

YOUTH BRIGADE/ENTERTAINMENT

Health Fair Set



Adrian Jackson
Pflugerville High School

Taking care of your health may sound boring or you may think that it takes hard work. However, you have to think that taking care of your health is as important as breathing.

Living a healthy life also means having a happy, well balanced and longer life. You do not have to be a senior citizen to be health con-

scious. Everybody needs to be in good physical shape, young and old, men and women.

For the fifth year in a row Pflugerville ISD will hold its community-wide health fair on February 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at Connally High School. Staff members from the District are encouraged to attend, students, family and community members are all invited to take advantage of the free offerings that include basic health screening and the opportunity to set health and wellness goals.

The campus or District site with the highest percentage of attendance at the health fair will earn a \$250 prize that can be used to support worksite wellness.

Graduation is near



Destini Gorrer
LBJ High School

I can't believe my senior year is coming to an end, it flew by. I'm now about four months away from graduating high school. I have to admit I'm pretty darn excited.

I'm aware that many deadlines such as FAFSA, admission, housing, and other scholarships are approaching or have already passed. What's better than going to college without having to pay for anything?

FAFSA is for anyone who wants financial aid for college. It's an application you must fill out in order to receive financial aid. It determines the dollar amount you or your family will be expected to contribute toward college. It's said that the Office of Federal Stu-

dent Aid processes roughly 14 million financial aid applications a year and disburses about \$80 billion in financial aid. The sooner you file for financial aid the better, because there are billions of students applying each year, especially being you have to re-new your FAFSA each year. I applied for financial aid as soon as January came around. You're allowed to apply after January 1st of each year.

Let's say your FAFSA doesn't cover all of your college expenses, there's still thousands of scholarships you can apply for. Scholarship money is free money in your pocket. The more scholarships you apply for, the better chance you have at having more money in your pocket. You can't beat free money so use this an advantage. Be sure to act now on scholarships, because many deadlines have approached or are approaching.

I'm blessed to be four months away from graduating. The upcoming fall of 2012 I plan on attending the University of Houston majoring in pre-med.

St. James Missionary Baptist Church



Will Purcell
New Manor Tech HS

On Sunday, January 29, The Top Teens attended a service at St. James Missionary Baptist Church. It started with a singing performance. After that the reverend led a prayer before beginning the service.

The service was being filmed so I ended up being on camera. During the service the reverend

welcomed the Top Teens of America and most of the church shook our hands to greet us. While the service was still in session, a dancing number began. It started out with two people dressed up like Dorothy and Scarecrow from The Wiz dancing across the pews to Ease on Down the Road.

Then a group of kids came out during that then a huge gospel dance performance began. It was very entertaining. The Movement group performed multiple religious songs. After the reverend read a few sermons, the service was closed with a prayer.

In all the times I've been to church, that time was my favorite and I hope to go there again.

Berl Handcox paved the way for African Americans to serve on the Austin City Council

Berl Handcox was born in 1932 and grew up in Denton, Texas. As a child he spent summers in Wichita, Kansas, where his father lived and worked. In 1951, he enlisted in the Navy and shortly after was assigned to the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Valley Forge.

Mr. Handcox attended Prairie View A & M, where he met his wife, Ruby. In 1967, he moved to Austin and took a job at IBM in the education department. A short time later, he was named Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator for IBM.

Mr. Handcox and his family challenged the unwritten rule that forced



Berl Handcox

African Americans to live almost exclusively in East Austin. He became

known within the Black community as president of a group called the

Young Men's Progressive Club, and this exposure inspired some of his associates to suggest that he run for a seat on the Austin City Council.

In 1971, Berl Handcox became the first African American since Reconstruction to serve on the Austin City Council. He was re-elected in 1973, and resigned the post in 1975 in order to head the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity for the State of Texas. Since his tenure, Place 6 on the Austin City Council has traditionally been filled by an African American.

Berl Handcox is retired and lives in Austin.

Anderson Paved the way in Real Estate Sales and Politics

Marcellus Jack "Andy" Anderson, Sr. was a scholar and a teacher, and a businessman of note. He was a peacemaker in his community and in the world. Among his many recognitions and contributions are these: He was the first African-American admitted to membership in the Board of Realtors in Texas and in the seventeenth Southern States and The District of Columbia.

He was the first African-American in Texas to receive a real estate license from the Texas Real Estate Commission, and he served as President and Co-Founder of the Texas Association of Real Estate Brokers. He was the National Coordinator for the Johnson-Humphrey presidential election campaign; Founder and President of the 5,000 member United Political Organization of Texas; a United States Department of State Representative to Angola, Africa, and a U.S. Department of State Representative to the Independence Celebration of Guyana.

He served as a Trustee of St. Edward's University, Texas Southern University and the American Institute for Learning. He was founder of Anderson Wormley Real Estate and Insurance Company, Founder and President of National Protestant Brotherhood Life Insurance Company, he was the First African-American to become bank director in Austin, being selected by Community National Bank; he was the First African-American to serve on the Austin Planning Commission, and the first African-American to serve as a Board Member on the Chamber of Commerce.

Andy was an Austin Symphony Trustee, and founding member of the Board of Austin Crime Stoppers. A broad range of community interests captured his heart. From the Boy Scouts of America where he served as district chair, to the 300,000 member Federation of Masons of the World, where he was president, Andy gave generously to civic organizations.

He was Grand Master of the St. Joseph Grand Lodge and the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas. He was also a founding member of the Austin Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. The honorable Gus Garcia, former mayor of Austin says: "Young African-Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to Andy Anderson." Willie Mae Kirk, retired teacher and community leader, reminisces that her appreciation for Andy began when he was her economics teacher at Samuel Huston College in 1941.

"Andy had a knack for working with students, he was a compassionate listener who was truly interested in



Marcellus "Andy" Anderson

people." Attorney Larry E. Temple, Special Counsel to

President Lyndon B. Johnson, referred to Andy as a "Hero"

saying: "Generations of Texans will be beneficiaries of changes that resulted from the quiet, insistent, counsel of Andy Anderson."

Former Texas Lieutenant Governor, Ben Barnes, sums up Andy's wonderful life: "Andy Anderson was one of the early pioneers for equal justice, equal opportunity, and equal rights for all Texans. Few had a greater impact on National and State policies when the government began to pass and sign legislation for equal opportunity." Andy was predeceased by his son, Marcellus Jack Anderson, Jr. Surviving are his wife, Ada; his daughter Sandra Joy Anderson Baccus.

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Wednesday, February 8, 5 p.m.

John Hargis Hall, 1823 Red River

Panel: The Asian American Male Experience

Wednesday, February 29, 5 p.m.

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Panel: The African American Male Experience

Wednesday, March 21, 5 p.m.

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Panel: The Native American Male Experience

Wednesday, April 11, 5 p.m.

(Location to be announced)

Special Event:

The University of Texas at Austin Latino Male Symposium

(Registration required.)

Friday, May 4, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Etter-Harbin Alumni Center, 2110 San Jacinto Blvd.

Closing Event:

Heman Marion Sweatt Legacy Award Reception

(Registration required.)

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