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Questions of racism linger as Harry and Meghan step back

By JILL LAWLESS and
LEANNE ITALIE

LONDON (AP) — When accomplished, glamorous American actress Meghan Markle married Prince Harry in 2018, she was hailed as a breath of fresh air for Britain’s fusty royal family. That honeymoon didn’t last.

Now the couple wants independence, saying the pressure of life as full-time royals is unbearable. And a debate is raging: Did racism drive, Meghan, away?

When Prince Harry, who is sixth in line to the throne, began dating the “Suits” actress — daughter of a white father and African American mother — the media called it a sign that Britain had entered a “post-racial” era in which skin color and background no longer mattered, even to the royal family.

U.K. Labour Party lawmaker Clive Lewis, who like Meghan has biracial heritage, says the royal



rift shows that Britain still has a problem with “structural racism.”

“We can see it with Meghan Markle and the way that she’s been treated in the media, we know that this is a reality of the 21st century, still,” Lewis told Sky News. “After 400

years of racism you can’t just overturn it overnight.”

Frederick W. Gooding, an assistant professor of African American studies at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, said it would be “disingenuous” to claim

race had not been a factor in Meghan’s treatment.

“She was always going to be an outsider,” he said. “There was always going to be this barrier because of her race.”

From the start, some in the media wrote about

Meghan using racially loaded terms. One tabloid columnist referred to her “exotic” DNA. A Daily Mail headline described her Los Angeles roots as “(almost) straight outta Compton” and claimed she came from a “gang-scarred” neighborhood. A TV host described

Meghan as “uppity.”

Meghan was criticized for everything from eating avocados — which the Daily Mail claimed fuel “human rights abuses, drought and murder” — to wearing dark nail polish, apparently an etiquette faux pas.

Morgan Jerkins, a senior editor at Zora, a Medium.com site for women of color, said that because Meghan was “an outsider, culturally, racially, and socioeconomically, she has been the royal family’s scapegoat.”

Others point out that Meghan is hardly the first royal to get a rough ride in the media. The press and the royal family have an intense and often toxic relationship going back decades. Harry’s mother, Princess Diana, was snapped by paparazzi wherever she went. When she and Prince Charles admitted that their marriage was in trouble, her private life became public property.

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South Oak Cliff High School community turns out in large numbers to celebrate \$52 million in renovations



More than 1,500 alumni, current students and neighbors of South Oak Cliff High School joined dozens of district and elected officials for Saturday’s ribbon-cutting held to celebrate the formal opening of the renovated campus.

BY THE HUB

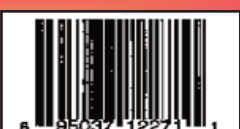
Gold and white outfits emblazoned with the well-known SOC initials were everywhere as supporters greeted former faculty and classmates, took selfies with the storied golden bear in the school lobby, and wandered the halls to gaze at the dozens of athletic trophies and reminisce about their years at the school, originally constructed in 1949.

The day began with a march from Village Fair, the facility where faculty and students were housed for more than a year during the campus’ \$52 million renovation.

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3-and-out: PGA Tour moving Byron Nelson from Trinity Forest

DALLAS (AP) — The PGA Tour will move the Byron Nelson away from Trinity Forest Golf Club after the tournament is played there for only the third time this May.

The links-style course south of downtown Dallas was built in 2014 on the site of a former landfill. The Nelson moved there in 2018 after 35 years at the TPC Four Seasons in suburban Irving, Texas, about 25 miles away.

The PGA Tour hasn't said where the Nelson will be played after this year's

tournament.

Disappointing attendance at Trinity Forest and decreased revenues for charity were significant factors in the decision. The course has an unusual look for a PGA Tour venue because it has no trees.

Trinity Forest officials said in a release that PGA Tour officials cited weather issues during the first two years that exposed deficiencies with tournament infrastructure, and that it was determined by the course and the

Salesmanship Club of Dallas, which hosts the event, that those issues couldn't be remedied easily.

The start of the third round in last year's tournament was delayed six hours by heavy rains and play was suspended by darkness, leading to 27 holes on the final day for the leaders. There were also weather issues in 2018, when the final round had a four-hour rain delay and it was nearly dark for the final putt of the tournament.

The Salesmanship Club's Momentous

Institute, a nonprofit that provides education and therapeutic services for about 5,500 children and family members each year, benefits from the Nelson's net proceeds. After peaking at more than \$6 million a year when at Four Seasons, last year's tournament netted less than half of that.

Three-time major champion Jordan Spieth, who played his first PGA Tour event as a 16-year-old at Four Seasons, is a member of Trinity Forest. So is CBS NFL broadcaster and former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo.

Texas Rangers Job Fair For 2020 Season Set For Saturday

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers will hold a pair of job fairs this week for seasonal employment at the new Globe Life Field opening in March 2020.

The job fairs will take place on Saturday, January 18 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The event will be held across the street from the new stadium at Globe Life Park.

Saturday's is in the Rebecca Creek Club on the left field concourse.

Anyone 16 years old and older interested in 2020 seasonal positions at Globe Life Field can receive information and receive interviews and screenings at both job fairs. Seasonal positions available for the 2020 baseball season include the following areas:

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- Parking Lot Cone Crew
- Program Sellers
- Rangers Authentic Staff
- Rangers Youth Academy Coaches
- Security

- Texas 2 Split Raffle Sellers
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- Youth Ballpark Announcers/Concessions

Parking for the job fair is available in Lot B at the corner of Stadium Drive and Randol Mill Road.

Those attending the Saturday afternoon job fair should enter Globe Life Park through the Rebecca Creek Club entrance on Ballpark Way.

SUPER BOWL-WINNING COACH JIMMY JOHNSON INTO HALL OF FAME

By **BARRY WILNER**

Jimmy Johnson, who coached the Dallas Cowboys to two Super Bowl championships in the 1990s, has been elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The hall announced his selection Sunday night as part of a centennial class that was chosen on Wednesday by a special committee. Former Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher was revealed Saturday night as the other coach being inducted.

"The only thing I can think of is all the assistant coaches who worked for me, all the great players who played for me are the reason," said a teary-eyed Johnson, 76. "I can't talk.

"This is so special to me because when you put in the work that we put in, it is nice for those people to appreciate it."

One of his best players, Hall of Fame quarterback

Troy Aikman, could be seen tearing up as he heard the announcement from Green Bay, where he was announcing the Seahawks-Packers play-off game.

Hall of Fame President David Baker made the presentation during half-time of Fox's telecast.

A successful college coach at Oklahoma State and Miami, where he won a national championship in 1987, Johnson was hired in 1989 by new Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. His initial team went 1-15, but Johnson rebuilt the roster — including trading star running back Herschel Walker to Minnesota for a slew of draft picks and players who were converted into draft choices. That deal is considered among the most one-sided in sports history, and it netted, among others, the draft pick that brought Emmitt Smith to Dallas.

Johnson left the Cowboys after the back-to-back championships

for the 1992 and '93 seasons in a dispute with Jones. But the roster he built, under his college rival Barry Switzer, won the 1995 NFL crown, too.

Johnson's selection for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame:

"We're so happy that the Hall of Fame has recognized Jimmy Johnson for what he is," Jones said. "A great coach."

"To Jimmy I say, 'The stars were aligned and our dreams came true when we joined the Dallas Cowboys.'"

Johnson later coached the Miami Dolphins before becoming a Fox TV analyst.

"Think of all the great players I have coached over the years," Johnson said. "From me to you: Thank you."

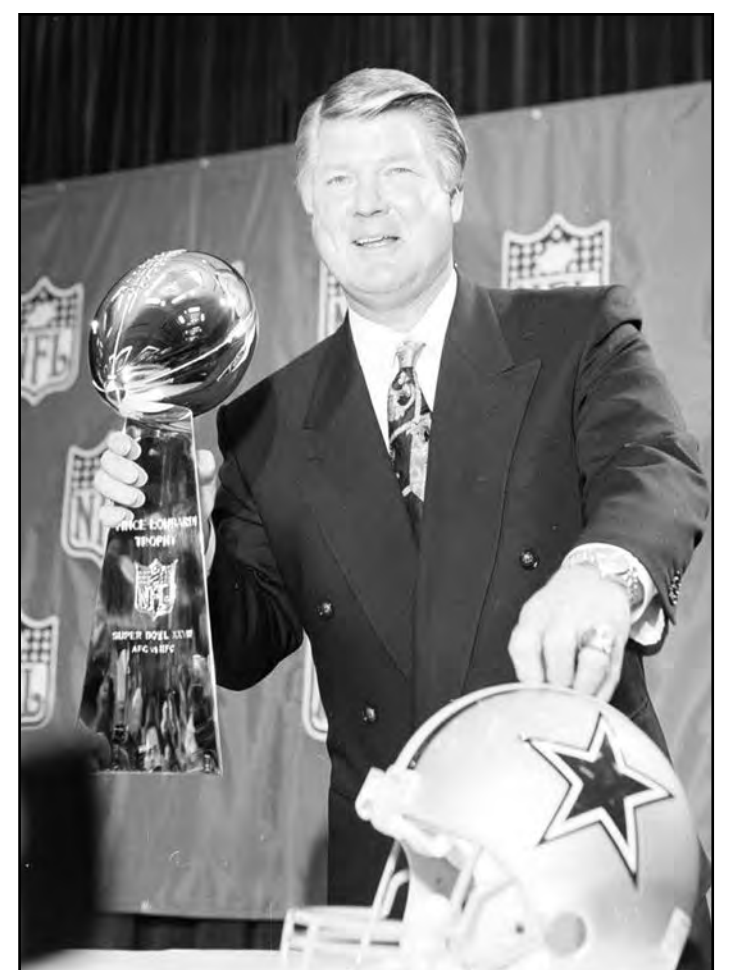
In his nine pro seasons (five in Dallas, four in Miami), he went 89-68. Johnson led the Cowboys to three playoff appear-

ances and the two Super Bowl victories, and took the Dolphins to three postseason appearances.

The special panel met in Canton, Ohio, on Wednesday to elect the centennial slate for this year's class of inductees, marking the first time any members were elected during a selection meeting held at the hall.

The centennial slate includes 10 "seniors" (players who last played more than 25 seasons ago), three "contributors" (an individual other than a player or coach) and the two coaches (who last coached more than five seasons ago) and were voted on from a list of 38 finalists. The remainder of the 15-person centennial slate will be revealed live on "Good Morning Football" on Wednesday.

The Hall of Fame's overall class will consist of 20 members, including an additional five who will be added the day before the Super Bowl,



FILE - In this Jan. 28, 1994, file photo, Dallas Cowboys head coach Jimmy Johnson poses with the Vince Lombardi Super Bowl trophy during an NFL football news conference in Atlanta. Five Super Bowl-winning coaches, including Johnson, and such NFL champion players as Roger Craig, Drew Pearson and Donnie Shell are among the finalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's special centennial class announced Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019. A 25-member panel of pro football experts is charged with selecting 10 senior players, two coaches and three contributors who will be inducted into the Canton, Ohio shrine next year as part of the league's celebration of its 100th season. (AP Photo/Ron Heflin, File)

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Senator Doug Jones Emphasizes the Importance of the 2020 Black Voter Turnout in Exclusive Fireside Chat with NNPA



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

The importance of Black voter turnout, the Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act, bipartisan politics, the Futures Act and environmental justice, counted among the topics candidly tackled during a historic fireside chat between National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., and Alabama's Senator Doug Jones, a Democrat.

Held inside the Hart Building at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., the engaging hour-long conversation marked the first time

that a sitting U.S. Senator sat down for a live-streamed video with the Black Press of America.

During the discussion, Jones said that voter turnout – particularly that of African Americans – was crucial to his stunning upset of Republican Roy Moore in the 2017 Alabama Special Election.

"The right to vote was hard fought for African Americans in this country, and I think too many people take that for granted. I think we proved that in the special election in 2017, that every vote counts," said Jones.

Jones said voting rights had been under attack since the 2013 Shelby V. Holder decision, which eliminat-

ed a lot of voter protections.

"It's not the same as the old Jim Crow laws, but there's still efforts out there to suppress votes and keep people from having that free access to the booths," he stated.

Jones noted that he's working to restore "teeth" in the Voting Rights Act, but doubts that the current GOP-led Senate and President Trump's administration would approve.

"I don't see it happening, so it's all the more important to get out and vote in the 2020 elections," Jones stated.

"We did get more African Americans as a percentage out than even when President Obama did in his first race, a fact that I was very proud. The Black community came out and worked hard. It's community engagement; it's a 365-days a year job. And, that's why the Black Press is so important because it keeps the community engaged," he stated.

Late last year, Trump signed the Futures Act, a bipartisan measure that would put more funding into Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other minority-serving institutions.

Texas Southern University's president placed on administrative leave without explanation

Texas Southern University President Austin Lane told a local news station he did nothing wrong and expects to be fully reinstated or else paid out for the remainder of his contract.

BY SHANNON NAJMABADI

The president of one of the country's largest historically black colleges, Texas Southern University, in Houston, was placed on paid administrative leave Friday by university regents.

The board provided no explanation for the decision but said in a statement they were "committed to ensuring all activities at the university are conducted in an ethical and transparent manner in accordance with the university's mission, vision and values."

The recommendation to place Lane on immediate administrative leave as an "additional audit committee and external investigation continues" was read aloud and later approved at the board's meeting Friday.

But two regents have harshly criticized the way Lane was removed, with one calling the process "flawed" and another say-

ing it was "bush-league, amateurish... spiteful and mean-spirited" to not notify the president in advance.

Another regent, Derrick Mitchell, defended Lane during the Friday meeting, saying there were some on the board "who have been out to undermine" him from the start.

"I think that this has been, that the process was flawed," Mitchell said during the meeting. "And I think that what we as a board may be doing is an injustice."

Price abstained from the vote to place Lane on administrative leave and Mitchell voted no.

Chief Financial Officer Kenneth Huewitt will be interim president of Texas Southern, which was established by the state Legislature in 1947 and has about 9,700 students, 80% of them African American. A spokesperson for the university referred questions about Friday's decision to spokespeople for the board of regents, who did not respond.

The news comes about two months after an internal investigation found "certain improprieties related" to Texas Southern's admissions process, leading the board to launch a comprehensive

review of the university's admissions, extending to enrollment, financial aid and scholarship protocols at each of its colleges. The review is being led by independent auditors, attorneys and experts.

A statement announcing the review in November said the "person involved with these improprieties" was no longer employed at Texas Southern and that information had been turned over to local authorities. "The University will have no further comment until the investigative process is complete," it added.

In 2006, another former Texas Southern president was fired and nearly faced prison over allegations that she spent some \$500,000 in university funds on personal items, like furniture. The trial of former President Priscilla Slade ended with a deadlocked jury and she agreed to a plea deal in 2008.

"This story has been edited for length."

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(StatePoint) Think back on some of your favorite family meals over the years and it's likely that Campbell Soup Company played a role during those important moments around the table. An American icon, Campbell recently celebrated its 150th anniversary.

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Here are some of the most interesting facts about Campbell's place in American culture:

- Campbell Soup Company was founded four years after the Civil War ended in 1869 by a fruit merchant and an icebox manufacturer. By the turn of the century, the company flourished as a result of several innovations -- including Dr. John T. Dorrance's invention of condensed soup, which made nutritious soup more affordable to millions of Americans at just 10 cents per can.
- Campbell food was served during WWI and WWII, and during the Apollo missions, offering troops and astronauts comfort and a taste of home.
- Campbell's influence can be seen in American pop culture throughout the years, from Andy Warhol's iconic paintings of Campbell's Soup cans to the enduring "M'm! M'm! Good!" jingle to other cultural icons like the Campbell Kids and President Ronald Reagan's V8 ad.
- The Green Bean Casserole, invented by Campbell employee Dorcas Reilly in 1955, was served at 20 million dinners this past Thanksgiving. During the holiday season, Green Bean Casserole recipes were viewed more than 6 million times on the Campbell's Kitchen website.
- Campbell's tomato growers harvest over 1.5 billion pounds of tomatoes per year. Eighty percent of Campbell's tomato growers and their families have worked with the company for more than two decades.
- Over the years, the company has grown to include numerous other brands that are staples in American households, among them Pepperidge Farm cookies, Goldfish crackers, Snyder's of Hanover pretzels, Lance sandwich crackers, V8 beverages and Swanson broths. Today, 95 percent of U.S. homes have Campbell products in its cupboards and fridges.

For more information, as well as recipes, visit CampbellSoupCompany.com.

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DSHS monitors influenza activity across the state all year. The most recent [flu surveillance report](#) shows widespread flu activity in Texas and high levels of influenza-like illness. There have been eight pediatric flu-related deaths reported this season.

Additional information:
[DSHS news release](#)
[Flu surveillance background](#)

Pediatric Flu Deaths

Public Health Region	Number of Pediatric Flu Deaths
2/3 (North Texas)	3
6/5S (Southeast Texas)	1
7 (Central Texas)	1
8 (South Texas)	1
11 (Rio Grande Valley)	2
Total	8

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NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Suspect arrested after student fatally shot at Texas high school

Reports differed about whether the shooting had occurred inside or outside the suburban Houston school.

BELLAIRE, Texas (AP) — A student was shot to death Tuesday at a suburban Houston high school, and a suspect was arrested hours later, officials said.

Grenita Latham, interim superintendent of the Houston Independent School District, confirmed the shooting victim at Bellaire High School had died. She gave no other information and took no questions as media reports differed about whether the shooting had occurred inside or outside the school.

A suspect was arrested Tuesday night, according to a school district statement issued about 3 1/2 hours after the shooting. It provided no details about where the shooting occurred in the school complex, whether the suspect was a student or what led to the arrest.

Tyler Perry: 'No need' to fight or protest about Oscar snubs

By JOHN CARUCC

NEW YORK (AP) — The lack of diversity and notable snubs in this year's Oscar nominations left Tyler Perry annoyed, but he says it's not worth getting upset because it's a system that is not going to change.

"There is no need in going back and forth, or fighting, or protesting. It is what it is. This is how it is in Hollywood, and it's how it will always be," Perry told The Associated Press on Monday hours after the nominations were announced.

Not only were there no female nominees in directing for the 87th time in Oscar history — a direct snub to Greta Gerwig, director of "Little Women," as well as several other worthy candidates. There was also only one person of color, Cynthia Erivo, among the 20 acting nominees. Golden Globe winner Awkwafina ("The Farewell") was denied a chance at an Oscar.

Globe nominees Jennifer Lopez, for her role in "Hustlers," and Beyoncé, for original song "Spirit" from "The Lion King," were also overlooked.

"I feel like Jennifer Lopez should have been nominated. She did a great job. I feel like Awkwafina did a great job," Perry said. "Beyoncé should have been nominated. But it is what it is."

Dallas VA hospital officers fatally shoot man with knife

DALLAS (AP) — Security officers fatally shot a knife-wielding man who was seeking psychiatric help at a Dallas Veterans Affairs hospital, police said.

The man went to the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center late Wednesday seeking help for "psychiatric issues," the Dallas Police Department said. The man was holding a knife when he encountered VA hospital police officers, Dallas police said.

The VA officers followed the man as he started to walk away and tried to take away the knife. When they were unable to do so, the officers opened fire on the man, Dallas police said.

The man, whose name has not been released, was taken to an area hospital, where he died from his injuries, according to Dallas police.

The shooting did not involve Dallas Police Department officers but that agency is leading the investigation, police said in a press release.

Mother dies months after daughter killed in house by officer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The mother of a Texas woman fatally shot by a police officer has died in the house where her daughter was killed, an attorney for the family said.

Yolanda Carr passed away Thursday morning in the Fort Worth home where an city officer shot her daughter, Atatiana Jefferson, in October, according to lawyer Lee Merritt. The cause of Carr's death was not immediately known, but she had been getting treat-

ment for congestive heart failure, he said.

Jefferson, 28, had recently moved into her mother's home to care for her when she was shot through a window by Officer Aaron Dean. Carr was hospitalized when her daughter was killed and had been missing a "critical" caregiver since, Merritt said.

"They've been reeling from one tragedy to the next," Merritt said of the family.

Dean, now 35, shot Jefferson through a back window after responding to an early morning call about an open front door. On body camera footage of the call he cannot be heard identifying himself as police before firing into the house. He resigned in the days after the shooting and has been charged with murder.

Dallas ISD to immediately implement stricter security protocols at sporting events

DALLAS ISD - Superintendent Michael Hinojosa said Dallas ISD is immediately implementing new protocols following a Jan. 11 shooting at a district basketball game.

Effective Jan. 13-17, bags, purses and backpacks will not be allowed into sporting events. Starting Jan. 20 only clear bags will be allowed into sporting events. The district will also use wand metal detectors as people enter district sporting events.

At a Jan. 13 press conference, Hinojosa thanked the courageous Dallas ISD police officers working the basketball game who immediately leapt into action after the shooting incident, preventing any further tragedy. He also credited the Dallas Police Department for their invaluable assistance that led to a suspect being placed in custody.

In the long term, Hinojosa said the district will convene a task force to work with the city to help address citywide gun violence and related issues. He also said a possible future bond could finance further security measures and equipment at district schools and facilities.

Questions of racism linger as Harry and Meghan step back

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Diana was killed in a Paris car crash in 1997 while being pursued by photographers. Prince Harry, who was just 12 when his mother died, said in October he feared "history repeating itself. ... I lost my mother and now I watch my wife falling victim to the same powerful forces."

After Diana's death, a chastened British press mended its ways — a bit. The media left young William and Harry alone in exchange for carefully staged interviews and photo opportunities as they grew up. That practice has continued with the three young children of William and his wife, Kate.

Younger female royals are routinely judged on appearance, demeanor, and habits. Prince William's wife was relentlessly scrutinized for years: dismissed as dull, accused of being lazy for not having a full-time job, and dubbed "waity Katy" before William proposed.

Still, Meghan's treatment has sometimes seemed harsher. Last year the Daily Mail ran photos of a pregnant Meghan cradling her bump under the headline: "Why can't Meghan Markle keep her hands off her bump?" Months earlier the same paper had described a pregnant Kate as "tenderly" cradling her bump.

British Home Secretary Priti Patel denied Meghan has suffered from racist media coverage,

"I'm not in that category at all where I believe there's racism at all," Patel, who is of Indian heritage and whose parents emigrated to Britain from Uganda, told the BBC. "I think we live in a great country, a great society, full of opportunity, where people of any background can get on in life."

But others say the media double standard Meghan faced is evidence that talk of "post-racial" Britain is wildly premature.

"Her treatment has

proved what many of us have always known: No matter how beautiful you are, whom you marry, what palaces you occupy, charities you support, how faithful you are, how much money you accumulate or what good deeds you perform, in this society racism will still follow you," writer Afua Hirsch, author of the book "Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging," wrote in the New York Times.

While Britain is by most measures less racist than it used to be, non-white Britons are still over-represented among the poor and imprisoned, and under-represented at the top of well-paid professions, including politics, journalism and the law. Britain's 2016 decision to leave the European Union — a move fueled in part by concerns about immigration — was followed by an increase in cases of racist abuse reported to the police.

Meghan acknowledged in an October interview that she had been unprepared for the intense

media scrutiny she would get as a member of the royal family. She told ITV journalist Tom Bradby that before she married Harry, "my British friends said to me, 'I'm sure he's great, but you shouldn't do it, because the British tabloids will destroy your life.'"

"And I very naively ... I didn't get it," she said.

Unlike other members of the royal clan, Meghan and Harry have pushed back. As long ago as 2017, Harry criticized "the racial undertones of comment pieces; and the outright sexism and racism of social media trolls and web article comments."

Now the couple has had enough. They plan to move part-time to Canada, withdraw from royal media-coverage arrangements and seek financial independence. The queen has reluctantly agreed to let them become semi-detached royals in order to avoid a damaging family split.

South Oak Cliff High School community turns out in large numbers to celebrate \$52 million in renovations

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After the march, alumni from the 1950s forward braved 40-degree temperatures, drizzle and snow flurries to witness the ribbon-cutting before pouring into the school's new competition gym for a program featuring remarks by District 5 Trustee Maxie Johnson and Superintendent Hinojosa, a throng of district and elected officials, alumni and students, and performances by the school choir and band.

Among the improvements funded by the 2015 bond program, SOC received a 2,000-seat competition gym/storm shelter, new administrative offices, an expanded cafeteria, remodeled weight and locker rooms, new roofing, and interior and exterior renovations throughout the campus. Students and faculty returned to the new campus for classes Jan. 7.

House sending Trump impeachment to Senate, trial to follow

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Wednesday to send two articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump to the Senate, delivery set for a dramatic procession across the U.S. Capitol for only the third such trial in American history. Trump complained anew of a "hoax," even as new details emerged about his efforts in Ukraine.

The charges were to be carried in a ceremony of pomp and protocol by lawmakers prosecuting the case, moving the impeachment out of Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Democratic-run House to the Republican-majority Senate, where the president's team is mounting a defense aiming for swift acquittal.

Wednesday's mostly partly-line House vote to deliver the charges was 228-193, reflecting the deeply divided nation at the start of this presidential election year.

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Location: Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Rd.
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Wreath Laying Ceremony

January 15 | Noon
Location: Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2922 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.
Description: Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King at this wreath laying ceremony

Workforce Opportunity Fair

January 16 | 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St.
Description: Job fair featuring on-site hiring and showcase of workforce skills and credentialing programs. In partnership with Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas.

Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs Panel Discussion

January 17 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Volunteer Now, 2800 Live Oak St.
Description: Panel presentation for those concerned and confused about what the new public charge rule means for immigrant families.

Candle Lighting Ceremony

January 17 | 6:30 p.m.
Location: Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2922 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Description: Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King with a candle lighting ceremony hosted by The Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc.

The Walls Project

January 18 | 9:00 a.m.
Location: The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2922 MLK Blvd.
Description: The Walls Project will lead a mural project and community clean-up in and around the MLK corridor.

38th Annual MLK Scholarship & Awards Gala

January 18 | 6:30 p.m.
Location: Hilton Anatole, 2201 N Stemmons Fwy.
Description: Featuring keynote speaker Mr. Andrew Gillum, scholarships and awards presentations and performances.

MLK March/Parade

January 20 | 10 a.m.
Location: Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd & Holmes St. to Fair Park
Description: Floats, marching bands, dance troops and vehicles participate in a march/parade on MLK Blvd.

National Day of Racial Healing

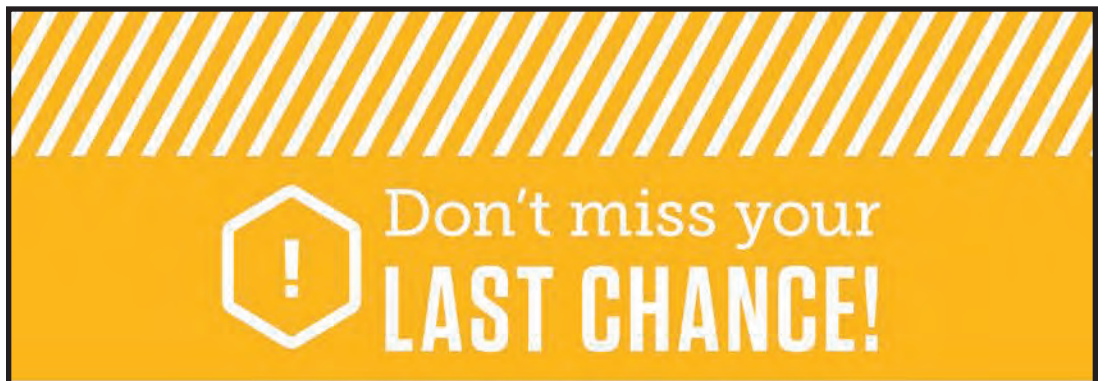
January 21 | 9 to 11:45 a.m.
Location: J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St.
Description: Join Dallas Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation for a continuation of their Community Visioning process and an introduction of racial healing techniques.

National Day of Racial Healing

January 21 | 7 to 9 p.m.
Location: Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum and the Trinity River
Description: Join American Indian Heritage Day and Dallas Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation for an exploration of community imagination! What if Dallas never had colonization? What if Dallas remained indigenous and sovereign land?

Youth Summit

January 25 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, 300 N Houston St.
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ScarJo and Erivo go for 2, and other Oscar facts and figures



This image released by Focus Features shows Cynthia Erivo as Harriet Tubman in a scene from "Harriet." On Monday, Jan. 13, Erivo was nominated for an Oscar for best actress for her role in the film. (Glen Wilson/Focus Features via AP)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A look at some of the historic achievements and trivial tidbits from Monday's nominations for the 92nd Academy Awards.

A record 62 women, representing nearly a third of nominees, were nominated for Academy Awards this year, but none for best director.

Scarlett Johansson is nominated in two acting categories, for best actress in "Marriage Story" and best supporting actress in "Jojo Rabbit." This is the 12th time an actor has pulled off the feat. Cate Blanchett did it in 2008 for "Elizabeth: The Golden Age," and "I'm Not There," Jamie Foxx did it in 2005 for "Ray" and "Collateral," and in 1994 there were two actresses nominated in two categories: Holly Hunter for "The Piano" and "The Firm," and Emma Thompson for "The Remains of the Day" and "In the Name of the Father." No one has ever won two acting awards in the same year.