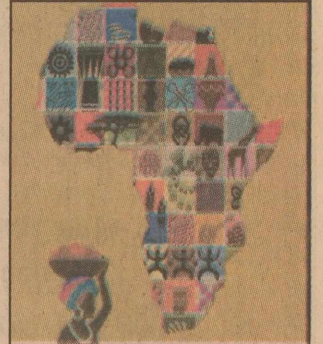
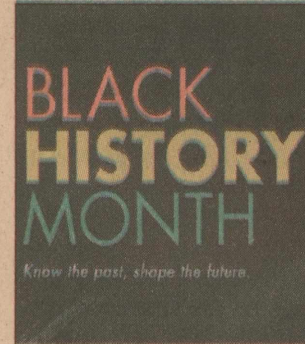
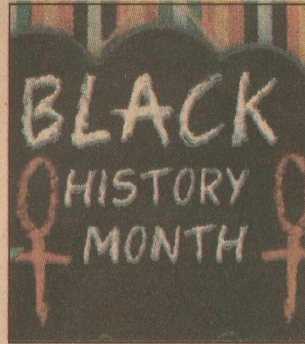
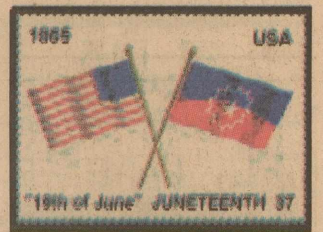


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* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

* The Lubbock Branch of The NAACP meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at Life Run, Inc, 8240 Boston Ave., at 11: a.m.

* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association meets at 7:00 pm, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 3524 East Broadway Avenue on Tuesday evenings..

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 p. m.

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at The Bridge 1401 Redbud Avenue

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at 517 Zenith Avenue, Star Care Center

* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.

* ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.

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2018 Winners of Distinction During The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration



Pictured above are 2018 Winners of Distinction During The Dr. Martin Luther King Banquet, from left to right: Brenda Gipson, Educator of the Year; Rev. Ray McCoy, Pastor of the Year; Karin Andrews, TDCJCC Law Enforcement; Shelia Patterson-Harris, Community Involvement; and Seth Parr, Athletic Coach of the Year. Not Shown - Robert and Dorothy Lee of Lee's Cafe.

More than 250 Lubbock residents were in attendance at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Council of Lubbock, Texas. Individuals of Distinction Award Banquet on January 12, 2018 at the Lubbock Memorial Center.

Ms. Yolanda Jeffery, who was chairperson of the affair, gave greetings. The Pastor J. J. John-

son, Jr., of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, served as Master of Ceremonies.

The Welcome and Occasion was given by Mrs. Drue Coleman. The Honorable Mayor Dan Pope gave remarks about the program.

Scripture was offered by Minister Lew Coleman and prayer was given by Bishop Leonard Chatman.

Mrs. Tracey Snell-Jackson presented the entertainment. The introduction was given by Ms. Damise Jackson.

The speaker of the hour was Rev. Dr. Bill R. Odems. He is native of Austin, Texas where he attended Houston Tillotson College where he majored in History. Although his intentions were to teach high school history, God had a different path for him to follow. Dr. Odems began preaching in 1969. He is an Associate Minister at the Mount Olive Baptist Church of Austin.

The 2018 Individuals of Distinction Award Winners are: Shelia Patterson-Harris, Brenda Gipson, Karen Andrews, Seth Parr, Lee's Cafe (Dorothy and Robert Lee, and Pastor Ray McCoy.

Mrs. Patterson-Harris was elected as the first Black female

will be our guest speaker.

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to serve on the Lubbock City Council, elected in June, 2016. She retired from the Lubbock County Juvenile Justice System after serving 21 1/2 years. She was chosen because of her Community Involvement.

Ms. Brenda Gipson was chosen as Educator of the Year. She taught in the Lubbock Independent School District for thirty-two years. as a teacher, Instructional Specialist, Principal and Reading Specialist.

Karin Denise Andrews was awarded the Law Enforcement. She has worked for 15 years as a Correctional Officer. She has worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Correctional Institution since 2002.

In his fourth year as a member of the football head coaching ranks for Lubbock ISD, is Coronado Head Coach Seth Parr. Coach Parr, who was named head football coach and athletic coordinator for the Mustangs in May of 2014, led the Mustangs to a share of the District 4-5A title in the 2016 and CHS won the title outright in 2017.

Pastor Ray McCoy has been named Pastor of the Year. He is a member of the Lubbock Ministers Alliance Committee. He has served as Brotherhood District President and Moderator of the New Zeal District Association in 2013 where he serves currently

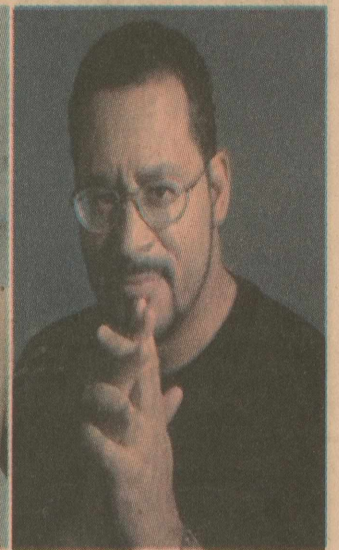
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Anita Faye Hill



Michael Eric Dyson

Speakers Announced for 2018 African-American History Month Lecture Series

Advocate and author Anita Hill and two-time NAACP Image Award winner Michael Eric Dyson will lecture on the cultural significance of African-Americans to society.

The Texas Tech University Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DDEI) welcomes advocate, author and professor Anita Hill, and author and two-time NAACP Image Award winner Michael Eric Dyson as part of the 2018 African-American History Month Lecture Series.

"An Evening with Anita Hill" will take place on Feb. 15. Dyson's speech, "Race, Racism, & Race Relations in America," will take place Feb. 26. Both lectures will begin at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Building's Allen Theatre.

"This lecture series has been instrumental in providing a platform for nationally recognized African-American scholars and advocates to share their experiences and expertise related to some of the most pressing issues facing our nation," said Paul Frazier, associate vice president for the division.

The events are free and open to the public, but space is limited. Tickets can be picked up prior to the lectures in Doak Hall, Room 101 on a first-come, first-served basis, but are limited to two per person. Any unclaimed seats on the day of the lecture will be made available to others at 6:45 p.m.

Events planned around Hill's visit include free screenings of the documentary "Anita: Speak-

ing Truth to Power" at 4 p.m. on Feb. 5, and 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Feb 12 in the Student Union Building's Escondido Theatre.

Another screening at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 11 at Alamo Draft-house will feature a short lecture and post-film discussion. Tickets are \$5. All screenings are hosted by the Women's & Gender Studies program, which will lead a Twitter chat Feb. 16 as part of its Women of Black History events calendar.

Anita Hill

Born in rural Oklahoma as the youngest of 13 children, Hill received her juris doctorate from Yale Law School in 1980. She began her career in Washington, D.C., first in private practice and then at the U.S. Department of Education and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. In 1989, she became the first African-American to receive tenure at the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Hill is known for her groundbreaking advocacy work that has helped raise nationwide awareness of sexual harassment. Her work led to the passage of legislation that allows sexual harassment victims to seek damage awards in addition to back pay and reinstatement.

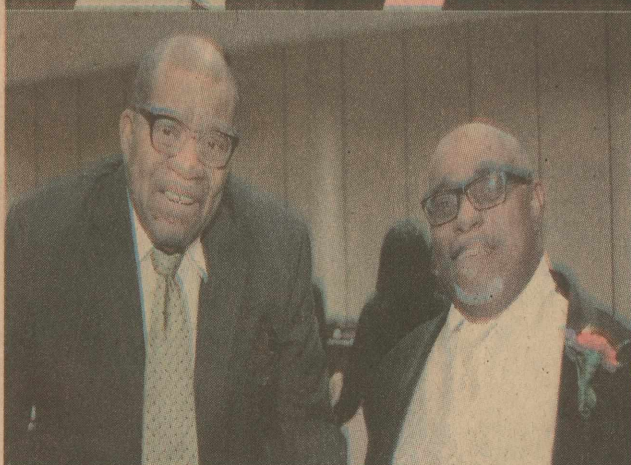
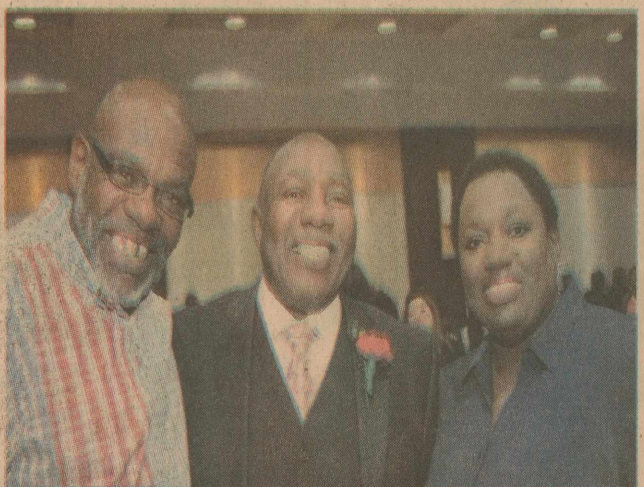
"This is an amazing opportunity for our young women to see that women in academia can be successful and empowered even in the face of adversity," said Kristina Mitchell, director of undergraduate studies in the Department of Political Science. "Anita Hill was one of the first women to stand and say, 'Time's Up' for sexual harassment, and I hope our students, both men and women, can learn from her courage and her passionate support of women's rights."

Hill currently serves as a professor of social policy, law and women's studies at Brandeis University and as counsel with the law firm Cohen Milstein, where she advises on class-action workplace discrimination cases. She has written two books, her biography, "Speaking Truth to Power," and "Reimagining Equality: Stories of Gender, Race and Finding Home." She also has been published by numerous news outlets, including Newsweek, The New York Times and the Boston Globe, and has appeared on several national television programs, including "Good Morning America," "Meet the Press" and NBC's "Today Show".

Hill chaired the Human Rights Law Committee of the Inter-

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Some of Those Lubbock Residents Who Attended The Banquet



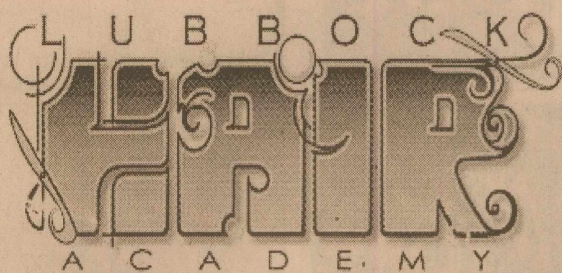
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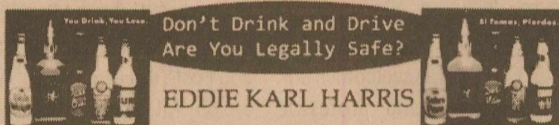
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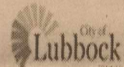
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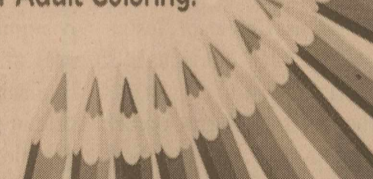
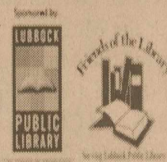
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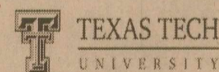
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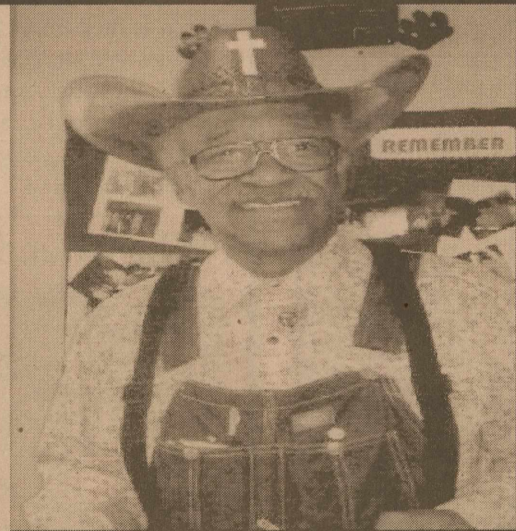
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Sweetheart Dance

Friday, February 9, 5:30 pm
\$5, Adults 50+, Bring your sweetheart and enjoy live music, light refreshments, and door prizes.



Teen Movie Night Social

Tuesday, February 10, 6:00 pm
Free, Ages 12-16, Your teens are invited to join us for refreshments and a movie.



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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

STRENGTH IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY WHAT HAS CHANGED? JANUARY 21, 2018

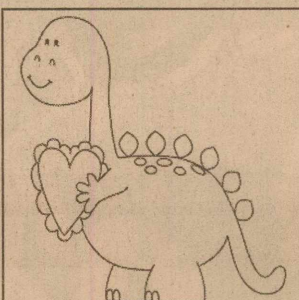
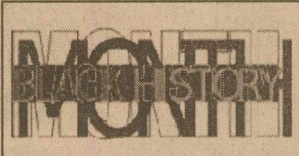
I do not feel alone as I have had to muster up strength in the face of adversity and I am certain that our new President, Mr. Donald Trump has the strength to face adversity because that is exactly what the world is giving him. From coast to coast and sea to sea, antagonism has followed him straight to the White House.

The inauguration ceremonies were supposed to be pleasant, significant and historical, yet they were marred with angry protest from marchers and gatherers in Washington, D. C. as well as significant boycotters attempting to show their unhappiness with the choice of President, legal or illegal. Never has an elected President been sworn into office with such a low rating; under investigation for unethical campaigning activities, being sued for sexual harassment; married to a former model associated with activities unacceptable for a First Lady of the United States. In addition, he has appointed members of his cabinet whom are having a difficult time being approved by a Republican majority Senate. Protests and demonstrations have been recorded around the world, not just in the United States of America because Donald Trump is now President of America thought of as the freest country in the world. His first day in office, he sat about attempting to tear down every positive program which the former President had erected. Something is wrong with this picture and it is difficult to understand why protesting seemingly is not going to change anything.

Today, the day after inauguration, the Women's march on

Washington is taking place in hopes of getting the attention of the new President and Congress to respect the rights of women. We can pray that they make an impact. Not only women need respect from the President and Congress, but all citizens. We need more prayer to make our law making men and women, law abiding men and women who work for the benefit of all citizens regardless to skin color or religious affiliations.

It has to happen, dollars aside. The great divide between the rich and the poor and the black and the white and the Christian and non-Christian has to come to an end. Our government has been so busy trying to please everyone until now nobody is happy. Laws need to reflect **HUMAN RIGHTS**. Let us get 'in cinque' and pray and work toward that end.



Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford

One of the Million Reasons to Support Re-Entry

The task of bringing our ex-offenders back into full, fledged citizenship is immense and very long-term. Millions of Blacks who have violated the law and have been incarcerated find that returning to normal life can sometimes feel like an impossible task. A felony can haunt you for a lifetime. It can affect you and your love ones. It can prevent you from a normal life or a pleasant future. The odds are against you and things can sometimes seem hopeless and unforgiving.

A very organized conspiracy started in the 1990's, it was known as the "Crack" invasion. The illegal activity found millions of victims - not just the users but the distributors who were usually caught and prosecuted. Regardless of the sentencing or rehabilitation, an ex-offender may have to pay for the crime for life. This affects most Black families including mine. I have devoted more than a little time trying to help a relative get back into mainstream society. Finding a job can seem to be an endless task even though one may be qualified. The mark of a felony is a curse that seems to be impossible to get rid of.

The following is an example of the mail I get all the time about this subject that particularly affects our Black population:

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THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

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founding employees to open the new fuel center in flushing and I was the only African American working at the fuel center. Now for their grand opening 1-18-2018 to 1-21-2018 I will not be able to participate in because of bad decision I made almost 20 years ago.

Governor Snyder, I am not the only one who has been discriminated against because of a bad choice made in our lives, yet 20 years later, we are still being denied human rights, like working so we can pay our bills, take care of our families. So basically, if you have a felony on your record, we are not classified as being humans, therefore treated like dirt. Michigan companies are discriminating against ex-felons and finding a way around discrimination laws. There should be a standard that Michigan companies must follow to receive tax breaks and

other rewards they are given for having their business in Michigan. Mr. Snyder, you are our Governor and it is your duty to fight for us, and stand up for us when we are being taken advantage of and disrespected as humans because we have a felony on our record.

I am not going to take this sitting down, I am fighting for everyone who has been discharged from their job because of a point system these Michigan companies have that will determine if you will be discriminated against or not. Kroger's is one of the leading grocery retailers in the nation, yet they are given cart blanche to openly discriminate and have no form of sanctions placed on them.

We the tax paying citizens demand that you do something about the racial profiling, stereotypical discussions these Michigan companies can

make, and the government just ignore, that is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

So please do not place this on the back burner, I am asking that you act on this NOW.

Sincerely
Jonathan Earnest"

Mr. Earnest is just one of the millions of Blacks who have been caught up in a penal system that is cruel and inhumane. How do we fight it? One avenue we are cultivating is Entrepreneurship. Learning how to start a business and make a living is something that can overcome the official road blocks they put in your way.

My son-in-law is a work in progress. It has been 10 years since his incarceration. Unable to find work and support his family he eventually took on the task of creating his own job. He has gone through at least a dozen ventures that brought money to

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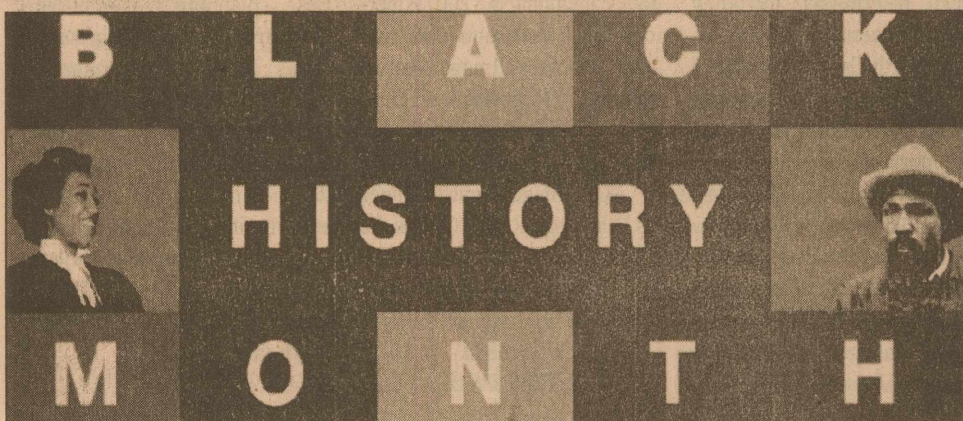
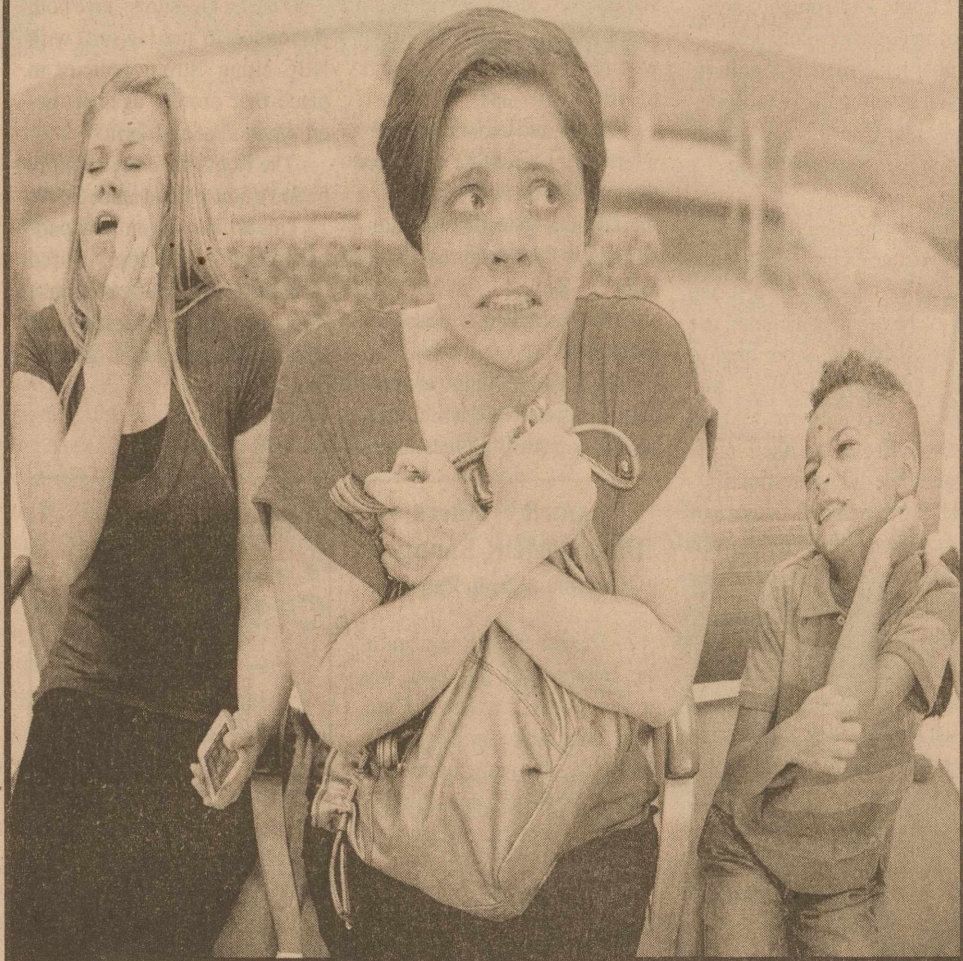


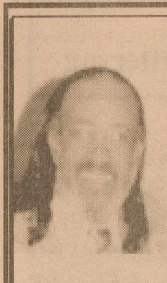
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God **WARNED; THE CHURCHES IN HIS WORD; WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN THE LAST AND EVIL DAYS. AND THE CHURCHES SEE THESE THINGS; AND TURN AND LOOK THE OTHER WAY!!!**

Revelation 2:11 -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.-----**Ecclesiastes 3:1,2a,7b**, To everthing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

WHEN GOD SENT HURRICAIN HARVEST; THAT WAS NOTHING BUT A SIGN; BUT THE CHURCHES ARE TOO BUSY; WITH THAT MONEY ON THEIR MINDS!!!--

*****THAT'S HOW YOU ROB GOD!!!*****

Revelation 2:17 -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.----- **Malachi 1:6**, A son honors his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honor? And if I be a master where is my fear? Said the Lord of host unto you. O priests, that despise my name. and you say, wherein have

we despised your name?

WHEN GOD ALLOWED THE KILLINGS IN THE CHURCH; IT WAS NOT THE GUNS THAT KILLED. IT WAS A COLD HEARTED-PERSON; THAT HAD A RIGHT; TO GET HIS THRILLS!!!

***** CHURCHES THAT WAS OUR SIGN; NO JESUS IN HIS HEART; THEN IT'S PRAYING TIME!!!*****

Revelation 2:29, -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.-----**John 14:6**, Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man come unto the Father, but by me.

***** CHURCHS REMEMBER; MATTHEW 28:19, JESUS SAID, GO PREACH!!!*****

WHEN GOD SENT THE FOREST FIRES; AND THEN CAME THE FLOODS; AND THE MUD. THOSE WERE SIGNS FROM GOD; SIGNALS THAT CAME DOWN: FROM UP ABOVE!!!

Revelation 3:6, Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

Deuteronomy 28:15-20, -- It shall come to pass, if you will not listen unto the voice of the Lord your God, to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command you this day; that all these curses shall come upon you, and overtake you: Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the fields. Cursed shall be your basket in your storehouse. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land, the increase of your kine (CATTLE), and the flock of your sheep.

Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out. The Lord shall send upon you cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that you set your hands to do, until you be destroyed, and until you perish quickly; because of the wickedness of your doings, whereby you have forsaken me.

---THE CHURCHES SAW THE FATHER AND MOTHER; CHAINED AND STARVED 13 CHILDREN; THAT'S THE SIGN. BUT THE CHURCHES ARE SO BUSY; WITH CHURCH MONEY; ON THEIR MINDS!!!

THE CHURCHES SAW; THE 15 YEAR OLD: KILL 2 STUDENTS; AND WOUNDED 18 OTHERS. THAT'S THE SIGN TELLING THE CHURCHES; THE HEART OF MANKIND; DON'T LOVE ONE ANOTHER!!!

Revelation 3:13, -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

Isaiah 1:5-7 -- The Lord said, Why should you be stricken anymore? You will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the soul of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolated, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

St. Matthew Baptist

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Again, the members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church on Sunday morning, January 21, 2018, had a wonderful time! The address is 2020 East 14th Street, where the prod pastor is the Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services for Sunday morning begun with our Sunday School which begun at 10:10 a. m. where the Superintendent is Sister Barbara Johnson, presiding. We praise God for all knowledge we receive during Sunday School.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was entitled "A Cry For Help." The scripture text was **Daniel 9:1-19**.

The morning lesson was taught by our pastor, Rev. Canady. It was a meaniful lesson.

Everyone present had something to take home with them.

Praise the Lord for the knowledge!!

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Rev. Tommy Parker and First Lady Shirley Canady.

Pastor Canady entered the

Church with the Choir singing "This Little Light of Mine."

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Are You Who You Say You Are?" His scripture text was **Genesis 27:18-25**.

Genesis 18 -- And he came unto his father, and said. My father; and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son?

Verse 19 -- And Jacob said unto his fatger, I am Esau thy first born; I have done according as thou badest the arise. I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me."

Verse 20 -- And Isaac said unto his son. How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the Lord thy God brought it to me."

The well received message was very informative and was appreciated by all who were in attendance. Praise God for the Word!

Pastor Canady brought the sermon where all in attendance could understand it. There is no question about it, they took it

with them to share with others!

The morning announcements were read and explained by our announcing clerk, Sister Shirley Canady, who always does an outstanding job.

The weekly meetings held at St. Matthew Baptist Church are to continue to inform all members.

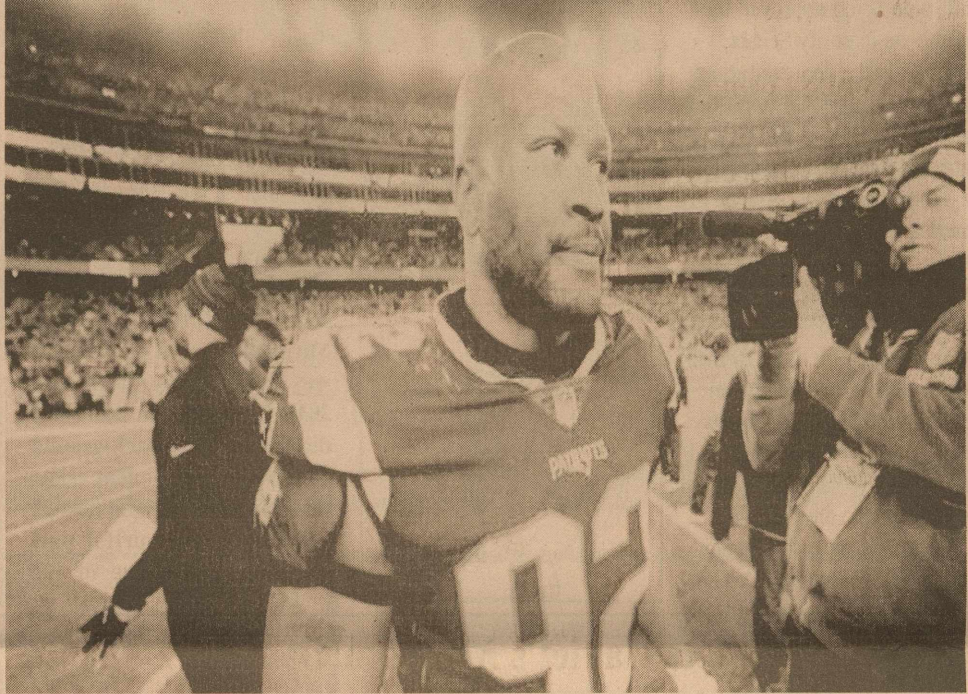
The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday afternoons, beginning at 2:00p. m. There is much information available for all in attendance. So much happens when God's people come together.

Choir rehearsal is held immediately after the Missionary Society on Wednesday. Come join us!!

Rember, the St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a pianist. If you are interesting in becoming a pianist, then call Pastor Edward Canady, at (806) 744-2445.

Thought For The Week: "A heart in tune with God can't help but sing the praise!"

James Harrison hopes he can prove people wrong with his play in the Super Bowl



The Steelers didn't think James Harrison had anything left, which is why they barely played him in 2017 before releasing him. The Patriots picked Harrison up and are giving him significant playing time, and Harrison hopes that in Super Bowl LII he proves that he is, indeed, still a good linebacker at age 39.

"Anything people say I can't do, I want to prove them wrong," Harrison said.

Harrison was with the Steelers for 14 games in 2017 but didn't even get on the field for nine of them and played a total of only 38 snaps in the five games he did play. He signed with the Patriots with one game left in the regular season and has already played 89 snaps between Week 17 and the two postseason games.

"I'm doing whatever they ask me to do," Harrison said. "I'm getting more snaps than I had [in Pittsburgh], and I like that."

Harrison has looked reinvigorated in New England, and now he's closing in on earning his third Super Bowl ring.

Speakers Announced for 2018 African-American History Month Lecture Series

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tional Bar Association, and has served on the Board of Governors of the Tufts Medical Center, the National Women's Law Center and the Boston Area Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights. She also recently was chosen by Hollywood executives to chair the newly formed Commission on Sexual Harassment and Advancing Equality in the Workplace.

Michael Eric Dyson
 Born in Detroit, Dyson became an ordained Baptist minister at age 19. He worked in factories to support his family before starting college at 21, then went on to receive master's and doctorate, degrees from Princeton University.

Dyson currently serves as a professor of sociology at Georgetown University, where he received widespread attention in 2011 for his course "Sociology of Hip-Hop: Jay-Z." He has taught at several other well-known institutions, including Brown University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Columbia University, and has been named one of the 150 most powerful African-Americans by *Ebony Magazine*, called a "superstar professor" by *The Washington Post* and referred to as "one of the most graceful and lucid intellectuals writing on race and politics today" by *Vanity Fair*.

Cory Powell, director of the The Lauro Cavazos & Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program (Mentor Tech), said this will be Dyson's second visit to Texas Tech. Dyson served as the speaker for the annual Mentor Tech Celebration Banquet in 2009.

"He has a unique ability to frame historical importance with the urgent necessity of present action to ensure a brighter future," Powell said. "Considering recent events and the current conversations regarding race, equality and equity, I am certain he will challenge all in attendance to take a stand."

Dyson has appeared on numerous news shows, including "Nightline," "Real Time with Bill Maher" and "The Colbert Report." He also hosted his own hour-long news and talk show on NPR, "The Michael Eric Dyson Show."

He has published numerous books, including the 2007 American Book Award winner and 2007 NAACP Image Award nominee "Come Hell or High Water: Hurricane Katrina and the Color of Disaster," the 2006 NAACP Image Award winner "Is Bill Cosby Right? Or Has the Black Middle Class Lost Its Mind?" and the 2004 NAACP Image Award winner "Why I Love Black Women."

Dyson's most recent book, "Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America," is a New York Times, Publisher's Weekly and Washington Post bestseller and has been hailed as a profound and provocative analysis of modern-day race relations.

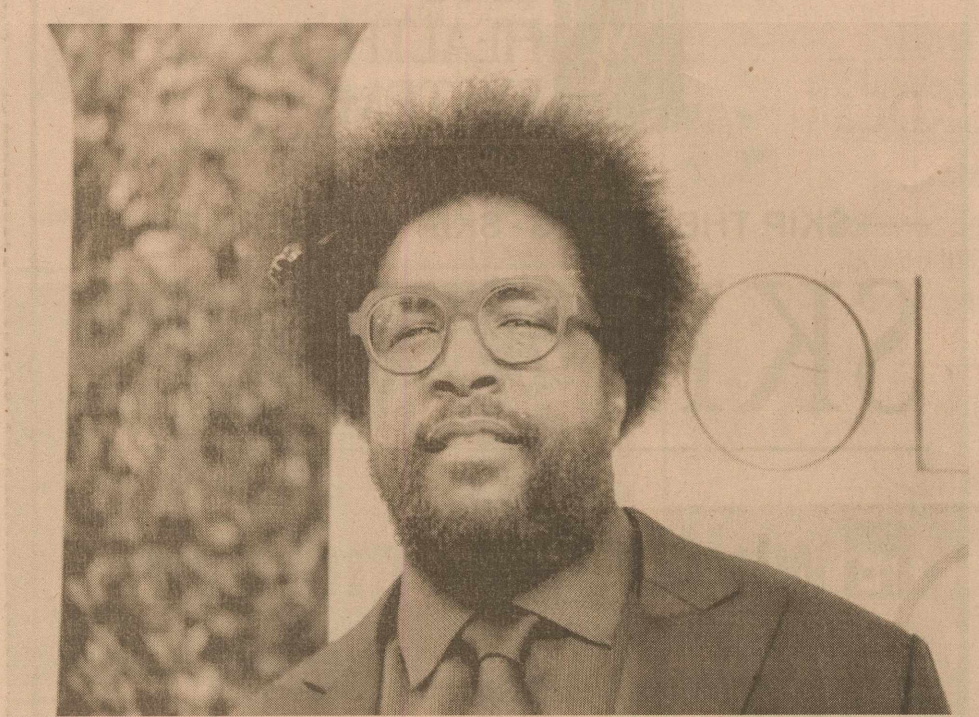
About the African-American History Month Lecture Series

The African-American History Month Lecture Series is in its sixth year and is sponsored by the Office of the President, the Office of the Provost and the Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, along with numerous other Texas Tech entities.

"The goal of the lecture series is to introduce the Texas Tech and Lubbock communities to talented and accomplished African-Americans who have had a significant impact in their community, career and the world," said Nathaniel Wright, chairman of the African-American History Month Lecture Series planning committee. "Moreover, the series represents Texas Tech's strong commitment to present lectures and forums that speak to pertinent issues facing the African-American community and is a good opportunity for Texas Tech to help shape those conversations now."

The public is invited to attend this lecture series.

Fired 'Tonight Show' staffers accuse Roots bandleader Questlove of racial discrimination in \$2 million lawsuit



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Two cameramen who were fired from "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" last summer have filed a \$2 million lawsuit alleging that *The Roots* bandleader Questlove had them fired in part because they're white.

NBC terminated Kurt Decker and Michael Cimino in June 2017 after learning of a group text exchange that included use of the N-word. According to their attorney, Decker and Cimino received the text in question from another crew member but did not respond.

The text included "a piece of fried chicken with a bite out of it with a racial slur that inevitably depicts African Americans," attorney Richard Roth told the *New York Post*. It was sent to Decker, Cimino and *The Roots* bassist Mark Kelley. Decker and Cimino allegedly did not respond to the message, which was sent in the middle of a show taping.

It is unknown whether the text was intended to be sent to all three men or if any other staffers were also involved in the group chat. It is also unknown who reported the text exchange to NBC higher-ups.

Decker and Cimino, who are white, were fired the day after the text was sent. According to the lawsuit, Questlove personally saw to their dismissal. However, Kelley, who is African-American, was not fired.

Decker and Cimino are now coming after NBC, which they say "acquiesced to Questlove's overtly discriminatory demand."

NBC and Questlove have both responded to the lawsuit, with NBC citing "strong policies in place that protect against discrimination of any form."


The *Roots* have been Jimmy Fallon's house band since 2009.

This article was initially published on AOL.com: **Fired 'Tonight Show' staffers accuse Roots bandleader Questlove of racial discrimination in \$2 million lawsuit**

Award Winners During MLK Banquet
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The Business Recipient of the Business of the Year was presented to the Lee's Cafe, 1101 Main Street in Downtown Lubbock. The cafe opened in January, 2014, and now employs 30-34 employees. The owners are Robert and Dorothy Lee.

Congratulations to all Award Winners!!!



Obsequies

Kmydron Antwon Jordan

Funeral services were held for Kmydron Antwon Jordan on Saturday afternoon, January 20, 2018, at the First Baptist Church.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

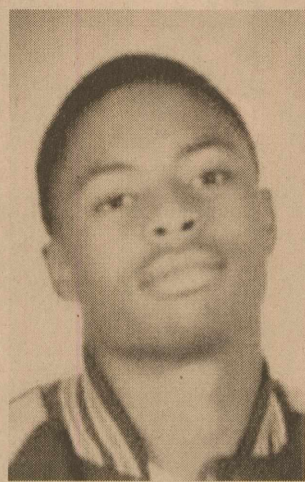
Kmydron, age 25 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

Kmydron was born August 24, 1992 to the parentage of Linda Jordan.

Kmydron graduated from Estacado High School and continued his education at Cisco Junior College.

He will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know him.

Kmydron leaves to cherish his memory; two daughters, Kylei Jordan and Kamiyah Jordan; one son, Gavin Molina; mother, Linda Carol Jordan; brother Eldon Gatewood; four aunts, Jennie Wilson (Randy), Kayla Sims (Clifford), Shandra, and Janet Grear (James); two uncles, Steve Sanders and Charles



Johnson; grandparents, Gwen Nelson (Cleveland); great grandmother, Jennie Ann Jordan; a very special friend, Aaliyah Telesford; a host of other relatives and friends.

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

Revelation 1:3

Marcie Michels Hereford

Funeral services were held for Marcie Michels Hereford on Saturday morning, January 20, 2018, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, as Officiant/Eulogist.

Interment followed in the Englewood Cemetery in Slaton, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Marcie, age 59 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Friday, January 12, 2018.

Marcie was born on February 10, 1958 to Limual, Sr. and Willie Mae Hereford in Lubbock, Texas.

Marcie attended LISD school district graduating from Dunbar High School and continuing her education at San Angelo State University.

She leaves to cherish her memory; her daughters, Sonya



Carson (Nick) and Michelym Hereford; sisters, Demetra Wilburn, Betty Hereford, Wand Crawford, and George Ann Hereford; brothers, Edward Hereford, Limual Hereford (Marilyn), and Walter Hereford (Robin); five grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Mary McCullough

Funeral services were held for Mary McCullough on Friday afternoon, January 19, 2018, at the Ossie Curry Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment followed under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mary, age 96 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Monday, January 15, 2018.

Mary was born on July 3, 1923 to the parentage of Nathan and Effie Thompson in Matador, Texas. Mary gave her life to Christ at an early age.

She married James McCullough, and to this union six children were born.

Mary was a home wife until her death.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband, James McCullough; two daughters, Lorine McCullough and Rosie McCullough; and a son, Walter McCullough.



She leaves to cherish her precious memories: three sons: Arthur McCullough, Larry McCullough and McKinney McCullough; two nieces, a host of grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Authur McCullough, Larry McCullough, L. J. Mitchell, McKinley McCullough, Harold McCullough, and Vernice Norris.

Caroline Powell

Slaton, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Caroline Powell on Saturday afternoon, January 20, 2018, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

Private Disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Caroline, age 67 of Slaton, Texas, passed away on Friday 12, 2018.

Caroline was born to Sam Powell and Ludelia Wilborn on January 10, 1951 in Slaton, Texas.

She loved her family and friends. She will truly be missed by all that knew and loved her.

Caroline leaves to cherish her memory; her two sons, Charles Mitchell and Lagon Mitchell; one brother, Earl



Wilborn (Mary); three sisters, Hattie Jones, Lucille Lewis, and Noval Hall; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Bernice Jarmon

Funeral services for Bernice Jarmon on Thursday morning, November 9, 2017, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with the Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, as Officiant/Eulogist.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Bernice, age 87 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Friday, November 3, 2017.

Bernice was born to Allen Smith, Sr. and Ophelia L. Smith in Bryan, Texas. She was employed with Lubbock State School for many years and a foster grandparent. She was a member of Lyon's Chapel Baptist



Church. Bernice leaves to cherish her memory her six children, Irvin (Jackie) English, Larry English, Kenneth Smith, Willie Powell, Jr., Debra Daniels, and Marilyn English; one sister, Vivian Smith; thirteen grandchildren, thirty-three great grandchildren, two great great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Sharon A. Newman



Homecoming services for Sharon A. Newman, age 63 of Lubbock, Texas, were held on Thursday, January 25, 2018, at the Trinity Church.

Interment followed at the Peaceful Gardens Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Sharon was born in Bay City, Texas to A.B. and Johnnie Johnson Sr.

She married Lester Newman on June 19, 1974 and this union came to three children Daman, Danielle, and Lester Jr.

She was called home by her Lord and Savior on Sunday, January 14, 2018.

Waiting for her on the other side, her mom and dad, two children, mother-in-law, step mom, and one brother. She leaves to mourn her husband Lester Sr., one son Daman (Felicia), six brothers, three sisters, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces and friends.

Janie LaTrishann Hicks

Funeral services for Janie LaTrishann Hicks were held on Saturday morning, January 27, 2018, at the Difference Makers Fellowship.

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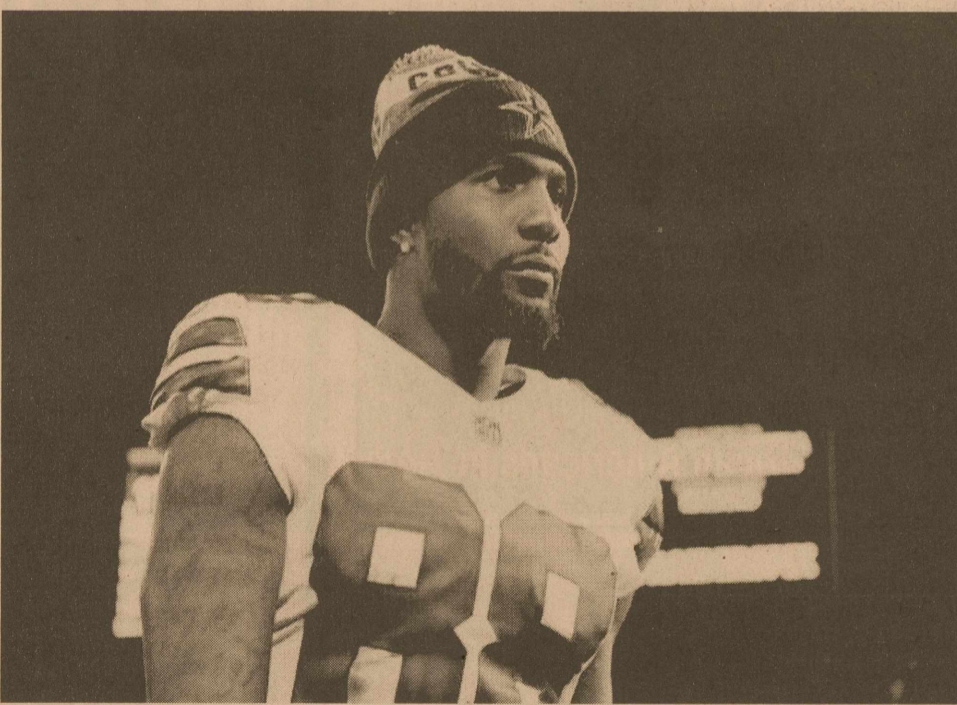
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Stephen Jones: Dez Bryant's emotional outbursts "can be a distraction"



Dez Bryant

The Cowboys are not going to pay Dez Bryant a \$12.5 million base and take a \$16.5 million cap charge next season for a wide receiver who has no 1,000-yard seasons the past three seasons, doesn't click with quarterback Dak Prescott and occasionally blows up on the sideline. The question is: Do they want to keep Bryant, and if so, how much are they willing to spend on him?

Cowboys executive vice president Stephen Jones admitted the team has a lot to weigh when deciding Bryant's future this off-season.

"Tony [Romo] certainly his game, they kind of tailored it to one another," Jones said on the team website, via Kate Hairopoulos of the Dallas Morning News. "When Dak came in, he certainly is not going to play the game exactly like Tony

played the game. I think it hasn't ever just hit on all cylinders yet in term of how Dak-and-Dez the connection works. I think it's a work in progress. I think it could improve if given the opportunity.

"The other thing that we all see and it is certainly visible to anyone who watches our games, watches our sideline, is Dez is certainly a fiery guy who plays with a lot of emotion both on and off the field. Sometimes that can be a distraction. It can be a distraction for Dez; it can be a distraction for other teammates. We just have to really get our hands around when you put all the full body of work together where that's headed.

"Of course, we pay Dez a lot of money, and he knows that. He's as aware of it as anybody. . . He knows when you get paid that kind of money there's high

expectations in terms of the productivity. . . Those are all things we have to look at as a team, as an organization when we start to put our team together for next year."

Bryant has indicated he will resist a pay cut, but the Cowboys already have paid Bryant all \$45 million of his guaranteed money. So Bryant's future currently is in the Cowboys' hands.

DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST REWARDS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FOR CREATIVE LITTER PREVENTION EFFORTS

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AUSTIN – Applications for the 2018 Don't mess with Texas Scholarship contest are now being accepted. Eligible applicants include any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home school and planning to attend an accredited Texas college or university in the coming year.

Presented in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship contest will award one \$6,000 scholarship and two \$2,000 scholarships in June. The scholarships recognize the achievements of high school seniors who take a leadership role in preventing litter in their schools

and communities while working to build awareness for the Don't mess with Texas initiative.

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TxDOT's Don't mess with Texas program has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful as well as

spring "Trash-Off" community outreach events, all in an effort to keep Texas roadways litter free.

To apply for the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship, visit dontmesswithtexas.org. Applications must be received by online submission or postmarked by 5 p.m. (CST) April 20, 2018.

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Janie Hicks

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Janie, age 40 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Janie was born June 7, 1977 to Michael D. Cleaver and Francene Goodson.

Janie attended Estacado High School and after completing her education she received her Certified Nursing Assistant License. Janie was employed at Windmill Nursing Home as a staffing manager and a CNA.

Her favorite NFL team was the Dallas Cowboys.

Janie is survived by her mother, Francene Goodson (Ray); father, Michael D. Cleaver; grandmothers, Louise Lee and Delois Richards; daughter, Camushea Domingo Davis; three grandchildren; step brother, Justas Thomas; two nephews; a host of other relatives and friends.

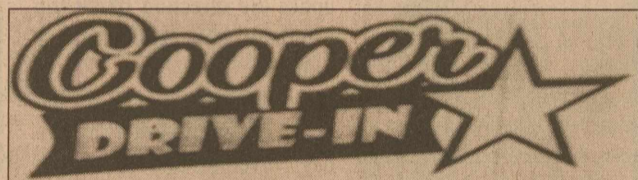
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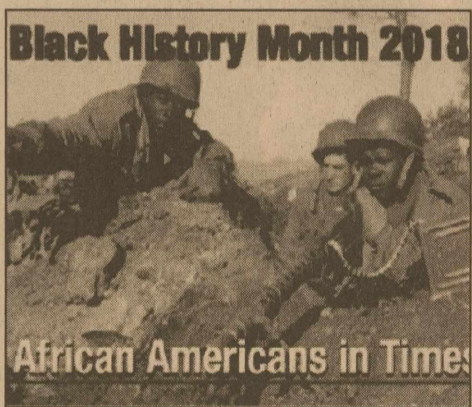
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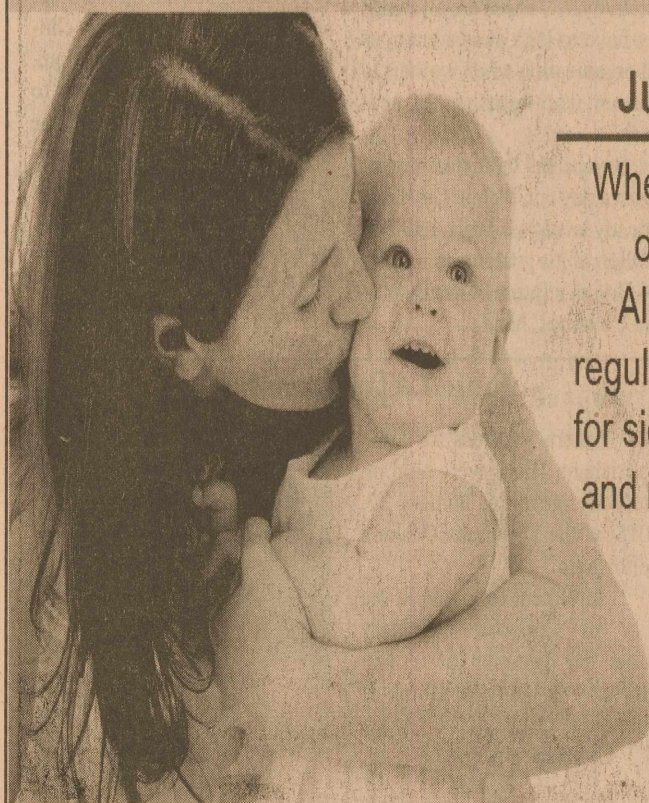
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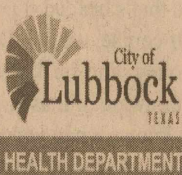
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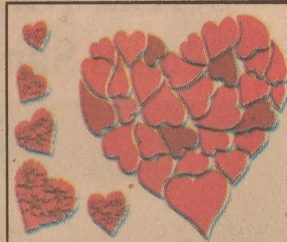
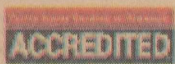
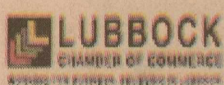
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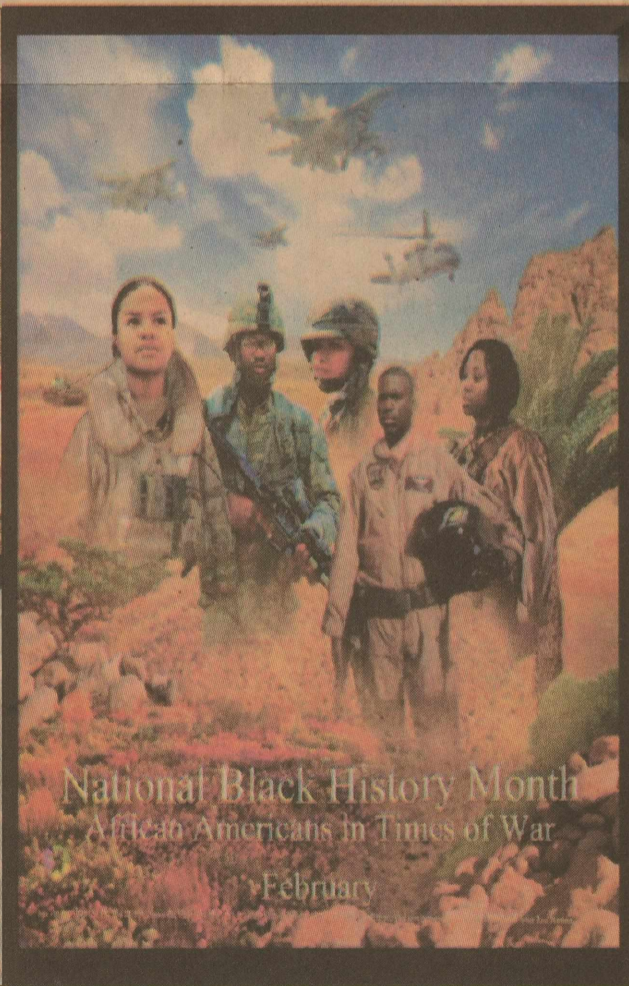
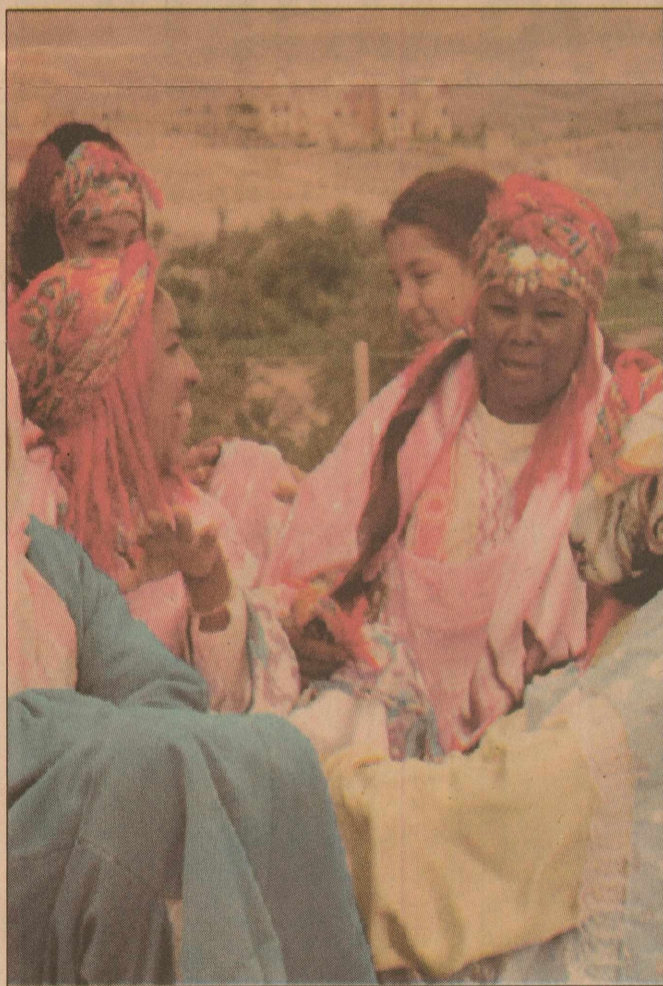
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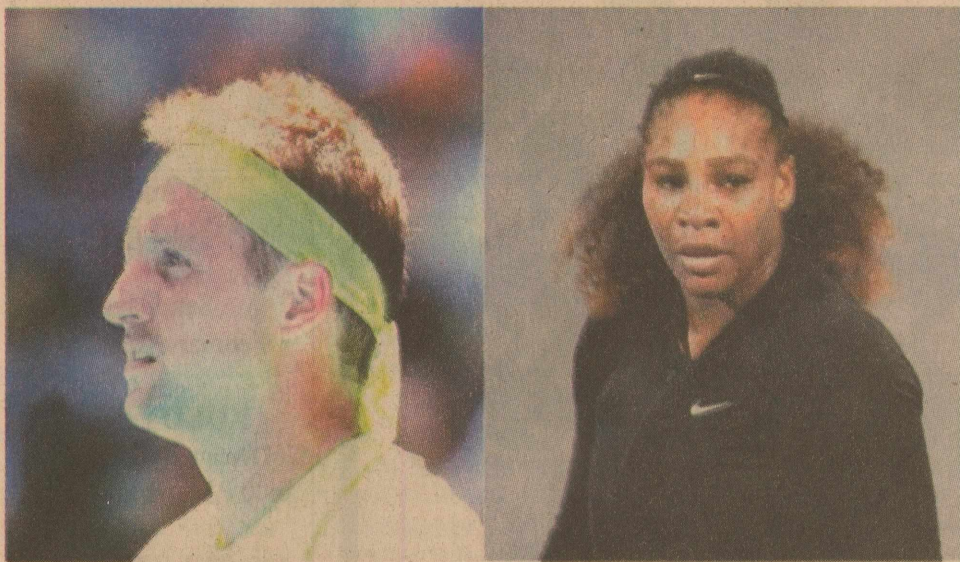
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Serena Williams demands apology from Tennys Sandgren's social media activity



A range of social-media posts dug up during Tennys Sandgren's Australian Open run has put the American star in the heart of controversy.

Serena Williams says Tennys Sandgren should apologize to an "entire group of people" following his controversial social media activity.

Sandgren's surprise showing at the Australian Open, where he reached the quarterfinals having never previously gone beyond the first round of a Grand Slam event, has been overshadowed after he was questioned over links on Twitter to the alt-right movement.

Sandgren, 26, defended himself Monday, saying he "finds some of the content interesting" but insisting that he is not an alt-right sympathizer. He subsequently deleted all of the tweets from his account, except for one

retweet from 2013, in an attempt to "move forward" and create "a version of a cleaner start."

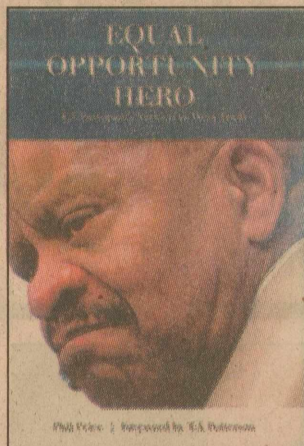
However, Sandgren, an American, then took aim at the media after his quarterfinal loss to Hyeon Chung, reading a long statement in which he accused reporters of "perpetuating propaganda machines."

Williams, who has 23 Grand Slam singles titles, tweeted before Sandgren's loss, merely posting: "Turns channel."

And she later posted directly at her compatriot, writing: "@TennysSandgren I don't need or want one. But there is an entire group of people that deserves an apology."


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