but not just because". Those words continue to have meaning for us today when it has been proven time and time again that being Black, or just a person of color, can lead to death when encountering police. The unwritten crime appears to be "Living

While Black". The only ones who appear to know that this is a crime, are the police. Let us remember that for an act to be considered a crime, it must first be a law enacted by some governing body.

Before we had laws enacted by legislative bodies, laws grew out of practice which became known as "Common Law". This meant that if an act such as stealing a person's horse occurred and the theft was caught and hung, the hanging of a person under such circumstances became an acceptable law long before laws were written. Well, it appears today that police have made it a "common law" practice to deal with Black men under what "they" have made a "common law" assumption, that it's alright to beat, brutalize, and murder Black men on contact. There are no such

laws in any of the states that Black men and women have been murdered under. Yet, we see that the practice is almost universal, based on the location and number of fatal contact with police when "Living While Black".

Just look at the list of those who have been in contact with police leading to trial and execution, all in one swift act. Most of us want to focus on George Floyd. But his murder at the hands of police came 30 years after the brutal beating of Rodney King. The difference is that King survived his beating and George Floyd did not.

Now we see that the murder of Black people by police is so deeply instilled in the culture of policing that the conduct is not limited to White police officers, but Black officers as well. But for people like Attorney Ben Crump, we wouldn't have a

record of these atrocities. Attorney Crump, has not only created a whole legal specialty in the area of "Wrongful Death", he has also written a book, Open Season, that documents, by name and case, the individuals who have been victims of this unwritten law for more than a decade.

Dr. King once said we can legislate laws but not the hearts of men. Those of us on the endangered list of "Living While Black", must engage in a collective effort to make "Dying While Black" as unacceptable as cancer. As a matter of fact, it's a cancer we must all get concerned about before it happens to us. Dr. King also said, "Injustice anywhere, is injustice everywhere". We must all work to end "Dying While Black", whether it be from police or other wrongs against "All of Us".

Digital Innovation and Engagement and a Tribute to Dr. Benjamin Chavis Expected to Highlight NNPA Conference in Puerto Rico

By **Stacy M. Brown**, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent@StacyBrownMedia

Starting on February 1, 2023, the San Juan Marriott Beach Resort & Stellaris Casino in Puerto Rico will play host to the Midwinter Training Conference of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the trade association for more than 230 African American-owned newspapers and media companies in the United States.

Salsa music and lessons, food, drinks, and a welcome message from NNPA Chair Karen Carter Richards, President & CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., Convention Chair Terry B. Jones, and several NNPA partners and sponsors kick off the conference, which is appropriately titled "Digital Innovation, Training, and Engagement of the Black Press of America."

On the second day, after breakfast, Black Press publishers and guests will participate in a workshop titled "Overcoming Challenges to Create Sustainable Business Outcomes Through Digital Transformation in the NNPA Digital Network (Part I)."

The discussion, to be led by Kate Cox, an adjunct professor at Florida's Poynter Institute, promises to highlight the conference's goals and engage in a more in-depth presentation tailored to NNPA member publishers.

For those interested in learning more about ATTR-CM, a rare heart condition

that disproportionately affects African Americans, Pfizer, Inc. will host a luncheon and give a brief overview of the disease.

Chavis and the president of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), Dorothy Tucker, plan a fireside chat to talk about how to improve communication between the NABJ and the NNPA.

The second installment of the earlier workshop is planned, during which time attendees plan to talk about the special demographics of the digital market, the challenges of hiring for it, and the new possibilities for making money there.

The workshop's objective is to equip NNPA member publishers with the tools they need to implement the recommended audience, staffing, and consultant assessments, thereby increasing digital monetization.

The NNPA plans a series of events throughout the week in honor of Chavis, who will be presented with the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the civil rights movement and cultural impact.

The film "Belly," from 1998, which starred Chavis and the late hip hop icon DMX, will be shown in a special screening.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is hosting a breakfast on day three that will feature video presenta-

tions, an interview with Chavis, and Florida Democratic Congresswoman Frederica Wilson.

The NNPA's Gates Foundation Education Grant manager, Dr. Elizabeth Primas, and Hyundai's director of experiential marketing, Erik Thomas, will also participate.

Norman Rich, manager of the NNPA's digital network, and Randy Fling, chief operating officer of Rolling Out, will lead a third workshop titled "5 Simple Strategies You Can Use to Monetize Your Online Presence."

According to the NNPA's events page, "the workshop will share detailed but simple learnings from the digital revenue generating success models of some of the NNPA member publishers," with a "specific outlined focus" on Rolling Out's "effectiveness and efficiencies" in the digital space.

Workshop number four will feature the Houston Forward Times' Chelsea Lenora White and the Washington Informer's Micha Green.

The duo plans to discuss digital content.

In this workshop, several Generation Z and Millennials are expected to share their ideas for ensuring the long-term financial health of the Black Press of America, with a particular emphasis on the role that digital transformation and

new revenue streams playing in this equation.

Google News Lab's US Partnerships Manager, Ashley Edwards, will give a talk titled "Google Tools for Newsrooms."

Journalists will gain knowledge on how to use Google's resources to find and verify stories that are relevant to their readers through this talk.

Next up is "3 Best Practices to Drive Traffic," a presentation by Tina Xiao, Global Program Manager for Google News Initiative.

Xiao will discuss available GNI resources for news publishers to grow and sustain their digital businesses, and he will also share three best practices to drive online traffic.

Rebuild Local News Coalition chair Steven Walman will give a briefing on public policy discussions at the state and local levels that could significantly affect Black newspapers, including potential funding opportunities for community newsrooms.

At a gala on Friday, February 3, the NNPA will present Chavis with its Lifetime Achievement Award in front of many of his friends and family.

Details of the Chavis celebration have mostly been kept secret by the organizers.

The conference will conclude on Saturday, February 4 with a publisher's think tank and breakfast.

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THE RESURRECTION

By **Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith**

Having dealt with the subject of Spiritual Gifts (Chapter 12), Love (Chapter 13), Use of Gifts (Chapter 14), we come to the Resurrection (Chapter 15). From verses 1-4, the Apostle Paul declares to us the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The gospel that Paul presented was given to him by Jesus Christ. This is the same gospel that Paul declared the Corinthians were saved by when they

believed. The Corinthian church was proof of the saving reality of the gospel message.

Beginning in verses 5-11, Paul gave a list of some credible witnesses of Christ's resurrection. Paul even affirmed that he was witness of the Risen Saviour. As a result of the Corinthians receiving the gospel, they became believers. Thank God that these witnesses were convinced and that their faith rests upon the his-

torical facts of the gospel. The credible witnesses were: Cephas, the twelve, the five hundred, James, all the apostles except Judas, and Paul.

Beginning in verse 12, there were those who denied the resurrection. Paul held firm to the fact of the doctrine of the Resurrection. Paul argued if there was no resurrection from the dead, then Christ is not risen (v. 13), our preaching and faith is vain (v. 14), we are false witnesses (v. 15), we are yet

in our sins (vv. 16-17), those who have fallen asleep in Christ are perished (v. 18), we are miserable in this life if we have hope in Christ (v. 19).

Paul presents Christ as the "first fruits of them that slept" (v. 20). Christ's resurrection is surety to us that we will be raised bodily and will receive a glorified body! Because of the disobedience of Adam, death reigned upon all men; moreover, because of the obedience of Christ, resurrection will come to all those who are related to Him by spiritual birth (vv. 21-22). Paul asserted that every man will be raised in his own order; Christ is the first fruits, and then "afterward they that are Christ's at His Coming" (v. 23). Paul unveils that the end of the age will come, and afterwards, Christ will subdue all rule and authority and power, and the eternal Kingdom will

come (vv. 24-28).

In verse 29, Paul revealed a teaching of being baptized for the dead as a practice of some who denied the Resurrection. However, Paul declared: "if the dead rise not all?", then "What shall they accomplish which are baptized for the dead?" Revealing his confident assurance of the Resurrection, Paul was willing to put his life in danger (vv. 30-32). Paul's life was in constant peril. The Corinthian believers were being deceived by false teachers who didn't believe in the Resurrection; the Corinthians were to avoid these false teachers because though they claimed great knowledge, they were in fact ignorant of God. The Corinthians were to be aware and not listen to these false teachers (vv. 3-24).

Paul answers two questions regarding the Resurrection: "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" Paul states that belief in the Resurrection was like belief in seed time and harvest. Neither could be completely understood; however, both were real. As a plant which sprouted from a seed was really linked to it but is remarkably different from it, so too was the relationship of a natural and a resurrected body (vv. 35-37). Paul stated that there were differences in the animate and inanimate creation, but both reflects the will of the Creator, and express His splendor, resulting in praise being given to Him (vv. 38-41).

Paul points out in verses 42-44, that there is a natural body, that is weak and temporal, and there is a spiritual body, that is eternal, perfect and powerful.

Paul answers two questions regarding the

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Brother vs. brother: Kelces prepare for Super Bowl showdown

By DAVE SKRETTA



FILE - Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce, left, talks to his brother, Philadelphia Eagles center Jason Kelce, after they exchanged jerseys following an NFL football game in Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 17, 2017. (AP Photo/Ed Zurga, file)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Donna Kelce is going to have to pull out that now-familiar custom jersey — the one with Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce’s front stitched to Philadelphia Eagles center Jason Kelce’s back — one more time this season.

At least this time, she’ll get to see her boys in person.

For the first time in Super Bowl history, a pair of siblings will play each other on the NFL’s grandest stage. Kelce helped the Chiefs return to their third championship game in four seasons on Sunday night when they beat the Bengals for the AFC title, while Jason has the Eagles back for the second time in six years after their NFC title win over the 49ers.

“Cool scenario to be in, you know?” Travis Kelce said. “My mom can’t lose.”

Or maybe can’t win. Indeed, there have been

plenty of famous NFL siblings over the years, and many had some memorable matchups: Peyton vs. Eli Manning, Tiki vs. Ronde Barber. But they never reached the same Super Bowl, or had to put their dear old mom in such a predicament, where one will be hoisting the Lombardi Trophy at the other one’s expense.

“It’s going to be an amazing feeling playing against him,” added Travis, whose team has gotten the better of big brother’s Eagles the last three matchups. “I respect everyone over there in the Eagles organization. You won’t see me talk too much trash because of how much I love my brother. But it’s going to be an emotional game, for sure.”

Jason Kelce was even ever-so-briefly a Chiefs fan Sunday night, pulling on a Kansas City sweatshirt for about the three hours between the end of the

Eagles’ 31-7 rout of San Francisco and the finish of his little brother’s 23-20 win over Cincinnati.

“That’s it for the rest of the year,” Jason said with a smile. “I am done being a Chiefs fan.”

He’ll leave that to mom and dad.

While her husband, Ed, has mostly kept private over the years, Donna has been a fixture as she crisscrosses the country to watch her boys. During wild-card weekend last year, she started in Tampa Bay watching the Eagles against the Buccaneers, then hopped a plane to Kansas City in time to watch the Chiefs play the Steelers at night.

She already has seen both of her sons win Super Bowls, too: The Eagles beat the Patriots in 2018 in Minneapolis, and the Chiefs rallied to beat the 49ers in Miami two years later.

She hasn’t seen much of them lately, though. The

way the playoff schedule worked out for the divisional round and the conference championship games, it was impossible for Donna to make it to see both of her boys in person.

In any case, they’ve come a long way from their solidly middle-class upbringing in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Jason blazed the trail as the star offensive lineman who earned a scholarship to Cincinnati, and Travis soon followed suit. Both caught the eyes of NFL scout during their college careers, and of one coach in particular: Andy Reid.

It was Big Red who, while coaching the Eagles, used a sixth-round pick on Jason during the 2011 draft. And two years later, after Reid had gotten a fresh start in Kansas City, the Chiefs used a third-rounder to bring Travis into the fold.

“Big brother probably protected Travis from doing some crazy things. He probably talked him from dropping off a ladder into raked-up leaves once or twice,” Reid said Monday. “Listen, they’re both at heart very competitive and compassionate, is the biggest thing. They care and they care about people and they care about they’re game.”

They also happen to be very good at it.

Jason has been to six Pro Bowls and was just voted an All-Pro for the fifth time, and he’s emerged as one of the best offensive linemen in Eagles history. Travis has been to eight Pro Bowls, just made a fourth All-Pro team and is second in NFL history to Jerry Rice in playoff catches, yards and touchdowns.

FBI searches Biden’s vacation home; no classified documents

By ERIC TUCKER, COLLEEN LONG and ZEKE MILLER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI searched President Joe Biden’s vacation home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, on Wednesday without turning up any classified documents, the latest turn in an extraordinary series of searches of his and his predecessor’s properties.

Agents did take some handwritten notes and other materials relating to Biden’s time as vice president for review, just as they had when they searched his Wilmington home last month where they also found classified items. Investigators searched his former office at a Washington think tank that bears his name in November, but it isn’t clear whether they took anything.

The Biden searches, conducted with his blessing, have come as investigators work to determine how classified information from his time as a senator and vice president came to wind up in his home and former office — and whether any mishandling involved criminal intent or was merely a mistake in a city where unauthorized treatment of classified documents is not unheard-of.

Law enforcement searches of property are a routine part of criminal probes, but there is nothing ordinary about the FBI scouring a sitting president’s home, even as Biden and his aides have sought to contrast his actions with those of his predecessor.

Former President Donald Trump is facing a special counsel criminal investigation into his retention of several hundred classified documents and other government records at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida — and his resistance to giving them up, which led to an FBI warrant and search to seize them last August.

On Wednesday, Biden’s personal attorney Bob Bauer said FBI agents authorized by the Department of Justice spent three and a half hours searching the president’s beach home and that “no documents with classified markings were found.”

In a statement disclosing the search, Bauer sought to portray Biden and his team as fully transparent and cooperative. He described the search as “planned” and “a further step in a thorough and timely DOJ process we will continue to fully support and facilitate.”

He did not mention Trump by name, but the statement seemed aimed at juxtaposing the Biden investigation with the Trump case, where months of fruitless Justice Department efforts to recover all the classified records taken to the former president’s Florida estate culminated in the August search warrant and removal of nearly three dozen boxes of documents and other items.

Searches of Biden’s former office and Delaware homes, by contrast, have all been done voluntarily and without a warrant. But the fact the FBI did its own search reflected the Justice Department’s determination to retrieve any and all possible classified items rather than rely on assurances that such documents had been located.

Biden has said he was surprised by the initial trove discovered by his lawyers in November when they were cleaning out an office inside the Penn Biden Center.

The latest search follows the FBI’s 13-hour, top-to-bottom check of his Wilmington, Delaware, home, where agents located documents with classified markings from his time as a vice president and senator.

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grant program is a step in the right direction to be able to accommodate our aging population’s housing needs.” Chair of the Housing and Homelessness and District 3 Council Member Casey Thomas, II said. “By adding accessibility improvements to their primary residences, we can affordably prevent aging residents’ displacement.”

Residents may apply starting Feb. 1 by <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/housing-neighborhood-revitalization/Pages/default.aspx> or picking one up at the Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization office in City Hall (1500 Marilla St., 2CN, Dallas, TX 75201) or at any City of Dallas library or recreation center. In order to submit an application, residents will need to show proof of household income, proof of Identity, proof of age, proof of primary homeowner occupancy and proof of ownership. The deadline to apply is March 3, 2023 and residents may drop off their application at the Housing office in City Hall or any library or recreation center.

“Housing is proud to deliver a program that will address the demands of our Senior homeowners, who struggle with repair needs and lack the resources to fix them. As we prepare to launch this program, we hope it builds the momentum needed, for future growth,” Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Director, David Noguera said. Residents needing assistance filling out an application can reach out to Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization staff at (214) 670-3644 or by visiting their offices at City Hall.

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A real zoodunit: Monkeys found but mystery deepens in Dallas

Nova, was missing. After a search that included police, the leopard weighing 20-25 pounds (9-11 kilograms) was found later that day near her habitat. Police said a cutting tool was intentionally used to make the opening in her enclosure. A similar gash also was found in an enclosure for langur monkeys, though none got out or appeared harmed, police said. On Jan. 21, an endan-

gered lappet-faced vulture named Pin was found dead by arriving workers. Gregg Hudson, the zoo’s president and CEO, called the death “very suspicious” and said the vulture had “a wound,” but declined to give further details. Hudson said in a news conference following Pin’s death that the vulture enclosure didn’t appear to be tampered with. On Monday police said the two emperor tamarin

monkeys — which have long whiskers that look like a mustache — were believed to have been taken after someone cut an opening in their enclosure. The following day police released a photo and video of a man they said they wanted to talk to about the monkeys. The photo shows a man eating Doritos chips while walking, and in the video clip he is seen walking down a path.

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Michael Jackson's nephew to star in King of Pop biopic

By The Associated Press



Jaafar Jackson appears during the "Living with The Jacksons" panel at the Reelz Channel 2014 Summer TCA in Beverly Hills, Calif., on July 12, 2014, left, and Michael Jackson appears at the American Cinema Award gala in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Jan. 9, 1987. (AP Photo)

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jackson's 26-year-old nephew, Jaafar Jackson, will play the King of Pop in the planned biopic "Michael" to be directed by Antoine Fuqua.

Lionsgate announced Jackson's casting Monday for the film being produced by Oscar-winning "Bohemian Rhapsody" producer Graham King. Jackson is the second-youngest son of Jermaine Jackson, Michael's brother. He's put out music of his own; in 2019, he released his debut single, "Got Me Singing." "Michael" will be Jackson's acting debut.

"I met Jaafar over two years ago and was blown away by the way he organically personifies the spirit and personality of Michael," said King in a statement. "It was something so powerful that even after conducting a worldwide search, it was clear that he is the only person to take on this role."

On Instagram, Fuqua shared a black-and-white photograph of Jackson in character. Fuqua added in a statement that Jackson "has a natural ability to emulate Michael and such a great chemistry with the camera."

On Twitter, Jackson said

he's "humbled and honored to bring my Uncle Michael's story to life."

"Michael" will be an authorized portrait of the pop star, who died in 2009. The film, scripted by "Gladiator" and "The Aviator" screenwriter John Logan, is being produced with the cooperation of the singer's estate.

"Jaafar embodies my son," Katherine Jackson said in a statement. "It's so wonderful to see him carry on the Jackson legacy of entertainers and performers."

"Michael" is to begin shooting this year.

"The actions of Demetrius Haley, Tadarrius Bean, Emmitt Martin III, Desmond Mills, Jr., and Justin Smith have left many convinced that policing in America cannot be reformed."

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I'm not doing anything."

He is then sprayed with pepper spray and repeatedly attacked.

One of the officers can be heard struggling to catch his breath while cursing Nichols due to the severity of the beating.

Nichols begins yelling for his mother in a manner eerily similar to that of George Floyd, a Black man killed by police in 2020 in Minneapolis.

One of the officers, displaying no compassion, pulls out a baton and yells, "I'm going to baton the [bleep] out of you!"

As the young man struggles to regain his balance, the officer strikes Nichols multiple times with the baton, while other officers can be seen punching him in the face and head.

Officers eventually drag Nichols and toss him against a patrol car. More than 21 minutes pass before emergency medical personnel arrive, during which time the officers celebrate their victory by fist-bumping and laughing about their crime.

The release of the video sparked protests across the country, including in the District of Columbia, New York, Los Angeles, and Memphis, where the crime took place.

In addition to civil rights organizations, federal lawmakers flooded journalists' email inboxes with statements condemning the officers.

As is their custom, lawmakers promised legislation to reform American policing. Similar promises were made after the murders of Floyd in Minneapolis, Breonna Taylor in Kentucky, Tamir Rice in Ohio, and Eric Garner in New York, among numerous others.

In contrast, the Memphis officers were immediately fired and arrested, and the police unions did not offer them any support.

"What I witnessed in that video was horrific. It was a barbaric assault on another human being and is sickening," Maryland State Fraternal Order of Police President Clyde Boatwright said.

"This does not represent policing or the men and women who wear a badge and dutifully protect their communities. I hesitate to even call these men police officers, because what I saw on that video is not policing. They deserve the strongest punishment allowed by Tennessee law."

Boatwright added that in his state, "we have had historic police reform in our state over the last 5 years to

ensure these types of actions don't occur in Maryland. We will continue to be a partner with our communities as we work to protect those we serve."

Patrick Gaspard, the president and CEO of the Center for American Progress, called driving while Black "one of the most dangerous acts in America."

"As we all just witnessed in the searing video of the brutal slaughter of Tyre Nichols at the hands of police who are paid by us to protect all of us. The evidence here is startling and indisputable. These officers need to be tried, convicted, and imprisoned to satisfy justice and to send a message to police in all of our cities that this culture of violence in their ranks will no longer be sanctioned," Gaspard stated.

President Joe Biden said he spoke with Nichols' family and expressed his outrage.

"Like so many, I was outraged and deeply pained to see the horrific video of the beating that resulted in Tyre Nichols' death," the president stated.

"It is yet another painful reminder of the profound fear and trauma, the pain, and the exhaustion that Black and Brown Americans experience every single day."