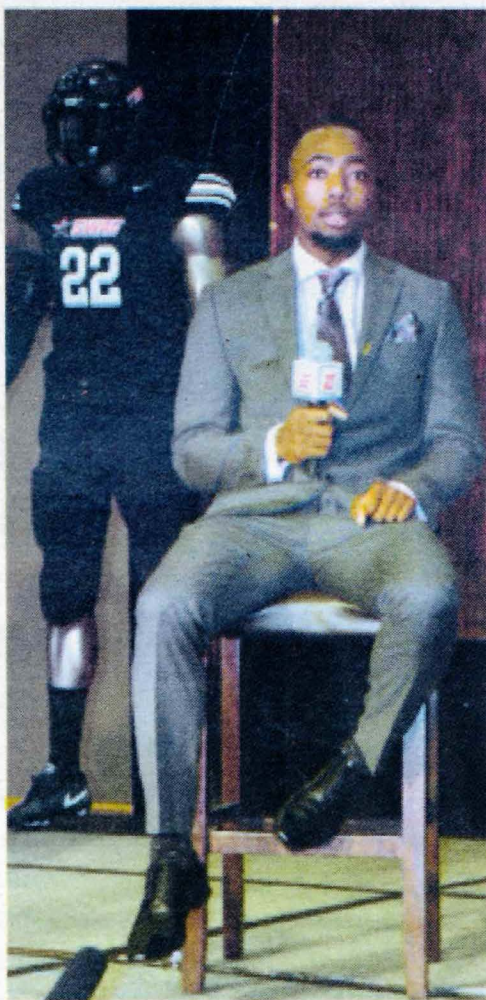


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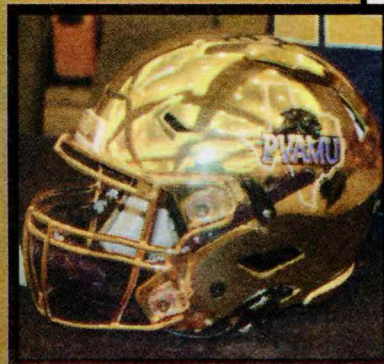
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Prairie View A&M University Head Football Coach, Bubba McDowell

conducts an interview on ESPN at the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Media Day in Birmingham, Alabama. Coach Bub was joined on set by star athletes, Redshirt Senior Signal Caller, Trazon Connley, a Quarterback from Dallas, Texas and the Junior Linebacker from Fort Worth, Texas, Tre'Vion Green.



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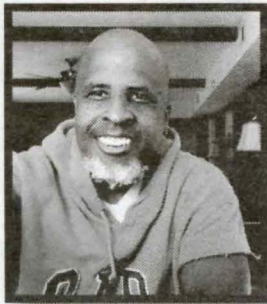


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We Lost a Legend and Gained an Angel

Our community lost a true academic legend this past month when we said goodbye to Mary Ragston. When I first started publishing in 1989, we featured her. I remember comparing her to the character in "Lean in Me". She was tough as nails and yet so gentle with her students.



Dewayne Charleston, Publisher

Ms. Ragston, a Hempstead native and graduate of Sam Schwartz High School is largely responsible for the many brilliant and successful

graduates of Hempstead ISD.

She was the first Black teacher at the district upon integration and she told me that she always preferred classroom instruction to administration. RIP Mary Ragston.

As I re-read our article on Ragston, it occurred to me that I have been publishing and printing in Waller County for over 30 years. I am as excited about this small business now as I ever was.

With that said, I'd like to thank the advertisers who stand with me and the local press - even more so, the "free black press".

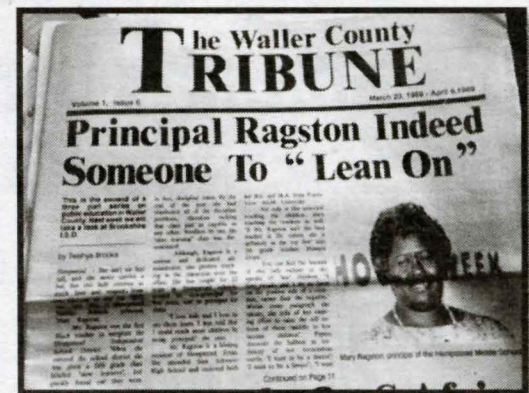
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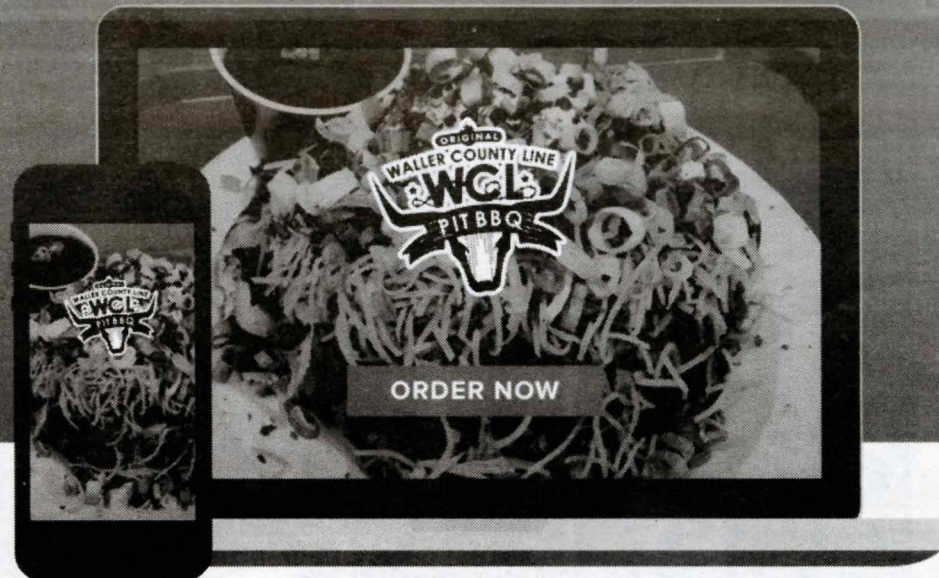
I have dedicated much of my life to the free press in Waller County. I hope that you will start and continue to support what is good for our community.

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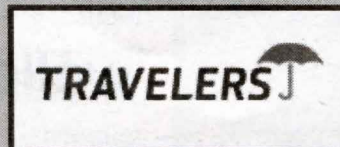
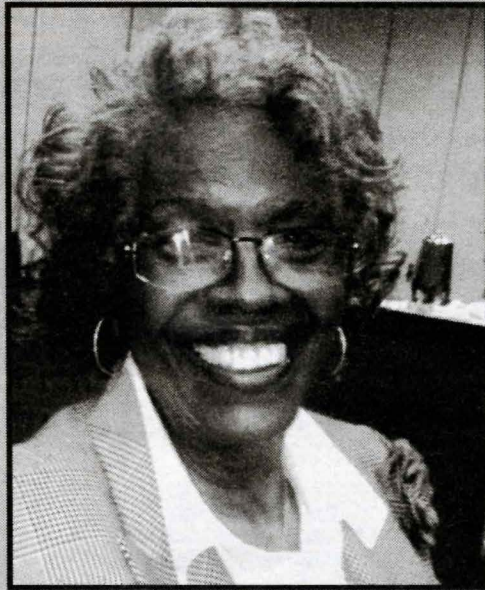
Community Leader of the Month Bernice Webster

Everyone in Waller County knows the real gem of the Webster family is not Jacque, Travis, Senora or even "Travis Scott" but rather the great-grandmother and nonagenarian, Bernice Webster.

For several decades she taught at Prairie View A&M University and lead in a variety of civic organizations. These days, as in year's past she can be seen at the entrance of her neighborhood, Alta Vista.

Webster is not only determined to keep her community looking good, but

herself as well. She's doing a great job at both. Bernice Webster is our Community Leader of the Month.



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Prairie View Federal Credit Union Merges with Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union

In early 2022, Prairie View Federal Credit Union (PVFCU) and Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union (CFFCU) entered into a merger agreement. Effective March 1, 2022, Prairie View FCU became its own division within the Cy-Fair FCU organization, allowing the credit union to continue to operate under the Prairie View name and maintain its unique characteristics.

"It was very important to the leadership of both credit unions to preserve the history and community connection that Prairie View FCU has cultivated over its 85 years of operation," said

C a m e r o n Dickey, President/CEO of Cy-Fair FCU. "Too many credit union stories have disappeared over the last 20 years through credit union mergers. With this unique agreement, we intend to continue the story of Prairie View FCU and the role it plays in enriching the Prairie View community."

This partnership is an exciting new chapter in the legacy of the Prairie View community. Members of Prairie View FCU will continue to enjoy hospitality service, and now with the added resources of Cy-Fair FCU, the Prairie View community will have access to a wider array of financial products, services, modern technology, and conveniences from a local provider within the city. Some of the new features include 24/7 account access through modernized online & mobile banking with state-of-the-art encryption technology, the ability to remotely deposit checks with the use of a mobile device camera, mobile pay, account alerts, money management tools, credit monitoring, contactless and chip-enabled debit cards with the latest security features,

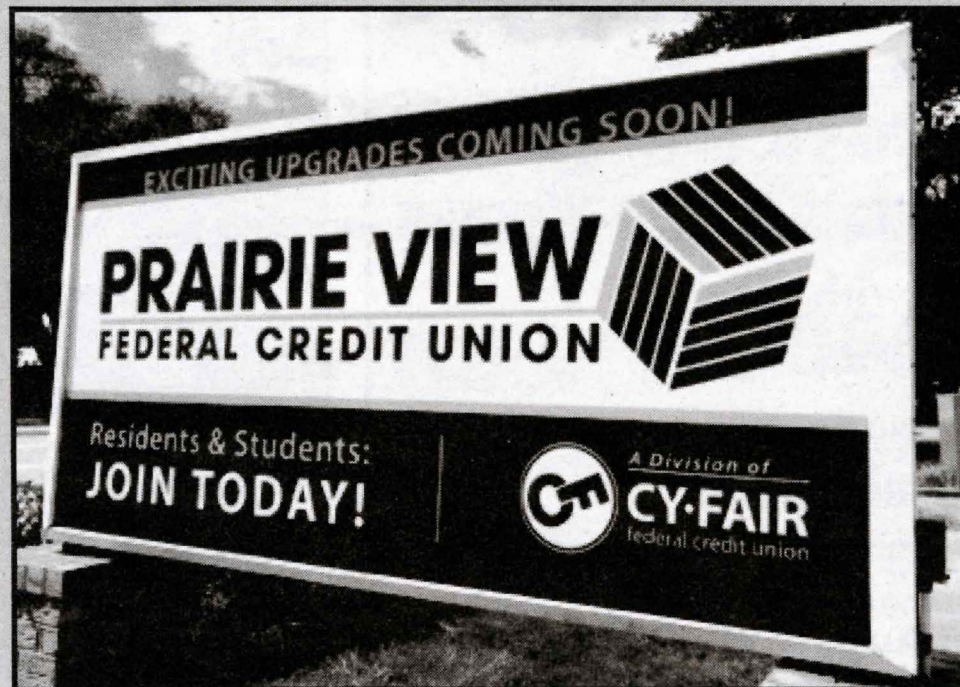
face-to-face video banking using a mobile device, and more.

Once the full data integration of the two credit unions is complete, Prairie View FCU members will be able to use both PVFCU and CFFCU locations, as well as shared branching locations and network ATMs across the nation. Regarding the current PVFCU branch location, plans are in the development phase to modernize the current facilities with enhancements that will deliver a more convenient and secure experience for members. The current drive thru ATM at the Prairie View location will also be upgraded with a unit that provides the

ability to make deposits or transfer funds at any hour, as well as face-to-face video interaction with representatives during business hours. These facility upgrades are expected to begin in the latter portion of this year.

The matching of these two credit unions was ideal as both share similar values in supporting their local communities, and also have a history interwoven with education. The partnership provides

greater financial stability for Prairie View FCU and modernizes the credit union in a way necessary for PVFCU to maintain relevance in a quickly evolving financial industry, ensuring the credit union can continue to serve the community's financial needs. With this merger, membership eligibility has been expanded for Prairie View FCU and Cy-Fair FCU. Anyone who lives or works either in Prairie View, Waller County, or Harris County may now join and enjoy the benefits of both financial institutions. Prairie View FCU and Cy-Fair FCU are both federally insured by the NCUA.



1 Thessalonians: 5: 12-13 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

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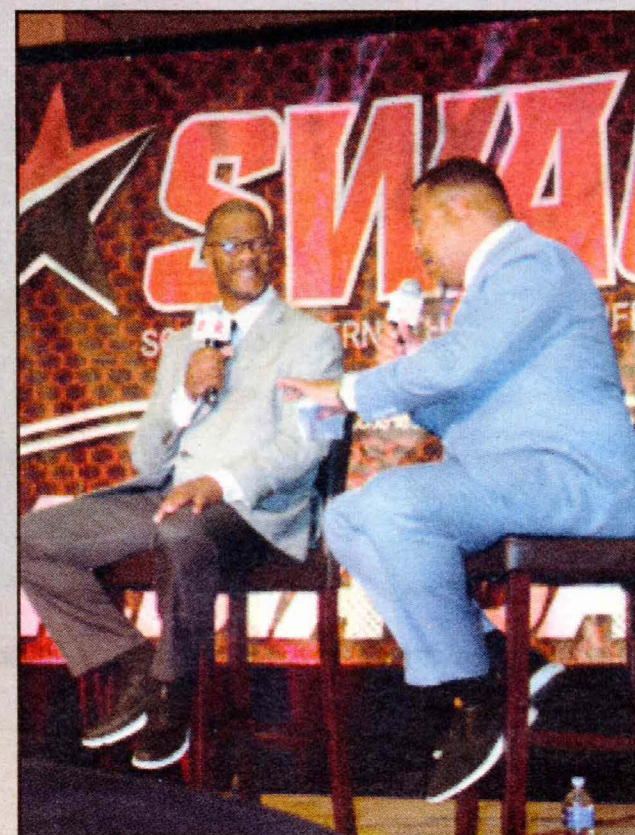
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Above: PVAMU players, Connley and Green join Coach Bubba McDowell on an ESPN set with broadcasters Tiffany Green and Jay Walker. **Left:** The three pose with the metallic gold Panther headgear.

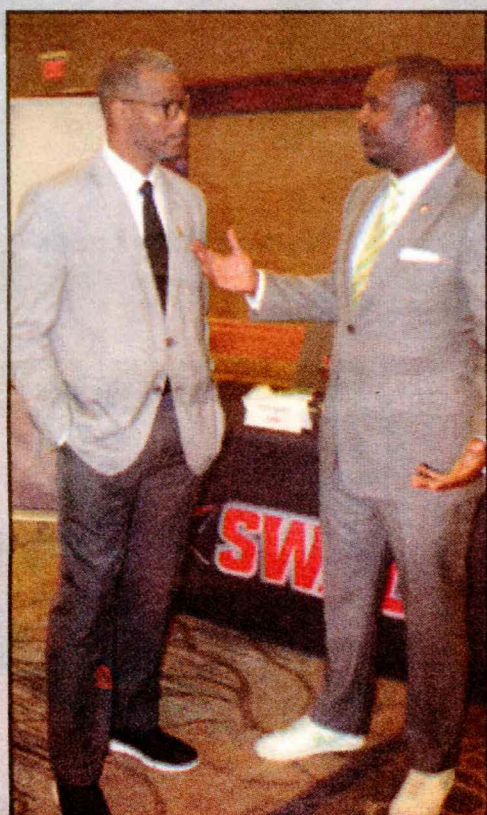


Below: The former NFL All-Pro, McDowell and the veteran broadcaster Brown, chop it up!



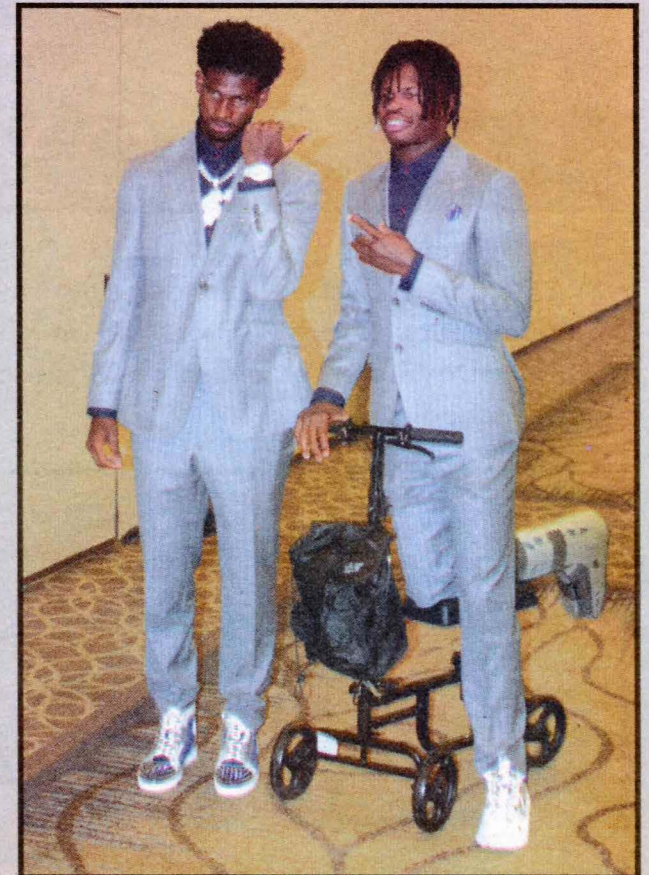
Far Left: Coach McDowell enjoys a light moment in Birmingham with former PVAMU head coach and current FAMU head coach Willie Simmons.

Center Left: Coach McDowell with PVAMU Alum and former PVAMU Athletic Director, current SWAC Commisioner Dr. Charles McClellen

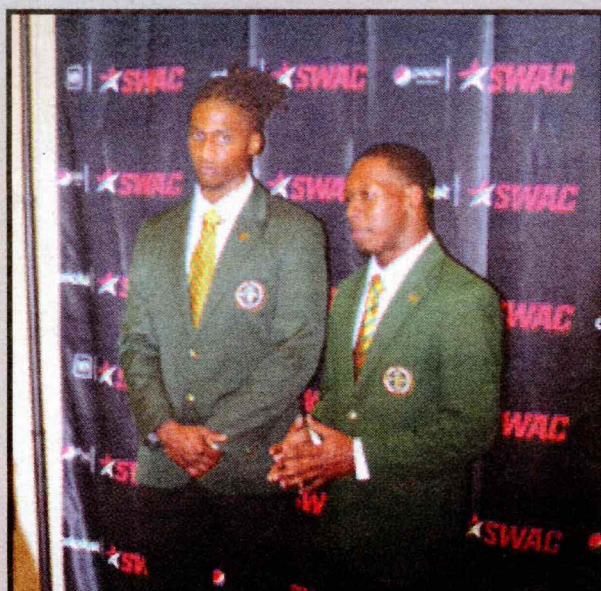




At what many claimed to be the best SWAC media day yet, Jackson State University was PRIME TIME! ESPN Commentators Tiffany Green and Jay Walker interviewed all 12 teams with coaches and players on a live national broadcast from Birmingham, Alabama.



Jackson State SWAC Freshman of the Year, QB Sheduer Sanders, and five star recruit Cornerback Travis Hunter, sport matching grey suits as they prepare defense of their 2021 SWAC football title.



Top Left: Grambling State standouts, Linebacker Joshua Reed and O-Lineman Tyler Thomas wore customized G-Man suits and Twitter lit up about it!

Above: Bethune-Cookman's 6'5 Tight End Kahlil Overton expressed his desire to play on Sundays and at PVAMU's Homecoming in October.

Left: FAMU players take questions on their marquee matchup with Jackson State.



Jackson State Head Football Coach, Deion Sanders joins his school's Athletic Director, Ashley Robinson (former AD at PVAMU) on the set of Roland Martin Unlimited. The among the topics, the three discussed the resurgence of Jackson State athletics. Coach Prime called on HBCU alumni to do more than the historical mark of 11% who give back to their schools. Days later, he called on Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves to help on "consistently late refund checks to student sat his school.

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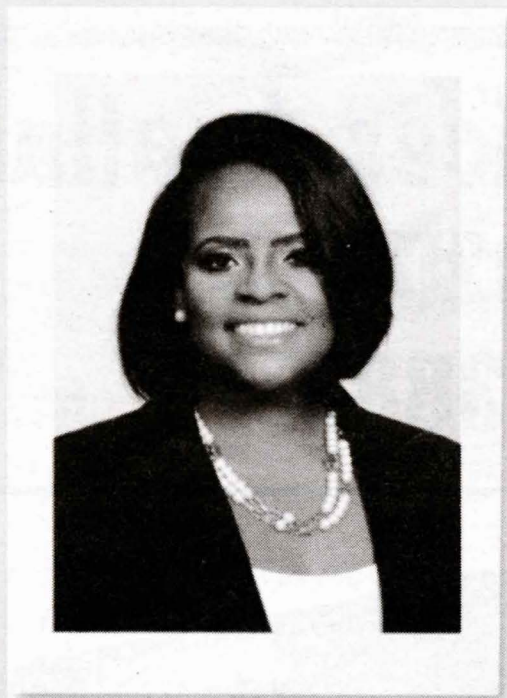


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Supt. O'Neil to take Feedback

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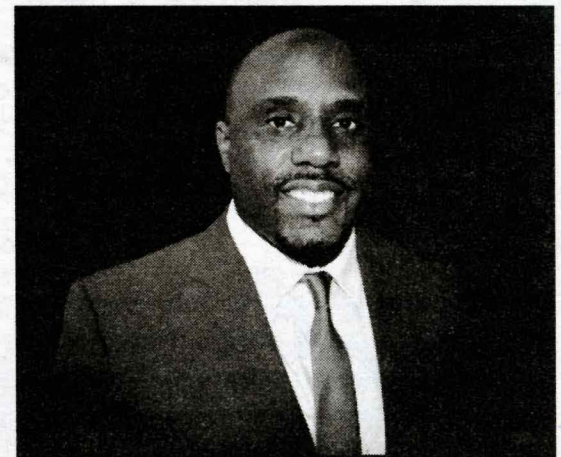
Please join Hempstead ISD Superintendent, Herbert O'Neil, for the You Talk, I Listen community feedback and engagement session from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2022.

The purpose of the You Talk, I Listen series is to hear from the community, connect with families and staff, and make meaningful change for Hempstead ISD students. This will be the second session of the You Talk, I Listen series. Those who were unable to attend the first session are encouraged to sign up for the evening session.

As the District works to reimagine

Hempstead ISD and plan for the upcoming school year, parents/guardians and community members will have an opportunity to provide feedback through collaborative activities during the session. Childcare will be available for children ages 3 and up. The event will be held in the Hempstead ISD Board Room, 1440 13th St.

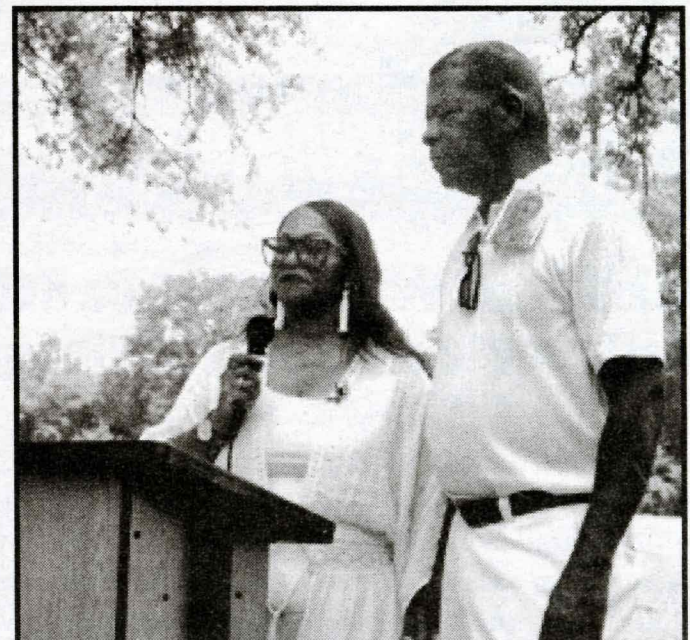
There will be additional opportunities to participate in the You Talk, I Listen series throughout the school year. Those who want to attend can register for the event online. Don't miss out.



Hempstead Spt. Herbert O'Neil



Above: Rev. Robert Poole (right) and Rev. Fletcher Williams (left) are pictured with Channel ABC13 news reporter Erica Simon. The long time farmers and pastors in our community, shared with Houston area viewers the many complications farmers are now facing during this historic hot summer. But as we all know, being veteran descendants of the "14 Families of Prairie View", a little drought like this aint nothing!



Above: Descendants Dr. Eve Wallace and Booker T. Manual offer libation to the Wyatt Chapel ancestors the 2022 Juneteenth Ceremony. Below the organization thanks the public.

"We must go back and reclaim our past so we can move forward - So we understand WHY and HOW we came to be who we are today."

-unknown author

The Wyatt Chapel Descendants Association would like to thank those that attended the Juneteenth Homecoming Ceremony on the grounds of the Wyatt Chapel Community Cemetery on June 15th.

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What it represents – The pin and the ceremony represents a deep connection to the university and the graduates life time commitment to using the tools

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The Pin is a 1" diameter die struck custom antique brass lapel pin. It is an exclusive item and cannot be ordered outside the program. It is not distributed outside the ceremony, meaning, in order to receive the pin, you must attend the pinning services and take the oath. The Alumni pin should be worn on the left at commencement and at alumni events.

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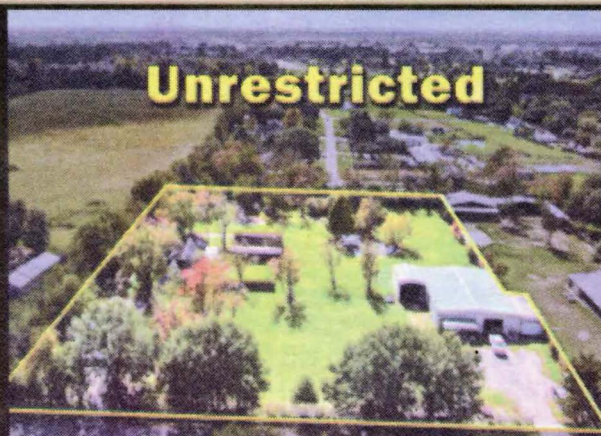
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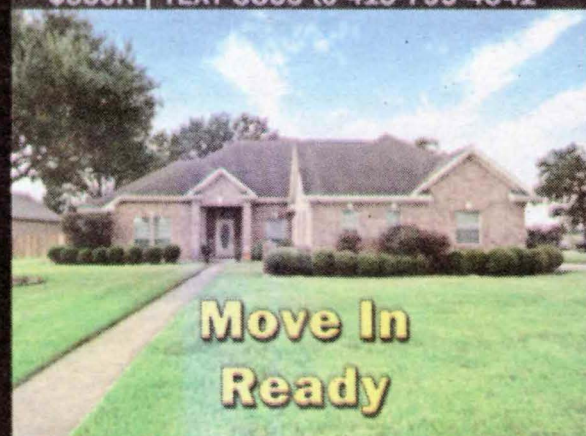
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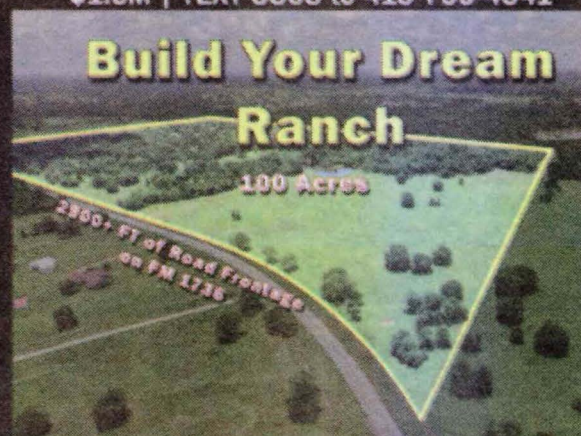
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