

Bill Cosby Arrested and Officially Charged — But Should a 78-Year Old Man Go to Jail For Decades-Old Crimes?



Elkins Park, PA — Actor/comedian Bill Cosby, who has been accused by more than 50 women of sexual assault, has for the first time ever been arrested and officially charged for at least one of the accusations. The arrest warrant was issued for Cosby for allegedly drugging and sexually assaulting Andrea Constand, a former Temple University employee at his Pennsylvania mansion back in January 2004.

He was released after posting \$1 million bail.

His lawyers commented, "The charge by the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office came as no surprise, filed 12 years after the alleged incident and coming on the heels of a hotly contested election for this county's DA during which this case was made the focal point. Make no mistake, we intend to mount a vigorous defense against this unjustified charge and we expect that Mr. Cosby will be exonerated by a court of law.

But Montgomery County Dis-

trict Attorney-Elect Kevin Steele fired back and said, "A prosecutor's job is to follow the evidence wherever it leads and whenever it comes to light. Upon examination of all the evidence, today we are able to seek justice on behalf of the victim."

But why re-open the case?

Prosecutors say the the release of a deposition last summer from a 2005 civil suit filed by Constand caused the District Attorney's office to reopen the case. In that deposition, Cosby

admitted to giving quaaludes, a sedative and hypnotic medication, to women he wanted to have sex with.

Cosby has previously said what happened between him and Constand was consensual, but in more recent court filings Constand said it was not consensual, and that she was in a relationship with another woman at the time.

The statute of limitations to charge Cosby would have run out in January 2016, so the arrest was made just in time.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The obituary announcing the passing of Mr. Fulton Berry, Jr. (1/21/16) filled me with a mixture of sadness and fond memories. Mr. Berry was a trailblazer in our community, someone to look up to and admire, and a good man. Mr. Berry, Mr. Price, Jr., and Mr. Britt all made significant contributions in shaping the character and history of our city and what makes her such a special place.

I remember listening to "the Soul Patrol" as a high school student in Lubbock. Fond memories of the passionate and sometimes humorous dialogue between the hosts brought flashbacks of listening to the show on Sunday evenings on AM radio.

Sincerely,
Andrew Turner
aturner@peoplesbanktexas.com

Thank you very much! You were right on target! Take care.
Ye Ed.



Stacey Dash Says, "Get Rid of Black History Month and BET" and "BET Lies to Black People"

Nationwide — Actress and political commentator Stacey Dash is being criticized again for making comments that some say offend African American culture. First, she publicly stated that we should get rid of Black History Month BET, and then she responded to a tweet from BET accusing them of lying to Black people.

Here's what happened in chronological order:

#1 — First, she said this on an episode of Fox News' Outnumbered:

"We have to make up our minds. Either we want to have segregation or integration, and if we don't want segregation, then we have to get rid of channels like BET and the BET Awards and the Image Awards, where you're only awarded if you're black," she continued. "If it were the other way around, we'd be up in arms. It's a double standard. There shouldn't be a black history month. We're Americans, period."

#2 — Then, BET responded via a tweet saying:

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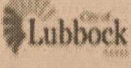
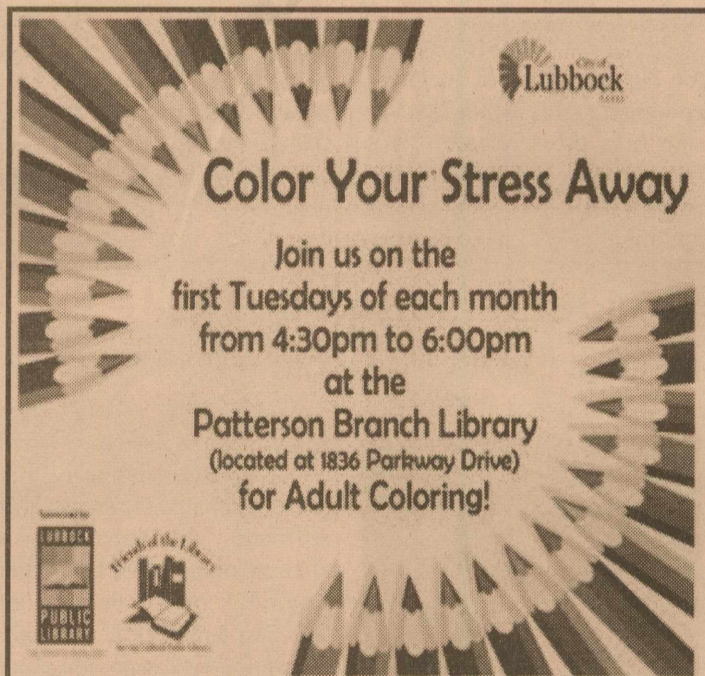
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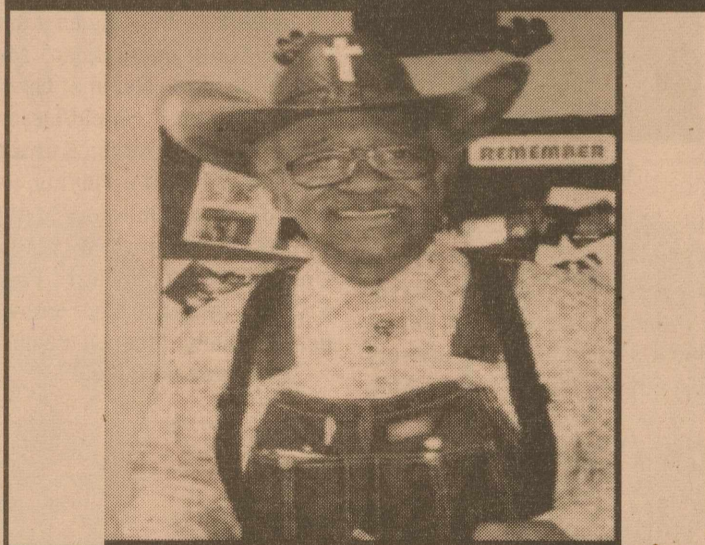
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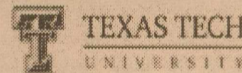
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



This is a new year and each of us has a new start. Some of us start on a new diet to attempt to rid ourselves of those extra pounds that we acquired while making merry during the Christmas and New Year celebrations. I am guilty myself and I know the drill. Starting a new diet is as common as getting rid of the last year's clutter and baggage. Both can be some strenuous exercises in addition to the physical exercises that we should be doing as a part of our regular daily routines. Exercise is important if we want to lose a few pounds regardless to what we eat or consume in the food line, regardless to our age.

With regards to age and if we live, we will age. The thing that puzzles me now is the big push to keep from aging. We will age as we grow and if we grow, we will age. There may be something available somewhere to slow aging, but a little bit of common sense should tell us all that this is a natural progression of life and it will continue until we depart this earth. I am still trying to figure out why young girls and young women are putting so much emphasis on how their faces look. The outcome is sometimes horrendous as to what they are doing to and with themselves. They have so many bottles of facial creams and ointments, oils, soaps, shampoos and rinses and conditioners until a poor grandmother has no place to put her bath gel, lotion and cologne if she shares a bathroom with any female over 16 years old.

Certainly, I have and still occasionally use a little mascara, eyebrow pencil, eye shadow and a dab of face powder when I spruce up for a special occasion, but on a daily basis, I use lipstick when I think about it. I have been blessed as some would say,

with what they call 'beautiful skin,' but I feel that most people have beautiful skin and if kept clean, it usually remains that way. Now I am aware that some people have some skin impurities that need medical attention and that they should seek medical care for such situations instead of trying to remedy it themselves which is what too many people do.

When I look for coupons to take to the grocery store, I find very few now because the coupon booklets are filled with advertisements for facial creams that increase the youthful look, shampoos and hair conditioners that increase the length and gloss of your hair, bath soaps, gels and lotions that make the skin soft and beautiful and cat and dog food and probiotics. Probiotics may have some merit, but I cease to see any merit in any of the other items to produce what they claim. I have been looking at people my whole life and I have yet to see any miraculous changes which have taken place in anyone using any of those items.

I have seen changes in people who have skin peels and skin tightened and lifted with surgery which can be very dangerous and very expensive. Then too, what we do to our outsides does not change what we have inside, so it appears that we need to get 'in cinque' and love and accept ourselves as God made us and enjoy this New Year with grace.

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Beyond The Rhetoric

by Harry C. Alford

Filthy Rich and Dangerous - Part 1

My early days of being an activist seem so simple now. A hot head reporter or radio personality would challenge my actions and I would simply shut him/her down with my quips and verbal jockeying. An IRS series of audits, police interrogations, being pulled over by the state police for no reason were some of those tactics back then in Indiana. A strange car following our sons home from school was about the lowest tactic. Our opponents, politicians and local business owners found that we were afraid of nothing. We took a vow of near poverty. That meant we had nothing serious to lose and they had nothing to leverage us into submission or contrition.

When we (my wife, Kay and I) decided that the above state was not beneficial to our twin son's upbringing, we left Indy for Washington, DC and began to live an upscale lifestyle. We brought with us an understanding of local political harassment and how to dodge around it. We relied on that experience until now. It appears that we have arrived in the major leagues and the enemies would not be some Hoosier Hicks. All of a sudden we were in the arena of billionaires who saw money as no object and vengeance as a requirement to their under the table activities. These guys make presidents, congresspersons, senators, etc. They take no prisoners (literally). One of my friends explained to me: "You have been used to dealing with people who seek to knock you down. These folks here will take you all the way out. They will seek to destroy you!"

One of my first examples of this was during the first Clinton Administration. The number two person at the Small Business Administration was a sister who decided that the SBA would

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

THIS N THAT wants to take this opportunity and say **THANK YOU** for everyone who were involved in the arrest of a seventeen year old male we will not give his name or show his photo as this has already been done by general media and was booked into the Lubbock County Detention Center..... According to **LT. RAY MENDOZA** this was done because of a **SEXUAL ASSAULT CHARGE** due to a **DNA CONFIRMATION** which linked him to a sexual assault on September

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no longer get into the procurement business and just concentrate on lending and technical support. That was war to us and we prepared for battle. We raised some serious noise on a national basis and this caught the attention of the White House. Some elderly guy met with some of our principals. No one really knew who he was. But when he realized that we were prepared for "war" he made a suggestion. "If I talked to Bill (the president) and told him if we removed this lady from her position, the problem would go away - would that work?" We said yes. Two weeks later she was gone! She went to one of Vernon Jordan's companies (He was a board member for about a dozen Fortune 100 companies). That spoke volumes.

It also made us aware that there was a force out there that was more powerful than the President. As the "body counts" under the Clinton Administration started to multiply and the overwhelming scandals started to appear, it was so clear to me. Forget about the movies, this was the real "Empire". My advocacy remained strong but I purposely remained under the

"radar" of these real power brokers.



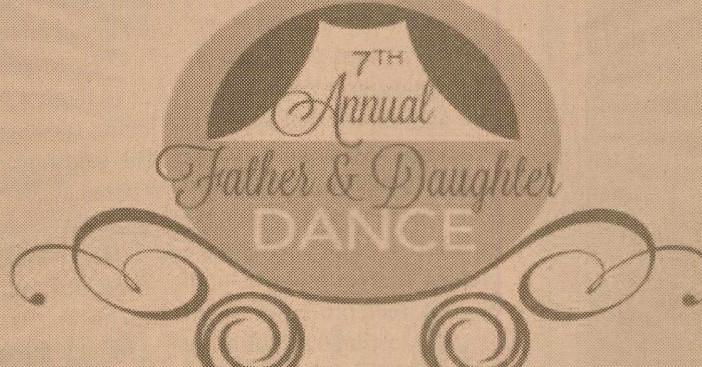
So I played this game. A few "jabs" here and a "duck" there, progress was being made. In fact, our positions were similar to the platform of President George W. Bush. The Pro - Business arena saw talent in me and the National Black Chamber of Commerce. We were on a major roll and considered the voice of Black business. Fortune Magazine, the House, the Senate and cable television referred to the NBCC to measure the mood of Black business.

Then, as Earth, Wind and Fire would say: "Something happened along the way and what used to be happy turned sad". The presidential race for 2008 brought the fiercest political battle in the history of the United States. It wasn't Democrats versus Republicans any more, it was do or die. There were a lot of organizations: environment, taxation, education, military, labor, economic parity, Civil Rights, Homosexual, etc. But now, there was a major movement to take all of these organizations and classify them as Group 1 and Group 2. Saying liberal or conservative wasn't

enough. Terms like Progressive and Free Market became defining roles. Thus, America and the western world for that matter became divided into two groups of tribes. We, the NBCC, found ourselves classified as Free Market and that was cool to us. The Progressives came up with this project named Barack Hussein Obama. Muslim name, African blood mixed with Caucasian blood and early roots in Islamic Indonesia. It was unique to say the least.

So, when the Progressive groups like Green Peace, 1 Percenters, SEIU and other hostile organizations launched a physical attack on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its members the format was set. They viewed capitalism as their enemy and a socialistic/communist philosophy as their mantra. The White House was on their side and they would not compromise in the least. The world, as we know it, was about to change. Chaos was in charge!

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She told a local radio station, "To us, it's just to say thank you for keeping yourself and you can still keep yourself for the next three years until you get your degree or certificate. As long as the child can produce a certificate that she is still a virgin, the scholarships will be renewed."

However, some local groups are insulted by what she is doing, and say that this is a form of sexual violation because of the procedure involved to confirm the girls really are virgins. Reportedly, they check to see if the girls' vaginal hymen is intact, but doctors say that the hymen can be broken due to reasons unrelated to sex.

Palesa Mpapa of People Opposing Women Abuse, a Johannesburg-based women's rights

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Its also been pointed out that

a girl that has been raped, which is very common in South Africa, would be penalized and would not qualify for a scholarship because her virginity has been taken without her consent.

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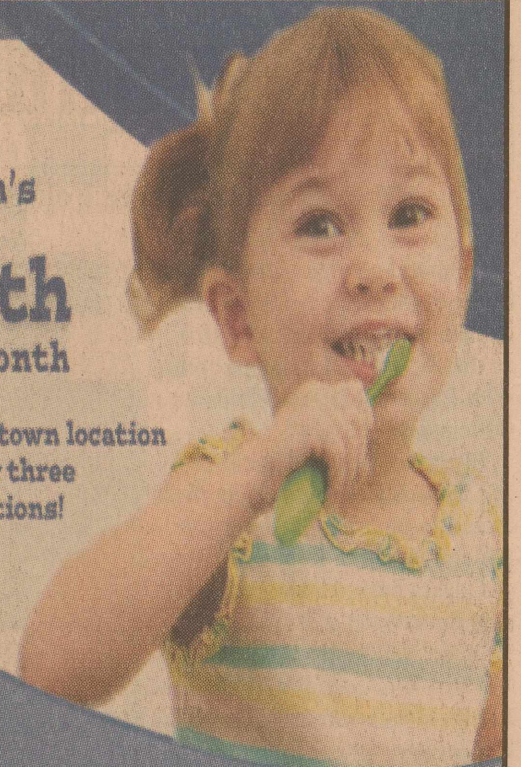
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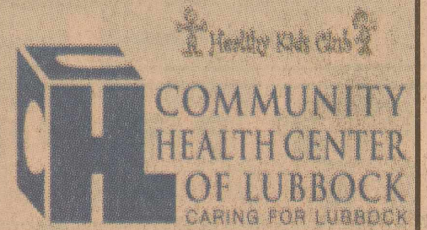


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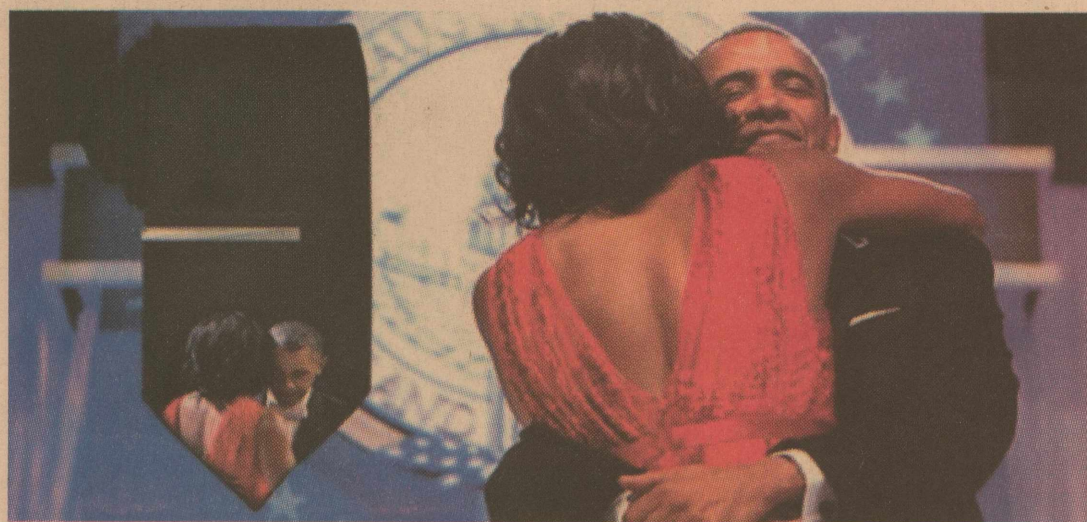
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Black America and the Class Divide

The economic gap within the African-American community is one of the most important factors in the rise of Black Lives Matter, led by a new generation of college graduates and students.

By HENRY LOUIS GATES Jr

In 1903, W.E.B. Du Bois, the leading scholar of the first half of the 20th century, defined the urgency of black social responsibility in his famous essay "The Talented Tenth" — 10 being the percentage of the African-American demographic needed to lead the race into an integrated, equal America. In "The Talented Tenth," Du Bois called for "intelligent leadership" directed by "college-trained men" devoted to a "thorough understanding of the mass of Negroes and their problems" for the purpose of solving these problems, still so deeply entrenched a half century after the abolition of slavery.

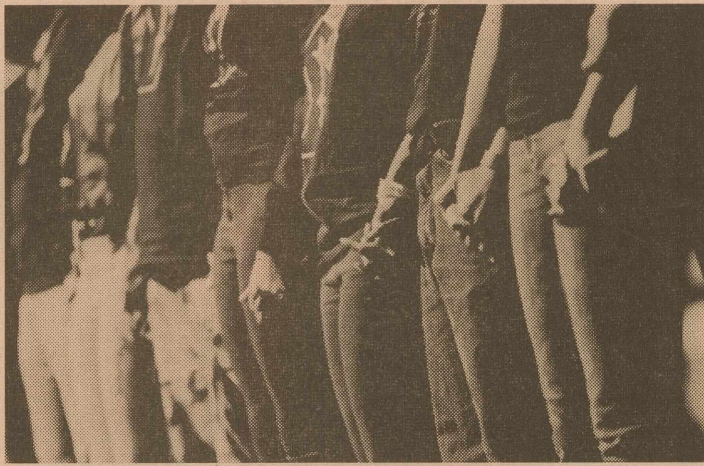
Forty-five years later, Du Bois would lament, this call had been largely ignored. He worried aloud about the growing class divide within Black America and how the consequences of that divide might affect the task of "lifting as we climb," the motto of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, describing the privilege and burden of the middle class to facilitate black upward mobility.

Indeed, by 1948 Du Bois felt that the new black middle class had forgotten this noble calling. There had been, even during his college days at Fisk, troublesome warning signs: "sharp young persons, who received the education given very cheaply at Fisk University, with the distinct and single-minded idea, of seeing how much they could make out of it for themselves, and nobody else."

Du Bois knew, of course, that any black person at that time had to struggle to tear down barriers just to lift oneself and one's family. But that was not enough: Successful black people, he said, must recognize that their place in life was merely a matter of opportunity. "If such opportunity were extended and broadened, a thousand times as many Negroes could join the ranks of the educated and able, instead of sinking into poverty, disease, and crime."

Du Bois also knew that Black America had never consisted of one social or economic class. Even before the outbreak of the Civil War, about 11 percent of Black America was free, some born into families that had been free for generations. And in 1899, when Du Bois published his seminal sociological study, "The Philadelphia Negro," he was already noting that these two classes had morphed into four: the middle class and above, working people ("fair to comfortable"), the poor and, in terms his Victorian contemporaries would have approved of, the "vicious and criminal classes."

Advertisement
Continue reading the main story Du Bois would probably be astonished to see how these



Today's student activists could be considered the grandchildren of W.E.B. Du Bois's "talented 10th." Above, protesting last November at the University of Missouri's Columbia campus.

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classes have fared, especially since the death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, just as new affirmative action programs were beginning to expand drastically the ranks of black students on white campuses and thus to affect the class structure of Black America.

The Harvard sociologist William Julius Wilson calls the remarkable gains in black income "the most significant change" since Dr. King's passing. When adjusted for inflation to 2014 dollars, the percentage of African-Americans making at least \$75,000 more than doubled from 1970 to 2014, to 21 percent. Those making \$100,000 or more nearly quadrupled, to 13 percent (in contrast, white Americans saw a less impressive increase, from 11 to 26 percent). Du Bois's "talented 10th" has become the "prosperous 13 percent."

But, Dr. Wilson is quick to note, the percentage of Black America with income below

Gordon Harris Running For City Council

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where at even a guy of my size locked the doors because the neighborhood is so bad," he said. "But at least they have something."

He describes himself as a single father, 1981 graduate of Estacado High and retired assistant administrator of Lubbock ISD's alternative education program.

He said he also served as a University Interscholastic League basketball referee for more than 25 years.

Harris was among the group of about 50 people who attended the last City Council meeting. He told the council more needs to be done to encourage development in east Lubbock, saying the city needs to be looked at as a whole and not just by districts.

In 2013, Harris led two unsuccessful petitions to recall Price.

"We need better representation in East Lubbock," he told A-J Media at the time he was filing the second petition.

Harris said he has been meeting with the people of District 2 to hear their concerns, and he hopes to address those in the City Council.

\$15,000 declined by only four percentage points, to 22 percent.

In other words, there are really two nations within Black America. The problem of income inequality, Dr. Wilson concludes, is not between Black America and White America but between black haves and have-nots, something we don't often discuss in public in an era dominated by a narrative of fear and failure and the claim that racism impacts 42 million people in all the same ways.

The class divide is, in my opinion, one of the most important and overlooked factors in the rise of Black Lives Matter, led by a new generation of college graduates and students.

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Mother McCormick Passes Here

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was a faithful member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Lubbock, Texas where she served in several auxiliaries. Later, she united with Smith Temple Church, known as the "Mother of the Church."

Her parents, husband, Daniel McCormick; step-mother, Henri Hightower; one sister, and one son preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her daughter, Maxine McCormick; goddaughters, H. M. Henderson (John) and Cassandra Berry; three grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

New Neck Ties -- Celebrate Black Love

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fathers, sons, and other men in their life.

Here's what some are saying about the ties:

"Way cool! I love it!" — B. Ann from Virginia

"These ties are very impressive!" — E. Hawkes from Maryland

"This is a great way to wear your history, in style!" — D. Marquette from California

Also available are ties that pay homage to Michael Jackson, Redd Foxx, B.B. King, and Richard Pryor.

For more details, visit www.BlackHistoryTies.com.

Flint: Lawsuit Demands New Pipes

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source without adding a chemical to control corrosion. That caused lead to leech into the water for a year and a half and contributed to the spike in child lead exposure before state and officials fully acknowledged the problem in early October.

Flint has reconnected to Detroit's water system while awaiting the completion of a new pipeline from Lake Huron.

The suit expresses doubt about whether the city can maintain optimal corrosion treatment when it switches to the new water source later this year.

Much of the blame for the emergency has been put on the state Department of Environmental Quality because staff told Flint water officials not to treat it for corrosion until after two

six-month monitoring periods. But the suit also focuses on problems with the city's monitoring of lead. It alleges the city is not providing comprehensive, reliable information to identify locations with lead lines and is under-testing homes with a higher risk of lead exposure.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last week issued an emergency order directing the state to take actions to protect public health and said it would begin sampling and analyzing lead levels.

At least three other suits have been filed since the crisis was exposed in the fall. Two seek class-action status and financial compensation; another asks a judge to declare that users do not have to pay their water bills.

This story has been corrected to reflect the proper name of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

My Prayer For Today

I said unto the Lord, the enemy is upon us. What shall we do? God said, "Go forth, my son."

I said who will challenge this enemy? God said, "You will. For you all are many."

Then I said, "Today will be a good day."

God said, "Everyday is a good day."

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Kindergarten Orientation

All children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2016, are invited to bring their parents to their neighborhood LISD elementary campus on **Thursday, February 25, either from 8-9 a.m. or from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

For both Pre-K Round-Up and Kindergarten Orientation, parents are encouraged to bring the following items:

- Child's original birth certificate
- Child's up-to-date immunization records
- Proof of address

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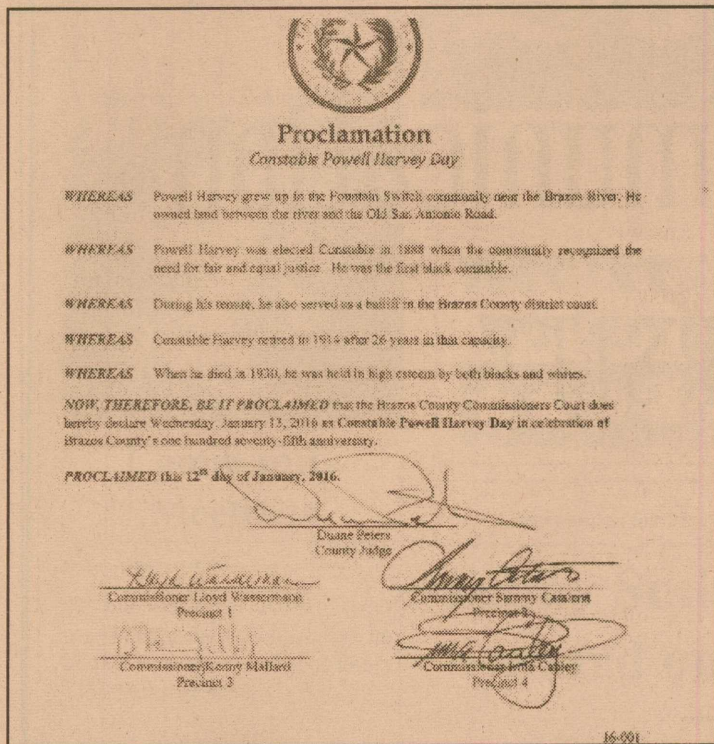
Wed, Jan 13th—City Councilman for District 2, Floyd Price

Thurs, Feb 11th—State Representative for District 84, John Frullo

Wed, March 9th—City of Lubbock Chief of Police, Greg Stevens

Wed, April 13th—LISD Board of Trustees for District 3, Mark Blankenship

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Constable Powell Harvey Day**



Constable Powell Harvey was the first Black Constable in Brazos County in 1888. He was the great-grandfather of Evangelist B. J. Morrison, III and grandfather of Pollie Thomas. This is Black History!

**Stacey Dash Says
"Get Rid of Black
History Month"**

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#AndWeDontMeanTheRapper." The tweet was basically criticizing Dash for once co-starring on The Game, a show that airs on BET, the same network she wants to get rid of.

#3 - Then, Dash responded to BET's tweet saying:

"I'm thankful for all of the acting jobs I've had. But I look forward to the day when people don't self-segregate based on skin color, while loudly complaining about a segregated society."

"That might be hard for the people at BET to understand, especially after I read this quote from a BET exec about the Oscars: 'It would be great if the Oscar nominees represented even closely the percentage of moviegoers who are of different ethnicities, but they don't,' said Stephen Hill."

"Wow. Apparently, Mr. Hill doesn't understand what an Oscar is. Oscars are awarded to the actors and actresses who excel... not the audience."

"What's next? Awarding \$1 million to the guy sitting in his pajamas on the couch watching Survivor? Giving a blue ribbon to the kid who stayed home from field day? Giving a Nobel Peace Prize to a President who escalated wars in Iraq and Afghanistan? No, that would be unreasonable."

"My problem goes back to the notion that every area of life needs to break down exactly according to demographic ratios except in those areas in which black people have decided they want to have their own space. I don't have a problem with black people having their own space. I have a problem with the folks at BET absolutely freaking out when other institutions don't match up to what they think is best..."

#4 - Then, she accused BET of lying to Black people:

She said, "BET lies to American black people by telling them that the rest of America is racist, so stick close to your own kind. Anything that promotes segregation is bad! And they're absolutely mortified that someone like me — an independent-thinking black woman — dares call their bluff."

**Victor Hernandez
Running for Mayor**

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of Captain (CPT) and was assigned as the local (Lubbock - 0413th Civil Affairs Company) reserve units' assistant legal officer, as well as given additional duties of morale officer overseas.

Mr. Hernandez and family are life-long Roman Catholics serving their local parish (St. Joseph Catholic Church) and the Catholic Diocese of Lubbock in a variety of capacities including: lector, Sunday school teacher, Red Mass Committee member and Papal Knight and Lady of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Mr. Hernandez and wife, Judge Aurora Chaides-Hernandez, J.D., B.S.N.R.N., B.S., were born and raised in El Paso, Texas (both Ysleta High School graduates) and are first generation Americans. Mr. Hernandez earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at El Paso (B.B.A.) and his law degree from the Texas Tech University School of Law.

The Hernandez' have four children (all born and raised in Lubbock): 1) Gabriela Victoria Hernandez, recent graduate of Notre Dame University; 2) Benjamin Nicolas Hernandez, attending Cornell University; 3) Maria Alexandra Hernandez, attending St. Mary's College at Notre Dame, IN; and 4) Antonio Gerardo "Jerry" Hernandez, Lubbock High School junior. The Hernandez's have one grandchild, Isabella Azucena Gonzales.

that some church folk can be so bible-minded that it leaves them blinded from reality. The old fashioned logic seems to be on the lines of "if we can't see it, it must not be there." However, mental illness is a real thing. Personally, I have watched some family and friends mental health deteriorate helplessly, because onlookers were too busy in prayer than to help them receive proper treatment.

Faith without works is dead. I posted a poll on social media to see how millennial's felt about this topic. In result, over 50 voters participated. The majority ruled that they don't feel mental health in the black community is taken as seriously as it should be.

Of course, since making these comments, social media has been set afire with many people both agreeing and disagreeing with Dash's opinions. Many, however, say that Dash is just looking for publicity to help promote her new 256-page book, There Goes My Social Life: From Clueless to Conservative, due in book stores this coming June. Her book deal is reportedly worth six or seven figures.

**But in your hearts set apart
Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an
answer...
But do this with gentleness and
respect,
keeping a clear conscience,
so that those who speak mali-
ciously
against your good behavior in
Christ
may be ashamed of their slan-
der.**

1 Peter 3:15-16

**Mental Health In
Black Community**

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ones "dirty laundry."

We need to eliminate this stigma.

Around 48% of blacks, including myself, were raised on a Baptist foundation, accompanied by "that ain't nothing but the devil," parents. Through personal experience, I can validate

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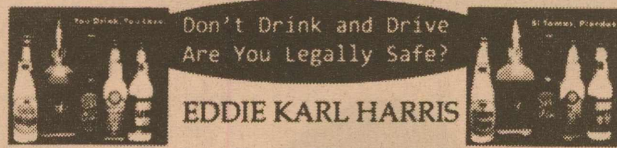
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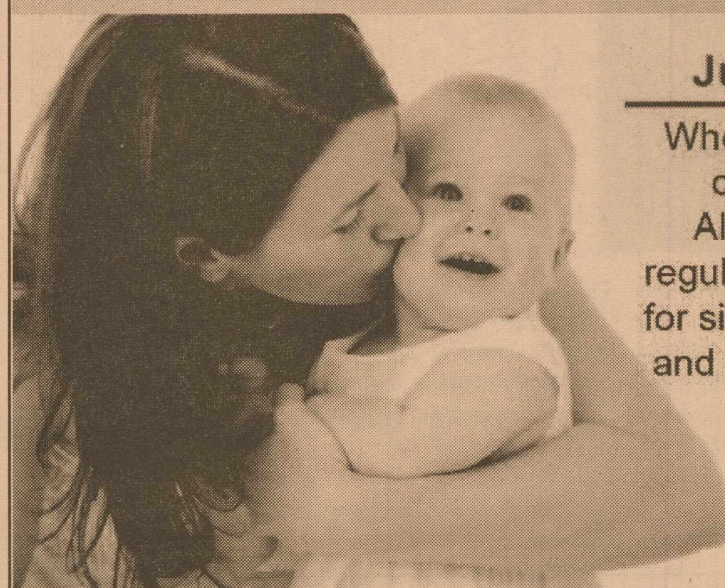
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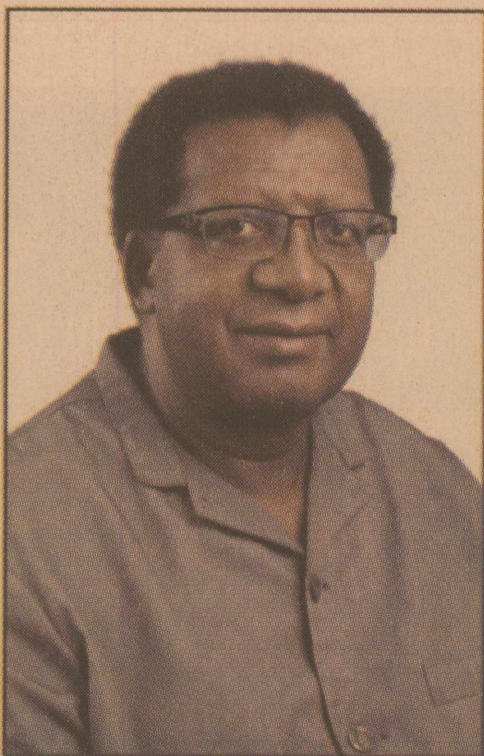
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