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Statement on the passing of former Milwaukee Bucks player and Ebony owner Ulysses Bridgeman



EDITOR’S NOTE: Below is a statement from Ebony Media.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 12, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- EBONY Media regrets to announce the passing of Ulysses "Junior" Bridgeman, father of our CEO, Eden Bridgeman. A renowned business leader, philanthropist, and former NBA player with the Milwaukee Bucks, Mr. Bridgeman's legacy extends far beyond his successful athletic career. He exemplified excellence in both business and service throughout his life, with numerous accolades, including his induction into the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame and the prestigious Gold Cup award from Greater Louisville Inc. for his outstanding business contributions and community involvement. More than his remarkable professional achievements, Mr. Bridgeman was a man of deep faith, guided by his unwavering belief in God. His commitment

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to integrity, generosity, and service was rooted in his spiritual foundation, and his leadership reflected his desire to uplift those around him. His impact was felt across industries, and his influence will continue to inspire generations to come. Mr. Bridgeman was instrumental in continuing EBONY’s legacy, having acquired the publication in 2021, and his visionary leadership and commitment to excellence have left an indelible mark on our organization. Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with Eden and the entire Bridgeman family during this difficult time.

U.S. Sens. Blackburn and Booker introduce NCAA Accountability Act to protect athletes, coaches, and colleges from sports page 1

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Promote Fairness, Consistency, and Accountability:

- 1. Provide member universities the right to resolve disputes with the NCAA through a three-person arbitration panel that would provide an independent, unbiased review and legally binding decision.
- 2. Require the NCAA to conduct its enforcement proceedings and investigations in a fair and consistent manner. The penalties issued against member institutions for bylaw infractions shall be

equitable with respect to severity of the infraction.

Enable Enforcement:

- 1. Direct the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish supervisory and investigatory procedures to determine the NCAA’s compliance with this bill.
- 2. Authorize the DOJ to fine the NCAA or individuals on staff for violating the provisions of this bill and order the removal of any member on the NCAA’s board of governors.

Evaluate Legal Standing:

- 1. This legislation would apply to any interstate athletic association, conference, or other organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics or that administers intercollegiate athletics with at least 900 member institutions.

Tigers take down UAB to take AAC crown; Heads to Seattle for first round of the NCAA... from sports page 1

here, we'll never look at a tournament as just something to do just to get to the next thing." Memphis (29-5) is in the NCAA Tournament for the 29th time, and the third time the past four seasons with the seventh-year coach who as player for the Tigers was part of the 1992 and 1993 tournaments. They are the No. 5 seed in the West Regional, and play Friday against Colorado State (25-9), which has won 10 in a row. Haggerty put the Tigers ahead of UAB to stay with his tiebreaking bank shot with 16:10 left. The AAC player of the year later had a 17-second span when he drove the baseline for another shot off the glass, then had a steal that led

to his fastbreak ending with a three-point play. Yaxel Lendeborg had 19 points and 17 rebounds for the Blazers (22-12), last year's AAC tournament champion who had to win the game that ended less than a half-hour before the Selection Show to get back to the NCAA Tournament. Efrem Johnson had 17 points. Lendeborg's 23rd double-double matched Stanford's Maxime Raynaud for the most this season, but he was worn out after three double-doubles in as many days. "I feel like I couldn't go. But I had to, so I tried to push through it. It was hard to breathe," said Lendeborg, who finished the

AAC tourney with 72 points and 50 rebounds. Dainja had his fifth double-double in eight games. Colby Rogers added 15 points for Memphis and Moussa Cisse had 14 rebounds. It was a battle inside all day between 6-foot-9 standouts, and Lendeborg took a slap to the face from Dainja when trying to make a shot early in the second half. The foul was reviewed and upgraded to a flagrant foul and Lendeborg made both free throws to tie the game at 39-all with 16:54 left. The Blazers maintained possession and Alejandro Vasquez made a go-ahead layup for their last lead. Dainja then had a tying layup before Haggerty put Mem-

phis ahead. "I never thought we really got comfortable. Some of that's them. Some of that's us," UAB coach Andy Kennedy said. "When they made a spurt in the second half, we were unable to keep pace." Baraka Okojie, a sophomore transfer from George Mason, got his first start with the Tigers and opened the game with a 3-pointer on his only shot of the game. For complete information on Memphis Tiger Men's Basketball, visit [www.GoTigersGo.com](http://www.GoTigersGo.com) and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Stephen A. Smith talks to Newsmax’s Rob Schmitt on how Democratic Party has moved too far left from sports page 1

Smith said many in the Black community vote Democrat, mainly as the result of civil rights legislation of the 1960s. But he added many live conservative lives because they came from conservative households.

"Our parents raised us in a certain way where you can't come into the home with that, with such nonsense, when you're talking to your mother or your father, they ain't having it," Smith said. "Yet, somehow, some way, inexplicably since the civil rights legislation, you know, the Democratic Party has had the Black vote for the vast majority of that period. But in the end, looking at all of those things, I just felt that it became a bit crazy and quite frankly, a bit unfair."

“I think they should be moderate-leaning,” he said. “Whether it’s left or right, you should be moderate. You should be a centrist. You should be of the [former President] Bill Clinton ilk, willing to work with and having to work with the [former Speaker] Newt Gingrich’s of the world.”

Smith said the Democratic Party needs to move more to the center in order to regain standing with voters. "I think they should be moderate-leaning," he said. "Whether it's left or right, you should be moderate. You should be a centrist. You should be of the [former President] Bill Clinton ilk, will-

ing to work with and having to work with the [former Speaker] Newt Gingrich's of the world." Smith reportedly said in January that he and others who voted for Democrat Kamala Harris in November were "damn fools." He said Monday he would still vote for Harris, or maybe not have voted at all, because President Donald Trump's behavior scares him. "I've never been one to denigrate him, calling him racist and bringing up Nazis and Hitler and all of this incendiary stuff," Smith said. "I don't go that route. What I say is a vast majority, somebody like yourself and others that cover this on an everyday basis, you have a level of understanding about what's going on. And so you might know the end game and you might see the forest from

the trees. "The average American citizen does not. And when you watch him conduct himself, he scares the living hell out of you. Now, you might not mind if you're the average American out there because you look at the left and what they were doing and you say, I don't care, anything but them. But if you're center, you know, or left, you're scared to death because you're like, Oh my God, I hope this works. I hope this man doesn't cause World War III. I hope this doesn't happen. I hope that doesn't happen. You find yourself, and it makes you nervous."

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