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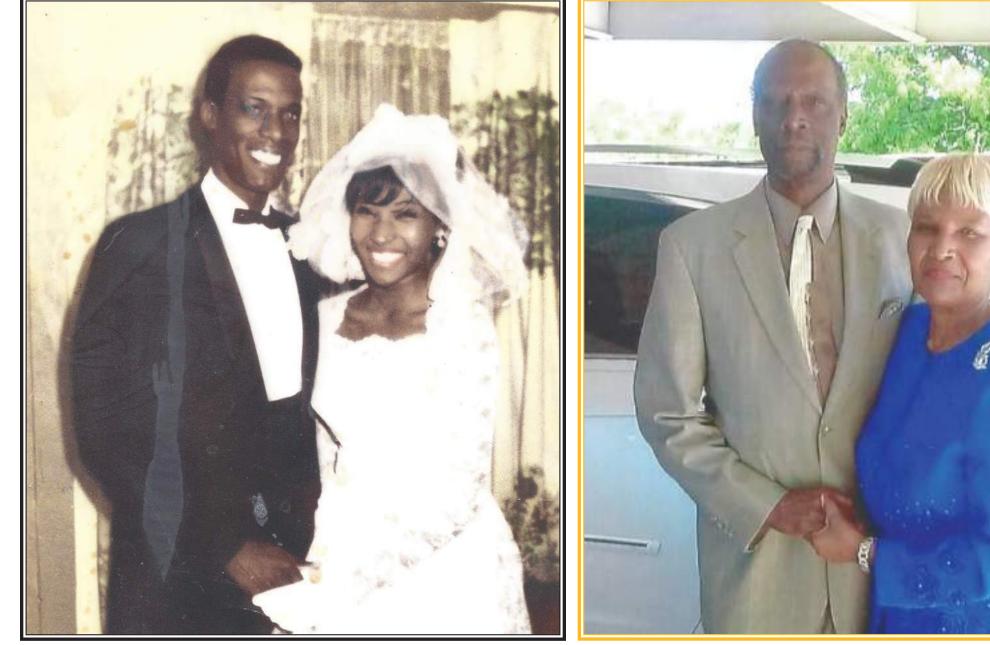
- Maya Angelou



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Ed and Eva White Celebrated 50 years of Marriage on February 15, 2019



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Ed and Eva White were married on February 15, 1969, in Dallas, Texas where they still reside.

To this union God blessed them with four children; Robert, Reo, LaShon, and Edgar T. Eight grandchildren; David Jr., Adriana, Chantel, Kaylen, Reo III, Ethan, Larina, and Carmela. They are faithful members of Mountain View Church of Christ where they served on different ministries for many years.

After the Rediscovery of a 19th-Century Novel, our View of Black Female Writers is Transformed

By Gretchen Gerzina – The Conversation Professor of English, University of Massachusetts Amherst



Farro's was one of 58 books by female writers featured at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. Boston Public Library/flickr, CC BY

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

An unexpected subject matter?

The reason for "True Love's" disappearance might be simple: It takes place in England, a place Farro probably never visited, and all of its characters are white.

black women's literary clubs, which catered to mostly middle-class



British novelist William Makepeace Thackeray. (Wikimedia Commons)

members and aspirants, primarily read prominent white English and American authors, in addition to black political writers. It was natural, then, that when Farro took up her pen she emulated her stated novelists: Charles favorite Dickens, William Makepeace Thackeray and Oliver Wendell Holmes – writers of popular fiction admired by black and white readers alike.

Had Farro's role models been black female authors who had written novels about black

women, she may have crafted a different kind of novel.

Today we assume that early African-American writers inevitably wrote about race, that 19th-century writers necessarily referred to experiences of slavery and struggle and that their access to literacy - let alone the Victorian literary canon - must have been limited. Finding Farro's novel changes that. Because we didn't realize that authors like Farro existed, we had limited our perspective on their work.

As McHenry writes, "the danger of privileging [slave narratives] As literary scholar Elizabeth McHenry has shown, 19th-century is that we risk overlooking the many other forms of literary production that coexisted alongside [them]."

We have much to learn about what black women read, what they wrote, and for whom. In this case, it seems that many of Farro's readers must have been white women. The significance of not writing about race

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Ironically, though Farro was first celebrated and brought to public attention precisely because of her race, she doesn't fit the mold of familiar early African-American writers. Nor is she similar to those who have been revived and "rediscovered." Perhaps the aforementioned Brown, Webb and Wilson were noticed and celebrated not just because of their race, but because they all wrote about race.

Farro's novel, on the other hand, is a domestic romance that tends toward melodrama. Although she explicitly sets it in England, she also betrays her unfamiliarity with that country. For instance, she gives British incomes in dollars and mentions that a character wants his wedding to take place before Thanksgiving. Nonetheless, a Chicago publisher saw fit to bring out her book.

Sarah E. Farro's rediscovered novel tells us that black women of her time read, discussed and emulated the works of people who were not like them. Farro lived in the North through the end of slavery, preceded the Great Migration, published a novel as an American Victorian and lived through - and past - the Harlem Renaissance.

Surely those writers owe her a debt of gratitude, just as we have an obligation to bring her back into the fold of African-American and women novelists and to think about how these discoveries change our views of the African-American experience.





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HISTORY IN MOTION

Dr. Helen Jackson: 1928-2019 Architect of Style Influence Education



My Day

By Dr. J. Ester Davis

Around the 1980's Southern Dallas African Americans had a treasured group of citizens who I affectionately called the 'Board of Governors' or 'Community Royalty'. Actually, there were three poignant groups. Bill Blair's Rountable, Theodore Lee's Generals and Robert Price's South Dallas Café All Stars. Let me not forget the Regular Fellows , who gave the most awesome parties on their property. These masterminds gave free solicited and unsolicited advice, met with all candidates, welcomed new comers to Dallas. All three were separate, brilliant and culturally diversed. The birth of the Lace Glove Modeling & Etiquette Program was started with a conversation with Julia Jordan, who was a devoted Link, Inc., former President. She and Bill Blair were great buddies dating back to Dr. Jordan's house calling days. So this novice idea went from Julia Jordan to Bill Blair who had boundless admiration for Helen Jackson. He was the self appointed "**President of the Helen Jackson Fan Club**". He regularly spoke to his peers and constituency about Helen Jackson, her education, all her children's high academic status and their chosen fields of study, employment and progress. **Sidebar: Helen Jackson** had eight(8)children all with degrees and beyond. An amazing feat.

We started the Lace Glove Modeling and Etiquette Program at my church, Greater New Zion Baptist Church in South Dallas. The program grew rapidly from the church to Ann Taylor Gallery to Red Bird Mall. We had lots of professional help, models from the Apparel Mart, Mary Kay consultants, the full nourishment of the community. The second person I met with was **Fred Jones, a male model** about mentoring young men. Everything worked like a finely tuned well-oiled vintage grandfather time clock.

Getting Helen Jackson's attention was easy. Ruth Carter was a member of my church and her sister, Helen Jackson was a regular visitor. These two sisters were profound fashion aficionados, well dressed, full of grace, confidence, positivity and blessed assurance. Ruth was a full time volunteer fixture at St. Phillips School in South Dallas, her neighborhood. Helen was not only a "full time cheerleader for eight children", but I think a college professor at the time. She was no non-sense, direct and later on 'witty'. The part that won her over was . . . it is not a modeling program... "it is a self esteem centered program with etiquette, manners, protocol", (. . . even though some of our girls did rise in the 90's to \$600.00 a day modeling assignments). Helen told me something one busy day that I never forgot. For years, I did not understand it, but it stuck in my mind. **"You do with ease what others do with effort".**

Helen Jackson was timeless and tireless. I could not believe all the things she handled with such efficiency defying all logic. Her combination of poise, wit and intelligence was matchless. She was a master of appearances, cool and organized. Both sisters, circumstances out of their control, well beyond their reproductive years, also raised grandchildren. Their energy, polished image and dignified manner never fainted. The grandchildren grew up and joined their first generation of highly educated productive adult children.

Helen Jackson has a distinguished litany of awards and honors. "A lifelong student, she returned to school and earned a Doctorate of Theology at age seventy-five", said her daughter Dr. Astra Sparks. Dr. Karen Hollie is the celebrated pastor/daughter the metroplex is most familiar with. Even in retirement Helen Jackson served as a volunteer and mentor for the City of DeSoto Library, decided to create and fund her own library in her hometown of Hubbard, Texas. She was even presented the prestigious Mabel Chandler Educators Award, the Living Legend Award... on and on. Y'all, I am totally out of time and space.

I have to conclude with this. Ironially enough, as I was finalizing this article I spoke with another young rising star, Dr. Keisha Lankford, at her campaign kickout party on Sunday afternoon about Helen Jackson changing addresses. In conversation she said Helen told her something one day that she did not quite get. I was curious. It was the same thing she told me thirty plus years ago.

What a legacy! Isn't that what architects do? Inspire your mind with their iconic building.

Ester Davis,EDTV, was the USA Delegation Media Host World Summit in Seoul, interviewing with the South Africa Broadcasting Corp (SABC) and Several other countries.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Young Musicians' Showcase

The Dallas Metroplex Musicians' Association (DMMA) invites you to attend our annual Young Musicians' Showcase. The performers are 9th through 12th grade students who attend schools in the Dallas Metroplex area. Earlier this year, they performed for judges and earned medals, ribbons, and other accolades in local, region, and state competitions. These young musicians excel in voice, instrumental, and in piano performance. This is our opportunity to applaud and encourage their accomplishments and musical pursuits.

WHEN : Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 3:00 PM Doors Open at 2:30 PM WHERE: Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy 3030 Stag Road Dallas, Texas 75241

"A Survey of the Book of Romans" Romans 9:14-33 The Sovereignty of God in Relation to the Believer

The Apostle Paul begins the next section of Romans chapter 9 with regard to the sovereignty of God by raising this most poignant question – "What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid? This matter of questioning the justice of God was raised in relation to God's choosing of Isaac over Ishmael, and Jacob over Esau. There can ever be any injustice in God! And Paul immediately responds to the question by saying – "Perish the thought!" (v.14). In relation to God's sovereign decision, nobody can question Him, for verse 15 says: "For He saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion" (v. 15). As the sovereign God, He has the authority or right to show mercy to whomever He chooses! As the ruler of this vast universe, God extends His mercy on the basis of who He is, not on any merit of man (v. 16). The marvelous sovereign work of God was demonstrated in history as God dealt with Pharoah in the release of Israel from Egyptian slavery. Through Israel's mighty release from slavery, God's power and awesome name was evident (v. 17). Through God's sovereign power, Pharoah, although exhibiting a stubborn will, released the children of Israel (v. 18).

In verses 19-20, man, who was made from the dust of the earth cannot adequately affront the mystery and majesty of God's sovereignty. The Potter, the Lord, can use the clay, man, as He wills. In His mercy, He can make a vessel to honor or dishonor (v. 21). Although God is sovereign, He deals in patience and mercy with vessels of wrath (vs. 22-24). God's mercy is constantly being extended to those ripe for judgment!

Quoting from two Old Testament passages in verses 25-26, namely Hosea 2:23 and Hosea 1:10, the prophet Hosea predicted that God will restore the nation of Israel as His beloved people. In verse 26, Gentiles on earth who believe will be saved also. In our day, the believing remnant is made up of both Jews and Gentiles called the church. However, Israel of the Old Testament is not the church.

Again, quoting from an Old Testament passage in verses 27-28, the prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 10:22-23 cried in anguish as he predicted that during the Great Tribulation Period, a remnant of Israel will be saved. In God's mercy He will always save a remnant! Also, quoting from Isaiah 1:9, the great prophet predicted that God in His sovereign choice will preserve and save a remnant. Those prophecies have partially been fulfilled in the captivity and exile of both Israel and Judah and in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. However, the ultimate fulfillment of these verses will take place during the Great Tribulation Period. Again in verse 29, what a marvelous verse Paul quotes from Isaiah 1:9.

The great remnant that believed would have been like Sodom and Gomorrah in their ruin of sin had not God intervened in His mercy to save them! In verses 30-33, a remnant of Gentiles attained righteousness by faith; whereas, Israel was trying to produce righteousness through the Mosaic system. Quoting from Isaiah 8:14 and 28:16, the prophet Isaiah predicted that Israel would stumble over the stumbling stone, Jesus Christ. Because Christ did not meet their expectations, the Jews rejected Him and did not respond to Him by faith!

May God Bless

BE KIND! Never speak harsh words. Be kind and gentle with your tongue. For it has been said that the tongue can be like a sword. Think long before you criticize your neighbor. Your tongue can be nasty. Living is one of the most beautiful things in the world. But the tongue can kill!

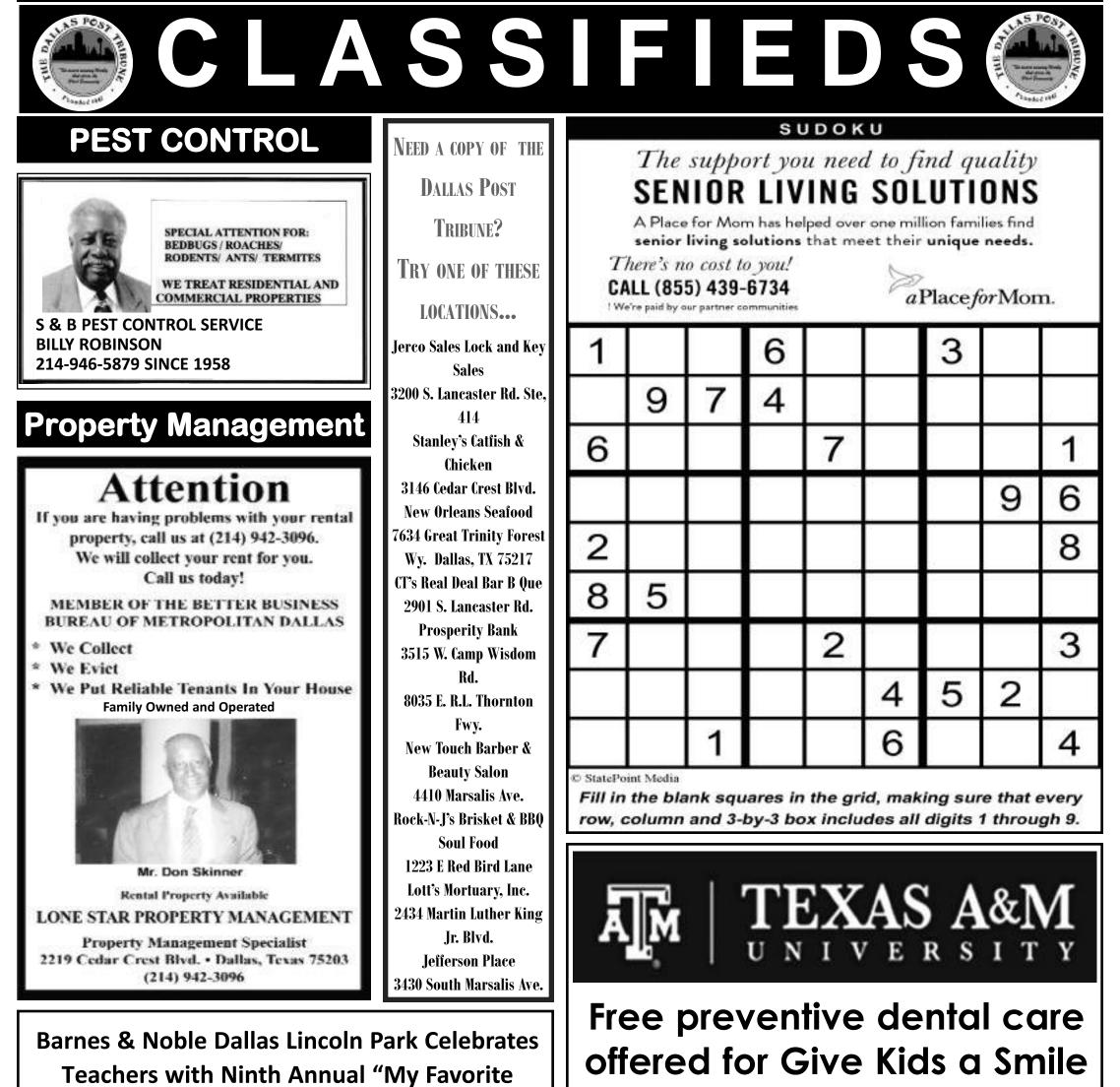
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DALLAS — February 20, 2019— As part of the national "Give Kids A Smile" initiative,

Teacher Contest"

High School Students Can Nominate Their Favorite K-12 Teachers for the "Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year" Award National Winner and Their School to Split \$10,000 in Cash Prizes

February 14, 2019 – Barnes & Noble today announced the launch of the 2019 "Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest," which provides high school students with the opportunity to share their appreciation for their teachers with their local communities. Now in its ninth year, the contest is launching on Valentine's Day to give students the opportunity to show love and appreciation to their teachers.

High school students can nominate K-12 teachers starting today, through March 14, 2019, by writing essays, poems or thank-you letters detailing how much their teachers have impacted their lives and why they appreciate them.* Entries will be collected online only at www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher, and will be judged on the compelling nature of the teacher's inspiring qualities, the sincerity of the student's appreciation and the quality of expression and writing. Only high school students 14 or older at the time of entry and active teachers employed by elementary, middle or high schools in the United States are eligible to win.

The "Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year" will receive \$5,000, and their school will receive an additional \$5,000. The award recipient will also be recognized at a special community celebration at their local Barnes & Noble store. The student who writes the national winning essay, poem or thank-you letter will win a \$100 Barnes & Noble Gift Card.

Last year's winner, Lem Andrews, a post-secondary advisor from Booker High School in Sarasota, FL, who was nominated by former student Ellen Bausback, had this to say about winning: "It's truly an honor to be recognized by Barnes & Noble as Teacher of the Year. Out of the hundreds of students you work with, to have one that's inspired enough to write something about you is a reward like no other."

Barnes & Noble displays its appreciation for educators everywhere through Educator Appreciation Days throughout the year that provide educators with special discounts, personalized service, in-store events, bookfairs, store tours for students and teachers and, since 2010, through the My Favorite Teacher Contest.

The Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest submission period begins today and ends on March 14, 2019. High school students who want to participate must submit their entry to www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher by 11:59 PM on March 14.

Customers should visit www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher for complete details and official My Favorite Teacher Contest rules.

The Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to laws related to eligibility to receive prizes. The winner must also comply with their employer's rules, regulations and policies on accepting prizes.

*Entries must be in English and cannot exceed 500 words. See www.bn.com/myfa-voriteteacher for complete details and official rules.

Texas A&M College of Dentistry provided free dental care to local children.

Children between the ages of 1 and 16 received preventive dental treatment including dental screenings, sealants, cleanings and fluoride varnishes. They also received free goodie bags and participate in games and activities throughout the day.

The event, was scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 16, and took place on the second floor pediatric dental clinic from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The dental school is located at 3302 Gaston Ave. in Dallas.

Registration was done by visiting: http://tamcdgivekidsasmile.wixsite.com/2019. Walkins were welcome, but appointments were preferred. For more information, email tamcdgivekidsasmile@gmail.com.

The College of Dentistry's Give Kids a Smile is a one-day dental event that focuses on a fun and positive dental experience for children and teens around the Dallas/Forth Worth area.

Texas A&M College of Dentistry (formerly Baylor College of Dentistry) in Dallas is a part of Texas A&M University and Texas A&M Health Science Center. Founded in 1905, the College of Dentistry is a nationally recognized center for oral health sciences education, research, specialized patient care and continuing dental education. Learn more at dentistryinsider.tamhsc.edu or follow @TAMUdental.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE TONI ROSE FILES LEGISLATION EXEMPTING PERSONS WITH A SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS FROM THE DEATH PENALTY

Austin, TX - State Representative Toni Rose (Dallas) filed legislation to create an exemption to the death penalty for defendants suffering from a severe mental illness at the time of offense.

Medical research shows that individuals with intellectual disabilities and juveniles do not have the same mental capacity as fully-functioning adults and are unable to determine if their actions are morally wrong. The Eighth Amendment prohibits the execution of individuals deemed as "mentally incompetent" yet such protections are not extended to those suffering from a severe mental illness.

Mental illness is a medical impairment that interferes with one's ability to make a choice. Persons suffering from severe mental illness have an impaired ability to control impulses, engage in logical reasoning, or fully comprehend and appropriately respond to the reactions of others.

The United States Supreme Court affirms that the purpose of the death penalty is to punish the criminal and dissuade the criminal act based on the possibility of punishment, yet active symptoms caused by a severe mental illness prevent the individual from understanding that their actions are morally wrong or could be punished. The result is a system that fails to address the relationship between a mentally ill defendant's functional impairment and their ability to understand the implications of their conduct.

"Only after the state of Texas has paid for a death penalty trial, the incarceration of the defendant on death row, and years of appeals do we determine mental competence. Under this bill, Texas will determine competency first, saving tax-payers an estimated \$2.5 million per case," said Representative Rose.

The exemption would occur on a case by case basis and those convicted would be held accountable for their actions, facing life without parole. The National Alliance on Mental Health, Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health, National Association of Social Workers, Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops, and the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health have all issued wide support of the bill, which advanced further in the Texas Legislature than any SMI bill in the country last biennium.

Elected in 2012, Representative Toni Rose represents District 110, which includes parts of Oak Cliff, Pleasant Grove, Balch Springs, and Mesquite. Representative Rose serves on the Appropriations, Calendars, Human Services, and Redistricting Committees.



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OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Former President Barack Obama and Golden State Warriors superstar Stephen Curry told a roomful of minority boys on Tuesday that they matter and urged them to make the world a better place.

Obama was in Oakland, California, to mark the fifth anniversary of My Brother's Keeper, an initiative he launched after the 2012 shooting death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. The death of the African-American teen sparked protests over racial profiling.

The initiative was a call to communities to close opportunity gaps for minority boys, especially African-American, Latino and Native American boys, Obama said to roughly 100 boys attending the alliance's first national gathering. The My Brother's Keeper Alliance is part of the Obama Foundation.

"We had to be able to say to them, 'you matter, we care about you, we believe in you and we are going to make sure that you have the opportunities and chances to move forward just like everybody else'," Obama said.

Obama, who left office in 2017, was joined by basketball star Curry. The men spoke for about an hour, answering questions from the audience and joking around. They talked about lacking confidence or being aimless as teens.

Obama praised single mothers, including his own. He advised the boys to look for a mentor, and to find opportunities to guide others.

Curry joined the former president in praising the value of team-work.

"What we do on the court and the joy that comes out of that is second to none," he said, "because nothing great is done by yourself."

The former president cracked up the audience, and Curry, when asked a question about being a man. He said that being a man is about being a good person, someone who is responsible, reliable, hard-working and compassionate. Being a man, he said, is not about life as portrayed in some rap or hip-hop music.

"If you are very confident about your sexuality, you don't have to have eight women around you twerking," he said to applause. "'Cause I've got one woman who I'm very happy with. And she's a strong woman."

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FRISCO, Texas (AP) — The Cowboys aren't picking up a team option on the final year of Terrance Williams' contract, making the receiver an unrestricted free agent after he spent his first six NFL seasons in Dallas.

The move will create \$2.25 million in salary cap space. Williams had just two catches for 18 yards in a season spent mostly on injured reserve because of complications following offseason surgery for a broken right foot. He also served a three-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

The 29-year-old Williams had career highs of eight touchdown catches in 2014 and 840 yards receiving in 2015. He was the No. 2 receiver behind Dez Bryant most of his career with the Cowboys.

Williams probably would have had a limited role this year after Dallas traded a first-round pick for Amari Cooper during the 2018 season and rookie Michael Gallup showed progress.

DeAndre Jordan, Kyrie Irving, Chris Paul Invest In Plant-Based Food Company Beyond Meat

(AP) - New York Knicks center DeAndre Jordan is one of three current or former NBA All-Stars, including Boston Celtics point guard Kyrie Irving and Houston Rockets point guard Chris Paul, investing in Beyond Meat, a plant-based meat substitute Jordan couldn't stop raving about in an exclusive interview.

"I believe in the product and it's something that I really do care about," Jordan said, "and hopefully it'll be a company that other people care about in the future."

Jordan, Irving and Paul join a growing group of investors for Beyond Meat, which has raised \$122 million so far, according to CrunchBase, and could soon be looking to go public.

Over the last several years, Jordan's dabbled in cutting red meat out of his diet during the summer. He went pescatarian one summer before going full vegetarian for two straight summers. At that point, Jordan thought "I should be able to do this for an entire season."

Now Jordan is putting his money where his mouth is, though he and Beyond Meat declined to disclose the amount he's investing or whether he's receiving an equity stake in the company.

Jordan is far from the only NBA player who's experimented with cutting red meat. A 2017 Bleacher Report article profiled Kyrie Irving's vegan diet and also mentioned fellow players including Damian Lillard, Wilson Chandler and Enes Kanter who have all gone either vegetarian or vegan. In fact, after the B/R article came out, Beyond Meat reached out and sent Irving some of its product.



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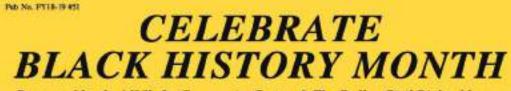
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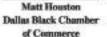
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- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, along with the Dallas Civil Rights Museum, will host a panel discussion entitled "Rediscovering Lost Values" on Thursday, February 28, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the MLK, Jr. Community Center (2922 MLK Boulevard, Bldg. A). This year's theme was taken from a speech Dr. King delivered in Detroit in 1954.

Panelists include Matt Houston, President of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce; Rev. L. Robin Murray, Assistant Minister of Children's Ministry at Joy Tabernacle AME Church; and Dale Long, member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Big Brothers Big Sisters National Partnership Chairman. The moderator is Norma Adams Wade, Journalist from the Dallas Morning News. There will also be a special presentation by Millicent Rone, President of the American Airlines African American Diversity Network.

"We hope attendees will be inspired by our presenters to continue to move Dr. King's dream forward through action, on a sustained basis," says Emma Rodgers, curator of the Dallas Civil Rights Museum.

The Dallas Civil Rights Museum will also be open for tours and information. This event is free and open to the public.

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I am confident that I can achieve my every goal.

I am becoming all that I can be

I am the Black Child, I am a Child of God

Mychal Wynn