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~ Rodney King ~



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NNPA Condemns Attacks on Israel

By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent@StacyBrownMedia



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The support for Israel comes at a critical juncture, and it emphasizes the importance of solidarity with nations and communities facing acts of violence and terrorism.

Today, in a display of unity, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), representing the Black Press of America, issued a resolute statement of support for Israel amidst the recent escalation of conflict in the Middle East.

In a joint statement released on Saturday, October 7, NNPA Chair Bobby Henry and NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. unequivocally condemned the devastating acts of violence perpetrated against the Jewish people and the

nation of Israel by Hamas. The militant group's firing of a deadly barrage of rockets and infiltration of Israeli territory marked a significant escalation in the ongoing conflict between the two sides.

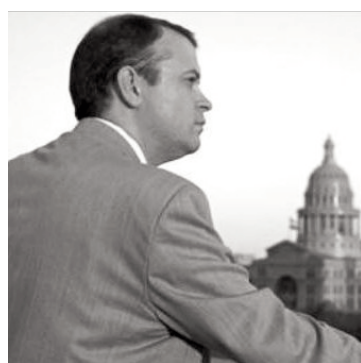
“The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), representing the Black Press of America, forthrightly condemns the brutal, fatal terrorist attacks today on the Jewish people and the nation of Israel by Hamas,” read the statement. “Terrorism against innocent civilians

in Israel and in any other place in the world can never be justified, tolerated, or sanctioned. We stand firmly in solidarity with Israel.”

The statement underscores the unity and solidarity between the African American and Jewish communities in the face of adversity. While their shared history is complex and nuanced, the NNPA's declaration underscores their shared common ground by condemning violence and

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Texas Senate Republicans Disregard Crucial Racial Protections: Aicha Davis Exposes Voucher Proposal's Eerie Echoes of Segregation's Past



Scott Braddock

DALLAS - In a move reported by Scott Braddock of the Quorum Report that has drawn significant attention, Chairman Senator Brandon Creighton of the Texas Senate Education Committee has chosen not

to incorporate protections against racial discrimination into the current voucher legislation proposal. Reacting to this development and the stance taken by Senate Republicans, State Board of Education Member Aicha Davis released the following statement:

“Senator Creighton, along with the Texas Senate Republicans, has chosen to reject adding language to the legislation that would guarantee fundamental equal protections as deeply enshrined in our nation's constitution. This

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Junk fees, clandestine charges that businesses surreptitiously tack onto customer invoices, have long plagued American consumers.



Biden-Harris Administration Unveils Sweeping Measures to Shield

By Stacy M. Brown

In a bid to shield consumers from hidden and excessive charges, the Biden-Harris Administration, in collaboration with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), is set to implement a series of robust measures targeting junk fees across various industries while also prohibiting fees for essential bank services.

Junk fees, clandestine charges that businesses surreptitiously tack onto customer invoices, have long plagued American consumers, costing families billions annually and obstructing fair competition. In a

news release, the White House cited President Biden's previous call to arms for federal agencies, Congress, and private enterprises to combat these fees and ensure full-price transparency, culminating in these latest initiatives.

Administration officials said research indicates that fees levied after the point of purchase hinder consumers' ability to comparison shop, resulting in payments that can exceed the base price by up to twenty percent. “Such fees also unfairly disadvantage honest businesses, impede innovation, and disproportionately impact small enterprises,”

officials stated in the news release.

The Federal Trade Commission proposed a groundbreaking rule that, if enacted, would outlaw the imposition of hidden and deceptive fees, obliging companies to divulge the complete cost upfront. The regulation would encompass various sectors, including event tickets, accommodations, rentals, and more. Non-compliance could incur substantial penalties and necessitate refunds to consumers.

Meanwhile, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

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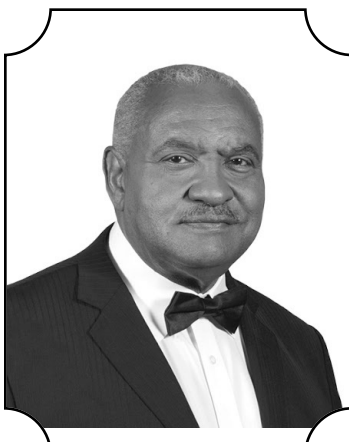
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EDITORIAL PAGE

The Israeli / Hamas War: A Warning for America

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



Dr. John E. Warren

Those who follow the news know that in recent months, there has been an internal battle in Israel as the Prime Minister has sought to abolish the role of the Supreme Court, which serves as a check and balance over the legislation under Israel's democratic form of government.

This struggle led to massive protests, including members of the military pulling back on service as an expression of objection to the proposed changes. The next result: the conveyance of an internal conflict which led enemies of the State to decide it was a good time for an all out attack, especially during an

important Jewish holiday. The result of that internal conflict has cost more than 1000 lives in Israel and hundreds of Palestinian deaths.

Fast switch to America's democratic problems: A Legislative body unable to even pass a Resolution of support for Israel because of the lack of a Speaker in a Republican led House of Representatives, with a Democratic Party standing on the sidelines, with no will or incentive to help elect a new Republican Speaker. While we argue over the much needed and necessary continued aid to Ukraine, our own military arsenal is being depleted; the Congress has no fewer than eleven appropriation bills bottled up without passage and the Senate is locked down on military funding and promotions in critical positions because of one Senator's position on the use of military funds related to abortions and transgender care of military personnel. This is a recipe for our enemies to consider some first strike actions against us just as we experienced on 911.

The blame no longer falls

on the conservative Right. The Right has denied elections, ignored the very Constitution they took an Oath to uphold and defend and they have sought to shut down our very government with all the related consequences because they are unable to override our democratic system of government as they attempted to do on January 6th in the assault on the U.S. Capitol.

The blame now falls on the American people who are beginning to drink the kool-aid of lies and destruction, reminding us of what it must have been like when Nero played his fiddle while Rome burned.

America has a crisis in leadership that is begging China, North Korea, Iran, Russia and all those who sympathize with them against the United States, to consider if this is not the time to become more aggressive with America. Like Rome, have we become so comfortable with our internal hate of those who don't look like us and the degree to which we no longer wish to help anyone but ourselves at the expense

of all others, that we will destroy this nation from within rather than honor the democratic principles and Godly concern for our fellow man that brought us thus far?

Yes, the war now raging between Hamas and Israel, with Hamas knowing it can't win but being willing to slaughter innocent people to draw others into a well orchestrated conflict with the end goal of destroying Israel, is similar to looking at the Republican Party. The insane loyalty of elected members of Congress, to a madman with multiple civil convictions and more than 90 criminal charges in State and Federal Courts, sounds much like Hamas. Once again, the blame falls on the American people who allow a small minority, much like Hamas compared to the Palestinian people, to destroy a nation because of its own hatred.

Wake up America! Wake up before our war comes unexpectedly to our own doors and perhaps from the enemy already within that small group which calls themselves Americans, too.

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decision raises significant concerns regarding the underlying intentions and potential consequences of this voucher proposal, particularly in terms of safeguarding the integrity of our public schools and upholding Texas's dedication to equal opportunity.

It's essential to remember that vouchers, historically, have been intertwined with attempts at segregation. For instance, in 1959, officials in Prince Edward County, Virginia, rather than desegregate their public schools in response to the Brown v. Board of Education decision, opted to shut down the entire public school system. White leaders then established private, whites-only schools, offering vouchers for white students to attend these institutions. This glaring use of vouchers to

maintain segregation underscores the profound implications such policies can have on our commitment to equal opportunity. In today's context, witnessing moves that could potentially echo such a troubling period in our history is deeply concerning.

The decision to omit protections against racial discrimination is a stark reminder that the fight for equality is far from over. Every legislative decision we make should unambiguously uphold our nation's founding creed from the Declaration of Independence: "that all men are created equal." By neglecting to include equal protection language in this legislation, we fail not only the students of Texas but also the fundamental values upon which our nation stands."

announced it is taking a stand against major financial institutions, mandating that they furnish essential information to consumers without charge. The move would eliminate fees for vital services like checking account balances, loan payoff details, and application-related account information.

Later this month, the CFPB plans to introduce a rule facilitating the secure and reliable transmission of banking transaction data among financial institutions. That measure aims to simplify the process of switching banks and managing accounts across multiple providers, thus encouraging competition based on service quality and upfront pricing.

The CFPB also revealed that its crackdown on junk fees has already delivered substantial savings to consumers. Bounced check fees have plummeted by over 86 percent since 2021, equating to nearly \$2 billion in savings, officials said in the release. Additionally, two-thirds of major banks have entirely abolished these charges. Coupled with prior reductions in banking junk fees, that action translates to an average annual savings of \$170 for the 33 million households affected.

The CFPB also announces a triumph in

securing an extra \$140 million in consumer reimbursements from companies guilty of imposing illegal junk fees, such as surprise overdraft charges and multiple bounced check fees for a single transaction. The White House said these announcements follow the issuance of guidance to financial institutions last October regarding these illicit fees.

Simultaneously, the White House said it bolstered its comprehensive approach to competition, with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs unveiling new guidelines to fortify the integration of competition-centric elements into agency regulations. Developed in concert with key economic councils, officials said the directive will steer agencies in designing regulations that foster competition while upholding other vital policy objectives.

Further, the Department of Transportation said it had successfully negotiated commitments from major airlines to enhance service quality, guaranteeing amenities such as meals, hotels, and family seating. Additionally, the Department of Housing and Urban Development

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WALKING IN UNITY AS WE USE OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

EPHESIANS 4:1-16

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

As the grand Apostle Paul approached the mid-point of the book of Ephesians, he moved his focus from doctrine (chapters 1-3) to duty (chapters 4-6). As Rev. Jonathan Smith informed us in a Sunday morning sermon, a well-balanced saint knows that we are exhorted to practice our lofty position in Christ Jesus. In this section of Ephesians, Paul is exhorting the believers to walk in unity, utilizing our spiritual gifts in a loving and humble way! Ephesians 4:1-16 may be outlined as follows: I. An Exhortation to Walk in Unity – Ephesians 4:1-6; II. Blessed in the Granting of Spiritual Gifts from Christ – Ephesians 4:7-16.

I. An Exhortation to Walk in Unity – Ephesians 4:1-6

In verses 1-2, Paul began to build his super-structure of duty upon his doctrinal presentation in chapters 1-3. In Ephesians Paul explained in chapters 1-3 how all Christians are one in Christ, regardless of their ethnic differences. As he approached chapter 4, Paul began to explain how this Christian Unity should be practiced. Remember that our

lofty position in Christ (chapter 1) demands that it should be practiced in our conduct (chapters 4-6)! To put it another way, Ephesians 1-3 emphasizes our calling; Ephesians 4-6 emphasizes our conduct.

The word “therefore” in verse 1 points back to the whole argument of Paul in the first half of the book. On the basis of God’s grace in reconciling sinners to Himself and to one another, Paul strongly exhorted the Ephesians to walk worthy of their high calling (v. 1). Christians should live worthy of their calling in every facet of their lives. In Ephesians, Paul was vitally concerned about unity being exhibited within the congregation. Christian unity can be achieved when Christian attitudes are maintained in our relationships.

In maintaining unity within the body of Christ, Christians are called upon to exhibit “lowliness or humility” (v. 2). Christians are called upon to have the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself to become a servant and to die on the cross. Another attitude Christians need to embrace in maintain-

ing unity is “meekness.” Meekness refers to the ability to remain under control even when under attack. Another Christian attitude one should have is “longsuffering.”

Longsuffering is literally to be long tempered. He or she is not an irascible Christian (one who gets angry easily). The next Christian attitude to embrace is “forbearing.” Forbearing goes beyond doing to others as you want them to do to you.

Unity among Christians does not come automatically because we have been saved by grace through faith. As Christians, we still possess a sinful nature (Galatians 5:16-17) that responds in ways that would prompt division. Because of this fact, Paul urged the Ephesians to endeavor, or to be diligent, to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (v. 3). True Christian unity can thrive in the body of Christ when we are diligent in maintaining it!

As we give our allegiance to practice these qualities, they will be bound together by peace, the active presence of goodwill. As Christians endeavor to maintain unity

within the body of Christ, Paul shared that we possess some spiritual resources that promote Christian unity (vv. 4-5)! As Christians, we belong to the same body of Christ, the church. We all possess the same indwelling Holy Spirit. We have all received the same divine call to salvation. We all serve the same Lord and exercise the same faith. We have all identified ourselves as Christians by the ordinance of baptism (v. 5).

Christian unity according to Paul is not an organizational structure imposed externally; however, according to Paul, it is an organic association that joins believers together from the inside! The final item that all Christians have in common is that they worship one God who is the Father of all (v. 6). As Sovereign of the universe, God rules over all things. He is the active God of history, who works through all events. As the omnipresent God, He is involved in every aspect of His creation!

II. Blessed in the Granting of Spiritual Gifts from Christ – Ephesians 4:7-16

In verse 7, Paul ascribes the giving of spiritual gifts to the ascended Christ, whereas, in I Corinthians 12:7-11, Paul attributes the giving of spiritual gifts to the Spirit. In supporting his point in verse 8, Paul quotes a prophecy from Psalm 68:18. In the psalm, God is pictured as a conquering warrior who receives the spoils of war. The psalmist went on in verse 19 to bless

the Lord who daily loads His people with benefits. As Christ triumphed over sin and death, He, like a victorious general, distributed gifts to those who served with Him. As the Lord of the church, Christ gives Christians various abilities (gifts) to serve Him and to minister to others.

In verses 9-10, Paul explains the significance of verse 8. Christ ascended back to heaven only after coming down to earth in humility to die on the cross (Phil. 2:5-8). By dying on the cross, Christ won the ultimate victory over sin, death, and the devil. The triumph of God’s grace in the crucifixion and resurrection enabled Him to give gifts to those who accept His grace by faith. In verse 7, Paul stressed that Christ gave gifts to each Christian. In verse 11, Paul spoke of the gifts Christ gave to the gifted leaders in the church.

Paul listed four groups of church leaders. The apostles were the original disciples of Christ (Acts 1:15-26). They were called to proclaim the news of Christ and the church. Prophets were the spokesmen through whom God made known His word before the canon of Scripture was established. For the continuing ministry of the church, Christ gave evangelists and pastors and teachers (v. 11). Evangelists focused on the outward expansion of the church as they preached the Gospel and brought people to Christ. The pastor-

teachers were charged with edifying Christians and building them up to spiritual maturity.

In verse 12, Christ gave gifted leaders to the church, and their role was to equip the believers. As they trained and developed the congregation, all Christians would be able to do the work of the ministry. Thus, the body of Christ will be built up. In God’s plan, ministry is the work of the whole congregation, not just the duty of a selected clergy.

In verse 13, the goal of teaching and edification is to cause people to be like Christ. In verse 14, when Christians do not receive spiritual nourishment, they do not grow up; thus, they will remain as spiritual infants. Like small rowboats caught in a gale, they can easily be tossed about by deception. Christians will fall prey to deceivers when they are not firm in their faith! To them, error can sound so true.

In verses 15-16, just as a child grows into adulthood, so God’s desire is that His children will reach spiritual maturity. This growth comes from consistent commitment to both truth and love. As we follow Christ’s example of truth and love, we will develop and become more like Him. In the body of Christ, all members are important to one another as we utilize our spiritual gifts in serving Christ, and as we minister to one another.

May God Bless!

Fair Park first receives \$5 million from John and Helen Carona for naming of Carona Plaza at Cotton Bowl Stadium

DALLAS (Oct. 11, 2023) – Fair Park First, alongside the Dallas Park and Recreation Department, announced today it received a generous gift of \$5 million from John and Helen Carona for the naming of the now Carona Plaza at the Cotton Bowl Stadium. The Carona family has a distinguished reputation for service to the Dallas community. Their investment in this public space is an extension of that commitment to Dallas and to the great State of Texas.

“It is an honor to have the Carona family invest in the storied past and hopeful future of Fair Park,” said Veletta Forsythe-Lill, Board of Directors member, Fair Park First. “They will help us create a new and inviting campus for all.”

John Carona served the State of Texas as a former member of the Texas Senate from District 16 in Dallas County, serving as President pro tempore during the 80th legislature. Previously, Carona also served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives. Now he serves as the president of the Dallas-based company, Associa.

“This is an incredible gift that supports a historic

gem in our city. I want to thank John Carona and his family, who have served our state over many years, for their generosity and commitment to Fair Park and Cotton Bowl Stadium. As we can see this month during the great State Fair of Texas, these are vital venues that serve Dallas residents while helping us welcome guests beyond our city, from across our state and from around the world,” said Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson.

The Carona Plaza will serve as the signature heartbeats of the Fair Park campus, situated directly in front of the iconic Cotton Bowl Stadium and Leonhardt Lagoon. The Plaza will receive upgrades including new concrete work, landscaping and siting areas, as well as marquee signage at the north and south ends.

“While Fair Park is going through a renaissance period of renovation, we could not be more honored and excited by John and Helen Carona’s commitment to Dallas with this generous gift,” said Arun Agarwal, President, Dallas Park and Recreation Board.

With the legendary Cotton Bowl Stadium as

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Kevin McCarthy Is No Longer Speaker of The U.S. House Of Representatives Who Will Be Next?

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.



James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.

Embattled Speaker of The House, Kevin McCarthy is out. The sand in his hourglass signaled that it was time for him to go.

If you followed Republican Party politics recently, you could see he simply could not find favor with his GOP colleagues. Confusing reports have come out as to whether he will leave the office before his term expires. In an interview last week, he stated that he had no plans to leave. We’ll see what happens.

He sounds positive yet you know he must be hurt by what happened to him. This is a case of being at the top and going directly to the bottom.

However former Speaker McCarthy did with the help

of the Democrats prevent the government from shutting down yet that was not enough to save his job. He was caught in a political mudslide. His work across the aisle was a big part of his undoing.

It is my opinion that he made too many concessions in order to get the position. He sold his political soul and was told that his speakership was on hold. Representative McCarthy is the 1st Speaker in our history to be voted out of the office.

He said, “I may have lost this vote today but as I walk out of this chamber, I feel fortunate to have served. Still, I wouldn’t have changed a thing.” It was a diplomatic thing to say, however he made history in an unflattering way. He will be in the history books as his rise and fall will be talked about for years to come.

The final vote for his removal was 216-210. Representative Patrick McHenry from South Carolina is the Speaker Pro Tempore. One of the first acts carried out by Mr. McHenry was to dismiss the House because of budding tension.

If you are a Republican member of the House, what is your message to your constituents? At some point, you must admit that the GOP is currently dysfunctional and disorganized. Sometimes, the truth hurts yet it must be told.

Republican House members find themselves in a cesspool of chaos and crisis. Democratic Leader, Hakeem Jeffries from New York said, “It is now the responsibility of the GOP members to end the House Republican war,” Senate Republican Leader, Mitch McConnell issued a statement thanking McCarthy for what is often a thankless job.

Without a Speaker, the House cannot begin any work to avoid a government shutdown. That is a problem.

Representative Jim Jordan from North Carolina and Representative Steve Scalise from Louisiana have announced their interests in being the new Speaker.

Mr. Jordan has been endorsed by former president Trump. Jordan is a Trump ally and believes that he won the last election. He opposes giving aid to Ukraine.

Mr. Scalise touts himself as an excellent fundraiser who can bring the GOP together. He too believes that Mr. Trump won the last election. However, he supports aid to Ukraine.

The question is who can convince moderate Republicans to join them? The military aid to Ukraine will be a big topic of conversation in the coming days and weeks.

I believe Mr. Scalise will become the next Republican leader. Why? He is not a radical and is a bit more reasonable than is Mr. Jordan. If Mr. Jordan becomes Speaker, he will be Trump 2.0.

I think that Kevin McCarthy will support Steve Scalise because Mr. Trump didn’t try to save his job as Speaker. Revenge is best served cold.

The political faction headed by Republican Representative Matt Gaetz from Florida must not be the new normal in our politics. Whomever is chosen as the Speaker must be a leader.

So, we will watch and wait to see who becomes the next Speaker of The House because right now, we are at a standstill.



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Candy: A sweet history

By Rix Quinn

My friend Debi asks, "Why do they call the little candy 'fun sizes'?" Wouldn't it be more fun to eat a big one?"

Wow, Debi, what a flavorful question. Let me chew on that a little with my sweet tooth.

Candy has been around throughout recorded history. Actually, ancient civilizations prized it even before

they made recordings.

The earliest sweets were likely those made of candied nuts and fruits in honey. Centuries ago, explorers discovered the cocoa bean and cacao trees. I'll be forever grateful to these pioneers of chocolate.

And don't forget chewing gum. In the late 1860s flavor was added to chicle, creating the first modern gum. I

chewed so much when I was a kid, I considered gum one of the primary food groups.

Hard candies also became popular in the 1800s. Chocolate bars were invented around 1850. I don't know exactly when "fun sizes" began, but here's my theory.

Fun sizes allow friends to share candy. That's a very generous idea. But here's

my problem.

I don't like to share candy. If I buy the candy, I want it all...no matter what the quantity. I personally love the fun size, because it gives me more sugar to gobble.

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has urged industry stakeholders and housing providers to adopt measures that promote fee transparency for renters.

The Federal Communications Commission has also mandated the implementation

of "Broadband Nutrition Labels," providing consumers with clear and concise information about the costs and fees associated with internet services. Various agencies, including the FTC, CFPB, and FCC, have proposed rules to curtail fees from credit cards to auto sales.

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terrorism against innocent civilians, regardless of where it occurs.

The NNPA, founded in 1940, is the trade associa-

tion for African American-owned newspapers and media companies throughout the United States. Its mission is to advocate for the African American press and promote the importance

of Black-owned media in shaping public opinion and preserving the African American cultural experience.

The support for Israel comes at a critical juncture,

and it emphasizes the importance of solidarity with nations and communities facing acts of violence and terrorism, transcending historical differences to unite in a common cause.

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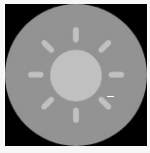
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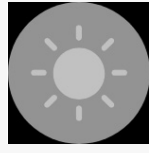
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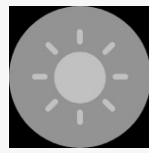
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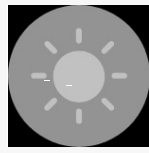
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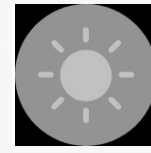
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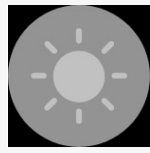
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Unstoppable Simone Biles wraps up world championships comeback with 2 more gold medals

BY SAMUEL PETREQUIN



United States' Simone Biles competes on the floor during the apparatus finals at the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Antwerp, Belgium, Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023. (AP Photo/Geert vanden Wijngaert).

ANTWERP, Belgium (AP) — Simone Biles was not too worried about the medal count, or the color of the medals, at the gymnastics world championships this week.

That approach has sure paid off.

The American superstar claimed a third, then a fourth, gold medal on the final day of the 2023 competition on Sunday, winning the women's balance beam and floor finals in a dominant fashion.

In Antwerp — where she started her collection of 23 world titles 10 years ago as a 16-year-old — Biles has made a stunning return to the international stage. In addition to the pair of gold medals she won Sunday, she also claimed a silver medal on vault after the sixth all-around title that made her the most decorated gymnast in history, male or

female.

And, in the absence of Russian rivals because of sanctions imposed as a result of the war against Ukraine, Biles led the U.S. women to a record seventh straight victory in the team event.

"It's like as long as I get out there, do those routines again, like it's a win in my book," the four-time Olympic gold medalist said about how she approached the meet. "It doesn't matter if I end up on the podium or not."

Biles was competing at her first world championships since 2019 after a two-year break she used to focus on her mental health following the Tokyo Olympics. She only returned to competition this summer.

Biles was a bit worried on her comeback to the world stage, but the confidence of having trained

properly combined with what she called her new "whatever happens, happens" attitude helped her back to the top and demolish the competition.

She will keep the same laid-back attitude on the road leading to the Paris Olympics next year.

"I think we're going to take that approach, the same one that we took this year, just meet by meet and we'll see where we end up," said Biles, who applies herself to regular therapy sessions that helped her in her comeback.

Her coach, Cecile Landi, said Biles doesn't want to speak in detail about the Olympics yet to protect herself and avoid the pressure.

"But for us as coaches it's obviously the goal," Landi said. "And we will get her ready for that, if she wants it."

At the pandemic-delayed Tokyo Olympics, Biles was hampered by what's known as "the twisties" that gymnasts can experience while in the air, and withdrew from several events.

"I think I worried a little bit more about ending up on the podium and now I'm just like, I don't care," she said when asked how she now deals with pressure.

Biles has now won a record 37 medals at the world championships and Olympics.

On Sunday, she started the afternoon with a superb beam routine, oozing confidence throughout. She had no hesitation on her jumps and delivered controlled spins before dismounting in style, with just a small hop when landing. She earned a score of 14.800 points to win ahead of China's Zhou Yaqin by a margin of just 0.1 of a point. Rebeca Andrade of Brazil took the bronze medal.

Biles later took to the mat for her last appearance of a busy week, in the floor final. She had posted the highest score in qualifying and impressed again with a series of spectacular tumbling passes that wowed the crowd, reaching impressive height on her leaps.

Although she stepped out of bounds midway through her highly difficult routine, Biles earned the day's best score, 14.633 points. It was Biles' sixth world floor championship, a discipline where she remains undefeated.

ENTERTAINMENT

Dallas Symphony Orchestra Announces Community Performances This Fall

The Concert Truck returns to Dallas, and DSO introduces new programming at Klyde Warren Park and McIntyre Park

DALLAS (October 9, 2023) – This fall, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra will bring classical music to the community with the return of The Concert Truck and a new series of chamber music and educational events in the Dallas Arts District and beyond. Each performance will feature DSO musicians or education staff members and will be free and open to the public.

"It's always such a joy to share beautiful music with our community outside of the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center," said Kim Noltemy, Ross Perot President & CEO of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. "We're looking forward to collaborating once again with The Concert Truck and Klyde Warren Park, and we are particularly excited to welcome guests to our inaugural performances at Shirley & Bill McIntyre Park."

The Concert Truck Returns

The Concert Truck, in partnership with the DSO, will once again roll into iconic locations across the city, including return visits to NorthPark Center, the Sixth Floor Museum and One Arts Plaza. New this year, The Concert Truck will present a special hip-hop-infused performance at Ash Studios featuring members of the DSO, Niina DJ, and emcees 88 Killa and A Dot, as well as an interactive visual element. The Concert Truck's first performance will be on October 11, 2023, at 12 p.m. at Clement's Hospital UTSW. The full schedule can be found here: The Concert Truck Residency - Dallas Symphony Orchestra

"We are thrilled to be returning to Dallas, our second home, for our sixth residency with the Dallas Symphony!" said Concert Truck founders Susan Zhang and Nick Luby. "It's always a pleasure to collaborate with our friends in the orchestra and to share music with the DFW community."

The Concert Truck,

founded in 2016, is a traveling concert stage that brings classical music directly to communities all over the United States. Since their first visit to Dallas during the 2020 holiday season, the Concert Truck and DSO musicians have provided a way for DFW residents to experience and enjoy over 200 performances around the Metroplex.

Symphony Sundays at Klyde Warren Park

The DSO is pleased to introduce a new collaboration with Klyde Warren Park, "Symphony Sundays." On three special Sundays this fall and winter, the DSO will perform chamber music for parkgoers to enjoy. The first Symphony Sunday concert will feature a string quartet of DSO musicians on October 15 from 6 – 7 p.m. The DSO will present two additional Symphony Sunday concerts, on November 19 and December 17. Visit Klyde Warren Park's website for more information.

Concerts at the Shirley & Bill McIntyre Park

Dallasites will also enjoy classical music and educational experiences at McIntyre Park this autumn. The DSO will present chamber music concerts in the park, as well as hands-on educational activities including instrument petting zoos and other demonstrations. Look for the DSO at McIntyre Park on the third Tuesday and Saturday of each month, starting on October 17 from 5 – 6 p.m. with a string quartet performance and October 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with educational activities.

McIntyre Park is situated on the west side of the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. The park, which is owned by the City of Dallas, was renamed in April 2023 as part of an initiative to improve, beautify and increase musical programming through a \$3 million gift to the DSO from Dallas philanthropic community leaders Shirley and Bill McIntyre.

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the backdrop to the Carona Plaza, this area will serve as a center point of the activation area of Fair Park's 277 acres – from the State Fair of Texas to concerts, games, festivals and more. The Carona Plaza improvements, coupled with the \$140M of improvements going into the Cotton Bowl Stadium, will create vibrant hospitality at the center of Fair

Park. "We are so honored that the Carona Family's gift will help facilitate the continued restoration and revitalization of the Fair Park campus," said Heather Stevens, Rise360, Capital Campaigns for Fair Park. "Their generosity builds on the continued public and philanthropic support of the Phase 1 capital campaign, led by Fair Park

First in partnership with Dallas Parks and Recreation, to revitalize Fair Park. Together collectively raised more than \$350 million raised towards the goal, and we invite donors to join to the campaign in supporting this beloved campus as it enters a new era of serving the City of Dallas."

Along with the Cotton Bowl Stadium and Carona

Plaza renovations, Fair Park has several other capital projects on the campus underway during Phase 1 of the Master Plan. These include the Music Hall, African American Museum, Dallas, Visitor Center, Magnolia Lounge, creation of the 18-acre Community Park, a 1.4-acre neighborhood park, and several other building and grounds projects.



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T.D. Jakes Foundation Hosts Disruptive Conversation with Texas Leaders Ahead of Hiring Mixer in Dallas

Leaders openly discussed the future of AI, education and the workforce as annual partnership addressed unemployment

Recently, the T.D. Jakes Foundation opened the door of opportunity to over 1,500 job seekers by providing them with career advancing opportunities, resources, and knowledge. On October 7, the T.D. Jakes Foundation continued enriching underserved communities through education and workforce development at their You're Hired Fall 2023 hiring mixer and with a special Disruptive Conversations panel.

In an effort to close the employment gap, global leader, T.D. Jakes and Paul Quinn College President, Dr. Michael Sorrell led a unique discussion alongside Workforce Dallas Development Czar, Lynn McBee. The discussion addressed real world solutions to confidently navigate the obstacles faced with the rise of AI, acquiring tech skills, and underrepresenta-

tion in the tech industry. As the landscape of technology and artificial intelligence (A.I.) rapidly evolves, it has the potential to usher in both uncharted possibilities—and professions—that can propel our society forward. But, the emergence of novel tech and A.I. presents a double-edged sword: not all groups will be seamlessly integrated into this transformative wave. Without targeted support and equitable access to workplace training and development, underserved communities risk being left behind and missing out on the jobs that will drive the future economy. The panel illuminated the ways all socio-economic demographics can succeed and help the audience adapt their skills to flourish in the face of rapid workforce change.

As part of their Fall Hiring Mixer, 40 companies

including but not limited to H.D. Supply, State Farm, FC Dallas, Bank of America, Amazon and many more were present. Many companies conducted on-the-spot hiring and provided job seekers with life-changing employment opportunities like headshots, laptop give-a-ways, interview prep and more.

The T.D. Jakes Foundation's work in the community will continue through intervention services, job training, educational and aftercare programs. This event is one of many opportunities the foundation strives to elevate and integrate services, including job skills, training, and support to transform lives so those in need can navigate a maze of programs and bureaucracies. To learn more about what the T.D. Jakes Foundation is doing visit: <https://tdjfoundation.org/>

Black America Divided Over Hamas' Attack on Israel, Raises Questions on Solidarity

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Photo Credit: NNPA Files.

Black Americans have expressed a range of emotions regarding Hamas' recent and deadly attack on Israel, with many taking to social media to highlight what they perceive as a lack of support from Israel and some members of the Jewish community for the Black Lives Matter Movement. The sentiment was especially pronounced after George Floyd's assassination in Minnesota in 2020. Numerous posts on social media platforms feature hashtags like #BLM and #PLM, underscoring the perceived parallels between the struggles of Palestinians and African Americans in their fight against systemic racism.

One widely circulated message emphasized the cross-border nature of these movements, stating, "Palestinians & African Americans have been [creating] a social movement, without borders, to fight systemic racism. As part of international protests, in Palestine/Israel signs read 'Justice for Eyad. Justice for George.', 'Black lives MATTER. Palestinian lives MATTER.'" Another post drew attention to what the author viewed as a lack of awareness about the treatment of Black people in Israel, saying, "If African Americans Knew How Israel Treats Black People, Black Lives Don't Matter in Israel."

Former NBA star Amari Stoudemire, who previously announced his conversion to Judaism, took a contrary stance, denouncing African Americans who do not support Israel. Stoudemire openly criticized the Black Lives Matter movement, asserting they were not contributing positively. He stated, "For all y'all Black Lives Matter who ain't saying nothing or 'let me figure out exactly what happened before I say anything,' F. you. Figure out what? It ain't never been cool to kidnap kids." In a joint statement released on Saturday, October 7, NNPA Chair Bobby Henry and NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. unequivocally condemned the acts of violence committed against the Jewish people and the nation of Israel by Hamas. The statement emphasized that Hamas' actions, including firing rockets and infiltrating Israeli territory, significantly escalated the ongoing conflict between the two parties. "The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), representing the Black Press of America, forthrightly condemns the

brutal, fatal terrorist attacks today on the Jewish people and the nation of Israel by Hamas," read the statement. "Terrorism against innocent civilians in Israel and in any other place in the world can never be justified, tolerated, or sanctioned. We stand firmly in solidarity with Israel." Despite this, a different social media user expressed skepticism, asking, "When has anyone in Israel said to pray for the American Negro? Our Holocaust has been ongoing for 400+ years. Has Israel ever told the USA not to send any money until after it repairs Black Americans? I mean, it's biblical to take care of your own family first." Experts said the diverse range of opinions within the Black American community underscores the complexities and multifaceted nature of the ongoing debate surrounding the conflict in the Middle East and its implications for various social justice movements. Further, many observed that, as the situation continues to evolve, how these perspectives will shape the discourse within the Black community and on the broader global stage remains to be seen.



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