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#SandyStillSpeaks No more Sandra Blands!

In case you missed it, there was a rally at the State Capitol on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 to remind legislators of their duty to pass legislation that will make sure there are NO MORE SANDRA BLANDS. Although almost four years ago she was found dead in a Waller County Jail in Texas, Sandra Bland still speaks. She was arrested for not using her turn signal while making a turn. This is a violation that will get you a traffic ticket, but Sandra was arrested and thrown in the county jail. She was found later hanging in her cell.

Ironically, it was just announced this week that the family of Sandra are demanding a new trial for the officer who arrested her and was not found guilty of violating her rights. However, the family did receive a settlement in the case.

It is also ironic that new information of the case came to light recently. It appears that Sandra Bland recorded the whole incident on her cell phone. However, this evidence was never revealed in the case. As a result, the family is now demanding a new trial for the officer who arrested her.

The cell phone video was very short, but clearly shows that the officer over stepped his duties in this case. Texas legislators have illustrated that they will not tolerate people sworn to uphold principles neglecting **their** principles to withhold evidence

Not that this new evidence has been shared with the world, it will be very interesting to see what will happen with the case. The demonstrators say that they are working to make sure that what happened to Sandra Bland does not happen to anyone else. We all need to join in on this protest to insure that there are "No More Sandra Blands."

CARDI B & GARY CLARK JR. TO LEAD AUSTIN CITY LIMITS MUSIC FESTIVAL '19

By Naomi Richard | VILLAGER Entertainment Editor



Rapper Cardi B performs at RodeoHouston on March 1, 2019 in Houston, Texas. © 2019 FRC Media

(VILLAGER NEWS) - On April 30, the ACL MUSIC FESTIVAL announced their 2019 lineup. The Festival returns with powerhouse performances featuring Guns N' Roses, Mumford & Sons, Childish Gambino, The Cure, Cardi B (Weekend One), Billie Eilish, Tame Impala, and Robyn (Weekend Two). This fully-loaded bill marks Guns N' Roses' first show in Austin since 1993 and their first-ever ACL Fest performance. 2019 also represents first time ACL Fest performances from superstars Cardi B, Billie Eilish and Robyn, while Mumford & Sons and The Cure will make triumphant returns alongside a highly anticipated set by Childish Gambino, who was

forced to cancel his ACL headlining performance in 2018 due to injury.

Kacey Musgraves, The Raconteurs, Gary Clark Jr., Lizzo, Thom Yorke Tomorrow's Modern Boxes, James Blake, Lil Uzi Vert, 21 Savage, Tyler Childers, Third Eye Blind (Weekend Two), Rebelution, GRiZ, RL Grime, Jenny Lewis, BANKS, The Kooks (Weekend One), Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers, Chris Shiflett and many more will take the stage for the 18th annual Austin City Limits Music Festival, taking place October 4-6 and October 11-13 at Zilker Park in Austin, TX. Tickets will be now on sale at **See DIVERSE BILLING**, page 8



Rams Charging into NAIA Championships this Month

By John Harris Jr. | VILLAGER Sports Columnist



Huston-Tillotson University
Track coach
Royce Dennis
(photo courtesy of H-T)

(VILLAGER NEWS) - Huston-Tillotson's men's track and field team will be well-represented at the upcoming NAIA national championships May 23-25 in Gulf Shores, Ala. Freshman sprinter Cornell Sayles will compete in the 100 meters. Sayles, who has been impressive in his first college season, will also run the second leg on the Rams' 4 x 100-meter relay team.

The NAIA national championships will feature individual qualifiers only.

"Numbers tend to go out the window because when you line up, it's anybody's game," said second-year coach Royce Dennis, who graduated from H-T in 2003. "I'm confident that we're going to run well and I'm confident that we have an opportunity to win."

A year ago, H-T totaled seven points at the Red River Athletic Conference Track and Field Championships. At the conference meet last weekend in Bullard, Texas, the Rams placed fourth with 102 points, winning the 100 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters and 800 meters, and taking second in the 4 x 100 relay.

Sayles won the 100 meters (10.58 seconds) and 200 meters (21.82). Sophomore Anthony Johnson of Hutto won the 400 meters (49.37) and Iman Matan, a freshman from San Antonio, won the 800

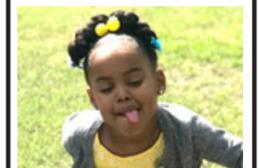
meters (2:01.08). Jackie Wilson, Sayles, DeJameous Jefferson and anchor Jimmerick Martin ran the 4 x 100-meter relay in 41.72. Jefferson finished second behind Sayles in the 100 meters (10.72).

"More than anything, we had to turn the culture around," said Dennis, who competed in the 200 meters and 400 meters under former H-T coach Howard Ware and replaced Ware following his retirement after the 2017 season. "A lot of our kids come from pretty rough situations. I'm just showing them love, guidance, discipline and teamwork."

Dennis' contributions at H-T extend beyond track and field. Over the last 11 1/2 years, he helped raise \$350,000 for the school, including \$320,000 from a Glimmer of Hope Foundation, an Austin-based foundation which addresses poverty in rural Ethiopia. Dennis' contributions at H-T extend beyond track and field. Over the last 11 1/2 years, he helped raise \$350,000 for the school, including \$320,000 from a Glimmer of Hope Foundation, an Austin-based foundation which addresses poverty in rural Ethiopia. Dennis' contributions at H-T extend beyond track and field. Over the last 11 1/2 years, he helped raise \$350,000 for the school, including \$320,000 from a Glimmer of Hope Foundation, an Austin-based foundation which addresses poverty in rural Ethiopia.

"I worked at A Glimmer of Hope, so I would raise money for the summer camp," Dennis said. "I would raise money for my church. Raise money for World Water Day in Ethiopia (addressing Ethiopia's water crisis). I just kind of took it on."

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Forget Game of Thrones! Meet Baby Sussex

By Associated Press



Baby Sussex, newborn son of Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, (Dominic Lipinski/Pool via AP)

(The AP) - Meghan declared motherhood to be "magic."

"It's pretty amazing," said the 37-year-old American formerly known as Meghan Markle. She said the baby had "just been a dream" and has "the sweetest temperament. He's really calm."

Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor was born Monday at 5:26 a.m. (0426 GMT; 11:26 a.m. CDT). He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces (3.26 kilograms).

Family members have welcomed the new arrival, with Prince William saying he was "absolutely thrilled."