

The theme for Black History month this year is; "African Americans and the Vote". 2020 is an important general election year and is also a landmark year for voting rights. 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870), which gave the right of black men to vote following the Civil War.



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What everyone should know about Reconstruction 150 years after the 15th Amendment's ratification (part 1)

By Tiffany Mitchell Patterson
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I'll never forget a student's response when I asked during a middle school social studies class what they knew about black history: "Martin Luther King freed the slaves."

Martin Luther King Jr. was born in 1929, more than six decades after the time of enslavement. To me, this comment underscored how closely Americans associate black history with slavery.

While shocked, I knew this mistaken belief reflected the lack of time, depth and breadth schools devote to. Most students get limited information and context about what African Americans have experienced since our ancestors arrived here. Without independent study, most adults aren't up to speed either.

For instance, what do you know about?

I'm excited about new resources for teaching children, and everyone else, more about the history of slavery through The New York Times' "But

based on my experience teaching social studies and my current work, I also consider understanding what happened during the Reconstruction essential for exploring black power, resilience and excellence.

During that complex period after the Civil War, African Americans gained political power yet faced the backlash of white supremacy and racial violence. I share the concerns many about the about Reconstruction in school. Here are for educators

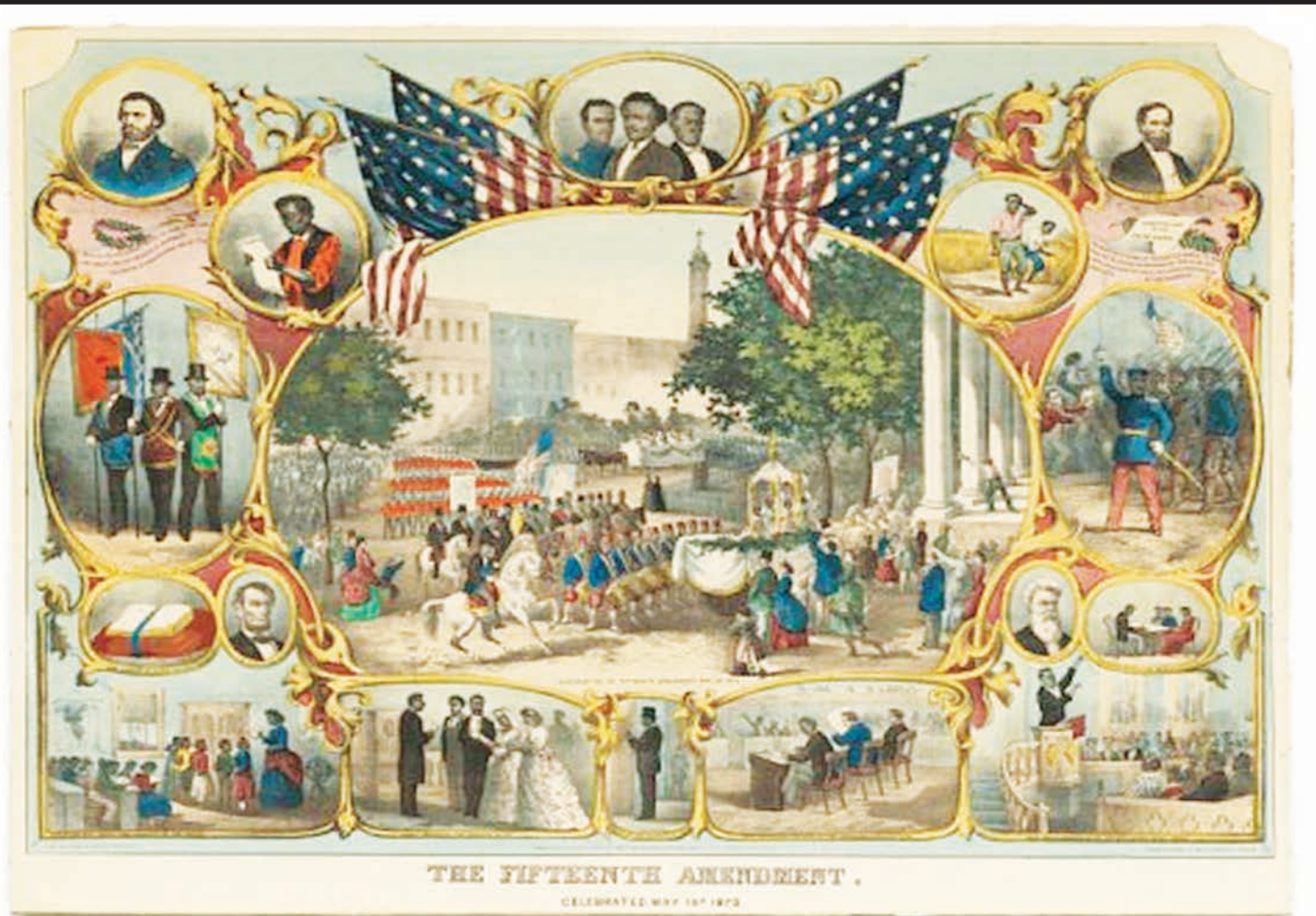
and others interested in about that. Reconstruction amendments As most students do learn, the U.S. gained three constitutional amendments that extended civil and political rights to newly freed African Americans following the Civil War.

The 13th Amendment, ratified in 1865, banned slavery and involuntary servitude except for the punishment of a crime. The 14th Amendment, ratified three years later, granted citizenship and equal protection under the law to all people born in the United States, as well as naturalized citizens – including all previously enslaved individuals.

Then, the 15th Amendment asserted that neither the federal government nor state governments could deny voting rights to any male citizen.

The year 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 15th Amendment on July 13, 1870. The anniversary is a good opportunity to learn about how the amendment was supposed to guarantee that the right to vote could not be denied based on "race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

To be continued next week...



African Americans celebrated the 15th Amendment's ratification. Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner endorses Royce West in Race for U.S. Senate



HOUSTON—Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner on Tuesday announced his endorsement of Texas Senator Royce West (D-Dallas), in West's Democratic Primary race for the United States Senate.

"Royce West is my choice for United States Senate because his 26 years of experience in the Texas Senate building coalitions to get things done for Texans is exactly what we need in the U.S. Senate during these trying times for our state and our nation," said Mayor Turner.

Turner, a former longtime member of the Texas Legislature and the mayor of America's fourth most populous city, said Houston needs an ally in the United States Senate who will champion issues Houston voters care about.

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Pelosi Rips Up Trump's Speech. Right there on the podium.



WASHINGTON (AP) — And then she tore up the speech.

No sooner had President Donald Trump finished his State of the Union address than House Speaker Pelosi ripped the paper it was printed on in two.

Right there, on camera, behind Trump's back. As he stepped down, she ripped again. Then a third time. And a fourth. If Trump knew about the American carnage going on behind him, he didn't react as he left. But Pelosi was on her turf, with a deep understanding of her audience — and she wasn't finished. In case any confusion remained, Pelosi held up what remained of the address to her family in the gallery, in full view of reporters.

"It was a manifesto of mistruths," Pelosi told reporters as she left the Capitol. The ripping was not planned, according to a person close to the speaker who was unauthorized to speak publicly.

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ment and his faith in my ability to do what needs to be done for Texans in Washington. I am humbled and honored to receive the support of my friend Sylvester Turner in this race," Senator West said.

"I thank Mayor Turner for his endorse-

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EDITORIAL PAGE

USS Dorie Miller (CVN 81)

My Day by Dr. J. Ester Davis

By Dr. J. Ester Davis

“Naming CVN 81 for Dorie Miller casts long overdue recognition to a true American Hero and Icon. It also honors the contributions of African Americans and enlisted Sailors for the first time in the history of American Aircraft Carriers. The Sailors who will put the USS Doris Miller to sea will be the fortunate ones, as heirs to the mightiest of Navy Legends who epitomized the kind of fighting Sailor we need today”. Russell Smith, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

In addition, I must add that Doris “Dorie” Miller was earlier awarded the Navy Cross for his *extraordinary courage*. *“This marks the first time in this conflict that such high tribute has been made in the Pacific Fleet to a member of his race, and I am sure that the future will see others similarly honored for brave acts.”* Admiral Chester Nimitz. Newspapers across the nation and beyond cited this example for civil rights and equality. Dorie Miller is a celebrated hero all over the world.

So, what did Dorie Miller do? Miller was below deck on December 7, 1941, when the first Japanese torpedo struck the USS West Virginia. He was the ship’s cook. Because of his physical prowess, Miller was ordered to the bridge, where he helped carry the ship’s mortally wounded captain to safety. Miller then manned, loaded and fired a 50-caliber Browning

anti-aircraft machine gun – a weapon that, as an **African American in a segregated military**, he had not been trained to operate. He was victorious in using the weapon to righteously destroy the enemy. The Japanese aircraft dropped two armored piercing bombs through the deck of the battleship while launching five 18-inch torpedoes into her port side. The crew abandoned ship while the USS West Virginia settled slowly to the harbor bottom.

On January 20, 2020, Acting Navy Secretary Modly, was the keynote speaker at the **Martin Luther King, Jr.** Day ceremonies at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickman, Hawaii, where the honor to an American Hero of World War II was bestowed. The U. S. Navy officially named its newest aircraft carrier, the **future USS Doris Miller (CVN 81)**. The CVN indicates an aircraft carrier nuclear powered.

Stored in my memory bank was an interview on one of my earlier television shows. I could not wait to call this hero. My guest, circa 1990, was a military man that the Navy hired as a mathematician in 1960. The masterful Deacon Arthur Fuller, (who moved to Texas to marry my best friend) from Washington, DC to Brentwood Baptist Church, Houston, worked for the Navy designing and writing the computer programs for the coming-into-fruitition steam-to-nuclear Navy ships. The division was called



Conceptual Designs. This section had three employees, an engineer, an architect and a mathematician. Arthur Fuller worked designing ships for the Navy from 1960 to 1989. He retired as a Navy Architect and Head of the Department. He is so very proud of the Navy’s choice, as is, I am sure, Commander Reggie L. Williams, Ken Bowen and all the members of VFM Post 1406.

Cook Third Class Doris Miller died in 1943 when a torpedo sank USS Liscome Bay off Butaritari Atoll in the Gilbert Islands. **The Dorie Miller VFW Post 1406 is located in Dallas.** Dorie Miller was from Waco, Texas.

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OP-ED: Hidden Tax Increases on Airlines Tickets Won’t Fly

By **Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., President and CEO, National Newspaper Publishers Association**

Why is it that poor people are always asked to pay more in America? Last year, I warned about the possibility that Congress might try to impose a new tax on air travelers. Well, it’s 2020 — and here we go again.

Even in the midst of a historic impeachment trial and potential military conflict abroad, lawmakers on Capitol Hill have managed to find time to dust off its plan to soak air travelers, including working people who struggle everyday just to make ends meet.

Make no mistake about it: this is a tax hike, even though backers of this plan won’t call it a tax hike, for obvious reasons. And it’s one that hits relatively low-wage workers harder than it hits those who make a lot more money. And it hits those who routinely fly for business especially hard too.

This week, Democratic leaders are expected to unveil their broad

infrastructure agenda for the coming year – a plan that is sorely needed given our aging highways, railways and other transportation needs.

But here is what is galling: sources tell me that buried in the broad array of transportation initiatives is a proposal to raise the so-called Passenger Facility Charge (PFC), a hidden fee on airline travelers that Congress enacted long ago to help pay for renovation projects at airports around the country. Most Americans have probably never heard of the PFC, now capped at about \$4.50 per person for each leg of a flight. But working families across the country, including our readers, may soon feel the impact if some members of Congress have their way.

Here is how the fee works. Passengers are charged the fee at the ticket counter, allowing the airport that collects it to keep it for local repairs and renovations. Current proposals in Congress include one to nearly double the fee to \$8.50 per person for each leg of a flight. Another possibility is

eliminating the cap entirely, thereby allowing airports to charge whatever they like.

If the fee is raised to \$8.50, a family of four on a trip with a connecting flight would pay nearly \$150 in this tax alone – a tax that is layered on top of the price of the ticket itself, a major reason people don’t notice it. Such a substantial increase could be the deciding factor between that family taking a much-deserved vacation or staying home.

While most people agree that it is in the public’s best interest to have safe and efficient airports that can accommodate increased passenger travel, proponents of increasing the passenger fee have been a little misleading about the condition of the nation’s airports.

In reality, airports are undergoing something of a revitalization, particularly when compared to rail or highway travel. Passengers are traveling at record rates, airport revenues are at all-time highs, and infrastructure upgrades are booming across the nation.

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A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN
St. John 3:1-8
JESUS CHRIST'S DISCOURSE WITH NICODEMUS

We have arrived again to a classic passage involving a discourse between Nicodemus, a Pharisee and ruler of Jews, and Jesus Christ, the great Saviour of the world. This discourse was conducted at night, an unusual time for such a discourse; however, Christ, the masterful Instructor, teaches us that there is no unacceptable situation for any unsaved person to approach Him because He is ready to save anyone devoid of spiritual life. In fact, the real mission of Jesus Christ is to save those who are devoid of spiritual life, for St. Luke 19:10 says - "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Christ, the profound instructor, is engaged in a conversation with Nicodemus on the most significant topic that can be discussed - a topic regarding the "new birth." After Nicodemus' wonderful assessment of Christ (St. John 3:2), Christ, the masterful Instructor, gets to the heart of Nicodemus' issue by saying - "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." And what was Nicodemus' issue? He needed to be "born

again." But, he was a Pharisee, a ruler of the Jews, no doubt, a member of the Jewish Sanhedrin (St. John 3:1, 7:50-51, 19:39) and a teacher of Israel (St. John 3:10). Yet, having an impressive resume' before others, Nicodemus needed to be born again! This classic discourse between Nicodemus and Jesus Christ teaches us that it is profoundly significant that a man be born again! In fact, the most fundamental and basic issue that confronts all descendants of Adam is - "they are devoid of new birth." Every person born into this world is in dire need of operation "new birth"! Every since the entrance of sin by our fore parents, Adam and Eve (Romans 5:12), mankind needs to be saved. In our passage, Nicodemus is a picture of a natural man who is devoid of spiritual life and discernment (I Corinthians 2:14), and who is in dire need of salvation. The passage before us teaches that the new birth is a matter of grave importance to every descendant of Adam; and with this thought in mind, Christ, the greatest instructor of the ages, not only taught on the subject of "new birth", but

He gave His life as a sacrifice for sin for all descendants of Adam. Now, any descendant of Adam, who wants to be saved, can come to Christ, for Christ says - "And him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Thank God that Christ had this discourse with Nicodemus on the topic of the "new birth"; moreover, although Nicodemus was confused about its operation (St. John 3:4-11), yet Christ was accessible and available to instruct Nicodemus in his grave need of salvation. The question that is most often asked - "Did Nicodemus ever get saved?" Did he make a decision for Christ? Christ, the great Instructor of the ages, made an impact on Nicodemus' life, for his actions for Christ spoke well of his faith in other passages - St. John 7:50-51 and 19:38-42.

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by

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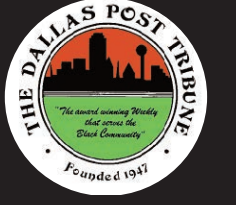


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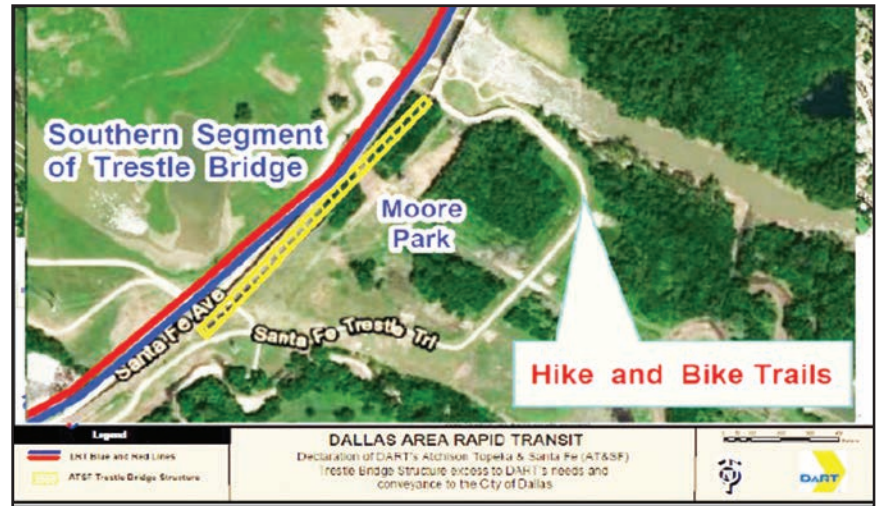
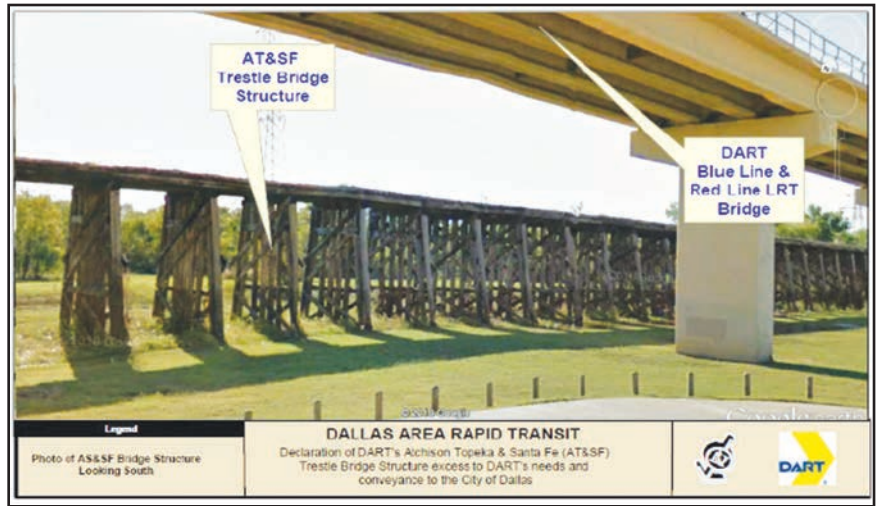
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DART agrees to give bridge to city; removal helps Trinity River Corridor, flooding risk



The Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board has authorized the agency to proceed with handing over the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe (AT&SF) Trestle Bridge Structure to the City of Dallas.

Board members declared the bridge structure, adjacent to the city's Moore Park and DART's Red Line and Blue Line light rail bridges, as surplus to agency needs and agreed to turn the structure over to the city for non-cash considerations.

Dallas requested acquiring the structure for the purpose of removing it after the US Army Corps of Engineers Project for Floodway Control concluded removing the AT&SF Bridge would help reduce flood risk and enhance the ecosystem in Dallas' Trinity River Corridor.

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2170	HIT \$5,000 Overall Odds are 1 in 4.81	\$1	2/2/20	9/14/20
2152	50X Fast Cash Overall Odds are 1 in 3.25	\$5	2/2/20	9/14/20
2126	Wild 10s Overall Odds are 1 in 3.66	\$10	2/2/20	9/14/20

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NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Police: 22 Dallas officers suspended for policy violations

By Jake Bleiberg
DALLAS (AP) — More than 20 Dallas police officers have been suspended without pay after an internal investigation found they failed to account for money won in gambling stings, document their use of police funds and properly place seized property into evidence, among other policy violations, officials announced Wednesday.

None of the detectives and supervisors, who previously served on the city's vice squad, will face criminal charges because prosecutors determined the nearly three-year investigation found "insufficient evidence" that the law was broken, the police department said.

The group acknowledged some policy violations but poor documentation prevented investigators from determining what happened to some of the funds and seized gambling machines, according to the department. Some officers were accused of giving internal affairs detectives false or misleading statements.

Twenty-two officers received between three and 20 days suspension without pay, according to a department memo released Wednesday. A police spokeswoman said one officer was previously given a written reprimand.

"Though not popular, these actions were necessary to create a more efficient department and bring us closer to our goals as a world class department," Dallas Police Chief U. René Hall said.

The vice unit seized nearly 4,000 gambling machines and more than \$852,000 between 2014 and 2017, according to the department memo.

The memo, dated June 2019, also noted about 1,650 of the machines remain unaccounted for, but it's unclear how much money is at stake in the alleged policy violations.

American Airlines pilots sue to halt flights to China

By David Koenig

DALLAS (AP) — The pilots' union at American Airlines sued to stop the carrier from flying to China and told members not to operate flights there because of the spreading coronavirus outbreak.

The Allied Pilots Association, which represents American's 15,000 pilots, asked a state district court in Dallas for an injunction to halt the flights immediately. The union cited declarations by international health experts that the virus is a public health emergency.

"The safety and well-being of our crews and passengers must always be our highest priority — first, last, and always," union President Eric Ferguson said in a statement.

Dallas officers disciplined for offensive social media posts

By Jake Bleiberg
DALLAS (AP) — More than a dozen Dallas police officers have been disciplined for making offensive statements on social media, including posts that were bigoted or made light of police violence.

The police department announced Thursday that 13 officers whose posts violated department policy would receive punishments ranging from a written reprimand to unpaid suspension.

Two more cases are still being reviewed and one officer resigned, the department said in a statement and memo on the disciplinary measures. The officers can appeal their punishments.

"It is imperative that we operate with the highest level of ethics and integrity to ensure that the public is confident in the legitimacy of who we are as a law enforcement agency," Dallas Police Chief U. René Hall said.

Man arrested in slaying of 2 sisters at Texas dormitory

COMMERCE, Texas (AP) — A man has been arrested in the fatal shooting at a university dormitory in Texas of a woman believed to be his ex-girlfriend and her sister and the wounding of a 2-year-

old boy, school officials said Tuesday.

Texas A&M University-Commerce said Jacques Dshawn Smith, 21, was arrested on a charge of capital murder in the shooting deaths Monday of Deja Matts, 19, and Abbaney Matts, 20, at Pride Rock residence hall on the campus in Commerce, about 65 miles (105 kilometers) northeast of Dallas.

Officials said Deja Matts, of the Dallas suburb of Garland, was a freshman at the university pursuing a bachelor's degree in public health.

Officials said Smith is believed to be the ex-boyfriend of Abbaney Matts. Neither Abbaney Matts nor Smith were students at the school.

The wounded 2-year-old was Abbaney Matts' son. The child has been released from the hospital and is being cared for by family, officials said.

In October, two people were killed and a dozen others injured in an off-campus shooting at a homecoming and Halloween party involving Texas A&M-Commerce students.

Management of Aretha Franklin's estate still unsettled

By Ed White
PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — A lawyer for a son of Aretha Franklin asked a judge Tuesday to keep an eye on professional fees paid by the late singer's estate, the latest jab in a dispute over assets left by the Queen of Soul.

Separately, the judge set a March 3 hearing on a request by Franklin's niece to step aside as personal representative, or executor, of the estate.

Franklin died with a formal will in August 2018. Her estate was worth an estimated \$17 million last summer, although the family has been squabbling since last spring when handwritten wills were found in her home.

A 2014 document indicates that Franklin wanted Kecal Franklin to run her estate. A niece, Sabrina Owens, now fills the role, but she wants to give up the job, citing a "right" in the family.

Super Rally: Mahomes, Chiefs win NFL title with late surge



By Barry Wilner

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Patrick Mahomes needed just the waning minutes of Super Bowl 54 to end a whole lot of frustration.

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All it took was falling behind by double digits in the postseason, again. Then Mahomes found his

mojo. The 24-year-old quarterback who was selected Super Bowl MVP, led the Chiefs to 21 straight points in the final 6:13 for a 31-20 victory Sunday over the San Francisco 49ers.

Macy's to close 125 stores, shed 2,000 corporate jobs



FILE - In this Nov. 29, 2019, file photo, man carries shopping bags across the street from a Macy's store in San Francisco. Macy's says it is closing 125 of its least productive stores and cutting 2,000 corporate jobs as the struggling department store tries to reinvent itself in the age of online shopping. The moves announced Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020, come ahead of Macy's annual investor meeting where CEO Jeff Gennette is expected to unveil a three-year reinvention plan. (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu, File)

NEW YORK (AP) — Macy's said Tuesday it is closing 125 of its least productive stores and cutting 2,000 corporate jobs as the struggling department store tries to reinvent itself in the age of online shopping.

The store closures represent about one fifth of Macy's current total. They include about 30 that are in the process of closing and account for \$1.4 billion in annual sales.

Macy's didn't specify how many jobs would be lost at the shuttered stores. The corporate jobs will be shed as Macy's closes its offices in Cincinnati and San Francisco, leaving New York as its sole corporate headquarters. Macy's said that the 2,000 jobs to be lost account for about 9% of its corporate workforce.

Overall, Macy's currently employs about 130,000 people. Macy's is also testing a new smaller-store format that's located at a strip center, instead of a mall. The store will feature a mixture of Macy's merchandise and local goods as well as food and beverage options. It will open its first so-called Market by Macy's in Dallas on Thursday. The company also plans to build four \$1 billion brands.

Macy's, like its peers Nordstrom and J.C. Penney, is dealing with stiffer competition and shoppers' changing behavior. Department stores are seeing their customers increasingly head to off-price stores like T.J. Maxx for fat discounts on name brands. They're also renting and buying second-hand goods online.

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