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## Spending the Bond Money!

In 2017 the citizens of Austin passed a massive bond election for the Austin Independent School District. The multimillion packages were for the purpose of improving our school buildings. Some would be repaired and some of the money would be for building new structures.

One of the schools that was to be included in the repair or rebuilding is the Old L.C. Anderson School in East Austin. It seems that the district is ready to move forward with the plans for the old campus.

AISD and the Eastside Memorial ECHS, International High School and Original L.C. Anderson Alumni communities are inviting the community to the groundbreaking of the new, modernized facility.

The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, January 19, 2019 at the campus, 900 Thompson Street. Some of the activities will be moved inside of the gym.

Austin's African American community has been trying to get AISD to preserve this historical property since the school district was integrated and the new Anderson High School was built in West Austin and the East Austin building was left to rot.

The community needs to continue to be involve insuring that the Eastside property is preserved in the community as a monument to those who were educated there.

## Calling Lil'Jordan Humphrey a Third+ Round Draft Choice is Insanity!

By John Harris Jr. | VILLAGER Sports Columnist



Texas wide receiver Lil'Jordan Humphrey (84) gets away from Georgia defensive back J.R. Reed (20) during the first half of the Sugar Bowl NCAA college football game Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, in New Orleans. (Nick Wagner/Austin American-Statesman via AP)

(VILLAGER NEWS) - Texas junior wide receiver Lil'Jordan Humphrey has a tough decision to make. Does he return to school for his senior year, or does he skip his final college season and enter the NFL Draft? Humphrey has until Jan. 14 to declare.

Personally, my gut feeling tells me Humphrey will enter the draft. I could be wrong. He might decide before this week's Villager goes to press to stay in school. If that's the case, I'll take the hit and admit I'm wrong. But something keeps telling me otherwise.

Fellow UT junior receiver Collin Johnson announced right after the Longhorns upset Georgia 28-21 in the Sugar Bowl that he's returning for his senior year. Johnson said he based his decision on the fact that the Longhorns have a good thing going, but, more importantly, Johnson said the College Advisory Committee didn't rate him as a potential selection in the first two rounds of the draft. Johnson believes another strong year at UT will improve his draft stock.

Humphrey reportedly received a third-to-sixth round projection from the College Advisory Committee, but he has yet to go public with his decision. That tells me he's strongly considering turning pro. Either he knows something that the College Advisory Committee doesn't know, or he's ready to take his talents to the next level.

Humphrey doesn't necessarily have top-end sprinters' speed that NFL teams covet, but he's

fast enough. He led the Longhorns with 86 receptions for 1,176 yards (third-best in school history) and nine touchdowns. A former running back in high school, he's extremely dangerous after the catch, thanks to his powerful 6-4, 225-pound frame which makes him difficult for a single defender to bring him down. He's also an elusive and clever runner despite his size. And unlike Johnson, who's more of a traditional stretch-the-field receiver, Humphrey can play the slot as well as outside. To me, his ability to line up at slot receiver, which is normally defended by teams' third and fourth cornerbacks, increases his draft value.

What would I tell Humphrey if he were my son? If you want to play in the NFL, there's no time like the present. Who knows? He might tear it up at the NFL Draft Combine and be selected higher than his draft projection. Plus, there's always the risk of injury, especially for a receiver with a physical game like Humphrey's. Besides, he can always return to UT and get his degree. It all depends on if he's willing to bet on himself.

Either way, Humphrey can't go wrong.

Don't be surprised if Humphrey returns for his senior year and leaves his mark as one of the best receivers in UT history - if he hasn't already. However, it's entirely possible Humphrey believes he's ready for the NFL now. I'm inclined to believe the latter is closer to the truth.

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## Results of TCSO Holiday DWI Initiative

(TRAVIS COUNTY) - From December 14 - 31, 2018, the Travis County Sheriff's Office participated in the Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) grant for Driving While Intoxicated offenses. This grant was offered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and allowed the Sheriff's Office to put additional deputies on the roadway.

The results for the time frame specific to the grant are as follows:

- 59 Stops
- 8 Arrests for DWI
- 1 Possession of Marijuana
- 1 Possession of Control Substance

## 2019 MLK Celebration

### The March | Monday, Jan 21 @9a

the 26th annual MLK celebration to commemorate the national holiday and celebrate Dr. King's legacy, will begin at 9am with a program at the MLK Statue on UT's campus (21st & Speedway) and continue to Huston-Tillotson University, 8th & Chalmers.

### The Festival | Monday, Jan 21 @11a

immediately after the march until 3pm. Outdoor concert will feature:

**Funk Mob Reunion, Tameca Jones, Bavu Blakes, Pat G**

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