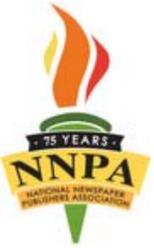




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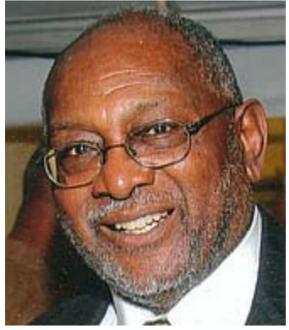


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RAPPIN' Tommy Wyatt

Givens Park to receive major improvements

The City of Austin is working on two separate projects to improve Givens District Park. Givens Park is a 40-acre park located at 3811 E. 12th Street. The park was first acquired in 1957 and has been in badly need of repairs for some time now.

The park is one of the historical sites that the community wants preserved in East Austin. In its glory days, the park was the site of numerous community events. One of these events that I remember most is the crowning of Miss Juneteenth. Miss Black Austin was also crowned there.

The community is being invited to participate in the Master Plan for the development. There will be an Open House Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 10am to 12pm in the Givens Park Pavilion. There will be a total of three meetings to gather input. The public will have the opportunity to define what recreational uses are desired in the park. The Master Plan process will conclude in the fall of 2018. PARD is collaborating with the Freese and Nichols Landscape Architectural/Planning Firm in the master planning effort.

Givens Park is a real treasure for Austin and especially former East Austinites. It is just one of the many sites that need to be restored in the community. It is very exciting to see the swimming pool open again.

We encourage the community to be a part of the master planning process. I remember, with pride, the numerous events that we held there for our Annual Celebration of the Villager. I encourage you to be a part of this planning process.

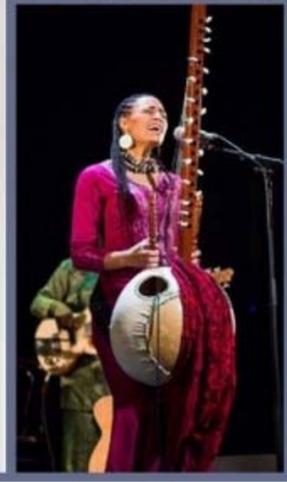


AUSTIN, TX - On September 1, 2018 visual artists, musicians, poets, dancers, chefs and more will reanimate six sites of historical significance in The District, including: Six Square's headquarters, Oakwood Cemetery, Givens Park, Doris Miller Auditorium and Huston-Tillotson University.

The District Cultural Arts Fest 2018 is a community celebration that will honor the rich legacy and cultural contributions of Central Texas' Black community.

From 2 - 5:30 PM guests can visit our interactive sites that will feature installations showcasing some of Austin's best talents in African and African Diaspora culture. From interactive poetry to engaging theatrical performances, each site's events will

The District Cultural Arts Fest 2018 Musical Lineup Release!



Mali Music (left), Tobe Nwigwe (top right), Son Jobarteh (bottom right).

provide a new context to the location's history and have a curated menu of food from established and up and coming chefs, along with beverages provided by Wines of

Dotson Cervantes, Juiceland, Tito's Vodka and more.

From 5 - 10:00 PM guests can join us at our sixth location for musical performances by interna-

tional, national and local artists including: Carolyn Blanchard and the Jazz Affair, Tobe Nwigwe, Sona Jobarteh, and Mali Music.

Austin Long-Term Care Facility Wins National Award



Flash mob performed by residents and staff of Querencia Barton Creek - Austin, TX on September 29, 2015. Courtesy Stan Orth/Youtube

(AUSTIN) — Querencia at Barton Creek in Austin has earned a national honor for improving their quality of care.

The local long-term care facility was one of just seven across Texas to earn the honor, despite a statewide staffing crisis that's left facility managers scrambling to staff shifts. Only 166 other nursing homes in the nation have achieved this award.

The 2018 Silver - Achievement in Quality Award is the second of three distinctions possible through the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program, which recognizes providers across the nation that have demonstrated their commitment to improving quality of care in long term and post-acute care.

Based on the core values and criteria of the nationally recognized *Baldrige Performance Excellence Program*, the Association's Quality Award program challenges member providers to achieve performance excellence through three progressive levels—Bronze, Silver and Gold. Members at the Silver award level develop and demonstrate effective approaches that help improve performance and quality outcomes.

This year's Silver recipients can now advance in developing approaches that meet the criteria required for the *Gold - Excellence in Quality Award*.

The program is sponsored by AHCA/NCAL Associate Business Members: First Quality, NRC Health, and Team TSI Corporation. The awards will be presented to recipients during AHCA/NCAL's 69th Annual Convention & Expo in San Diego, California, October 7-10, 2018.

Stacey Dash Lands Ironic Role In New Film

By Defender News Service

Mildred Fay Jefferson had a complicated history. She was the first Black woman to graduate from Harvard Medical School, the first woman to graduate in surgery from Harvard Medical School and the first woman to become a member of the Boston Surgical Society. However, she was also a stone-cold Republican who campaigned for Ronald Reagan, whose economic policies would crush Black communities in the 1980s. Jefferson was famously pro-life, a member of the National Right to Life Committee, the oldest national pro-life organization in America, and failed at grabbing the Republican nomination for the 1982, 1990, and 1994 U.S. Senate elections.

Who is going to play her in a movie? *Clueless* starlet Stacey Dash.

The movie, titled *Roe v. Wade*, is a "pro-life" film produced by **Nick Loeb**, **Sofia Vergara's** ex-husband — the man who sued her to use their embryos after they broke up and



Mildred Fay Jefferson

even called her "classless" for speaking Spanish. Loeb's film is based on the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that granted a woman's right to an abortion. The film will be "pro-life" with "famous" conservatives like Stacey Dash and **Jon Voight**, both Trump supporters. The



Stacey Dash

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Hollywood Reporter reports, "The film has been under such tight wraps that even the major cast members had not been revealed; Two Supreme Court justices are played by a couple of Hollywood's more outspoken conservatives, Jon Voight and **Robert Davi**, and other justices are played by **Corbin Bernsen**, **John Schneider**, **Steve Guttenberg**, **William Forsythe**, **Wade Williams** and **Richard Portnow**."

In addition, "Stacey Dash, the *Clueless* star and former Fox News commentator who withdrew from a congressional race as a Republican three months ago, claiming the campaign had become 'detrimental to the health and well-being of my family,' plays Mildred Jefferson, the first black woman to graduate from Harvard Medical School and the former president of National Right to Life."

Roe v. Wade is allegedly being filmed in New Orleans and will wrap up production on July 15. No word on the studio that will distribute the film.