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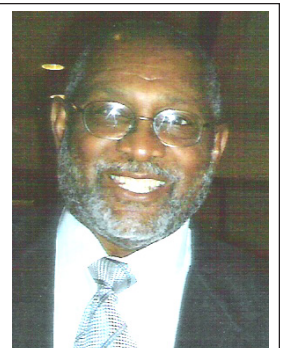
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RAPPIN' Tommy Wyatt New HEB store headed for Mueller!

Catellus Development and HEB Grocery Company held a joint press conference Wednesday to announce a partnership between the two organizations that would bring a new HEB Grocery Store to the Mueller community. While the announcement was made Wednesday, the store is not expected to open before the fall of 2013.

It appears that all of the details have not been worked out to begin construction. The necessary site plans and city approval is still in process.

A large group of Mueller residents turned out for the announcement. These residents have been asking for a store for some time. They have gotten a taste of what it feels like to be in a neighborhood with a lack of necessary services. They now know what it feels like to live in East Austin.

This store will be very close to the Hancock Center store, but it will be very different. According to Jeff Thomas, H.E.B senior vice president and general manager for the Central Texas Region, "this store will include innovative practices in sustainability and green building." Also, the store will feature many of the goods that you find in Central Market or Whole Foods.

Greg Weaver, executive vice president of Catellus Development, said "having HEB on board at Mueller is a huge win for the development, expanding the job offering and mix of uses that serve people through central East Austin."

The store will be located in the future extension of Berkman Drive and Barbara Jordan Boulevard. A lot of time was spent speaking to how the new store will cater to the surrounding neighborhood. But, for that to be done, the surrounding community will need to have some input into the development of the store.

It is not commonly known how those suggestions will be collected, since Catellus is a private company, it appears that whatever suggestions are made will have to go through HEB.

Most of us already know that the Mueller Community is a city within a city. It operates more like a rural suburb than an inner city neighborhood. However, they do depend on city services. As a result their efforts to improve East Austin does have some spill over effect for the broader community. Already there have been some improvements as a result of their presence in the community. The neighborhood golf course, Morris Williams, made an agreement with Mueller to give up land on the course for an electrical relay station for the center. The course will, on the other hand receive major improvements. Is that a win-win?

CCAACC appoints new President/CEO



Natalie M. Cofield

The Board of Directors of the Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce (CCAACC) has selected Natalie Madeira Cofield to serve as its new President and CEO. Cofield will use her economic development, public affairs, and program management expertise to lead the organization as it works to enhance programming, expand and deepen community relations and diversify its development portfolio.

"Ms. Cofield brings a breadth of knowledge and experience that will help to elevate the Chamber and its members. We are thrilled and excited to bring her on as our President," stated Juanita Stephens, Chair of the CCAACC Board of Directors.

Cofield, has previously served in the capacity of management consultant in New York, economic development consultant in Los Angeles, and economic development director in Washington, DC. Most recently, Cofield was President of NMC Consulting Group, a diversity consultancy with specialization in business development, program management and public affairs. In this capacity Cofield worked with national clients including the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the United Negro College

Fundn, the Merrill Lynch Foundation, and the Association for Enterprise Opportunity, among others. A published author and expert on the topic of minority business development, she has been called to testify before the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business on Access to Capital Disparities for Minorities Businesses and has been profiled in national media outlets.

"Austin is a burgeoning market that has received considerable national attention. I look forward to expanding the Chamber to keep pace with the growth and demands of the city and it's African-American business community," stated Cofield who will be relocating from Washington, DC assumed her post on August 29, 2011.

Cofield is a graduate of Howard University in Washington, DC and the Baruch School of Public Affairs in New York, New York.

The Capital City African American Chamber is an advocate for the creation, growth and general welfare of African American businesses in the Austin area. It actively promotes the expansion of business opportunities on behalf of its membership through referrals, partnerships, seminars, technical assistance and marketing.

\$1 Million Grant approved for Austin's Auditorium Shores

\$5.6 million in Outdoor Grants have been awarded to Benefit Texas Communities. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission today approved \$5.6 million in competitive grants for city and county parks across the state. Commissioners chose 12 out of 52 eligible grant requests for outdoor recreation facilities funding.

Funding for the Outdoor Recreation grants come from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the state Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA).

Five political subdivisions with populations of more than 500,000 were

approved for funding under the TRPA Urban Outdoor Recreation grant program. Austin, Bexar County, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio will receive \$4.25 million in matching funds for outdoor recreation projects.

The City of Austin will receive \$1 million to renovate and further develop 10 acres of the Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail at Auditorium Shores on Riverside Drive. Plans include expansion of a parking lot, restroom and utilities, trail realignment, shoreline restoration, exercise stations, restroom, landscaping, drinking fountain, trash cans, and signs.

Bydee Murial dedicated at Kealing Middle School



(Top photo left to right) Dr. Charles, Urdy, Michael Perkins, Gwendolyn Greene, Mae Frances Rowlett, Brian Josephs and Dr. Meria Carstarphen presents gift. (Bottom Photo Left to Right) Dr. Urdy looks on as Brian Josephs presents gift to Dr. Carstarphen. Villager Staff photos.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. President Gwendolyn Greene and Dr. Charles Urdy, Chairman, Austin Revitalization Authority officially dedicated the mural at Kealing Middle School, Tuesday, August 30, 2011. The mural was done by Brian "Bydeeman" Joseph. Joseph, owner of the ByDee Art Gallery on E. 11th Street, in Austin completed the work in record time, because he is leaving Austin to move back to New York.

The public was welcomed to the dedication by Kealing Principal Michael Perkins. Aus-

tin Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Meria Carstarphen and number of school administrators were in attendance along with other school personnel.

Delta Southwest Region Director, Mae Frances Rowlett of Dallas was also in attendance. She stated that she made the trip just after returning from Washington, D. C. for the dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial that was unveiled last week on the Washington Mall.

The Kealing project is the last in a series of murals that Jo-

seph has done for several East Austin schools. He says that he hopes that this project will bring happiness to Kealing Middle School Administrators, Faculty, Parents and Students each time it is viewed.

Brian "ByDeeman" Joseph has been a part of the Austin community for more than 27 years. His work can be seen all over the Austin area. He says that he will be coming back from time, because he still has family here. However, he will be going to New York to spend some time with his mother.

Benson begins serving 20 days in jail for two previous cases

Cincinnati Bengals running back Cedric Benson was sentenced to 20 days in jail Monday after reaching a deal to settle two misdemeanor assault cases in Texas.

Benson surrender to authorities Tuesday evening in hopes of completing his time prior to the first season game, "This was a difficult decision for Mr. Benson," said Sam Bassett, the running back's attorney. "His priority right now is to get back to work and put these legal matters behind him."

Benson's jail time could be significantly shorter than the sentence. He could be given credit for any time



Cedric Benson

served when he was arrested and state law requires inmates be given two days credit for every day they are rewarded for good behavior. Jail overcrowding could also shorten his stay.

But for now, the Bengals must make plans to be without their leading rusher.

Benson was arrested in

2010 for allegedly punching a bar employee in Austin, an incident that earned him a meeting with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell last year but resulted in no punishment. He pleaded no contest to a charge of assault with injury in that case.

He was also arrested last month for allegedly punching a former roommate in downtown Austin. He pleaded no contest to a charge of assault with bodily injury with family violence, and that will be dismissed if he performs 30 hours of community service and pays an undisclosed amount of restitution to the victim.

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Linda Tarrant-Reid

Labor Day 2011: Getting Americans Back to Work

Labor Day is approaching and families will be returning from vacation, kids will be going back to school and those who have jobs will be resuming their regular work week schedule. This summer has been fraught with extremes. The heat wave with record-breaking temperatures that stretched from the Midwest to parts of the eastern and southern U.S., made this past July the fourth hottest month on record. The fractious debate between Congress and the Administration over raising the debt ceiling that pushed our economy to the brink of collapse before reaching a compromise caused immeasurable damage that could most certainly affect job growth, the cost of borrowing money and slow the economic recovery.

And now the stock market, impacted by Standard &

Poor's downgrade of the U.S. credit rating from AAA to AA+ fueling uncertainty in the global financial markets, has Wall Street gyrating from extreme highs to extreme lows. With all of the challenges we are facing today, Bette Davis' famous line comes to mind - "Fasten your seatbelts, it's going be a bumpy night!" - which might be an appropriate foreshadowing to prepare us for the "bumpy ride" ahead.

Americans are incredibly resilient in times of crisis and we have witnessed this on many occasions in our history. With the overall unemployment rate reported by the Department of Labor for July at 9.1 percent and 15.9 percent for African Americans, President Obama is crafting a major speech to be delivered right after Labor Day on jobs creation and deficit reduction. According to White House sources, the speech is expected to include proposed tax cuts and tax incentives, job creation through infrastructure construction projects and targeted help for the chronically unemployed.

This is a step in the right direction, but we need more. Whenever I'm searching for solutions for difficult problems I often look to history for answers and inspiration. As my

MY JOURNEY

very cool Uncle Brenton would often say, "Ain't nothin' changed but the date!" So, I decided to go back and revisit the history of the Great Migration (1910-1930) to remember how my people dealt with tough times.

After slavery was finally abolished with the passage of the 13th Amendment on January 31, 1865 and the Civil War ended that April, African Americans were faced with life-altering challenges. Where were they going to live? How were they going to make a living and take care of their families? What did this new world without slavery look like? Some of the displaced Freedmen and Freedwomen established all-Black communities in Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming. These homesteaders were called Exodusters and migrated to the western territories to build homes, farm the land, escape discrimination and the white vigilante groups seeking revenge after losing the war. Others remained in the South and tended small plots of land as tenant farmers and sharecroppers growing cotton that farm owners would sell at market and then deduct living expenses including housing, food

and clothing, before paying the tenant farmers a small wage.

By the early 1900s, African Americans began to slowly migrate from the South to northern and western states because of the harsh discriminatory practices and the boll weevil infestation of the late 1800s that destroyed the cotton crops in the South, eliminating most of the agricultural jobs. Already economically devastated by the Civil War with the destruction of rails, roads, bridges, and the loss of their unpaid workforce, the cotton catastrophe was the last straw for the southerners.

The Great Migration began for real when the U.S. entered World War I in 1917 depleting the nation's workforce of white workers by sending them off to war. African American workers, mostly young males, were recruited in droves by white agents to work on the railroads and in the industrial factories in the North, while African American women were given train tickets by white employers to come North and work as domestics. From 1916 to 1918, between 400,000 and 500,000, African Americans migrated to the North and Midwest for employment, educational opportunities for their families and the hope of a

brighter future.

My mother and father migrated from Florida in the mid-1920s. My Dad traveled to Pittsburgh with his younger brother and worked in the steel mills when he was in his late teens. He then relocated to Harlem and eventually settled in Westchester, a suburb of New York City. My Mom and her siblings took a boat from Florida to New York. Her family was encouraged to come North by her older sister, Annie, who worked as a domestic for a white family. Annie told my Grandmother that life would be better in New York. After a short stay in New York, the family moved to Massachusetts where my Mom grew up. My Mother and Father met years later, in a small town in Westchester, and married in Harlem in 1931.

A most amazing network developed during this massive population shift of African Americans from rural communities to urban centers that would eventually bring an estimated 1.5 million African Americans to the northern and western cities of the U.S. between 1910 and 1930. The churches, the Black press, families, friends and word-of-mouth conveyed information about the best locations, job opportunities, and housing.

Money for train tickets and living expenses was often collected from relatives and friends to stake individuals until they got a job and a place to live in their new locale.

For me what is extraordinary about this historic event - the Great Migration - is the collaboration and cooperation of a massive group of people toward a single goal that facilitated the transplantation of a large segment of the population for economic opportunity. The outpouring of support from family, friends, and Black institutions that sustained the move to the North, Midwest and West for countless African Americans is a testament to our ability as a community to come together and change our lives for the better. That is the type of spirit and resolve we need now to face the challenges ahead, a collective sensibility to solve a difficult situation. We may not have to move away from family and friends, but we certainly need to move forward. Helping each other in times of need by passing on leads for jobs, referrals to affordable housing and information that will help us survive this economic downturn are necessary elements to regain our footing in these tough times.

Back to School Call to Action for Black Parents



By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. NNPA Columnist

As parents, families and communities are preparing for "Back to School" sales and special programs, it is critically urgent once again to raise the question about the quality of the education of Black children in America, as well as the quality of education for all children. No disrespect is intended to anyone, but the sheer reality that Black children have the highest school drop rates and the lowest scores on various national and regional

standardized academic achievement tests demands that Black parents and others speak out, mobilize and take a stronger stance concerning establishing more effective educational options that will provide the highest quality education for Black children.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson's classic book, *The Mis-Education of the Negro*, first published in 1933 has particular relevance for more than 45 million Black Americans across the United States today in 2011. Dr. Woodson was very critical of the educational system in the United States because it systematically denied Black children a quality education inclusive of a truthful and accurate history of Black people in America and throughout the world. If Dr. Woodson were alive today, he would be even more angry and disgusted with the severe punitive magnitude and gross disservice that the current traditional school system has

done to Black students and families. Black parents especially today have to move to the forefront to demand more options and alternatives to the many failed school systems across the nation.

Black people have not failed the school systems of today. But it is an irrefutable fact that the majority of the current traditional school systems have failed Black Americans. Black parental responsibility first and foremost is to establish and secure the highest quality education for Black children. Without apology Black parents cannot afford to permit the education interests of our children to be triaged by those who have become complacent and implicated in this massive education crisis. This is the civil rights issue that should be at the top of the agenda of all our national, regional and local organizations. Simply put, there is nothing more important than the education of our children.

The following are two organizations that are providing a clear delineation of viable options for Black parents and others concerning how to establish, fund and maintain a more effective educational experience for school children. The mission the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) is to increase access to high-quality educational options for Black children by actively supporting parental choice policies and programs that empower low-income and working-class Black families. The mission of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools (NAPCS) to lead public education to unprecedented levels of academic achievement for all students by fostering a strong charter sector. Both BAEO and the NAPCS are committed to advance the public and legislative awareness and support for providing real opportunities for parents who want the best educational experience for their children.

The good news is that African American awareness that charter schools are in fact "public" schools is on an increase nationwide thanks to the efforts of BAEO and NAPCS. A recent poll by Gallup revealed that seven out of 10 Americans now support public charter schools. Not all charter schools are equal. The important here is that there are some high achieving public charter schools in the nation that are doing an excellent job in educating Black children. Those are the types of public charter schools that need to be replicated and established across the nation. The Black community needs successful models that provide accountable solutions to the educational crisis concerning Black and other under-served communities.

Black legislators in numerous states are now proposing public charter school laws in response to this civil rights education issue. We need rem-

edies and solutions that have a proven track record of academic success and progress. It is encouraging to witness a growing movement that is gaining momentum for parental choice. The effectiveness of the Civil Rights Movement going forward will continue to be contingent on a strong grass roots base. Black parents are increasingly taking the lead in renewing this movement for educational change.

The call to action is to ignite a massive grass roots effort and movement to demand the highest quality education for all children, but in particular for Black children who have suffered the most from the failures of the traditional school systems. Let's decide that we all will become involved. Let's put the interests of our children's education first. Now is the time to rise up and make a difference. Let's act together and work harder because our children deserve the best education.

Stones of Hope for the Next Generation



By Dr. Julianne Malveaux NNPA Columnist

Hurricane Irene hit the East Coast with a vengeance, causing inconvenience, interruption, and postponements. Perhaps the most notable postponement was that of the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, which was to take place on August 28, 48 years after Dr. King gave his historic "I Have A Dream" speech. Thus, activities that were to span the week were, instead, concluded

with an interfaith prayer service that drew more than a thousand people.

If one adheres to the scripture (Romans 8:28) that "all things work together for good", it is possible to ruminate about any greater meaning in the postponement of the King celebration. It is interesting that one definition of postpone is, "to put off something until a later time, to defer". Similarly, the definition of interruption is "to stop or hinder by breaking in". Hurricane Irene just busted in to stop, to hinder, to defer. And while the beloved Rev. Joseph Lowery said, "With all the things Black folk have been through, no little hurricane can come to stop us," the fact is that Irene did exactly that, if only in the short run.

To postpone is to defer. Isn't that exactly what has happened to Dr. King's dream? In

so many ways it has been deferred, especially for the poorest of Americans, those who would have watched the celebration on television because they had no means to travel to Washington. Maybe they'd watch on television. With a rise in the number of people who are homeless, there might be no television to watch. While Dr. King chose to identify with the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, many of the African Americans involved in public policy have chosen to ignore them.

Former Congressman and Ambassador Andrew Young spoke at the Interfaith Service and invoked Dr. King's line that "out of a mountain of despair, a stone of hope." Indeed, the memorial is being described as "a stone of hope". "You and I must become stones

of hope in this world of despair," said Ambassador Young. In the face of an economic downturn and the marginalization of the poor, stones of hope would organize, mobilize, and lobby for laws that promote economic fairness. Instead, we have meekly accepted the extension of Bush tax cuts, meekly accepted rising poverty and high unemployment. I am perplexed that those who are affected by this economy, and those who claim to advocate for them, have not been more effective in protest.

Our failures may have the most impact on the next generation, as increased child poverty has a negative impact on a young person's later life chances. If we claim to be stones of hope for the next generation, then it is incumbent on us to make greater investments in children and their parents. Child poverty is a function

of adult poverty and unemployment. Eleven percent of all children live in a household with an unemployed parent; a significant number live in homes where no parent has full-time, full-year employment.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation released this data and more in their annual Kids Count report on August 17. Their most stunning finding - 31 million children live in poverty. Using 10 indicators of child well being, they found improvement in areas like infant mortality, the child death rate, the teen death rate, and the teen birth rate. But economic indicators showed erosion in the well being of young people.

The Casey Foundation advocates a two-generation strategy to both help parents achieve economic stability and to enhance the "social, eco-

nomics, cognitive, and physical" development of children, and has developed a set of strategies that include both maintaining existing programs (which are likely to be cut because of the deals cut with the debt ceiling), and new programs, including asset protection, and programs to promote reading proficiency. Yet the likelihood of any of these programs being implemented hinges on our collective will to be stones of hope for young people.

A celebration has been postponed, deferred, much like the hopes and dreams of the 31 million children who live in poverty. While the celebration will almost certainly be rescheduled, action to improve the lives of these young people has yet to be scheduled. The King Memorial is a riveting Stone of Hope, but who among us will be Stones of Hope for the next generation?

Republicans Contradict Themselves on Taxes



By George E. Curry NNPA Columnist

If there was ever any lingering doubt that Republicans

favor the rich over poor and middle-class Americans, it should be removed by the GOP's opposition to President Obama's proposal to extend the payroll tax cut for another year.

Let's face it: Republicans oppose almost everything advocated by the nation's first Black president. And Republican leaders have made it clear that their top priority is defeating Obama in 2012, even if that means wrecking the country in the process.

Whether it was coming up with a budget compromise last December or the most recent round of deficit haggling, Republicans have adamantly refused to roll back the tax rate for the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans to the pre-George W. Bush level. That move alone would cut the federal deficit by half. GOP leaders also refuse to close tax loopholes that allow some U.S. companies to pay little or no federal taxes.

Last year, Congress ap-

proved President Obama's 1-year plan to reduce the share of payroll taxes designated for Social Security from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent. Now, Obama is proposing adding another year, a move that would affect 46 percent of all taxpayers, saving the average family \$1,000.

When he was a candidate, Obama pledged to end the Bush tax cuts for the top 2 percent of taxpayers - individuals earning at least \$200,000 a year and couples making \$250,000 or more. Under pressure from

Republicans, however, Obama agreed last December to extend the cuts.

According to Citizens for Tax Justice, 52.5 percent of the Bush tax cuts benefit the richest 5 percent of taxpayers.

"In fact, tax statistics show that upper-income taxpayers get more of their income from salaries, capital gains, stock dividends and interest than they do from small businesses."

According to the Congressional Budget Office, pro-

viding tax cuts to the wealthy is the least effective way to stimulate the economy because rich people are more likely to save the money. A more effective way to encourage spending is by placing money in the hands of poor and middle-class citizens, people more likely to spend the funds.

And that's exactly what President Obama seeks to do by extending the payroll tax cut, which would benefit almost half of all Americans. If it is not extended, it will expire Jan. 1,

A Lecture by Dr. Michelle Alexander at Wesley UMC

On Friday, September 23, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church - noted author Michelle Alexander will speak about her acclaimed book "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness," which argues that the mass incarceration of African American men has created a racial under-caste subject to legalized discrimination and social exclusion.

She will also explain that while it is no longer socially permissible to use race as a justification for discrimination, it is legal to discriminate against convicted criminals in nearly all the ways that it was once legal to discriminate against African Americans. Once labeled a felon, the old forms of discrimination - employment discrimination, housing discrimination, denial of the right to vote, denial of educational opportunity, denial of food stamps and other public



Dr. Michelle Alexander benefits, and exclusion from jury service - are suddenly legal.

Alexander is a professor at Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law and the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity. She also has taught at Stanford Law School, where she served as director of the Civil Rights Clinic. She began teaching after directing the Racial Justice Project of the ACLU of Northern California, which

spearheaded the national campaign against racial profiling.

This event is being sponsored by BridgeBuilders - A Racial Reconciliation Ministry in the United Methodist Church and by a number of ministries and individuals from University United Methodist Church and Wesley United Methodist Church. Community sponsors include: The Austin Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), The Warfield Center for African and African-American Studies, and The Texas After Violence Project.

A question and answer period, reception, and book signing will follow Dr. Alexander's lecture. The public is invited to attend. For more information - please contact either church office (University UMC at 478-9387 or go to uumc.org or Wesley UMC at 478-7007 or go to wesleyunited.org.

A Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Strangers

Remembering 9/11 - An Interfaith Memorial Service

"Great perils have this beauty, that they bring to light the brotherhood of strangers." - Victor Hugo In recognition of the continued work that needs to be done to foster improved relationships between our region's diverse religious communities, Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) in collaboration with The City of Austin, The Catholic Diocese of Austin, Muslims for Peace and Unity, The Institute for Interfaith Dialogue, Congregation Beth Israel, First Baptist Church and other iACT member congregations will be holding a city-wide Memorial Service commemorating the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. The Interfaith Memorial Service will take place on Sunday, September the 11th, from 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM at First Baptist Church in downtown Austin - 901 Trinity Street. The service will focus on the sacrifice of those who rushed to save strangers on 9/11 and the need

to strengthen the bonds of our community today. In addition to the Interfaith Memorial Service, Interfaith Action of Central Texas will also be hosting two of its "Red Bench" interfaith dialogue program to foster direct conversations between individuals of all faith traditions. The first of these Red Bench conversations will take place on Wednesday, September 7, at 6 PM at the First Methodist Church Family Life Center at 1300 Lavaca Street. The focus of this conversation will be on the ways that 9/11 changed our individual lives. On Tuesday, September 27th, The Red Bench conversation will conclude its dialogues

about the impact of 9/11 at 6 PM at the same venue.

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Henrietta Harris - 1911 - present

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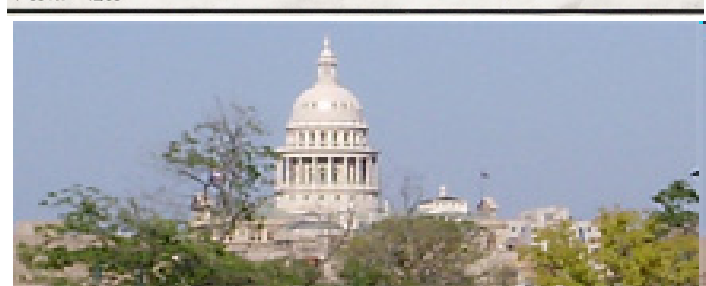
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THE VILLAGER YOUTH BRIGADE PREPARES FOR A NEW YEAR



(Photo 1 - L to R) Shellda Grant, 2nd from left, was the special guest speaker for the orientation. Here she listens to Publisher T. L. Wyatt far R, as he explains some of the points of the program. Photo by Arlene Youngblood.



(Right photo) Some of the Brigaders and parents listen to the orientation for the new group of students. The students will have the opportunity to write weekly articles about their school and school activities. Photos by Arlene Youngblood.

The Villager YOUTH BRIGADE kicked off a new school year by holding its annual orientation session. The program was held at the Carver Branch Library on Saturday, August 27,

2011 from 2 to 4 p.m. Coordinator Arlene Youngblood held a workshop with the new and old students about the rules and expectations of the brigaders. There are a total

of 21 students signed up for the program. The Villager Youth Brigade program was started in 1986 and has been in continuous operation since that time. The first

group was made up of six (6) students. Their success launched a program that has lasted for more than 25 years. The special guest speaker for the orientation

was Shellda Grant, one of the original members of the program who was a student at Crockett High School. She told the student of her experiences with the program and gave them a up date on

her experiences since. She is currently an Independent Travel Specialist and adjunct professor at Austin Community college. After the program, the group enjoyed a pizza lunch

Ready for a new experience



Jaquarry Wilson
Del Valle High School

Only one week of school has passed and I am already exhausted! Can you believe we received homework on the second day? Well, you better believe it! Summer was filled with tons of excitement! Vacations, celebrations, and even jobs, but like almost all of the things we enjoy, it eventually had to come to an end.

Unfortunately, I decided to leave LBJ and give Del Valle High School a shot, just to see how it was. I can honestly say that it is definitely not the same as LBJ. Although the first week didn't turn out how I expected it to, I am going to see where this semester takes me.

This year I have decided to take all Pre-AP classes. Not only will this boost my GPA from a possible high of 4.0 to a 5.0, but it will also prepare me for college. I am now a sophomore which means I will be graduating soon! I am excited about this school year because it will be something different.

People always say it's good to step out of your comfort zone and try new things! In the end, it will make you a better person!

Introducing the New Miss Black Texas USA 2011

Houston, TX - Savannah Williams of Missouri City, Texas was officially named the new Miss Black Texas USA on Monday, August 15, 2011.

After Miss Black Texas USA Ocielcia Gibson was crowned MissBlack USA 2011 on Monday, August 8, 2011, in Washington, D.C. the MissBlack Texas USA crown needed a new head upon which to rest. That head belongs to runner-up Savannah Williams.

"I am honored and ecstatic to have the opportunity to represent my state as Miss Black Texas USA 2011. I will take this position as a learning experience and a chance for personal growth. I am also excited for the chance to make an impact on and a positive change in my community and state," said Savannah.

The new Miss Black Texas USA Savannah Williams is a twenty-one year old student at the University of Houston who is majoring in mathematics and minoring in education. Her future aspirations include being a mathematics teacher and pursuing an acting career. Her passion for education led her to choose education as her platform. "I will use this title to promote an organization I hold dear to my heart, Girls for A Change, and to implement my platform of promoting education in the youth," said the new Miss Black Texas USA. She also hopes to inspire girls to pursue their dreams and to dis-



Savannah Williams,
Miss Black Texas USA 2011

cover their inner queen.

Savannah will hold the Miss Black Texas USA title until she crowns her successor on Sunday, November 13, 2011 at the upcoming Miss Black Texas USA Pageant at the Crowne Plaza North Houston Hotel. Young ladies between the ages of 5-40 will compete for 5 different titles, one of which is Miss Black Texas USA. The winners of the Miss Black Texas USA and the Miss Black Texas USA Talented Teen pageants will be eligible to compete for the national titles in August 2012, at the Miss Black USA Pageant.

Hopefully, Texas can bring the national title back home again. The Miss Black Texas USA Pageant is the official preliminary competition for the Miss Black USA Pageant. Recruitment is currently under way for the Miss Black Texas USA Princess (ages 5-9), Miss Black Texas Preteen (ages 10-12), Miss Black Texas

USA Talented Teen (ages 13-18), Miss Black Texas USA (ages 18-27) and Ms. Black Texas (ages 21-40) pageants. Apply online at www.missblacktexasusa.com and/or appearances for Miss Black Texas USA

Savannah Williams please contact J C Goode, Miss Black Texas USA

Assistant Director at (713) 320-5611 or via email at j@missblacktexasusa.com. The Miss Black Texas USA Pageant State Director is Candace Cooper.

About Miss Black Texas USA Organization

The Miss Black Texas USA Pageant is the official state pageant for the MissBlack USA Organization. The Miss Black USA Pageant and Scholarship

Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit corporation in the state of Maryland that is recognized under the 501(c) 3 code of the Internal Revenue Service. The Miss Black USA Pageant and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1986 by Karen Arrington.

Miss Black Texas USA is independently produced by the Black All-American Pageant Systems, Inc. which was established in 1999 and is based in Houston, Texas. The founder of Black All-American Pageant Systems is former Miss Black Teen Texas, Candace Cooper, who currently serves as the Texas State Director for the Miss Black Texas USA Organization

Ballet Afrique Performance – Re-Flexions



Austin, Texas – Ballet Afrique Contemporary Dance company announces that "Re-flexions", a contemporary dance concert, will premiere at the Long Center on Saturday, September 3 and Sunday September, 4. Ballet Afrique will perform its signature work "Four Women" and will debut six new works.

Included is a performance by Umoja – Ballet Afrique's II Youth Company and a feature by special guest, modern dance Master Toni Bravo. Toni Bravo is known for the intriguing places she "flexes" her feet throughout her dances and for the soulful themes she chooses. "Re-flexions" is a series of choreographies that deal with themes of reflection. The Dancers reflections bring life to words and transform pain into a remarkable display of resilience. For more information, call or email China Smith at (512) 228-7060, balletafrique@gmail.com

A New School Year begins!



Olivia Smith
Lockhart H.S.

On the first day of school, our principals informed us of the new changes to the student handbook. Some students were pleased with the changes; others were not. The plus side is that if you have a concern or would like to comment to the new changes and rules; you can

write a complaint and submit it to a box for further discussion.

Besides the new changes, we have new snack bar food that is delicious! Also the teachers are thrilled to help the students accomplish success! Also we have a new football coach who has sent teams to wins and that's what our Lockhart High School Football team needs! He is excited to help our team strive to success. And of course with the numerous pep rallies, it will get the adrenaline and excitement rushing throughout the football team.

Anyways it is a new year and we are all ready for whatever comes in our lion paths! Go lions!

School starts off with a bang



Tori Smith,
Lockhart Junior High School

Well we just had our first week of school and already I was tired out. I slept in on Saturday. We just had our 1st football game last Friday. I am really excited about basketball season. This year there will be more concerts for band. Not sure of dates yet. Next week we are going to have our Fall Pictures. Still there's not that much going on yet so that's all for now see you all next week.

STRING AUDITIONS for Austin Youth Orchestra 2011-2012 SEASON

String auditions for the 2011-2012 Austin Youth Orchestra (AYO) program have been scheduled as follows:

Monday, September 5, 2011
Stephen F. Austin High School, 1715 West Cesar Chavez Street 6:00 P.M.: Registration 6:30 P.M.: Auditions

• Membership in AYO is open to all interested orchestra students from throughout the central Texas area - public school, private school, charter school, and homeschool - and will be determined by the audition process. Stu-

dents from schools with orchestra programs must be a member in their school orchestra.

• Audition material is a solo piece or etude of the student's choice that demonstrates a maximum level of ability. Scales and sightreading may also be required. There is a \$10.00 audition fee for new prospective members. The audition registration form may be completed online in advance of the auditions via the AYO website at <http://www.AustinYouthOrchestra.com> ("Auditions"/"Prospective Members" section).

• If accepted as a member of the AYO program, there is a \$100.00 per semester tuition fee for each participating member. In return for this nominal fee, members will receive comprehensive and intensive orchestral instruction, including regular performances at various venues of the highest quality of literature.

• The various orchestras accommodate different levels of experience, playing ability, and age groupings.

The Villager Youth Brigade, the voice of Austin youth since 1986!

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He has been televised on Austin's Video Trailers on

channel 10 in Austin.

The lounge will also begin offering Thursday evening Blues Happy hour, starting in September at 6 p.m. offering free wings. The atmosphere is comfortable with the amenities of cool air, pool table, video game and DJ music. Ongoing scheduled entertainment will be announced.

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Austin Loses a Beloved Trailblazer



Vernice T. Smith Deborah Cannon/ AMERICAN-STATESMAN

by Alta Y. Alexander
Austin loses a pioneer in the education community. Vernice T. Smith passed away at age 88. She was the first black educator to teach in an all-white school (Austin High School) in the Austin Independent School District (AISD). In 1967, AISD board members elected to integrate black students from old Anderson High School to an all-white school of their choice. By 1970, AISD had not complied with the mandate established via the U.S. Civil Rights Act and was ordered to close Anderson High School, then implement the busing of black students of to white schools.

Her daughter, Verna Smith recalls the time her mother taught at Austin High School during such a treacherous time.

"People would call the house day and night with vile threats and foul language, but that would never deter my mother. She forbid my sister, Brenda and I to tell anyone what was going on at the house because speaking about

the color. She was a very determined woman, and I was very proud of her."
In 1997, Austin High School honored Vernice Smith with an installation into the school's Hall of Honor. One of her students noted to her warm wishes on behalf of the Austin High Class of 1975 and thanked her for her words of wisdom and making a difference in the lives of all students regardless of their race.

Each day her husband LeRoy Smith would drop her off at the school where he could hear the insults hurled at his wife.

"After he dropped mom off at school, dad would take us to school. We saw him struggle each time he left her - watching her, helplessly, as she disappeared up the steps and into the building," Verna recalls.

Eldest daughter, Brenda Zander, remembers how resolute her mother was. "Mom never let anyone stop her from anything she set her mind to, and her sites were set on teaching students, no matter

the color. She was a very determined woman, and I was very proud of her."

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She taught at Austin High School from 1967 to 1985. During the cataclysm surrounding the inception of integration it was critical that special leadership step to the plate to navigate the necessity of making certain our youth - both black and white - had the education they needed to guide them into taking charge of our future. Vernice Smith was that special kind of leader.

Vernice T. Smith's homegoing celebration was held at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 1pm.

CBC Stands up for Jobs in the Black Community Nationally

By Yussuf J. Simmonds/Sentinel Managing Editor Special to the NNPA from the Los Angeles Sentinel

According to the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)—known as the 'Conscience of the Congress'—over 40 job bills have been brought to the House floor by its members since the beginning of the 112th (the current session) Congress. To that end, they have been holding town halls and job fairs around the country to ease the devastating crush of human misery that the high unemployment has taken in their districts and beyond, as a part of the jobs initiative thrust. To date, this initiative has included town halls and jobs fairs in Cleveland, Detroit, Atlanta and Miami. Each stop has featured at least 100 employers with real and available jobs, and thousands of eager jobs seekers.

CBC Chairman Emanuel Cleaver was scheduled to join his colleagues Congresswomen Maxine Waters, Laura Richardson, and Karen Bass in Los Angeles later this week, the final stop of the national jobs initiative effort. They have demonstrated national leadership in their efforts at championing jobs for the Black community. Congresswoman Waters will host the event, which will include more than a dozen members of the CBC, for the Final Stop of the CBC's "For the People" Jobs Initiative.

According to CBC Chairman Cleaver, the genesis of the jobs initiative tour was the devastating impact that the high unemployment was having in members' districts. He explained, "The Congressional Black Caucus, of which I am the chair began to look at what we can do in terms of reducing the depression level unemployment among Afri-

can Americans. We came to the conclusion that it was pointless to just complain and growl the government's lack of attention to this segment of the American population that is unable to find work. So we decided that we would select five cities where unemployment was high, get major corporation to commit to hiring a large number of those individuals who came out and we would travel around the country with this job fair," Cleaver said.

As a result, Los Angeles was one of the targeted cities and they are scheduled to be here to discuss the high unemployment rate in the African American community, jobs legislation and how to stimulate the economy in urban communities. "The Congressional Black Caucus cannot tolerate this crisis," said Waters, "that is why we are taking the unusual step of getting out of Washington and connecting our constituents directly with real jobs. With the national unemployment rate at 9.2 percent, California's rate at 12.1 percent, and the rate in the African American Community at 16 percent, the CBC has made job creation our number one priority. This initiative will extend beyond these events."

Cleaver continued, "The whole caucus was going to participate with these districts. But instead we chose Cleveland as our first site—which was two weeks ago—we had 7,000 people to turn out for about 2,200 jobs from 200 major corporations: from General Electric to Wal-Mart or Home Depot. Next we were in Detroit on this past Monday with about four thousand people who came out for about 1,500 jobs. And then yesterday, we were in Atlanta where about 5,000 people turned out for a couple of thousand jobs,"

he concluded.

Bass said, "It's most important leaving Washington and coming to L.A. and hearing from people who are hurting, and taking their stories back to Washington and demanding that we have the resources to take the jobs back to these communities." Over the last week, Rep. Waters, who chairs the jobs initiative, has made national headlines as a result of her sharp criticism of the handling of the unemployment crisis by both the administration and the tea party led Republican House majority. These events promise to provide an open forum to continue this dialogue. Waters has been outspoken on the topic of the unemployment crisis facing African-Americans. She also chided Obama for ignoring the Black community during his recent bus tour through Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Echoing her sentiments, Rep. Elijah Cummings said that African-Americans are "totally frustrated, and people need to know that the president feels their pain. Almost every African-American person I spoke to said he (the President) needs to fight, and fight harder," Cummings said, responding to the high unemployment rates in the Black community."

And that pain is real for as Cleaver described an incident at one of the job fairs, "To show how desperate these individuals are for work, 12 individuals standing in line for hours to get inside where they would meet a potential employer, fainted and had to go to the hospital."

He said that the next stop would be in Miami where they were expecting "double digits, ten thousand or more. And the last two days of this month (August) we would be in Los Angeles."

It was due to Cleaver's leadership that members of the CBC unanimously co-sponsored and introduced the Congressional Black Caucus 'For the People' Jobs Initiative Resolution (H. Res. 348) to encourage the House of Representatives to immediately consider and pass critical jobs legislation to address the growing jobs crisis in America.

About his leadership, Danny J. Bakewell, Sr., executive publisher of the Sentinel commented, "Emanuel Cleaver has a clear vision of his leadership role as chairman of CBC; he is the right man, in the right job, at the right time, delivering the economic resources for our community that it deserves."

Other CBC members scheduled to participate in the Los Angeles town hall and job fair are: Reps. G. K. Butterfield, Andre Carson, Yvette Clarke, Lacy Clay, Jr., Sheila Jackson Lee, Hank Johnson, Barbara Lee, Cedric Richmond, and Frederica Wilson. The Los Angeles stop on Tuesday, August 30th will be held at the Crenshaw Christian Center and a huge jobs fair to be held at the same location the following day. This event has already confirmed more than 100 employers.

9/11 Anniversary Call For 10,000 Acts of Kindness

AUSTIN, Texas – To honor the victims and survivors of the September 11 terrorist attacks, Pay It Forward 9/11 is encouraging 10,000 surprise good deeds.

In the days leading up to the 10th anniversary, people are asked to help a stranger and share their stories through social media. EnviroMedia Social Marketing will donate \$1 to the Pay It Forward Foundation for every new Twitter follower of @PIFFoundation.

EnviroMedia co-founder Kevin Tuerff started Pay It Forward 9/11 after he experienced life-changing kindness in Gander, Newfoundland, on Sept. 11, 2001.

Tuerff will return to Gander on Sept. 9 to launch the "10,000 Acts of Kindness for 9/11" effort.

Tuerff was stranded in the small Canadian town after 38 jumbo jets unexpectedly landed there when U.S. airspace closed due to the terrorist attacks.

Tuerff and his fellow passengers sat onboard for 10 hours without knowing the extent of the attacks. When finally let off the plane, he and about 7,000 other stranded passengers had no access to their luggage, no food and no place to stay.

"The 10,000 people of Gander had mobilized to take care of us," said Tuerff. "My temporary home was a community college classroom, where I slept on the floor. The New foundlanders fed us and drove me to buy fresh clothes. They were our lifelines, helping us connect to what was happening at home."

Six days later, Tuerff made it home to Texas. To honor Gander's kindness, each year on Sept. 11 Tuerff gives teams of two employees at EnviroMedia \$100 and time off to perform good deeds for strangers. Over nine years, Pay It Forward 9/11 has spread to

other businesses and across the country. Pay It Forward 9/11 good deeds have ranged from buying coffee for strangers to secretly paying for a senior citizen's prescriptions to baking cookies for school crossing guards.

Pay It Forward Foundation EnviroMedia will donate \$1 up to \$10,000 for each new Pay It Forward Foundation follower on Twitter @PIFFoundation now through

Sept. 11. "A lot has changed in how people communicate with one another 10 years after the attacks," said Tuerff of this effort. "We all need to remember the unity and kindness we felt during a very difficult time for the country. This call to action is not just to talk about it on Twitter, but to do something for a stranger." facebook.com/PayItForward9.11 or www.payitforwardfoundation.org.

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Manor Lawns & Services

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

David Manor is a husband, a father, a community leader, and a long time successful business owner. Over the years, David Manor has been giving back to the community through mentoring and coaching young African Americans. For years, he has volunteered as a youth coach.

Furthermore, David Manor is always volunteering to with some type of community activities, such as, helping a church with a carwash activity. Not only is David Manor giving back to the community that has patronized his business, but also operates a successful lawn care service within the community.

Mr. Manor started his business about twenty

years ago. At first Mr. Manor business idea was to have a window cleaning service. As he went door to door to advertise his "window cleaning" business, he realized that his future clientele were more interested in lawn care than window cleaning. Consequently, he made lawn care his principal business activity.

Furthermore, Mr. Manor who is a very resourceful person decided to purchase re-furbished equipment, in order, to get his business started. Since then, he has never looked back. Moreover, his business has grown from "East" Austin to other places like Del Valle, Pflugerville; North, West, and South Austin. Furthermore, his clientele is

of all races and ethnicities.

Unlike other lawn care services, his business offers good customer services and also a quality of services. Moreover, his lawn care business has survived these twenty years due to long standing and happy customers. Mr. Manor offers both commercial and residential lawn care services. Some of the services offered by his lawn care business include the following: cutting grass, flowerbeds, sods, fertilizers, hauling tree works, window cleaning, fence building and repairs, and also pressure washing.

Furthermore, Manor Lawns & Services can be contacted at (512) 585-5670 or at manorlawns@aol.com.

Sander's Settlement

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



Sheryl Cole

Through the initiatives and leadership of Mayor Pro-Term Sheryl Cole, the Austin city council on August 25, 2011 finally passed the Sander's Settlement. According to Mayor Pro-Term Sheryl Cole, "The Sander's Settlement has been costly for the city and will continue to be costly if taken to court. But, more importantly it is risky. We do not know even if in court, we will receive a zero verdict or if we will receive a multi-million dollar verdict. We simply do not know. Also, based on the information that we currently have, I do not think that this is a risk

that we should take. This has been traumatic upon the Sander's family. It has been difficult on our police officers. Yet most importantly, it has stretched the very fabric of unity and trust of our community. I believe that it is time for closure."

The Sander's Settlement was a principal topic of the 2011 city council race. During the 2011 city council campaign trail, the candidates addressed this issue.

Moreover, the candidates who favored the settlement were elected and re-elected. Consequently, the composition of the city council

member did change after the election, which allowed for the Sander's Settlement to pass. On August 25, 2011, five council members, including: Mayor Pro-Term Sheryl Cole, Council Member Chris Riley, Councilmember Bill Spellman, Councilmember Kathie Tovo voted in favor of the settlement. On the other hand, Mayor Lee Leffingwell and Councilmember Martinez voted against the settlement. According to Councilmember Kathie Tovo, "The Sander's Settlement was needed to start the community healing. And that the settlement was fiscally prudent."

According to Mayor Pro-Term, Sheryl Cole, "The Council has the opportunity to 'right the wrong' that they did not only once, but twice last year, with this family and especially the tragedy they've gone through." Moreover, the Sander's Settlement ends one of the most controversial episodes between the African American community, the Austin's city leadership and police department. Moreover, the Sander's incident was deemed controversial due to the fact that a police officer's fell to follow protocol, which included the failure to turn on his dashboard camera so that everyone could have seen what really occurred on that tragic day. Now that the settlement has gone forth, the community can begin its healing process.

Central Texas Cities News

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

City of Austin

September 1, 2011 the Austin city council will meet to vote on two items. The first item would be to conduct a public hearing regarding the city's budget. During this time, the Austin resident can give their input regarding the various item that should and should not be included in the budget. In other words, it is the ideal time to tell the city council the various programs that does or doesn't work.

The second item before the city council would be vote on proposed property tax rate (ad valorem) for the 2011-2012 budget. An increase of property tax would mean that the Austin's resident would have to pay more. Moreover, it is very important for all Austinites to take an active part of city government. One can take an active part in city government by attending the council's meeting or listening to it online.

City of Pflugerville

On August 29, 2011, the City of Pflugerville has issued a call for the implementation of the Stage 2 water conservation water restriction. According to the City's Drought Contingency Plan, "the goal of Stage II Water Conservation is to reduce the use of water by at least 10%. The decision to move from voluntary to mandatory conservation is based upon the amount of acre feet of water storage in lakes Travis and Buchanan as Pflugerville receives water from these lakes via the Colorado River.

During a time of drought, the water that is released from Buchanan and Travis does not replenish easily due to the lack of rain and runoff. When the LCRA implements a water-rationing program, all entities that receive water from the lower Colorado River are directly affected and have to implement the same program, including the

City of Pflugerville."

Furthermore, all water customers are required to comply with the water conservation schedule. The water conservation schedule calls for the residential homes with an odd number to water their lawns on Wednesday & Saturday.

Furthermore, residential homes with an even number can water on both Thursday and Sunday. The restrictions allow watering of lawns, landscapes and foundations, but only on designated days and before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m. Watering with a hand held positive shutoff nozzle or bucket is allowed anytime, any day.

Car washing is permitted only on watering days and not between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Filling or refilling of indoor or outdoor swimming pools is prohibited. A violation of the mandatory restrictions is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000.

Travis County Gets State OK for Vote Centers Program in November

Voters will have option of voting at any county voting site on Election Day

AUSTIN -The Texas Secretary of State has notified county officials that Travis County's application to implement Vote Centers in the November 2011 election has been approved. Vote centers, or countywide polling place programs, allow voters in approved counties to vote at any polling place on Election Day - in the same manner as Early Voting.

"Allowing Election Day voters to cast a ballot at any polling place in the county is a key step toward ensuring that all votes will be counted," DeBeauvoir said. "We are grateful that we can offer this option to Travis County voters."

The next step in the process will be to submit information concerning this change in voting procedure to the U.S. Department of Justice for preclearance under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act.

"Having learned from

the experience of other counties, I'm confident we are moving forward with a program that will serve Travis County voters well," said DeBeauvoir.

DeBeauvoir said her office plans to maintain the same number of voting sites typically used in a comparable election. This moderate approach will turn all Election Day polling places into vote centers - with no widespread reduction in polls, as has been the case in other county programs.

"We will encourage voters to vote at their home precincts, but those who have tight schedules or get stuck in traffic on their way home will be able to vote at any location that is convenient," DeBeauvoir said.

Vote centers also will eliminate the problem of voters showing up at the "wrong" polling place, because any polling place will be the right place to vote. As

in Early Voting, the County Clerk will ensure voting security and prevent the possibility of duplicate voting by instantly updating voter records to indicate when a voter has cast a ballot in the election.

Following the election, the County Clerk will submit a report to the Secretary of State on the effectiveness of the program. Statements from various stakeholders including voters and community interest groups will be included. Based on community opinion, the County Clerk and Commissioners Court will decide if vote centers should be continued for future November elections.

The full list of polling places for the November 8, 2011, election will be posted on the County Clerk's website following review by the County Commissioners Court in early September.

Contact: Mary Fero, 854-3293

New Law Takes Effect

For Property Tax Homestead Exemption Applications

(AUSTIN) - Under a law passed by the Texas Legislature homeowners who apply for a new property tax homestead exemption beginning Sept. 1 must provide proof to the county appraisal district that they live in the house they claim as their principal residence.

House Bill 252 requires a copy of the homeowner's Texas driver's license or state identification card and the homeowner's vehicle registration receipt be sent with the homestead exemption application. If the homeowner does not own a vehicle they can send a current utility bill showing name and address, along with an affidavit provided in the application indicating non-ownership of a vehicle.

The address on the

documents must match the address for which the homestead exemption is requested.

The new requirement does not apply to homeowners who already have homestead exemptions. It affects only new applications for exemptions sent to appraisal districts. "As Comptroller, we implement laws passed by the legislature" said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. "The homestead exemption is intended to help relieve the tax burden of Texas full-time residents. This new legislation ensures that the system is working fairly and legally."

The new law affects new applications for the general homestead exemption available to every homeowner as well as the over-

65 exemption, the disability exemption, the disabled veterans exemption, the extended exemption for a homeowner's surviving spouse and the manufactured (mobile) home exemption.

In addition to proof of residency, beginning Sept. 1, homeowners applying for a homestead exemption on a manufactured (mobile) home must also provide proof of purchase of the home and a statement of ownership and location issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The homestead exemption application form for property owners and county appraisal districts is available online at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-114.pdf>.

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1. BKH012436-MONTH CONTRACT FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR SERVICES AND PARTS -JANITORIAL EQUIPMENT. Offers due prior to 2:00P on 9/21/11.

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3. PAX0015 RAIN WATER COLLECTION SYSTEM REPAIR SERVICES. A MANDATORY Vendor site-visit will be held at Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH), 500 E. 7th St. at 8:00A on 9/7/11. Offers due prior to 2:00P on 9/14/11.

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5. JSD0001 HARDSCAPE AND PAVER MAINTENANCE SERVICES. A Vendor Conf will be held at City Hall, Room 1029 at 8:30A on 9/9/11. Offers due prior to 2:00P on 9/20/11.

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A Conversation with President George C. Wright



Dr. George and Valerie Wright, President of Prairie View A & M Univ.

As president of Prairie View A & M University, Wright is focused on keeping the lines of communications open and strong between the alumni and the university

**By Yussuf J. Simmonds
Special to the NNPA
from the Los Angeles Sentinel**

Dr. George C. Wright is the seventh president of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas, and he says, "education is the engine of change," and that is his focus of his leadership at the university, "unlocking the door for Black people." Dr. Wright is reaching out to the school alumni throughout the country because he believes that relationship is the strength of the university. "The best part of my job is interacting with alumni," he said.

Furthermore, Dr. Wright travels the country interacting with the alumni, getting and keeping them involved of every aspect as it relates to fundraising for the capital campaign for scholarship for students; endowment for professors and his most ambitious undertaking - the building of a sports complex. Recently, Lonnie and Charlene Bunkley, both alumni of PVAMU hosted Dr. Wright, his wife Valerie and Roy G. Perry, chairman/president of PVAM Foundation at their home for the expressed purpose of a gathering of the alumni. There Dr. Wright and Perry gave some insight into their plans, goals and objectives in furthering the academic and athletic work at PVAMU.

Dr. Wright has been at the helm of PVAMU for eight years and since then the student numbers have increased from 6,500 to 9,000. Under Dr. Wright's leadership, the school has improved the quality of producing thousands of African American engineers, nurses and educators, and its dedication to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achiev-

ing excellence in teaching, research and service. In Dr. Wright's own words, he explains his vision for PVAMU so that he leaves, the path for others to follow would be much clearer than before. According to Dr. Wright, "Second only to his belief in God is the power of education." For as he continued, "Education opens so many doors and we have to leave something for the young people who are coming behind us. We have young people who don't know how good you are; we have to leave something worthwhile behind for them. "Education is not just a college degree," he emphasized, "it also an appreciation of culture ... a knowledge and appreciation of those who came before us. In the case of Prairie View, I want them to know it's their university, and they need to help us move it to the next level."

Then Perry chimed in, "We are undertaking a 15,000 seat football stadium, with a total cost of \$67 million for Phase One. We have to be ready with 50 percent of the cost before construction can begin." He also stated that if each alumnus would donate just \$1 per month, it would be a done deal. And as a product of an HBCU, Perry believes that those who have benefited have a responsibility to help and to tell others.

Prior to joining the Prairie View A&M University family, Dr. Wright was Executive Vice-President for academic affairs and provost at the University of Texas at Arlington. Prior to assuming that post, he was provost and vice president for academic affairs with increasing responsibilities from 1995 to 1998. In 1993, he joined the faculty at Duke University as vice provost for university programs and director of the Afro-American studies program at Duke University. At Duke, he also held the William R. Kenan, Jr., Chair in

American History. From 1980 to 1993, he served as an assistant professor, associate professor, professor, and was the holder of the Mastin Gentry White Professorship of Southern History, and vice provost for undergraduate education at the University of Texas at Austin. His wealth of experience in higher education began as an assistant professor at the University of Kentucky in 1977.

To his credit, Dr. Wright is the author of three books, which include: A History of Blacks in Kentucky: In Pursuit of Equality, 1890-1980, Volume II; Racial Violence in Kentucky, 1865-1940: Lynchings, Mob Rule, and "Legal Lynchings", and the Life Behind a Veil: Blacks in Louisville, Kentucky, 1865-1930. He was presented the Governors Award by the Kentucky Historical Society for Lynchings, Mob Rule, and "Legal Lynchings", and the Life Behind a Veil: Blacks in Louisville, Kentucky. He currently has another book in progress, a biography of Robert Charles O'Hara Benjamin: A "Forgotten" Afro-American Leader and has published numerous articles, chapters in books and essays.

Active in his community, Dr. Wright has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the City of Arlington Chamber Foundations and the Medical Center of Arlington. He has also served as a member of the Editorial Board for the Southern Biography Series at Louisiana State University, the Board of Editors of the Journal of Southern History and the Southern Historical Association Program Committee.

A native of Lexington, Kentucky, Dr. Wright received his bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in history from the University of Kentucky and his doctorate in history from Duke University. In 2004, Dr. Wright was awarded an honorary doctorate of Letters from the University of Kentucky.

National Night Out 2011 to kick off with celebration on October 4, 2011

Today, APD public safety groups, elected officials and community leaders announced the 28th National Night Out. National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 with a kick off celebration from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Mueller 4550 Mueller Blvd.

Neighborhoods throughout Austin are invited to join thousands of communities nationwide to participate in the event that is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations
- Send the message that your neighborhood is a safe place to live

Neighborhoods are encouraged to come together and send the message that we are all working together to prevent crime and keep our neighborhoods safe. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 residents are

asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Code Compliance and City Officials. To register your National Night Out block party download an application at www.austintexas.gov/police

For the rest of the nation, National Night Out occurs in August. Since Texas is so hot, the event has been moved to October when it is cooler outside.

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By George Hardin SportsBeat

Anderson takes early lead, defeats McCallum 16-10

Bill Ramzinsky in his new role as the Trojans' head coach. For four years he was the assistant head football coach and offensive coordinator. The teams broke for the half with Anderson holding a 7-3 lead.

Deryl Bunton, a senior running back/linebacker, ran a 12-yard touchdown for Anderson in the third. The kick attempt was blocked. The Trojans followed with a 33-yard field goal by Bradley Wilkins.

With about 3:16 left in the third quarter, McCallum scored as quarter as Deon Price took a 74-yard pass from Braylon Cannon over the goal line. Nathan Faulkner succeeded with the point after touchdown. Neither team scored in the fourth quarter.

Ramzinsky said defense made the difference in the game. "Defense played great; offense played sloppy, turning the ball over," he said. "We've got a lot of new guys on our offense and it's going to take us a little while (to improve),



Braylon Cannon rushes ahead to gain yardage for the McCallum Knights against the Anderson Trojans. Cannon had 18 carries for 174 yards. Photo by George E. Hardin

but usually early in the season the defense is what carries teams and that was proof to-night."

McCallum head coach Todd Raymond said, "Obviously, the big thing today was the amount of turnovers that we had. You turn over a football five times in a football game you should get beat a heck of a lot worse than by six points. Our defense did a tremendous, tremendous job but we've got new kids taking snaps at quarterback, new kids at running back, we've just got to clean all that up. We left seven points there, another three points there; it's a big difference in the game."

Cannon led in rushing for the Knights with 18 carries for 174 yards. Bunton was tops for the Trojans with 6 carries for 99 yards.

Anderson was scheduled to meet Hays at House Park Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m., and McCallum was scheduled to play Akins High the same night at 7:30 at Burger Stadium.

Bowie emerges on the top in game with Pflugerville

By George Hardin SportsBeat



Railond Mayes of Bowie makes a run in the game with the Pflugerville Panthers. Photo by George E. Hardin.

The Bowie High Bulldawgs met the Pflugerville Panthers 14-7 Friday, Aug. 26, at Burger Stadium. Both teams seemed evenly matched for most of the game with no scores in the first quarter or third quarters and the count standing at 7-7 until the fourth period.

In the second quarter Bowie's Gino Jonassaint hit pay dirt for his team with an 8-yard run followed by a successful Call Casarez kick for the extra point. Pflugerville followed up

late in the second quarter as Caleb Horton grabbed a 72-yard pass from quarterback Blaine Kruemcke to dash ahead for the score. Sean Ianno succeeded with the point after touchdown.

Bowie was the only team to hit the scoreboard in the fourth quarter as Jonassaint made a 20-yard run for his second touchdown. Casarez's toe was on the mark again for the point after touchdown.

In first downs the teams were identical with 11 each but Bowie

was ahead in rushing yards gained with 30 for 150 while Pflugerville had 37 for 106. The Panthers passed for 159 yards compared to 92 for the Dawgs. And the Panthers lost one of two fumbles compared to the Dawgs' one of three.

"Both teams played hard," Bowie head coach Jeff Ables said. "I don't know if there was a loser out here tonight. Both teams played their heart out. I guess the turnover we got right

there at the end we got off the punt (was important). And we were able to score off that. I think if there's a difference it boils down to somebody making a mistake. A win's a win."

Bowie will play Westwood in an away game at 7:30 p.m. on Sept 2. George Hermann is head coach of the Pflugerville Panthers who will meet the Ronald Reagan High Rattlers in a non-league game in San Antonio Sept. 9.

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
	1	2	3	4
BOWIE:	0	7	0	7
PFLUGERVILLE:	0	7	0	0
TOTAL:				
BOWIE	14			
PFLUGERVILLE	7			



Pflugerville's Brandon Pacheco tries to escape a Bowie tackler at Burger Stadium. Bowie won the game 14-7. Photo by George E. Hardin

Off-Season distractions for College Football comes to an end

By: Terry Davis

With the opening of College Football this weekend, we can start to focus on games instead of all of the other off field incidents that has occurred this summer. Some of those incidents will bleed into the upcoming season.

How will the alleged extra benefits that some of the current University of Miami players effect their season? Will the LSU quarterback Jordan Jefferson start the season on the sidelines or in the legal system because of the alleged assault on a bar patron? Will the talk of Texas A&M possible switch to the SEC and the preseason top ten ranking effect how they start the year?

TCU Horned Frogs at Baylor Bears - This game will be a good test for the Bears as they try to prove they can play with the big boys. The home crowd will give the Bears an early rush, but will they be able to maintain that momentum for the entire game. TCU is looking to make a final impression to the Nation as they enter into the Big East Conference in 2012. TCU finished the year almost playing for the National Championship in 2010. This season will not

be any different than the 2010 season. TCU should win easily.

UCLA Bruins at Houston Cougars - The Cougars enter this year under Kevin Sumlin. This is the fourth year for Sumlin at the helms of the Cougars and his team is favored to win the Conference USA Championship this year. The Cougars are also looking to leave Conference USA and bolt to the waiting arms of the Big 12. UCLA is looking to return to prominence after a couple of disappointing seasons. Rick Neuheisel is on the hot seat with the Bruins fans and has to return the team to a prominent bowl game this year or he might lose his job with the Bruins. Cougars barely get by the Bruins.

SMU Mustangs at Texas A&M Aggies - This is the most interesting local game of interest to open the season. The Mustangs are looking to make a very strong impression on the Big 12 as they try to make a bid to enter the conference. The Mustangs are looking to go to their 3rd consecutive bowl game this year under head coach June Jones. While the Aggies have plenty of talk going on off the field about their potential bolt from the

Big 12 and entering the season as a consensus top ten school. The Aggies Head Coach Mike Sherman is looking to get out of the shadows of the University of Texas by competing for a Big 12 Championship and a National Championship.

Texas A&M should win this game, but do not be surprised if the Mustangs pull the upset.

Rice Owls at Texas Longhorns - This game will answer only a couple of major questions about the Longhorns. The first who is really the starting quarterback and who in Austin will be able to have the Longhorn network in their homes. The Longhorns have many more questions that will not be answered in week one. Some of the questions are will their defense be able to stop any of the high powered offenses in the Big 12? Will the offensive line be able to generate enough blocking to establish a decent running game? Will the offensive line give the quarterback time to improve the passing game?

Longhorns win this game by double digits if they do not it will be a very long year for the Longhorns.

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