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## RAPPIN' Tommy Wyatt Texas Legislative District 46 is up for Grabs.

It is time for us to get serious about who will replace State Representative Dawnna Dukes in District 46. This race ended in a runoff, so we will have to go to the polls again to decide between the two remaining candidates.

District 46 is the seat that has been represented by an African American for many years, first by Wilhelmina Delco and most recently by Dawnna Dukes. This district has the largest number of African Americans in the county. And because of that, the representative will be the one called on most to deal with the concerns in the district and African American issues.

Runoff elections usually have very low turnouts. But, this is one election that all registered voters need to take part. Sitting this one out is not an option. Even if you did not vote in the last election, you owe it to yourself to vote in this one. The runoff election is May 5, 2018.

Just remember that if you want the respect of a politician, they need to identify you as one of their supporters by either working in their campaign or donating to it. Otherwise your concerns do not matter.

Remember VOTE AND THE CHOICE IS YOURS, DON'T VOTE AND THE CHOICE IS THEIRS!!

## Taraji P. Henson Meets Her 'Fatal Attraction'

By Associated Press



This image released by Lionsgate shows Taraji P. Henson in a scene from "Tyler Perry's Acrimony." (Chip Bergmann/Lionsgate via AP)

**NEW YORK (AP) —** Tyler Perry says he knew if he was going to have Taraji P. Henson star in his latest film, he would have to work fast.

The writer-director filmed "Tyler Perry's Acrimony," his third collaboration with the actress, in a mere eight days.

Perry said it was easier to film the revenge thriller around Henson's "Empire" shooting schedule because she comes in prepared for a role, and she's especially good at playing bad characters.

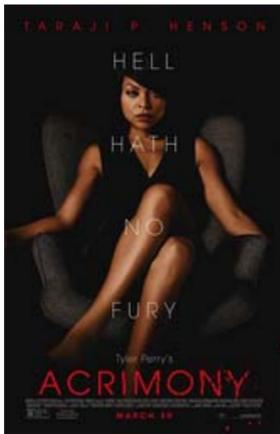
"She's a director's dream," he said at the film's premiere earlier this week. "She knows exactly what you want. She knows exactly where to go."

The actress plays a woman who becomes unhinged after being scorned by her ex-husband.

The film, which opens Friday, represented a new challenge for both Perry and Henson.

Henson said she was enticed to the project by Perry's pitch that it would be her chance to play a character type she'd wanted to play for years.

"We all saw 'Fatal Attraction,' right? And as a young actor with dreams, that was always a character I wanted to play," Henson said. "Whenever you see a great actor portray a role, it's always on the bucket list to actors. I know for me it was, so that's the



thing that made me sign on because when he called he said this is your Glenn Close in 'Fatal Attraction' moment. And I was like, 'I'm down.'"

The film represented the opportunity for Perry to return to a genre he became fascinated with while filming his role in "Gone Girl," director David Fincher's adaptation of the novel.

"After doing 'Gone Girl,' I wanted to do a thriller. I wanted to see and show what I learned on that film, and what just pretty much felt like I was in school," he said.

One thing Perry didn't emulate was Fincher's meticulous style that features multiple takes of scenes. He said his production was faster because there were fewer people making decisions.

"When it's just me making the decision and choices, it cuts down a lot of the time. So we moved really fast. I didn't have a whole lot of time with Taraji because she was shooting 'Empire,' so we had to do it quickly."

## "BEARDS & BOWTIES" FASHION SHOW KICKS OFF URBAN MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018

By Naomi Richard | VILLAGER Columnist



Model Timothy Landry, Sr. during Beards & Bowties Fashion Show. Photo by Naomi Richard.

**AUSTIN, TX -** The Urban Music Festival 2018 (UMF) celebrated its thirteenth year by opening with *Beards and Bowties* on March 29 at the George Washington Carver Museum, an event which showcased top-of-the-line men's fashion by African American Designers. The music festival followed on March 30 & 31st featuring headliners *En Vogue* and *Johnny Gill*. This year's festival was a fun-filled weekend full of great entertainment and community participation.

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## PFLUGERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FINDS THE \$500 SCHOLARSHIP EGG

From the HT M&PR



Juliet Black wins HT's \$500 scholarship egg.

and her parents back each time.

"It's really friendly, and it's open, and I really like how the space feels. The people are nice to be around and so is the environment," Black said.

Her parents, John and Jaclyn Black, added, "We appreciate you all having this; it's one of the best hunts. We like to come. It's really friendly

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