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# Black Press mourns a New York Beacon Rags to Riches Story Made Publisher Walter "Ball" Smith Jr. a Light for Many



The choirs of KIMBALL, LIFE CHARTER, CONRAD, DUNBAR and LINCOLN high schools, with special guest TEXAS COLLEGE, CHARLES RICE Elementary Honor Choir, along with the incomparable TOWN-VIEW HIGH SCHOOL BAND perform a majestic night of hymns, spirituals, gospel and classical music. More than 300 combined voices light up the holiday season with this annual concert. Coordinated by Michelle Magee.

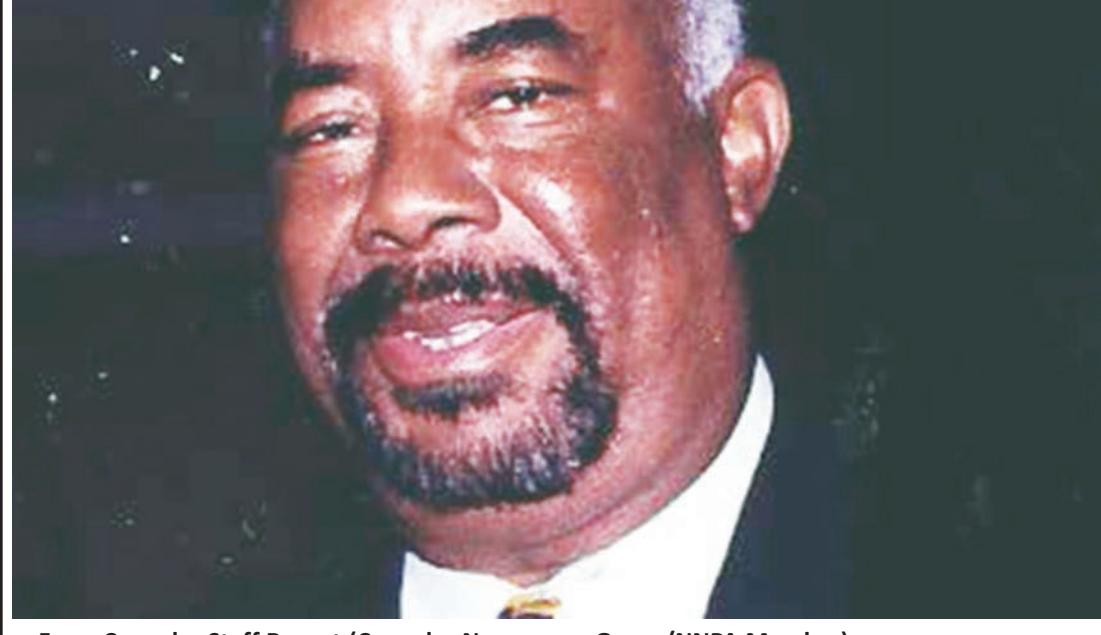
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From Crusader Staff Report (Crusader Newspaper Group/NNPA Member)

The Black Press lost one of its most devoted freedom warriors, last week. Walter "Ball" Smith, the publisher of "New York's Beacon" and the "Philadelphia Observer" died on Friday, November 10. He was 83.

"The Black Press has lost a true giant in Black America," said Dorothy R. Leavell, Chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and publisher of the Chicago and Gary Crusader newspapers. "Walter Smith made a difference in so many lives of Black readers and Black publishers in the Northeast, and America, in general."

As CEO of the Smith Haj Group, Smith published New York's premier weekly, New York's Beacon and the Philadelphia Observer. Like Black newspapers across the country, both publications catered to a loyal Black readership that made Smith a prominent figure in the Black community. For 26 years, he led the Beacon, an edgy publication that shared America's largest Black media market with several Black newspapers that included the venerable "New York Amsterdam News."

NNPA members, colleagues, friends and family are mourning the loss of a publisher who never forgot his humble beginnings.

Walter Smith, Jr. was the seventh of 10 children born to Walter Smith Sr. and his wife Belle. He was raised in Badlin, N.C. where his father, a prominent civic leader, worked for ALCOA, an aluminum company. When he was 18, Smith was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served in Korea.

Upon his return, Smith completed a degree in business from the University of North Carolina. He landed a job in New York as a founding employee with ADP (Automatic Data Processing), a newly created company known for processing employee payrolls for companies across the country. Today, the ADP has \$10 billion in revenue and serves 570,000 clients.

During a 2013 interview with the "Stanly News & Press" in Albemarle, N.C., Smith said he had been working for ADP for less than a year, making \$75 per week, sometimes \$100 with overtime, when he suddenly noticed something about his pay.

"I looked at my paycheck one week, and \$15 a week was coming out for stock options. I said, 'I can't afford this,' Smith told the newspaper.

His boss replied, "It's stock. I'm giving you an option to buy stock," Smith remembered.

"He said, 'You keep that and pretty soon it will be worth some money.'

Smith's boss was right. On paper Smith learned he was \$2 million richer, later, when he was trying to buy a house on New York's Long Island in 1964.

"I'm struggling to get to work and back and was a millionaire and didn't know it," Smith said. "It was just a real Cinderella story."

It was the beginning of an auspicious career that took Smith from being an ordinary American to a successful businessman, who purchased a small Black newspaper and built a powerful Black media empire, becoming a beloved community institution in Black neighborhoods in two of America's largest cities, New York and Philadelphia.

In 1980, Smith met Bill Underwood, who was operating the "Big Red," a numerology tip selling sheet that sold 100,000 copies per day. He later renamed it "Big Red News" and the advertisers started coming. "Big Red News" became one of the largest ABC audited Black weeklies in the country.

In 1981, Smith purchased the paper to gain full control of the operation. In 1983, the paper changed its name to "The New York Beacon."

"You have to say something to the readers," he said at the time.

"The New York Beacon" gives the news to readers in New York City's five boroughs-Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. In 2006, Smith acquired "The Philadelphia Observer."

To have a stronger voice in the region, Smith founded the Northeast Publishers Association, which united New York's Black newspapers in their fight to boost advertising revenue in their publications.

Smith was also one of the regional directors for the NNPA.

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## Rep. Yvonne Davis Receives AARP Texas Legislative Achievement Award



In recognition of her work during the 2017 Regular Texas Legislative Session, state Rep. Yvonne Davis (D-Davis) has been presented a Texas Legislative Achievement Award from AARP Texas. Davis sponsored and fought for successful passage of legislation – House Bill 2025 – that will ensure better training for those who provide care to people with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementia in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Texas. HB 2025 was amended to also include the contents of another major nursing home reform package that will improve the quality of care in long-term care facilities by, among other things, revising the so-called "Right to Correct" law in order to make it more difficult for serious violations of nursing home care to be ignored.

The legislation, which received unanimous bipartisan support, was signed into law by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and took effect on Sept. 1.

"Representative Davis has earned our deep appreciation for her work to advance the wellbeing of older Texans and fighting to improve the quality of care in long-term care facilities," said Bob Jackson, director of the nonpartisan and nonprofit AARP Texas, which has more than 2.3 million members in the state and advocates for issues that matter to all people age 50 and older. "I am proud to extend my congratulations to Representative Davis for earning a 2017 AARP Texas Legislative Achievement Award."

Representative Davis was presented the Legislative Achievement Award on Thursday at a meeting of the AARP Chapter 946 in Oak Cliff. Presenters of the award included AARP Texas Executive Council Member John Vasquez and Amanda Fredriksen, who leads AARP Texas' advocacy work on caregiving issues.

Representative Davis represents Texas House District 111, which includes portions of Dallas County.

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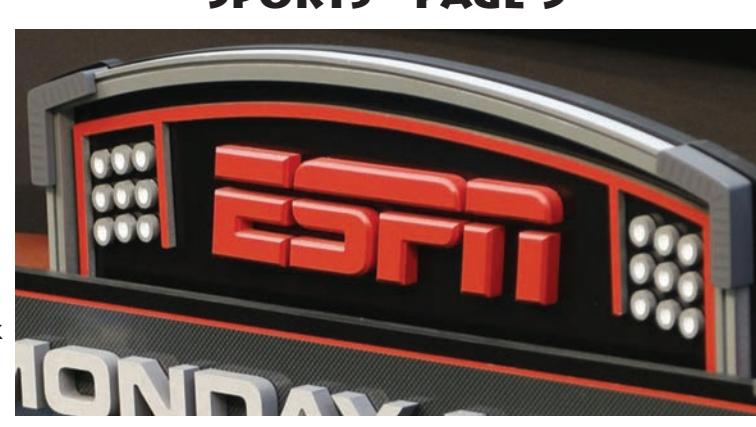
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Why We Need More Black Men in Early Childhood Education  
By Royston Maxwell Lytle



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## EDITORIAL PAGE

**"THE PSALMIST'S CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD, HIS STRENGTH" PSALM 144:1-15**Rev. Johnny C. Smith  
Editorial Columnist

We have come to another tremendous psalm of David in which he acknowledges that God is his strength as verse 1 states: "Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teaches my hand to war, and my fingers to fight." This psalm mirrors Psalm 18, a great victory song of David, that reads: "I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower (vv. 1-2)."

The psalmist acknowledges that he cried unto the Lord in Psalm 18:6: "In my distress I

called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry came before Him, even into His ears."

In Psalm 144:1-2, David voices that the Lord caused him to be victorious, for the Lord protected and delivered him as a warrior. David knew confidently that the Lord enabled him to be a victorious warrior. David acknowledged and was overwhelmed with the fact that God intervenes and takes an interest with man, for verses 3-4 state:

"Lord, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him! Man is like to

vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away." It is so wonderful to know that God intervened to help us in our spiritual plight of sin by extending His mercy to us, for Ephesians 2:4-5 says: "But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved."

In verses 5-8, David prays that God would intervene in a dramatic way so that he might be delivered from his enemies. David was confident that the Lord would deliver him from his enemies, even though they

were strong and deceitful (vv.9-11). David expresses his confidence in verse 9 by stating: "I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee."

As a result of the king being rescued, verses 12-15 shows us that the people of the land, as well as the land itself, will experience peace and prosperity: "Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord" (v. 15).

**May God Bless!**

**WHY WE NEED MORE BLACK MEN IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

**By Royston Maxwell Lytle  
(Principal, Eagle Academy Public Charter School/Grades 1-3)**

As educators, we have an obligation to give our students every opportunity to succeed. Parents rely on us to ensure their children are armed with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive, once they leave our classrooms. Over my more than 15 years in education, I have learned that to fulfill this responsibility, schools must give children the opportunity to learn from men of color. The profound impact Black male educators can have on the trajectory of a child's life cannot be overstated and it's time that we acknowledge it.

**Promoting Diversity**

According to the U.S. Department of Education, less than two percent of our nation's teachers are Black males. At a time when non-White students outnumber White students in U.S. public schools, the need for a diverse teaching force has never been greater. At Eagle Academy Public Charter School, diversity is something we not only celebrate, but aggressively pursue. We constantly look for ways to expose our students to different experiences, perspectives and methods for coping with challenges. And this starts with diverse educators.

It should come as no surprise that men and women bring different perspectives to the classroom, and the same is true for individuals of varying back-

grounds and ethnicities. It is crucial that schools cultivate a diverse and stable environment to facilitate this development, especially in early education, where children develop the foundation for the rest of their lives. I have seen firsthand that when children learn and grow in a diverse community, they begin to challenge stereotypes that have, for far too long, prevented children from reaching their full potential.

**Offering a Role Model**

Role models play a critical role in a child's development. Young boys who come from disadvantaged backgrounds may not have a strong father figure at home, and often come to school hoping to fill that void. As a leader of a 98 percent African American student body, I feel it is important for students to find someone they can see themselves in, look up to, and aspire to be.

Boys who grow up with only female teachers and role models don't have this opportunity. Children tend to mimic influential individuals in their lives. They benefit from strong, Black male teachers who lead by example. This is something I learned from a student while working in Washington, D.C.

He was a young boy whose behavioral issues were hindering his ability to learn. Without a father figure in his life, his mother was struggling to get through to him. Upon sitting down with the boy in hopes of identifying the root of these problems, I was surprised to find he had just one request: to spend time together. After our first outing to the movies, his attitude and schoolwork improved dramatically. I didn't have to employ any complicated learning tactic or psychological theory to help this child—I just had to be there and listen. Over the remainder of the year, I watched him grow into a successful and happy student. That experience left me determined to be someone my students can always rely on and look up to inside and outside of the class-

room.

**Investing in the future**

As we look to the future of early childhood education, I urge parents, teachers, lawmakers and communities to invest in ways to bring diversity to the classroom. I also challenge my fellow Black men who are passionate about education to buck the norm, ignore the stigma and put the children first.

As a Black male principal, I feel it is my duty to spread this message and be a catalyst for change in order to create a more diversified environment for our children to learn in. I have found there is nothing more rewarding than seeing a student succeed against all odds due to the lessons you have taught them. I encourage more Black men to join me in this journey.

Royston Maxwell Lytle is the principal for grades 1-3 of the Eagle Academy Public Charter School in Washington, D.C. He strongly believes that all students should be provided a high-quality education and that all students can reach their full academic potential regardless of their social or economic background. Learn more about Eagle Academy Public Charter School at <https://www.eagleacademypcs.org/>.

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The Dr. Robert E. Price Post Office will be re-dedicated with enhanced signage, pomp and circumstance ceremony, on Sunday, December 3, 2017, after services at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Dr. T. L. Brown and Hamilton Park UMC, Dr.

Sheron Patterson, Pastors. The rededication will be chaired by the Honorable Adam McGough, Dallas City Council, District 10 and the Honorable Thomas Jefferson, a long time civic leader and member of "community royalty" in Texas. A name on a post office is of significant importance not only to the community but to the entire country. The constitution grants Congress many important powers, i.e., make laws, declare war, coin money, establish rule of immigration, courts and impeachment. Post

offices in the United States of America are constitutionally mandated, which gives them authority over naming of our United States Post Offices (USPS). So, our Members of Congress, both past and present, Republican and Democrats are part of this distinct honor for the life, light and legacy of Dr. Price.

Dallas is honored and especially graced with two post offices named after renowned African American Pastors, Dr. CAW Clarke Post Office and the Dr. Robert Price Post Office. I was most interested in the number of post offices named after African Americans across the United States. There are quite a few.

The Nat King Cole Post Office in Los Angeles, Martin Luther King Jr., Post Offices, the Larry Doby Post Office, a Hall of Fame Outfielder. But my utter surprise was the Jordan W.

**My Day: Robert E. Price Post Office**

Chambers Post Office in St. Louis. Mr. Chambers was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1944 and 1952. Mr. Chambers owned the Peoples Undertaking Company in St. Louis. History is addictive and it has no end. Once you get started with a tidbit of curiosity, you are smitten. The Gwen B. Giles Post Office is named after the first African American woman to serve in the Missouri Senate. She was born in Georgia in 1932.

Dr. Robert E. Price, was a gentle giant, former Pastor of the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church for 42 years in historic Hamilton Park. (Look for the Dallas County Commissioners Proclamation online). The Robert E. Price Post Office is located at 8135 Forest Lane @Central Expressway in North Dallas. The Robert E. Price Post office is a cultural feature post

office in Dallas County. Speaking with Dr. Price's daughter, Pat Price, she mentioned her Dad's twenty-five years (25) with a mortgage company, his inroads, influence and love for the Hamilton Park landscape, which he helped to create and sustain. Maxine Cash, a retired teacher, long time resident of the area, remembers Dr. Price walking the neighborhood visiting all the neighbors.

To all involved, thanks for the memories, the forever recorded history and the everlasting monument.

Ester Davis is a celebrated writer and signature television host/producer.

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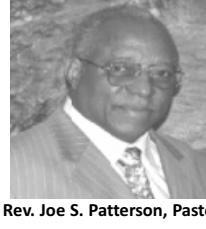
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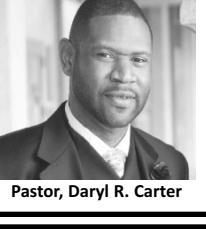
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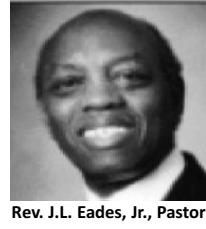
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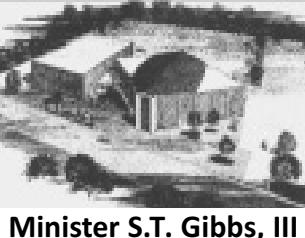
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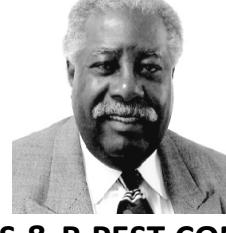
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## Nissan's Winter Wonderlights Holiday Show

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Make new holiday traditions at Klyde Warren Park as it hosts Nissan's Winter Wonderlights Holiday Show & Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 2. The free event starts at 2 p.m. and features a festive day of family-friendly activities and entertainment culminating with a new holiday show at 5:30 p.m. and lighting of the Klyde Warren Park Christmas tree at 6 p.m.

"We are really excited for Nissan's Winter Wonderlights and hope that a visit to Klyde Warren Park is a part of everyone's holiday traditions," said Tara Green, President of Klyde Warren Park. "Throughout the year, we offer programming that brings friends, family and strangers together, and during the holidays that togetherness is even more important."

"Since launching a partnership with Klyde Warren Park in July of 2016, we have helped bring unique programming and events to Dallas' favorite greenspace," said Bart Buttles, Regional Vice President of Nissan North America. "While all of our events seek to bring people together in the park,

we are particularly excited to bring the holiday spirit to park guests this December."

Nissan's Winter Wonderlights activities will include:

Free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Holiday kids' crafts

Food trucks

Activities and demonstrations from our Dallas arts and cultural friends and neighbors

Music entertainment

Holiday show culminating with the lighting of the Klyde Warren Park Christmas tree

After the tree lighting, guests are encouraged to follow Santa and friends to the AT&T Performing Arts Center for the Reliant Lights Your Holidays event.

Special thanks to Margot and Ross Perot and Nancy & Randy Best for their generous support of the event.

Since opening in October 2012, Klyde Warren Park has drawn more than 1 million visitors annually to enjoy over 1,300 free programs that connect the community and enrich lives. For more information or to learn about Klyde

Warren Park's other free programming activities, visit klyde-warrenpark.org.

On Saturday, December 2 guests are encouraged to help Nissan make a child's wish come true and bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Santa's Sleigh-decorated Nissan Titan, which will be onsite all day during the festivities. All toys will be donated to Toys for Tots to distribute as gifts to children in need this season.

### ABOUT KLYDE WARREN PARK

Klyde Warren Park is a 5.2-acre deck park, bridging Uptown Dallas to downtown Dallas. The park is privately-funded and operated by the Woodall Rodgers Park Foundation to connect the community and enrich lives through free active programming and educational opportunities in a pristine and safe, centrally-located, entertainment-rich greenspace where everyone is welcome. Corporate partnerships and donations ensure that this mission will continue today and into the future.

## Rep. Giddings' Statement on Not Seeking Re-Election

After much prayer, combined with careful and thoughtful deliberation with my family, I have decided not to seek re-election. This is obviously a difficult decision and one that tugs at my heart.

I deeply appreciate the respect shown to me by elected officials, community leaders, and friends in asking me to reconsider my decision. Although extremely difficult, respectfully, my decision remains the same.

During my tenure in the Texas House of Representatives, much has been accomplished. Education has been my highest priority from pre-k to graduate medical education. Everyone deserves an opportunity for a good education. After high school, one should be provided access to an affordable college education or an opportunity for a skill certificate to earn a living.

It has been rewarding to look back on my work on the Appropriations Committee. Last session I was able to lead an effort to obtain a \$25 million appropriation included in the base budget for both Texas Southern and Prairie View A & M universities. As a part of the base budget, this appropriation will not cease when I leave. It simply is not fair to expect these two schools to perform at the same level as other state universities when they are not funded at the same level.

Right here at home, a few years back when the doors of Paul Quinn College were about to be closed, with the help of then State Rep. Sylvester Turner, I was able to raise \$1.3 million dollars to keep the doors open. I petitioned Commissioner Raymond

Parades of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to grant a certificate of authority to Paul Quinn so that degrees could continue to be awarded. I remain grateful to the Meadows Foundation and Linda Evans for the first \$500,000, and to DeMetris Sampson, who gave the largest individual gift.

Whether it be creating the Academic Bridge Program at UTD, or partnering with Senator Royce West to establish the University of North Texas at Dallas, my commitment to education has never wavered.

Moreover, creating alcohol free zones around schools was a major victory for students. The "lunch shaming" legislative initiative and \$200,000 plus raised for that effort will ensure that some students will receive at least one hot meal a day.

While we have accomplished a great deal, so much more remains to be done. I care deeply about every child being able to reach his/her full potential. This is the only way that Texas will remain competitive both domestically and internationally.

What a blessing for me to have been chosen as one of 150 members of the Texas House of Representatives to serve over 27 million people in this state. I will be eternally grateful for the many lifelong relationships that will continue to enrich my life.

Public service should be honorable. I am hopeful the Legislature will find the courage to compromise and understand the critical need to look past our party labels and differences to find the common ground for progress.

I have been tremendously

fortunate to have had a competent, compassionate, and caring staff. That includes my current staff; Tamara Sadler, Elaine Taylor, Stephani Clark, David Feigen, and TaShon Thomas.

Chairing the Texas Legislative Black Caucus is a highlight of my career. The confidence the African American members placed in me at this critical time is indeed gratifying.

Building the Texas African American History Memorial monument at the Capitol, which depicts the journey of African Americans and their many accomplishments, will always loom large. Standing on the South lawn of the Capitol grounds in all its majesty, elicits a sense of pride and offers a glimpse of history that will inspire generations to come.

Serving the people of Texas has made an enormous difference in my life. I have worked day in and out in an honest and sincere attempt to make a positive difference in the lives of others. That investment in others is what makes our own lives meaningful.

The people of District 109 are politically astute. They are aware and engaged and will elect a well-qualified, remarkable person to represent and serve them. While I am not seeking re-election, with God's help, I will never stop seeking to serve God's people.

In January 2019, I will begin the next chapter in my life. Until that time, I will continue to serve with the same enthusiasm that I did on my first day. My family and I solicit your prayers and at the same time, we ask God's blessings for each of you.



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## ESPN eliminating 150 production, tech jobs in latest cuts



**(AP)** — ESPN is eliminating 150 production and technical employees as the sports broadcasting giant continues to shift its focus to a more digital future.

The company says the layoffs, which were announced Wednesday morning in a memo to employees, don't include on-air talent and will have a minimal impact on the network's signature SportsCenter news program.

"The majority of the jobs eliminated are in studio production, digital content, and technology and they generally reflect decisions to do less in certain instances and re-direct resources," ESPN president John Skipper wrote in memo. "We will continue to invest in

ways which will best position us to serve the modern sports fan and support the success of our business."

The 38-year-old network has been squeezed by rising fees to broadcast live events. ESPN also has lost about 10 million subscribers during the past six years, based on estimates by Nielsen Media Research.

The company says it will grow its business in several key areas, including the planned launch early next year of "ESPN+", an app-based service that will allow viewers to purchase sporting events a la carte.

ESPN is opening a new studio in New York, which will serve as home base for a new show featuring personalities

Mike Greenberg, Michelle Beadle and Jalen Rose. Another new daily show will feature Bomani Jones and Pablo Torre, the network said.

The company said it plans to streamline and merge its news-gathering operation across all formats and evolve the SportsCenter show. That includes a new 3- to 5-minute digital version that launched this month on Snapchat. It's also working on the 2019 launch of the ACC Network.

The sports broadcaster has about 8,000 employees worldwide. ESPN laid off 100 employees in April, including some on-air personalities. That followed about 300 job cuts in 2015.

## Eagles watch Washington-Dallas game with eagerness

### NFL Week 13: NFC East rivals headline Thursday showdown

Thursday's matchup between the Redskins and Cowboys is essentially a fight to see who can survive to keep their playoff hopes alive. Both teams are tied for second place at 5-6 in the NFC East. A win helps plenty while a loss likely dashes hopes of a postseason berth.

MATCHUP	STORYLINE	PICK
(Thur.) WAS at DAL	All those missing players make Redskins impossible to select	DAL 24-20
(Sun.) MIN at ATL	Another terrific matchup for Week 12	ATL 21-17
HOU at TEN	Texans can spring surprise on heavy favorite Titans, but ...	TEN 22-17
KC at NYJ	Really worried about Chiefs, but they squeeze by here	KC 20-16
DEN at MIA	Shield your eyes for this one – and not from the Florida sun	MIA 17-15
IND at JAC	After last week's stumble, Jaguars will have mean edge vs. Indy	JAC 30-19
TB at GB	Packers could have won at Pittsburgh, will do so here	GB 16-13
DET at BAL	Lions keep wild-card hopes going, hurt Baltimore's chances	DET 23-13
NE at BUF	Patriots closing in on another AFC East crown	NE 27-16
SF at CHI	Joe Cool vs. Monsters of Midway? Not quite	CHI 16-13
CLE at LAC	Winless Browns rank last in the NFL in scoring (15.1 ppg)	LAC 30-6
NYG vs OAK	Eli Manning benching highlights this lost-and-injury-filled season	OAK 24-14
CAR at NO	Panthers have won four straight to tie Saints for first place	CAR 31-30
LAR at ARI	Breather in difficult stretch for NFC West leaders	LAR 32-16
PHL at SEA	Must be a special year for Eagles if they are favored at Seattle	SEA 21-20
(Mon.) PIT at CIN	Steelers aren't blowing out anyone right now	PIT 23-20
		AP

**(AP)** - What once looked like a showdown in the NFC East now is a matter of survival for Dallas and Washington.

A Redskins victory or tie clinches the division for what has been the league's team of the year, the Eagles. Yes, not even into December and folks in Philly could be celebrating — even if that means rooting for the despised team from the nation's capital.

Dallas still is without suspended running back Zeke Elliott, and the offense has stagnated in his absence. The Cowboys really need a healthy Sean Lee at line-

backer, too.

Yes, with suspensions and injuries, these teams barely resemble how they began the schedule.

"Sometimes we have to trust it," Redskins quarterback Kirk Cousins says of playing while surrounded by fill-ins. "We have to go and just play and believe that, however new this player is, he's got to make the play and he's got a jersey and a number, and he can do it."

Dallas, ranked 18th in the AP Pro32, is a 1-point favorite over No. 17 Washington. All those missing players for the visitors

make them impossible to select.

#### 2017 RECORD:

Last week: Against spread (10-4-2). Straight up (14-2)

Season Totals: Against spread (83-81-5). Straight up: (110-65)

Best Bet: 7-5 against spread, 9-3 straight up.

Upset special: 8-4 against spread, 8-4 straight up

## Poll: 70 percent of Marketplace Enrollees Satisfied with Obamacare

As President Donald Trump continues to sow confusion about the Affordable Care Act (ACA), a recent poll by the Kaiser Family Foundation, shows that, although some of his tactics are working, many consumers still plan on signing up for healthcare during the open enrollment period.

The ACA open enrollment period started on November 1 and will end December 15 in most states and despite its critics, the law has effectively reduced the uninsured rate for Blacks; healthcare advocates have said that access to preventive care provided by the ACA could also limit the effects of healthcare disparities, like infant mortality rates and deaths from breast cancer among Black women.

Even though the ACA, also known as Obamacare, provided healthcare to millions of Americans—some of them Trump supporters—the current president has worked to cripple the law in tweets and actions.

Deep cuts to funding for advertising about the ACA are having expected results.

In previous years, television ads played a key role in educating people about open enrollment and the ins and outs of the ACA. Trump cut that advertising budget to the bone.

According to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) poll, "few of those most likely to consider marketplace coverage report hearing or seeing any ads providing information about how to get insurance under the health care law."

Less than 20 percent of the uninsured and just 12 percent of market enrollees said that they saw ads in the past 30 days that provided information about how to get insurance.

The poll also reported that

just 5 percent of the uninsured and 25 percent of the marketplace enrollees were aware of the month when open enrollment ends in their state.

Despite White House efforts to discourage Americans from signing up for healthcare and the House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) claims that people would choose not buy Obamacare, if the government didn't force them, 90 percent of marketplace enrollees said that they would continue to buy their own insurance, even if the government stopped enforcing the individual mandate.

Most marketplace enrollees like their health insurance under the ACA.

The KFF poll revealed that 70 percent of current marketplace enrollees are satisfied with their insurance choices.

"The vast majority (85 percent) of marketplace enrollees also say they plan to sign up for health insurance during the 2018 open enrollment period, and most of them (54 percent of the total marketplace enrollees) prefer to renew their current plan if it is available next year," according to the KFF poll.

Most enrollees will also get help paying for healthcare through the ACA.

"Insurers are still required by law to provide reduced deductibles and co-pays for low-income marketplace enrollees," said Larry Levitt, senior vice president for special initiatives and co-executive director of the Foundation's Program for the Study of Health Reform and Private Insurance. "Premiums are increasing, but consumers will also get more help."

Even though consumers will get help paying for health insurance, this isn't President Obama's open enrollment; many things have changed so

it's important to start reviewing plans now.

Don't just "auto-renew" your health insurance plan. Study your options carefully.

In previous years, the healthcare marketplace auto-renewed consumers for the upcoming coverage year. According to the KFF poll, almost 25 percent of marketplace enrollees were auto-renewed for their same plan or auto-assigned to similar plans in 2016 for the 2017 coverage year.

But experts have said that the auto-renewal feature may not identify the subsidies that you're eligible for accurately and when it comes to prescriptions or other life-saving services that you need, you'll want to make sure that any similar plan fits your needs.

Remember, it's best to enroll early; don't wait until the last minute.

During previous enrollment periods, there has been a surge of interest as the deadline nears; that increased activity slowed down the responsiveness of HealthCare.gov and created longer wait times for the marketplace call center, said Karen Pollitz, a senior fellow at the Kaiser Family Foundation.

"Log-in to HealthCare.gov, update your application for financial assistance, review your plan choices and what they cost, and select a plan for 2018," said Pollitz. "If you want the same plan, select the same plan."

Whether you choose the same health insurance plan or a new one, don't wait until the last minute to make your decision. This year, thanks to Trump and the Republican-controlled Congress, if you have questions about plans in the final hours of the enrollment period, you might just be on your own.

## Injured Ozen athlete finds new spotlight on YouTube

**(AP)** - Growing up, Deon Lewis wanted to be like Deion Sanders.

The Ozen High School senior admired Sanders' football skills, his upbeat, charismatic personality and liked the fact they shared the same name.

An ACL injury in August likely ended Lewis' chances of emulating Sanders on the football field. To cope, the defensive lineman turned to his other passion - videography.

He created his own YouTube channel - aptly named "Primetime Dimes" as a hat tip to Sanders' nickname, "Primetime."

Lewis started posting videos daily after his injury. Most centered around his energetic reactions to various sporting events.

"I like being in the spotlight," Lewis said. "Whether it's on the football field or in front of a camera or anywhere. That's just who I am."

He's gained more than 200 subscribers on YouTube since August and was recently approved to make money from his videos.

Ozen football coach Ed Taylor is not surprised that Lewis has generated such a following, adding the teen has an "electric and infectious" personality.

Taylor believes Lewis, who was hurt during practice,

would have earned a football scholarship if he'd had a strong senior season.

"I cried a lot and was definitely down after I got hurt," Lewis said. "Doing videos and starting my YouTube channel helped me realize there were other ways I could express myself."

As word spread around campus about Lewis, Ozen Principal Donna Prudhomme called him into her office so she could watch a couple of his videos.

Prudhomme was impressed and asked Lewis to become the host of the Ozen Network, a group that creates school-themed videos.

Lewis had his two school periods dedicated to football transferred to video production. He now spends two hours a day working on videos. College football is still a pos-

sibility for Lewis, who said he's had some interest from Division II schools.

Unfortunately, Lewis isn't expected to fully heal until March.

He wants to major in film in college and said that will have an impact on where he goes to school next.

"I've got two plans for my future," Lewis said. "Whether it's football or doing videos, I'm glad I've got two and I'll let things happen as they happen."

In the meantime, Lewis is going to keep making videos.

"I've had a chance to watch a couple of Deon's videos," Taylor said. "They're entertaining and he's keeping them classy. That's important and I'm proud of Deon."





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## Black Press mourns a New York Beacon Rags to Riches Story Made Publisher Walter "Ball" Smith Jr. a Light for Many

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Over the years, Smith received many awards and proclamations for doing what he loved best.

"The NNPA mourns profoundly the passing of beloved publisher Walter Smith," said Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the NNPA. "At a time that we are celebrating the 190th year of the Black Press, we pause to salute the outstanding contributions of Walter Smith to the Black Press. We will keep Miatta Smith and the Smith Family in our sincere prayers, as we express our condolences."

In his spare time, Smith lived the American dream and enjoyed hobbies synonymous with people of wealth and affluence. An avid golfer, Smith enjoyed swimming, fishing, yachting, traveling and spending time with his wife, Miatta, their children and grandchildren. Smith maintained homes in New York, Atlanta, Miami and North Carolina.

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1882	<b>Dominoes</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 4.16	\$3	1/24/18	7/23/18
1888	<b>\$75,000 Ca\$h</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 4.23	\$3	1/24/18	7/23/18
1742	<b>Lucky 7</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 3.70	\$5	1/24/18	7/23/18
1824	<b>20X The Cash</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 3.47	\$5	1/24/18	7/23/18
1851	<b>Instant Riches</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 3.90	\$5	1/24/18	7/23/18
1886	<b>\$10, \$20 Or \$50!</b> Overall Odds are 1 in 5.66	\$5	1/24/18	7/23/18
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