Taraji P. Henson Meets Her ‘Fatal Attraction’

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 —

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The first event certainly set the tone for the slate of activities that followed, with handsome and well-groomed models adorning the runway. The runway was fast moving with lively upbeat music being played by an amazing DJ! One-by-one, handsome men kept stepping out from behind the curtains. The first event characterized moves. Stop show with choreographed moves. The production team provided a professional non-vested facade. The models performed between outer-layer articles and women! They danced, cheering fans...both men and women! They danced, posed, took off some outer-layer articles and the crowd went wild! It was a splendid night of entertainment with musical selections by local artists performing between designer-presentations. The production team provided a professional non-stop show with choreographed moves.

Event organizer and CEO of Texas Black Pages, Ronnie Russell, explained how this event came to be. Having been a member of the military at one time, he was asked what he wanted now as a civilian, and he replied, “I want facial hair.” Russell continued, “the thing for me was to dress different and take care of myself differently. And that’s when I began to reach out to other guys. Because to me men have to do things different to make or create a different outcome.” He concluded, “it’s the first time (for some of the models) doing something like this. It’s not just a fashion show. That’s why I say this is where the male grooming industry meets fashion.”

Fashion Designers for the affair included 3MB, Bow Inertia, JC Men’s Wear, Reap What I Sew and Merida B. Brandon Woodson, Miquel Carvajal, Edwin Henderson, Jason Leadley, Sam Davis, Freddie Williams, and K.C. Grace III masterfully served as moderators for the evening. The UMF is a landmark event and a testament to the devotion of all involved, from festival attendees to all the volunteers. Beards & Bowties certainly added a new dimension of elegance to the weekend of activities!
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Volunteers, Donors and All Central Texas Teens are Invited to Attend this Unique Celebration!

AUSTIN, TX - The Write To Me Foundation Incorporated presents PROMRack 2018, April 7, 2018 at Round Rock High School, 100 N. Lake Creek Drive, Bldg. 400 Round Rock 78681 (small gym).

WHERE: Spider House Ballroom
1512 29th Street, Austin, Texas 78705

As we struggle with knowing how to get involved and questions of purpose, some of Austin's funniest comedians are coming to Austin for an entertaining and engaging evening. The lead author of 2018 Texas Civic Health Index, League of Women Voters, and Write To Me Foundation, Rev. Darron E. Patterson, will be our host for an evening especially created for local teens in grades 10-12. Patterson is in his 15th year supporting the Central Texas community by offering new and gently worn dresses to parents of girls who are seeking a prom dress.

Starting at 7 pm, from 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm. This event is free to the public! All Central Texas Students invited. 90's RnB will be on hand with prizes and drawings! PROMRack is in its 15th year supporting the Central Texas community by offering new and gently worn dresses to parents of girls who are seeking a prom dress.

There are no income requirements.

WHY: Between hair and makeup, outfits, tickets, rides to prom, teens are spending an average of more than $600 per person on prom. With the stereotypical Spice Girl Style, there has been a new focus on across America survey. Parents and parents do everybody better what they can do to make this moment special.

Please join us as we continue to show that Austin is the "Premiere" place for generating smiles for youth in these times. Dresses will be presented on retail racks according to size. A fitting area will be provided to help in the right selection.

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Easter

All who believe will have enough to worry about with a child in critical health, and you cannot be spending time figuring out where their next meal is coming from, so volunteer groups like ours come in to cook meals for them. On Saturday, we made sausage balls, eggs, potatoes, grits, croissants, and fruit salad. The families enjoyed the food and were so grateful. One lady came up to me and told me about her 13-year-old daughter who had cancer, thanking me for helping her. This was my third time at the Ronald McDonald House, yet the energy and fulfillment I get from it never wear off.

Kevin Parish, Hendrickson H.S.

Stephen William Hawking was born in Oxford, England on January 8, 1942, he was a British scientist, professor and author who performed groundbreaking work in physics and cosmology, and whose books helped to make science accessible to everyone died last month. At age 71, while studying cosmology at the University of Cambridge, he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Erik Lipscomb Manor Middle School

Thursday the 29th, in my 2nd period which is Spanish, we had a little party for our good GPA in the whole class. Our GPA as a class was 88. The teacher had told us that she was going to reward us if we reached that goal or higher. Everyone did their best and worked hard so we could achieve it. Thursday was a great day for the party, especially ending it right into our 3rd day weekend. I had told us that we would take more food with us than brought there. We got more food with each other.

Fiesta

Stephen Hawking

At a New Year’s party in 1963, shortly before he had been diagnosed with ALS, Stephen Hawking met a undergraduate named Jane Wilde. They were married in 1965. The couple gave birth to a son, Rob, in 1967, and a daughter, Lucy, in 1970. A third child, Timothy, arrived in 1979. In 1974, Hawking’s research turned him into a celebrity in the scientific world when he showed that black holes aren’t the information vacuum that scientists had thought they were. In simple terms, Hawking demonstrated that matter, in the form of radiation, can escape the gravitational force of a collapsed star. Hawking died in his home in Cambridge, England, early in the morning of 14 March 2018, at the age of 76.

Robert E. Lee

because it celebrates, Jesus went to church as always. My family was all dressed up and we went to pick up my brother. At church I helped with the toddlers, and was even assigned to my class. My grandma was there and we all took pictures. In the ladies bath room, there were eggs filled with candy. After we left, we ate lunch and ate our favorite food. Now and later... we are here! Hope you had a great Easter!

Noah James Winn Manor H.S.

Easter Sunday

also rise to have eternal life, with Him, Lord of all. Oh, Happy, Happy Easter! By Joanna Facts. I found this poem and liked it because it describes what Easter is all about, and what we’re exactly celebrating. I think that if you ever celebrate a time, event, or holiday, you should at least know why you’re celebrating it. It is the celebration of Christ Resurrection. In which God gave His one and only son to die on the cross for us and save us from our sins. He is a celebration of new life, with eggs, bright colored flowers, and candy. These are common ways to celebrate this day but has everyone celebrates Easter the same, or even calls it the same thing for that matter. The one constant everyone knows about is that it is a celebration no matter where the holiday is being held.

All the outdoors is a celebration of new life. It is a celebration of new life. This is a celebration of new life. Where the holiday is being held.

The Outsiders

class we have been reading a book together. This book is about a person that is forced to lose his friend just like his 2 brothers who died. He is also forced to disappoint his parents. I hope that he did not follow the same path as his brother or else he would have been a lot of trouble. I wonder what happened to Poney Boy. I lied to his friend about his own personal information.

Joshua Moore Manor New Tech H.S.

For the past week in English Language Arts

Easter Soccer

2018. The girls and boys varsity team has had a lot of support from Manor as a whole. The boys soccer team is in the 6A region in the UIL state championship. The girls soccer team is coming down from the 5A region in the UIL state championship on March 29th 2018 also played against Manor and McNeil High School.

Montrae Nelson Four Points M.S.

Hello, this week in class we’ve been studying the conferences and General Robert E. Lee. He was a Confederate soldier best known as a commander of the Confederate states Army, he commanded the army of the North Virginia in the American Civil War in 1862.

General Lee was a top graduate of the United States military academy and was an exceptional officer and military for 32 years. During this time he served and distinguished himself during the American Civil War.

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The Villager and Black Registry Company

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Mariana Nelson Manor H.S.

Manor High School’s boys and girls soccer teams participated in the Texas UIL State Championship Playoffs through March 23rd of 2018. The girls and boys varsity team has had a lot of support from Manor as a whole. The boys soccer team is in the 6A region in the UIL state championship. The girls soccer team is coming down from the 5A region in the UIL neutral playoff. The boys played against Manor and McNeil High School at 6:30. They played a good game and hard game. The teams played in the McNeil in the neutral playoff. The boys made a solid effort in this year’s playoffs and the girls will also continue the state playoffs as well.

Alyssa James Winn Manor H.S.

Easter Egg Hunt in Hope of Tomorrow

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The Villager ATX

Youth Showcase Extravaganza

The Youth Showcase Extravaganza is a non-profit annual youth music competition series and internship. The event begins at 5:00 PM and takes place at Ground Floor Theater, 59N Sprinkle Rd, 122, Austin, Texas. It consists of three shows in Houston, three shows in Austin, and a grand finale. Prior to the event series, high school students are recruited into the Young Entrepreneurs (YEY) Internship and educated with business, marketing, and event management skills. These skills equip them with the ability to contribute to the development and operation of the event series. The actual showcase is a platform for young artists of all ages: to gain experiential entertainment skills, display their musical abilities; win first, second, and third place sponsorships; connect with local entertainment professionals and other aspiring artists; and gain support from the community.

Inaugural BRAVE Fest

Come commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s life and death (April 4, 1968) and recommit our passion to build community and love our neighbors at the inaugural BRAVE Fest! Join us on Sunday, April 8th at Spiderhouse Ballroom. Admission to the BRAVE Fest is free! Eventiritte advance RSVP or SQL at the door registration.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy the varied local performances of Timelongs of the North, Saul Paul, CoMeTrY, Agni The Dance Company, Greater Eps, and more from Austin, as well as food and crafts. Delicious food and full bar are available for purchase at the Spiderhouse. There will be ample vegetarian and gluten-free options.

Camping Tips

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OPTIN: THE HBCU COMMUNITY NEEDS BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

By Dr. Harry L. Williams (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

A few months ago, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) was proud to name President Tim Sands and 30 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and predominately Black institutions (PBIs) for the second annual HBCU Fly-In held in conjunction with the leadership of Sen. Tim Scott R-S.C. and Representative Mark Walker R-N.C., who are both members of the very important, bipartisan HBCU Caucus.

My experience as a former HBCU president and now leader of TMCF, proud to voice the concerns of 47 publicly-supported HBCUs, gives me a broad perspective on the federal government’s partnership with HBCUs, as delivered through this event’s multiple listening sessions and direct engagement opportunities with members of Congress and senior leadership within the Trump Administration. Thanks to the commitment of dozens of our HBCU presidents and chancellors who attended our inaugural convening and this year’s fly-in, we’re beginning to see major developments from several federal agencies looking to increase support for HBCUs and to create more opportunities for our scholars.

Thanks to our collective advocacy, several HBCUs that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005 received total for-}
Cesar Chavez March

Saturday, March 31, 2018, the annual Cesar Chavez march was held in the heart of East Austin. According to the organizers, “the March started at Terrazas Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez Street at 10 am and ended at AB Cantu/ Pan American Hillside with music, speakers & Dance.” In addition, the organizers also stated that the purpose of the march was to celebrate the life and legacy of Cesar E. Chavez. Furthermore, Chavez’s legacy of workers rights, civil rights, environmental justice, equality for all, peace, non-violence, children and women’s rights deserves national recognition.

At the march, there were a crossfield of people and of Austin leaders. For instance some of the community leaders and candidates present at the rally, included: Maya Gamble Guerrero and Aurora Martinez Jones who are both in the runoff for the 459th District Court race. In addition, Dyana Limon Mercado, the Chairwoman elect of the Travis County Democratic Party who invited the Kim Olson campaign to Austin due to the need for the voters to hear directly from her. Kim Olson is running for Agricultural Commissioner because it is a department that does a lot for Texans. Some of the issues that she plans to champion include the following: water, land, farm, land preservation, regenerative agriculture, and local farmer’s market. On water, Kim Olson believes it is important to ensure that Texas’s farmers and ranchers are connected with grant and cost-share programs that help agriculture producers implement common-sense conservation measures. Finally Kim Olson understands the enormous work of campaigning due to the facts the “odds of winning” are tough. In the past 30 years, Democrats have not won a statewide seat. However, in the past years, Democrats have been “closing the gap” with the Republican party of Texas. Over the past 4 years, Democrats have begun to see some small gains on the local level, but not on the state level. Consequently, Kim Olson plans to reverse that.

Travis County Precinct Chair Courtney Alexa Holds An Open House

Monday, March 26, 2018 Travis County Democratic Precinct Chair Courtney Alexa held an open house in her district. It was an opportunity for Ms. Alexa to meet and talk to some her neighbors about the Democratic party county affairs. Not only was it an opportunity to speak about the county affairs, but also to get her neighbor more involved and more engaged with the party. According to political expert, it is types of community engagement that get more people involved.

Precinct 109 is a North Austin precinct whose boundary include the following: Parmer Lane to its South and Scottfield Lane to its North. It is a precinct that is ethnically and racially mixed. There are numerous Asian American and other ethnic grocery stores in the area. It consist of housing and apartments. In addition, it has a large “young adult population due to fact the Austin community college has a branch in the precinct.

Finally, the precinct chair is at the heart of the party. According to political experts, “the position of Precinct Chair is considered to be most essential leadership role in a political party.” Moreover, the precinct chairs are essential to the party because they are the one who have a day to day interaction with the population. Furthermore, they are like the “pulce” of the local party in the county.

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Actress Stacey Dash Withdraws From California House Race By Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Actress-turned-conservative commentator Stacey Dash ended her campaign for a Southern California congressional seat on Friday, a month after it began.

The “Clueless” star said in a statement on her website that she believed the bitterness in politics and the rigors of campaigning and holding office would be detrimental to her family.

Dash, a Republican, faced long odds in the heavily Democratic 44th District, which includes parts of Los Angeles, the city of Compton and other communities running south of downtown L.A.

Republicans account for only about 10 percent of the voters in the district, which Hillary Clinton won in 2016. Dash lamented a political system that “offers people on the lower end of the economic spectrum little more than symbolic gestures.”

Dash co-starred in the 1995 Oscar-nominated film comedy film “Clueless.” She worked as an on-air contributor at Fox News until 2016.
Civil Rights Leaders Remember

Martin Luther King, Jr. on 50th Anniversary

By Stacy M. Brown | (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

On April 3, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his prophetic but inspirational “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop,” speech at the historic Masonic Temple in Memphis, Tennessee.

One day later, the famous civil rights champion was assassinated.

While pundit James Earl Ray’s bullet silenced the legendary leader, his legacy continues to live on through contemporaries who carried on his movement.

“In challenging political moments like this one, it can be tempting to give into despair, which makes it all the more critical for our communities to remember our powerful legacy and draw inspiration from leaders like Dr. King, especially now on his 50th anniversary of his assassination,” Rashad Robinson said.

Robinson added that today, civil rights groups work to elect district attorneys around the country that are accountable to the community they represent and focused on ending mass incarceration.

“From the classroom to the ballot box to corporate boardrooms and corporate buildings, King’s work to build power and change the rules is the legacy we honor as we create a new generation movement to make justice real,” Robinson said.

The NAACP is honoring King with a series of special events in Memphis.

“As we join our spirit of activism with so many in Memphis for [a] march and rally, our overarching goals to lift up Dr. King’s legacy of active participation in our democracy,” NAACP President Derrick Johnson said in a statement.

“Joining by organizations like AFSCME, CDGC and a host of workers’ rights leaders, the NAACP will commemorate King during three-day event beginning Monday, April 2 in Memphis.”

“The NAACP is proud that through the calendar of activities drawn from the striking sanitation workers’ iconic slogan, ‘I Am a Man,’ we’ll be able to connect the movement of the past with today’s youth and movements for social change, while symbolically passing the mantle, and strengthening and energizing our Youth and College Division Leadership,” Johnson said.

Meanwhile, Jackson who stood on that Lorraine Motel balcony in Memphis the day before the assassination said King’s death redefined America.

“On this anniversary…it always hurts. He was 39-years-old, he was hated by our government, attacked by our government, media, shot, killed in cold blood,” Jackson said.

The Rainbow PUSH leader and one-time aide to King recalled the “Mountaintop” speech in which King declared that, “Like anybody, I would like to live a long life…longevity has its place. But, I’m not concerned about that now…”

Jackson said that some people thought that King was anticipating his death the next day.

“He had just come from a plane which had been emptied, because of the threat of the plane being hit by a terrorist attack,” Jackson said.

Jackson continued: “He was aware, but he felt that a coward dies a thousand times before his death, but the valiant taste of death but once. He refused to be afraid because of the risk of ambush and sabotage. He refused to stop what he was doing out of fear because he did it out of courage.”

Dr. Bernice A. King, the Director of the Race and Social Policy Research Center within the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech University who met King during the Montgomery Bus Boycott and joined him on the historic 1963 March on Washington, said in a news release that there remain many myths about King.

“Many years ago, he would answer people who would say…Rev. King we can’t legislate morality and he would say we ‘are not asking for the government to make my neighbor love me, we are asking the government to keep my neighbor from killing me,’” Reed said.

“So, King was dealing with real issues not the symbolic stuff that people talk about today.”

In a tweet, Valerie Jarrett who served as senior adviser to former President Barack Obama, wrote about King’s final speech and what it means to those who follow in his footsteps.

“Those who fight for social justice today stand on the shoulders of many, including Martin Luther King Jr.,” Jarrett said. “I hope King’s last speech will give you strength for the hard journey ahead.”

King’s daughter, Bernice A. King, tweeted that her father was a non-violent practitioner, a social change strategist and a courageous speaker of truth to power.

King’s tweet about her father continued: “And, when the truth he was speaking plus the work he was doing regarding economic justice, racism, war and poverty became too much for those in power to bear…#MLK50Forward #MLK.”


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