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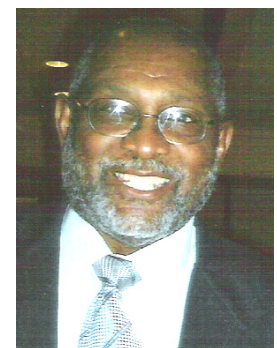
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April 6, 2012

## African American Women's Profiles of Prominence



Award recipients (l to r) Dr. Gaye M. Lang, Dr. Alicia Moore- Hopkins, Dr. Chiquita Watt Eugene, Eileen Williams- Persley, Jessie Warren Bradford, and Rev. Marion Childress- Usher. Photos by Angela Wyatt



RAPPIN'  
Tommy Wyatt

Would You  
Know a Legend  
if You Saw One?



Native Austinite Gil Askey  
Austin is a unique town  
where folks from all walks of  
life live and mingle. And be-  
cause of the laid back life  
style of the city, you could  
be standing right next to a  
legend and not know it.

That was the case last  
Friday when people attend-  
ing the community parade  
and the other activities at the  
Carver Museum and Cultural  
Center after the parade.

As Grand Marshals of  
the parade, LBJ Principal  
Sheila Henry and myself  
were given the responsibility  
of welcoming everyone to  
the event. As I approached  
the mike, I spotted a very fa-  
miliar face in the crowd.

Gil Askey, the legend  
behind many classic tracks  
from the Motown era.  
Gil has worked as compos-  
er, producer and musical  
director for performers like  
Diana Ross and the  
Supremes, the Four Tops,  
The Temptations, Stevie  
Wonder, the Jackson Five,  
Gladys Knight and many,  
many more. These days Gil  
Askey is more likely to be  
seen with a bunch of kids in  
his adopted hometown of  
Melbourne, passing on his  
enthusiasm for music, in par-  
ticular jazz.

He was doing the  
same thing last week at the  
Carver. Gil never goes out  
without a musical instrument.  
On this occasion it was a  
trumpet. During the presen-  
tation by the youth, Gil de-  
cided to show them some of  
his skills. And although they  
did not know he was and  
neither did their parents, they  
did give him the respect of  
listening.

In Austin, you never  
know when you will run into  
a legend, but it is always ex-  
citing when you do.

## Architectural Legend John S. Chase Passes In Houston



MR. JOHN S. CHASE, 87, passed away on Thursday, March 29, 2012. The funeral services was held on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 11am at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 500 Clay, Houston. Rev O. B. Winkley, officiating. The interment was at Houston National Cemetery. John Saunders Chase was born in Annapolis, Maryland, on January 23, 1925.

From 1944 to 1946 he served in the United States Army in the Philippine Islands where he saw combat in the Asian theater. He was decorated with the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the World War II Victory Ribbon.

In 1948, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Architecture at Hampton University. He went on to become the first African American to enroll in the University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture. He graduated in 1952.

His professional career began that same year when he was appointed assistant professor of architectural drafting at Texas Southern University and founded John S. Chase, A.I.A. Architect, Inc. His early designs included churches, schools, homes and small public buildings.

Chase achieved a number of impressive firsts. He was the first African American licensed to practice architecture in the state of Texas and later was the first African American admitted

to the Texas Society of Architects and the Houston Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He also co-founded the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) along with 12 other black architects at the AIA convention in Detroit in 1971. When President Jimmy Carter appointed him in 1980, Chase became the first African American to serve on the United States Commission on Fine Arts. His service on the commission included the creation of the Vietnam War Memorial. His architectural imprint can be seen globally. He was commissioned to design the United States Embassy in Tunis, Tunisia. He collaborated on the design of the George R. Brown Convention Center and designed the Washington Technical Institute, Links, Inc., National Headquarters, Delta Sigma Theta National Headquarters, and the Harris County Astrodome Renovation. On the campus of Texas Southern University, he designed the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Sterling Student Life Center and the Martin Luther King, Jr. School of Humanities.

Chase is survived by his wife Drucie Rucker Chase and his three children John S. Chase, Jr. (Brenda), Anthony R. Chase (Dina) and Saudria Chase Gray (Jerome); grandchildren Asa Davis, Chase Gray, Jordan Chase, Grace Gray and Abyssinia ("Kat") Chase and nieces and nephews Laura Farley, John Farley, Michael Farley and William Farley.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family suggests memorial contributions be directed to the John S. Chase endowed scholarship fund at the University of Texas, School of Architecture, 1 University Station B7500, Austin, TX 78712-0222 or Hampton University, Hampton, VA 23668.

By Angela Wyatt - Villager Columnist

Saturday evening, March 31, 2012 The Austin Metroplex chapter of the National Women of Achievement, Inc. presented its 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial African American women's Profiles of Prominence, held at the Carver Cultural Museum. Their motto: Generations of Women Moving History Forward, in tribute of the late Dr. Connie Yerwood Connor.

Dr. Connor might well be considered the "First Lady" of Austin's African American community. She was the first black physician with the Texas Public Health Services; the first black Director of the Division of Maternal and child Health in Texas; and the first black chief of the Bureau of Personal Health Services.

In tribute to her lifetime accomplishments, the Austin chapter of the National women of Achievement, Inc. dedicates their biennial Hall of Fame award and program to her memory. The Connie Yerwood Conner award ceremony, now called the

Profiles of Prominence, honors women who have risen above all obstacles to achieve a higher purpose.

Many women of distinguished achievements were honored. Eileen Williams- Persley (ARTS); Dr. Chiquita Watt Eugene (BUSINESS); Georgia Johnson Malone (Forman-Jones CARE GIVER); Jessie Warren Bradford (Civic LEADERSHIP); Rev. Marion Childress-Usher (COMMUNICATIONS); Dr. Gaye M. Lang (EDUCATION); Dr. Alicia Moore-Hopkins (EDUCATION); Dr. Monica "Moe" Frazier Anderson (HEALTH PROFESSIONALS); Karen M. Kennard (LAW); Sheri Jackson Marshall (PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP); Denise Davis (PUBLIC SERVICE); Alexis Danielle George (YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT); Arelene Lois Youngblood (Award of MERIT); Scottie L. Davis Ivory (LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT) and Alice Taylor King Johnson (Lifetime Achievement- POSTHUMOUS). Congratulations.

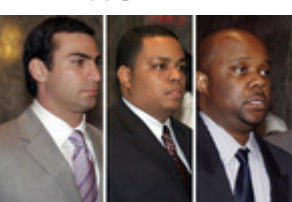
## UnFinished Business!



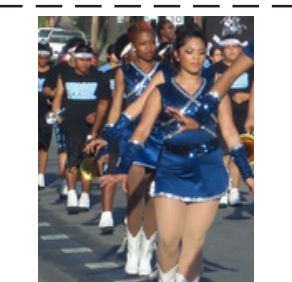
Brittany Griner (42) and the Lady Bears celebrate Baylor's perfect 40 - 0 season and their first National Championship since 2005.

DENVER — All season long the slogan was "Unfinished business." Brittney Griner and the Lady Bears of Baylor have proven undoubtedly they are the most dominate women's basketball team in the nation. After annihilating Notre Dame 80-61 Tuesday night, the Lady Bears capped an astonishing 40-0 season, the first 40 win season in NCAA basketball history, and their first NCAA Women's Basketball Championship since 2005. The 6 foot 8 Griner had 26 points, 13 rebounds, and five blocks helping lead her team to victory. When asked of their historic accomplishment, Griner responded "Looking back when we get older, I'm always going to remember this moment, always going to remember confetti falling and being here with my team."

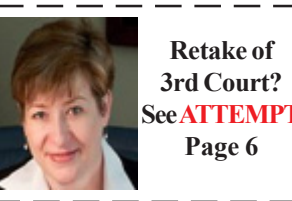
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# EDITORIALS/COMMENTARY

## The Tragic Travesty in Trade and Transactions



By Ron Busby  
Pres., U.S. Black Chamber  
Special to the NNPA

The positive demonstrations of support for the family of Trayvon Martin following his tragic death, and the nationwide evidence of unified response (hoodies everywhere!) in the call for justice are inspiring signs of a renewed spirit among African Americans and others

committed to correcting the obvious inequities exposed in the wake of this travesty. Clearly, nothing we encounter in the world of business can be equated to the senseless slaying of this young man, but as Dr. King taught us in his Letter from a Birmingham Jail, "... injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere..."

We are clear that there is no way the shock, hurt and grief Trayvon's family endures because of the absolutely inhuman conduct of one misguided individual can be compared to the struggles of businessmen and women. We can't help, however, but draw parallels to the inequity

Black business owners must contend with each and every day. When the deck is stacked against you... when the courts rule against you... when financial institutions refuse to extend credit to you... when even the governments you support through your tax dollars can't bring themselves to provide equitable access to opportunity... well, you get the picture.

As a class, the businesses we work hard to represent face odds NO other group faces in this country. And just as there are – incredibly – voices that somehow defend the series of bad decisions that resulted in the senseless snuffing out of a young life,

there are those who believe there is nothing wrong with a marketplace that delivers fractional percentage points of opportunity to Black-owned businesses. You've seen the numbers in this space before.

According to the Census Bureau, there are 1.9 million privately held Black-owned businesses across every industry sector in the United States. We employ over 921,000 persons, and generate \$137.5 billion in annual revenue. Per the Nielsen Company, African Americans spend over a TRILLION hard-earned dollars in the U.S. economy. Tragically, even this record spending does not translate to reci-

procity in the form of contracting/vendor relationships from the corporations that benefit from our spending.

Tragically, the giant loopholes in regulations guiding federal, state and local utilization of ethnic minority suppliers allow for interpretations that boggle the mind – and devastate our businesses and their hope for a brighter future. It is beyond unfortunate that it takes the senseless slaying of a future businessman, a future lawyer, a future elected official, a future husband and father to cause us to take stock of all the inequity around us, but it is the re-awakened sense of outrage that will fuel our

commitment to correct the wrongs we see around us. And though our commitment to improving opportunities for Black-owned businesses across this country is solid and sincere, the outpouring of support for justice in Florida fortifies us and strengthens our resolve to "... stay on the battlefield..."

There is no doubt that the same energy that awakened so many of us to Trayvon's murder is the same energy that will drive our achieving economic parity in America's marketplace. As always, thank you for your continued support of the U.S. Black Chamber, Inc.



Charlene Crowell  
NNPA Columnist

Growth in Renters and Low Wages Create Severe Housing Shortage.

Late last year America's homeownership rate dropped to 66 percent, the lowest since 1998. Amid continuing foreclosures and short sales, millions of former proud homeowners now find the cost of their American Dream financially out of reach. For many displaced by foreclosures, rental housing has become a long-term housing alternative. But new research finds that the huge growth in America's renters has worsened an already troubling

problem: an inadequate supply of affordable housing.

According to Out of Reach 2012, an annual report by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, renter households rose by nearly 4 million between 2005 and 2010. In 2012, a household must earn the equivalent of \$37,960 in annual income to afford the national average cost of a two-bedroom market rate of \$949 per month. To comfortably afford market price for the typical rental, incomes must meet or exceed \$18.25 per hour. However Out of Reach found that the 2012 average renter's wage was a few dollars less at \$14.15.

This gap between housing costs and typical worker earnings will continue to grow until or unless more affordable housing becomes available.

## Affordable Housing Out of Reach

Looking ahead, over the next decade the report predicts that the number of renters may increase by upwards of 470,000 annually. The report states in part, "The analysis illustrates a wide gap between the cost of decent housing and the hourly wages that renters actually earn. The numbers in Out of Reach demonstrate that this year in every community across the country, there are renters working full-time who are unable to afford the rents where they live."

In 2012, many who are severely cost-burdened are adult workers whose wages are less than their locale's fair market rent. Determined by HUD on an annual basis, fair market rent reflects the cost of both shelter and utilities. This federal standard is also used to determine eligibility for HUD's Housing Choice

Voucher program and Section 8 contracts. Out of Reach found that in every state an individual working full-time at the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour cannot afford a two-bedroom apartment for his or her family. In fact, there are very few places in the country where even a one-bedroom apartment at fair market rent is affordable to these workers. Currently 18 states have minimum wages higher than that of the federal government and earlier this year, the City of San Francisco became the first in the nation to have a minimum wage above \$10 an hour. Unfortunately, California rates third highest in the nation's rental housing costs with \$26.02 an hour needed for a two-bedroom dwelling. Other states where a two-bedroom apartment would require an

hourly wage of \$20.00 or more are: Connecticut, DC, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Virginia.

Based on a federal standard, affordable housing should cost no more than 30 percent of a household's gross income. When housing costs exceed this threshold, the residents are considered 'housing burdened'. When housing costs more than 50 percent of household income, the households are 'severely cost burdened'. By 2010, extremely low-income (ELI) workers, those earning less than 30 percent of the area median income rose to 9.8 million people, or one out of every four renter households. For every 100 ELI households in search of an apartment, only 30 affordable units are available. NHLIC estimates that an

additional 6.8 million additional rental units are needed to overcome this shortage.

Commenting on the NLHIC report, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan said, "This perfect storm of growing need and rising costs is why it is more important than ever that we provide a supply of affordable rental homes at the scale that families require and in the places that need them."

Secretary Donovan has proposed that HUD's FY13 budget make renewing rental assistance for over 5.4 million families the agency's top priority. Here's hoping that Secretary Donovan's budget request will fare better than earlier housing efforts. In 2008, the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund was enacted for the purpose of building more affordable housing. In 2012, it remains unfunded.



By George E. Curry  
NNPA Columnist

The shooting death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin by a neighborhood watch captain in Sanford, Fla. has dominated national news lately, with African-Americans more than twice as likely as Whites to follow the story very closely, according to a study by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press.

The study, conducted March 22-25, found that 70 percent of African-Americans followed the story very closely, compared to 30 percent of Whites. Women were more likely to closely follow events surrounding Martin's death

than men, 40 percent to 29 percent. There was also a political divide, with 50 percent of Democrats saying they followed the story very closely, compared to 31 percent of Republicans and 26 percent of independents. Older respondents followed the story more closely than younger people. The study found that 40 percent of those 65 and older followed the story very closely, trailed by the 50-64 age group (37 percent), 30-49 (33 percent) and 18-29 (26 percent).

When pollsters approached the issue another way by asking respondents to rank their top stories, there was also a sharp racial divide. Fifty-two percent of Blacks ranked the Trayvon Martin story as their top pick, followed by the presidential elections at 13 percent. Whites were almost evenly divided, with 20 percent ranking the death of Trayvon Martin as No.1, edging out the presidential election at 19 percent. Among Whites, the economy

## Who Cares about Trayvon Martin?

was a close third at 17 percent. The economy was a distant third among African-Americans, with only a 7 percent ranking.

The wide gulf between the views of Whites and Blacks on race is nothing new. The two communities hold distinctly different views toward law enforcement officials. While Whites tend the view cops as protective allies, many African-Americans, especially males, live in fear of being mistreated by police officers.

A 2009 study by the Pew Research Center found that 38 percent of Whites expressed a great deal of confidence in local police treating Blacks and Whites equally. However, only 14 percent of African-Americans shared that view. At the other end of the spectrum, 34 percent of Blacks expressed very little confidence in police treating Blacks and Whites equally, a view shared by 9 percent of Whites.

Interestingly, the national

news media did not provide widespread coverage of the Feb. 26 Trayvon Martin shooting until a month later. In the meantime, the Black Press and social media kept the story alive. Release of the 911 tapes and the public outcry that followed forced national media organizations to take notice. A 2010 Pew study found that African-Americans are highly critical of news coverage of their community.

"Nearly six-in-ten (58%) said that coverage of blacks was too negative. Just half as many (29%) said the coverage was either fair (28%) or too positive (1%)," the report said. "By contrast, nearly half (48%) of whites said that coverage of blacks was generally fair. Just 31% of whites thought that news coverage of blacks was too negative." In addition, 51 percent of Blacks said race relations received too little media coverage while only 24 percent of Whites agreed with that opinion.

Undergirding all of those statistics are different perceptions about the existence of racial discrimination.

For example, 43 percent of Blacks said there is a lot of discrimination against African-Americans, compared with 13 percent of Whites. In the survey, Whites were more likely to say Latinos were discriminated against more than Blacks (21 percent vs. 13 percent).

Eighty-one percent of African-Americans said "our country needs to continue making changes to give Blacks equal rights with Whites." Only 36 percent of Whites agreed. A majority of Whites – 54 percent – said "our country has made the changes it needed to give blacks equal rights with whites." Many pointed to the election of President Barack Obama as a watershed moment for race relations in the U.S.

A Gallup Poll conducted the day after Obama was

elected president in November 2008 showed that 70 percent of Americans believed race relations would improve as a result of his victory. Today, however, 48 percent of African-Americans and 31 percent of Whites believe race relations have improved under the president.

In addition, the glow from Obama's election has faded over the past three years. In 2009, 71 percent of Blacks thought the election of Obama was one of the most important advances for African-Americans in the past 100 years; today that percentage has declined to 65 percent, a drop of 6 percent. Among Whites, there was nearly a 20 percent decline, falling from 56 percent in 2009 to 37 percent today.

Although there should be universal outrage against a 28-year-old man shooting to death an unarmed 17-year-old, interest in the case, like so many other things in America, is heavily influenced by race.

## My father left years ago and now returns sick!

left us 30+ years ago when he was a young man. My mother had to struggle with six children. She did not seek the usual welfare assistance. Mom worked two jobs all the time we were growing up. All six of us made a success out of our lives. This, however, we know was due to our mother.

We are upset because dad left us and lived with a lady who had five children. It was

obvious he provided for them nicely – not thinking of us at all. He returned last year sick. In fact, he is bedridden. He suffered a stroke and is paralyzed down the left side of his body. Mom is asking for us to come and help. Four of my siblings live out of state. My brother and I are the only two who can help.

Gwendolyn, why did my mother take him back? Why?

Gloria

Dear Gloria:

Only your mother can answer that. True love is a strange thing. It never dies. I do understand your concerns. Why should you and your brother be tied down with a man who left you?

Let me tell you this: Your situation is not an isolated case. Husbands leave wives, play around when all body parts

are functioning. They walk without arthritis. Their vision is 20/20. Their hearing is good. They just got to roam.

Gloria, you need to convince your mother to call the other woman and her children to help with your dad. After all, she got more of his money and affection than your mother. Sounds not good, but love is blind and in this case it's stupid. The responsibility of your

father's healthcare needs to be shifted. He may need to go into a nursing home facility. Too often the caregiver becomes ill because the task is too great.

Tell your mother to think back to all those nights she had to be alone – rainy stormy nights when a husband is joy. Think about it. Wives need to stop allowing their husbands to vanish and return old, sick — and broke down.



By Gwendolyn Baines  
NNPA Columnist

Dear Gwendolyn: I am upset with my mother. This is the problem: My father



# CHURCH & TOWN BULLETIN

## The Answer to Unemployment

By Gary L. Flowers  
NNPA Columnist

Last week, Congressman John Conyers (MI), Ranking Member of the United States House Judiciary Committee introduced much-needed legislation entitled, "The Humphrey-Hawkins 21st Century Full Employment and Training Act." The bill number for the Act is House Resolution 4277/870.

Congressman Conyers' Act directly addresses American's need to work and our current economic crisis, but also embodies the spirit of the original Humphrey-Hawkins "Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act" of 1978.

In short, the Act would tax stock and bond trades on Wall Street to finance a fund to create jobs for the jobless.

The "Full Employment and Training Trust Fund" would create two accounts to directly fund job creation and training programs. Monies taxed from Wall Street transactions would be distributed to each account, with 67% of revenues deposited in the job-creation account, and 33% going to the job-training account.

First, job-creation funds

would be allocated based on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula, modified to consider unemployment data. The U.S. Department of Labor would collaborate with local elected officials, labor officials, and community groups, who are closest to the needs of our communities on the ground, to identify workers for each project. Americans in need of a job would work on construction projects, renovating school buildings, weatherizing homes, neighborhood beautification, expanding access to broadband and wireless Internet, and other jobs. The program would be open to those who are unemployed for at least 26 weeks, or low-income individuals who have been unemployed for at least 30 days. New jobs would include:

- Up to 30 hours per week
- Pay prevailing wages, averaging \$12-15 per hour, with benefits

Appropriate safeguards and strong anti-displacement protections would help to prevent substitution and ensure that workers are placed in jobs.

Secondly, funds would be distributed to existing programs covered under The Workforce Investment Act for job-training programs, including 1-Stop Job Training Programs and the Job Corps.

Each account would be established through a tax on Wall Street financial speculation such as stock and bond trades. The financial transactions tax would cover:

- Tax rate on each transaction would be ¼ of one percent — 0.25%
- Tax rate for Futures Contracts to buy/sell specified commodities at market prices would be 0.02%
- Tax rate for Swaps of financial instruments between two firms—0.02%
- Tax rate for Credit Default Swaps where a contract is swapped through a series of payments in exchange for a payoff if credit instrument (loans) goes into default—0.02%
- And contracts between a buyer and a seller that gives buyer the right to buy/sell asset on or before expiration date (Options) at an agreed price

All evidence for America's current poor economy points to unregulated and un-enforced laws of the greedy, which disproportionately affected the needy. Therefore, Congressman Conyers' legislation is needed now to put America back to work.

We should all contact our Congressional representatives to support H.R. 4277/870.

Gary L. Flowers is the Executive Director & CEO of the Black Leadership Forum, Inc.

Read more: <http://www.nnpa.org/news/the-answer-to-unemployment-by-gary-l-flowers/#ixzz1r0g5V1to>

## NYPD Fires Black Sean Bell Cop, Two Others Forced to Retire



Gescard Isnora

Gescard Isnora, one of the undercover police detectives who shot 50 bullets at an unarmed Sean Bell, was fired this last Monday almost six years after the sensational killing.

The two other officers involved in the shooting, Marc Cooper and Michael Oliver, were forced to retire but kept their mighty pensions. This has outraged many, including the Rev. Al Sharpton, who demanded to know why taxpayers still have to end up paying officers who killed the unarmed man just hours before his wedding.

### Guinea-Bissau Vote Stalls Over Fraud Charges

Special to the NNPA from the Global Information Network  
Kumba Yala

Mar. 27 (GIN)—Since becoming independent from Portugal in 1974, Guinea-Bissau has struggled through a dictatorship, three coups and the 2009 assassination of President Joao Bernardo Vieira.

Now, the election to replace the last president, Malam Bacai Sanha, who died in January after a long illness, is in disarray. Losing candidates have called the process a fraud and are refusing to take part in any run-off.

Second place finisher Kumba Yala, a former president who was overthrown in a 2003 coup, told reporters Thursday: "I will not compete in a second round, or even a third round of the election because these elections are fraudulent."

keep their pensions upon resigning.

"This is a disgrace, but it's not unexpected, given the process that occurred. These persons were not properly prosecuted by the police. If they think that they acted wrongfully, they should have been prosecuted just the same way as Giscard [was]," the lawyer added.

In 2006, Bell and two friends were partying at a Jamaica, Queens, club, when police confronted them and shots rang out.

Bell passed away and his friends were seriously injured. Today, the Bell family does not consider Isnora's firing a victory.

"I'm thankful that finally, after six years, the officer was terminated, but honestly, it should have been terminations across the board," said Nicole Paultre Bell, Bell's fiancée, in a published report. "It's little justice for us at this point."

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Rev. Jack C. Gause  
Pastor

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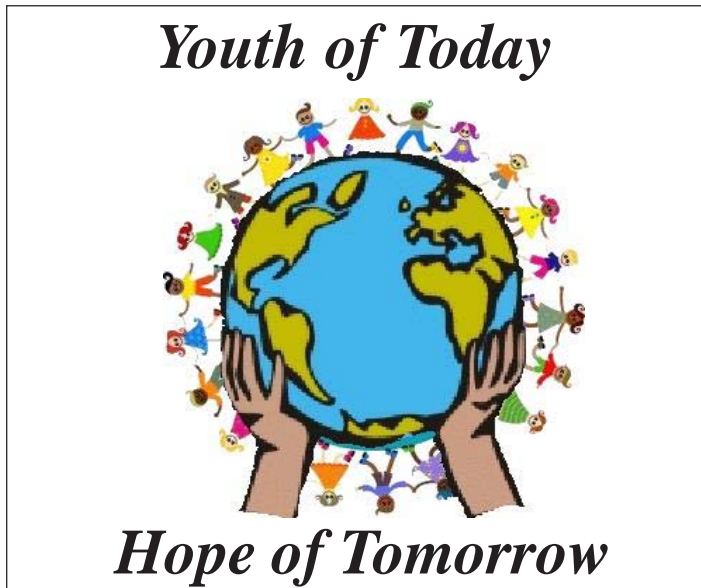


# YOUTH BRIGADE

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## The first class is over!



**Rickey Hayes**  
Manor New Tech HS

The first week of my class went a lot better than I expected, and I was happy about that. When I first got up there to teach the class I had some nervous jitters, but they started to fade the longer I was in front of the class. My

biggest fear were that the kids would get bored and not be interested in the class.

I started the class off with a getting to know you game, which just included your name and favorite food. Some of the kids were shy and some were outgoing.

For the first week we made grilled cheese, just to start off simple. All the kids really enjoyed cooking the grilled cheese. Two kids got to come to the front of the class and got to cook their own grilled cheese. I really had fun the first week, I hope all the weeks go as well as the first week.

## Can you say S.W.A.G.?



**Olivia Smith**  
Lockhart H.S.

I am currently in a club called "The S.W.A.G Club". "S.W.A.G." in our words, stands for STUDENTS WITH ASPIRATIONS AND GOALS. It was created by Ms. Brittany Wilson. The club is designed for students to do their homework, discuss and debate important issues and life and overall just to better themselves in a posi-

tive manner that is presentable.

I have been attending the club for some time now, and recently we have made announcements about our club to the school. Last Friday, I did the announcement for our club. I had never spoken on the intercom before now. I was nervous, but I wasn't as nervous as I thought I was going to be.

The easiness and comfortableness I did feel was probably due to the help of Theatre Arts. Theatre Arts has really helped me speak in front of an audience, more clearly and comfortable.

Anyways, I am glad I was able to inform the administration and students about the club because I think it is a club worth attending.

## Math TAKS is Approaching



**Jaquarry Wilson**  
Del Valle High School

I'm sure that the preparation for the highly anticipated mathematics portion of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), isn't just becoming a daily objective for the students at the state recognized Del Valle High School, but is also a nonstop focus for other schools throughout the Lone Star State.

In my opinion, it is absolutely necessary to review the topics needed for each and every student to meet the

requirements to pass the math TAKS. Passing the test isn't the goal for most of us students, where as getting commended performance is!

Commended performance is scoring a percentage of 90 or above. I, myself, love math and I plan to get commended. For as long as I can remember, my highest TAKS score was my math TAKS.

The mathematics department at Del Valle has made numerous announcements as to why we need not be absent on any day leading up to the TAKS, because we would then be missing out on a review over an objective that is to be on the test that we might desperately need to go over again because we are not very strong in that specific area. I'm excited for the challenge!

## We've Got Beef Tips



**Marshay Hatcher**  
Pflugerville High School

The cast of "The Classroom" are now selling "I Heart Beef Tips" t-shirts all this week. Shirts can be ordered in the cafeteria and classroom E209.

Youth shirts are \$10, and extra sizes are \$12. The proceeds will be donated to the Panther Celebration. The Panther Celebration is an all night, drug-free, alcohol-free party for our graduating Seniors on Graduation Night.

The goal is to provide an alcohol, drug and tobacco free environment for our graduating seniors. All parents/guardians of 2011 graduates are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Don't be left out, get your t-shirt today and help support our Seniors on their big night.

## Soccer Tryouts



**Andrae Hatcher**  
Pflugerville Middle School

Soccer season is just around the corner for Pflugerville Middle School, and tryouts for the Panthers will be held on April 10th through April 13th. Tryouts

are after school on the field next to the gym.

The coaches for soccer this year will be Mr. Dauer and Mrs. Stroube. Students in seventh and eighth grade are allowed to tryout. Students also need an up to date physical to tryout.

I enjoy playing soccer and plan to tryout. I have been training and practicing so I can do well at tryouts. Making sure to perfect my foot trap and dribbling.

Looking forward to a great tryout. Good luck Panthers.

## All District Band



**Jaylon Knighten**  
Dailey Middle School

Last week all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Dailey Middle School took the STAAR test. S.T.A.A.R. (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) replaces the TAKS Test. On Tuesday and Wednesday the seventh graders took the Reading part while the eighth

graders took the Math and on Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> eight graders took the Reading and only seventh grade Pre AP took the math. I think the STAAR test was harder than the TAKS but I think I did okay.

I received news from my band teachers that I was selected to participate in the second annual Middle School All-District Band. The All-District Band is made up of the best middle school musicians from Del Valle Middle School, Ojeda Middle School and Dailey Middle School. This is a great honor and I am going to enjoy playing challenging music with other musicians in our school district.

## Austin Urban Music Festival



**Will Purcell**  
New Manor Tech HS

On March 31, I went to the annual Austin Urban Music Festival held on Auditorium Shores. The main headliners were After 7, Boyz II Men, and Babyface. Overall I really enjoyed being there and there were plenty of activities for children as well.

During the festival, I met Ms. Bern Nadette Stanis who played Thelma on Good Times and I also got her autograph. I sat with my family during the festival and ate a delicious turkey leg. Also during the festival, I helped KAZI set up the lights for their station.

Before Boyz II Men came out on stage, rapper V.I.C. performed. All the

women were dancing during V.I.C.'s performance and some women including one of my cousins got on stage to do the Wobble Dance.

When Boyz II Men came out, all the women were screaming and clapping while I was recording most of the performance with my Ipod. That was the second time I saw Boyz II Men perform at the Urban Festival and they were still great. When Boyz II Men was done performing, a funny comedian did great imitations until it was time for R & B singer/songwriter Babyface to come out on stage.

After that, Babyface started to perform and the crowd went wild. I recorded some of Babyface's performances and overall he did very well while he was on stage.

When Babyface finished performing, everybody started leaving. I had a really good time at the Urban Fest and I hope to go again next year.

## ALL GIRLS TRACK MEET THURSDAY



**Dezhia Gorrer**  
Clint Small Middle School

Last thursday my school had their first track meet. We didn't do as well as we thought. I hurt myself and wasn't able to finish my last race.

This thursday was going to be the time where my school was going to show out. The bad part is I don't know if I can run in this meet just yet. My side has gotten hurt and I have to figure out what happened and if I'm able to run thursday or not.

I am in two relays, (the 4 by 1, and 4 by 2). There is no one faster than

me that can take my spot, and they don't have enough time to practice hand offs or anything.

I hope I can run though so I won't let my team down. I also want to run badly so my team can really show what we have. We weren't really in shape.

The only team that beat us was Gorizki Middle School. They have a good team, but I know we have a better one if we really tried. My school always does better the second time in something if it's the beginning of the season.

I really don't like this season, because we have fewer track meets. When I get to High School all sports are better and longer. We get more conditioning and learn many more things we hadn't learned in Middle School.

## Get Caught Reading



**Adrian Jackson**  
Pflugerville High School

The Pflugerville Community Library encourages residents to "Get Caught Reading" in honor of Get Caught Reading Month in May. The Pflugerville Community Library enjoys seeing their patrons reading. To capture that enjoyment, snapshots of family or friends reading can be submitted to be posted in the library or on many social media sites.

To participate, submit pictures of you and your friends "caught" reading in various locations across Pflugerville.

If you are creative your photo could end up hanging in the library. By sending or giving your photo to the City of Pflugerville, you and all persons in the picture give consent to the City to use the photo in various library promotions to include but not limited to Facebook and Twitter, for display in the Library, and in promotions of the Pflugerville Community Library (media, newspaper and library brochures). You can also send your photos to Amanda Cawthon at amandac@pflugervilletx.gov or drop off a photo at the front desk of the library. Be sure to include the name of the persons in the photo and phone contact information. The deadline for submission is April 30.

So get together with great friends, find the perfect book, take that snapshot and get caught reading!



# YOUTH BRIGADE/ENTERTAINMENT

## B.L. JOYCE COMMUNITY PARADE

## Write Stuff 2012



Grand Marshals and The Del Valle High School Band



Del Valle High march down Rosewood Ave.



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Grand Marshals sheila Henry, Tommy Wyatt and Superstar Chior



Gilbert Askey performs with the Ortega Elem. Superstar Chior



Darius Hatcher Pflugerville Middle School

Getting students to write for fun is very difficult, some think it is boring and a waste of time. PISD has added an incentive for those students that would be willing to write from the heart, about any topic of their choice. Students will have their work published.

PISD will have their annual The Write Stuff event, scheduled for Saturday, April 28 at Kelly Lane Middle School from 9-11 a.m. This year's anthologies include approximately 500 prose and poetry entries along with original artwork from K-12 students across the district. It is very exciting to work hard on something and then be

able to be recognized for it.

Three local published authors will present writing workshops for the students who submitted their writing for publication in an anthology. Varian Johnson, author of *My Life as a Rhombus* and *Saving Maddie*, will lead the middle school students through an interactive writer's workshop, while the elementary students will have an opportunity to hear two local authors. Cynthia Leitich-Smith, author of *Holler Loudly*, *Indian Shoes* and several other children's books and Greg Leitich-Smith, author of the recently released *Chronal Engine* will both present to the younger students. In addition, the students who attend will have the opportunity to read their own work aloud from their anthologies before taking them home to keep.

Teachers and librarians of students who submitted work will also receive a copy of the anthologies to keep in classrooms and libraries.

## Good Texas Relays



Destini Gorrer LBJ High School

This previous weekend we competed at Texas Relays. We ran the 4x100 meter relay and the 4x200 meter relay. I was first leg for both our relays. We ran the 4x200 on Friday, it was the prelims. We were in the heat with the fastest team, Garland.

We didn't place in the 4x200, because our anchor leg pulled up so we weren't able to finish

the race. This hurt, because we could have beaten Garland and not only have been ranked higher in the nation but we would have been sitting first going into the finals. Garland was only beating us by 5 meters with 100 meters left to go, our anchor was coming for their anchor.

Saturday morning we ran the 4x100 meter prelim. Later on in the evening all the finals would be run. We got 3rd in our heat, running a slower time before. I ran the fastest time in my time of running track in high school which was a 11.6! I couldn't be more proud of myself.

The top 9 advance to the finals and we ended up getting 15th. Good job ladies we have District, Regionals and STATE to focus on!

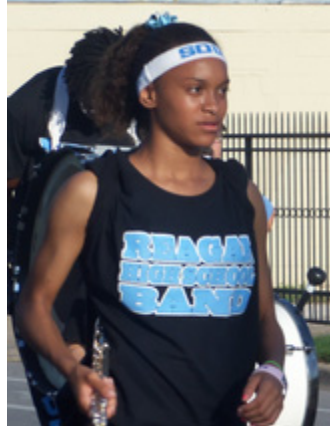


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For more information about accessing the guide and addressing disproportionality and health disparities, please contact CEDD at: [http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/hhsc\\_projects/cedd/](http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/hhsc_projects/cedd/).



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# CITY ~ STATE ~ NATIONAL ~ WORLD

## Attempt To Retake The 3rd Courts of Appeals

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



**Karen Watskin**

In the 2012 election cycle, the Central Texas Democratic party is aggressively trying to gain a majority on the 3rd Court of Appeal. For instance, there are four different candidates running on the 3rd Court of Appeal, which is made up of a panel of 5 judges and 1 chief justice. Some of the candidates running under the Democratic party for the 3rd Court of Appeals, include: Diane Henson, Karen Watskin, Andy Hahcock, and Bryan Case.

Each of the candidates have a vast experience in the law. For instance, Judge Hahcock, Judge has 12 years of judicial experience as an associate judge hearing cases involving children and families. Moreover, Bryan Case Bryan Case has served Travis County as the Director of the Appellate Division in the District Attorney's office for 15 years, and served in the DA's office for more than 24 years. In addition he has served both as a prosecutor and as a defense counsel. Since 2005, Karen Watskin has handled appeals in the state courts of appeals in Texas for more than 20 years and has been recognized as a specialist in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

The Third Court of Appeals is composed of a Chief Justice and five justices. It has intermediate appellate jurisdiction of both civil and criminal cases appealed from lower courts in the twenty-four coun-



**Andy Hahcock**

ties in Texas listed below; in civil cases where judgment rendered exceeds \$100, exclusive of costs, and other civil proceedings as provided by law; and in criminal cases except in post-conviction writs of habeas corpus and where the death penalty has been imposed. The Third Court of Appeals sits in Austin, and is arguably the most important court of appeals in the state because it hears appeals of cases involving the actions of state agencies and government officials.

## Local Businesses Sought Boost From Austin Urban Festival

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

During the week-end of March 31-April 2, 2012 the Austin Urban Festival held their annual event. At the event, there were several businesses that came from other cities; while there were numerous local businesses also present at the event. These local businesses choose to attend the event because they believed that they would get alot of

traffic and also quick exposure of their products. Over the last three days, numerous local business owner mentioned that they had the opportunity to meet and talk with customer.

Some of the local businesses that were present at the event include "Bing" and Tombas. The Tomba group mentioned that "they have been at-

tending the event since 2006.

Moreover, they mentioned that "they seek family oriented event like the AUF. In addition the group Tomba mentioned that they have kept in contact with those who stopped at the booth during the event. Furthermore, they mentioned that event does boost their sales, and they are looking forward to the next AUF

## Austin City Council

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

On April 3 and 5, 2012 the Austin City Council will convene to hear, discuss, and vote on items. During the Austin city council, they will discuss on issue ranging from law-suit against the city; fire department and police department issues; health and human issues; economic development issues; water management issues to zoning issues. Moreover, their vote on certain issues tend to affect both the city residents and those who work in Austin. The first item of the Austin city council was to approve of the last session agenda. Also the Austin Housing Finance Corporation will meet on April 5, 2012.

On April 3, 2012, the Austin city council will meet to discuss the issues of the electric rate increase. Moreover, the Austin city council has sought to find ways to resolve the hike in electricity rate. Over the years, the city of Austin has been able to keep the electric rate of its resident low. However, the city of Austin has been experience a population boom;

therefore, it make it harder for the city of Austin and Austin Energy to keep a lower rate. Then, on April 5, 2012, the Austin City Council will also meet to discuss the issue of Tax increment

When the Austin Housing Finance Corporation meet they will have several items on their agenda. They will seek to "approve the minutes of March 8, 2012 Board meeting of the AHFC; Approve a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Austin Housing Finance Corporation Grant Operating Budget (Resolution No. 20110912-AHFC001) to appropriate \$1,071,839 from the Housing Trust Fund for housing and community development programs including the

Housing Developer Assistance program; Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012 Service Agreement with the City of Austin for the Housing Trust Fund in the amount of \$1,071,839 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,692,409; Authorize the negotiation and execution of a loan to the GUADALUPE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the development of eight rental units (four duplexes) in the Guadalupe-Saldaña Subdivision to serve low-income residents, including disabled persons and senior citizens; Approve a resolution reappointing Humberto Lumberras, Director, on the Boards of Directors for the Arbors at Creekside Non-Profit Corporation, the Austin Inner-City Redevelopment Corporation, the Villas on Sixth Non-Profit Corporation, and the AHFC Village on Little Texas Non-Profit Corporation for terms beginning on May 1, 2012, expiring on July 28, 2013."



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# CLASSIFIEDS ~ PUBLIC INFORMATION

## Texas Relays Panel Discusses Racial Stigmas; Strategies for Success for Student Athletes



Panelist (l to r) Jamey Harrison, Ph.D., Michael Lauderdale, Ph.D., Margo Frasier, Damon Luckett and Meria Carstarphen, Ph.D. Photo by Thomas Wyatt.

In conjunction with the Texas Relays, a panel of experts discussed how racial stigmas affect and challenge student athletes on and off the field at a free public forum March 30.

"Moving Past Racial Stigmas to Help Students Succeed" was from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at

the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina St.

With college costs rising, athletic scholarships are a ticket for many student athletes to afford a college education. At the same time, higher expectations for both high school and college

sports put many of these student athletes under tremendous pressure.

The 85<sup>th</sup> Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays at the University of Texas, brings hundreds of high school and college athletes for competition each year.

Panel participants included:

- Meria Carstarphen, Ph.D., Superintendent, Austin Independent School District.

- Michael Lauderdale, Ph.D., Professor, University of Texas.

- Margo Frasier, Police Monitor, City of Austin.

- Jamey Harrison, Ph.D. University Interscholastic League.

- Damon Luckett, Mentor, UT Athletics Department.

The discussion was moderated by Brian "BJ" Jones of the CBS Sports Network and co-moderated by Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole. Dr. Gregory Vincent, Vice President of Diversity and Community Engagement at the University of Texas at Austin, delivered the opening remarks, followed by the recognition of exemplary Austin area student athletes.

Honored athletes were:

- Eduardo Banda: Football, Lanier High School.

- Torre Blake: Volleyball, Austin High School.

- Dillon Bodt: Football, Bowie High School.

- Keegan Bradley: Football, Travis High School.

- Derius Collins: Football, Lyndon B. Johnson High School.

- Townes Donovan: Volleyball, McCallum High School.

- Amethyst Gamez: Girls basketball and track, Bowie High School.

- Kandice Gowdy-Barnes: Girls basketball, Lanier High School.

- Jesse Hernandez: Basketball, Eastside High School.

- Alexis Hyder: Girls basketball, Lyndon B. Johnson High School.

- Michael Lopez: Baseball, Lanier High School.

- Jacob Moore: Football, Crockett High School.

- Simone Rath: Volleyball, Ann Richards High School for Young Women Leaders.

- Darlene Seme: Girls basketball, Reagan High School.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole and Dr. Vincent were co-chairs at a private reception following the panel discussion. Reception hosts included State Senator Kirk Watson, State Rep. Dawnna Dukes, Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe, Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell, the Capital City Chamber of Commerce and the Carver Museum and Cultural Center. The celebration was sponsored by UT's Office of Diversity and Community Engagement and the City of Austin.

## Cuttin' Up The Dance Flo'

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Line Team Dance Competition

The Cuttin' Up The Dance Flo' 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Line Dance Team Competition is a community event that will primarily focus on the talents and creativity of vocationally talented youth who have been struggling in a traditional school setting. Each team of seven to twelve members must create and name an original line dance using any

music not being used for a current line dance.

There will be first, second and third place winners in four age categories and they are as follows: fourteen through eighteen year olds, nineteen through twenty four year olds, twenty-five through fifty nine year olds and sixty plus years young.

The event will take

place at Doris Miller Auditorium located on 2300 Rosewood Avenue on Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Teams from Austin, Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, San Antonio and surrounding cities are expected to compete.

Contact Stephanie Touchstone at 512.796.1450 for additional information.

## City of Austin's Small Business Development Program To Host Annual Small-Business Resource Fair

Getting Connected Event to Feature New Panel Aimed at Succeeding in Creative Industries

(March 2012) Austin, TX — The City of Austin is getting more creative in its approach to assisting aspiring small-business owners. Austin's City-run Small Business Development Program (SBDP), which fosters the growth of new and existing businesses through a wealth of supportive tools and resources, will host Getting Connected, its fifth annual small-business resource fair, on April 12 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Palmer Event Center, 900 Barton Spring Road. And this year, in an effort to provide added resources for small-business owners in the creative industries, the SBDP is adding a free panel discussion titled Putting Creative Projects in the Profit Margin.

The new panel discussion, which begins at 4:30 p.m., was developed by the City's Cultural Arts Division, and features entrepreneurs and business owners who have been successful in the creative industries. Panelists include glassblower Carlyn Ray, who was a participant in this year's Faces of Austin short-film program; writer, director and producer Jason Neulander, who founded and served as artistic director of the Salvage Vanguard Theatre;

and Jennifer Chenoweth, a visual artist and entrepreneur.

"This year, we are excited about a new addition to our long-established Getting Connected event," says Rosy Jalifi, Assistant Director of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office. "The Putting Creative Projects in the Profit Margin session will feature three successful business owners in creative fields who will share their business journeys and lessons learned. Austin is recognized as a hotbed of creative talent. We want to highlight the way an aspiring talent can cultivate and sustain themselves as an Austin business."

The free Getting Connected event will also include exhibitors from business-centered non-profit and networking organizations, government programs and agencies, area chambers of commerce and community-development corporations whose missions include helping business owners succeed. The BizAid Business Orientation, at which attendees can learn more about City resources for businesses, will take place at 3:15 p.m. and again at 5:45 p.m.

"The goal of Getting Connected is to provide an informal setting where Austin entrepreneurs can network with

government agencies, nonprofits and community organizations that offer programs and services they need," says SBDP Administrator Vicky Valdez. "Our studies have identified that one of the major needs of small-business owners is access to information as they start, sustain or expand their businesses. To address this need, for the last five years, the City of Austin's Small Business Development Program has provided a business resource fair to facilitate information sharing and to develop helpful business relationships. We encourage anyone who is thinking about starting a business to come to Getting Connected to find the many no-cost resources available to them."

Registration for both the BizAid Business Orientation and the creative industries panel is required and can be made online at [www.gettingconnected.info](http://www.gettingconnected.info), or by calling (512) 974-7800.

The SBDP is a division of the City of Austin's Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office, and is committed to providing opportunities and resources to small businesses to help them grow and prosper in a competitive business environment. For more information about the SBDP, the Getting Connected business resource fair and the new creative panel discussion, visit [www.austintexas.gov/SmallBiz.com](http://www.austintexas.gov/SmallBiz.com).

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No pets allowed except as aids to the disabled. All units ADA accessible Equal Housing Opportunity, Handicap Accessible. Contact: Van Johnson, Executive Director or Mary Hurst East Austin Economic Development Corporation 512-472-1472.

### BIDS/PROPOSALS

Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC) is currently soliciting proposals through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for Group Health, Dental, Basic Life/AD&D, Voluntary Disability, Voluntary Life, Vision Insurance, Wellness Programs and Employee Assistance Program (EAP). RFPs may be picked up between 8 a.m. and

5 p.m. at Frost Insurance Agency, 401 Congress Ave., 14th Floor, Austin, TX 78701, beginning Monday, April 2, 2012. RFPs may also be mailed or sent electronically, by contacting Rebecca Hawes at [rhawes@frostinsurance.com](mailto:rhawes@frostinsurance.com). The deadline to submit a proposal under the RFP is 5 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2012. Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs), including Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Businesses, are encouraged to apply.

Round Rock ISD is currently accepting sealed bids and proposals. Solicitation documents may be obtained from the RRISD web site at [www.roundrockisd.org](http://www.roundrockisd.org) under "EROC Purchasing Program" or by calling 512-464-6950.

### Employment

#### AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

##### New Jobs for the Week of 3/25/2012

Assistant, Admissions  
Rio Grande Campus  
Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

\$2,256-\$2,820/Monthly  
Job# 1202029

Assistant II,  
Administrative  
Highland Business Center

Note: Student orientations and registrations may be located off campus.

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

Some evenings  
during high peak

student registration periods  
\$2,046-\$2,558/Monthly  
Job# 1203005

Assistant, Senior Student  
Financial Aid

Round Rock Campus  
Monday & Tuesday  
8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.,

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

(40 hours to be arranged including minimum one late night). Saturday hours as needed  
Job# 1203004

Apply at HR

Middle Fiskville Rd.  
6th Floor,  
Austin, TX 78752

Job Line (512) 223-5621  
<http://www.austincte.edu>

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## City of Austin Purchasing Office

The City of Austin Purchasing Office invites you to view current bid solicitations at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/purchase/vs/p2.htm>. Vendors are encouraged to register on-line in the City's Vendor Self Service System. Once your company is registered, you will receive notifications about new bid opportunities. For additional information regarding current bid opportunities or Vendor Registration, please 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.ci.austin.tx.us/snbr>.



## BATTEN & SHAW, INC.

GENERAL CONTRACTORS • CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS

Batten & Shaw, Inc. is currently seeking bids from qualified Subcontractors and Suppliers for the St. David's Medical Center ADA Remediation project. Austin, Texas and surrounding area businesses are invited to attend the Diversity Meet & Greet to learn more about opportunities associated with this upcoming project.

### Batten & Shaw, Inc. and HCA

are strongly committed to the development and implementation of initiatives which promote the inclusion of local, minority, and women-owned businesses.

**When:** Thursday, April 12, 2012 \* 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. David's Medical Center - MOB Classrooms A & E  
919 E. 32nd Street \* Austin TX 78705

**Bid Packages:** Casework \* Concrete and Asphalt Paving \* Parking Lot Striping  
Handicap Signs/Wheel Stops \* Concrete Sidewalks and Ramps  
\* Doors/Frames/Hardware \* Flooring, Tile and Resilient \* Painting  
\* Signage \* Drywall, Metal Stud Framing and Ceilings \* Plumbing, Sprinkler,  
HVAC Test & Balance \* Electrical, Fire Alarm and Nurse Call

For information regarding the bid packages for this project, contact:

Jason Pomeroy, ADA Division Manager (615) 292-2400 x 331 Email: [jasonpomeroy@bsinet.us](mailto:jasonpomeroy@bsinet.us)  
or Brian Lawrence, Project Estimator (615) 292-2400 x 330 Email: [brianlawrence@bsinet.us](mailto:brianlawrence@bsinet.us)

To RSVP for the upcoming Meet & Greet, contact:

Rhea Kinnard at (615) 941-8396 - Email: [kinn0167@aol.com](mailto:kinn0167@aol.com)

Refreshments will be provided!



# Sports

## J'Covan Brown Enters His Name for The NBA Draft



By: Terry Davis

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J'Covan Brown

Austin- Junior guard J'Covan Brown will forgo his senior year at the University of Texas. Brown is coming off his best year at Texas. He led the Big 12 Conference in scoring with 22 points per game. Brown was named to the United States Basketball Writers Association player of the year for Region VII. Region VII includes Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

Statement from J'Covan Brown:

Brown thanked I want to thank the fans and everyone at The University of Texas for their support over the last three years. I especially want to

thank the entire coaching staff, including Coach Terry (now the head coach at Fresno State) and Mrs. Randa (Dr. Randa Ryan, Senior Associate AD for Student Services).

I'm not sure anyone really knows how much I love UT. It was always my dream to be a Longhorn, and I have lived that dream and become a better person. There were a lot of reasons to come back to school next year, most importantly getting my degree

and being around my teammates every day. But the time has come for me to pursue a career in professional basketball and take care of my daughter, Jordyn. This has been a difficult decision, but it is the best decision for myself and my family. I'll continue to go to class and complete the spring semester here at Texas, and I will come back to finish my degree in the future.

Texas head coach Rick Barnes said, "Our staff wishes J'Covan and his family nothing but success as he moves forward. We've literally seen J'Covan grow up and mature before our eyes over the last three years here, and we are proud of the man that he has become. We respect his decision and understand his need to provide for his daughter."



## Ricky Williams' Statue Is Unveiled



Ricky Williams. Photo by Terry Davis

By: Terry Davis

One of the most popular Texas Longhorns will be remembered forever. Texas unveiled the statue of the likeness of former star running

back Ricky Williams before the beginning of the Orange and White game this year.

The statue is a life size likeness of the former running in full pads and with his

signature dreadlocks. Williams played for Texas from 1995 to 1998. While at Texas Williams, he won every award that was possible to win. In his senior season he won the Heisman Trophy.

Williams was drafted by the New Orleans Saints in the 1999 NFL Draft with the 5 pick. In his second year with the Saints he was named to the NFL Pro Bowl. Williams played for three teams in the NFL over his 11 year career. Williams also played for the Miami Dolphins and the Baltimore Ravens. Williams played with the Ravens in the 2011 season and announced his retirement after the season ended.

When asked about the statue dedication Williams said, "It still hasn't hit me yet. I got a chance last summer to go up and see the statue as it was being finished and it was cool. It was cool to be a part of it, but to actually see it in the ground—it was clay when I saw it—actually didn't see it in the ground, in its finished form. It's going to be neat. I'm looking forward to it."



Ricky Williams, his family, and his new statue. Photo courtesy UT Athletics.

## Magic Johnson Makes History With The Dodgers



Magic Johnson. Photo by Kevork Djansezian / Getty Images

Erving "Magic" Johnson has thrilled fans for years as basketball player for Michigan State and the Los Angeles Lakers. Johnson and his investment group purchased the Los Angeles Dodgers out of bankruptcy from its previous owner Frank McCourt.

Johnson is part of the Guggenheim Baseball Management LLL. The purchasing group includes Mark R. Walter as its

controlling partner, as well as Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Peter Guber, Stan Kasten, Bobby Patton and Todd Boehly.

Frank McCourt stated, "This agreement with Guggenheim reflects both the strength and future potential of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and assures that the Dodgers will have new ownership with deep local roots, which bodes well for the Dodgers, its fans and the Los Angeles community. We are delighted that this group will continue the important work we have started in the community, fulfilling our commitment to building 50 Dream Fields and helping with the effort to cure

cancer."

Earvin "Magic" Johnson stated, "I am thrilled to be part of the historic Dodger franchise and intend to build on the fantastic foundation laid by Frank McCourt as we drive the Dodgers back to the front page of the sports section in our wonderful community of Los Angeles."

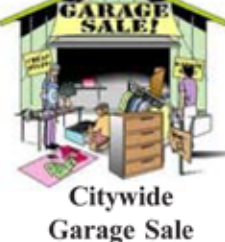
The Dodgers were based in Brooklyn before moving to Los Angeles. The purchase by Johnson and his group marks the first ownership by an African American in MLB. The Dodgers was also the first franchise to have an African American baseball player in MLB with Jackie Robinson.



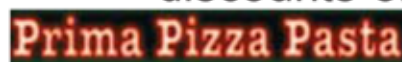
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