

Huston-Tillotson Guard Christian Wilson



HT guard Christian Wilson (photo/Huston-Tillotson University)

By John Harris Jr.
VILLAGER
Sports Writer

(AUSTIN, TEXAS) - When Huston Tillotson senior guard Christian Wilson recorded his first career triple-double recently, he saw it as a natural progression of things to come for both himself and the Rams.

"We have a lot of new pieces to the puzzle. We're trying to mesh together and get everybody on one accord," said Wilson, one of 12 first-year transfers on the roster. "Once we get that together, we should be good to go."

Considering the newness of the situation, Wilson, a 6-3 guard from Red River Athletic Conference rival Our Lady of the Lake, is progressing faster than expected.

In a 113-86 win

over Southern University at New Orleans on Nov. 17, Wilson posted 24 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists. For the season, Wilson, who specializes in versatility, averages 19.8 points, 8.0 rebounds, 6.7 assists and 2.8 steals.

"It's coming along gradually, game by game," Wilson said. "Moving pieces around. Putting pieces in different spots. Getting guys to buy into how coach (Thomas) Henderson wants us to play."

Wilson said Henderson's reputation for developing point guards is what brought him to HT.

"I was looking to transfer. The first call I made was to coach Henderson. I knew he was a point-guard coach," Wilson said. "We had a sit-down and got things squared away and I felt

this was the best place for me."

After four games, HT (2-2) averages 91.5 points and features four players scoring in double figures. The Rams' fast-paced offense is appealing to the players, especially those who love to shoot the basketball.

Junior Keith Broome averages 15.5 points, followed by seniors Alexandre Doche (14.3 points) and Courtney Julien (13.5). Wilson, Doche and Julien were teammates at Our Lady of the Lake last season.

"We're hard to guard, 1 to 5," Wilson said. "We try to ply run-and-gun. Get out on the break. Get back on defense. We can stretch the floor, drive it and kick it. As long as guys continue to buy in, I feel we can have one of the best teams in the nation."

Austin Independent School District Enters Election Run-Off

by Tsoke
(Chuch) Adjavon |
Villager Columnist

(AUSTIN, TX) - In weeks to come, Austin residents will be voting in the runoff election between Arati Singh and Carmen Tilton. Moreover, the Austin Independent School

District is facing a crucial juncture in which, the upcoming board members will have to make key decisions dealing with equity. Although, Austin is considered a rich district; same levels of funding. In other words, school equity will play a vital role in

the upcoming Austin School Board meeting.

Finally, this race will be closely contested. Therefore, it will come down to which candidates can get their voters to the polls. The elected contender will have to find ways to boost AISD enrollment.

African Diaspora Host Event for Natasha Harper Madison

by Tsoke
(Chuch) Adjavon |
Villager Columnist

(AUSTIN, TX) - Following the midterm election, the Austin City Council District 1 had no clear winner. Consequently, the race went into a runoff. However, candidates Natasha Harper Madison and Mariana Salazar re-



Natasha Harper Madison attends Greet and Meet Event. Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

ceived the most vote. Therefore, Harper-Madison and Salazar will be facing each other in the runoff election, set for December 11, 2018.

Unlike other applicants, Natasha grew up in the Austin area and has witnessed drastic changes. Austin went from sleepy to a busy and vibrant city. Moreover, the growth also brings its challenges, such as housing and transportation. Thus, Natasha addressed these issues, in addition to economic mobility and embracing the new faces

of Austin, Texas.

Finally, the city's growth also produced a lot of diversity to each of Austin's districts. Consequently, there was no surprise when Binta who is Guinean American decided to hold greet and meet fundraiser for Natasha. During this event, Natasha enjoyed the African food, music, and culture. Moreover, it was an opportunity for the African Diaspora community to be a part of Natasha's campaign for Austin City Council District 1.

Temeika Thomas is Officially Sworn In

by Tsoke
(Chuch) Adjavon |
Villager Columnist

(AUSTIN, TX) - After a long fought campaign, Temeika Thomas prevailed over other candidates running for Manor Independence School District Place 5. Moreover, Thomas managed to avoid a runoff; thus she could look forward to her swearing-in ceremony. November 26, 2018, she was sworn into her position.

According to Ms. Thomas, "my platform is about restoring trust in public education. Students should have an opportunity to get a proper education. Every student deserves equity and equality in education.

Manor ISD expressed that, "being an effective



Temeika Thomas and mother at Swearing-in ceremony. Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

school board member is no easy task particularly in today's climate of change and challenge." School board members need to be knowledgeable about

many complex educational and social issues and carry out initiatives and directives from both federal and state governments.

Waters Statement on the 2018 Midterm Election Results

by Rep. Maxine
Waters (CA-43)
NNPA

WASHINGTON — Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), Ranking Member of the House Committee on Financial Services, issued the following statement in response to the 2018 midterm election results, which will give Democrats the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives next Congress:

"With a Democratic majority in the House, and a mandate from the American public, the Financial Services Committee will get to work making sure the fi-

nancial system is fair for all Americans. As the senior Democrat on the Financial Services Committee, I would be honored to lead the Committee next year with the support of my Democratic colleagues.

"If I am selected by my colleagues to serve as Chair of the Committee, I will prioritize protecting consumers and investors from abusive financial practices, making sure that there are strong safeguards in place to prevent another financial crisis, expanding and supporting affordable housing opportunities and tackling the homelessness crisis,



Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), Ranking Member of the House Committee on Financial Services

encouraging responsible innovation in financial technology, promoting diversity and inclusion in the financial services sector, and ensuring that

hardworking Americans and small businesses have fair access to the financial system and opportunities to thrive.

"For the last two

years, Republicans in Congress have served as accomplices to Trump and have completely neglected Congress' oversight responsibilities, enabling corruption and destructive policies to run rampant. It is critical that we bring accountability to the Trump Administration and the regulatory agencies under the Committee's jurisdiction. That includes ensuring that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau can be allowed to resume its essential role of protecting consumers from harmful practices without interference from the Trump Administration.

"I believe in hear-

ing a range of views on the issues facing the Committee, which are complex and consequential for all Americans. I will continue to maintain an open door policy, to hear the perspectives and concerns of all stakeholders, including representatives of the financial services industry, as well as groups that represent America's consumers and investors. And, I will continue to work both with my Democratic colleagues and my colleagues across the aisle on commonsense solutions that benefit hardworking Americans and strengthen our economy."

Dope Creatives Holiday Market



We're back for Vol. 3 of the Dope Creatives Market – our Holiday edition! Featuring 30+ vendors, holiday photo opps, full brunch menu and drinks all day long!

The Dope Creatives Market is a curated market of local & handmade vendors. The event is free to the public and held at Native Hostels on Sunday, December 2, 2-6 pm. Soundtrack by Sound Selectors ATX DJs – Willtothe & GL Gnice Rivera. Come shop, sip & vibe with us!

Artwork by Mauve Paper Co. Flyer by Dope Creatives.

Accepting all vendor applications online at <https://www.dopecreatives.com>