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Bomb threats made to historically Black schools across US

By JEFF MARTIN

WOODSTOCK, Ga. (AP) — At least a half-dozen historically Black universities in five states and the District of Columbia were responding to bomb threats Monday, with many of them locking down their campuses for a time.

Both the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are investigating, the agencies said in separate statements.

In Georgia, Albany State University warned students and faculty on social media

that "a bomb threat has been issued to Albany State University's academic buildings."

School officials at Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, told students to stay in their dormi-

tories Monday morning. After a search for any suspicious devices, the university gave an all-clear later in the day. Normal campus operations were expected to resume Tuesday, school officials said.

At Bowie State

University in Maryland, school officials told everyone on campus to shelter in place until more information was available. Explosives-detecting dogs and bomb technicians were helping campus police to sweep buildings, the state

fire marshal's office said in a statement. The campus reopened later Monday after a search by local, state and federal law officers found no explosive devices, school officials said.

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Texas' primary election is March 1. Here's what you need to know to vote.

BY ALEXA URA AND MANDI CAI/Photo Illustration by Emily Albracht

PRIMARY VOTER GUIDE



What dates do I need to know?

The last day to register to vote was Jan. 31.

Give yourself as much leeway as possible if you're looking to vote by mail; you'll need to budget for the time it may take your county to get your ballot to you in the mail after you apply.

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EDITORIAL PAGE

THE TIME FOR TRUTH TELLING IS NOW



Oscar H. Blayton

On Nov. 24, 1768, an advertisement appeared in the Virginia Gazette, a newspaper printed in Williamsburg and widely distributed in Virginia, Britain's largest North American colony.

This advertisement screamed in large black letters, "A SCHEME of a LOTTERY," and below that in letters almost as large were the words, "For disposing of certain LANDS, SLAVES, and STOCKS, belonging to the subscriber."

Among the "CONTENTS of PRIZES" listed, which could be acquired by this raffle, were 24 enslaved men, women and children. Their values were assessed from a high of 280 British pounds for a blacksmith and his wife who was described as "a young wench who works exceedingly well both in the house and field," to a low of 20 British pounds for another

woman named "Lucy" and described as "outlandish." In what would be considered heartbreaking today, this raffle broke apart families, as most family members were sold in separate lots.

This type of raffle was a common occurrence in colonial Virginia and would not be considered a remarkable historical event except for the fact that the 17 managers who conducted this raffle were laser focused on their own liberties and freedoms.

Among these managers were men who attended the Continental Congress, fought in the Revolutionary War and signed the Declaration of Independence. Most prominent among them was George Washington. Several of these men are often identified as "Founding Fathers" of our nation. And it is telling that they could treat their fellow human beings with such casual cruelty.

This raffle in late 1768 was not an isolated incident for the man who later would become America's first president. Four months later, Washington helped to set up another lottery to pay the debts of a Virginia planter who owed money to

his stepchildren. This lottery also was advertised in the Virginia Gazette.

While apologists for Washington try to whitewash his inhumanity by imagining that he was merely a man of his times who earnestly sought a way to end slavery, the record is clear: These raffles show us a man who had no concern for the humanity of the enslaved.

In the April 1769 lottery, while the more valuable married males were raffled together with their wives and children, less valuable slaves were separated from their families and placed arbitrarily into different lots. For example, the ledger reportedly shows that a slave named Robin and his wife Bella were raffled together as husband and wife, but their daughters, 12-year-old Sukey and 7-year-old Betty, were listed in a separate lot. Washington and his colleagues issued 1,840 tickets for this lottery, so the chances were extremely unlikely that those enslaved family members would remain together.

It is important to illustrate this bit of history because it demonstrates the challenges people of color have had to overcome to

have their humanity recognized. And it reveals the casual ease with which American social structures, policies and practices trampled our humanity.

After a long, hard and bloody journey through American history, where people of color have given so much and gotten so little in return, it should be unimaginable that so many Americans still cling to notions of white supremacy with religious vigor. So firmly do they cling to their belief in the incontrovertible truth of their world view that the dogma of their religion of white supremacy is "Your Fault." This creed lays blame at the feet of everyone victimized by white supremacy and shields racially motivated bigots from any sense of responsibility for the misery they have inflicted upon their fellow humans.

Because the doxology of white supremacy has been performed so fervently over and over again for so long, no other chorus could be heard. It has rung out from most American newsrooms, motion picture studios, radio stations, courts of justice and legislative halls for centuries.

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DATES FOR THE 2022 TEXAS PRIMARY

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Feb. 14

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 Early voting ends Feb. 25

Feb. 18

starting date to receive mail-in ballot requests

March 1

Texas Primary Election

My Day Mix

By Dr. J. Ester Davis

Just when you think you have heard every unthinkable absurdity has been done and said by a former president, there is one more for your entertainment pleasure powered by a 24-hour news cycle. The former president's greatest terrestrial impact to date has largely been habitual lying, but to imagine an elected president of the United States could draft an order for Homeland Security to remove voting machines is very serious. When is this country going to wake up draft an indictment, deny bail and remove his name from the list.

Again, this is very serious! The ballot box is the sacred core of our democracy and there should be little discussion on the charges, the on air confession and the promise of proposed pardons plus doing it again if elected boldly made by the former president. All in my hometown of Conroe. Where is America's dignity?

Answer . . . It is indeed at the ballot box. Please

make up your mind to vote large . . . at every election . . . at whatever cost. Moving on.

Installation of New OFFICERS.

Congratulations !!!! to Dr. Sharon Middlebrooks, the new NAACP Dallas Chapter President with unmistakable set goals of memberships, members and getting to work. The at-capacity attendance started off with Invocation by Elder Aaron Henson, Pastor, Ewing Street Church of the Living God, PGT. Greetings from City Council Members, Districts Three, Four and Eight. Swearing in of Officers and Executive Members was conducted by the Honorable Cheryl Williams, City of Dallas. The hallmark remarks and charge to the Dallas Chapter was keynoted by Mr. Benard Simelton, from Huntsville, Administrator, President, Alabama NAACP State Conference. The 'statement of the new year' building on the past to forge the future was made by Editor-in-Chief

Daryl Blair. . . "there was a time NAACP was mentioned and people would shake-in-their boots." The grand finale 'Persons-of-the-Year' was the entire twenty-one(21)member coaching staff of the South Oak Cliff golden Bears 2021 UIL Class 5A Division II Champions. JOIN. . . the freedom fight! Monthly meetings 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM, Thurgood Marshall Recreational Center. More to come.

Missing-Black-Girls Speaker.

From Frazier Courts Apartments, Tonya Stafford was sold and abused as a teen. Her story is widely known and well documented. She was a straight "A" student at a local high school. My article on her back in 2012 is entitled "No One Looked for Me" which was very painful and disturbing to listen to. She was a willing participant at *the Missing-Black-Girls Town Hall Report* attended by Black, White, Latin media, four(4) judges, a constable, a class



Dr. J. Ester Davis

of girls and a state legislature. Channel 8 has just finished a story highlighting missing and trafficked girls. My national awareness campaign is 'missing-black-girls' due to our high numbers versus our population. For state legislatures, we are asking for a Texas-Missing-Girls-Act. At the Winter Commencement 2022 of Grace International Seminary, Tonya received her third degree Doctor of Divinity along with other members of the Class of 2022. Thank you Tonya for speaking loudly, making a prolific difference and saving others.

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This dogma of Your Fault is the cheapest form of insurance against liability and social accountability. Its logic is based upon adolescent thinking, like that of a teenage motorist who explains to his uncle that his automobile insurance coverage is "Your Fault." People who are unable to accept liability are unable to understand consequences.

When the unatoned fail to acknowledge their unregenerate behavior, they can believe in their own righteousness despite the depravity of their

actions. And it is only by the continuous performance of their long-lived doxology that they can have faith in the religious righteousness of their race-based bigotry.

The struggle for white supremacists to maintain this belief system is an existential one. Without this belief, they are not special or exceptional or extraordinary. They are not supreme. And thinking of themselves as "supreme" is an integral part of the self-worth of white supremacists.

It is because they cannot alter their belief in who they are, that white supremacists must find

fault in those whom they have victimized. This explains why, for many past decades, white social scientists like Daniel Patrick Moynihan sought to address the ills afflicting Black and brown communities in this country by constantly trying to "fix" the people broken by victimization rather than fixing the victimizing system.

It is within this context that Washington's raffles must be seen as elisions in the history of this nation. They are not hidden; the records are there for anyone to see. They merely have been omitted when we have recounted our national

narrative.

When we testify to the character of our nation, its history and its culture, we are obligated to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, otherwise, we perpetuate a lie.

Today, attempts to conform the American narrative to a fiction of a just and enlightened settlement of an empty land through the rational and tolerant use of a savage and undisciplined workforce to form a fair and equitable society have reached a fever pitch. Bigots seek to hide the true past of this nation and build a memorial to a just society that never was.

Accounts of the cruelties and depravities of their ancestors are being culled from libraries and banned from being taught in schools.

We are called now to give witness to the true and factual history of this country. We must not shy away from removing the cloaks from the grotesque nakedness of the twisted form of racial bias that has defined this country's history. We must fight to keep the truth and the honest telling of America's history in our schools. We must push against the distortion of our country's narratives that aggrandize the vil-

lainy of racial bigotry clothed in patriotism and progress. We must call out our neighbors, co-workers and those we encounter in the street, who believe it is acceptable to do anything other than tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We must all speak truth to power now. There can be no other course than this.

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When do I need to drop off or mail an application?

Applications must be received — not postmarked — by the early voting clerk in your county by Feb. 18. Applications can also be submitted by fax or email, but the county must receive a hard copy within four business days. They can also be dropped off in person.

By when do I need to mail my ballot?

The deadline for mail-in ballots to be returned to the county is election day, which is March 1. If they're postmarked by 7 p.m. that day, they'll be counted if they're received by the county by 5 p.m. March 3.

Absentee ballots can also be delivered to the county elections office in person with a valid form of ID while polls are open on election day.

Early voting runs from Feb. 14-25.

Where am I allowed to vote early?

Voters can cast ballots at any polling location in the county where they are registered to vote. Check your county elections office's website for early voting locations.

Who is eligible to vote early?

Anyone who is registered to vote may vote early, but it must be done in person unless you qualify to vote by mail.

Election Day is March 1.

Are polling locations the same on election day as they are during early voting?

Not always. It's recommended to check the open polling locations in your area before you head to cast your ballot. In some counties, election day voting may be restricted to locations in your designated precinct. Other counties allow voters to cast their ballot at any polling place on election day.

What does the pandemic mean for voting in this election?

You'll likely see many of the same precautions we've grown accustomed to over the last few years, including guidelines for social distancing, plastic barriers and regular cleaning. Poll workers may be wearing face masks and other protective equipment, but masks are not required for voters, though health officials still recommend wearing masks in indoor public places in areas with high transmission rates.

What if I was planning to vote in person, but I have been diagnosed with COVID-19?

If you have contracted COVID-19 or are exhibiting symptoms, consider requesting an emergency early voting ballot or using curbside voting.

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Cheslie Kryst, former Miss USA, dies at 30

NEW YORK (AP) — Cheslie Kryst, the 2019 winner of the Miss USA pageant and a correspondent for the entertainment news program "Extra," has died at age 30.

Police said Kryst jumped from a Manhattan apartment building and was pronounced dead at the scene Sunday morning. Her family confirmed her death in a statement.

"In devastation and great sorrow, we share the passing of our beloved Cheslie. Her great light was one that inspired others around the world with her beauty and strength," her family said.

"Cheslie embodied love and served others, whether through her work as an attorney fighting for social justice, as Miss USA and as a host on EXTRA. But most importantly, as a

daughter, sister, friend, mentor and colleague — we know her impact will live on," her family said.

Kryst, a former Division I athlete and North Carolina attorney, won the Miss USA pageant in May, 2019, and competed in the Miss Universe pageant that year.

When Kryst was crowned, it marked more than a personal triumph: It meant that three Black women were the reigning Miss USA, Miss Teen USA and Miss America.

In a statement Sunday, the nationally syndicated program "Extra" described Kryst as "not just a vital part of our show, she was a beloved part of our Extra family and touched the entire staff. Our deepest condolences to all her family and friends."

Kryst provided commentary at last month's Miss Universe pageant, which called her "one of the brightest, warmest, and most kind people we have ever had the privilege of knowing. Our entire community mourns her loss."

University of South Carolina praised the former student-athlete, calling her "a woman of many talents." Kryst also held an MBA from Wake Forest University.

According to police, Kryst's body was found at approximately 7 a.m. Sunday in front of the Orion building, a high-rise on West 42nd Street in midtown Manhattan.

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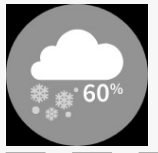
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Friday, Feb. 4



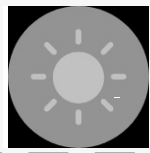
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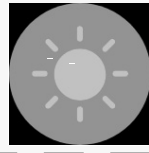
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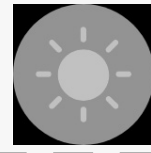
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Tuesday, Feb. 8



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Wednesday, Feb. 9



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L - 39°

Flores says he won't drop lawsuit even if hired as coach

By TERESA M. WALKER



AP Photo/Tyler Kaufman, File

Brian Flores says his lawsuit against the NFL over alleged racist hiring practices will continue even if he becomes a head coach again this offseason. Flores has interviewed with the Houston Texans and New Orleans Saints, who have yet to fill their coaching vacancies. If they call, Flores will listen, but he said the suit will go on because the league needs change.

"This is about changing the hiring practices in the National Football League, and that's what this lawsuit is about," Flores said Wednesday on CNN. "I want to coach football that's what I'm called to do."

Flores said he knows others have similar stories and that it is hard to speak out. He called his potential sacrifice bigger than football or coaching. The NFL is at a fork in the road, he said.

"We're going keep it the way it is or go in another direction and make some

change where we're actually changing the hearts and minds of those who make decisions to hire head coaches, executives, et cetera," Flores said on CBS. "That's what we've got to get to. We've got to change hearts and minds."

Flores' lawsuit was filed Tuesday in Manhattan federal court. It is seeking class-action status and unspecified damages from the league, the Miami Dolphins, the Denver Broncos and the New York Giants, along with unidentified individuals.

The NFL, Dolphins, Broncos and Giants have denied Flores' accusations. In its statement, the NFL said it will defend "against these claims, which are without merit."

Flores, 40, was fired last month by Miami after leading the Dolphins to a 24-25 record over three years. They went 9-8 in their second straight winning season, but failed to make the playoffs during his tenure.

According to the lawsuit, Dolphins owner Stephen Ross told Flores he would pay him \$100,000 for every loss during the coach's first season because he wanted the club to "tank" so it could get the draft's top pick. The lawsuit alleged that Ross then pressured Flores to recruit a prominent quarterback in violation of the league's tampering rules. When Flores refused, he was cast as the "angry Black man" who is difficult to work with and was derided until he was fired, the suit said.

Flores said he had conversations with general manager Chris Grier that Ross was upset that Miami was compromising its draft position by winning too many games. Flores said he also talked repeatedly with Ross, who said the team didn't need to win right then and the coach was under contract.

What drove Flores to file the lawsuit was a string of text messages with New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick three days before his scheduled Giants interview, leading Flores to believe Brian Daboll already had been chosen as the new coach.

"It was humiliating to be quite honest," Flores said. "There was disbelief, there was anger, there was a wave of emotion for a lot of reasons. I think this is why we filed the lawsuit."

geted our community because of who we serve and the mission we fulfill," Delaware State President Tony Allen said in a letter to the campus community. "The impetus for such a threat cannot be ascribed to anything other than the most primitive form of racism, a form which is neither new nor unique in this country."

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said Monday that the threats "are certainly disturbing and the White House is in touch with the interagency partners, including federal law enforcement leadership on this."

"We're relieved to hear that Howard and Bethune-Cookman universities have been given the all-clear and will continue to monitor these reports," Psaki said, adding that President Joe Biden is aware of the threats.

Monday's bomb scares

came one day before the start of Black History Month and less than a month after a series of bomb threats were made to multiple historically Black universities on Jan. 4.

"We are deeply disturbed by a second round of bomb threats at HBCU campuses within a month," leaders of the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus said in a statement Monday. "Learning is one of the most noble and most human pursuits, and schools are sacred places that should always be free from terror," it said. "Solving these crimes and bringing those responsible to justice should be a top priority for federal law enforcement."

The statement was issued by Democratic U.S. Rep. Alma Adams of North Carolina and Republican U.S. Rep. French Hill of Arkansas, who are co-chairs of the caucus.

Janet Jackson doc, despite criticism, a hit for Lifetime

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — Janet Jackson's four-part documentary on Lifetime was the network's most-watched non-fiction show since "Surviving R. Kelly" three years ago, and viewership is continuing to grow.

The documentary series debuted Friday and Saturday night on Lifetime

and was simulcast on the A&E network. With the musician and her manager-brother Randy listed as executive producers, the series was an intriguing look at a reclusive singer yet also received criticism for issues skirted or left out entirely.

The first part on Friday

was seen by 2.8 million people on live TV, and another 1.2 million in the next few days either digitally or on demand, the Nielsen company said. Part two had a similar viewership of 4.3 million, Part three had 3.7 million and the final part had 3.8 million.

Black Texas farmers were finally on track to get federal aid. - Continued 1/27/2022



Photo Credit: Meridith Kohut for The Texas Tribune

Born in 1953, Mills recalls shopping at a white-owned feed store that allowed his family to buy goods on credit until his dad got the money, oftentimes through selling bales of cotton, the farm's primary export. The store essentially served as the family's bank, Mills said, because access to financial institutions was "totally unheard of."

"We had to do what we had to do to survive," Mills said. It's a perspective that Black farmers and ranchers share today, Mills added.

Mills also remembers milking cows and making butter with a churn as a child. Mills' family also grew corn and raised cattle, largely for themselves. While the farm was largely self-sustaining, the family also sold cotton in the market, where Mills said buyers offered his dad lower prices than they would white farmers.

"You kind of expected that because of the Jim Crow attitude and how you'd been treated as a Black farmer and rancher," Mills said.

And by then, Mills said, the American government had long given Black people little reason to trust it. From its earliest days, America used labor from enslaved people to build up its economy — and the generational wealth of white enslavers.

Mills pointed out how federal troops arrived in Galveston on June 19, 1865, to ensure people still

being forced into labor knew their enslavement was no longer legal — over two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

"We've always been denied access," Mills said. "Even when they made laws to give former slaves 40 acres and a mule and then they took that back."

Between 1937 and 1961, Congress changed eligibility for USDA loans from farm tenants, laborers and sharecroppers to family farm owner-operators with farming training or experience. This change, the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund wrote in a court filing, made it easier for county committees, which help deliver federal programs at the local level, to deny loans to Black applicants.

The federation is a non-profit organization that provides resources to limited-resource Black farmers and landowners. It tried to intervene as a party in Miller's lawsuit against Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. But a judge last month denied that attempt.

The history of discriminatory practices, the federation argues, saddled many Black farmers with substantial debt, driving hundreds of thousands out of agriculture altogether.

Census data show that the number of Black farmers in the United States decreased by 90.6% between 1920 and 1969.

Miller's motion to block the law for excluding white farmers would only increase existing debts and worsen these trends, the federation wrote in its October motion to intervene. Farmers who made plans and purchases with the understanding they were eligible for the new federal assistance would face "severe, life-changing disadvantage" without the relief, the federation added.

If the law continues to be blocked, the federation said its members will face "irreparable harm."

"Many Black farmers will lose their land and farming equipment to foreclosures," the federation wrote.

Previous attempts at redress

The government acknowledged its history of discrimination in two lawsuits settled in 1999 and 2010, which jointly made thousands of Black farmers eligible for over \$2 billion collectively.

The first case was known as Pigford I, named after the farmer Timothy Pigford, who filed the case alongside 400 other plaintiffs. It resulted in a settlement worth more than \$1 billion. Over 13,000 farmers, able to prove they faced discrimination in USDA loan programs, were eligible for \$50,000 payouts.

After the USDA denied thousands of those claims for missing deadlines, the second case came. Pigford II resulted in a \$1.25 billion settlement.

But the \$2.25 billion total doesn't begin to account for the economic damages incurred by Black landowners, according to Thomas Mitchell. Nor does the \$4 billion in debt relief included for farmers of color in the COVID-19 relief package signed into law this spring.

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Howard University was also the subject of a bomb threat before dawn Monday, but later gave an all-clear to students and staff, radio station WTOP reported.

In Florida, Daytona Beach police said in a tweet that they gave the all-clear at the Bethune-Cookman campus after the school received a bomb threat. But classes were canceled and police said they were going to stay on campus for the rest of the day.

At Delaware State University, a bomb threat to that campus was made early Monday morning, and police completed a search of the campus by early afternoon and no explosives were found, university spokesperson Carlos Holmes said in an email.

"We are safe, for which I am incredibly thankful, but the attempt to disrupt tar-

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“The need for love and kindness, generosity and benevolence has never been greater,” said Jones-Scaife. “During this time of COVID and systemic racism, I’ve felt the loss, the division, the fear and uncertainty facing our students and communities. And I feel a call to action. I can’t think of a better time to offer a little love and kindness to our students.”

Tour dates are still available and open to any school, library, or community/recreation center in Texas and beyond. Principals, assistant principals, librarians, teachers, and others are invited to book a stop for their students or community.

“Not only do we want to spread a little kindness, we want kids to see themselves or their families represented in the books they read,” stated Jones-Scaife. Many kids grow up reading or watching TV shows or movies that do not mirror their reality.

(Dallas, TX – January 31, 2022) Coffee Creek Media Group is excited to announce the kick-off of the “Kindness, It’s In You” Tour. Through this tour, which starts in February, Black History Month and ends in August, to conclude summertime fun, Coffee Creek plans to change the world one community, one school, one student at a time by focusing on being kind and helpful toward others.

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Author/Illustrator, Sharon Jones-Scaife’s book of the same name. In the book, featured character Haylie spreads kindness throughout her elementary school, showing even Gus, the meanest classmate ever, how being kind can make a difference. Written for kids ages 4 – 9, the book focuses on social emotional development and is the first in the “Haylie’s Inspirations” series. Additional titles in the series include: *Respect, It’s In You, Thankfulness,*

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Information about other titles from Jones-Scaife can be found at <https://www.coffeecreekmediagroup.com>.

WINTER STORM



By KATHLEEN FOODY and JILL BLEED
A rider steps onto a bus during a light freezing rain in Dallas, Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022. A major winter storm with millions of Americans in its path is spreading rain, freezing rain and heavy snow further across the country. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

CHICAGO (AP) — A major winter storm with millions of Americans in its path spread rain, freezing rain and heavy snow further across the country on Thursday, knocking out power to more than 100,000 homes and businesses and disrupting flights at the busy Dallas Fort Worth International Airport.

A long stretch of states from New Mexico to Maine remained under winter storm warnings and watches and the path of the storm stretched further from the central U.S. into more of the South and Northeast. Heavy snow was expected from the southern Rockies to northern New England, while forecasters said heavy ice buildup was likely from Texas to Pennsylvania.

Sleet and freezing rain were occurring early Thursday in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and in parts of Oklahoma and Arkansas. More than 100,000 homes and businesses were without power, mostly in Texas, Tennessee and Arkansas, according to

the website poweroutage.us, which tracks utility reports.

Texas had about 70,000 power outages Thursday morning, far from the more than 4 million outages that paralyzed the state during the February 2021 freeze in one of the worst blackouts in U.S. history.

The return of subfreezing weather and ice in Texas was unsettling to many residents after last year’s catastrophic outages. In San Antonio, where roughly 30,000 homes were without power Thursday morning, officials stressed the outages were local disruptions — such as downed power lines — and not grid failures.

Airlines canceled nearly 7,000 flights in the U.S. scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday, the flight-tracking service FlightAware.com showed. More than 1,000 flights were canceled Thursday alone at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, and more than 300 were canceled at nearby Dallas Love Field.

ABC suspends Whoopi Goldberg over Holocaust race remarks

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — Whoopi Goldberg was suspended for two weeks Tuesday as co-host of “The View” because of what the head of ABC News called her “wrong and hurtful comments” about Jews and the Holocaust.

“While Whoopi has apologized, I’ve asked her to take time to reflect and learn about the impact of her comments. The entire ABC News organization stands in solidarity with our Jewish colleagues, friends, family and communities,” ABC News President Kim Godwin said in a statement.

The suspension came a day after Goldberg’s comment during a discussion on “The View” that race was not a factor in the Holocaust. Goldberg apologized hours later and again on Tuesday’s morning episode, but the original remark drew condemnation from several prominent Jewish leaders.

“My words upset so many people, which was never my intention,” she said Tuesday morning. “I understand why now and for that I am deeply, deeply



Photo by Charles Sykes/Invision/AP, File

grateful because the information I got was really helpful and helped me understand some different things.”

Goldberg made her original comments during a discussion on the show Monday about a Tennessee school board’s banning of “Maus,” a Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel about the Nazi death camps during World War II. She said the Holocaust was “not about race ... it’s about man’s inhumanity to other man.”

“I misspoke,” Goldberg said at the opening of Tuesday’s show.

The flare-up over Goldberg’s remarks this

week highlighted the enduring complexity of some race-related issues, including the widespread but strongly contested notion that only people of color can be victims of racism.

“Effective immediately, I am suspending Whoopi Goldberg for two weeks for her wrong and hurtful comments,” Godwin said in her statement.

“Everything about Nazi Germany and about the targeting of the Jews and about the Holocaust was about race and racism. That’s the unfortunate, unassailable historic fact,” he said.

“In her error, she was reflecting a misunderstanding of Jewish identity that is both widespread and dangerous that is sometimes described as erasive anti-semitism,” said Marcus, who is the author of “The Definition of Anti-Semitism.”

“It is the notion that Jews should be viewed only as being white, privileged oppressors,” he said. “It denies Jewish identity and involves a whitewashing of Jewish history.”

Lorraine Swift-Christian

100 Years of Life Well Celebrated



Lorraine Christian
1921-2022

Lorraine was born October 4, 1921 to the parentage of Johnnie and Birdie Mae Swift as the only child of this union. She celebrated '100 years of life' on October 4, 2021. Lorraine attended the Dallas Independent School District completing the eleventh grade. Lorraine married Charles Ellis and later married Clarence Christian. She had four children Alvis, Evelyn, Patricia, and Larry.

Lorraine provided for her family by doing domestic work for the Hill Family. She later worked for Mr. & Mrs. H.K. Simon for 29

years until she retired at the age of 85.

Lorraine was a faithful member of Gilgal Baptist Church under the leadership of then Reverend L.J. Johnson and now leadership Reverend Cassius D. Haynes for over 50 years. Lorraine held the position of Mother of the Church. She loved going to church every Sunday, dressing in her Sunday's Best from head to toe with emphasis on her array of HATS. She enjoyed traveling; her destinations were; London, Paris, Mexico, Hawaii, Jamaica, Bahamas, New York, and

Las Vegas. Her hobbies were; sewing, making her clothes, ceramic crafts, and decorating her house and yard for each holiday. Lorraine was a resident in the Westmoreland Heights Community from 1964 to death.

She is preceded in death by her parents Johnnie and Birdie Mae Swift; husband Clarence Christian; sons Alvis Shanks and Larry Johnson; two sons-in-law Frank Green and John L. Stephens; Granddaughter Comilla Duke, great grandson Cedric Stephens; great grandson Cashton Reed, great-great grandson William Hubbard, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories; 2 daughters Evelyn Green and Patricia Stephens; grandkids Sherry Shanks, Devetia, Steven, Dedra, Melvin (Nengiya), Sherry (Ellison), Kelvin (Connie), Cynthia, Steven (Krystal), Christopher (Dianna) Rodney; 28 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great grandchildren; special niece Giana Franklin; great nephew Justin Franklin; godchildren Deck & Shirley Hulcy.