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RAPPIN' Thomas Wyatt VINDICATED

Allow me to take this time to say Happy Birthday to my father, Mr. Tommie Wyatt. He celebrated his 85th last week. I am extremely proud of him and all he has accomplished in life. He's a good man. A fair man. A loving man. I couldn't have asked for a better brother, mentor, and friend to be my Dad.

With that said, he can be a bit onery sometimes.

That's my segue to this week's person of interest: President Joe Biden.

Joe, by the way, is 79 years old. This week, he celebrated a momentous occasion of his own. Biden ordered the drone strike that killed al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri in Afghanistan. To me, it was shocking news when it happened. That dude had been off my radar for years.

So, when my web browser informed me that Biden would be speaking about the assassination within the next hour, I left it open as time counted down. I wanted to hear every detail about the strike.

When the hour was up, and Biden stepped to the podium, the brother hit me with something I didn't see coming: orneriness.

Joe was straight up onery. Not so much at Ayman al-Zawahiri, per se, but at everyone in general. Joe sent a message to, not only al-Qaeda, but ISIS, the Taliban, Vladimir Putin, Alexander Lukashenko, Xi Jinping, Donald Trump, all the generals in the U.S. military and every politician who had a negative reaction to him pulling our troops out of Afghanistan.

That speech he gave, wasn't a victory lap, it was a triumph marathon. Biden threatened folks, pointed his finger at folks, and dared anybody to say anything contradictory (or take credit for) to what he had accomplished. And he gave this speech of fire and brimstone battling his second go around with covid.

Hell, Trump could barely stand up straight in a stiff when he had covid, trying to play tough. And that fool couldn't even mutter a single word.

But yep; that's our president: Onery Joe.

HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY, MR. TOMMIE WYATT. WE SALUTE YOU!



Mr. T. L. Wyatt with longtime sweetheart, Ms. Johnnie Van Dyke

By Naomi Richard | VILLAGER

(VILLAGER) - Today we deliberately pause to salute and pay grateful tribute to the owner and founder of *The Austin Villager Newspaper*, Mr. Tommy Wyatt, on the auspicious occasion of his 85th Birthday on July 27, and for 49 years of dedicated and faithful service to our Central Texas Community – as well as on the newspaper's expanded regular circulation into the Houston, Texas market!

The Villager is published by the Black Registry Publishing Company (BRPC) and is centrally located in East Austin. The paper has been in continuous publication since 1973. Not only is Mr. Wyatt the founder, but he is also the publisher and editor. His standards are high, and he expects his staff to produce their best each and every week!

He cares about our communities, fair treatment, honoring those who have served, our next generation of leaders and our elected officials. Mr. Wyatt works consistently with Black Greek Organizations, NAACP, Austin Area Urban League, The Links, Inc., the religious community, and educational

institutions on all levels, and so much more.

Angela Henderson, President of the Austin Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, had this to say: "The *Austin Villager Newspaper*, under the leadership of Mr. Tommy Wyatt, is an essential source and a respected medium for informing and educating the community on a broad-spectrum of current affairs and events transpiring at the local, state and national levels. At the local level, *The Austin Villager Newspaper* impacts the community by timely capturing and sharing the voices, values and views of its citizens."

His involvement in the community, service to the needy and promotion of all that is good in our diverse region, naturally has led to many honors. To name a few, Mr. Wyatt was honored with the 2009 East Austin Honors Award; and in 2016 he received the AFTV5 US Africa Cultural Expo & Business Matchmaking's Print Media Award for Excellence.

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AustinUP and Austin Public Library partner to present a free seminar series for Austin's older adults Aging Masterfully

Third Tuesdays of each month, August through November
10:30 AM - 12 noon
Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library
7051 Village Center Dr, Austin, TX 78731
Admission is FREE, but registration is requested via
www.austinup.org/events.

AUSTIN, TX (July 25, 2022) – Austin has one of the nation's fastest growing populations of older adults. AustinUP and Austin Public Library have partnered to present this in-person seminar series featuring professionals who will guide attendees through the issues and solutions to help prepare our community for the future of aging.

"It is abundantly clear that it is to everyone's benefit to take steps toward making the most of our lives in order to 'age well,'" said AustinUP Board President Cyndi Cummings. "Gaining information from professionals enables us to better face the physical, mental, and emotional challenges that lie ahead and lead our best lives."

Aging Masterfully will take place on the third

Tuesdays, August through November, 10:30 AM-12 noon at the Old Quarry Branch of the Austin Public Library, 7051 Village Center Dr, Austin, TX 78731.

August 16: Aging in place and preparing for emergencies

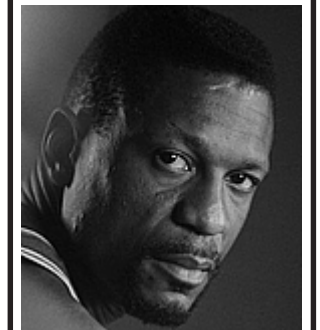
September 20: Having it your way, even when you can't speak for yourself

October 18: Tips on communicating with your adult children

November 15: Living, dying, and leaving a legacy

Admission is free, but advance registration is appreciated. For more information, email info@austinup.org or call (737) 285-2355.

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