

Congressman Doggett Attends John Bucy Fundraiser



Pictured left to right: Jimmy Flannigan, Austin City Councilman; Heather Jeffs, Cedar Park City Councilwoman; John Bucy and Congressman Llyod Doggett. Photo courtesy of Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

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John Bucy held a fundraiser with Congressman Lloyd Doggett for his birthday. Not only was it time to celebrate, but also to raise money for his race. Unlike other years, Democrats have placed an emphasis on taking back the Texas Legislature. According to the expert, it is the Texas Legislature who draws the Congressional lines; Consequently, Democrats have started to invest into these local races like John Bucy's Texas House 136 campaign.

Texas HD 136 includes parts of Northwest Austin, Cedar Park and Leander. Moreover, HD 136 was recently created due to the explosion growth occurring in Williamson County. HD 136 consist of newcomers; immigrant communities and Austinites moving away from the city into the suburbs. In political jargon, "Texas House District 136 is considered to be a purple district", neither a solid Republican nor Democrat District.

Bucy is a husband and business owner who founded the Texas Charter School & Athletic League

which has organized competitive leagues serving both charter and public schools.

Moreover, Bucy has been involved in local politics for a very long time. Bucy served as Assistant Director of Canvassing for Texas during the 2006 elections; a Precinct Captain; a Delegate to the 2012 State Party Convention; and has also volunteered for numerous campaigns.

Bucy entered the race because he believes that he can address the issues that make Texas a better State. According to Bucy, if elected he would address the issues of education; fiscally and environmentally responsible transportation; Water usage and conservation; women's health; Affordable Health Care; and fiscally environmental policies. According to Bucy, "Texas should be Leading the Way!"

We need new leadership that will fight every day to make Texas the greatest and most competitive state in the nation so, we can provide the next generation of Texans with the best future possible.

Pro-Immigration Rallies in Central Texas



Marcus and Jeff of the Democratic Socialist at the Immigration rally.

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Saturday, June 30, 2018, concerned citizens and elected officials throughout the United States rallied and marched against President Trump's immigration policy. In the Central Texas area, thousands of people converged at the State Capitol to rally against Trump's policy regarding immigration. At the State Capitol, activists and elected officials rallied against the Trump administration's immigration policy for family separations at the border.

Just recently, the Trump administration called for a "zero tolerance" for asylum seekers. In other words, the policy calls for asylum seekers to be jailed upon crossing into the US. After they are jailed,

the children who are with the adults are separated and taken to a different location. In the majority of the cases, the parents cannot locate the detention center of their children. Consequently, it creates confusion regarding the migrant population.

In response to these "inhumane" Trump policies, numerous Americans have decided to resist this call. As a result, Americans have taken to the streets to denounce the Trump's immigration policies. According to the organizers, thousands of people showed up in cities like Austin, Los Angeles, Houston, Dallas, Washington DC, Atlanta, New York city, and other cities throughout the United States. Now, these marches must show up at the midterm election to make a difference.

NAACP STATEMENT ON THE RETIREMENT OF JUSTICE KENNEDY

by NNPA Newswire

BALTIMORE, June 28, 2018, NNPA Newswire PR—NAACP, the nation's foremost civil rights organization, issued the following statement regarding the announced retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Justice Kennedy played a pivotal role on the Supreme Court for thirty years. He was the deciding vote in many close cases involving civil rights and civil liberties. Without his moderating influence, the balance on the Court could shift dramatically to the right.

This court has already undermined basic rights we all believed we enjoy as Americans—the right to strong unions that bargain collectively, one person one vote principles, redistricting, and regarding the right of women to make their own health care decisions.



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The stakes for nominating a replacement could not be higher at any moment in our history.

The court serves as the guardian of our rights and liberties. The country desperately needs a fair-minded and independent jurist. Now is not the time for a divisive and biased

appointment who will shake the public's faith in the justice system.

The constitutional process for appointing and confirming the next justice must be careful, deliberative and conducted with bipartisan support. The Senate should not consider a nominee until a new Sen-

ate is seated next year. Moreover, the new Senate should ensure that the nominee have a demonstrated commitment to equal justice and civil rights. The names identified on Trump's shortlist do not fit that bill. For the good of the American people, we urge that the President and the Senate to carefully exercise their respective roles under the Constitution in light of the consequential impact of this nomination on our democracy.

The NAACP and its members are committed to protecting the gains won through the sacrifices of our ancestors and to protecting civil rights for generations to come.

Our justice system—and indeed the very peace and tranquility of our nation—hang in the balance.

We will not go silently into the night. We can't.

African Diaspora Disappointed by World Cup Results

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Every 4 years, the FIFA World Cup is played throughout the continents. In 2018, the World Cup is being held in Russia; where five African teams (Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia, Morocco and Egypt) made their official appearances.

Once again, there was a very high expectation for these five African teams because they were carrying the "torch" for the rest of the African continent.

In Central Texas, the African Diaspora community gathered at a local restaurant to watch these soccer matches. Moreover, there were very high expectations that at least one African team would make it to the "knockout" rounds. For instance, Senegal won its 1st game in the World Cup creating a "buzz" about that team.

However, once again, these five African teams -eliminated during the group stage- failed to reach the round of 16 teams; the beginning of the knockout phase. Once more, Africans throughout the World are disappointed that no team was able to carry the "torch" for the rest of the Continent. Furthermore, people are intrigued of the fact that these 5 teams have "Superstars" who cannot pull their teams into the "win column."

Nonetheless, Africans are looking ahead to the 2022 World Cup in Qatar and hoping that they can have a team that will at least reach the quarter-final stage of the tournament.



BLACK FILMS COMING TO THE BIG SCREEN: JULY SPOTLIGHT

by Ash Harris | Soulciti

Capital City Black Film Festival is proud to bring you this monthly highlight of films with Black casts, Black crew and telling Black stories. Here's July's Black Films Coming to the Big Screen spotlight:

Sorry to Bother You

In a dystopian, not-too-distant future, black telemarketer Cassius Green (Lakeith Stanfield) discovers a magical key to professional success, propelling him into a macabre universe of material glory. As his friends and co-workers organize in protest of corporate oppression, Cassius falls under the spell of his company's cocaine-snorting CEO Steve Lift, who offers him a salary beyond his wildest dreams. Sorry to Bother comes to the screen on Thursday, July 5.

The Equalizer 2

Summertime is a perfect time for another great Denzel Washington blockbuster. This sequel looks to be just as thrilling as the first. The Equalizer 2 follows Washington as "Robert McCall" on a quest for justice and vengeance. The film drops July 20.

The First Purge

This prequel showcases the events that lead up to the very first Purge event. It's jam-packed with some talented Black actors and actresses. Most notable of The First Purge's stars includes Y'lan Noel, also known as "Daniel" in the hit HBO series Insecure. Catch the horror film on July 4.

The 6th annual Capital Black Film Festival is coming to you this August. CCBFF showcases independent Black films from local, national and international filmmakers, provides panel discussions with industry professionals and hosts networking mixers and parties for all to enjoy.