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**RAPPIN'**  
Tommy Wyatt

## Can the Democrats get it done?

At press time, the country was watching to see whether or not the Democratic majority will get President Obama's Healthcare legislation passed. They were pulling out all stops to do. Even threatening to use any political maneuver necessary to get the bill passed.

They received some help from the Catholic nurses who came out in support of the plan, in spite that the Pope had opposed the abortion language in the bill. The nurses said that protecting the unborn children by insuring that their mothers received adequate health care, was the ultimate in right to life legislation.

The Republicans have continued to hold out on voting for the bill that is on the table, although the Democrats have made major adjustments in the bill to get their support. The Republicans are saying that they want the whole process to start over from scratch. However, that is not an option for the Democrats.

For one thing, they would wind up at the same place that they are now. That is how the process started off in the first place. At that time, there were complaints that the president had not written the bill and sent it to them for their approval or disapproval.

President Obama did indicated that he was looking for certain options in the legislation that would include such things as The Public Option provision. He gave up on that provision when the Republicans stated that they would not vote for a bill that included that provision. The also stated that they would not vote for a bill that provided for state supported abortion, no matter what the reason.

The Healthcare bill will be the corner stone of the Obama administration. At this time, it is not about the bill. It is about whether the Democrats are strong enough to lead the nation. If they lose this one, they will not get any significant legislation passed during the next three years.

It is time to tell the Republicans and the Conservative Democrats to put up or shut up.

## President Obama donates share of Nobel Prize money to UNCF



President Barack Obama

FAIRFAX, Va. (March 12, 2010) The White House has announced that President Barack Obama has donated \$125,000 from his Nobel Peace Prize proceeds to UNCF. UNCF will allocate the donation to its Campaign for Emergency Student Aid. UNCF is one of ten organizations the president chose to receive a share of the cash award that accompanies the Nobel Prize. Other recipients included the Clinton-Bush Haiti Fund, the Central Asia Institute, and the Appalachian Leadership and Education Foundation.

"These organizations do extraordinary work in the United States and abroad helping students, veterans and countless others in need," Obama said. "I'm proud to support their work."

"We are grateful that President Obama has seen fit to use the proceeds from his Nobel Prize to help seniors at

UNCF member colleges and universities complete their studies and graduate on time," said UNCF president and CEO Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D. "The recession has been hard on them, and they will be encouraged that the first African American president of the United States is investing in their education and their future."

UNCF established the Emergency Student Aid Scholarship after a survey revealed that the recession had imperiled the education of hundreds of seniors at the 39 historically black colleges and universities that are members of UNCF. With the gift from the president, UNCF is on track to help almost 1,000 member-college seniors to graduate this spring. Previously, emergency scholarships averaging \$1400 per student have enabled more than 2,000 UNCF seniors to receive their degrees.

## Travis County Democratic Party Convention this weekend

In Austin, music and politics happily mix, and the Travis County Democratic Party invites everyone to join us for the County Convention on Mar. 20 at the Palmer Events Center. A Clean Energy Rally, co-hosted by the Sierra Club, will be one of the day's highlights. We also will hear speeches by U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett, Texas

State Sen. Kirk Watson and Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell. Delegates to the State Democratic Convention, to be held in Corpus Christi on June 25th, will be chosen, other party business will be conducted and Austin's own "Asleep at the Wheel" will (Western) swing the house. Please join us for a rocking Democratic convention!

## Austin Urban Market Hosts Poetry, Fashion and Marketplace

The Austin Urban Market, Theme: "Doing It The Ujamaa Way," will be held Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 1223 Rosewood Avenue (Villager Newspaper) from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is free to the public.

Feature: "\$5 Ujamaa Bucks" to be won by the visiting public throughout the event that can be used like cash with vendors at the event.

Join Austin Urban Market and Do You Austin during SXSW weekend for a powerful showcase of Austin's finest spoken word poets with special guest Riders Against the Storm (RAS) and fashion exhibition of

Toombas Jeans and Denim Wear by local fashion designer Haja Scott. Check out and shop with a variety of vendors and have an opportunity to win free \$5 Ujamaa Bucks.

The Austin Urban Market's (AUM) mission is to encourage cooperative economic by showcasing local entrepreneurs to the Austin public.

Come enjoy the vendors, poetry, food and music! "Doing It The Ujamaa Way" Cooperative Economics. This event is sponsored by The Villager Newspaper, Do You Austin and African Visions.

## National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Honors local achievers



HONOREES--(L TO R) Rev. Sylvester Chase, Jr., Michael McDonald, Claudia L. Williams, Bergeron Harris, Michael Lofton, and Louis A. Hudspeth, Sr. Photo by General Marshall.

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Delta Beta Chapter, held an elaborate 14th Biennial Awards Dinner on Friday, March 12, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The sorority honored six outstanding individuals from the Austin community who have unselfishly given untiringly their time and talents to the Austin community in their various careers.

Honorees were Louis A.

Hudspeth, Sr (Business), Michael R. Lofton (Community Service) Dr. Bergeron Harris (Education), Claudia L. Williams (Fine Arts), Michael McDonald (Government), and Rev. Sylvester E Chase, Jr (Religion).

The Regional Director of the SW Region, Sondra A. Matthews was present and brought greetings.

Also recognized were the

Sorors of the Year, Crystal Jones and Carolyn Wilson. They have given outstanding service to the sorority, their church and the Austin community.

PDK also introduced and presented certificates to their 2010 scholarship recipients - Garisha Warren, \$2,000.00 for the Gerrell Jones Memorial Scholarship and Brittany Ciccotti, \$2,000.00 for the Carmen Mercer Scholarship.

## Charter school in tough neighborhood gets all it seniors into college



Urban Prep Academy senior Keith Greer, along with his classmates, celebrates the news they will receive a free prom in Chicago because 100 percent of the graduating class was accepted into 4-year colleges or universities. (Chicago Tribune photo by Heather Charles / March 5, 2010)

The entire senior class at Chicago's only public all-male, all-African-American high school has been accepted to four-year colleges. At last count, the 107 seniors had earned spots at 72 schools across the nation.

Mayor Richard Daley and Chicago Public Schools chief Ron Huberman surprised students at an all-school assembly at Urban Prep Academy for Young Men in Englewood this morning to congratulate them. It's the first graduating class at Urban Prep since it opened its doors in 2006.

Huberman applauded the seniors for making CPS shine.

"All of you in the senior class have shown that what matters is perseverance, what matters is focus, what matters is having a dream and following that dream," Huberman said.

The school enforces a strict uniform of black blazers, khaki pants and red ties - with one exception. After a student receives the news he was accepted into college, he swaps his red tie for a red and gold one at an assembly.

The last 13 students received their college ties today, to thunderous applause.

Ask Rayvaughn Hines what college he was accepted to and he'll answer with a question.

"Do you want me to name them all?"

For the 18-year-old from Back of the Yards, college was merely a concept - never a goal - growing up. Even within the last three years, he questioned if school, let alone college, was for him. Now, the senior is headed to the prestigious Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga. next fall.

Hines remembers the moment he put on his red and gold tie.

"I wanted to take my time because I was just so proud of myself," he said. "I wanted everyone to see me put it on."

The achievement might not merit a mayoral visit at one of the city's elite, selective enrollment high schools. But Urban Prep, a charter school that enrolls using a lottery in one of the city's more troubled neighborhoods, faced difficult odds. Only 4 percent of this year's senior class read at grade level as freshmen, according to Tim King, the school's CEO.

"I never had a doubt that we would achieve this goal," King said. "Every single person we hired knew from the day one that this is what we do. We get our kids into college."

College is omnipresent at the school. Before the students begin their freshman year, they take a field trip to Northwestern

University. Every student is assigned a college counselor the day he steps foot in the school.

The school offers an extended day - 170,000 more minutes over four years compared to its counterparts across the city - and more than double the number of English credits usually needed to graduate.

Even the school's voicemail has a student declaring "I am college bound" before it asks callers to dial an extension.

Normally, it takes senior Jerry Hinds two buses and 45 minutes to get home from school. On Dec. 11, the day University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana was to post his admission decisions online at 5 p.m., he asked a friend to drive him home.

He went into his bedroom, told his well-wishing mother this was something he had to do alone, closed the door and logged in.

"Yes! Yes! Yes!" he remembers screaming. His mother, who didn't dare stray far, burst in and began crying.

That night he made more than 30 phone calls, at times shouting "I got in" on his cell phone and home phone at the same time.

"We're breaking barriers," he said. "And that feels great."

# EDITORIALS/COMMENTARY



George E. Curry  
NNPA Columnist

*Boys don't drop out in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. They physically drop out in the ninth grade, but they emotionally and academically drop out in the fourth grade.*

That observation is made early by Jawanza Kunjufu, a noted educator, public speaker and publisher, in his new book, *Reducing the Black Male Dropout Rate* (African American Images, Chicago, 708/672-4909). He issues this challenge to readers: "Visit a kindergarten class and observe Black boys in action. They're eager, they sit in the front, they're on task. They love learning."

But something happens by the time they reach the ninth grade.

Kunjufu says approximately 100,000 African-American males drop out of high school each year; in some urban areas the black male rate approaches 70 percent. Even a high school dropout can calculate that rate amounts to 1 million Black males over 10 years. That 10-year figure is larger than the total population of Detroit, Atlanta, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Boston, Charlotte, Denver, Baltimore, Memphis or New Orleans.

In his book, Kunjufu provides a lesson plan for reducing the horrendous Black drop-out rate. The turnaround must begin in the home. He notes that schools have students only 9 percent of the time from infancy to 18 years of age. Parents, on the other hand, have students far more longer and must do a far better job of creating the right intellectual atmosphere at home.

"Parents, I'd like for you

## Reducing the Black Male Dropout Rate

to do an inventory of your home," Kunjufu writes. "Count the number of books you have vs. the number of CDs and DVDs. That will, in part, explain your child's academic performance.

He adds, "What you have in your house determines the kind of student that comes out of your house." Parents should also take firm control of their homes. The author scoffs at the idea of a child telling parents paying rent or a mortgage: "You have no right to go into my room." Parents not only have the right to go anywhere in their house, they should also exercise the right to inspect their child's room at anytime. They should also listen to their children's music and check out their friends. "Parents, if you don't do anything else, you need to know your children's friends. You can tell an awful lot about your child by his selection of friends. Many parents believe their sons are angels. You need to observe your son's friends in action. Invite them over to your house. Meet the parents of your son's friends. Why is this so important? Because the peer group is the number one influence on African American males." Because of that influence, parents should know where their children are during the crucial hours of 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., when children are most likely to get into trouble.

Poor parents should not expect their children's performance levels to be lower than those from rich families. "Wealthy parents don't have smarter kids than the poor and working poor, than Blacks or Latinos, but what they perhaps do better is insist that the school do its job better no matter what it takes," Kunjufu believes. He notes that because African Americans suffer from PTSD - Post Traumatic Slavery Disorder - it is crucial that Black males be exposed to culturally-relevant learning materials.

Another suggestion is better recognition of academic achievement.

"If you have an assembly program of 500 students but are giving out two awards, there's a very good chance that African-American males will call those two students nerds," Kunjufu explains. "A more effective assembly program would honor many students. If a student moves from a D to a C, he should receive an award. If he moves from a C to an A, he receives two awards. In this way, it is very possible that all 500 students will receive an award and just maybe the students will buy into academic achievement."

Educators should not buy into the notion of social promotions, the act of promoting non-achieving students to the next grade.

"I acknowledge the pain students must endure when they are held back," Kunjufu says. "But the pain is even greater when, in the ninth grade, they are trying to get through the school day with a fourth-grade reading level."

Churches and community groups also have a role to play in reducing the dropout rate.

"The most important institution in the African American community is the church, and there are 85,000 African American churches," the author writes. "The One Church, One School program created the concept that churches should sponsor or adopt schools in their community. Can you imagine if each of the 85,000 churches adopted a school? There are some 15,000 elementary and high schools in Black America, which means there would be five to six churches for one school! That's a winning combination for our children."

In his book, Kunjufu Jawanza has given us the winning formula for halting the Black male drop-out rate. The sooner his book is read and his ideas are implemented, the sooner we change the destination of thousands of Black males from prison to educated and productive lives.



Harry C. Alford  
NNPA Columnist

(NNPA) - As we see during this current recession, there is an inordinate amount of unemployment in the African-American community. Our net worth is decreasing by almost 35 percent and decades of progress are going down the "tubes". Our unemployment is double and in some places triples the national average. You know it doesn't have to be that way. Many current organizations say we need more job training. That is ridiculous. We are already trained but the fact is we have been laid off the jobs we know how to do. What is training going to do? We need these jobs back.

No organization is looking at the key issue. That is implementing Executive Order 11246, written by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, and the enforcer of affirmative action in the workplace. There was a time when the federal government, through the US Department of Labor, would be the key enforcer. President Clinton's first Secretary of Labor, Richard Reich, was a strong leader in the field. He would actively challenge corporate America in its hiring of minorities. He even kept a list, "The Bottom Ten", where he would badger the worst minority hirers and even take them to court. Coca Cola, Bank of America, Honeywell and others met his wrath and changed their ways reluctantly.

President Clinton got a lot of pressure to stop Secretary Reich from his noble campaign. Eventually, as the sec-

## It is Time for a New National Organization

ond Clinton Administration came in Secretary Reich resigned rather than slow down. His successor did not attempt to emulate him and do the right thing. The advocacy for diversity in hiring soon went away from the federal government and has not returned since. The data is kept but the action is no longer enforced. Thus, we need an outside organization that will be a true watchdog on the issue of equal opportunity in the workplace. An organization that will encourage the Office of Federal Contract Compliance (US Department of Labor) to publish the data they gather from all corporations and governmental agencies so that the organization can take the bad operators to task and praise the good operators.

A very good focus in the beginning would be, through the Freedom of Information Act, to get the racial and gender data on the construction union trades. Any way you look at all trades except general laborers and cement workers; you will detect Jim Crow style racism. The biggest shock is that the US Department of Labor certifies these unions as bargaining groups even though they blatantly violate the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It is an oversight we can no longer afford and should deal with it directly. Many traditional civil rights organizations actually support this racism with their friendliness towards these racist construction unions in exchange for a little annual funding. It hurts us tremendously - just look at the unemployment figures. This organization should be vibrant and could spawn at the collegiate level in the law schools of our campuses. They should be very high tech via internet activity and should rate all major corpo-

rations by the amount of Blacks, Hispanics, Asians and women that they hire, promote and retain at all levels of management. These reports should be updated continuously and should be widely reported so that society can intelligently decide who to buy products from and support in other ways. Also, the organization should not be afraid to call itself Black and be proud of that fact. If it is done correctly we can force into destruction corporations who do not do the right thing; unions who foster bigotry and governmental entities who are not accountable to the people they serve. The unemployment levels of Blacks, Hispanics and other minorities should no longer soar above the national average and equal opportunity can once again return to reality. Somehow, we have let it get away from our focus and our children are suffering from that negligence. Remember, it doesn't take many people to get a movement going. In this new Internet society it won't take many people or much money. We just need good unselfish leadership and a strong Agenda to follow. Black America is at a crossroads. Our "leaders" are called to the White House only during a blizzard when the federal government is closed down. The Congressional Black Caucus can only get attention during "Colored Caucus Day" when they and the Hispanic Caucus are allowed to come in one behind the other and kick around the Healthcare Bill (not the issue of jobs).

New leaders! It is time to step forward and begin a new era that will save our people who are being led down a very vile and dangerous path.



James Clingman  
NNPA Columnist

(NNPA) - have heard it all: A black man saying we need to "take our country back." I thought I'd heard it all when the same guy said, "a million dollars is not a lot of money" after taxes. And before that, when he said he would lure Blacks into the Republican Party with "fried chicken and potato salad," I thought this guy was auditioning for Comedy Central. But then again, most of us understand the strategy here: Put a black face out front, no substance, no power, just image. It's another in a long line of traps - this one is a Steele trap.

For GOP Chairman, Michael Steele, to suggest that someone or some group has taken "our country" and now he and his party must "take our country back," says more about U.S. citizens than it does about Steele. In addition, if we pay very close attention not only to the political speeches, directives, and sound bites, but also to who's doing the talking, it says a great deal about Black people in "our

## The Steele Trap

country."

Have you ever wondered who some of these commentators and politicians are referring to when they use the term, "The American People"? Considering some of the things they say, I know full well they are not taking about Black people. Steele refers to "The American People" in his speeches as well, and apparently is caught in his own trap. Even though he is the so-called leader of the Republican Party, he is denigrated, rebuffed, and scolded like a little boy by his parents for some of the things he says and does. That alone should tell him who is really in control. It's sad to think Steele believes his own rhetoric, but political status is a strong elixir; it makes him think, and even project that he's in charge. In reality it portrays him as a caricature of ridicule, a black-faced minstrel entertaining the masses with his gaffes and "jokes," while hawking the wares of the Republican Party to Black people. Yes, to Black people, cause white people "ain't paying him no attention."

Of course the Democrats have their own minstrel show too. How many times have you seen members of the Black Caucus, other than the same two or three, speaking on the news shows, comment-

ing on the issues, and really making an impact on policy? The other black face, Harold Ford, is on television and in the news more than those in elected office. Where is Jesse, Jr. these days? Has anybody heard from him? Is he still in office?

With only one Black in the Senate, and it's been that way ever since Black Republican, Ed Brooke was elected, you would think Roland Burris would be raising more sand than all the rest of the Senators put together. Seems to me he's just glad to be in the number. At least Moseley Braun spoke out when she was there. Where is our voice?

Michael Steele drank the kool-aid and is now drunk from that kool-aid. He and other Black politicians are drunk with the illusion of inclusion; they are mired in a stupor that has them believing they're walking straight instead of in circles; they are deluding themselves and making every effort to delude us. They are fat and happy, content to serve as props for photo ops, "mannequins," as Rosie Milligan calls them, standing in the background as white folks respond to questions about our future. Black unemployment is 35 percent to 50 percent, and our collective economic situation is grim, yet our elected offi-

cialists are sitting pretty with their cushy health care insurance, six-figure salaries, expense accounts, and all the perks that come with their position - a position in which you and I put them. And as Steele said, "a million dollars is not a lot of money - after taxes," so our politicians are raking in more money, by any means necessary in some cases, and laughing all the way to the banks in the Caribbean.

Who is the real prey caught in the political trap? Yes, the Steele trap awaits anyone naive enough to step into it, but it's so obvious to most Black people, and whites pay little attention to it. I really don't see it as a big threat. Just keep repeating, "It's only a minstrel show, it's only a minstrel show."

The bigger trap has been set by the political puppet masters, the hidden hands, the folks in the shadows. Corporate lobbyists have caused the demise of many elected officials through the enticement of filthy lucre; they are in charge of the traps that ensnare most politicians, black and white. Sadly, Michael Steele and others are easy prey because they think they have been accepted into the club of the political elites. The illusion of inclusion is a terrible thing.

Black political operatives will remain subservient, passive, meek, docile, and deferential as long as they continue to abdicate their authority to address issues that specifically speak to the condition of Black people. Let us see more Black political leaders on CNN, FOX, and MSNBC. I intentionally did not include BET because Viacom is only interested in



Michael Stephen Steele  
63rd Chairman of the Republican National Committee

**"God has a way of revealing stuff to you, and making it real for you, through others. And if that's part of the plan, it'll be the plan... If I run it'll be because that's where God wants me to be at that time." - Steele on running for office in the future.**

showing Black folks, well, you know what I mean. Enough of the nonpolitical talking heads commenting on politics and economics; where are the Black politicians who have a hand in making the decisions? I don't care what party does it, as long as it gets done. Black folks need genuine,

dedicated, authentic political leadership. Let Michael Steele take the country back. Let him serve his fried chicken and potato salad and continue his minstrel show across the country. The perception of power is the real trap; and Michael Steele is hopelessly caught therein. Don't you get caught.

# Wesley United Methodist Church Celebrates Old Fashioned Sunday School

Many churches today have education buildings with individual classrooms for Sunday School, but only a few years ago in most churches Sunday School classes were held in different corners of the sanctuary, with the primary class held in the Fellowship Hall. Wesley United Methodist Church recently held its Annual Old Fashioned Sunday School to celebrate our past and to remind us of just how blessed we are today.



(Left to right) Pastor Sylvester Chase, Guest Superintendent Dr. Reginald Christopher and Superintendent Emeritus Dr. W. Charles Akins oversee this year's Annual Old Fashioned Sunday School at Wesley United Methodist Church. (Photo by L.G. Connor)

The theme was "Economic Empowerment Through Christ" based upon I Chronicles 4:9-10, Acts 2:35 and Proverbs 28:19, 27 of the Holy Bible. The Guest Superintendent this year was Dr. Reginald Christopher, who joined several men in commemorating the day by wearing old fashioned overalls, dress shirt, tie and jacket. Dr. W. Charles Akins, Superintendent Emeritus of the Old Fashioned Sunday School introduced current Superintendent Roy Harris, who introduced Christopher. Also in attendance was Rev. Sylvester Chase, Pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church.

The choir set the atmosphere opening Sunday School with a congregational song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," followed with a solo of "He's an On Time God" by June Murphy. The choir was led by Music Director LaMonica Lewis and accompanied by Barry Franklin, who played the piano. Anyone who has ever heard Franklin on piano, organ or anything with a keyboard knows that with him, it's never just playing an instrument.

Superintendent Christopher gave his perspective on the lesson, encouraging those attending to not look to the government or any stimulus package for economic empowerment, but rather look to the Source, God. He cited several examples in the Bible where people looked to God, relied on Him and then followed God's guidance. He challenged the audience to answer the question within themselves, "How well do we do with managing what God has given us?" Then he tapped the button on the little silver bell that resonated throughout the sanctuary as a signal for all classes to dismiss to their appropriate places.

Ten classes met in small group spread over the sanctuary, with one meeting in the lounge. The noise of teachers emphasizing their points was challenging to those of us who have become used to separate classrooms, but the sense of unity of purpose and the joy of remembering the good ole days of going to Sunday School when everyone knew each other and we all met in our different corners of the sanctuary made it all worth it.



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# David Chapel to host Welcome Ministries Celebration

David Chapel will be having her Welcome Ministries Annual Celebration on Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. The program theme is "Job Description: Excellence". The scripture reference for the theme is Colossians 3:23 - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. This celebration will occur at David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 2211 E. MLK Blvd., Austin, TX.

The Special Guest for this occasion will be Dr. Charles Maze, the pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Temple, TX. Dr. Maze currently serves as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the St. John Regular Baptist District Association, Vice-President of the St. John District Congress of Christian Workers, Writer of Church School Literature for the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. International, Instructor in the National Baptist Congress of Christian Workers of NBCA, Inc. International, Chairman of Church Growth and Development Board for the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. International and Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Education Board of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of



Pastor Joseph C. Parker  
Pastor of David Chapel

Texas. Rev. Maze earned a Doctorate of Philosophy Degree in Theology from the Northfield University of London, England and received a Doctorate of Evangelism Degree from the American International Bible Institute and Seminary of Killeen, TX. The public is invited to this program. For further information call 472-9748.

# Missions Annual Service at Lone Star

Lone Star Missionary Baptist Church, 268 Shiloh Road, Bastrop, Rev. Fred Blackman, Pastor, cordially invites each and everyone to their department of missions annual service, Sunday, March 21, 2010, @ 7:00 AM.

The guest speaker will be Rev. M. C. Walker, pastor of 19th Street Baptist Church, Austin, TX.

The guest soloist will be Sister Delois Baker, of Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Cedar Creek, TX., Elder R. R. Harper, Pastor. Theme: Christian Women: Faithfulness is a service to God through others. Matthew 19:16-30

For more information contact Sister Hattie McMarion @ 512-303-6823.

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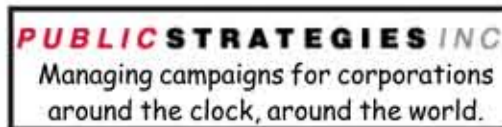
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### Have a save and fun Spring Break



**Jaylon Knighten**  
Campbell Elementary  
This week we will be out of school for Spring Break. On Friday and Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> the Spurs 10U

played our final games for the season. We were eliminated after losing on Saturday 15-23. Our 6U team lost the Championship game but was able to receive the first place title in the City Wide Tournament held last Saturday. We had a fun time watching all the coaches come together and play against each other in a game of basketball. At the end of the day all the teams was given a participation medal for playing basketball. Hope everyone has a Safe and fun Spring Break.

### Spring Break is finally here



**Jeremy Henderson**  
McCallum High School

This Week is Spring Break and everyone is excited, because we get a week away from school and get to have fun, spend time with

family and friends and finally get to some rest and relaxation. We have been waiting for Spring Break ever since the second semester started and this has been a long semester. I can't wait to spend time with my family and see my cousins and have lots of fun. I hope that everyone enjoys their spring break and have lots of fun, but be safe and come back in one piece and don't get in any trouble. Once again, everyone have a awesome and super Spring Break and enjoy your week off, because I know I will. Until Next Time....

### Weekend at the Domain



**Marcus Armendariz**  
Stony Point High School

Last week I was able to visit with my sisters. My sister from Chicago and her husband along with my sister and nephew from Fredericksburg were in town for the weekend. We had fun. We spent the weekend at a

hotel in the Domain. The hotel was awesome. There was a heated pool, a lounge and a weight room. We also went shopping at some of the stores in the Domain. In the Sony Systems store I tried to pitch a perfect game on Major League Baseball 2K10. You would be entered in a drawing to win \$100,000,000. I tried and failed.

At Stony Point High School we had our first Pep Rally since the end of the Tiger Football season. The Pep Rally was to kickoff the Spring Break. The Pep Rally was really fun.

Enjoy your Spring Break and thanks for reading!

### A very exciting week at KAC



**Lexus Wren**  
KIPP Austin Collegiate

On Thursday March 11, 2010 the freshman went to Texas Lutheran University in Sequin TX. We got to walk all around the campus and eat in the dining hall. The sophomores went to Southwestern University in Georgetown. On Friday March 12,

2010 the freshman went to the Imax to see Arabia in 3d. Then we went to clean up Bartholomew park as a community service project.

The sophomores went to city hall and a waste treatment plant. Then when we returned to school we had the soccer game but it was changed from being teacher vs. Student to be Students vs. Students, but teachers were mixed into the student teams, the red team won 1 to 0.

KAC raised 1,635 dollars so when we come back from spring break we get to wear anything we want for that week, so thanks to everyone that contributed to help raising money.

### Public Forum to Highlight Huston-Tillotson University's Technological Advances

(AUSTIN, Texas) – Huston-Tillotson University, one of the most wired independent higher education institutions in Texas, will host a public forum that showcases its technological advances. "Digital Media Literacy in Networked Learning Environments" will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2010, from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in King-Seabrook Chapel, 900 Chicon Street.

Huston-Tillotson University is one of three historically black institutions chosen by the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) to showcase its technology offerings. UNCF's \$100,000 grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation helped launch public forums in order to demonstrate how African American youth utilize cell phones, digital video, iPods, Facebook, and MySpace social networking applications to name a few as well as how faculty research and innovative applications of digital media impact minority communities.

The thousands of Huston-Tillotson University students, faculty, and staff utilize hundreds of computers daily, have access to some of the latest technology through the Thunder™ Virtual Flipchart™ System, the

brain child of Polyvision Corporation, and tap wireless Internet campus wide. Perhaps more importantly, the University benefits from faculty who integrate technology into classroom instruction as well as co-curricular activities.

Presentations include "Google Maps" by Mike Hart, HT assistant professor of English/Communication and student Lilibeth Jones; and panelists Dr. Katynka Z. Martinez, assistant professor, Department of Raza Studies, College of Ethnic Studies, San Francisco State University; Dr. Nichole Pinkard, visiting associate professor, College of Computing and Digital Media, DePaul University; Dr. S. Craig Watkins, associate professor, Departments of Radio-Television and Sociology and the Center for African and African-American Studies, the University of Texas at Austin; and Dr. Clarissa Myrick-Harris, director, Curriculum and Faculty Enhancement Program, United Negro College Fund, Institute for Capacity Building, as moderator.

The forum is free and open to the public with a box lunch served. To register, visit <http://vovici.com/wsb.dll/s/12ff7g435cd>, [www.htu.edu](http://www.htu.edu), or call 512.505.3073.

### The Police Activities League begins a Basketball Program

The Police Activities League of Austin, a community outreach program initiated by Chief of Police Art Acevedo in 2007, will begin a Basketball Program. Opening Ceremonies will be hosted Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the Boys and Girls Club located at 901 Thompson Street, Austin, TX 78702.

Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo will speak as well as Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez, and Mark Kiester, the CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Austin. Following the speakers cake cutting and youth activities will be available.

The Austin Police Activities League is designed to support at-risk youth in our community by offering these children a safe place to gather and enjoy educational and social benefits, as well as athletic opportunities. The goal of PAL is to actively involve police officers in their after-school and summer hours to aid in preventing and combating juvenile delinquency and to promote and improve the moral and civic standards of youth.

For more information about the Austin PAL program contact SPO Eric Oakmon at 512-322-2351.

### Next African American Men and Boys/Women and Girls Conference set for March 27 at Dobie Middle School



**Mark Washington**

Dobie Middle School is the site for the next Man and Boys/Women and Girls Conference, on March 27th, 2010. The conference will feature **Dynamic Keynote Speaker - Mark Washington**, the Director of Human Resources and Civil Service for the City of Austin. As the Director of Human Resources and Civil Service, Washington provides the Human Resources support for the city's workforce of about 11,000 employees in all areas of recruitment, selection, classification, compensation, training, benefits, safety training and risk management. Washington previously served as the assistant director of Human Resources for the City of Fort Worth where he worked for 13 years.

The special guest will be **Miss Black Texas USA 2010 Zakiya Larry**. With her voice she commands a hearing. With her style she commands attention. With her walk she commands a second look. She is Miss Black Texas USA 2010 Zakiya Larry.

This Memphis, TN native planted roots in Texas by enrolling in Texas Southern University. She was part of the internationally renowned Debate Team and won first place in inter-



**Zakiya Larry**

national competition in Rome, Italy. Since then she has also conducted communications workshops in Johannesburg, South Africa. Miss Larry's most treasured speaking engagement was in the East Room at the White House, broadcast live in 160 countries. Graduating with honors, Zakiya earned her Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism. She is affiliated with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and National Association of Black Journalists. Currently, she is the communication director for the March of Dimes. In this capacity she is faced with the issue of premature babies on a daily basis. It is her desire to be more actively involved in drawing attention to this issue and her participation in the Miss Black Texas USA pageant will help to do that. Out of this concern was born her platform: P.A.M.P.E.R.S. - Prematurity Awareness for Moms and Pre-conception women to End Risks and Symptoms. She believes that by starting at the root of the premature baby problem to raise awareness, life can be exponentially improved for moms, babies, and the community at large.

For more information call 291-6081.

### Austin School District Hosts Community Conversations on 2010-2011

The Austin School District will host the first of three community conversations on the 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, at Anderson High School, located at 8403 Mesa Drive.

These meetings will include a brief presentation by the District's Chief Financial Officer and an opportunity for the Superintendent and Trustees to hear citizen feedback about the Preliminary Budget. The dates and loca-

tions for the other two meetings are as follows:

March 25 Reagan High School Cafeteria, 7104 Berkman Drive, 6 - 8 PM

March 30 Travis High School Cafeteria, 1211 E. Oltorf, 6 - 8 PM

Light refreshments, child care and translation services will be provided.

Copies of the District's Budget can be found on-line at [http://www.austinsd.org/inside/docs/AISD\\_budgetPrelim\\_Budget.pdf](http://www.austinsd.org/inside/docs/AISD_budgetPrelim_Budget.pdf)

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-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## African American Men and Boys Harvest Foundation host Open House



COME ON DOWN—Michael Lofton, Founder and Executive Director of the African American Men and Boys Harvest Foundation invited community friends, sponsor and well wishers to an Open House celebration Friday, March 12 at their new location at 6633 Highway 290 East, Suite 307. Lofton (top left) give the visitors an overview of the new location. AAmBHF has osted 37 school-based conferences since 2006 and has become one of the more popular programs for youth in the city. The next Men and Boys/Women and Girls Conference will be held Saturday, March 27 at Dobie Middle School. Staff photo

## Obama's 40-yard Dash for Health Care Reform, But Not in Its Original Form

By Stephon Johnson  
Special to the NNPA  
from the Amsterdam  
News

(NNPA) - President Barack Obama and the majority of the Democrats in Washington have heard everything they needed to hear, positive and negative, about health care and are ready for a vote. Question is: When will the vote happen? Democrats have used campaign-style tactics the past several weeks to push the benefits of the health care plan. But the election for America's right to free health care doesn't have an end date. And that's a problem. It's given cable news outlets and political talk radio more time to dice out details of the bill and push them to the forefront in order to dissuade Americans from favoring the bill. Obama showed that he's keen to this on Tuesday when he made derisive comments towards the Republican Party and health insurance companies. "You see all the pundits, talking over each other on the cable shows, yelling, shouting," said Obama. "They can't help themselves." One of the many issues surrounding health care reform is the concept of reconciliation legislation, a process in which a bill can be passed by a simple majority. Republicans used reconciliation six times during the George W. Bush presidency and have now collectively declared that this process would be, in the words of

Sarah Palin, "shoving this bill down America's throat." Republicans have repeatedly claimed that they wanted to start with a "clean sheet of paper" and some Democrats have screamed "single payer or bust" since last spring. Everything points to a compromised plan that might not satisfy anyone. Case in point: Nebraska Sen. Ben Nelson. Last month, Nelson needed an extra push for him to vote for health care reform and the fix came in the form of 100 percent federal funding for Nebraska's Medicaid expansion, in perpetuity, with other benefits dumped in the laps of locally based insurance companies. Other state senators and former President Bill Clinton screamed unfair, and Obama and company decided to fix that criticism by increasing Medicaid's federal share to all states until 2017. Despite health care reform not being sold in its original packaging, many pro-reform activists are fighting on Obama's behalf and letting health insurance companies hear their complaints, grievances and concerns. Thousands of protesters took to the streets of Washington on Tuesday to voice their support for health care reform. The coalition of labor and politically liberal groups called "Organizers with Health Care for America Now" criticized the health insurance industry by targeting the Ritz-Carlton hotel on 22nd Street and Avenue M in

Washington. Insurance company leaders were holding a policy conference at the hotel. Demonstrators decided to make a mock citizen's arrest on behalf of the American people when they stopped in front of the hotel to express their anger. Richard Trumka, president of the AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations), screamed "We're declaring this a crime scene!" It was met with raucous applause. Howard Dean, former governor of Vermont and former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, also spoke to the protesters to voice his frustration with a lack of immediate reform. "This is a vote about one thing," he said. "Are you for the insurance companies or for the American people?" While the recent pro-health care protests sound like good news to progressives' ears, the conservative, anti-health care groups are looking to make one more big push to smack down the bill. The Tea Party Express, a caravan of conservative activists, kicks off an anti-health care reform bill tour on March 27 and hopes that the Republicans can stave off a vote on the bill just a little longer. The White House has called on the House of Representatives to pass the Senate version of the health care bill by March 17. Obama's scheduled to leave for a trip to Guam, Indonesia and Australia the following day.

## Eagle Scout Tree Planting Project Honoring Austin Mayor Roy Butler

Grandson of Roy Butler adds to his Grandfather's vision of hike and bike trail

Two legacies of public service will be celebrated on March 20, and Austin will reap the benefits. On Saturday March 20, Boy Scout Grant Butler will lead a tree planting at the southwest corner of Cesar Chavez and Congress, along the Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail. Grant will lead a team of other Scouts in planting 52 trees. This planting will be the community service project required for Grant's application for the rank of Eagle Scout - the highest rank

in Scouting. When finished, the new grove of trees will stand as a gift to the people of Austin, and a lasting tribute to Grant's grandfather, the late Austin Mayor Roy Butler. Grant is dedicating his project to his grandfather, whose leadership - combined with the vision of former First Lady and philanthropist Lady Bird Johnson - led to the creation of the popular Hike and Bike Trail along Lady Bird Lake. Austinites and visitors alike will pass through

the collection of trees in this prime location for decades to come. Grant's Eagle Project also takes place during the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Over the last six years alone, Scouts nationwide have provided nearly 12 million service hours. Grant's tree planting project continues that legacy of service, and will also serve as a kickoff for Scouts across Central Texas to plant a minimum of 100 trees - in honor of Scouting's 100 years.

ment of Transportation and Public Works Department will make presentations and answer questions about bike and pedestrian planning/programming. Participants will then conduct an interactive mapping exercise and put the presented information into practice. The meeting will also set aside time for listing important issues regarding operational transportation, biking, and pe-

destrian community needs. The Neighborhood Plan process is a collaborative effort between neighborhood stakeholders and City staff and will culminate in a St. John/Coronado Hills Neighborhood Plan. For more information visit: [http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/planning/neighborhood/sj\\_ch.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/planning/neighborhood/sj_ch.htm)

## Varying Reports Speculate on Tiger's return to golf

Special to the NNPA from the St. Louis American (NNPA) Depending on what you read, Tiger Woods is either headed for a comeback in as little as two weeks - or sticking to his hiatus from golf.

The Associated Press is reporting Woods intends to remain out of golf at least until the Masters, according to two people with knowledge of his plans. ESPN's Tom Rinaldi, citing a source "in the Woods camp," echoed the AP report. A report in the New York Post has Woods playing in two weeks, at the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill in Orlando.

Meanwhile, Woods' longtime friend, Mark O'Meara, told the Golf Channel last week that he "wouldn't be surprised" if Woods played during the Tavistock Cup, a competition between two high-profile golf clubs in Orlando where several prominent PGA Tour players are members. The tournament is scheduled for March 22-23 at Isleworth.

The event would be a good way for Woods to ease back into competitive play, O'Meara told the Golf Channel.

"It's been a rough road the last three or four months in Tiger's life and his family's life," O'Meara said on the network. "It's a very difficult situation. Golf is what Tiger does, and possibly part of the healing process is to get back at it."

Woods has been practicing at Isleworth near his Orlando home the last two weeks, and swing coach Hank Haney flew there during the weekend to work with him. That led to speculation Thursday he was close to



Tiger Woods, Worlds number 1 golfer readies for comeback

playing again.

The two people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because only Woods is supposed to release such information, say he is likely to play first at Augusta National in April.

The only other time Woods played a major after such a long layoff was the 2006 U.S. Open at Winged Foot, when he was out nine weeks coping with his father's death. That's where he missed the cut for the first time at a major.

Woods has not played since Nov. 15, when he won the Australian Masters in Melbourne for his 82nd career victory. Twelve days later, he crashed his SUV into a tree near his Florida home, setting off revelations he had been cheating on his wife.

Two golf sources said former presidential press secretary Ari Fleischer, who

helped craft Mark McGwire's 's return to baseball from his self-imposed exile following allegations of steroid use, has been working with Woods to chart a course for Woods' return to professional golf, the Post reported.

"[Woods and Fleischer] were in his living room this week going over a strategy for how to handle Bay Hill in two weeks," one source said, according to the report.

A second source said, "I would be shocked if he didn't play the Arnold Palmer," according to the Post.

Woods has won the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill six times, claiming four straight titles from 2000 through 2003 and two more in 2008-09.

Information from Espn.com, The Associated Press, The New York Post and Golf.com contributed to this report.

## UCI Black Student Union Protests, the Disappearing Black Student

By Dianne Anderson Special to the NNPA from the Precinct Reporter IRVINE, Calif. (NNPA) - Scorn over the state's severe education cuts brought out multi-thousands of students, teachers, and advocates to the front lines in protest at a Day of Action for Public Education against tuition hikes and policies that are costing Black and Brown students their higher education.

Combined with a decade-long fallout from Proposition 209, Black students at most all University of California campuses can barely get a foot in the door.

For those who have made it into the university, they are truly the minority and, lately, increasingly dealing with issues of isolation or straight out discrimination.

During the Day of Action, Shacole Hamlett, a sophomore at University of California at Irvine, was part of a group of Black students who showed how silence speaks volumes toward the problems at her campus. During UC Black Student Union Day of Action March 4, Hamlett was part of a group of Black Student Union students who laid down on the ground at the campus with their mouths taped shut to prove a point and protest increased campus racial hostility.

She said that the sentiment is that Black students are expected to just shut up and deal with their problems.

"Our Day of Action was really powerful," said Hamlett, BSU spokesperson. "In recent events, a lot of Black people have been labeled 'complainers,' and an article was written by someone at the school that Black history month and Black clubs is just to 'cry eternal victimhood,' and 'self-segre-

gate."

She said that White students stood over the Black students, and handed out fliers explaining the situation as part of the protest. At the UCI campus, Black students comprise barely 2 percent of students.

Hamlett, who is majoring in social sciences with a multicultural emphasis, said half of the problem is the campus has such poor outreach to African American students.

Because of Proposition 209, race cannot be a consideration for outreach programs. However, with state funding, direct recruitment allows going out to high schools to recruit underprivileged or communities of color. At one point, the Summer Bridge program allowed that type of outreach, but funding has since been cut.

"Outreach is part of the problem since we don't have retention and recruitment centers," she said, adding that recent BSU meetings with the university's vice chancellor and associated student leaders look promising for improvements.

"They're going to be working closely with us to try to make this a reality," she said. "We're also going to make this a referendum and get funding from the student body next year as well if we do not get enough funding from the Chancellor's office and ASUCI."

Part of the answer, she said, is that students should be mandated to take Multicultural Studies as a core requirement for freshmen so that they can become familiar with other cultures.

"It's so that they won't be having parties like the 'Compton cookout,' so they can understand the history of these things," she said, refer-

ring to the UC San Diego notorious fraternity race-bashing party. That university has 1.3 percent Black students.

The protests united a few strong themes across the state and the nation, including education under a crushing budget and glaring absence of Black students. Currently, UCI and UCSD have the lowest African American attendance.

Andres Gonzales agrees outreach and retention are at the root of the problem.

"There's no high school outreach program within UCI that targets minority students who might be available to come to the school," said Gonzales, executive Vice-President, Interfraternity Council and Associated Students of UCI.

In the Day of Action, at one point he said that some 600 students had marched a one mile circumference in protest. Black and Brown students are discouraged from applying because they are not aware of the financial aid, he said, and that students of color have certain advantages in the application process when it comes to scholarships. But, they don't know it and no one is making an effort to tell them.

Not helping matters is that ethnic studies, which is usually an attraction for students of color, has been cut from curriculum. "The problem is that we're not really out there trying to get the high school students to come. And once they get here, we're cutting minority ethnic studies first," he said.

It sends a message that Black students are not wanted at the university, he said. He said, "those are the classes that are cut first because the [minority] enrollment is not a priority and those are the classes that get cut the fastest"

# The Austin City Council

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

The Austin City Council will meet on March 25, 2010 at the City Hall to discuss and vote on several issues that are vital to the functioning of the city, such as contracts and land management, aviation, code compliance, emergency medical services, health and human services, purchasing, and other departments within the city government.

Furthermore, both of the Round Rock and Killen City Councils will meet on March 16, 2010. Consequently, the council members' vote will affect the entire city. Also, the city will hold public hearings in which the public can participate in the discussion.

Although the Council plans to discuss and to vote on fifty-two items, there are a few that are worth highlighting because of their impacts. The Austin City Council plans to meet on March 25, 2010 to approve the minutes of the last council meeting. In regards to the Austin Energy, the City Council plans to review the March 12, 2010 minutes that authorizes the acquisition of approximately 5.87 acres of permanent electric easements from the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department at the Morris Wil-

liams Golf Course located at 4305 Manor Road, Austin, Texas, for construction of an electric substation, transmission and distribution lines, and a drainage area, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. Funding is available in the 2009-2010 Capital Budget of Austin Energy."

The council will "approve an ordinance accepting Downtown Austin Alliance grant funds in the amount of \$30,000; amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office (EGRSO) Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance 20090914-002 to appropriate \$30,000 in grant funds; and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 EGRSO Capital Budget of Ordinance 20090914-003 to appropriate \$30,000 from the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 EGRSO Special Revenue Fund for bicycle racks. Funding in the amount of \$30,000 is available from the Downtown Austin Alliance.

The Art in Public Places unanimously approved the artists' proposals on February 2, 2009; the Austin Arts Commission reviewed the project on December 15, 2008 and approved the artwork on April 20, 2009; The Urban

Transportation Commission approved a resolution of support on March 10, 2009. The projects were presented to the Historic Landmark Commission for comments on January 26, 2009 and the staff recommended approval. The Downtown Commission approved the placement of the bike racks on April 15, 2009 and The Design Commission approved the projects on March 30, 2009." Also, set for public hearing, the council will "consider the use of approximately 13,780 square feet permanent wastewater line, approximately 35,982 square feet temporary working space uses, to construct, use, maintain, repair, and replace a wastewater line for construction of a portion of the Seaholm Wastewater Modifications Project through dedicated parkland known as Town Lake Shoal Beach and Shoal Creek Greenbelt, in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. (Suggested date and time: April 22, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, TX). All costs associated with construction, as well as any park land restoration will be paid by requester."

## The African Diaspora Section

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

### Ghana, the Sub-Saharan Independent Country Celebrates

In the month of March, the nation of Ghana celebrates its independence day, which marks one of the first break-aways of colonial rule. After the nation of Ghana declared its independence, other African countries in the Sub-Saharan Africa also sought their freedom, such as: Guinea (October 2, 1958); Togo (April 27, 1960); Ivory Coast and a host of other countries. In other words, Ghana served as a role model for all other African countries. Also, Ghana's past and present continue to affect the relationship between African Americans and Africans. Although it was one of the first, Ghana has faced both gloomy days and also glorious days. Moreover, to better understand Ghana we must look at its history.

Ghana was the first place in the Sub-Sahara in which slaves and gold were traded. After the arrival of the Portuguese in the 15th Century, the coast was transformed into a trade post. From its coast, gold and thousands

of African slaves departed to the New World of the Americas. Once, these African slaves arrived to the coast, they realized that they would never again see the continent and family. In 1857, Ghana became an official British colony, although their first presence in Ghana dated back from the 16th century with their involvement with the trade of gold and slaves. In 1957, led by the charismatic leader, Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana received its independence.

After Ghana became an independent country, it faced both gloomy days and glorious days. From 1966 to 1991, Ghana suffered from military takeovers, lack of human rights and at times weak economic performance. Despite the cloudy and tough days, the nation of Ghana remained united and persevered. From 1992 to the present, Ghana has seen some stable and prosperous times. For instance, the nation of Ghana went through several elections, which were deemed fair.

Also, there were several transfers of power from one elected official to another without the intervention of the military or violence. Furthermore, Ghana's economy has become one of the most prosperous in West Africa.

Moreover, African Americans and the nation of Ghana have more in common than otherwise. From the coast of Ghana, thousands of slaves left the continent to work the plantations of the New World and also worked as free laborers which greatly benefited and added to the prosperity of the United States. The independence of Ghana in the 1950's also inspired numerous amounts of civil rights movements and leaders.

Furthermore, numerous African American have settled in Ghana, which can be estimated into the thousands. Finally, the official visit of president Obama marked Ghana reinforcing the historic and future link between the nation of Ghana and the United States.



Map of Ghana



## Austin Metro News



Karen Sage



Mindy Montford

### Capital Area Democrat Women

On March 11, 2010, the Capital Area Democrat Women held their bi-weekly luncheon on the East side of Austin. During this time, they held a discussion on how to

turn Texas into a "blue" democratic state. In other words, they discussed the overall way to get their candidates elected throughout Travis County and the entire State of

Texas. Moreover, it was time to discuss and find ways to better implement strategies for the party. Also, present at the discussion were several candidates, such as Karin Crump, Tim Sulak, Rebecca Bell-Meterau, State Representatives Valinda Bolton, Diane Maldonado, and Howard.

### April 13th, Runoffs

On March 2, 2010, none of the candidates for the 299th Judicial District race received the 50% threshold that would avoid a runoff. However, two candidates that include Mindy Montford and Karen Sage received the most votes in that race. Consequently, both Mindy and Karen will be facing each other in a heated primary race to become the next Judge of the 299th Judicial District. Moreover, both candidates in the next weeks will be furiously campaigning throughout Travis County. As a result, the Villager will be covering the importance of this court and both candidates so that the voters can make an informed decision.

Mindy Montford and Karen Sage both have a deep understanding of the law and the importance of justice. Both have gotten valuable work and life experiences that they can bring to this court. Both candidates have been

involved in the community and with the party. However, the dilemma is that the voters must only choose one candidate.

Moreover, the voters would have to delineate based on the agenda and the charisma of the candidates. In other words, the voters, especially on the Eastside will choose between candidates like Mindy Montford that have been involved in Austin politics for a long time; or if given a chance, a new face to

Austin politics like Karen Sage, an opportunity.

Both candidates will be campaigning to become a judge of the 299th Judicial Court, which would affect the lives of people on either side of the law. Furthermore, the 299th Judicial Court is a criminal court that covers the entire Travis County which handles felony cases, such as murder, aggravated robbery, and sexual assault, as well as certain cases involving the possession and delivery of

narcotics. Moreover, the judge in these cases can give sentences that range from probation to life imprisonment and at times death sentences. As a result, the minority community who at times don't get a fair treatment by the judicial system must understand the importance of this court and how it will affect the community as a whole. Consequently, in the coming weeks, we will go into details on who the candidates are and how they can deliver fair justice.

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**City of Austin Purchasing Office  
Advertisements 03/15/2010**

On October 2, 1995, a revision to the City's MBE/WBE DBEs Ordinance became effective. The Ordinance establishes new goals for MBE/WBE or DBE Participation Bid/Proposal. Bidders are required to document efforts to solicit MBE/WBE or DBEs in the Compliance Plan. The Goals for each project and the instructions and forms for the Compliance Plan are included in the MBE/WBE or DBE Program Packet included in the solicitation. For construction contracts, the MBE/WBE or DBE Program Packet is a separately bound volume of the Project Manual. ALL BIDS AND COMPLIANCE PLANS NOT RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME SET FORTH WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER UNOPENED. SPECIAL NOTICE: Solicitations issued on behalf of the Electric Utility Dept. (Austin Energy) are no longer advertised in the Austin American Statesman. Notices will be posted on the City of Austin Purchasing website at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/purchase>

**A. CONSTRUCTION ADVERTISEMENTS - ALL CONSTRUCTION SEALED BIDS** addressed to the City of Austin will be received PRIOR TO date and time indicated for the following project(s), in the Reception Area, 10th FL., Ste. 1045, Contract and Land Management Department, CLMD, One Texas Center (OTC), 505 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX, then publicly opened and read aloud in the 10th FL. Conference Room, Ste. 1045, unless otherwise indicated in the advertisement. All Bids received after the time set forth will be returned to the bidder unopened. The OWNER's Official opening the Bids shall establish the time for opening of the Bids. All Bid Deposits are refundable upon return of documents within the specified time frame and in good condition, unless otherwise indicated. UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, Project Manuals, Plans and Addenda may be obtained at the Office of Engineering Design & Surveying, PWD, Ste. 760, OTC. First time bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to assure their understanding of Owner's bidding and contracting requirements, particularly M/WBE Procurement Program requirements. Cashiers or Certified Check Payable to the City of Austin or acceptable Bid Bond must accompany each bid. Bidders will be required to provide Payment/Performance bonds as specified in the bidding documents. The City reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any informality in the bids received.

Bidders must attend any Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and are encouraged to attend any non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference to ensure their understanding of Owner's bidding and contracting requirements, particularly MBE/WBE Procurement Program requirements. If the Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory the Bidder must arrive and sign-in within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled start time of the meeting, otherwise the Bidder will not be allowed to submit a Bid for the project.

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**B. SERVICES AND SYSTEMS CONTRACTING / C. COMMODITIES-** Solicitations will be issued, and sealed bids or proposals may be received at the Purchasing Office, Municipal Building, 124 W. 8th St., 3rd floor, Room 308/310, telephone number (512) 974-2500, Austin, TX until the dates and times specified on following item(s):

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3. CB30017 MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF BOATHOUSE AT WALLER CREEK ON LADY BIRD LAKE. A Vendor Conf will be held at 200 S. Lamar Blvd., PARD Board Room at 1:00P on 3/24/10. Offers due prior to 10:00A on 4/14/10.

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**MBE/WBE/HUB**

Austin-Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center dba Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC) is currently soliciting proposals through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for Health, Dental, Life/AD&D, Voluntary Life/AD&D, Long Term Disability, EAP and Voluntary Benefits. RFPs may be picked up between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 9500 Arboretum Blvd., Suite 100, Austin, TX 78759, beginning Monday, March 15, 2010. RFPs may also be mailed or sent electronically, by contacting Rebecca Hawes at [Rebecca\\_K\\_Hawes@acon.com](mailto:Rebecca_K_Hawes@acon.com) or by fax at (866) 321-0902. The deadline to submit a proposal under the RFP is 3 p.m. on April 2, 2010. Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs), including Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Businesses, are encouraged to apply.

Austin-Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center dba Austin Travis County Integral Care is currently soliciting bids through an Invitation for Bids process for Public Relations Services for a Community Awareness Program. Bid specifications will be posted on the State of Texas Electronic State Business Daily website at <http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/>. Bid specifications may also be picked up between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 1430 Collier St., Austin, TX 78704, beginning Monday, March 8, 2010. Bid specifications may also be mailed or sent electronically to interested parties, by contacting Arianna Ramos at (512) 440-4062 or [arianna.ramos@atcic.org](mailto:arianna.ramos@atcic.org). The deadline for bid submission is 4:00 p.m. April 9, 2010. Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs), including Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Businesses, are encouraged to apply.

Austin Community College District is requesting bids from qualified business entities for the purpose of selecting a provider for parking lot maintenance services.

**Invitation for Bids  
No. 913-10012RW**

All bids must be submitted to the Purchasing Department by no later than 2:00 p.m., Central Time, on April 8, 2010.

The Invitation for Bids document is available in the ACC Purchasing Office [(512) 223-1044] between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or on the ACC Purchasing website at <http://www.austincec.edu/purchase/advertisedsbids.php> ACC Purchasing Office will be closed for Spring Break March 13 - March 21, 2010. Normal business hours resume March 22, 2010; 8:00 AM. All responses must be sealed and returned to the ACC Purchasing Office, ACC Service Center, 9101 Tuscany Way, Austin, Texas 78754, by the date and time indicated above. Electronically transmitted responses will NOT be accepted unless otherwise stated in the documents. Late submissions will be retained unopened.

The ACC Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and/or all responses and waive all formalities in the solicitation process.

**AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (ACC)**

is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to provide Financial Audit Services.

**Request for Proposals  
No. 918-10013VJ**

Completed proposals must be submitted to the Purchasing Department by no later than Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 2:00 P.M., Central Time. Proposal packages are available on the ACC Purchasing website at <http://www.austincec.edu/purchase/>.

In addition, after ACC Spring Break the proposal document will be available in the ACC Purchasing Office [(512) 223-1044] between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

ACC Business Offices will be closed for the college spring break during 13-21 March 2010. No physical pick-ups of proposal packages, answering of phone calls or emails will be available during this time.

Proposals, when submitted, must be properly identified, sealed, and returned to the ACC Purchasing Office, ACC Service Center, 9101 Tuscany Way, Austin, Texas 78754, by the deadline for submission. Electronically transmitted responses will not be accepted. Late proposals will be retained unopened.

ACC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, to waive informalities or technicalities, to clarify ambiguities, and to award items or groups of items as may be in the best interest of ACC.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To all persons interested in the estate of SCOTT CAMERON BLAYNEY AKA SCOTT C. BLAYNEY Deceased, No. C-1-PB-10-000384 in Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas. WILBERT K. BLAYNEY alleged heir (s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on March 05, 2010, an application for Probate of Will, Issuance of Letters Testamentary, and to Determine Heirship in the said estate and request (s) that said court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said SCOTT CAMERON BLAYNEY AKA SCOTT C. BLAYNEY Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Travis County, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Travis County, Texas, on March 10, 2010. Dana DeBeauvoir County Clerk, Travis, County Texas P. O. Box 149325 Austin, Texas 78714-9325. By Deputy: D. Mendez

**Prairie View A&M appoints New Executive Director for Foundation**

Clifford W. Grimes is a 32 year philanthropic executive with 23 years at the senior management level. On February 14, 2010 Mr. Grimes was appointed the first Executive Director of the Prairie View A&M Foundation. In this role he is charged with revenue growth, relationship management between the Foundation, Prairie View A&M University, Texas A&M System, donors and alumni, strategic positioning and governance in support of the Board of Trustees.

In a concurrent role he serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Victoria County United Way in Victoria, Texas. Reporting to a Board of Directors, Mr. Grimes oversees organizational development, volunteer and donor relationships, revenue growth, talent development and management, community investment, and coalition building.

He served the United Way of Central Carolinas from 2003 to 2009 and was appointed Senior Vice President Community Building in December 2007. Mr. Grimes was responsible for the regional investment of United Way campaign dollars to pro-



**Clifford W. Grimes**

grams/agencies to advance the "the common good" of Central Carolina communities. Departments and initiatives under his leadership include Community Investments, 211, Volunteer Center, Public Policy, Planning, Research, EFSF, Leading the Way, Focus Area and Strategic Grants and other business lines/efforts.

From March 2003 to November 2007 he served as the Vice President of Operations planning and managing the operational aspects of a multi-million dollar annual United Way campaign. Duties involved directing and managing cross-functional initiatives emanating from the annual Resource Development and United Way of Central Carolinas Strategic Plan, continuous improvements, and interdepartmental integration of Resource Development systems, products and services in support of revenue generation and volunteer growth in support of a \$45 million dollar campaign.

Clifford has held numerous positions in his ca-

reer having served seven United Ways in communities throughout the United States. He has held senior level positions in fund distribution, community initiatives, fundraising, agency relations and community planning.

He is a skilled fundraiser and has experience in strategic planning, program development, personnel management, volunteer and staff recruitment and development budgeting, research project management, fund distribution, government relations, special events planning and conflict resolution. He has received numerous awards and honors from governmental and non-profit organizations.

He finds the time to serve as the Principal & Managing Partner of "RC Journey", a firm specializing in engaging corporations and local, state, and federal entities with opportunities to improve their philanthropic position by building relationships with non-profits and other partners to change conditions on issues of concern locally and nationally.

Clifford earned his bachelor's degree in Sociology and a minor in Economics from Indiana State University. He is a United Way of America & Annie E. Casey Foundation Fellow at Harvard University's, John F. Kennedy School of Government; has chaired and sat on the Boards of Directors of numerous organizations.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF TRAVIS COUNTY  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC), in Austin, Texas, is soliciting applications for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director is the chief executive officer of HATC and its affiliated organization, the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation of Travis County (SHFC). Both HATC and SHFC are organized and operate under the Local Government Code of the State of Texas.

HATC owns and operates 105 units in its public housing program financed primarily with federal funds administered by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and 49 non-federal affordable housing units. HATC also administers more than 590 federally funded Housing Choice Vouchers for low-income individuals and families. HATC has an operating budget of \$7.3 million in fiscal year 2010.

Organized in 2004, SHFC is authorized to issue revenue bonds to finance affordable housing acquisition or development. Through its role as general partner in development limited partnerships it generates revenues to support HATC operations in anticipation of future reductions in federal funding for public housing programs. SHFC issued approximately \$35 million in bonds to finance the acquisition of 170 affordable homes through its lease purchase program. The successful completion of this program has been jeopardized by economic uncertainties, which has had a negative impact on SHFC and HATC anticipated revenues, and consequently has generated increased financial uncertainty. SHFC has also developed 470 affordable apartment units under the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.

HATC has been classified as a "troubled PHA" by HUD and is currently subject to a special audit of the HUD Office of Inspector General stemming from an alleged misapplication of federal funds approximating \$3.1 million. If substantiated by the audit, HATC must repay those federal funds from local funds. The primary source of local funds is the successful continued operation of SHFC. Accordingly, applicants for the position of Executive Director cannot be given any assurance that HATC will continue as a viable public housing authority.

Applicants for the position of Executive Director must have experience in the successful administration of public housing programs, in the development and financing of affordable multifamily housing programs, and asset management and disposition. A working knowledge of HUD policies and procedures governing federal housing programs is essential. The successful applicant must also have demonstrated the ability to lead an organization through periods of instability, including the ability to negotiate (and re-negotiate) complex financial commitments. Preferred experience includes tax credit financing; multiple levels of development of multifamily housing projects; senior level management experience; a minimum of five years experience in affordable housing; and knowledge of federal and state laws and local government ordinances. The HATC Board of Commissioners will negotiate an employment contract with the successful applicant; compensation will be commensurate with experience.

Interested applicants may submit their resumes by mail to the following address:

HATC Search Committee  
C/o Philip W. Barnes  
PO Box 164230  
Austin, Texas 78716-4230

[philbarnes42@gmail.com](mailto:philbarnes42@gmail.com)

Or hand-delivered to:  
Housing Authority of Travis County  
502 East Highland Mall Blvd., Suite 106-B  
Austin, Texas 78752

All inquiries regarding this posting should be directed to

Tommy A. Nobles,  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners  
Housing Authority of Travis County,  
(512) 736-0185

[tommy.nobles@gmail.com](mailto:tommy.nobles@gmail.com)

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE 5PM, APRIL 16, 2010.

(Only mailed applications arriving after that date will be accepted if the postmark is not later than April 13, 2010.)

**REQUEST FOR INTEREST**

Austin-Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center dba Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC) is seeking parties interested in providing Resiliency and Disease Management (RDM) services through a Request for Interest (RFI) notice. To request the RFI, please contact Iris Vanover, Executive Assistant, at [Iris.Vanover@atcic.org](mailto:Iris.Vanover@atcic.org) or 445-7784. Interested parties can also visit [www.integralcare.org](http://www.integralcare.org) to view the RFI. Responses are encouraged by March 30, 2010.

**Employment**

**Austin Community College**

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Specialist, Accounting

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Hours as assigned.

\$3,333-\$4,166/Monthly

Job #1003019

Assistant, Senior Student Financial Aid

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Job #1003020

Specialist, Instructional Design

Round Rock Campus

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

\$3,499-\$4,374/Monthly

Job #1003021

Assistant, Admissions

South Austin Campus

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\$2,256-\$2,820/Monthly

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# Villager Sportsville



By George Hardin SportsBeat

## Ex-Longhorn Edwina Brown is back from European tour

Edwina Brown is continuing to win acclaim after fulfilling her longtime dream to make basketball her profession. The former star at the University of Texas, who was the third overall pick in the 2000 WNBA draft by the Detroit Shock, has played in Europe as well as the United States. "This past season I was in Israel," she said. "I lived in Jerusalem. I'd been there since October. I just returned home a few days ago."

She has been playing power forward in the Israeli Basketball League for ASA Jerusalem. The team's Web site says Brown is a "great all-around player, can play both back court positions" and adds, "she is one of the best all-around players in the league."

During Brown's career as a Longhorn, from 1999 to 2000, she set a number of records that still stand. Among these are 1705 career

points, 517 career assists and 257 career steals. She was named an All-American twice and chosen for the All-Big 12 first team. Brown won the Margaret Wade Trophy in her senior year as the nation's best women's collegiate basketball player. In 2000 she finished in a three-way tie for second place in WNBA Rookie of the Year voting. She also played briefly with the Houston Comets.

Last November Brown was inducted into the UT Women's Athletics Hall of Honor along with four other former UT women student-athletes. She said to receive that recognition "was really great." Referring to her days in pro basketball in the United States Brown said, "I stayed three summers in Detroit. The WNBA is in the summer. After those three years in Detroit I was traded to Phoenix. I spent three summers there, at the same time playing international ball [during the off-season]. I've been to Spain, France, Lebanon and Austria. The bulk of my international career has been in Israel. This is my sixth season in Israel. I've grown fond of

the living conditions there," she said. "I really like it. It's very Americanized. Tel Aviv is similar to New York in that it's like a melting pot. There's a lot of black people over there from Chicago and New York. People go there to vacation and end up wanting to go back and live. Everybody speaks English so it's easy to adjust. As American basketball players we like it there because it's the [international country] most like the United States."

The food there she said is great. "I like to try all kinds of food anyway. They eat really healthy, which is the same way I eat. Everything's fresh, a lot of fruits and vegetables."

As a high school student in Lockhart Brown was the Class 4-A Player of the Year. "I went there [to UT] sort of with expectations, a big head," Brown said. She pointed out that she had played USA select ball and won numerous awards. "I went to the University of Texas and I was in shock," she said. "I was no longer the big fish. I was really a nobody. I had to prove myself." She said she pulled herself together with the support of her family and fellow players. "I started half the

games my freshman year, which is pretty good for a freshman," she said.

Last year Brown founded MAP'D Out (Mentoring Athletes and Providing Dreams). Every year she sponsors three kids and works with them to ensure sportsmanship, scholarship and help them "map out" their plans for the future.

Brown will be director of the South Texas Regional Lady Prodigy Camp April 10-11 at Southwestern University in Georgetown. Jody Conradt will be the guest speaker. Speaking of Conradt, her former coach, Brown said, "She's wonderful. She's an incredible person" besides being a good coach.

The camp is for girls in the sixth through the 10th grade and is mandatory for players who hope to qualify for an invitation to the prestigious National Lady Prodigy Basketball Camp to take place in July in Arlington. For more information, visit Brown's Web site: [www.edwinabrown.com](http://www.edwinabrown.com).

Brown also conducts camps and provides individual and team training through her own organiza-



UT GREAT IS BACK HOME—Edwina Brown, now back in Texas after playing in Israel, is preparing to conduct workshops to teach young players the finer points of basketball. Photo by George E. Hardin.

tion. "I have the heart for it," she said. "I love working with kids. That was my major at UT—youth and community studies. That's my passion. To be able to do what you love, it's really not a job, you know; it's a blessing."

## READY TO ROLL

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010



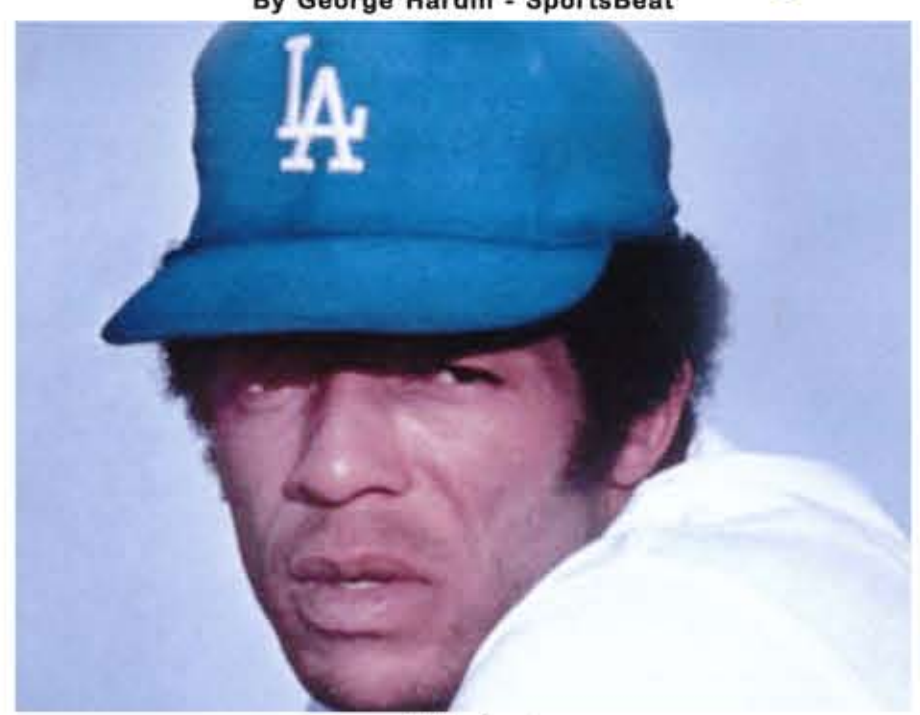
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## Willie Davis, Dodger star, was former Texas Ranger

By George Hardin - SportsBeat



Willie Davis

Willie Davis, who stole 20 or more bases for 11 straight years with the Los Angeles Dodgers, was another player who led an almost obscure life after leaving Major League baseball.

He was the fleet-footed player who succeeded Duke Snider at center field yet he never quite won the acclaim given his teammates such as Jim Gilliam, Sandy Koufax, Don Drysdale and Maury Wills. (Wills still works with the Dodgers as a special instructor.)

A hitting streak of 31 games that Davis set in 1969 remains a record for the Los Angeles Dodgers. It was the longest on record except for Dom DiMaggio's 34-game streak with the Boston Red Sox in 1949. Davis also played for the Texas Rangers, St. Louis Cardinals, San Diego Padres and Montreal Expos.

Davis was found dead at his Burbank, Calif., home, near Dodger Stadium, March 9 apparently of natural causes. Davis, born in Min-

eral Springs, Ark., was 69.

His family moved to Los Angeles when he was a child and he became a standout athlete in baseball, track and field and basketball at Roosevelt High.

Davis ran the 100-yard dash in 9.5 seconds and set a city record for the long jump. He was once considered a likely member of the U.S. Olympic track team. The Dodgers signed him as soon as he finished high school assigning him to the minor league Reno Silver Sox.

Davis was a two-time All-Star and was often compared to Willie Mays. For the 1964 season he had a career high of 64 stolen bases. He played in the World Series in 1963 and 1965 and stole three bases in the 1965 Series, setting a record. His Los Angeles Dodgers records include: at-bats 7,495, hits, 2,091, extra-base hits 585, runs 1,004, triples 110 and total bases 3,094. He also set a record of committing three errors in one inning. He was .279 as a lifetime hitter. He played 2,237

games, surpassed only by Willie Mays (2,827) and Tris Speaker (2,690). He was considered one of the fastest players of his time.

Davis converted to Buddhism and was said to have annoyed teammates because he insisted on engaging in sacred chants before and after games. After leaving Major League Baseball he played in Japanese and Mexican leagues.

In 1996 Davis was arrested at his parents' home after allegedly threatening to kill them and set their house on fire unless he was given \$5,000. He reportedly had a sword and several throwing knives in his possession when police arrived.

At the height of his fame with the Dodgers Brown was a guest star, often playing himself, on several TV shows including "Mr. Ed" and "The Flying Nun." His early life was told in a movie, "Biography of a Rookie: The Willie Davis Story," that was narrated by Mike Wallace, then a little-known TV personality