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**Tommy Wyatt**

## How Many Ways can we say Thank You?

This week's edition will be our 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue. We have to thank the Austin community for your support for all of these years. You have made it possible for us to put our vision into action. That vision was to record an historical record of the contributions that the Black community had made, and was making, towards the advancement of the community.

We became a member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and joined with other Black Owned newspapers around the country to provide that service in every state and community in the country.

This could only be done by having the support of our communities to assist us in observing those outstanding contributions. This community has made many great contributions to the city, state and nation. And these records are more important now than ever. With the gentrification of the community, we are all working very hard to preserve that history for the benefit of our children; so that they may have role models to use as a guide when they begin entering their careers.

We look forward to playing a continued role in this effort. And we will need the continued support of the community, both old and young members, to keep the dreams alive.

We also must give a special thanks to our advertisers, both large and small, which have made it possible for us to distribute your message to our community without you having to pay for the paper. These companies need your continued support in appreciation for them making our community a very important part of their customer base.

We are looking forward to many more years of service to this community.

## Fox Address Concerns of Diversity Following Show Cancellations

By **Defender News Service**



"Rel" starring Lil Rel Howery (right) and "Empire" with Taraji P. Henson (left) were canceled. (Photos: Dia Dipasupil/Getty Images Entertainment via Getty Images, Theo Wargo/Getty Images Entertainment via Getty Images)

(DEFENDER) - "Rel," starring Lil Rel Howery, "The Cool Kids" led by David Alan Grier and Lee Daniels' "Star" are just a few of the shows that have been recently canceled by Fox. And considering all of them have Black leads, one of the top executives talked about diversity at the network going forward.

During a press call published by Deadline, Fox's Chief Executive of Entertainment Charlie Collier said increasing diversity at the network was never a onetime experiment but a continued effort whether a show is cancelled or not.

"The diversity of Fox is an issue that is so important and an ongoing effort for us to make sure we're best in class," said Collier, who just landed at Fox from the AMC Networks in November.

"As I was looking at Fox and joining, what's remarkable is that the history of this company and what it's done in terms of diversity ... If you look across our slate in terms of scripted and unscripted and sports, we really are doing a good job, but the job never stops," Collier said. "The effort continues, it never stops."

Other shows with Black leads that Fox pulled the plug on include "Lethal Weapon," starring Damon Wayans, and "Proven Innocent," fronted by Russell Hornsby. Additionally, it was just announced that "Empire" will end after its upcoming sixth season.



On top of that, "Rosewood," which starred Morris Chestnut, was canceled after two seasons in 2017, and at the time he spoke about diversity at Fox and gave the network credit.

On that show Chestnut portrayed the character of Dr. Beaumont Rosewood Jr., a pathologist who works closely with the police, and his co-star was played by Jaina Lee Ortiz, a Latina from the Bronx, New York.

"FOX provided a platform for a show that made strides in diversity and the positive images it projected as all-inclusive," wrote Chestnut.

## Tiffany Haddish To Host ABC's 'Kids Say The Darndest Things'

By **Defender News Service**



Tiffany Haddish

(DEFENDER) - ABC's fall schedule will include a reboot of the TV variety series "Kids Say the Darndest Things," hosted by Tiffany Haddish.

ABC said Tuesday the comedian-actress will produce the series, set to air on Sundays.

Haddish will encourage children to share their advice on topics including dating and sportsmanship, the network said.

ABC also will launch another spinoff of its comedy "black-ish" this fall (see more on page 4).

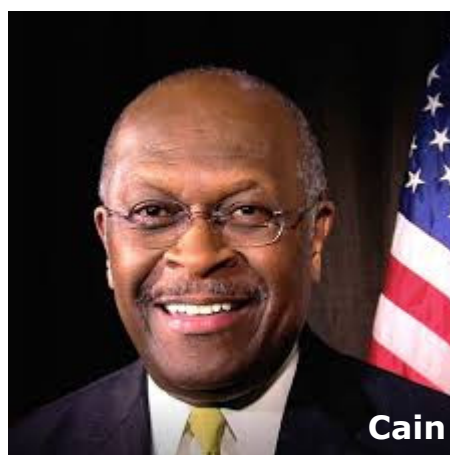
Titled "mixed-ish," the spinoff will focus on the preteen version of the mom that Tracee Ellis Ross plays on "black-ish."

The young Rainbow, nicknamed Bow, faces the challenges of growing up in the 1980s as part of a mixed-ethnicity family, ABC said.

Two other new shows on ABC's fall schedule: "Stumptown," based on the graphic novels, and "Emergence," described as a character-driven thriller.

## Herman Cain says Black folks are "brainwashed" against Trump

By **Defender News Service**



Cain

Former Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain made a blanket statement about African Americans telling TMZ he believes Black people are "brainwashed" to hold President Trump with disdain.

Cain was asked why he has so few supporters in the Black community.

"They're getting brainwashed according to the news they watch," Cain replied. "And it's been statistically shown that certain news outlets are not telling the entire truth and in some cases people are being brainwashed."

Cain believes Trump has done lots to help the Black community including supporting criminal justice reform and lowering the unemployment rate, which he has claimed through much of his term. In actuality, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released figures recently that shows a low overall unemployment rate, at 3.67 percent but a stagnating rate for Blacks at 6.7 percent, about 86 percent higher than the national average.

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## Black Women Dominate Miss USA Pageant

By **Stacy M. Brown**, NNPA Newswire Correspondent



**Cheslie Kryst**  
**MISS USA**

(NNPA) - The recently crowned Miss USA, Cheslie Kryst said she'll never forget the time a judge at a law conference told her to wear a skirt instead of pants because judges prefer skirts.

The 27-year-old black lawyer, who earned a law degree and an MBA at Wake Forest University, had a message for that judge after she won the competition where the three finalists were all women of color.

"Glass ceilings can be broken wearing either a skirt or pants," Kryst said.

Alejandra Gonzalez of New Mexico was the first-runner up, and Oklahoma's Triana Browne the second-runner up during the competition in Reno, Nevada.