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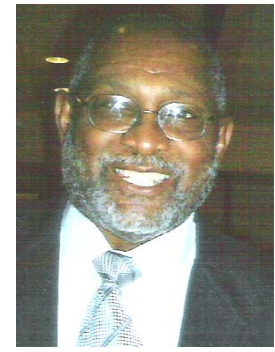
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## RAPPIN' Tommy Wyatt The Murder of Black Youth Continues!!

I was a teenager in 1955 when Emmett Till was murdered in Money Mississippi. He was accused of flirting with a White woman. She said that the 14 year old youth whistled at her. Till who had been in Mississippi for only a few days, was from Chicago and had no idea of the difference in life style in Chicago and Money.

Till was missing for three or four days and when he was recovered from the Mississippi river, the body was very decomposed. As a youth we read the whole story in Ebony magazine and saw the photos of his badly decomposed body.

That memory has stayed with me until this day. And all of the anger resurfaced within the last few days after hearing of the case of Trayvon Martin who was shot and killed in Florida by a person who had not been told or observed any wrong doing on the part of the 17 year old youth. The only thing that he was guilty of was being in a predominantly White neighborhood at night.

The killer, George Zimmerman, has not been charged with any crime. He said that the shooting was in self defense. However, no weapon was found on or near the youth. The Police said that they could not confirm or deny that the youth did have a weapon. It sound all too familiar.

This case is not new and similar cases are playing out daily all over the country. However, there has to be some charges and convictions being handed out before this kind of lawlessness will end.

In the meantime, we must use all of our available resources to see that these criminals are brought to justice. The Till case ended with the acquittal of the two people who were accused of the crime. It was not until 2004 that the U. S. Justice Department reopened the case to bring it to a successful conclusion. However, his mother was not around to see justice done. She died in 2003.

Trayvon Martin's case should not take 49 year to see justice.

## U.S. Education Secretary Hosts Town-Hall at ACC Eastview Campus, Calls Success There "Extraordinary"



Secretary Duncan is shown pictured with ACC Founding Trustee Wilhelmina Delco and her husband, Dr. Exalton Delco. Photo by Naomi Richard.

By Naomi Richard  
Special to The Villager  
On March 8, U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan came to Central Texas to deliver remarks as part of the world-famous SXSW, but he carved out a significant portion of his trip to spend time with students, business leaders and educators at Austin Community College's Eastview Campus on Webberville Road.

Using words like "terrific", "extraordinary" and "vital", the Secretary praised ACC's work in transforming

lives to prepare both young people and adult learners alike for the jobs of the future.

The Secretary and his team learned about the history of ACC and the decades-long impact it has had in East Austin – from its very first campus in 1973 to the erection of the state-of-the-art Eastview campus today. Secretary Duncan is shown pictured with ACC Founding Trustee Wilhelmina Delco and her husband, Dr. Exalton Delco, and also with Jeffrey Richard, a current

ACC Trustee who is Vice Chair of the Board. Former Trustee Delco, who once served as the Chair of the House Higher Education panel in the Texas Legislature, said, "I am doubly impressed that the President sent his top people in Education to see first-hand what we are doing in Austin, Texas." She added, "We are very proud of ACC."

Vice Chair Richard said that the community college concept is itself an American invention, "formed in America, like Jazz, and it

is unique because community colleges have always had to play two melodies at once – one of serious academic preparation and the other of workforce training and re-training." He said, "ACC is the number one pathway in all of Central Texas for persons of color and first-generation college students to experience higher education, and for that reason alone, it plays a critical role as a great equalizer and gateway to the middle class." He continued, "actually, this is the case with community colleges around the country." See ACC page 7

## Public Fury Impel Investigation for Shocking Murder of Fla. Teen

On February 26 of this year, 17-year-old Trayvon Martin was shot and killed by 28-year-old George Zimmerman in Florida. Now, just over three weeks later, the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division have declared a criminal investigation into the incident. Along with the parents' grief, public outcry, and outpour of community support, an online petition for the justice of Trayvon Martin at Change.org has sparked more outrage over this so called "justified" killing.

George Zimmerman, who has not been arrested and a self-appointed neighborhood watch volunteer captain, shot an unarmed Martin point blank in the chest after reporting to a police dispatcher he looked "suspicious." Zimmerman claims he was acting in self-defense but 911 recordings from witnesses and Zimmerman on the night of shooting may prove other wise.

On some of the 911 recordings, Martin can clearly

be heard pleading for help. Zimmerman at one point during his 911 recording was heard saying, "These guys always get away" after the 911 dispatcher told Zimmerman not to follow Martin.

Furthermore, new testimony from Trayvon's girlfriend claim Martin told her on his cell phone, "There was someone following him" as he walked through the gated community. The girlfriend told Martin to run but he said "No. I'm not going to run I'm going to walk fast." Records from Martin's cell phone substantiate this new witness's claim.

The petition to Florida's 18th District state's attorney to "prosecute the killer of our son" has collected more than half a million signatures and Martin has become a trending Twitter hashtag. Spike Lee, Janelle Monae, and other celebrities are tweeting to call awareness to the Change.org petition and demand that "Racial profiling on our people has got to end."



George Zimmerman, left, and Trayvon Martin (2005 mugshot (left)/ family photo)

## Teens in Central Texas Get the Perfect Gift for Prom

Austin, TX — The cost of prom can bust a family budget, and it brings even bigger expenses for teens who want have their dress deliver a lasting glance. However, in Central Texas, parents just got some help from the PROM RACK. Teenagers in the Central Texas are preparing for their respective proms and due to the generosity of the Austin Community we have over 1000 new and barely worn dresses of all lengths. We have retro wear.

The PROM RACK a nonprofit organization that was started to meet the needs of youth in the foster system. This year, due to the down turns in our community and additional resources granted to PROM RACK, helping our community is a natural fit for prom!

The event will be held Saturday, MARCH 24, 2012, 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Mount Sinai Baptist Church, 5900 Cameron Road, Austin TX 78750.

For further information call Gigi Edwards Bryant at (512) 845-0326.

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# EDITORIALS/COMMENTARY



By Cheryl Pearson-McNeil  
NNPA Columnist

Remember back in the day when Yellow Pages encouraged everyone to: "Let Your Fingers do the Walking," to quickly and efficiently thumb through its pages to locate any business or service imaginable? Which really came in handy when we were in the market for *anything* from pizza to electronics to specialty shoes to a plumber (this catchy phrase, by the way, is cited by AdAge.com as an Honorable Mention in the listing of "The Top 10 Slogans of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century"). We have become



By George E. Curry  
NNPA Columnist

Sybrina Fulton knows what she will be doing tomorrow. It is the same thing she did yesterday. And the same thing she will do today. "I cry every day," she said Sunday on TV One's *Washington Watch with Roland Martin*. "I just don't understand. My son's gone and this guy has never been arrested."

Her son, Trayvon Martin, an unarmed 17-year old high school junior with no record of trouble, was killed in Sanford, Fla. on Feb. 26 by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch captain.



By Julianne Malveaux  
NNPA Columnist

Tavis Smiley and Dr. Cornel West deserve high props for their summer poverty tour. They started on an Indian reservation, hit the inner city, and looked at poverty, in all of its manifestations. While many dismissed their high-profile tour as a political ploy, I am absolutely convinced of their sincerity. In addition, these two men are among the few who have dared utter the "p" word in public.

Think about it – Vice



By Gwendolyn Baines  
NNPA Columnist

spoiled rotten, since the not-so-long-ago heyday of the Yellow Pages – including the very people who work in the technology wonder companies that keep upping the ante and changing the game, as well as those who track all of the subsequent trends in consumer behavior. Because as consumers, all of us need or want *something* – food, shelter, clothing, electronics, entertainment, etc. You name it.

But, our fingers still do the walking, alright – *on our phones*. According to new Nielsen mobile research, in addition to talking and texting, American smartphone owners are whipping out these handy little devices and trolling retail apps and websites to shop, research products and product reviews, compare prices, find retail locations and redeem coupons. "Mobile shopping has reached scale and is only go-

ing to grow as smartphone penetration continues to rise," according to John Burbank, Nielsen's president of strategic initiatives. Here's what Nielsen data shows:

- During the 2011 holiday season, the top retail apps and websites combined – Amazon, Best Buy, eBay, Target and Walmart – reached nearly 60% of smartphone owners.

- Both men and women prefer retailers' mobile websites over mobile apps; though men are more likely to opt for the apps over women.

- Female smartphone owners prefer Target and Walmart mobile websites, while Best Buy skews male. Amazon and eBay appeal to both.

- While we, as shoppers, still use traditional forms of marketing like direct mail

and newspaper ads, we are nearly twice as likely (60%) to read a retailers' email than those colorful paper circulars in the stores (30%).

- More than 30% of shoppers are actively researching online while shopping (*talk about advanced multi-tasking*).

- 31% of ALL purchase decisions (both consumer packaged goods, e.g. packaged food, beauty and personal care, baby care, household cleaning products; and Non-CPG categories, e.g. consumer electronics and technology, entertainment items and content, etc.), involve some online or mobile activity.

- Digital shoppers spend 27% more per household per trip.

Shoppers cannot be classified simply as either digital or not. There are specific shopper segments, based on our

attitudes toward experimentation. Nielsen Category Shopping Fundamentals Research breaks it down: 55% of shoppers are defined as "Occasional Trialists."

These are middle-class people aged 50-59 who either live with a spouse or a partner and usually keep up with what's going on; although they don't go out of their way to try every new thing. The second group is the "Trendsetters" (27%). This is a more affluent group between 25-49.

They have children or teenagers in the household and love to keep ahead of what's happening; love to try the newest, latest and greatest and telling others all about it. Lastly, we have the "Satisfied & Sedentary" (18%). These folks are 60+, less affluent and live alone. The S&S crowd knows what they like and don't feel the need to keep up with new

things. Any of those sounds like anyone you know?

Know what all of this means? Well, yes, shopping can be crazy-easy: like taking your store right of your pocket. But, it also means that retailers from your local grocery store to the biggest chains must think even more outside the box in getting your attention and your business, as the options for penetration and awareness are almost endless. It means they are going to have to hone in with even sharper, laser focus on you as an individual consumer – your likes, dislikes, preferences.

Retailers are going to have to work harder and more creatively for your business and your loyalty. They have to woo you. Because you have infinite choices; more than ever before – no matter *what* kind of shopper you are. Ah, power. Use it wisely.

## Trayvon Martin's Death Takes Toll on Family

Zimmerman was questioned by police and released after authorities took his word that he was acting in self-defense, a version of events contradicted by witnesses and calls to 911.

Martin, an honor student who lived in Miami with his parents, was visiting in the gated community of Twin Lakes in Sanford, 20 miles northeast of Orlando, with his father when the incident took place. He had gone to a nearby 7-Eleven store to pick up a bag of Skittles and a can of iced tea during halftime of a televised NBA game.

Walking back, he was spotted by Zimmerman, who was driving a SUV. Zimmerman, a wannabe cop, dialed 911 to report seeing a "very suspicious" Black male in the neighborhood. Under pressure, Sanford police released 911 tapes that clearly show that Zimmerman disobeyed police instructions that

he avoid making contact with Martin.

Zimmerman told the 911 dispatcher, "This guy looks like he is up to no good. He is on drugs or something." He also claimed Martin had his hand in his waistband and was looking at homes as he walked.

"These —holes. They always get away," Zimmerman told the dispatcher. When the 911 dispatcher asked Zimmerman if he were following Martin, he replied yes.

"OK, we don't need you to do that," the dispatcher told Zimmerman. Not only did he disobey, Zimmerman got out of this SUV, confronted Martin, and fired the deadly bullet into his chest.

Benjamin Crump, the family's lawyer, also appeared on Roland Martin's show with the parents. "He [Zimmerman] gets out of that car with a 9 millimeter gun, weighing 200 pounds and confronts this kid,

weighing soaking wet 140-150 pounds, who has only a bag of Skittles. George Zimmerman has a red sweat shirt and jeans on. We believe Trayvon Martin went to his grave not knowing who was this strange White man confronting him."

Sanford Police Chief Bill Lee has defended his department's decision not to charge Zimmerman.

"We are taking a beating over this," he said. "This is all very unsettling. I'm sure if George Zimmerman had the opportunity to relive Sunday, Feb. 26, he'd probably do things differently. I'm sure Trayvon would, too."

Several witnesses have disputed the idea that Zimmerman was acting in self-defense. "I heard someone crying – not boo-hoo crying, but scared or terrified or hurt maybe," Mary Cutcher told the *Miami Herald*. "To me, it was a child." She explained, "This was not self-defense.

We heard no fighting, no wrestling, no punching. We heard a boy crying. As soon as the shot went off, it stopped, which tells me it was the child crying. If it had been Zimmerman crying, it wouldn't have stopped. If you're hurting, you're hurting."

Sanford, Fla. has a checkered race relations record. In 2005, two parking lot security guards, one the son of a Sanford police officer, fatally shot a Black teenager, Travares McGill, in the back. They, too, claimed self-defense and had their case dismissed in court.

Last year, Police Chief Brian Tooley was forced from office after the son of a lieutenant was caught on camera beating a defenseless homeless Black man. The department refused to prosecute the officer, Justin Collison, until after the footage was posted on YouTube.

Tracy Martin told Roland Martin that his son

saved his life in 2004.

"At the time, he was 9 years old," the father recounted. "We had just come from the Little League football park. We fell asleep while the stove was on. A grease fire started. I went into the kitchen to try to put the grease fire out. The grease splattered all over my leg. My body went into shock and by me and him being in the house, I started calling out his name.

"He finally woke up and, at 9 years old, he pulled me from out of the kitchen, where the kitchen cabinets were on fire. He pulled me out of the kitchen onto the balcony. He actually went back into the house and got the cell phone and called 911."

An emotional Tracy Martin said, "He was my hero – he was actually my best friend. He saved my life. And for me not to be there to be able to save his life is very upsetting."

## Made Visible: Women, Children and Poverty

President has a Middle Class Task Force, but there has been no focus on the poor or the extremely poor (those who have less than half of the poverty line in income). The Heritage Foundation posits that if you have a cellphone, television, or microwave oven then you really aren't that poor. Newt Gingrich derisively called President Obama the "food stamps President, even though, thanks to the Great Recession, 15.2 percent of all Americans are poor, and 14 percent (20 percent in Mississippi) receive food stamps. That's more than 50 million Americans on food stamps, half of them white. Why and how should someone decide to make food stamps a divider?"

We have turned poverty into a personal problem, not a social problem. People are

ashamed and embarrassed to be poor, yet poverty has increased thanks to our economic failings – the financial meltdown of 2008, the mortgage crisis, high unemployment, and other matters. Millions of people, especially women and children, are hanging on by a shredded shoestring.

Tavis and Cornel have a book coming out in April, "The Rich and the Rest of Us". It will share reporting from the poverty tour, and offers a dozen solutions to the poverty problem. Both these men are passionate about eradicating poverty, and about engaging politicians and policy makers in the task. Would that the entire nation felt as strongly as they do.

On Sunday, March 18, Tavis convened a group of

women to talk about women, children and poverty, and a powerful group it was. Indeed, I've never participated in a conversation where two hours went more quickly. We had a full house at New York University, and a lively group of women, including Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, former Planned Parenthood leader, Faye Wattleton, financial guru Suze Orman, author Sheryl WuDon (Women Hold Up Half the Sky), AFT leader Randi Winegarden, Native American leader Cecelia Firethunder, first woman head of her Indian nation, Nele Galan, former head of Telemundo, and founder of the Adalante movement to inspire Latina women, and yours truly.

Our position in the economy, our access to health care, including reproductive

health, the state of education and the ways some young people are getting the short end of the stick in our schools, and the extreme importance of financial literacy and money savvy in preventing poverty, and the poverty of women around the globe. Underlying the conversation – why are people so passive about poverty, why are women so complacent about inequality, where is the movement to improve the status of women?

The Made Visible conversation was only a first step, and it was an important step. Tavis and his talkfests often bring hidden issues to light, and this is a great example of such an occurrence. He indicated that this is the first time he has presided over a panel of all women, and hopefully it will not be the last. And with his tour,

book, and call to action (he calls it a poverty manifesto), he is laying out possibilities for next steps.

Here is the bottom line while the economy seems to be recovering, that recovery is not trickling down. More than 43 percent of the unemployed have been jobless for more than half a year. The reported unemployment rate is a special kind of fiction – the "real" unemployment rate is more than 14 percent for everyone, more than 25 percent for African Americans. This has been the case for at least two years. We can't compete with other countries with the drag of poverty, lack of access to education, and the notion that "austerity" will improve our national prospect. Policymaker ought to tune into the Tavis PBS show on March 28, 29, and 30.

## My fiancé puts his ex-wife's wishes before mine!

Dear Gwendolyn:

I have dated a man for four years. When we met, he had just gotten a divorce. He and his wife did not have children. At the end of our third year of dating, he proposed marriage.

This is the problem: All during our courtship he has had a bad habit of putting his ex-wife's wishes before

mine. During the first year of our courtship, he purchased a new car for her. He told me that gift was a 'parting' gift because after their divorce, she was left without transportation.

Gwendolyn, during our second year of courtship, he gave her money to purchase a new house. That gift he did not explain. His ex-wife is

very pretty and has never had a j-o-b. He is now laid off after working a job for 22 years. Since his layoff, he is still trying to pay her car note and house mortgage. Last month we had a harsh argument. He told me if I did not give him money to pay his ex-wife's bills, his marriage proposal to me was off. -Rosline

Dear Rosline:

Girl, hurry and get this man out of your life. Let me tell you this: Don't be too anxious to get married to the point you overlook trouble while dating. If trouble is during your courtship, there will be 'double-trouble' after you say I do. You said you could understand if the two of them had children. Well, they don't. And if they did, too bad. Think

about it. There is a limit for a man to return to his first marriage and put the first wife over the second. The first wife often feels he still loves her. However, the truth is he realizes that if he hangs around his first wife, that will keep her from finding new love and happiness — in the arms of someone else.



# CHURCH & TOWN BULLETIN

## Pastor H. Ed and Sister Roberta Calahan Celebrates 17th Anniversary At Agape BC



The Agape Baptist Church Family, located at 7801 North Lamar Blvd. (S.E. Corner of Lamar and 183), In "THE CENTRE" Bldg. F - 15, Austin, Texas 78752, cordially Invites all to our Pastor and Wife's Appreciation Service for Seventeen years of Dedicated and Faithful Service to the Agape family and the Austin Community, April 15, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Noah Diggs, and the Mount Olive Baptist Church Family, 121 West McFarland Drive Kerrville, Texas 78028 will be our guest. The Appreciation Committee invites all to Come, Celebrate and Appreciate our pastoral family with us.

## Alice Holland to turn 102 Monday



Hi, my name is Alice Holland, I am a native of Austin, Texas, once again our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, has allowed me to celebrate another birthday. On March 26, 2012, I will be 102 Yrs. old. Thank you and God Bless!

## 4th Sunday Night Special - 4SNS Presents in Concert Evangelist Kiamesha Y. Lands with Special Guest Disciples of Christ



She ministers in song straight from the heart. Are you a fan of jazz and gospel recording artists such as Kim Burrell, Dorinda Clark Cole, or Le' Andria Johnson if so add to those names Evangelist Kiamesha Y. Lands. Her rendition of "I Know The Lord Will" is filled with the smooth sounds of jazz and vocals reminiscent of great artists such as Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday. Her special guest will be the Disciples

of Christ, one of the hottest female groups in the Houston, Texas area, Disciples of Christ (DOC) generates energy and excitement everywhere they minister in song. They are the winners of the Texas Gospel Music Excellence Award, Female Group of the Year, 2010 and 2011, and Rhythm of Gospel Award Nominees. The 4th Sunday Special specializes in providing a cornucopia of gospel music infused with the sounds of quartet, folk, gospel, blues, jazz, neo-soul, choir, contemporary, rap, praise and worship that is sure to heighten your musical senses! Doors open at 6:30 pm.

## Spring into spring at Rehoboth Baptist Church

On Saturday, March 24, 2012 the Women's Ministry will sponsor a Women's Prayer Luncheon from 10 am - 1pm with the Theme "Everybody Ought to Pray"; Always Pray and not give up. The Guest Speaker will be Sister Marolyn Williams from the Women's Ministry of St. James Missionary Baptist Church. All are welcome;

a variety of healthy salads will be served. The Evening will be concluded with an Ushers Fellowship Musical beginning at 7:00 p.m. featuring Rehoboth's Male Chorus and Praise Dance Team along with City Wide Guest. Rehoboth Baptist Church is located at 5303 Samuel Huston, where Reverend R.A. Hendricks is Pastor.

## Shiloh PBC To Hold Brotherhood, Choir and Usher Annual Service

Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, 385 FM 20, Bastrop, TX., Elder Larry Washington, Pastor, cordially invites each and everyone to their Brotherhood, Choir, & Usher Annual Service, Sunday, March 25, 2012 @ 3:00 PM.

The guest speaker & church will be Pastor L. L. Carter & Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cedar Creek, TX.

Deacon Elworth Barnett - Brotherhood President, Sister Bonnie Montgomery - Choir President, & Sister Ora Moore - Usher President.

For more information contact Sister Doris Brown @ 512-303-0280

## Annual Mission Service to be held Sunday at Agape

The Agape Baptist Church Family, located at 7801 North Lamar Blvd. (S.E. Corner of Lamar and 183), In "THE CENTRE" Bldg. F - 15, Austin, Texas 78752, cordially Invites all to our

Annual Mission Ministry Service - Theme - "Missions: Sharing Our Faith with Others," taken from Romans 10:8 - 17, March 25, 2012, at 3:30 PM. Minister Lawrence Bridges, Pastor of The Calvary Hill Bible Fellowship Church Family, Pflugerville, Texas will deliver the message. Pastor H. Ed Calahan and the Agape Family invite all to Come Worship and Fellowship with us.

## Grave Service to be held for Geraldine Washington

Geraldine Theresa [Harvey] Washington passed away on Sunday evening March 4, 2012 in Los Angeles, California. Graveside services are scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 3pm in Victoria, Texas at Canaan Hill Cemetery. Expressions of love to the family may be sent, care of Malartha Bosier, P. O. Box 684736, Austin, Texas 78768.



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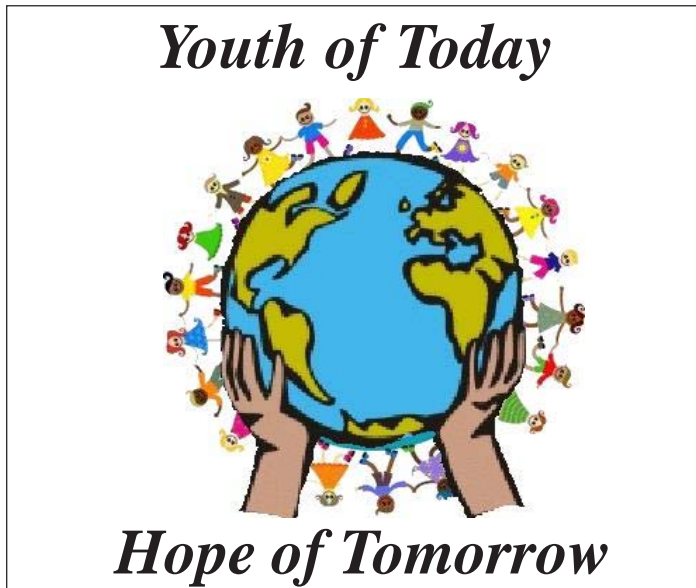


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## Enjoying Spring Break



**Jaylon Knighten**  
Dailey Middle School

I had a pretty good Spring Break. On Wednesday I went to Main Event with my friend and his mother and then we ate dinner at Red Lobster. On Friday the

Rosewood Drill Team took a trip to ZDT amusement park in Seguin Texas and also we stopped at the Outlet Mall in San Marcos.

I had a lot of fun. Then on Saturday I ended my Spring Break by spending my day at the Rodeo Austin with my mom Felicia, older sister LaShanta her Fiancée Wayne and my niece and nephew Trenity and Trenton it was a lot of fun also.

We rode some rides, played games and went to see the animals. Next week we will start taking the S.T.A.R.R Test all week long.

## School: Its Up and Downs



**Olivia Smith**  
Lockhart H.S.

In my opinion, Spring Break went by slow. I am glad it went by slow. I needed a break from all the essays, bells, and all the

whole atmosphere of school. School can be exhausting, especially when you work hard. It is a struggle to wake up every morning with a positive attitude. You have to remember to follow all the numerous rules. More importantly, you have to remember that going to school is a privilege. In other countries, some children can't afford school, or they aren't allowed to attend school. They might have to have a job in order to support their family. Overall, school is the key for students to become anything they want to.

## The TSU Relays



**Destini Gorrer**  
LBJ High School

This past weekend we competed at Texas Southern University for the TSU Relays. We competed in the 4x100, 4x200, 4x800, Distance Medley and the 200.

Friday, the Distance Medley and the 4x200 were run. The Distance Medley consisted of Emily, Kendra, Wallace and Hannah. It was a timed final, meaning you only run it once and however you place in the race will be a final placement instead of running prelims and then a final. However, the 4x200 was a prelim. Jazmin, Dana, Macahla and I ran the 4x200.

We ran a 1:43 putting us in 8<sup>th</sup> place going into finals. They take the top 16 teams out of 40 to the finals. Finals for the 4x200 were on Saturday.

On Saturday, Mac-hala competed in the 200 meter dash. She got 2<sup>nd</sup> in her heat and 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of about 70 girls. After the 200 came the 4x100 prelims which consisted of Dana, Alaeh, Machla and

I. The final would be run later this day. Unfortunately, we didn't make it to the finals because we got disqualified, the baton was dropped.

That hurt, especially since we were leading our heat by a lot so we were guaranteed a good spot came time for the finals.

When it came time for the finals in our 4x200, our teammate was hurting. But since this was only a practice meet, we used our alternate Alaeh, because we have State to worry about so we want everyone one to be healthy.

We had to completely adjust our relay last minute. We ran a 1:44 putting us 11<sup>th</sup> overall and ranking us 27<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Everyone did a wonderful job, being we made changes last minute. We're aiming to get ranked higher in the nation as the season continues. The 4x800 was the last race consisting of Emily, Kendra, Wallace and Hannah. They got 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and this was also a time final.

This was a great experience for us, because it allowed us the opportunity to see a larger variety of our competition come Texas Relays and State.

This Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>, we will run at Pflugerville High School. Congratulations Lady Jags, lets keep up the good work.

## BACK TO SCHOOL



**Dezhia Gorrer**  
Clint Small Middle School

The day back from spring back is always hard, because you have to get back to getting up early. Mondays are bad days for me because I will still be tired and not want to get up. The sound of my alarm makes my stomach hurt. I

don't like how on Sundays I start feeling sick, and Monday mornings I wake up feeling sick.

I want to not go to school every day of the week at times. I don't like that when I come back from a break, because it seems like that's when we do the most schoolwork.

When we come back, people in school will be in bad moods, and that will start my day off wrong. The teachers have less patience, and yell a lot more than normal. I wish we didn't have school on Mondays its boring.

## Hornsby Dunlap Community Garden



**Tierra Good**  
Hornsby-Dunlap Elementary

The Garden at Hornsby Dunlap Elementary is where students, teachers and families can work together to have healthy and nutritious food grown. The mission is to maintain the garden for both hands-on education and vegetable growth.

New gardens have

been added in the courtyards and winter vegetables have been planted in the main garden. The first work day this year was in October. Another work day will happen in the spring. But students and parents can participate all year long to water and weed the garden.

If you would like to donate items, we always need new garden gloves, seeds for planting and perennials. Thanks to the community partners who help make our garden a success. They are Organics by Gosh, S Pallett Company, Roy Rogers Stone & Supply and Donn's Bar-B-Que.

## My Spring Break



**Deria Good**  
Dailey Middle School

My Spring Break went great. The event that made up my spring break was an outing to ZDT amusement park in Seguin and the San Marcos Outlet Mall with the Rosewood Baptist church drill team. At the amusement

park, I played on the dance machine against my older sister. She won because that game was really confusing. Then I played against her on Guitar Hero, which she won again, but it was really fun to play. We went over to the long line for the go-carts and we drove those. They were superfast. We also enjoyed the water slides. The last ride I went on was the tallest in the park. It took it up really high and then dropped you down really fast. My stomach completely dropped and I had to laugh off my fear. At the mall, I only brought a ring. But this outing made my Spring Break!

## Red Cross Club Update



**Jaquarry Wilson**  
Del Valle High School

With being a member of the Del Valle High School Red Cross Club, comes a lot of responsibility, readiness, and most importantly, selflessness. I really enjoy being a part of the club because it has made me a very generous and caring person. I put others' needs before my own.

We haven't yet done any off campus events yet, but we are planning to do something involving the elderly. I personally can't wait. This is a chance for all of us to become better people. Our

most recent venture was taking CPR and First Aid Classes with a certified teacher at the school. Unfortunately, I was not given this opportunity because I was extremely busy with golf, as I still am, during registration to take the classes.

It called for two payments of \$15 which is great considering the actual price of \$60. I believe the classes are still in effect because there were two separate groups for two separate sessions, with each group consisting of no more than ten people.

Another venture of the group was the selling of wristbands. Interchangeably, members of the group sold \$2 wristbands during lunch. All of the money made from the bands went to the American Red Cross. I am excited to see what else we will do in the future.

## Lanier High School Held Naturalization Ceremony

**Gerda Weissmann Klein, Citizenship Counts' Founder and Holocaust survivor was the guest speaker**

Sidney Lanier High School was host to a naturalization ceremony conducted by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, with the help of Citizenship Counts. The event was Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 10 a.m., in Lanier High School Main Hall.

Lanier students recently have completed the Citizenship Counts program, an interactive, multi-disciplinary civics curriculum that provides an opportunity for young people to participate in the democratic process and gain a better understanding of the

value and responsibilities of citizenship. The program's founder, Gerda Weissmann Klein, was the speaker. She talked about the value of American citizenship and the importance of giving back to the community.

Klein, a naturalized citizen herself, is a Holocaust survivor as well as the 2010 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient.

Twenty-five immigrants from countries around the world were sworn in as U.S. citizens at the ceremony. A musical performance followed and students hosted a reception to welcome the new citizens.

Lanier High School, is located at 1201 Peyton Gin Road.

## Youth of Today



## Hope of Tomorrow



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Top Students from Huston-Tillotson University Prepare for Nation's Only Academic Competition Among Historically Black Colleges and Universities



The Rams are Set to Compete in the Los Angeles Area for Grants and Glory Against 250 Students from 48 of the Nation's HBCUs at the 2012 Honda Campus All-Star Challenge

Austin, TEXAS, March 19, 2012 – Across the nation, students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are making final preparations to vie for grants and glory at the nation's only HBCU academic competition - the 2012 Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) (www.hcasc.com). The two-day competition, scheduled to take place April 1 - April 2nd in Torrance, CA, will test students' knowledge of history, science, literature, religion, the arts, social science, and popular culture. The competition will give students the opportunity to win a share of the more than \$300,000 in institutional grants awarded annually by Honda, as well as battle for bragging rights as the nation's top academic HBCU.

The team of Aisha Z. Henderson, junior, computer

science; Erica N. Jackson, senior, political science; Nimi Kemuel, junior, political science; and Jonathan Wayne, sophomore, music; will represent Huston-Tillotson University. The students voluntarily enrolled in the Honda All-Star Challenge Preparation semester-long course taught by history Professor Elaine Hutson and participated in mock competitions with other historically black universities in the state. HT students have earned more than \$40,000 in the competition since entering the challenge in the early 90s.

The 250 HCASC student competitors from 48 HBCUs, or "Great 48," heading to Torrance to compete in the 2012 games, hail from HBCUs located in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, South Carolina, Delaware, Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana, New York, Kentucky, Missouri, Maryland, Oklahoma, Virginia, Texas, West Virginia, and Washington DC. The competitors will be

split into eight divisions and will compete in a modified round-robin format. The top two teams from each division will advance to the "Sweet 16" and compete in a single elimination playoff. The final two teams that emerge from the playoffs will battle for the title of National Champions and the grand prize of \$50,000.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge will take place this year at the corporate headquarters of American Honda Motor Co., Inc., in Torrance, CA. Moving from its previous location in Orlando, FLA., this will be the first time the event is held in the Los Angeles area on the campus of Honda, the event's sole corporate sponsor. Honda hopes to introduce students to the many career opportunities available in the automotive industry.

HCASC is one of Honda's largest and longest running philanthropic initiatives in the United States. Throughout its 22-year tenure, the program has touched over 50,000 students and awarded more than \$6 million in grants. In addition to providing students a venue for friendly competition, the program encourages relationship building, intellectual excellence, and the development of values that define good character.

## HOUSTON SUN NEWSPAPER CO-PUBLISHER LONAL ROBINSON DIES

HOUSTON - Lonal Robinson, 63, co-publisher of The Houston Sun Newspaper, passed away on March 17 after a four-month hospital stay. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Dorris Ellis Robinson, his four children and five grandchildren. Daughter Shuronda Robinson is a resident of Austin.

The entrepreneur and community volunteer, was well known for his work coaching and training youth in football, basketball and baseball. Lonal, an athletic star born in Lima, Ohio, organized

sports leagues and teams for children in each community in which he lived including Champaign, IL, Madison, AK, and Houston.

In collaboration with Houston ISD and the City of Houston, Lonal spearheaded the creation of a multi-use sports field for children in Third Ward and established the Houston Metropolitan Youth Sports Association, which teaches boys and girls football and baseball. His most recent civic activity was to support the Friends of Emancipation Park efforts to renovate the 140-year-old his-

toric landmark. Mayor Annise Parker recently announced an \$18 million renovation and upgrade project for Emancipation Park.

In 1983, Lonal and his wife, Dorris, established The Houston Sun newspaper; and in 1990 he opened the first black-owned comedy club in the Southwest, the Comedy Place, which featured acts including Chris Rock, Adele, DL Hughly, and Ricky Harris.

Funeral services are being planned and will be announced early next week.

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# CITY ~ STATE ~ NATIONAL ~ WORLD

## Laura Pressley Meet and Greet Event

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



**Laura Pressley**

On March 16, 2012 the Laura Pressley campaign organized a meet and greet event in the heart of East Austin. During the

event, the attendee had the opportunity to speak with the candidate; and also had the opportunity to donate some funds to the campaign. In addition, Laura Pressley spoke to the group gathered at the meet and greet event.

Laura Pressley candidate for the Austin's city council place 2, mentioned that she is running for office because she believe that "she can do the people's business better than the actual incumbent." If elected, then she mentioned that "she will listen to the public and to local business

owner before voting for various proposal." Furthermore, Laura Pressley spoke out "against police brutality, especially, in the case of Byron Carter."

The crowd was very inspired and energized by her speech. Laura Pressley is a local business owner and also an activist. Over the years, she has campaigned against the use of fluoride in the drinking water. On May 12, 2012 she will be facing the current incumbent Mike Marinez. Moreover, she face an uphill battle due to the fact that her opponent is "well funded."

## Right Wing War Against Women

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



**Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Texas Governor Rick Perry**

On Tuesday, March 13th, 2012, Planned Parenthood's Women's Health Express made their final destination at the Texas Capitol. After stopping through various Texas cities,

such as: San Angelo, Waco, Abilene and Brownville, the "Express" made its way to Austin. At the Texas Capitol in Austin, the group held their "Final Stop Rally." Between 6:30PM-

8:30PM, both women and men came together to fight against the cut to various women health funding. In the last legislative session, the Republican led Texas' legislature cut some funding various "women health providers" like Planned Parenthood. In other words, the new Texas law prohibits the funding to various abortion providers, that includes planned parenthood services.

The defunding of various women health program by the Texas Legislature means that hundred of thousand of low income Texas' women will lose access to basic health care coverage.

For instance, these women will lose access to basic health check up like mammogram screening against breast cancer. In addition, other will lose access to basic family planning programs like birth control.

## Documentary On President Obama

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



**President Obama**

On March 18, 2012, the group organizing for America (OFA) held a local screening of the documentary called "The Road We've Travelled."

"The Road We've Traveled," the new documentary by the director of "An Inconvenient Truth" about how far the Obama team has come in the last four years. More-

over, the documentary goes into detail regarding the various tough decision President Obama had to take, in order, to place America on the right path.

During the documentary, it mentioned that President Obama had to take some tough decision when it came to "save" the American Auto Industry. When Republican party did not want an

"auto" bailout, President Obama had to make the tough decision of providing a bailout for the auto industry. Due to the bailout, thousands of jobs were saved and has helped the auto industry make a profit. Now, the auto industry is actually seeking to add more workers.

Moreover, there were several local community activist who attended the documentary screening. One attendee mentioned that the "documentary shows the amount of work done by President Obama to help America recovers from its economic recession." Furthermore, she mentioned that "President Obama has also passed several legislation to help the American people." Finally, another attendee mentioned that the documentary was very inspirational and motivational."



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Purse Drive to Help Domestic Violence Victims

AUSTIN, TX- During 2011 the number of victims of domestic violence decreased from 212,106 over 2010 to 211,769 showing a -0.2% difference—while this is a small change it is a step in the right direction. One of the only services proven to provide a permanent decrease in domestic violence is legal services. For example, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, victims who access the criminal justice system are 80% less likely to be re-victimized in their lifetimes. Through the Handbags for Hope drive, you can help save the life of a domestic violence victim, and provide them with access to free legal services by donating a purse. Texas Advocacy Project—along with the Travis County Sheriff's Office—need your donations of new or gently used handbag's, the campaign is aimed at placing life-saving information in the hands of victims. Texas Advocacy Project has collected more than 13,000 bags through Handbags for Hope since it first

launched five years ago.

The Handbags for Hope drive begins on Tuesday, February 28th and runs through Monday, March 19th. Purses can be dropped off at the Travis County Sheriff's Office, 5555 Airport Blvd, in Austin. Additional drop-off locations will be announced via the Project's website [www.TexasAdvocacyProject.org](http://www.TexasAdvocacyProject.org) and at [www.facebook/TexasAdvocacyProject.com](http://www.facebook/TexasAdvocacyProject.com).

Children staying in shelters across the state, including The Family Place in Dallas, Hope Alliance in Round Rock, and Bastrop County Family Crisis Center, will pick out a donated bag to gift to their moms on Mother's Day. Tucked away inside each bag will be a chance for a new life — each one will be fitted with a tag that has Texas Advocacy Project's life-saving, toll-free legal domestic violence hotline number and pamphlets detailing steps to get and stay safe.

"We know access to legal services is critical in helping victims begin the journey to becoming a survivor," said Candace Lambert, Board member and

former client of Texas Advocacy Project. "Each year, thousands of women call the Project's family violence legal hotline and get the help they need to get and stay safe. For victims striving to become survivors, an attempt to seek help can be a life threatening effort. By stitching the Project's domestic violence hotline inside the handbags, victims will be armed with one of the strongest tools to break the cycle of domestic violence — access to legal services."

### Texas Advocacy Project Particulars

Texas Advocacy Project is a statewide non-profit organization providing free legal help to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The Project provides invaluable legal services—helping thousands of Texans and their children across the state. Their vision is for a Texas where no child has to see one parent harm the other. For more information about their programs and ways to support their mission please visit their site at [TexasAdvocacyProject.org](http://TexasAdvocacyProject.org).



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## Delta Beta Chapter Chronicle Calendar Highlights Part II



National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Delta Beta Chapter chapter members.

### OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER

Members Esther Phillips and Cardette Carroll brought an outstanding presentation by the Teach-A-Rama Committee, on providing tips and strategies for Enhancing the Classroom Teacher. Many of the members were overheard continuing the dialogue and asking for a follow-up presentation. The chapter will provide time at the end of our monthly meeting so that we may support any teacher in need of our assistance.

Membership chair, Nancy Thompson directed our minds toward our annual RUSH PARTY, scheduled October 9th at David Chapel Baptist Church. The committee entertained fifteen women in the field of education with an overview of the NSPDK, INC. and the Delta Beta Chapter. Seven of the ladies completed membership applications which were submitted and approved.

Four families were blessed with food boxes com-

plete with turkeys and all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving dinner. This presentation was a joint effort which included the men in our lives (Anthropos), and our youth group (xinos&kudos).

The special families were chosen from our adopted school, Pecan Springs Elementary School, Ms. Elaine McKinney, serves as principal.

### DECEMBER/ JANUARY

Once again, December is recognized as the month for giving and sharing with others. Edith McKinney and her committee provided books, toys and refreshments for 87 first graders at the Pecan Springs Elementary School, December 16th and approximately 60 children at the Mount Sinai Christian Academy, December 22nd with President Brenda Fowler. Members worked together to enhance the social development of students at our adopted schools through caroling, sharing and socializing.

January was simply an awesome month for the members of Delta Beta. It began with the MLK Community March where our youth, HUB parents and other members of the chapter participated. Many members stood on corners and mingled among those celebrating the day by acquiring signatures for our "Monumental Day of Reading." A very special day for members of the Southwest Region to collect signatures for Reading Across the Southwest. It was very evident that the spirit of sisterhood was felt among all of the participants on January 16th.

The spirit of sisterhood was demonstrated as we traveled to Tyler, Texas on January 21, to support one of our special members, Brenda Burrell, keynote speaker at the 2nd Annual Black/Red and Gold Scholarship Banquet hosted by our sister chapter, Epsilon Beta. Ms Burrell placed strong emphasis on the theme: Preparing Our Youth for Assuring, Securing and Achieving Financial Security to Attain a College Education During These Tough Economic Times.

Thirdly, the Commission on Civil Rights Committee, chaired by Carolyn Wilson invited teachers aspiring to become administrators to a special program entitled Reaching Out With a Hand Up. A panel of administrators shared ideas on making effective presentations, the importance of becoming a team player, documentation and working with the Human resources Department. The panel discussion was facilitated by member Brenda Burrell.

### FEBRUARY/MARCH

On February 14th, we remembered and celebrated with those we love! We the members also prepared our hearts and minds to celebrate our heritage, through the national theme: Black Women in American Culture and History for our Black History program, February 18. A well orchestrated program with focus on Black Women was heard through the voices of themen in our lives (Anthropos) kudos and xinos (youth group) in sharing the ways we have learned to care for our hair, take care of our clothes, heat our homes and to educate our children. We must never forget our heritage. Again, kudos to Ms Edith McKinney and her Black History Committee for an outstanding program. Ms Erica Blaylock serves as the Xinos sponsor.

The youth group of Delta Beta Chapter departed for their regional conference to Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 2-4, 2012. The sponsors for these young people are Erica Blaylock (xinos) and Cardette Carroll (kudos). The categories the youth may participate are public speaking, creative dance, These sponsors have been meeting with the groups on Sunday afternoons at Mount Sinai Christian Academy from 4:00-5:30p.m.

## U.S. Education Secretary Hosts Town-Hall at ACC Eastview Campus, fr pg 1



Secretary Arne Duncan with Jeffrey Richard, current ACC Trustee who is Vice Chair of the Board. Photo by Naomi Richard.

Earlier, Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education and a top member of Duncan's leadership team, spent the entire morning touring the Eastview campus, meeting faculty, students and administrators, and conducting a roundtable discussion with them. Dr. Dann-Messier marveled at the academic pass rates and job-placement rates for the health sciences careers, virtually all in the high 90% range—with some 100% success rates in some categories—and she reiterated to Secretary Duncan ACC's statistic which said that it takes only about three weeks of time to go from an industry-ex-

pressed need to a curriculum change to reflect that need. She reminded the ACC leadership that there are several imminent federal grants—some in the Department of Education, some in the Department of Labor—that ACC should seriously consider pursuing as it leverages the current business-education partnerships that it has already created in the region.

At the town-hall, panelists included Secretary Duncan, Assistant Secretary Dann-Messier, Dr. Richard Rhodes, new President/CEO of ACC and Tony Budet, President/CEO of University Federal Credit Union and Chair of the ACC Progress Report Task Force for the Greater Austin Chamber. Noted editor Evan Smith of the Texas Tribune, moderated the panel.

The entire event was co-sponsored by ACC, the Austin Chamber, and TechnNet, an organization which helps shape the public policies that impact the technology industries.

As the forum began some attendees who were representing the Occupy Austin movement, took the floor with the statement, "Austin teachers are not for sale," and "Austin students are not for sale." When they asked Secretary Duncan for a response, he provided one at that moment. Later during a media opportunity, the press got to ask a number of questions directly of the Secretary, reportedly including the Occupy Austin propositions.

In responding to another question from an audience member, Duncan referred to the sense of respect that teachers are viewed with in some countries in Asia. He said that "teachers there are referred to as 'nation builders', [but] we don't get that here in the U.S." Secretary Duncan continued, "Not everyone agrees with me, but I think salaries should be doubled for beginning teachers" as an indication of the level of esteem in which they should be held.

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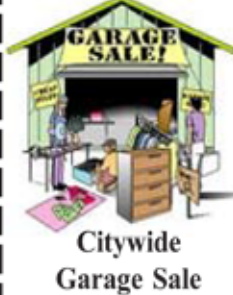
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# Sports



By: Terry Davis

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Nashville, TN - The Texas Longhorns showed up the second round of the NCAA tournament game against the Cincinnati Bearcats in a daze. The Longhorns scored their first offensive points at the 17:52 mark of the first half and did not score again it was 7:30 left in the half.

Julien Lewis broke the scoreless drought for the Longhorns with a pair of free throws that made it 16-4 Bearcats. The Bearcats did not take advantage of the lack of offensive execution and was not able to pull away from the Longhorns.

The first half scoring ended on a Sean Kilpatrick three point shot with seven seconds left and pushed the Bearcats lead to 31-17. The Bearcats completely dominated the game in every area. They out rebounded the Horns 26-18. They had a better shooting percentage from the floor 40 percent to 16 percent.

As they have shown all year the Longhorns would not quit. In the second half the Bearcats went up by 19 points on two occasions, but the Longhorns roared back. With 18:57 left in the game Yancy Gates powered home a monstrous dunk to give the Bearcats a 37-18 lead. Gates finished the game with 15 points and

## Bearcats End Longhorns Basketball Season



Yancy Gates (left) dunks over Johnathan Holmes of Texas. Photo courtesy of Donn Jones AP

10 rebounds. In a span of a little more than two minutes Sheldon McCellan scored 8 points to cut the Bearcats lead down to 12 with 11:16 to play at 44-32. Lewis hit a three pointer to cut the lead to less than ten points 46-37. The game was tied 52 with after Johnathan Holmes made a layup over Gates.

Texas could never take the lead at any point in the game. Gates, Dion Dixon and Cashmere Wright had enough energy in their tanks to keep the Longhorns at Bay. The Bearcats defeated the Longhorns 65-59. Dixon finished the game with 12 points and Cashmere finished with 11 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists.

Rick Barnes on the Longhorns said, "I am proud of this group, because where we started a year and earned the right to be here and congratulations to Cincinnati." Barnes continued, "I told them after the

game, we'll never take for granted being in this tournament. It's a good year to get here, but to make a great year, you got to win it."

J'Covan Brown, many believe played his last game in a Texas uniform, said, "I just told them keep being aggressive. You could see those guys put up some numbers for UT. The game didn't turn out how we wanted to, but I'm just going the play basketball." Brown dropped in 19 points in the losing effort. Bearcats head coach Mick Cronin said, "First of all, I want to congratulate Texas on their season. What they accomplished this year with the multitude of freshmen that they play is impressive. They made a great comeback today."

Texas finishes the season with a 20-14 record, while Cincinnati improves to 25-10 and will face the winner of the St. Bonaventure and Florida State winner on Sunday March 18.

## VILLAGER SPOTLIGHT

### Negro League Baseball Has Strong Roots In Texas

By: Terry Davis

The start of baseball season is a signal to the beginning of spring. With the beginning of spring brings hopes, but before we look to the hope that comes with spring it is important to take a look at the past. Kansas City, Missouri is the home of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (NLBM).

The President of the NLBM Bob Kendrick has a passion for the game of baseball. The following is a conversation with Kendrick in his own words.

Rube Foster, Willie Wells (Austin, Texas), Louis Santop (Tyler, Texas) Big Berta, was 6'4" 230 pounds who could hit that ball a long way and a great backstop. He could do things that we had never seen anybody do before. They say that Louis Santop could stand at home plate and throw the ball completely over the centerfield wall on the fly.

Another great Texan Willie Wells, who many believe was the greatest shortstop to ever play the game. Buck O'Neil said, "He never saw anyone as good as Willie Wells that he was Ozzie Smith defensively before we knew anything about Ozzie Smith, but had more power complete game and a fierce competitor."

Rube and Willie Foster from Calvert, Texas, Rube the architect of the Negro leagues, the guy who made it happened. It was Rube who led a contingent of eight independent owners into Kansas City in 1920 to establish the Negro Leagues. He is better known for that role, but Rube was a great player himself.



Rube Foster

In the pre era of black baseball he is credited to inventing the screwball, back then it was called the fade away.

It is believed that Rube taught the great major leaguer Christy Mathewson how to throw the screwball. Rube was a great player, great manager and a great visionary. I say perhaps the greatest baseball executive this game has ever seen.

When asked why should people visit the museum in Kansas City, Kendrick said: This is America, this is the story of America at her worst and a story of America at her triumph best and just so happen to be connected to our national past time.

When you come here you are going to meet some of the best baseball players to ever put on a uniform. By the time you walk away from this experience, you will walk away with a found appreciation for just how great this country really is. The story of the Negro League could only happen in America.

If you are not able to visit Kansas City in person to visit the museum they offer a traveling exhibit. The traveling exhibition can be arranged to appear anywhere in America where items and artifacts can be shown to a community where people may be able to see a sampling of the museum. For more information on the NLBM please visit [www.nlbm.com](http://www.nlbm.com)

## Can NFL Free Agency Be Solution For Cowboys and Texans Next Season?



Arian Foster (left) evades Terrance Newman. Photo by: Robert H. Levey/Getty Images North America.

No one can win the Super Bowl in March, but moves made this time of year can have a direct impact on how the season plays out. Here are some of the transactions that could have an impact on the Dallas Cowboys and the Houston Texans. Dallas Cowboys, The NFL announced that the salary cap number for each team this year is around \$126 million dollars. However

because of how the Cowboys structured some contracts in the 2010 season, the team was hit a \$10 million salary cap restriction by the NFL that can be spread over the next two years. The Cowboys created some cap space by releasing the following players: tight end Martellus Bennett, kicker Dave Buehler, offensive guard Kyle Kosier, wide receiver Laurent Robinson, and defensive back Terrance Newman. The Cowboys also restructured some current players' contracts to free up additional room to sign some free agents. Some of the free agents signed were guard Mackenzy Bernadeau, cornerback Brandon Carr, linebacker Dan Conner, quarterback Kyle Orton, safety Brodney Poole and fullback Lawrence Vickers.

The free agency signings should address some of the immediate needs of the Cowboys.

The Houston Texans have been very quiet so far in free agency. Gone is one of the faces of the franchise Mario Williams of the vaulted defensive unit. Williams signed a lucrative contract with the Buffalo Bills. Also released was quarterback Matt Leinart, running back Lawrence Vickers and tackle Eric Winston. The Texans did sign a key player, Arian Foster, to a long term deal. The Texans' have a good track record of finding gems in free agency without over paying for players. The good side about all of the injuries that the Texans experienced last year was they many players gain valuable playing time and the bulk of last year's team is still under contract.

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