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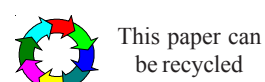


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RAPPIN'
Tommy Wyatt

The end of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

On September 20, 2011, the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Repeal act of 2010 became official and as of that day, lesbian, gay and bisexual people have the backing of the United States government to serve openly in the military.

Since 1993, the policy made it legal for lesbian, gay or bisexual service members to be fired if they chose to live openly while they served. In December 2010, President Barack Obama signed the bill into law, and the Department of Defense commissioned a committee to embark upon a comprehensive review of military policies that would potentially be affected by the repeal of DADT, with the focus of guaranteeing military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion, and recruitment and retention of the Armed Forces.

The action is long overdue. It is no secret to anyone who has served in the military, or worked in any other profession, that there are people with different sexual orientations among us. And this did not keep them from being excellent at their given professions. But, the military was one of the few places that they had to keep that side of themselves a secret.

With discontinuation of the military draft, American was dependent on volunteers to carry on the protective services. Lesbians, gays, and bisexuals were invited to volunteer as long as they checked their sexual orientation at the door. And they all did so, as much as possible, until now.

The National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC) feel that Black lesbians, gay and bisexual military households stand to benefit the most from the repeal as Black lesbian servicemembers were being discharged at three times the rate of their counterparts. The rest lived in constant fear that they could be outed by a letter or a phone call. The NBJC is a civil rights organization dedicated to empowering Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. Their mission is to end racism and homophobia.

The elimination of Don't Ask, Don't Tell is just more victory over racism.

Department of Justice Objects to Texas Congressional Plan

DOJ will join the argument for a new Texas map

The U.S. Department of Justice filed a federal court brief earlier today objecting to the racially gerrymandered Republican drawn Texas congressional map. The DOJ objection is an important step forward in winning the federal court fight in Washington, D.C. and forcing a redrawn map that fairly reflects Texas' growth over the last decade.

The Department of Justice will now argue in alliance with intervener groups before a three-judge panel in the DC Federal District Court that the Texas map should be overturned and a new plan drawn. The Lone Star Project and the Texas Justice Fund support the intervener group led by State Representative Marc Veasey (HD95 - Fort Worth) which was the first to be approved by the federal court. Other intervener groups supported by Hispanic and African American advocacy organizations are party to the suit as well.

The DOJ objection positions the department in alliance with the intervener groups and in opposition to the Texas Republican State officials when arguing to the federal courts. The DC Federal Court is expected to set a time-

table for legal discovery and a trial on the merits within the next several days.

What Happens Next?

The three-judge panel in Washington, D.C. will set a trial schedule to hear formal arguments from all parties to the suit and make a final determination whether or not the Texas plan violates Section 5 of the US Voting Rights Act. The Department of Justice will argue against the State of Texas before the three-judge federal panel in Washington, DC.

After the DC Court rules, the focus will shift back to Texas, where the San Antonio Court will make its decision on possible Section 2 violation and then order redrawn maps if required.

Last week, a Federal District Court in San Antonio completed a trial hearing arguments that the Texas Congressional and State House plans violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act requiring state plans to reflect the voting strength of citizens. The three-judge panel in Texas will hold off on issuing an opinion on that trial until the DC Court rules whether the Texas plans violate Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act preventing plans from reducing the existing opportunities of minority voters.

Two from Capital Metro Named "Top 40 Under 40"



Aida Berduo

Capital Metro Business Development Manager/DBE Officer Aida Douglas and Vice President of Bus and Paratransit Services Dottie Watkins have been selected for the 2011 "Top 40 Under 40" list by *Mass Transit Magazine*.

In its third year, the *Mass Transit* "Top 40 Under 40" awards highlight the work of the nation's brightest transportation industry professionals whose accomplishments and contributions belie their age.

Aida began at Capital Metro in 1999, after multiple years in the government and non-profit sector. She currently serves as business development manager and DBE officer. Aida manages million dollar revenue projects for Capital Metro through transit advertising and the development of public-private partnerships. Aida also fosters partnerships with the small business community through the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. Capital Metro's DBE program is considered a national model within the transit industry. In addition, Aida monitors the agency's Title VI Program for compliance with



Dottie L. Watkins

the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Aida was instrumental in securing an innovative partnership with Austin Community College that allows ACC students, faculty and staff to ride Capital Metro for free. Ridership through the Green Pass program has increased significantly since the program began.

Dottie recently was appointed vice president of bus and paratransit services for Capital Metro, leading the new Contracted Services Department that will oversee all bus and paratransit contractors and ensure a smooth transition to a new labor structure as mandated by SB650. Dottie has been promoted 10 times since she began her career in 1994 at age 19, driving a UT shuttle bus part-time while she attended the University of Texas at Austin.

Prior to her appointment as vice president, Dottie was interim general manager of StarTran, Inc., a Capital Metro service provider, where she was responsible for 900 employees providing fixed route bus operations and paratransit service. Douglas and Watkins are profiled in the *September/October issue* of the national magazine published on Sept. 19.

Neighborhood Continues Battle against some of the Last of the Big "Slum Lords" of Austin Part I



Neighborhood children and residents in the Wentworth/Gar Creek areas in the Lakeside district prepare to clean up. Photo by Adrienne Isom.

Isom Enterprises Contributing Reporter

Lakeside residents continue in their fight to take their neighborhood back from a few big slum lords. These slum lords own property in the area which borders Loyola Lane, and Decker Lake Rd., entitled "Lakeside Community".

Officer Rickey Jones organized a neighborhood clean-up team a few weeks ago to participate in a trash clean-up of the Wentworth / Gar Creek duplex neighborhood area; these are streets of a main focus of concern in the Lakeside community.

Jones stated that at least 20 youth, and ten adults, including volunteers made a

showing.

Jones stated, "Also please tell your neighbors that we are active in cleaning up this neighborhood once and for all. In order to be absolutely successful we need good people like them to stay in the fight with us. Soon we will start a Google group for the citizens to voice their concerns so we can view and act as well as possible. The movement is on track and we will be victorious."

Jones along with other key law enforcement specialist have been battling not only trash, but what is obviously the migration of the drug and crime movement which seem to have been for the most part,

chased out of the 11th and 12th Street Corridor. The situation in the area seems to be spiraling downward quickly. A visitor to the area even complained of receiving a late night solicitation of a prostitute on Wentworth Street, by Fire Station #26!

In a previous conversation, Jones mentioned that he and Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole had planned to view the area together, to make an assessment of what future action will be taken.

He emphasized that plans are underway to address the shabby upkeep of a

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Let's Move Austin Play Day at the YMCA



Some of the participants enjoying activities at the Y. Photo by Thomas Wyatt

On Saturday, September 17, Mayor Lee Leffingwell and the City of Austin teamed with the YMCA of Austin to host Let's Move Austin Play Day at the YMCA from 10am-1pm, featuring a free day of fun activities to help families rediscover the joy of playing.

Everyone was invited to visit the East Communities YMCA (located at 5315 Ed Bluestein Blvd. & E. 51st St.) for active family-oriented games and highlighted by supervised

play on the Y's new 2500 square foot KaBOOM Playground.

Participants were also able to enjoy the East Communities Y's popular Aquatic Playscape, water slides and swimming pool. Music and refreshments were also provided free of charge, and all participants received great prizes and a free Let's Move Austin wristband while supplies lasted.

The YMCA of Austin is joining First Lady Michelle Obama in this collaborative ef-

fort to improve the health of communities across the country.

The YMCA of Austin offers a broad range of programs and activities to work in helping our community address the growing obesity, chronic disease and health care crisis. The Y also offers financial assistance to the families who need it most.

For more information on events at the Y, please call 933-YMCA or visit www.austinyymca.org and www.letsmoveatx.org.

Job Corps Fights High Unemployment with Free Education

By Ashley N. Johnson Special to the NNPA from the New Pittsburgh Courier

Education and employment are two critical issues, especially within the Black community, where African-American students are ranking lower than their counterparts in education and have the highest unemployment rate nationwide. While many are dropping out and others are struggling to go onto college, the Pittsburgh

Job Corps program offers low-income youth an alternative to turning to "street life" to survive. The Job Corps program, which has served young people ages 16-24 for more than 45 years, is a free education and technical career training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor to low-income, underserved youth. There are currently 124 Job Corps programs nationwide. "We work very carefully to make sure

that (our students are trained) in areas where they can get employment. That is the bottom line for us," said Molly Taleb, Pittsburgh Job Corps deputy center and career development services director. She added that their job is not completed until students have received training certificates or completed a degree and, most importantly, find a job. With an 87 percent success rate of students finding

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EDITORIALS/COMMENTARY

Black is Beautiful all Over the World



Harry C. Alford
NNPA Columnist

There was a time when I was very young that people would intimidate me because of the color of my skin. My mother would put me on a Greyhound bus in Los Angeles and send me to Shreveport, Louisiana to bond with my grandparents and other relatives. Once that bus got to El Paso, Texas the driver would announce "From here on out we will observe segregation rules. Coloreds must sit in the back of the bus. When we come to rest stops you must use restrooms and cafeterias designated as colored."

It wasn't just the Deep South. You could go into a restaurant in Los Angeles, San Francisco or Chicago and if it wasn't Black owned you would receive unwelcome stares. It was tough being Black back then. General Colin Powell in his book "My American Story" recalls going into a restaurant wearing his army officer's uniform in Columbus, Georgia outside of Ft. Benning Army Base and being told by the hostess, "I can't sit you. If you tell me that you are Puerto Rican, I can do it." He replied "but I am not." She then concluded "Then you must leave." Such was the life of a descendent of Africa back then.

Things changed in the nation during the 1970's as we implemented the Civil Rights Act of 1964. That act, the prize of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., made all the difference in the world - not just the nation, the entire world. Its success led to the inspiration of African na-

tions who threw off their colonialist shackles and demanded sovereignty and independence. It even led to the abolishment of apartheid in South Africa and Mozambique. Today, the world is better because of Dr. King and a few others of his ilk. Faith inspired and driven with the fact that only Jesus shall be King, this movement brought freedom.

In the last 20 years I have traveled to many parts of the world. One thing seems to be clear. Blacks, people of the African Diaspora, feel free and demand equality. We are everywhere! I remember standing outside of the Savoy Hotel in Prague, Czech Republic, and being approached by Blacks with a warm welcome. There are more than one hundred million Blacks living in Brazil, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Columbia and Venzuela have millions of Blacks, descen-

dents of slaves, who now stand tall and are becoming empowered politically. Wherever I go, I see that all of these Black folks look at the United States as their model for empowerment. They emulate our fashion, cosmetics and swagger.

Thus, it is the calling of Blacks in America to continue to "chisel" this model. Independence and freedom are good as well as political power. However, without an economic empowerment component it is just symbolism without substance. This is the final frontier. We are happy but we are also at the bottom rung of the economic ladder regardless of which nation you are in.

It is time for us to strive for economic greatness. Form our businesses from maid service to nuclear science, we should strive to excel. All legal business is good. As we develop wealth we must be conscious of giving back. Scholar-

ships, jobs, charitable giving and other blessed events should be a matter of common protocol. It will make us vibrant and forever undefeatable. We went to politics immediately after civil rights when we should have gone to economic empowerment first. That's all right though as it is never too late to start.

We are involved in a very strong movement for Blackness in France. Next week, I will be giving an introduction speech for my friend, Patrick Lozes. Patrick is the founder of the French African Diaspora Chamber of Commerce. He will now run for the Presidency of France. This is a very giant step for this nation. In France, you cannot even declare your race on any record, including their national census. They try to hide the issue of race. The fact is France is at least eight percent Black but the government and society

refuse to address any inequity that they may be victim of. The funny thing is that French Blacks have higher educational levels than traditional white French. However, they are on the bottom levels of most occupations. Entrepreneurship will be the only way out and Patrick will be promoting this.

Yes, we are so beautiful. Physically and charm wise we are at the top. The current Miss World is from Botswana, Africa. The newly crowned Miss Universe is from Angola, Africa. Without any doubt we are the greatest athletes known worldwide. Now is the time for us to turn to economic empowerment and that can only be obtained through ingenuity via entrepreneurship. There is a God and all people who follow him and learn to provide for themselves will be prosperous. Let us start providing for each other. What is your business idea?

Discouraging News on Child Poverty

Thirteen-year-old Brittanie Potter and her 12-year-old sister Sydney held a bake sale and garage sale at their Marion, Ohio home this summer with a simple goal in mind: raising money for their school clothes and supplies. Their father's unemployment insurance ended earlier this year, their mother is still recovering from an accident last fall that broke her leg so badly she needed several surgeries and now gets around in a wheelchair, and their family has virtually no income. Brittanie worries: "I hear them talking about bills and it makes me upset. I just think we're going to be okay...but sometimes, I don't think we're going to be okay."

New data just released by the U.S. Census Bureau reveals 46.2 million poor people in America, the largest number in the last 52 years. One in three of America's poor were children—16.4 million, over 950,000 more than last year, and 7.4 million children were

living in extreme poverty. More than one in three Black children and one in three Hispanic children were poor. Brittanie, Sydney, and their 15-year-old brother Tre are three of the children behind these grim statistics. Their father John's most recent job was at the local ConAgra snack food plant, and their mother Brandy's was at the nearby Marion Industrial Center, which made minor repairs to new Hyundai cars. "We were making it," Brandy says. "John made \$16 something an hour and I got \$10.50. Between the two of us it was decent money. The kids had the things they needed. We were able to pay our bills and do things as a family. Then it all fell down."

First, John lost his job at ConAgra. He was on a medical leave from ongoing problems related to a serious car accident years ago when he was let go, Brandy says. Then Hyundai ended its contract with her company and it went out of business. They were al-

ready struggling to pay bills with their unemployment checks when John's unemployment insurance ended in June and they lost even that income. Brandy stopped getting unemployment insurance when she broke her leg; you have to be able to work to receive unemployment.

"It's just so hard," Brandy says. She hates telling the children "no" when they need something, and she regrets that they can't do things as a family anymore—"we can't even afford to go to McDonald's right now with the five of us." Brandy is thankful for the government safety net: "If we didn't have food stamps, we would starve. Without Medicaid—oh my God! This morning I went to an appointment to apply for cash assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF) because we have no income. That was hard. But what's really hard is going from taking care of your family, and having not a lot of

money but making it, to having to pretty much beg."

The Potter family isn't alone. The new poverty numbers are grim and shameful, and child and family suffering is widespread. Twenty-two percent of children—over one in five—were poor in 2010. Children under five suffered most: one in four infants, toddlers, and preschoolers—5.5 million—were poor. Shamefully, children are the poorest age group in our country, are getting poorer, and have suffered more than any other age group during this recession and slow recovery.

A country that does not stand for and protect its children—our seed corn for the future—does not stand for anything.

Sixty-five percent of poor families with children under 18 have at least one worker. More than 60 percent of all poor children—nearly 10 million—lived in single parent families. But as the Potters know first-hand, married

couple families with children aren't immune: almost nine percent of all married couples with children under 18 were poor. To give perspective on America's shame: The number of poor children is nearly the same as the combined populations of the states of Michigan and Arizona. The number of poor Black and Hispanic children is slightly more than the entire population of Michigan, and the number of poor infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is larger than the entire population of the state of Minnesota.

This is a national disgrace. Parents like John and Brandy have no control over the massive joblessness and foreclosures and misguided tax cuts for the wealthy that have ravished our economy. Congress needs to wake up and change course to protect children and their families. We must stop this devastation in our communities and protect children from all budget cuts. We need to invest in the health



By Marian Wright Edelman
NNPA Columnist

and education of our children and create jobs for their parents without a day's delay. And every citizen and voter should demand that they do so in the richest nation on earth where there should be no poor children at all.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose *Leave No Child Behind* mission is to ensure every child a *Healthy Start*, a *Head Start*, a *Fair Start*, a *Safe Start*, and a *Moral Start* in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

Silver Lining in Obama Poll Numbers

record-tying low of 13 percent in August. Stated another way, 84 percent of Americans disapproved of the way Congress was handling its job in August, a figure that has fallen only slightly to 82 percent so far this month.

A poll conducted for NBC News and the *Wall Street Journal* (Aug. 27-31) found President Obama's approval rating was 44 percent in August, the lowest level of his presidency and a long way from his highest rating of 61 percent in April 2009. A bare majority - 51 percent - disapproved of the job Obama was doing in August and 5 percent were not sure.

The last time Obama enjoyed an approval rating of at least 50 percent among all Americans was the first week of June. Over the past three months, the steepest drops have been among better educated and high-income Americans, according to Gallup. Support among African-Americans over that period slipped from 89 percent to 83 percent. Obama's support among Latinos fell from 56 per-

cent to 44 percent, which is 2 percent greater than the 42-32 percent decline among Whites.

Another sign of trouble for Obama was the decline of support in the 18 to 29 age category, a key segment of his base. Over the last three months, support in that category has declined from 59 percent to 46 percent, a drop of 13 percent.

Not surprisingly, voters' view on the direction of the economy has also soured. Only 19 percent in the NBC poll thought that the country was headed in the right direction. Another 73 percent disagreed, saying the nation was on the wrong track. Five percent expressed mixed feelings and 3 percent were not sure.

The most amazing finding in the NBC/*Wall Street Journal* poll is that while Americans give President Obama low approval numbers, they agree with his major proposals to lower unemployment, decrease the deficit and strengthen the economy.

When asked if they favor reducing the deficit by ending

the Bush tax cuts for families earning \$250,000 or more, 60 percent said the proposal is totally acceptable or mostly acceptable. Only 36 percent said it was totally unacceptable or mostly unacceptable to them. On the proposal to reduce the deficit by a combination of increasing taxes and reducing spending, 56 percent found the idea acceptable and 42 percent found it unacceptable.

When asked about the Republican proposal to reduce the deficit only through spending cuts and no tax increases, 34 percent found that totally unacceptable and 26 percent found it mostly unacceptable, with 3 percent unsure. Only 15 percent said it was totally acceptable and 22 percent mostly acceptable.

The public also favors key elements of Obama's proposed jobs plan. According to the NBC/*Wall Street Journal* poll, Americans favor:

- Paying for long-term unemployed workers to train at private companies for eight weeks, and then giving the companies

the option to hire them (62 percent say it is good idea, 17 percent say it's bad and the remainder don't know enough or aren't sure);

- Funding a new road construction bill (47 percent favor; 26 percent oppose);

- Continuing to extend unemployment benefits (44 percent say it's a good idea, 39 percent feel it is a bad idea) and

- Extending the payroll tax rate (40 percent favor, 20 percent oppose, 38 percent say they don't know enough about it and 2 percent are not sure).

Interestingly, 37 percent of those polled by NBC consider Obama a moderate, 32 percent consider him very liberal, 16 percent say he is somewhat liberal, 7 percent consider him somewhat conservative, 2 percent say he is very conservative and 6 percent are not sure.

There was a mixed message on how voters will cast their ballot in the next election. Given a choice between Obama and an unnamed Republican opponent, voters said in the NBC poll

that they were more likely to vote for the GOP candidate by a margin of 44 percent to 40 percent. But when Mitt Romney's name is inserted, Obama narrowly defeats him 46 to 45 percent. When the candidate is Rick Perry, the Republican front-runner, Obama wins 47 to 42 percent.

In an attempt to paint Obama as politically impotent, critics point to Republicans capturing the old congressional seat of Rep. Anthony Weiner in New York as an example of a loss of support for the president among Jews. New York's 9th Congressional District has the highest concentration of Jews in the country. As Gallup noted, 54 percent of Jews supported Obama's job performance in a poll taken earlier this month. That's 13 percentage points higher than his overall approval rating of 41 percent.

As a barrage of numbers are tossed around to discredit the prospect of Obama getting a second term, remember the maxim: Figures don't lie, but liars will figure.



By George E. Curry
NNPA Columnist

We are reminded almost daily that President Obama's favorable poll numbers are at an all-time low. While that is unmistakably true, that's only half of the picture. Let's first take a look at the numbers. A Gallup poll pegged Obama's August monthly approval rating at 41 percent, the lowest of his administration.

However, Gallup found that Congressional job approval was only 15 percent at the beginning of September, up two percentage points from the

President Obama's American Jobs Act a Good Start

"The purpose of the American Jobs Act is simple: to put more people back to work and more money in the pockets of those who are working. It will create more jobs for construction workers, more jobs for teachers, more jobs for veterans, and more jobs for long-term unemployed."

President Barack Obama

This past weekend, the nation paused to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the tragedy of 9-11. Many suggested that a focus on the spirit of unity and selfless sacrifice that characterized America's response to that

day, would change the mood of the country and make it easier for Congress and the President to come together to solve big problems - none more urgent than the jobs crisis. The mostly thoughtful reaction to President Obama's jobs speech last Thursday before a joint session of Congress is the first indication in months that the tide of blind obstructionist may be receding.

Both Republicans and Democrats in Congress have said that some of the President's proposals deserve serious consideration. That is encouraging.

But there is a big difference between obstructionism and constructive criticism. And while, we found much to like in the President's speech (extension of unemployment benefits, modernizing schools, tax cuts for small businesses, a payroll tax cut), we believe it should be modified to include more specific measures to address the unemployment crisis in many urban communities of color where job-

less rates are more than double the national average. We were especially pleased that the President in-

cluded three components of the National Urban League's 12-point jobs plan in the outline of his "American Jobs Act." The President endorsed a summer jobs program for youth, an infrastructure bank, and direct job creation, all of which I have personally advocated during meetings in the Oval Office in February of last year and July of this year. But improvements are needed.

The President proposed direct funding to employ teachers and first responders. That is good, but the plan could be expanded to include other state

and municipal workers. And funding should be provided directly to municipalities rather than through the states. We should take a lesson from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and distribute resources directly to the communities that are hardest hit by unemployment.

While we recognize the limitations imposed on the President by a hotly divided Congress, the unemployment crisis is now so dire that he needs to pull out every stop. With 14 million Americans unemployed,



By Marc H. Morial
NNPA Columnist

and the jobless rate at 16.7 percent in Black America, we must wage the war on unemployment with every weapon at our disposal.

CHURCH & TOWN BULLETIN

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.™ Capital City Chapter Senior Salute

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. will host its biannual Senior Salute on Saturday, September 24, 2011 - 11:00 a.m. at David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 2211 East MLK, Jr. Blvd. Austin, Texas 78702. This event will highlight accomplishments and achievements of seniors 80+ years old. Each senior presented has displayed a significant presence in the Austin Community.

13th Anniversary Celebration



Pastor and Mrs. Henry L. McGee
First Baptist Church Celebrates 13th Anniversary of Pastor and Wife

On September 21 through 25, 2011, First Baptist Church, 4805 Heflin Lane, will celebrate the 13th Anniversary of Pastor Henry L. McGee and his wife, Sister Carolyn McGee. The congregation is exceptionally blessed to have been under the spiritual leadership of

The theme for this occasion is "A servant's Steps Ordered by God," Psalm 15: 1-2. Pre-anniversary worship services will be held in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary at 7:00 PM each night.

Wednesday, September 21, FBC Son's in the Ministry will be special speakers. Thursday, September 22, the

guest speaker will be Reverend Harold Taylor, Pastor, Rock Quarry Missionary Baptist Church, Austin, Texas. Friday, September 23, the guest speaker will be Minister Gay Thomas, Grant AME Worship Center, Austin, Texas. All pre-anniversary services will begin at 7:00 PM.

On Sunday, September 25, Reverend H. E. DeBose, Pastor, Simmonsville Missionary Baptist Church, Killeen, Texas, will deliver the "Grand Finale" message at 3:30 PM. The Austin Church Community is cordially invited to attend this anniversary celebration honoring Pastor Henry L. McGee and wife, Carolyn

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Red Cross Club Update



Jaquarry Wilson
Del Valle High School

donations. We shouldn't forget about our animals either. The club has been getting so many donations from people and we are absolutely ecstatic about it. We have made a trip to the Red Cross to turn in the previous donations we received! As of now, we haven't acquired any more information from the officers that are in charge of managing the donations for the fires. I can't recall any other moment in my life where I have been so happy to give. When you give just to give, not to get something in return, you get such a good feeling inside. I am absolutely confident with my decision of being in this club. I cannot wait for the many events we have to come.

All of the members of the Red Cross Club, including myself, are highly dedicated to giving all that we can to the people who need it. While having a discussion, we decided to include a "Pet Supplies" box that is open for

Dailey's Release Day



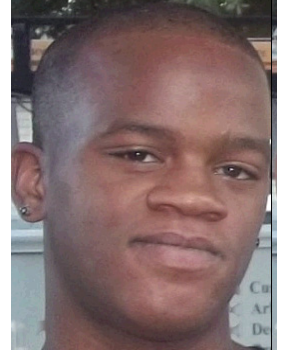
Deria Good
Dailey Middle School

September 14, 2011. We have early release days each month. On early release days, they shorten the classes down to 30 or 20 minutes. Dailey also has lunch after 5th period and we don't have advisory.

Advisory is for studying or for enrichment. Once you cancel out the advisory you will get out of school earlier. Early release day is a little confusing, but you will get the hang of it. Also instead of choosing your lunch, they'll give you a white bag with something in it. Early release days are fun, but are slightly challenging and I'm looking forward to more early release days this year. The next early release day is October 14, 2011.

Earlier this week, Dailey had their first early release day! We have early release days because the teachers get to have their work done and students get to have extra time to finish their homework. We had our early release day on Wednesday,

Panther Spirit Week



Adrian Jackson
Pflugerville High School

Students wore leis, grass skirts, and Hawaiian shirts. Tuesday was "Western Day", students were decked out in cowboy hats, cowboy boots and bandannas.

Wednesday was "Dress to Impress". Thursday was "Ball Player" themed outfits, wearing your favorite team t-shirt or jersey.

Finally, Friday was "Spirit Day", students wore blue and gold to exhibit school pride.

Many students wore Panther shirts, blue and gold ribbons, and panthers or "P-ville" painted on their faces. It was a great week filled with school pride and team spirit to encourage and support our Varsity football team to go out and win our Homecoming game against the Akins Eagles.

Monday, September 16 - Friday, September 23, 2011 was spirit week for Homecoming at Pflugerville High School. This week students had the opportunity to display school spirit and team pride by participating in themed dress up days for the entire week.

Monday was the "Hawaiian" themed outfit.

Panthers -vs- Diamondbacks



Darius Hatcher
Pflugerville Middle School

verses the Dessau Diamondbacks, turned out to be a very interesting game.

On B Team, my coach put me in the game at the safety position on defense. In the first half I made three tackles.

My team and I were able to stop the Diamondbacks from scoring, it was a back and forth, of tackles and stopping any advancement for both teams. With two minutes left in the fourth quarter the Panthers had to punt the ball. On the next play the Diamondbacks ran the ball back

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 was the second game of the season for the seventh grade boys football team. Pflugerville Panthers

Remembering 9/11



Olivia Smith
Lockhart H.S.

Last week my school remembered "9/11" and those who died. We were all silent while listening to the morning announcement talk about September 11. Next, we had a

ceremony that was held in the gym. Our ROTC crew did a march in remembrance. We had guest speakers that were: Lockhart Mayor Ray Sanders, Superintendent Jose Para, and one of our local fire fighters. Our fire fighter gave a wonderful speech. Senior Victoria Peterson read her essay on her intake and her memory on "9/11". Her essay was powerful and detailed. After that she and another student sang the "National Anthem". Finally we all joined hands to pray. After the prayer, students were released back to class. The ceremony was nice. I am glad I had the chance to attend the ceremony

Timberwolves off to a great start



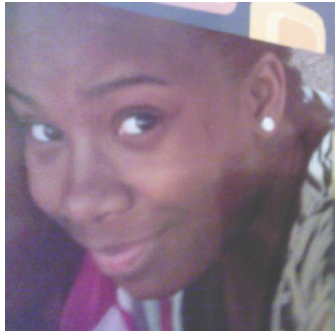
Jaylon Knight
Dailey Middle School

Last week on Monday Sept 12th Dailey Middle School Timberwolves 7th grade Football had their first football game of the school year. The A team won 14-0 against Hutto Farley Middle School. Our next game is Tuesday Sept 20th against Decker Middle School; I will update the scores next week.

The Dailey band participated in the Band O Rama on Friday Sept 16th at Del Valle High School Varsity Football game. This year the 6th graders did not perform like last year but they were able to come out and watch the Honor Band performs.

The Capital City Bearcats played at home this past weekend and all the teams Midget Flag, Pee Wee Flag, Pee Wee Tackle, Rookie, Junior and Senior teams won their games. Midget Flag played against Bastrop Bears score 34-6, Pee Wee Flag played Bastrop 24-14, Pee Wee Tackle also played Bastrop score 39-0. The Rookie and junior team played Buda. Rookies score was 33-0 and Junior 18-6. Bearcats Seniors played Hutto and our score was 33-0.

Two Day Vacation in Choir



Dezhia Gorrer
Clint Small Middle School

Not being able to sing in my choir class at school was hard. My school has several types of choirs and I'm in concert choir. Concert choir is the advanced choir and we learn more songs, go on more field trips and perform more concerts than the other choirs.

I had to go two days without singing because I had dental surgery this week. I love to sing so having to sit

and watch my choir instead of actually singing with them. Whenever my choir is missing a student it is hard because we are already a small choir. The reason we are a small choir is because concert choir is an all girls choir and the teacher selects the girls who will sing in it after we had tryouts. Even though it was hard just watching them sing, I did get a chance to listen and hear what areas we sound real good in and what areas we need to work on.

The choir is working on Renaissance festival music. The festival is like a competition against other schools and there are judges to say what we got, how we did and what we need to work on. I look forward to singing back in the choir next week.

Until next time Cougars.....

and scored a touchdown, and a two point conversion.

Unfortunately, we lost 8 to 0, and we are now 0 and 2. The Panthers played hard and never gave up, and

plan to practice, practice, practice to get better and win.

Our stand out players on defense were (#17) Darius Hatcher, (#27) Tony Richards, and (#19) RJ Petaia.

Up and Coming this week



Marcus Austin
Cedar Ridge High School

Up and coming is this week for us at Cedar Ridge High School. To help us get ready this special event we have spirit week. Monday is pajamas day, Tuesday is retro day Wednesday is twin day, Thursday is purple head to toe day, and Friday is fairy tale day. The up and coming

game is on Thursday so we are asked to come to school in as much purple as we can so we can show Cedar Creek what real school spirit looks like.

The Up and Coming dance is on Friday from 7-11. The attire is semi-formal so that means nice slacks and a nice dress shirt for the boys and a dress for the girls. This is the second ever Up and Coming in our schools history.

The Cedar Ridge Raiders JV purple and JV black Football Team had a bye week this week. But stay tuned to find out scores from the big Up and Coming game against Cedar Creek on Thursday. Go Raiders!

That is all the news for this week. Thank you for reading and have a blessed week!

Sports season is underway



Tori Smith
Lockhart Junior High School

It is almost October everyone. Last Monday the seventh grade volleyball team played against Barton and both "A" & "B" team won.

On Monday the seventh grade volleyball team, played against the Chapa Cougars. Also on Tuesday the seventh grade football team, played their first game against the Chapa Cougars.

Next week I will have the scores or wins. Well that is all for now see you all now next week.

We lost our teacher



Tierra Good
Hornsby-Dunlap Elementary

Last week my fifth grade class found out our teacher would be moving to fourth grade. Our class will be split between the other fifth grade classes.

We are okay with it but we don't know what will happen next but we will figure it out.

Last week we also had early release day when we got out of school at 12:00.

Panther Student Council



Marshay Hatcher
Pflugerville High School

Pflugerville High School students are preparing for Student Council elections. Many students, including myself are filling the halls with posters, fliers, and rounding up votes and supporters.

Student council is a group of students that helps share students' ideas, interests, and concerns with teachers, and school with teachers. They also help raise funds for school-wide activities. Students plan social events, like dances to raise money. Also community projects, like food drives for the homeless or needy families to give back to the community.

The positions that students will be running for are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The student body will be voting to elect, who they would like to represent them for each office. I chose to run for Freshman President.

I started making posters to put around my school, coming up with memorable slogans, and asking the students what they would like to see reformed or implemented for the class of 2015 at Pflugerville High School. I want to be Freshman President because I would like to be a leader that will listen to the needs of the student body, and can also convey their needs to staff, and get results. I take pride in conducting myself with academic integrity and exemplary conduct. Motivating other students to seek higher education, and school spirit is my campaign platform.

I want to wish each candidate good luck and I hope everyone enjoys this experience. Don't forget to vote Marshay Hatcher, Freshman President. Go Panthers!



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YOUTH BRIGADE/ENTERTAINMENT

One for Books Project



Andrae Hatcher
Pflugerville Middle School

Pflugerville Middle School Librarian, Mrs. Zell, has once again coordinated the One for Books Project, along with our yearly Book Fair. Our goal is for every student and staff member to donate at least one dollar.

For every dollar we raise, Scholastic Books will donate a book to a needy child

through Toys for Tots, the Kids in Need Foundation, or Kids in Distressed Situations. We also get to use the money to purchase books for many library programs, so the money goes a long way.

Last year we raised over \$1,800, which meant over 1800 children received books on behalf of Pflugerville Middle School. And to make it even more fun, all advisories compete to be the class that raises the most money for One for Books.

The winning class gets bragging rights, and Mrs. Zell bakes the entire class homemade bread or rolls as a treat.

I enjoy reading, and the library is one of my favorite places to go and relax with a great book, or just hang out. And being a part of a school that knows the importance of reading, and wants to share it with others, is fantastic.

Jaguar Volleyball



Destini Gorrer
LBJ High School

This previous week we defeated Eastside Memorial High and Reagan High. Freshman and JV play the best 2 out of 3 matches (so after 2 matches, if there's a tie they play a third game- going to 15 instead of 25 points to win). Varsity, we play the best 3

out of 5 matches.

We beat Eastside Memorial in 3 straight matches. We actually had a little more of a challenge with Reagan. They beat us the first match which I believe motivated us to play harder and win. As a result, we won the next three matches with ease because we started to communicate and running actual plays instead of just playing volleyball.

This week we will be playing Crockett and Lanier at our school. These will be our first home games of the season. Also, this week will be our homecoming week. Our football team will play Lanier High on Thursday at Nelson Field. We will be celebrating this whole week with different themes each day. Let's go "get it Jags....."

FORMER CONTESTANT ON NBC'S THE VOICE, TJE AUSTIN TO PERFORM AT THE URBAN LEAGUE GALA

Austin, TX, Monday, September 19, 2011 –

The Austin Area Urban League will celebrate its 34th Annual Equal Opportunity Day Gala this Friday, September 23, 2011 at the AT&T Conference Center – 7:00PM. With the theme, "Celebrating Empowerment", the AAUL will host an evening of remembrance as well as honoring those individuals who tirelessly work in our community to provide access and opportunity.

The fun filled evening will include Tje Austin playing his hit single, "City of Me", a silent auction featuring Sports & Celebrity Memorabilia, dinner and dancing.

Event Chairs are The Honorable Wilhelmina & Dr. Exalton Delco. The Master of Ceremonies will be Catenya McHenry, KXAN Anchor/Reporter

For Tickets Visit: www.aaul.org or call 512.478.7176 x 231.

The Austin Area Urban League manages a \$1.8 million operating budget with 15 full-time staff, and



TJE Austin

provides GED courses, job search assistance, office and life-skills instruction, after-school computer and technology classes, financial literacy and first-time homebuyers programs, and continues to perform literally hundreds of emergency and scheduled home repairs annually – free of cost to low-income home-owners, through the generous and continued support of more than 40 partners and corporate supporters, including Dell, Seton Family of Hospitals, Wells Fargo, the Meadows Foundation, Travis County, the City of Austin and the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA). The Austin Area Urban League's new offices are at 8011-A Cameron Road, Suite 100, Austin, 78754. *The mission of the Austin Area Urban League has been to assist African Americans and all other underserved Austin-area residents in the achievement of societal and economic equality by focusing on educational improvement, employment readiness, health and wellness, and the preservation of affordable housing.*

"The New Jim Crow" Lecture

The public is invited to attend a lecture on the book "The New Jim Crow – Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Dr. Michelle Alexander slated for this Friday, September 23, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Wesley UMC at 1164 San Bernard Street. A question and answer session, a book signing and reception will follow afterward. Information is attached for you to share with your church family and friends to attend. The Wesley Intergenerational Choir will host its annual musical on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 4 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

For more information – contact Wesley UMC at 478-7007 or University UMC at 478-9387.

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TCSO And Manor High School Partner For A Campus No Place For Hate Campaign

The Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO), along with the Manor High School administration, held a press conference on Monday, September 12, 2011 at the Manor High School gym, at 12700 Gregg Manor Rd., Manor TX 78653, to announce the kick off of a new program.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) recognizes No Place for Hate (NPFH) campuses that incorporate anti-bias and diversity education as an integral part of the school community. This year, TCSO has partnered with Manor High School to assist with campus activities. Possible activities may include: signing a "Resolution of Respect," participating in "Random Acts of Kindness Week," and introducing "No bullying/cyber bullying" lessons.

During the campus Open House Night on Monday, Manor High School celebrated its second-year status as a NPFH campus with a

banner presentation from the ADL, as well as a presentation of a proclamation by a Manor City Council representative. The presentation to the school community is the kick-off event for the year-long school campaign.

NPFH, a national initiative of the ADL, is a year-long program that empowers schools to challenge discrimination and bullying and create respectful, safe and bias-free learning environments. To earn this distinction, Manor High School will take the NPFH pledge to create an inclusive school environment, and implement activities, lesson plans and projects that promote respect for differences, facilitate intergroup dialogue, and promote harmony.

For questions, please contact TCSO Community Liaison Nicole Durand at nicole.durand@co.travis.tx.us or phone (512) 854-7786.

The Hole in Their Soul, Pt 2

Epsilon Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will present "The Hole in their Soul," Part 2 at the Sweet Home Baptist Church 2000 IH-35 Round Rock, Texas, Friday, September 23, 2011.

This is a Conversations about the father's role in the life of his children, family and community. It will be a conversation for fathers, about fathers and by fathers.

Learn how this issue especially affects children.

Theme: Fatherhood in its Entirety

Location: Sweet

Home 2000 South Ih 35, Round Rock, TX 78681 (512) 255-3523

Program

5 : 3 0 - 6 : 1 5 Meet and Greet/Refreshments

6 : 1 5 p . m . - 6 : 3 0 What does "fatherhood" mean?

6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.

Panel Discussion:

7:30p.m. - 8:00p.m.

Wrap Up-What happens 8:00p.m. - 8:15p.m.

Jerry/Ramont Reiterate EpsilonIota's commitment to the issue.

Rev. Dante Wright is Pastor of Sweet Home.



El Anatsui constructing *Gli*, a bottle-top sculpture, at Rice University Art Gallery, Houston, Texas, 2010. Photo: Rice University Art Gallery/©Nash Baker

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Osis (detail), 2008, Aluminum and copper wire, 106 x 90 inches. Photo courtesy: Jane Katcher/Peter Harholdt

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Entrepreneur That Preserve

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



Charlotte

About eight years, Charlotte started to write children books. She was inspired in writing children's books after helping her daughter write a short story assignment. When she saw that her daughter liked the story, Charlotte realized that she could write books for other children. Since then, she has continued to write books. Just recently, a publisher turned her book offer down but, that did not stop her from finding other

avenues to publish her book. Consequently, she turned her sight to internet and was able to self-publish her new book. Her new children's book is titled "Heart Eyes Love and Kindness" which is written for children between the age group of 1-6 years old. In the book, "Heart Eyes is a little character that shows love and kindness to everyone he meets. He is very helpful and obeys adults." Moreover, the e-

book is filled with colorful pictures for children to enjoy. In order to download this e-book, one can go to <http://ihearteyes.blogspot> and then click on the link for Heart Eyes Shows Love and Kindness and then automatically take you to the purchase page.

Charlotte believes that African American parents should be actively reading books to their children. The reading of books to children helps them with their intellectual skills and also can help inspire them to achieve in their lives. For instance, inspiring stories can cause children to have the desire to succeed in their lives. Furthermore, the reading of books helps to build up bonds and relationships between parents and their children.

Although a publisher declined to publish her book, she did not give up. However, the denial inspired her to look for other ways and methods, in which, she could achieve her dream of becoming a children's book author. In other words, she did not let, "No" be the end of her writing career. She hopes that other African American entrepreneurs would be determined in achieving their dreams.

Austin city council

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

On September 20, 2011 the Austin city council will convene to hear, discuss, and vote on items on certain. The city council will discuss and vote on issues that range to the following: emergency medical services; police and fire department; health and human services; legal cases; energy and also neighborhood and community services. Furthermore, the Austin city council's vote would affect the addition or deletion of certain rules and regulation in Austin.

After approving the last meeting minutes and agenda, the council will discuss various issues. For instance, the city of Austin will seek to "Approve negotiation and execution of amendments to contracts between the City and the following four providers of services for people with HIV or AIDS: Amendment No. 4 to the contract with AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$18,655, for a total

contract amount not to exceed \$743,131; Amendment No. 4 to the contract with A/TC MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL REHABILITATION C.A.R.E. Program, in an amount not to exceed \$4,286 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$173,450; Amendment No. 4 to the contract with PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$44,220, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$307,767; and Amendment No. 4 to the contract with THE WRIGHT WELLNESS CENTER in an amount not to exceed \$9,804, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$385,590." Moreover, this agreement will allow the city to provide fund to numerous clinics that work with people with AIDS. Since a large amount of AIDS patient are African American, then it would definitely help the community. In addition, the city council plans to authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment of Eleven to the Truancy Court Pilot Project Interlocal Agree-

ment between the CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY and the TRAVIS COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD for chronic truancy intervention services in an amount not to exceed \$19,414 for a six month term beginning October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 with no renewals. Moreover, the funding will help the various Justice of Peace Courts deals with the issue of truancy. In addition the Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors plan to meet on September 12, 2011. They plan to authorize the negotiation and execution of a one year contract with the Austin Area Urban League. Also they plan to increase an existing loan to the Mary Lee Community, or its affiliates to assist with the construction of 40 new affordable units of multi-family rental housing at 1340 and 1342 Lamar Square Drive. Moreover, the city will definitely helping low income earners with the ability to pay their rent

Precinct Chairs Opened Throughout Travis County

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

Getting involved in local politics means that one takes the time to vote but, also volunteers his/her time to get neighbors and family members to the polls. Currently, there are numerous Precinct Chairs opened throughout Travis County. Consequently, the Travis County Democratic Party (TCDFP) is actively searching for individuals who can sign up as Precinct Chairs. In every section of Travis County, there are numerous Precincts that do not have Precinct Chair.

Precinct Chair position is very important to the efficiency of the party. The Precinct Chair serves as the Representative of the party within a geographic area. In the other words, the Precinct Chairs are the voices of the county party. Not only are the Precinct Chairs the voice, but also the political party field workers. For instance, the Precinct Chair mobilizes rallies and educates the people living their geographic area about the importance of getting to the polls and voting.

Precinct chairs are required to attend the party's monthly meeting. Since September 13, 2011, voters can sign-up in order to become a Precinct Chair person within his/her geographic area. A person can sign up by stopping by the Travis County Democratic party, which is located on the east side. If the chair is vacant, then one can automatically become a Precinct Chairman. Moreover, a Precinct Chair plays an active role in shaping the future of his/her neighborhood, city, state and federal government.

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Angolan Beauty to be Miss Universe

By Fungai Maboreke
Special to the NNPA from the Global Information Network

Out of a field of 98 contestants, Leila Lopes of the Republic of Angola is this year's winner of the coveted Miss Universe prize.

At the Sao Paulo, Brazil, event, Leila came in first place, while the second and third places went to Ukraine and Brazil respectively. Previous African winners were from Botswana and Namibia.

The 25 year old native of central Benguela province is currently a student of business management.

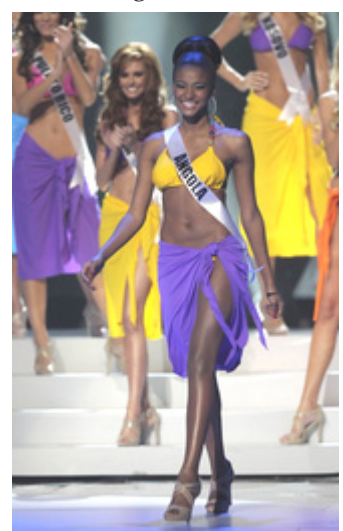
"Nothing, I'm satisfied with what God has given me," adding that "I consider myself a woman endowed with inner beauty. I have acquired many wonderful principles

from my family, and I intend to follow these for the rest of my life."

Asked about racism, the tawny beauty queen answered simply: "It's not normal in the 21st century to think that way."

In her previous post as Miss Angola, she said: "I work with poor kids. I work in the fight against HIV. I work to protect the elderly, and I have to do everything that my country needs—I think now as Miss Universe I will be able to do much more."

A lot of bloggers believe that Leila's new found fame will help bring the Portuguese-speaking African country into the spotlight.



Her selection by the judges was due in part to her answers to test questions. Asked what she would change on her body if given a chance, Leila replied,

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employment, going on to four-year colleges or universities, or even enlisting in the military, Job Corps is giving Black youths options. Recently, the Pittsburgh students and staff of Job Corps, along with local officials, held an assembly for National Job Corps Commencement Day, which celebrated student success of graduating from the program. Several students gave testimonies of how making the decision to enroll in Job Corps had changed their lives. According to Taleb, Job Corps began as a program for inner city boys and has grown to accommodate both

males and females and allows participants to receive their diploma or GED; to acquire a vocational trade and receive certification; to get a driver's license; and the program also sponsors more than 500 students to attend Allegheny County or Butler County Community Colleges. The Pittsburgh center serves approximately 850 students, with participants being approximately 47 percent African-American, approximately 45 percent White, approximately three percent Hispanic and approximately five percent other ethnicities. Entrance into the program is based on social economic needs and participants must apply through a recruiter and complete the application process. But with entering the program comes responsibility. Taleb said there is a zero tolerance for drugs, alcohol and fighting. She said these are the same expectations that employers would have. "Students have to want to be here. It is not a lockdown program," she said. "If forced then it is not going to work." Students in the program receive a stipend, housing and clothing allotments, for things such as uniforms for their vocational courses. The Pittsburgh Job Corps offers studies in several technical careers, but specializes in health care, construction and culinary arts, careers where students are more likely to find employment. And in the Job Corps' college program, they also sponsor a number of majors where students are most likely to find employment. Taleb said that at Job Corps, they are constantly looking at what students are being trained in and where the jobs are. Along with training, they also offer their students academic and vocational counselors at each college location, in case students need training or etc. While many institutions are facing financial cuts due to government budget issues, Taleb's center is no different. She said that money used for equipment has been frozen, but that budget issues are something they take into account every year. With college and university tuition increasing, Taleb said she has not necessarily seen an increase in enrollment into Job Corps.

Department rebrands itself, encourages Austinites to rethink

'AustinResource Recovery' embodies new way of viewing resources

City of Austin Solid Waste Services officials announced a Department rebranding today in line with its mission toward Zero Waste. Now dubbed Austin Resource Recovery and sporting a more colorful, modern logo, the Department hopes to inspire Austinites to rethink how they view trash and the City's natural resources.

"Our new name - Austin Resource Recovery - more clearly represents our mission to achieve Zero Waste by providing excellent customer services that promote waste reduction, increase resource recovery and support the City of Austin's sustainability efforts," said Bob Gedert, Director of Austin Resource Recovery.

The Department is finalizing the Austin Resource Recovery Master Plan, a road map to achieving Zero Waste. The Master Plan will be posted on austinrecycles.com later this month.

Neighborhood Continues Battle against some of the Last of the Big "Slum Lords" of Austin Part I

good majority of the duplexes saying, "We are not only going to address the duplex problem. We won't stop until we go over every structure (duplexes and homes) in the entire neighborhood!"

In this statement he emphasized the enforcement of *code adherences throughout the entire neighborhood.*

Why Minority Neighborhoods Get a Bad Rep.

A retired education official, and community activist stated, "People think trash, and shabbily kept neighborhoods are particular to minority areas. They don't understand what really happens. Usually when minorities condense to inhabit a certain neighborhood, the neighborhoods become the neglect of "City Supporting Services". Trash gets thrown on the streets in White neighborhoods also, he stated, but trash gets picked up. Minority neighborhoods seem to become the neglect of the City. Special services, such as the "Street Sweepers", and other collections seem to not be scheduled to come out, or come out much less frequently. This is something that would never happen in areas dominated by white population. The consensus is, people pass by and say that minorities don't keep their neighborhoods up. Property devaluates."

Vacant lots, privately, and City of Austin owned, become filled with trash. The grass goes unattended to be cut.

In all cases, if you can't afford to keep the property up, you should sell it to

someone who can.

Properties in Minority populated areas not owned by the tenants, along with the vacant lot neglect is the absentee ownership neglect.

Visitors to the area see dilapidated, rundown properties and assume the residents have ownership of these properties. Often these properties are owned by outside owners who are quick to collect rent and too greedy, or lazy to put effort into keeping their properties kept up.

In the case of the Wentworth, and Gar Creek areas, most of the units on the east side of Wentworth and Gar Creek are owned by a few owners, who do not reside there.

In 2009 former Solid Waste Director "Willie Rhodes" came out to the Wentworth neighborhood, and met with a few concerned community members. Sharing prepared research of the area, he stated that the average resident only had a stay of approximately 6 months in the duplex community. (They moved after that time) Other facts revealed that the average rent is around six hundred dollars per unit. One owner has at least 40 units which are rented out.

A great deal of the units are rented to people who may otherwise not have good credit, or a good record to be able to rent elsewhere.

Is this a problem?

It is a problem if a property owner thinks he does not need to supply upkeep of his property to

people because he believes they cannot, or will not complain having nowhere else to go.

Residents Entrapped?

In various circumstances some owners most likely recruit people who need a place to stay, and have difficulty being accepted as a tenant to move into other apartment communities.

These are people whom he knows he can extract money from, and hold captive to his neglect; not making repairs when needed, or keeping up the exterior of his units.

In any case, whomever the owner decides to rent to deserves the same property upkeep, and attention as thousands of other people in Austin who pay the same amount of rent.

At an average of six hundred dollars times 40 units, this intake of rent produces at least 24 thousand dollars a month, of income. Certainly there is enough money collected to support at least one good person's salary of maintenance, grounds keeping, and or contract labor support to keep the property impressive enough to be located in a residential neighborhood.

During and after the last big inquiry into, "Why the City of Austin is letting these particular landlords have carte blanche", Sanitation Director Willie Rhodes was briskly removed to another area.

Next Week - Part II "New Jack City"

EMPLOYMENT/BIDS/ PROPOSALS/ PUBLIC INFORMATION/ FOR SALE /FOR RENT/ MISC

Employment

Austin Community College New Jobs for the Week of 9/18/2011

Adjunct Faculty, English

Multiple Locations: Austin and surrounding areas
Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Saturday,
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 12 noon-5:00 p.m.

Salary is assigned according to the Adjunct

Faculty Salary Scale

Job# 1109007

Coordinator,

ABE Innovations Grant Part-Time (50%)

Location is assigned: Eastview Campus and

Highland Business Center

Monday-Friday, days and evenings with

flexible schedule.

\$1,511-\$1,889/Monthly

Job# 1109010

Coordinator,

Financial Transaction Rio Grande

Monday-Friday,

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

\$3,499-\$4,374/Monthly

Job# 1109017

Faculty, Allied Health Sciences

Multiple Locations:

Mainly at the

Round Rock Campus

Hours as assigned:

Must maintain an established schedule.

Some positions may also

include evenings and weekends.

Salary is assigned according to the Full-Time

Faculty Salary Scale

Job# 1109012

Faculty, Visual Communication

Northridge: May also teach courses at our SAC location.

Hours are as assigned:

Must maintain an

established schedule.

Some positions may also

include evenings and weekends.

Salary is assigned according to the Full-Time

Faculty Salary Scale

Job# 1109014

Interpreter, Sign Language Level 3

Riverside

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. may vary

\$3,499-\$4,374/Monthly

Job# 1109015

Specialist, Early college High School

(Multiple Positions)

Multiple Locations: LBJ or Reagan

Early College High School

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.,

occasional evening events

\$3,174-\$3,968/ Monthly

Job# 1109016

Apply at HR

5930 Middle Fiskville Rd.

6th Floor, Austin, TX 78752

Job Line (512) 223-5621

<http://www.austincc.edu>

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NOTICE TO SUBCONTRACTORS

Capital Excavation Company is soliciting bids from MBE and WBE owned Businesses for the following City of Austin: (Southern Walnut Creek Hike and Bike Trail), Fax your bid to (512) 440-0844. Capital Excavation Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We request that all bids be in by September 28, 2011 @ 5:30 pm.

City of Austin



Purchasing Office

On October 1, 2011, the City of Austin will install an enhanced vendor registration and solicitation advertising system.

Between September 19, 2011, and September 30, 2011, the City of Austin will not be advertising any new solicitations as we prepare for the transition.

The City invites you to view current bid solicitations at <http://www.austintexas.gov/-purchase/vs/p3.htm>, or call the Purchasing Office at 512-974-2500.

For information on the City of Austin's Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Procurement Program and the certification process, please contact the Small & Minority Business Resources Department at 512-974-7600 or visit their website at <http://www.austintexas.gov/smb>.

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SPORTS

Connally sails past Akins, racks up its fourth victory



By George Hardin SportsBeat

Connally High continued its smoking-hot run this season by trampling over the Akins Eagles 52-6, posting touchdowns in every quarter. Jerryl Yarbrough started the evening's scoring for the Cougars at Burger Stadium about four minutes into the game by scrambling away with a 28-yard pass from quarterback Dajon Williams. Daniel Portillo added the extra point. No other scores were posted by either team in the first quarter.

Less than a minute into the second quarter D'Auuhndre Randle made the Eagles' only touchdown in the game with a 1-yard run. The extra point kick attempt was blocked by Kevin Harris who grabbed the ball and ran into the end zone for a safety. Other Connally touchdowns in the second were the result of passes from Williams: 27 yards to Terrence Fowler; 62 yards to Yarbrough; and 31 yards to Breion Evans. Portillo's toe was true on all three kicks. Connally's halftime lead was 30-6.

With about eight minutes left in the third quarter Evans snagged a 40-yard pass from Williams to score for Connally. Jim Roberts followed up by rushing for 7 yards to paydirt for the Cougars to round out the third period.

As the clock ticked to 2:30 in the fourth Jesse Alexander rushed past the Akins defenders to score for the Cougars. Randall Paige ran the 2-point con-



Connally's Jason Alexander takes a leap to cross the goal line at Burger Stadium as his teammate, Emiliano Vasquez, tries to clear defenders from Akins out of the way. Photo by George E. Hardin

version.

"It was a good ballgame," Connally coach Howard McMahan said. "I was proud of our kids. We talked about playing four quarters of football. That's one thing we hadn't done up until this point." He said he emphasized that regardless of who the opponent was total commitment to the task was important. "I thought our kids did a good job," he said.

Akins head coach Humberto Garza said, "We had a lot of mistakes. Came out hard, played well (but) mistakes got us again." Akins' next game is against Pflugerville, which Garza called "another good team, real good like always. If we elimi-

nate our mistakes and take care of our business, I think we'll be OK." That game is set for Friday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Pflugerville.

Dajon Williams completed 9 of 13 passes for 236 yards and 1 interception for Connally. Rakim Jackson completed 5 of 11 passes for 64 yards and no interceptions for Akins. Leading receivers for the Cougars were Jerryl Yarbrough who caught 3 passes for 99 yards, and Breion Evans who caught 2 for 71 yards. D'Auuhndre Randle caught 2 passes for 43 yards for the Eagles, and Kendal Davis caught 2 for 22.

Connally is scheduled to play Hendrickson Friday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Cougar Stadium.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FINAL
CONNALLY	7	23	14	8	52
AKINS	0	6	0	0	6



D'Auuhndre Randle of the Akins Eagles drops the ball as he is hit by two tacklers from Connally. Randle caught 2 passes for 43 yards in Akins' losing effort. Photo by George E. Hardin

Texans



Ben Tate posted his second consecutive 100 yard day to help control the tempo of the game for the Texans and Andre Johnson, the former University of Miami Hurricane, return home to make some clutch receptions and to push the Texans to a 2-0 record. Matt Schaub stated, "we were in this position last year, this is just one more piece to the puzzle". The

victory came at a very high cost. Free agent defensive back Johnathan Joseph was injured in the game and will be reevaluated during the week and Arian Foster aggravated his hamstring injury and may be placed on the shelf for a while. The diligence of the offense gave the defense plenty rest by control the time of possession by more than six minutes.

The Texans defense is living up to all of the hype of becoming a top tier unit by limited the Miami Dolphins offense to one touchdown and containing them in critical situations. The defense was only on the field for only five minutes in the fourth

quarter. The defense had one fumble recovery, one interception by Joseph, which led directly to a touchdown and caused two quarterback sacks. The Texans defense held the Dolphins to 5 drives of 5 plays of less for the game.

The Texans will be busy in the training room with many key plays having some type of injury that will need nursing as they prepare to face area rival the New Orleans Saints in the Superdome. The Saints defeated the Chicago Bears to move to 1-1.

Prediction: The Texans will go to 3-0 with a 20-17 victory over the Saints.

Bowie defeated by Leander in game at Burger Stadium



John Subia of Bowie reaches high for a pass as players from Leander close in on him at Burger Stadium. Photo by George E. Hardin

The Leander Lions gained their first win of the season with a 35-21 victory over the Bowie High Dawgs Thursday, Sept. 15, at Toney Burger Stadium. Peyton Tilley added the first score for Leander with a 6-yard run early in the first quarter, accounting for the only score in that period. The point after touchdown was good.

Less than two minutes into the second period Bowie hit the board with a 5-yard run by Dontae Harris. The kick was successful. The Lions responded with a 1-yard run by Dylan Bauer that was answered minutes by Railond Mayes' 19-yard pass reception for a touchdown. At the half-time break the score was 14-14.

About midpoint of the third quarter the Lions' Andres Barrera scored the first of his three touch-

downs in the game with a quarterback keeper by running 7 yards. He also rushed for 1 yard again, racking up the only touchdowns by either team in the third as Leander ended the period with a 28-14 lead.

With about 10 minutes remaining in the fourth Barrera rushed 1 yard for Leander into the end zone. Then Call Casarez snagged a reception and rushed to give Bowie its final touchdown in the game.

Leander, which ended the game with a 1-3 record, is playing under a new coach this year, Clint Harper, who succeeded Steve Gideon. Leander had 15 first downs compared to five for Bowie, and 92 passing yards versus 87 for Bowie. The Lions rushed 29 times for 283 yards versus

20 for 88 for the Dawgs.

"Execution in the second half" was the determining factor in the game said Leander coach Harper. "We didn't have penalties to get ourselves behind the markers to get ourselves in second- and third-and longs. We averaged 4 or 5 yards a carry, sometimes even a little bit more than that, and that was the difference." Leander plays Georgetown Sept. 23 in what Harper called "a big district rivalry—one of the oldest rivalries in Central Texas."

Bowie coach Jeff Ables said, "Hats off to Leander. They played a great ballgame. They got after it and made great plays when they needed to."

Bowie, with a 2-2 record, will play Waco Midway at Waco Sept. 23.



Bowie High's Nygel McCloud forges ahead as Leander's Raul Osorio moves in from the right for a tackle at Burger Stadium. Photo by George E. Hardin

Cowboys squeeze passes by the Niners and Texans limp from Miami

By: Terry Davis

Week two of the NFL season for the Texas teams proved to be very exciting for the Cowboys and costly for the Texans. The Cowboys did

not quit when it looked like they were heading for another loss when the often criticized Tony Romo returned to the game to will a

victory. While the Texans once strong at running back suddenly are very thin due injuries, must make some adjustments at that position.

Cowboys



The Cowboys found a way to play a complete game this week and played up to expectations against the suddenly surprising San Francisco Forty-Niners. Miles Austin had a great day with 3 receiving touchdowns on 9 re-

ceptions for 153 yards. However Austin injured his hamstring and may be on the sidelines for the next two weeks. Dez Bryant did not play in the game and will be a game day decision for the Monday Night game against Washington Redskins.

The Cowboys defense did a very good job on Alex Smith of the Niners and held the team to 74 total rushing yards and contained them in the most critical part of the

game to stop them from scoring and allowing the Cowboy offense to tie the score and eventually win it in overtime. The Cowboys will get a much needed boost on defense when Terrance Newman posted on his tweeter account that he will play his first game of the season on Monday night.

Prediction: The Cowboys will lose to the Redskins 21-17 because of all their injuries.