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# DEFINING DECADES

COURTNEY SPEAKS ON EXPERIENCES AS FIRST BLACK TECH GRADUATE



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News Editor

It must have been a surprise to a few students who left an all-white Texas Tech in 1961 to find the university was just beginning its first steps to integration that fall. To others, it was a relief.

For the African-American community in Lubbock, the thought of full integration within public universities was far removed. In the summer of 1961, however, it seemed the fight for equality in institutions of higher learning was over, at least in part.

In July of that year, it was announced from Tech's Board of Directors that all applicants were to be considered equally, according to a 1961 article in *The Toreador*, now known as *The Daily Toreador*. One of the first undergraduate applicants who was neither white nor Hispanic was Stella Crockett Courtney.

"It was during the summer. I had graduated already, and then, Texas Tech decided that they were going to integrate," Courtney said. "And of course, the news was all over the state that Texas Tech had integrated."

Courtney, a life-long Lubbock native, said she had gone from kindergarten through high school in Lubbock and graduated from Dunbar Junior and Senior High School, which is now Dunbar Middle School. Once she graduated, Courtney and her family took a trip to San Antonio to celebrate, and that is where they heard the news of Tech's integration plans.

Her original course was to go to Langston University, a historically black college in Langston, Oklahoma, which is a few miles north of Oklahoma City.

**“JUST AS RIGHT NOW, SOME OF THE PROFESSORS WERE REAL UGLY IN THEIR MANNERISMS TOWARD THE BLACK STUDENTS.”**

— STELLA CROCKETT COURTNEY  
TEXAS TECH ALUMNA

Being part of the Dunbar band, she said it was the plan of most students to go to Langston and play for its band.

"Now, all of the band students for all of the years had always gotten scholarships to Langston University in Oklahoma, and we were all set and ready to go," Courtney said. "It was something we looked forward to every year. You couldn't wait until you graduated because you knew you were going to go to Langston, play in the band, live in the dormitory and live that college-type life."

Once she was back from her trip to San Antonio, she said she decided to

change her plans. She received a call from her band director at Dunbar, Roy Roberts, who was on a mission to convince all of his recent band graduates to divert their plans and go to Tech.

There were not many graduates from Dunbar to begin with, she said, but it turned out only about two or three other members besides her decided to stay in Lubbock.

This was a bit of a hindrance on some of her plans, she said, as she was not able to stay in the residence halls when she started school. It was not until about a year or two afterwards that Tech allowed African-Americans to

stay in residence halls.

"You know, we've always been taught, at least I've always been taught, to obey your elders, and if you don't like it, you obey them anyway," Courtney said.

#### WHERE THE FIGHT BEGAN

From what is gathered in history books, the fight for integration was not an easy one. In parts of the south, however, it was even more difficult because the majority of power-holders and upper-level administrators were openly defiant of integration laws.

All throughout the south, the Democrats had the power and just about every elected office was run by a Democrat, Alwyn Barr, former professor emeritus of history and former president of the Texas State Historical Association, said.

Because the Democrats pushed for continued segregation in schools, many southern African-Americans sided with the Republican Party, he said.

"African-Americans then began to look at the question of education, and they started at the adult level, the university level," Barr said. "The case that was most important, ultimately, was the case of Sweatt v. Painter."

Theophilus Painter was the president of the University of Texas when a young African-American man, Herman Sweatt, wanted to be admitted into the university. Painter would not allow Sweatt in, Barr said, and in 1946, Sweatt filed a lawsuit against him.

Sweatt already had an undergraduate degree and was hoping to get into the law school at University of Texas, Barr said.

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## BLACK HISTORY AT TECH

1958

Thomas James (T.J.) Patterson moved to Lubbock to work at the Mary and Mac School, which was founded by his aunt, Lucille Sugar Graves.

1961

Lucille S. Graves, founder of the first black private school in Lubbock, was the first African-American to gain entrance into Texas Tech in the summer of 1961. Her persistent attempts to gain entrance into the college opened the door for other minorities to attend. She also established the Mary and Mac School, which was the first black private school in Lubbock. The Lubbock County Historical Commission placed a historical marker on the school's structure on July 11, 2014.

1964

Ophelia Powell-Malone was the first African-American to receive a B.A. degree from Texas Tech in 1964.

1965

In May 1965, Stella Ruth Crockett Courtney became the first African-American to receive a B.A. degree from Texas Tech who had attended all of K-12 in Lubbock and attended all undergraduate years (non-transfer) at Texas Tech.

1970

Hortense W. Dixon, who majored in higher education and minored in home economics, was the first African-American to graduate with a doctorate from Texas Tech. She graduated in August 1970, and then went on to become an associate professor of home economics at Texas Southern University.

1971

Hazel S. Taylor received the first Ford Foundation Advanced Study Fellowship for Black Americans at Texas Tech in July of 1971.

1977

Along with Eddie Richardson, T.J. Patterson helped co-found *the West Texas Times* a local African-American newspaper. The earlier African-American newspaper was called *The Manhattan Heights* and began production in 1963. On Aug. 12, 1965 the paper was renamed *The Manhattan Heights and West Texas Times*, and the Jan. 1, 1966, issue is simply titled *The West Texas Times*. By 1977, the titles *Lubbock Digest* and *Southwest Digest* appear on the front page of the newspapers.

1980

John Collins won the opportunity to compete as a write-in candidate for student body president in the March 26 runoff elections. The election was postponed after a *University Daily* article on March 25 was accused of prejudicing Collins' chances of winning the election. On April 2, Collins was declared the winner and became the first African-American student body president. On Aug. 27, Collins resigned from the position because of health issues.

1981

Sharon Moultrie was a track athlete at Texas Tech from 1979-1982. Besides being the first female Tech athlete to earn All-American honors, in 1981, she became the first African-American, as well as first athlete, to be elected Tech's Homecoming Queen.

1984

On April 7, 1984, T.J. Patterson became the first African-American elected to serve on the Lubbock City Council. He would hold that District 2 position for 20 years before being defeated in a runoff election by Floyd Price.

1995

The new east Lubbock library branch is named after T.J. Patterson and his wife, Bobbie Gean Patterson. Both are Texas Tech graduates.

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# COURTNEY

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“And the president of the university said, ‘The state law (says) that universities are supposed to be all white, so I can’t admit you,’” Barr said. “That case then went to the Supreme Court in the 1950s, and the Supreme Court ruled against the University of Texas.”

After that case, the bar was set to how universities were to accept students, Barr said. After this, many other state school administrators realized they were going to have to follow suit. Most of the activity, however, was in either eastern or central Texas, and not much focus was concentrated on West Texas.

So, one of the last holdouts for integration and accepting African-Americans into a university was Tech, he said.

In 1959, Thomas James Patterson, a young African-American man who would later become a civil rights advocate for people in Lubbock, applied to be admitted at Tech and was abruptly turned down, Lynn Whitfield, associate archivist for the Southwest Collection/Special Collections library, said.

Patterson went off to a university in central Texas, received his degree and later became a Tech faculty member and then the first African-American Lubbock city councilman, Barr said.

At the beginning of 1961, Tech administration had to face a strong-willed African-American woman by the name of Lucille Sugar Graves, Whitfield said.

Graves, an aunt of Patterson, already had an undergraduate degree and helped establish the Mary and Mac School, the first private school in Lubbock opened primarily for African-Americans, Whitfield said. But Graves wanted a master’s degree from Tech.

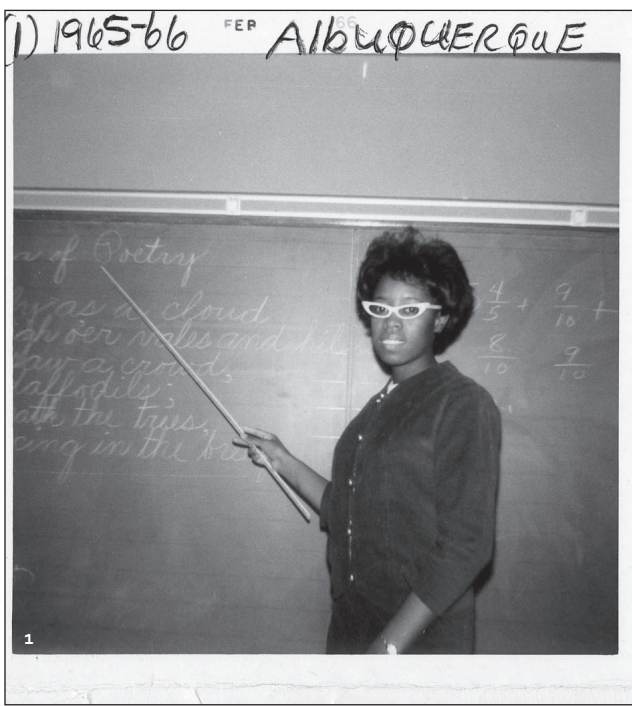
“She kept being turned away because the university’s charter states that you have to be white to attend Texas Tech,” Whitfield said. “It was a school for white boys and girls.”

Graves went to the president’s office and explained why she wanted to attend Tech. She even used the assistance of Lubbock’s chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Whitfield said.

In the end, Graves was allowed to be admitted to the school in the summer of 1961, and Tech changed its stance on allowing African-Americans into the university. The following year, more African-American students were allowed to enroll into the university.

## The odd woman out

In a book by Lubbock activist Katie Parks called “Remember When,” she is able to give the names of 17 African-Americans who were able to attend Tech in the fall of 1961. Courtney, who was still Stella Crockett at the time, was one of those 17.



During that year, Tech also broke an enrollment record of 2,755, according to *The Toreador*. Out of those more than 2,000 students, less than 20 were African-American.

“Just as right now, some of the professors were real ugly in their mannerisms toward the black students,” Courtney said. “They were ugly and mean just like you have some people like that today. And some were just as nice as a sweet potato pie.”

An eager person by nature, Courtney was one of the few students who enjoyed sitting in the front row of the classroom. It was in her freshman psychology class, she said, she got a taste of some of her future struggles while at Tech.

While presenting his lecture for that day, the professor had no trouble using the N-word out loud in class, Courtney said.

“He saw me sitting there, and I don’t know if he would have used it anyway had I not been there at all,” Courtney said. “I stayed there for the rest of the class, and then when it was over, I said to myself, ‘I am dropping this class.’”

To those who were going to class during that time, it seemed that most of the hassle came from the agriculture department. They were nicknamed The Cowboys, she said, and they would feel free to use the N-word when they felt like it.

Growing up in Lubbock, more specifically the east side of town, Courtney said she rarely experienced instances

like that. The problem was only at Tech.

“We were just all dorsal. We didn’t bother anybody, and nobody bothered us. It was just a given: ‘This was your part of town, this is where you live, don’t bother by doing anything else,’” Courtney said. “It’s just like we’re here and they’re there. We never bothered each other, there were never any issues.”

It was something that was difficult to grasp but had to be accepted, Courtney said. All of her life, she went to schools with other African-American children, had African-American teachers and so on, but once she got to Tech, all of that changed.

“Little things like you’d come in, and you’d sit down, and everybody else is coming in. They may not sit right next to you until the classroom was full and they had no other place to sit,” Courtney said. “Then, that chair next to you would become occupied. Little things like that you would notice. They would sit in other places as if they wanted to avoid me.”

The focus was purely on education, and any type of confrontation was out of the question. That type of thing was also out of her natural realm, she said, because of her friendly non-confrontational nature.

## What came after

For her contributions to both civil rights advocacy and the field of education, Courtney will be honored in the 2017 “Women Who



1. Texas Tech alumna Stella Crockett Courtney teaches at an elementary school in Albuquerque, New Mexico, during the 1965-66 school year. This was her first teaching job after becoming the first African-American woman to graduate from Tech and attend K-12 in Lubbock schools.

2. Courtney poses for a picture during her last days of teaching before her retirement in 2009. Since then she has lived in New Mexico, Michigan and New York.

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Shaped Texas Tech” exhibit in the Southwest Collection library, Whitfield said.

“My parents encouraged us. They told us getting an education was critical, you need to get an education,” Courtney said. “And my dad and his truck would drive me out to campus every morning, and I would take the bus back.”

Courtney’s father raised hogs and her mother was a housekeeper for a wealthy doctor in Lubbock. She said both of her parents encouraged her to get an education, and that translated into her becoming a teacher herself.

In 1965, Courtney became the first African-American to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tech. She then traveled to New Mexico to teach at a school there. Once she graduated, she was offered a position at a school within the Lubbock Independent School District, but she turned it down.

“I said to myself, ‘Now I was born and raised in Lubbock,’ and I said, ‘This little girl has never even left the state of Texas, and here she is, 21 or whatever,’” Courtney said. “So I said, ‘I am going to sit here and get a job outside of Texas.’”

She took up a job in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After that, she said she went to Lansing, Michigan, and decided it was time to get a master’s degree. Courtney attended Michigan State University and received her master’s degree in special education.

Later, she said she went to Providence, Rhode Island, where she taught disabled adults. She then lived in Rochester, New York, and after that, Clifton Park, New York, which is where she currently resides.

She just celebrated 50 years of marriage to her husband. Over the years, Courtney and her husband had three children. She said she has been retired since 2009.

“Growing up in Lubbock, looking at my teachers. I remember I was in second grade, and I felt so little to them,” Courtney said. “I remember looking at my teacher Mrs. Struggs, and I don’t know what it was, I just said to myself, ‘I want to be a teacher, I want to be a teacher.’”

In her becoming a teacher, Courtney was able to open the doors to minorities and give them opportunities to reach their potential, Whitfield said. That was a trend among most of the first minority groups to graduate from Tech, she said.

Since the beginning of her career, Courtney said she was interested in teaching special education.

“You know, you have to start from the very, very bottom. And that’s what I would tell my students from the very first day, ‘We’re going to start from the bottom, and we’re going to build up,’” Courtney said. “And I said, ‘When you leave here in June, you are going to be reading.’”

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# Company to resume work, finish Dakota pipeline

CANNON BALL, N.D. (AP) — With the green light from the federal government, the company building the Dakota Access oil pipeline said Wednesday it plans to resume work immediately to finish the long-stalled project. Opponents of the \$3.8 billion project meanwhile protested around the country in an action some dubbed their “last stand.”

The Army on Wednesday granted the developer of the four-state oil pipeline formal permission to lay pipe under a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota, clearing the way for completion of the disputed project.

“We plan to begin immediately,” Vicki Granado, a spokeswoman for developer Energy Transfer Partners, said in an email

to The Associated Press Wednesday night.

Work had been stalled for months due to opposition by the Standing Rock Sioux, but President Donald Trump last month instructed the Army Corps of Engineers to advance pipeline construction.

The tribe fears a pipeline leak could contaminate its drinking water. ETP says the pipeline is safe.

“Now, we all need to work together to make sure the project is completed safely and with as little disruption to the community as possible. This has been a very difficult issue for everyone who lives and works in the area,” U.S. Sen. John Hoeven, a North Dakota Republican, said in a statement announcing that the final easement had been granted.

Some members of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, which has been at the center of the debate for nearly a year, urged “emergency actions” via social media. The Indigenous Environmental Network told people to target fuel-transportation hubs and government buildings and to expect violence and mass arrests.

Protesters posted an online list of about 50 events nationwide. There were large rallies, including one outside the White House, and smaller ones, such as in Des Moines, Iowa.

A group of protesters in Chicago targeted a bank, and another group went to an Army Corps of Engineers office in New York City but was asked to leave when they started filming without a permit. Several people were

arrested for blocking public access to a federal building in San Francisco.

“Today begins the next phase of mass resistance to Donald Trump’s toxic Dakota Access pipeline,” said Dallas Goldtooth, executive director of the Indigenous Environmental Network. “This is our land, our water, our health, and our culture at stake — and if Donald Trump thinks we will give all of that up without a fight he is wrong.”

At a North Dakota encampment that’s been the focus of the pipeline battle for months, the mood was tense, with a few dozen people milling about on a frigid morning and refusing to talk about their plans. Two men at the encampment ordered an Associated Press reporter to leave.

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# Dems unite to push for reproductive health care

AUSTIN (AP) — Advocacy groups are teaming up to champion Democratic bills designed to promote access to abortion and reproductive health care in Texas — but most appear to have little chance of passing.

Eleven abortion rights and social organizations gathered Tuesday to highlight bills by Democratic state Reps. Donna Howard of Austin, Houston’s Jessica Farrar and Ina Minjarez from San Antonio.

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# South Texas mosque fire ruled as arson by ATF

VICTORIA (AP) — A fire that destroyed a South Texas mosque has been ruled arson, but there’s no evidence of a hate crime at this time, federal investigators said on Wednesday.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in Houston did not reveal the nature of the evidence that led to the arson conclusion related to the fire on Jan. 28 at the

Victoria Islamic Center. “We have to hold that back in the event we get a suspect,” said ATF Senior Special Agent Nicole Strong in an email to The Associated Press.

As for the underlying motive for arson, Strong said that remains to be determined. “It means there is no evidence to suggest a hate crime, but that could change if new evidence is uncovered,” she said.

## CORRECTION

In Wednesday’s issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the article “Tech makes changes during off season” should have read two of

Kevin Patrick’s recruits, Mychealon Thomas and Joe Wallace, played during the season. *The DT* regrets this error.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# Race relations evolve in Lubbock

By **AKHILA REDDY**  
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Even though Lubbock has taken many strides in establishing positive race relations, the city must still confront the bigotry that exists today.

“Nowadays, (racism) still exists, in some ways subtle, in others not,” Eric Strong, director of the Lubbock Roots Historical Arts Council, said. “I mean, it’s stronger than ever now.”

The Lubbock Roots Historical Arts Council is an organization that shares the African-American experience in the Early American West, according to its Facebook page.

Strong said growing up in Lubbock, he remembers hiding in the back of a car to get into the Golden Horseshoe Drive-In theatre to see “Ben-Hur,” with his light-complexioned sister and mother in the front, who appeared to be Hispanic.

As a young man working at Texas Tech in the Upward Bound program, Strong said when he came into the office without a suit or tie, he could hear people lock their car doors as he walked past and was once even asked if he was a janitor.

Today, Strong said he still must personally confront racism.

“Not too far from where I live there’s a guy who flies a Confederate flag every day, and I live close to 82nd and University,” Strong said. “My son lives close to Quaker and Lakerridge, and there’s a guy who flies a Confederate flag there.”

Jennifer Giles, president of the Tech Student Democrats and a junior speech, language and hearing sciences major from Houston, said she also sees issues with race in Lubbock today. Relations are not necessarily bad, but compared to her hometown of Houston, they need some work.

Giles said subtler forms of racism, such as micro-aggressions, are prevalent and have been something she has personally experienced.

“Just within (Tech Student Democrats), there are a couple of girls who

look like me in that they’re black, and people will interchange our names,” Giles said. “Like we don’t look alike, the only thing that is similar is that we’re all black, and they all will switch us up.”

Amber Thompson, a sociology instructor at Tech, said she had believed the Lubbock area had mostly progressed past overt racism to these subtler forms of racism, such as institutional racism. However, with the recent election and its resulting overt racism, Thompson said she has been forced to reconsider this assumption.

Overt racism has many implications, Thompson said. It leads her to question whether racism did ever go away or whether society simply quit making remarks that were politically incorrect, even though it still harbored the same feelings.

“Was this the last vestige of this overt racism that got uncovered? Or is there more?” Thompson said. “I don’t know, it’ll be interesting to see where we go from here simply because for the first time in a long time, there’s been kind of a mass overt racism spill out.”

Johnny Scott, visiting assistant professor of sociology at Tech, said he also sees this election as a watershed moment in modern race relations.

“I think the election has been an opportunity for people to let their inner racist thoughts come out,” Scott said. “It’s always been there. I don’t think it’s ever really gone away. It’s just that now, it’s like kicking your shoes off at home. People feel so free to do it.”

Scott said the election and the subsequent overt racism are catalysts for a downward spiral in race relations.

“I think once it starts, the way it’s started now, it’s hard to slow it down,” he said. “Saying this is just the beginning may sound fatalistic, but I think it’s going to be hard to stop it.”

Giles said she has not seen a significant change in Lubbock race relations after the election and does not believe there will be one.

The most important step in resolving these issues is simply to confront and talk about them in order to achieve a level of mutual respect, Scott said. He believes this has not, and possibly might never, successfully happen.

“America’s never dealt with race. It’s dealt with almost every issue that’s come up, but it’s never dealt with race,” Scott said. “Race is a staple in America, but no one wants to talk about it or think about it. I think we told ourselves when Barack Obama got elected that it wasn’t an issue anymore, but it is, and it runs much deeper than (Donald) Trump or Obama.”

The Clark Doll test is proof, he said, that things have really not changed. In this test, first conducted in 1954, children of both ethnicities were asked to choose either a white doll or a black doll, with the result overwhelmingly being the white doll on both sides. This test was repeated in 2006 with almost identical results.

“The more things change, the more they stay the same,” he said.

If individuals can learn to empathize and put themselves in other people’s shoes and teach the next generation to do so, only then can the situation progress, Scott said.

“We all are so used to seeing things from our point of view and if we really care about relationships, we’ve got to at some point in time try to understand what it is others think, what they feel, what they believe,” Scott said.

To resolve these issues, people must become aware of the broader cultural narrative that paints specific groups in a certain way, Thompson said. If people remain unaware of this narrative, they can perpetuate it and contribute to institutional racism without even realizing it.

This cultural narrative is embedded into people from a young age, she said, from the media, from the people they grow up with and from many other sources difficult to even pinpoint. Gaining



an awareness of this narrative is how it changes.

“It has to start at the community level, looking at the narrative,” Thompson said. “What do I believe? Why do I believe this? How do I change it? And being aware when those situations happen that you rely on this cultural narrative and then suppressing it with the true facts.”

Giles said people sim-

ply need to sit down and have difficult conversations about racial bias without getting angry. There can be a lot of apathy in regards to these issues, and it is not going to get better until people care and decide to talk about it somehow.

“I think sometimes people need to sit back and listen rather than make assumptions and judge people, and that’s how I hope we move

forward,” she said.

Despite the substantial progress to be made, it is important to remember what has already been achieved, Strong said. The city continues to do its best to reach out and people are trying to have these difficult conversations about race relations.

“I can say that they are better than they were in 1923 (when Tech was founded),” he said.

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### Madonna faced questions in adoption process

LILONGWE, Malawi (AP) — Madonna was asked “uncomfortable questions” by a judge in Malawi during the pop star’s successful application to adopt more children from the southern African country, according to a court document obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

Judge Fiona Mwale detailed her reasons for letting Madonna adopt the 4-year-old twin girls in a ruling on Tuesday, saying she was satisfied that Madonna “is motivated by her desire to offer a home, love, protection and guidance.”

Madonna, who has two other adopted children from Malawi, previously described reports of a new adoption process as false, saying she was in the country for charity work. But on Wednesday she said in an Instagram post that “I can officially confirm I have completed the process of adopting twin sisters from Malawi and am overjoyed that they are now part of our family.”

The singer filed for adoption in a high court in Lilongwe, Malawi’s capital, on Jan. 25, court and government officials said. The Associated Press last month reported that she was seeking the adoption, but at the time she denied that any such proceeding was underway.

“The petitioner is a professional performer and

I guarded myself against the danger of her merely reciting a well-rehearsed speech by asking her some rather uncomfortable questions to which she gave very candid answers,” Mwale said in her ruling.

Mwale said she didn’t challenge Madonna, 58, on Malawi’s residency requirements for adoption, saying the country’s Supreme Court of Appeal had addressed the issue in the pop star’s previous adoption.

“In determining her motives, I questioned the petitioner at length about the impact of her decision

which could be construed as robbing Malawi of its most precious resource, its children,” the judge wrote.

Madonna said the children will keep their birth names as part of an effort to preserve their identity as Malawians, and a Malawian carer will travel with the children to the United States to ease their transition, according to the ruling.

The twins were delivered by cesarean section and the mother died within a week because of complications from the birth.

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## Greek organizations provide resources to community

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Texas Tech has its fair share of fraternities and sororities, a few of which are historically African-American.

According to the National Panhellenic Council's website, the branch at Tech is an organization of nine African-American fraternities and sororities referred to as "The Divine Nine." The primary focuses of these groups are academic excellence, camaraderie and community service.

One of these organizations is the Eta Upsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha. Elonte Allen, president of Alpha Phi Alpha and a senior mechanical engineering major from Arlington, said Alpha Phi Alpha was founded on Dec. 4, 1906, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

"We're the first intercollegiate Greek fraternity for African-American men," Allen said.

The mission statement for Alpha Phi Alpha includes the development of leaders, promoting brotherhood and academic excellence along with community service, Allen said.

Seyi Salaam, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and a senior kinesiology major from

Arlington, said Alpha Phi Alpha became integrated in 1945.

"It's an African-American Greek organization," Salaam said, "but also we're open to other races."

Another organization that is part of the Divine Nine at Tech is Zeta Phi Beta.

Nia Cromartie, a member of Zeta Phi Beta and a senior industrial engineering major from San Antonio, said the organization was founded on Jan. 16, 1920, at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Zeta Phi Beta's international focus is through service, Cromartie said.

"That's pretty much what we strive ourselves on," she said. "Of course, we do have our social aspects, but it's mostly about service."

Some examples of this service include spending the upcoming Valentine's Day with the elderly and volunteering for clothes drives in the Lubbock Dream Center, Cromartie said.

To celebrate Black History Month, there will be a Black Caucus History Week from Feb. 21 through Feb. 26. During the week, there will be a screening of the documentary "Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise," Allen said. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion

on women empowerment.

The most important aspect of Black History Month is people being able to gather information about how far African-Americans have come in history, Salaam said. Enfranchisement is one such example.

"It was a right that was earned," Salaam said, "it wasn't just given, it had to be earned, to vote."

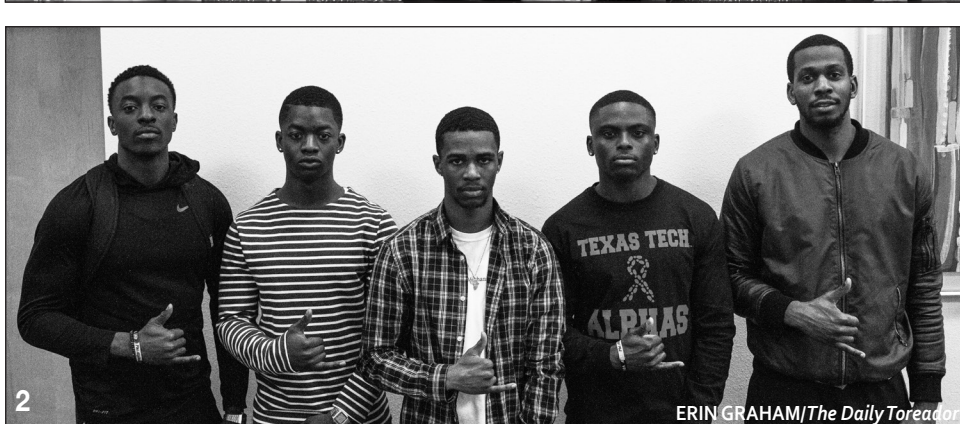
Alpha Phi Alpha has had several civil rights figures among its ranks, Salaam said, such as Martin Luther King Jr. and W.E.B. Du Bois.

Carol George, a member of Zeta Phi Beta and a senior speech language and hearing sciences major from Houston, said black history should be celebrated not just for one month but year-round.

"It's something that we shouldn't take for granted," George said, "something that this whole month is supposed to help us understand where we are in our lives."

History is meant to be learned from, and both sides should teach or use research to understand its importance, George said.

Black history is important because African-American youths should see what individuals in the community can accomplish, with her studying mechanical



1. Zeta Phi Beta was founded on Jan. 16, 1920. The organization's international focus is on service.  
2. Alpha Phi Alpha was founded on Jan. 13, 1972, on the Texas Tech campus. The organization's motto is "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All."

engineering as an example, Cromartie said.

"I just really appreciate this month," Cromartie said, "and it gives hope, and it shows what we are capable of, just bringing us together as a people."

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## New Jersey could be first with law to prohibit declawing

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Cats would keep their claws under a bill that would make New Jersey the first state to prohibit declawing.

The measure, which cleared the lower chamber of the Legislature last month, bans onychectomies and flexor tendonectomies on a cat or any animal unless a veterinarian deems them medically necessary. Sponsors in the state Senate are reviewing possible changes, and it's not clear when it will move forward.

The practice, often undertaken to prevent cats from shredding furniture or injuring humans or other pets, is already banned in several California cities and in nearly 20 countries. A similar bill died in New York last year.

"Declawing is a barbaric practice that more often than not is done for the sake of convenience rather than necessity," the bill's sponsor, Democratic Assemblyman Troy Singleton, said in a statement.

An onychectomy involves

amputating the last bone of each toe. A flexor tendonectomy involves severing the tendon that controls the claw in each toe, so that the cat keeps its claws but cannot flex or extend them, Singleton said.

Under the bill, vets who declaw cats other than to address a medical condition would face a fine of up to \$1,000, a term of imprisonment of up to six months, or both. A violator would also be

subject to a civil penalty of \$500 to \$2,000.

The American Veterinary Medical Association, which represents more than 89,000 veterinarians, does not support having lawmakers tell doctors what to do and does not agree onychectomies are barbaric.

However, the group said it's not medically necessary in most cases or even that frequent these days.

"It's a surgical procedure

that has complications that go with it," said AVMA animal welfare division director Dr. Cia Johnson.

The group believes declawing should be considered only if the claws pose a risk to the owner and attempts to modify behavior have failed.

Scratching is part of a normal feline behavior, and owners can positively reinforce it by providing them with posts, boxes and carpets.

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**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
 Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

1 Subj. for a non-native speaker

4 ...top: Beatles' style

7 Much of "Star Wars" FX

10 Clumsy type

13 ...Michele, 8-Down co-star

14 "The Princess Diaries" princess

15 Tetris shape

16 Sporty truck, briefly

17 War film with a cast of 60

21 "Rock and Roll All Stars" Kiss hit

22 Rickon

23 Custardy dessert

24 Thrown for a loop

26 Cool, once

27 Campus groups

28 Newspaper with a staff of 60

31 Dough for ramen?

32 Square

33 Traveler's aid

37 "Hamlet, thou art slain" speaker

42 Political

43 Big name in big tractors

44 1969 hit song by a group of 60

50 Write in code?

51 Actress Ramirez of "Grey's Anatomy"

55 ...d'Ale

56 Mideast sultanate

60 Pie-putting sorts?

63 Pie choice

64 Like bread knives

65 Well-to-do

66 Unpredictable

**DOWN**

1 Twisty-horned antelope

2 Photo app effect

3 Founder of Taoism

4 Sport for Ronda Rousey, for short

5 Aromatherapy array

6 Outmoded public convenience

7 Center of moral corruption

8 TV show with mashups

9 Down with something

10 Wanted one

11 Bothered a lot

12 Fronded plants

18 Mediocre marks

19 Sonnet, e.g.

20 Do down maintained with a pick

25 Kids' summer activity

27 Another word for "nothin" left to lose," in a Joplin hit

29 ...Aviv

30 Genetic messenger molecule

33 The Scooby gang's Mystery Machine, e.g.

34 Ode preposition

35 Spell

36 QB's mishap

38 Dream state letters

39 Technical foul signal, in basketball

40 West ender?

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By Alan DeLoria

**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

February 21, 2017  
 Lubbock City Hall  
 1625 13th Street - Room 103  
 Lubbock, Texas  
 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

A preliminary list may be viewed on the LMPO's website at [www.lubbock-mpo.org](http://www.lubbock-mpo.org). Written comments may be sent to LMPO, 916 Main Street, Suite 531, Lubbock, Texas 79401 or via email to [djones@mylubbock.us](mailto:djones@mylubbock.us). For a listing of physical addresses to view plan and amendments please call 806-775-1676. Written comments will be received from January 28, 2017 through February 16, 2017.