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By **Stacy M. Brown**
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As 2022 closed, Black Americans saw gains with historic candidates and timely legislation.

President Joe Biden signed the Emmett Till Antilynching Act and later, the Respect for Marriage Act, which protected interracial marriages.

A slim majority in Congress prevented other significant bills from reaching the president’s desk.

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What African Americans Want Most from Congress in 2023

Republicans Oust Rep. Ilhan Omar from Foreign Affairs Committee

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In what many political watchers called hypocritical, vengeful, and a show of strength by the new Republican majority, the House voted to remove Rep. Ilhan Omar from the House Foreign Affairs Committee, citing her past comments

about Israel.

The resolution to remove the Minnesota Democrat from the panel was approved 218-211 along party lines with one Republican member voting “present.”

The GOP cited Omar’s tweets and comments from 2019 and 2021 in which she criticized pro-Israel politicians as being “all about the Benjamins” and her comparison of the U.S. and Israel to Hamas and the Taliban.

Both Democrats and Republicans, expressed outrage over the remarks.

The resolution stated that

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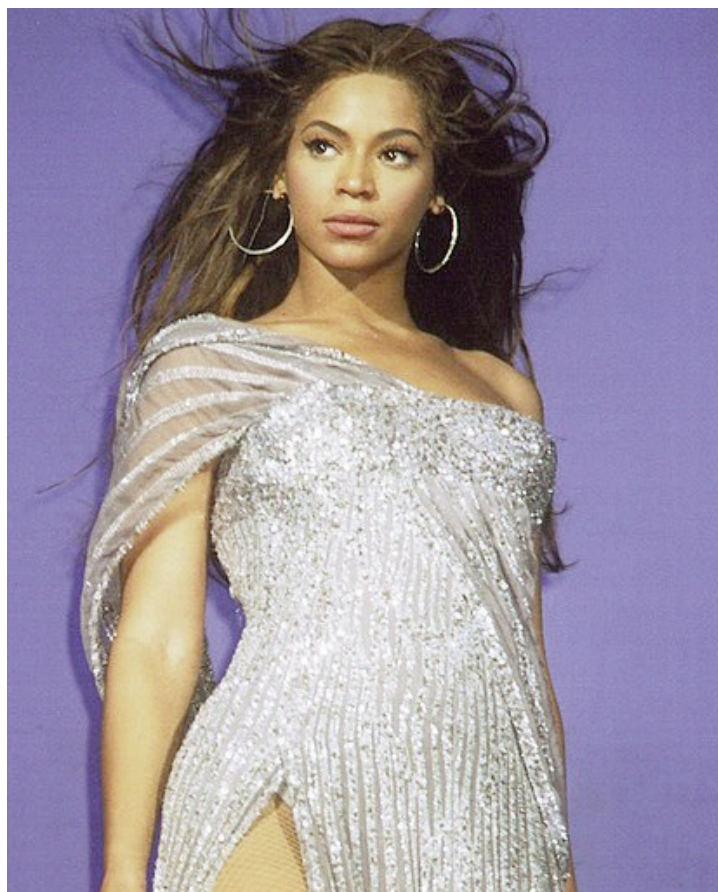


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Like Michael Jackson Before her, Beyoncé Proves More than Just a Music Superstar

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

Probably no two groups of people in the history of popular music have ever had more devoted followers than Michael Jackson and Beyoncé.

Fans of the Beatles and Elvis Presley have been

known to be a bit fanatical and even a little bit crazy.

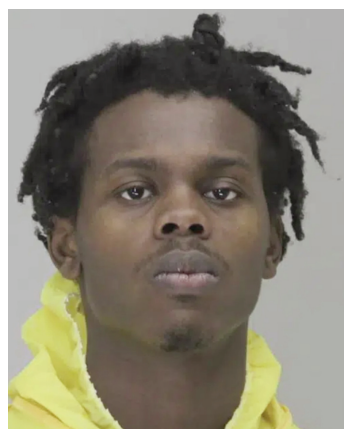
Like the late King of Pop, though, Beyoncé’s fanbase (the Beyhive) is unrivaled.

The two are so revered

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Texas man jailed in Dallas monkey case says he’d do it again

By **JAMIE STENGLE**/Photo Credit/ (Dallas County Jail via AP)



DALLAS (AP) — A 24-year-old man now linked to an unusual string of crimes that kept the Dallas Zoo on the lookout for missing animals told police that after he swiped two monkeys from their enclosure, he took them onto the city’s light rail system to make his getaway,

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EDITORIAL PAGE

The Attack On Black History And What We Must Do

By: **Dr. John E. Warren**, Publisher San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper



Dr. John E. Warren

As we begin to celebrate Black History Month, a barrage of attacks appears to continue, from police officers beating and killing a Black man in Memphis to two police murders of two Black men in separate incidents in Los Angeles. We have the war on Critical Race Theories, which most White people in opposition neither understand nor can explain. At the same time, efforts are underway to remove from school libraries books on slavery, race, and the attacks on Black lives and communities.

While we must acknowledge these attacks and their efforts to remove our gains

in equality and Civil Rights, let us not get preoccupied with these issues even as we fight against them.

We must regroup, rethink and shore up our weaknesses in this ongoing battle for what is now a battle for human rights, fairness, and equality as citizens of this nation; entitled to every right of every other citizen and immigrant.

First, let us revisit and remember who Dr. Carter G. Woodson was and what he did. He was born to former slaves. He started High School at age 20. He was the second African American to earn a doctorate from Harvard University. He wrote more than 12 books about the Negro. Some of his better-known works are: The Mis-Education of the Negro (1933), The History of the Negro Church, 1921, A Century of Negro Migration (1918), Negro Orators and Their Orations (1925), and African Heroes and Heroines (1939).

Dr. Woodson also created what was then called "Negro History Week" which has since become Black History

Month. He created the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History which continues today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). He published the first Journal of Negro History in 1916 and in 1921 organized the media company, Associated Publishers, to make books available about the Negro.

The point of all this is that we as a people, because of Dr. Woodson, are more educated in numbers than was ever permitted in his day. We have libraries, Google, the internet, and untold opportunities to learn. We have witnessed the first Black President of these United States, elected twice to that Office; and now have the first Black woman to serve as Vice President of these United States, with African Americans serving in the U.S. Congress and having served more than once in the positions of Secretary of State of the United States. There is no office we can't aspire to and nothing we can't build on that people like Carter G. Woodson left

for us. What do we do?

We must remember who we are, who died for us to have the quality of life we enjoy, and, most of all, we must remember that we do not need government permission or assistance to teach our history to our own and others, or to teach that the right to vote and the correct use of that right is how we overcome the Conservative Right and not accept their agenda as a weapon of defeat. We must remember that in many instances since the George Floyd murder, there are often more young Whites marching with us than Blacks sometimes.

We must do like the people of the State of Georgia and use education and our votes to overcome the roadblocks. We have our communities, our churches, and an army of educators, some retired; as well as Black elected Officials.

Let's rally our resources as those before us, like Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Look at what he did. Think about what we can do.

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that even A-list celebrities pay their respects to them. Pop's undisputed king and queen have devotees who have shown or expressed a willingness to mortgage their homes, max up their credit cards, and even sell body parts just to see them perform live.

Tickets for her next Renaissance Tour reportedly cost more than \$500 on average, with the more deep-pocketed of her fandom willing to spend a whopping \$2,100 for a standing room only spot in a section called the B-HIVE.

Trevor Noah, who hosted this year's Grammys, was so overcome by her presence, he handed Beyoncé her award while she was still in her seat and declared that the Queen was in the building.

"We've got Beyoncé in the room people," Noah giddily announced.

"Do you understand how amazing this is people? Beyoncé is nominated for her album, 'Renaissance,' which is by the way, was better than anything from the actual Renaissance, in my opinion."

He added, "The Renaissance was just pictures of grapes and stuff. Beyoncé took it up another level. I was so inspired by the lyrics of 'Break My Soul' that I actually quit my job. That's how powerful that was."

When Noah had previ-

ously erred in stating that the "Lemonade" singer had arrived, Lizzo, one of music's biggest superstars, nearly lost it, stargazing through the audience in search of the goddess.

Later, when Lizzo won Record of the Year, instead of basking in her victory, she heaped praise on Beyoncé.

"Thank you so much," she told the Queen. "You clearly are the artist of our lives."

That echoed the 2017 Grammy ceremonies when Adele won Album of the Year over Beyoncé.

As Carrie Battan of the New Yorker pointed out, there was such a sense of cosmic injustice that Adele herself could not bear the result.

"I can't possibly accept this award," Adele told the crowd. "I'm very humbled . . . but my artist of my life is Beyoncé. The 'Lemonade' album was so monumental."

On social media, fans declared that their devotion to Beyoncé would force them to do whatever it took to score tickets to her upcoming tour.

Content creator Jay Denson said he was priced out.

"So, I thought about attending Beyoncé's Renaissance Tour until I saw these ticket prices," he observed, before breaking down the cost.

"Nosebleeds: \$197; Section 100: \$539; B-HIVE

(Standing Room Only): \$2,100; Floor seats: \$3,500."

For the most die-hard of fans, a special standing room only section called the B-HIVE cost \$2,100.

When an assembly of A-list celebrities got together at Madison Square Garden in 2001 to celebrate Michael Jackson's 30th anniversary in showbiz, tickets on the secondary market climbed as high as \$10,000.

Despite the high price, two shows at the Garden sold out within minutes.

Among the elite paying tribute to Jackson were Whitney Houston, Beyoncé, Ray Charles, Marlon Brando, Elizabeth Taylor, Marc Anthony, Liza Minelli, Justin Timberlake, Luther Vandross, and Usher.

A red carpet was placed at the entry of the World's Most Famous Arena, and tens of thousands of fans and passersby gathered on the cement steps of the Farley Building across the street hoping to catch a glimpse of Jackson as he entered the building arm-and-arm with Taylor.

Stars and ordinary fans alike viewed Jackson as an idol.

While Jackson's impressive total of Grammy wins (13) pales in comparison to the record 32 now held by Beyoncé, there should be no argument that the two are music's unquestioned king and queen.

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A December poll of Black voters revealed that African Americans want the government to do more to fight white supremacy.

That FBI helped underscore that need when it issued a report noting that hate crimes disproportionately target African Americans.

With mass shootings continuing at a record pace, gun control remains a hot-button issue for Black America.

Further, many Black voters have suggested strong desires for a comprehensive voting rights package, whether that's in the form of the Freedom to Vote Act, or the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

The former would expand mail-in, early voting, and automatic voter registration, while the latter would restore the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

And, following the brutal murder of Tyre Nichols at the hands of five Tennessee police officers, African Americans have continued to voice outrage over the failure of lawmakers to pass the George Floyd Justice in Police Act. While the bill has twice passed the House, the measure has stalled in the Senate despite a Democrat majority there.

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THE RESURRECTION (continued February 2, 2023)

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



Like a seed sown in the earth and a plant sprouts from it, there is continuity but a glorious evident difference. In verses 45-49, Paul contrasts Adam, the first man who exemplifies the earthly, and Christ, the last Adam, who exemplifies the heavenly spiritual body. Because our natural body must give way to our spiritual body, there must be a change in

our body before we inhabit heaven, that is, bodily. Paul utters in verse 50: “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God: neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.” We must understand in verse 50 that Paul has reference to those who are not dead at Christ’s coming. You see, flesh and blood (the natural body) cannot

enter the eternal state! In verse 51, Paul mentioned the word mystery which meant a truth in the Old Testament that had not been revealed. The Rapture of the church was indeed a mystery! At the Rapture, those who have died in Christ will first be raised, and those who are living will be immediately changed or transformed! The trumpet will be the

blast that signals Christ’s Coming. It is the last blast for the church! In verses 53-54, those living at the time of the Rapture will experience a change from mortality to immortality, much as those who were changed from corruptibility to incorruptibility. For those who are in Christ (the church), death’s power will be removed! Because of Christ’s tri-

umphant victory over death and the grave, the grand Apostle Paul began to taunt death and Satan! (v. 55). Although in verses 56-57, death has gained authority and victory over mankind, and the law has revealed that mankind is a sinner, the grand Apostle exclaimed that there is victory in Jesus Christ. Belief in the last Adam, Jesus Christ, results in Victory

and Life (I Corinthians 15:22). Finally, doctrinal certainty in the Resurrection is a great incentive to faithful service, therefore Paul said: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” **May God Bless!**



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PHOENIX (AP) — Michael Irvin has been pulled from the remainder of NFL Network's Super Bowl week coverage after a complaint about Irvin's behavior in a hotel Sunday night.

The Hall of Fame wide receiver went on a Dallas radio station Wednesday and said he was asked by network officials to move to another hotel on Monday after what he

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Black Resilience: Master teacher celebrates overcoming challenges

By THE HUB/Dallas ISD



Photo courtesy: Dallas ISD

DALLAS — Words can have a lasting effect on people, something that Wilmer Hutchins Elementary School physical education teacher Ernest Sims learned in 1983 as he was preparing to graduate from his high school in Arkansas.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," Sims said. "I went into the counselor's office, and the counselor told me, 'You're not smart enough to be successful in college.' That stayed with me. So many things in life I refused to do because I was afraid I was going to fail, just because of what one

person said."

Even so, Sims worked hard and graduated from Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark., thrived in the U.S. Army and the National Guard, and eventually joined Dallas ISD as a teacher through the alternative certification program. Now, after 26 years of striving for excellence first as a special education teacher and then as a PE teacher, Sims has earned the distinction of being one of Dallas ISD's 23 master teachers.

He achieved this goal by focusing not just on academic success but also on

cares for his students every day. Sims keeps in touch with students years after they have left his class, whether he is attending their middle school basketball games or their graduation ceremonies. He even invited one former student to be in his wedding when he married Wanda Sims, whom he calls "my best friend and the love of my life," in 2019.

Sims understands that supporting students goes beyond emotional connections and academic support to physical needs. Growing up in a single parent household, Sims said he did not realize how impoverished his family was until he got older thanks to his mother and siblings' love. Yet, they did not have a bathroom, running water or heat at home, and he started working in cotton fields over the summers as early as 13 to afford clothes for school.

As a result, Sims has made it his mission to ensure none of his students go without food or proper clothing. He runs his own "shoe store" on campus and helps students without hesitation when they come to

school with torn shoes.

His students clearly see and appreciate Sims' efforts—he has received a 97 percent positive response on the student survey—which has contributed to his designation as a master teacher. Sims has been working toward being a master teacher for years, so when he heard the news, he said his world stopped.

"Everything came together," Sims said. "Those negative thoughts that I had all my life when people were telling me that I wouldn't be successful, it was like everything stopped at that moment. It was one of the most important days of my life."

Moving forward, Sims said he hopes to continue sharing his story to inspire his students and help them overcome whatever obstacles they may be facing.

"I want everyone to know that where you are doesn't matter—it's where you want to go," Sims said. "Do not allow words to hold you down as words held me down for so many years. As long as you put in the hard work, you're going to be successful."

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Omar's remarks had brought dishonor to the House of Representatives and that she had "disqualified herself" from serving on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, which is seen by nations around the world as speaking for Congress on matters of

international importance and national security.

Since 2021, when Democrats controlled the House and voted to remove far-right GOP Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene and Paul Gosar from committee assignments over their own controversial comments, Republicans have prom-

ised to take action against Omar and other Democrats.

After McCarthy became speaker last month, he reinstated both members to their previous committee assignments.

Omar admitted this week that she "may have used words" that she later learned were "trafficking

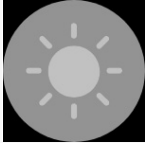

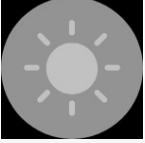

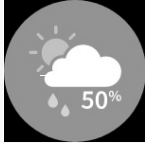
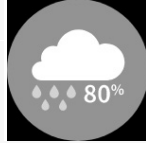

in antisemitism."

She said when others brought the transgression to her attention, she apologized. "I owned up to it," Omar, 40, asserted.

House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York pledged to appoint Omar to the House Budget Committee.

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Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, Feb. 9	Friday, Feb. 10	Saturday, Feb. 11	Sunday, Feb. 12	Monday, Feb. 13	Tuesday, Feb. 14	Wednesday, Feb. 15
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Buffalo Wild Wings is Offering Free Wings for America if the Big Game Goes into OT

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For the fifth year in a row, Buffalo Wild Wings is bringing back its iconic “overtime button” for the most important football game of the season. If the Big Game goes to overtime, Buffalo Wild Wings will offer free wings for everyone in America. This year marks the first time that both teams will get the ball in OT, ensuring a fair chance for both teams – and more football and wings for everyone.

Last season saw an instant playoff classic, which created the groundswell of support for the new overtime rules, as well as a three-point finish in the Big Game. This season has seen more than its fair share of overtimes with 20 games going more than 60 minutes – so far. Five of the last eight years have featured at least one playoff matchup that went to OT,

including the Big Game in 2017.

If the game on February 12, in Glendale, Arizona is, in fact, tied after regulation, everyone in the U.S. can redeem six free boneless or traditional wings at Buffalo Wild Wings on Monday, February 27 from 4-7 p.m. local time. The offer is available for dine-in and in-person takeout only*.

While February 12 marks the most important football game of the season, it’s also one of the busiest days for Buffalo Wild Wings restaurants. As America’s largest sports bar, hundreds of thousands of fans will enjoy wings, burgers and more from Buffalo Wild Wings across all 50 states. For more information or to find your local store, please visit <https://www.buffalowildwings.com/>

LeBron James makes NBA history on a star-filled night in LA

By GREG BEACHAM

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bronny James stepped over to his dad’s locker and played the phone video he had taken of Tuesday night’s biggest moment. The NBA’s new scoring king tipped his head back in a rich, full-throated laugh when the audio revealed Bronny had anticipated that the historic basket would come on a fadeaway jumper.

“That’s tough, that’s tough,” LeBron James said. “That’s funny.”

For James, the greatest cost of nearly two decades in the NBA is the family time he misses. When he reached arguably the greatest individual basketball milestone of all by passing Kareem Abdul-Jabbar’s career scoring record, James’ mother, wife and three children all witnessed the coronation.

They were right at court-side in a building packed with stars and roaring fans who rose in waves of anticipation every time he touched the ball.

James has been thriving under formidable pressure his entire adult life, and this was nothing the King couldn’t handle — although the man who says he almost never cries had tears in his eyes after he made history with that nimble step-back shot in the third quarter.

“I had a moment when it happened, and I embraced that moment,” James said afterward. “Seeing my family and friends, the people that’s been around me since I started this journey to the NBA, definitely very emotional right there. Just a kid from a small town in Ohio. I had a moment there, but I don’t think it’s really hit me, what just transpired.”

When James surpassed Abdul-Jabbar’s record 38,387 points, a crowd that had roared for his every basket went the craziest of all.

“A lot of people wanted me to go to the skyhook to break the record, or one of the signature dunks,” James said with a grin. “But the



Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James celebrates after scoring to pass Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to become the NBA’s all-time leading scorer during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Oklahoma City Thunder Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

fadeaway is a signature play as well.”

The Los Angeles crowd screamed and stomped with every point while James steadily surged toward the mark held since April 1984 by Abdul-Jabbar, who watched the game from a baseline seat near the Los Angeles bench.

With four championship rings and nearly every other honor available to a basketball player, the 38-year-old James closed in on this next moment in history with the confidence of a player who has been even better than anyone could have expected two decades ago when the kid from Akron, Ohio, reached the NBA.

“The expectations were all the way out to Pluto, and he went ahead and created his own galaxy,” Lakers coach Darvin Ham said before his team’s 133-130 loss to the Oklahoma City Thunder.

The crowd was in its seats far earlier than normal in Los Angeles, and James got numerous ovations before the Lakers and Thunder got rolling. Lakers fans turned out in droves for the chance

to see a once-in-a-generation achievement, with tickets going for thousands on the secondary market.

The moment was irresistible to fans like Aaron Sanchez, one of the hundreds of jersey-clad Lakers faithful patiently taking turns posing in front of the statue of Abdul-Jabbar that stands on the plaza in front of the Lakers’ downtown arena.

Sanchez shares a set of two season tickets with a few friends and family, and he already had the seats for Tuesday’s game months before anyone could predict the magic day. He turned down a friend’s offer of \$200 to swap the Thunder seats, but he knew he would be out of luck if James waited until Thursday to break the record, since those tickets belong to a different friend.

“It’s basketball history, and that’s what the Lakers are all about,” Sanchez said. “LeBron is already one of the greatest Lakers ever, and getting this record in a Lakers uniform just makes it more certain. He was our leader after Kobe (Bryant) died, and he’s our leader now.”

Indeed, James has already earned a special place in Lakers fans’ hearts over his five seasons in purple and gold. Several months before he won the franchise’s 17th championship in the Florida pandemic bubble, he became a part of Lakers lore with his inspirational words and steady leadership in the wake of Bryant’s death in a helicopter crash.

Inside the building, dozens of celebrities gathered to witness history: Denzel Washington, Jay-Z, Bad Bunny, LL Cool J, Usher, Andy Garcia and countless others. Dozens of basketball greats also turned out, including Lakers heroes James Worthy and Bob McAdoo along with Dwyane Wade.

The biggest star in the crowd was Abdul-Jabbar, who has verbally sparred with James in public over issues not directly related to basketball. The Lakers legend known to all as Cap wasn’t about to miss history, and he shared a warm hug with James before ceremonially exchanging a basketball in a simple, touching gesture.

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court records show.

Davion Irvin also said he loves animals and that if he’s released from jail, he would steal more, the documents said.

Irvin, who remained jailed Tuesday on \$25,000 bond, was arrested last week after asking questions at a downtown Dallas aquarium about animals there. He is charged with six counts of animal cruelty and two counts of burglary. An attorney listed for Irvin in court records did not respond to a request for comment.

Irvin told police that on

the night of Jan. 29, he waited until dark, jumped a fence to get onto zoo grounds, cut the metal mesh of an enclosure and took the two emperor tamarin monkeys, according to arrest warrant affidavits. He then got on the city’s light rail before walking to the vacant home where he said he kept his animals.

Police, acting on a tip from the public, found the monkeys, named Bella and Finn, on Jan. 31, the day after they were discovered missing, at the empty home in Lancaster, a Dallas suburb about 15 miles (24 kilometers) south of the zoo. Officers also found multiple

cats and pigeons, in addition to dead feeder fish and fish food that had disappeared from a staff-only area of the zoo earlier in January but wasn’t reported stolen at the time, affidavits said.

Irvin has been charged in two of the odd events over a span of several weeks at the zoo and is linked to another, police said. In the taking of the monkeys, Irvin faces one count of burglary and six counts of animal cruelty — three for each monkey. He also faces a burglary charge in relation to the escape of a clouded leopard named Nova, who was discovered missing Jan. 13. A cut was

found in her enclosure, and the zoo closed as a search was launched. She was found later that day near her habitat.

Irvin told investigators that he’d wanted to take Nova but that he was only able to pet her before she got on top of her enclosure, an affidavit said.

Police said they’ve linked Irvin to the cutting of an enclosure for langur monkeys, discovered after Nova went missing, but he hasn’t been charged in that. None of the langur monkeys escaped.

In the days leading up to the emperor tamarin monkeys being taken, a man had

been raising suspicions at the zoo, asking questions not only about moving and caring for such monkeys, but about the clouded leopard that had escaped, an affidavit said. He was also seen entering staff buildings near the monkeys’ enclosure.

After the monkeys were discovered missing Jan. 30, police released a photo and video from the zoo of a man they said they wanted to talk to about the missing monkeys. The man in the images — who police later said was identified as Irvin — prompted the tip that led police to the vacant home where the monkeys were

found Jan. 31. An affidavit said the tip came from a caller who said multiple attendees of a church recognized the man from the images as someone who frequented a vacant home owned by the church.

Police arrested Irvin on Thursday a few blocks from The Dallas World Aquarium after he’d been there asking questions about animals at the aquarium and a worker recognized him from news coverage.

Police said they are still investigating, but Irvin has not been linked to the suspicious death of an endangered vulture at the zoo in January.

“My Day”

Black History Still Standing

By Dr. J. Ester Davis (esterdavis2000@gmail.com)



Former U.S. Congress Lady Eddie Bernice Johnson w/Formal Business Manager, Noah Brenham, Labor Local 648 Union

The 2023 IMA Dinner was held early February with grandeur momentum, “God’s Trombones” and the dynamic charismatic Bishop Dixon, Community of Faith Church, Houston was the Speaker. This year featured special honors to retiring U. S. Congress Member Eddie Bernice Johnson (EBJ) who was introduced by incoming successor Jasmine Crockett.

With the long history-of-the ages distinguished career of ‘the-gentle-lady-from-Texas’, it set the tone for a memorable evening. So many of EBJ’s longtime friends came just to see her. Mr. Noah Brenham and his family was one of these long-time admirers and

campaign workers. Mr. Brenham’s Labor Office when EBJ was 1st elected was located on old Forest Avenue, now MLK Blvd. Labor unions enjoyed respectable positions in our neighborhood post-Civil Rights Era because their primary job was enforcement of new laws, all agreements, fair wages and securing contracts for their labor force. Mr. Brenham is credited with securing and providing labor for many job sites in Downtown Dallas. His labor union was one of the first to endorse and work for the new congressional candidate thirty (30) plus years ago. Living in the 30th Congressional District I have heard so many awesome

stories about those early years. This legislator introduced and has a bounty of laws with her name on them.

I hope the former congress member will pen her thoughts and achievements. There is so much history packed here. The story goes that the initial “announcement-for-congress” was made in the back yard of a friend. This community remembers that it was the black public-school teachers who collectively endorsed EBJ and propel her victory not only the 1st time but remained loyal during her 15-term tenure. Mr. Stanley Marcus of the famed Neiman Marcus ‘Flagship Store’ Downtown Dallas, was active in early campaigns. So many of EBJ’s constituency remembers Dr. Emmitt J. Conrad, with medical offices in South Dallas and a DISD School Board Member, I think, at the time. He and his wife embraced EBJ’s campaign pledges reminding us back then, she would be the nation’s first registered nurse (RN) elected to Congress. My first television story about this law maker was during my tenure with Time Warner Cable. As an RN she worked for Veterans Hospital. Onward to Congress, she immediately introduced several bills enhancing care and equipment for veterans. With the nation’s second largest Veteran’s Hospital facility outside Walter Reed in her district, she lived up to new ideas about the quality of life for our veterans. And veterans love her!!

When the Congresswoman brought the Honorable John Lewis to Dallas a couple years ago, several of her friends were in the audience at the African American Museum. I was amazed with her ability to recall. She not only remembered some of these stored constituents, but proceeded to single them out, calling names and recalling the times. Kathryn Mitchell, former educator of 40 Years, a recent NAACP Awards Recipient and another campaign worker recalls working in the beginning EBJ Campaigns. During summer vacation period from school those early years, she volunteered for two-week sessions devoting time to the success of the campaign. Sidebar: A good time here for me to mention volunteering for campaigns.

I am following “The Future USS Dorie Miller” (CVN81)*, the newest aircraft carrier and the first named after an African American. It was announced in 2020. Join the watch party!! Whenever the ship is completed and launched, it is important we know and remember that it was all initiated by the ‘gentle-lady-from-Texas’. Continue to read and inspire yourselves on the life and times of Eddie Bernice Johnson, U.S. Congress, Retired. Her memoirs are clearly defined and documented in the annals of American History.

Look up ‘The Future USS Dorie Miller’ (CVN81)*

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Black Press Kicks Off Black History Month with Annual Conference

By Sylvia Dunnivant Hines
Texas Metro News Correspondent

Digital workshops, collaborations and discussions about new ways to do business were all part of the National Newspaper Publishers Association’s (NNPA) Mid-Winter Conference in San Juan, PR, last week.

Initially scheduled for St. Thomas Virgin Islands, due to damage to the host property following the latest hurricane, NNPA leadership operated on a quick turnaround providing attendees what many are calling “one of the best conferences ever.”

Gen Z, Millennials, journalists working for the so-called mainstream media and Black owned media put aside all gaps to have a meaningful exchange regarding keeping the Black Press relevant and true to its mission.

“As we celebrate 196 years of the Black Press, it is very important that we continue moving our organization forward,” said Karen Carter-Richards, NNPA Chairperson and owner of Houston Forward Times. “The Black Press is needed more today than ever before.”

Carter-Richards shared how the historic Houston

Forward Times partnered with Nike and artist Jeremy Biggers to create a mural honoring basketball legend Sheryl Swoopes, who was the first player to be signed in the Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA), where she won three WNBA Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards (2000, 2002, and 2005); and four WNBA titles (1997-2000) as a member of the Houston Comets.

This partnership helped the Forward Times to generate \$12,000 in revenue and Carter-Richards encouraged publishers to think outside the box as they seek new revenue streams in this challenging financial climate.

Westside Gazette Publisher Bobby Henry, who like Carter-Richards is a second-generation publisher, also praised the conference. “The sessions were very beneficial and provided information that we can take back to our newsrooms to make our products and businesses stronger.”

The four-day conference brought together publishers and journalists from across the country to focus on not only learning more about navigating in a world that is becoming more and more

digital-focused, but also keeping Black communities informed and empowered. The underlying message throughout the conference was the power that the publications hold and the need to capitalize on the \$1.6 trillion Black spending power.

“This was by far the most impactful and rewarding Mid-Winter Conferences that I have attended,” Kenneth Miller, owner of Inglewood Today. “Each training session was presented with depth and weight that translated into bottom-line business results. We finally allowed for young people to have a platform that displayed the future of the NNPA, information from the tech community was outstanding, and the honoring of Dr. Ben Chavis with a much-deserved Life-Time Achievement Award made for a timeless experience.”

With the power of 230 regional and local newspapers with more than 22 million readers per week, the Mid-Winter Conference attracted corporate support from several major corporations including: Google News Initiative, Reynolds, AARP, Hyundai, Diageo, Nissan, Wells Fargo, API,



Chelsea Lenora White, singer and writer, shares information during the Gen Z and Millennial workshop on how to get young people involved with efforts to reach Black communities.

Zillow, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Pfizer, Reynolds and General Motors.

Speakers presented workshops on: How to Monetize Your Online Presence, Enticing Generation Z and Millennials in Digital Revenue Strategies, and Google Tools for Newsrooms. All sessions had one common theme of how to creatively work together and maximize efforts with limited staff and resources.

Dallas-area papers represented were: Dallas Examiner, Garland Journal, I Messenger and Texas Metro News.



(AP Photo/Doug Murray, File)

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described as a brief encounter with a woman. “Michael Irvin will not be part of NFL Network’s Super Bowl LVII week coverage,” NFL Network spokesman Alex Riethmiller said

In interviews with Dallas’ 105.3 The Fan and the Dallas Morning News, Irvin said the conversation with the woman lasted between 45 seconds and one minute. Irvin also said he initially didn’t remember the meeting because “I had a few drinks, to tell you the truth.”

Irvin said he did not know the woman and that there was “no sexual wrongdoing.”

“Sunday night ... when I came into the hotel, they asked what I did and I said, ‘I just went straight to the room,’” Irvin said during the “Shan & RJ” show. “But I

guess I had met somebody in the lobby. Talked to somebody in the lobby for about a minute, and then I went to my room. And then after I got up there, they said they had to move me in the hotel. “I said: ‘I didn’t talk to anybody. I went straight to the room.’ And then they showed it on camera that I did talk to somebody. I talked to this girl for about a minute. I don’t know what — they didn’t show it to me. They told it to me. I didn’t see it. ... I guess the girl said I said something to her within that minute that we talked, and so they moved me.”

Irvin has been with NFL Network since 2009. He did appear during the network’s coverage of Super Bowl opening night on Monday.

Glendale, Arizona, police said they have not received any reports about any incident involving Irvin.