

East Austin Residents Say No to Stadium

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Saturday, February 3, 2018, East Austin residents marched to Roy Guerrero Park in East Austin to let their district council member and the rest of the Austin City Council know that they don't want a soccer stadium to built in their "backyard." After West Austin and the downtown areas were ruled out for a possible stadium, the soccer team management leadership looked toward East Austin.

It is no longer a secret that developers always look toward East Austin, in order, to build their projects. For instance, Formula One built their race-track in East Austin, which, increased the values of homes in the area. Now, a soccer team that wants to relocate to the Central Texas area is looking to East Austin.

Under the possible move of a soccer team to East Austin, the local residents marched to the park to let everyone know that they refuse to have the stadium in their neighborhood. According to Ms Almanza, one of the orga-



East Austin protest against soccer stadium in East Austin. Photo by Susanna Almanza

nizers with PODER, "Nationally and locally public lands are facing challenges of privatization. Councilman Sabino "Pio" Renteria is following the trend, by proposing that our public park, Roy Guerrero Colorado River Park, become the Major League Soccer

20,000-seat Stadium. Councilman Pio supports the use of public park land for private, for-profit development. Call Councilman Renteria at (512) 978-2103 and tell him "Hands-off public park land and hands-off Roy Guerrero Park!"

Africa Cup of Nations 2018

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Sunday, February 4, 2018, the host country of Morocco won the African Cup of Nations. Moreover, the (CAF) championship game is the most prestigious soccer tournament on the African continent. The CAF championship games are held every two years in which different African countries host the games. During this competition, 16 different African



Kogi, Nigerian American community member. Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

countries tried to win the title of "Champion of Africa". In addition, winning the championship means that the nation would receive an automatic "slot" into the World-Cup games of Soccer. As a result, the nation of Morocco will have an automatic slot to compete in the World Cup Tournament.

The 16 nations competing are placed in four various groups. The 15 African nations that qualified for this tournament were Morocco, Burkina Faso, Uganda, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Sudan, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Sudan, Libya, Mauritania, Zambia, Tunisia, Senegal, and Namibia. Moreover, these 16 teams sought to claim one of Africa's most coveted crowns of champion.

In the final game, Morocco the host country defeated Nigeria by a score of 4-0. Consequently the nation of Nigeria took 2nd place, while, Sudan took 3rd place in the Confederation Cup. Moreover, some Nigerian American living in Central Texas were disappointed of taking the 2nd.

Royalty African Design Host Black History Month Fashion Show

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As we kick off Black history month, Royalty African Design held a "royal" fashion show in the heart of East Austin. The event occurred at the Carver Museum from 1-4pm. During this three hours of intense fashion, the public had the opportunity to see the mixture of African cloth made into urban fashion wear. The models came down the runway showcasing the Unique African Style of cloth.

Over the years, Austin has become a "fashion" city for designers that use



Pictured left to right are: Debra James and Mrs. Redmom. Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

African style clothing. In the case of Royalty African Design, they get their cloth from Ghana West Africa, in which, the owner design the dress or the accessory wear in Austin. According to the owner, Debra James, "Austin has begun to embrace African style clothing; consequently, there is a lot of opportunity to do fashion right here in the Austin area."

Not only was it an

opportunity to showcase the fashion industry but also an opportunity to showcase Black culture as a whole. In addition, the show featured the following: African Drummers and dancers; the spoken word, and poetry. It was a family friendly event, in which, children were welcomed. After the show, the participant went and ate some African theme food.

Barbara's Book Bag

Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet - Book One

written by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Illustrated by Brian Stelfreeze



Barbara Williams

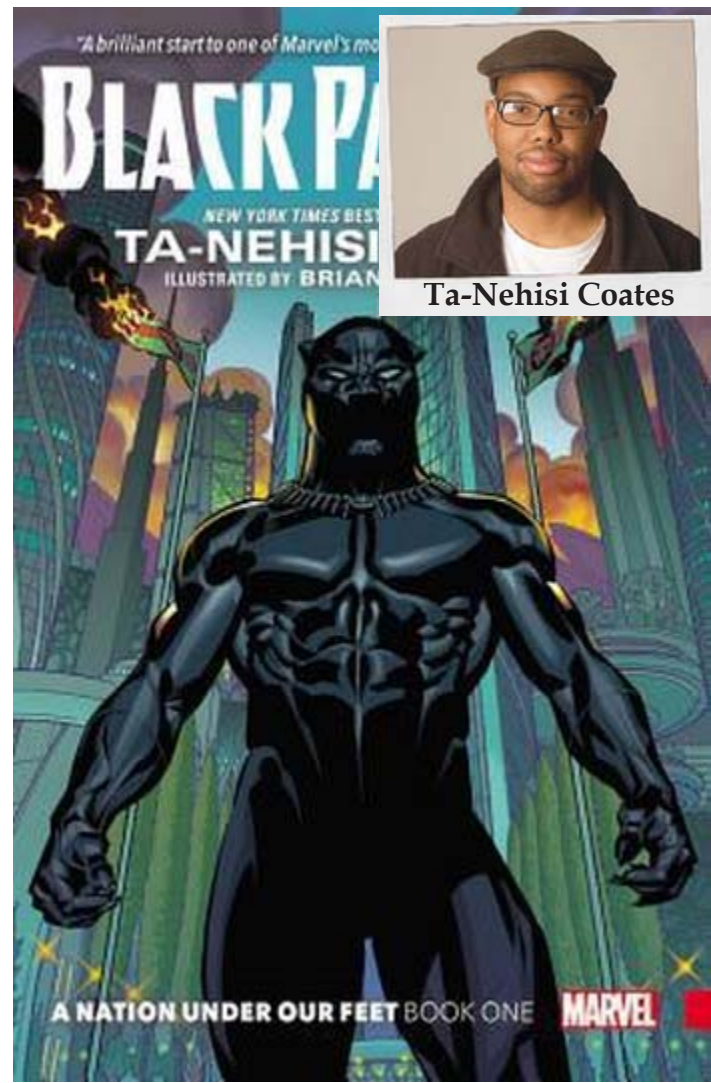
Marvel Comics has come out with an impressive start with one of it's promising series, Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet.

Book One is written by New York Times Best Seller, Ta-Nehisi Coates. The Black Panther is king of a mythical kingdom call Wakenda.

It was once the most scientifically and technologically advanced country on the planet, but is going through a period of decline when the story begins. Wakenda doesn't want outsiders to know about their advanced technological systems. Everyone wants a piece of it. Fortunately for Wakenda its borders are protected by hills, mountains and the sprawling Lake Nyanza.

The Black Panther's name is T'Challah.. He is next in line to be the king of Wakenda.. He becomes the Monarch through heredity He does not want to be king. He is an African, a scientist, in fact a genius, and is the richest man in the world. A lot of things are going on when he becomes king. His people are unhappy with his leadership believing he spends too much time away from the country. The Black Panther loves his country and would die for his people but doesn't know how to convey that to them.

In the well writ-



Ta-Nehisi Coates

ten and beautifully colored illustrations of the characters, Coates acquaints T'Challah with what its like to rule his unstable people from an unsteady throne. The author allows T'Challah to struggle with a super human terrorist group called "The People" in a violent revolt, the death of his sister, Suicide Bombers, a villain from the past, female warriors, and his relationship with the Queen who is really his step-mother. How can he bring everyone together and build a new nation is his dilemma.

This is an awesome book. It is fast paced and has many different themes throughout the book. My only re-

gret is that the entire series is not under one cover, and it ends with "To Be Continued." Book One is just the tip of the iceberg in telling the Story of the Black Panther.

He becomes a superhero and addresses the many problems of his people. I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of Book 2, 3 and 4. to read the entire series before the Movie comes out in March of this year. The Black Panther will be the Super Hero we have been waiting for.

I highly recommend Book One of the Marvel Comics for all ages. it is a different kind of comic book and is so inspiring.

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