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University of Texas Hosts Sixth Annual Community Leadership Awards Event

By Angela Wyatt
Villager Reporter

Thursday evening, December 6, 2012 the office of the President and the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement sponsored a wonderful affair, Community Leadership Awards (CLA), where a mass of Austin city and community members and leaders assembled on the grounds of the Carver Museum and Cultural Center to engage in a ceremony, in honoring four superior individuals for their exceptional public service and work on civil rights.

Honorees receiving awards were, Edwin R. Sharp, The Villager newspaper, Nelson Linder and Wilhelmina Delco.

Sharp received the Special Recognition award. He is clinical professor, Department of Educational Administration, The University of Texas at Austin he is former UT System executive vice chancellor and former UT Austin vice president for administration.

Tommy Wyatt accepted the Community Partnership Award for The Villager Newspaper. Wyatt is the founder and publisher of the paper and a founding member of the Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce (CCAACC), the Texas Publishers Association (TPA).

Nelson Linder received the Dr. James L. Hill Community Leadership Circle



(L to R) Dr. Gregory J. Vincent, Award Recipients: Wilhelmina Delco, former State Representative, Dr. Edwin Sharp, UT Department of Educational Administration, Tommy (T. L.) Wyatt, Publisher/Owner of The Villager, Nelson Linder, Austin Chapter NAACP President, and UT President Bill Powers. Photo by Angela Wyatt.

Award. Linder is has been President of the Austin chapter of the NAACP since 2000 and founder of the Garvey/Allen/Washington Project.

Wilhelmina Delco received the Dr. June Brewer Legacy Award. She was the first female speaker pro tempore of the Texas Legislature, a former School Board Trustee, and founder of Austin Community College.

Speakers included University of Texas at Austin, President, Bill Powers, Vice President of DDCE, Dr. Gregory J. Vincent, and the remarkable former State Representative, Wilhelmina Delco. "Each year, the university is honored to recognize individuals and organi-

zations that have helped make our community stronger and more inclusive," said President Bill Powers. Through their courage and leadership, all of our honorees have played a key role in making Austin a city we can be proud of.

"It is with great pleasure that we are honoring individuals who have made exceptional contributions for many years and continue to do so today," said Dr. Vincent. "I'm especially pleased that we are able to recognize the late Dr. James L. Hill by naming the Community Leadership Circle Award in his honor. Dr. Hill was a role model for all of us through his leadership and steadfast dedication to edu-

cation and his community."

"I'm so glad the University has an activity like this because, there are so many people on this side of I-35, where we have an institution that is older than the University of Texas, Huston-Tillotson University, and the relationship between the two and four other institutions in the greater Austin, Travis county area, is that they serve the need of our population. Education has been and always will be the corner stone of economic growth and development, to the extinct where our community, and our students and our young people are under served....Dr. Vincent there is still a whole lot for you to do," said Wilhelmina Delco.

Dr. Gaye Lang Named Senior Advisor on Charter School Turnaround

AUSTIN - Commissioner of Education Michael L. Williams today announced the appointment of Dr. Gaye Lang as a Senior Advisor specifically focused on Charter School Turnaround.

Lang, who has served as Director of Campus Turnaround at the Texas Education Agency for the past three years, will work to identify and assist struggling charter schools in Texas so as to prevent potential disruptions in education to students and parents.

"In many communities, parents see charter schools as a way to meet their children's specific educational needs," Williams said. "Dr. Lang's experience in working with struggling school districts will be invaluable as the agency strengthens its commitment to Texas charter schools."

Lang began her career as a fourth grade teacher in the gifted and talented program. She has more than 40 years



Dr. Gaye Lang

of experience, which includes working as an assistant principal and principal in Houston, a field service agent for Region IV, and project manager for Houston ISD's Virtual School Project. Lang also served as the Deputy Secretary's Regional Representative for the U.S. Department of Education and was later appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Education to serve as the Secretary's Acting Regional Representative.

"I thank Commissioner Williams for his confidence

and look forward to working with charter schools across our state," Lang said. "By providing this type of support, we can assure students and their parents the education they seek and deserve."

Lang holds a degree from Dillard University in New Orleans, and completed her M.A. in Teaching and Administration from Pepperdine University in Los Angeles. She received a science certification from Texas A&M University, and completed her doctoral studies in Educational Research and Cultural Studies at the University of Houston.

Williams made his announcement during remarks at the 2012 Texas Charter Schools Conference in Austin. The annual charter school conference is the only statewide gathering of the Texas charter schools. As of Nov. 16, Texas has 209 charter schools operating in the state.

UT Graduate Amanda Van Dyke



December Graduate- The December 2012 graduation class included Amanda Van Dyke of Austin. Amanda is a graduate of Pflugerville Connolly High School where she was a shot putter for the school.

She received a scholarship in that sport to University of Texas at Austin. Amanda majored in Kinesiology.

Amanda is the daughter of Thomas C. Van Dyke, Jr and Karon Van Dyke and the granddaughter of Thomas C. Van Dyke, Sr. and Johnnie B. Van Dyke.

Mr. Van Dyke says "we could not be prouder of our daughter and her accomplishments and look forward to her doing great things in the future."

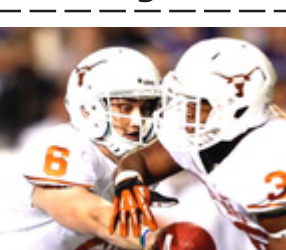
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EDITORIALS/COMMENTARY



Raynard Jackson
NNPA Columnist

I was once told, “Be what you are looking for. If you want friends, go be a friend; if you want love, go love someone and if you want happiness, go make someone happy.”

As I have reflected on this simple, but yet profound statement, I have found most of the major Black organizations are woefully hypocritical. They refuse to be what they are looking for.

Groups like the NAACP, The National Urban League and the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) constantly complain about the lack of diversity in corporate America.

These groups claim

they are always told by corporations that they “can’t find” minorities for board or employee positions. They, in turn, accuse the companies of not being serious about diversity. To a large extent, these groups are right. But what I find amazing is that these same groups do the very same thing they accuse corporate America of doing. The elections this month showed that America is becoming more diverse and that diversity is here to stay. But, what is ironic is that within Black organizations, there is no diversity of thought.

The aforementioned groups pretend to be non-partisan or bi-partisan. However, when you look at their leaders, they are all unabashed Democrats or very liberal in their thinking. When they are challenged on this, they claim they can’t find any Black Republicans to get involved. Sounds familiar? When they have

their annual conferences, they will put one token Black Republican on a panel (against five or six Democrats) so they can boast about being inclusive. Sounds familiar? Mind you that no Blacks Republicans are ever involved in the planning or have any input about who will appear on a panel. Sounds familiar?

If these groups would admit to the obvious—that they have a liberal bias—at least they would be honest. But to insist, as they do, that they are not biased flies in the face of the truth.

Why has Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, and the CBC not demanded that these groups – and their own organizations – reflect diversity? How can they in good conscious demand from Corporate America what they are unwilling to provide themselves?

According to the Pew Research Center for

the People & the Press, 76 percent of Blacks identify themselves as Democrats. However, 5 percent are Republicans and 16 percent prefer the independent label, though many independents lean toward the GOP.

Back in the day, you had prominent Black Republicans on the board of the NAACP and the National Urban League. This forced both political parties to engage with these groups. Today, these groups have become vestiges of the Democratic Party where one party takes them for granted and the other just ignores them. Sure, they still have some Republicans on their Boards, but they are usually in the background.

From what I can tell, no established Black newspaper endorsed Mitt Romney over President Obama. Yet, Democrats refuse to spend any advertising dollars with

them. Why buy the cow when you can get the milk free? Obama spent more than \$2 billion on his campaign and very little money with the Black media. Granted, Republicans are guilty of the same slight.

Interestingly, not one member of the CBC contributed to Obama’s campaign this year. Not one. And there were only seven CBC contributors in 2008, according to OpenSecrets.org. Politicians, perhaps more than any other group, should understand the importance of campaign contributions.

Making our major organizations more politically and intellectually diverse doesn’t cost a cent. Are liberals really so insecure about their beliefs that they are afraid of having their ideas tested in the market place of ideas?

Blacks must get back to the days when we held spirited debates

about what’s best for our communities. If an idea is worthy of implementing, it should be worth defending. And if it can’t be defended, maybe it was never a good idea at all.

With all of the problems we face – high unemployment, low educational accomplishment, crime, a dwindling middle class, among others – new ideas are needed now more than ever. Over the past four decades – under Black and White presidents – the unemployment rates for Blacks have been double that of Whites. Whatever we’ve tried in the past simply has not worked. And our community has been the real loser.

If we are ever going to change our predicament, the least we must do is create an honest dialogue between all segments of our community. Otherwise, we’ll never be what we’ve been looking for.



Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

Discussions of the fiscal cliff also include discussions about ways to change Social Security and Medicare benefits in order to save money. One of the proposals is to raise the Social Security retirement age to 70. After all, some argue, there is nothing magic about 65 or 67, so why not push the rate up to 70?

The difference is the kind of work we do. I can’t imagine that I will ever stop talking and writing, advanced age notwithstanding. However, someone who is waiting tables,

working in a nursing home, or doing private household work might not want, but need, to slow it down after 65, or maybe even earlier. Some people take their Social Security earlier, although they are lower, at age 62. Tired, and with sometimes broken bodies, they’d rather take less money than keep working. Consider the construction worker who has not moved up into management. Will he (or in 10 percent of cases, she) still want to wield a hammer, climb onto roofs, or do other heavy work? Raising the Social Security retirement age hurts these people.

These folk are also hurt because their life expectancy is also lower. People with less education have shorter life expectancies than those who are more highly educated. African Americans have lower

life expectancy rates than Whites, (although this gap is closing. Thus, people who have paid into the system, but they will get less out of when they live shorter lives. Again, those at the bottom are disadvantaged by public policy that seems race and class neutral.

Why the gap in life expectancy? Part has to do with higher rates of smoking among less educated (which propels obesity), and the lack of health insurance, especially among those with lower incomes and less education. Obamacare partly solves the insurance problems, but those living in an unreal time warp seem to think Mitt Romney won the election and they are acting accordingly by attempting to repeal health care reform.

Most of us got the

memo about the dangers of smoking, but women who lack a high school diploma are more likely than others to smoke. Indeed, among women the levels of smoking have risen, while smoking rates had declined among men. Researchers who study these issues suggest that women are smoking more because of the many pressures women face, including being part of the “sandwich generation” juggling both elder care and child care. I was talking to an elder whose smoking habit spans more than 50 years, and when we talked about the issue, she responded that she was over 70, still living, and wasn’t about to change. We talked a bit about stress and ways that smoking is a tension-tamer for her. I suggested she try yoga, and she just about laughed me

out of the room.

The health insurance gap between those who are highly educated and less well educated is growing. Among working age adults without a high school diploma, 43 percent have no health insurance, up from 35 percent a decade ago. On the other hand, only 10 percent of those with a college education lacked health insurance.

While Americans do not like to talk about class, poor and working class people do less well in our society than others. For example, attempting to eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood has a greater impact on poor women without health insurance than others whose contraceptive needs are covered by their insurance. Yet the right wing attempts to characterize Planned

Parenthood as an abortion center, not a place that offers education on contraception, breast cancer, and other health issues.

Extending the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy certainly has a disproportionate impact on the poor and working class, but there are hidden attacks on the poorest in our nation. Raising the Social Security retirement age, eliminating Planned Parenthood, and attacking Obamacare are all implicit attacks on the poor. The class status of our federal elected officials (with median wealth of more than \$750,000 excluding the value of their home, compared to just \$20,000 for the average person) suggests that Congress just doesn’t get it.

But we elect these people. What does that say about us?

Not all Public Policy is Created Equal

Blackonomics: Racing to Win Your Holiday Dollars



James Clingman
NNPA Columnist

“Gotta have that Big Screen TV” is out of the gate first, with “I wanna X-Box” on the rail and closing fast. But “I like the Wii” is having none of it as he moves up in position to strike. Running in fourth place is “I need a Blu-Ray” with “My New Nikes” in a close fifth. In a surprising move, here comes

“Designer Shoes and Clothing” on the outside, moving into striking distance of the lead pack. And bringing up the rear is “I still need that iPad Mini” and “Must have the Windows 8 PC.”

As they head down the back stretch, it’s “Designer Shoes and Clothing” leading “Gotta have that Big Screen TV” by a length. As they near the far turn, it’s a horse race now, as they jostle for position, ignoring the others around them, bumping and even using their whips against the others.

Oh my God! “Designer Shoes and Clothing” has fallen and is being trampled by the pack as they

race for the finish line.

And here they come down the home stretch, folks! The ground shakes as the thundering herd passes, and their eyes are fixed on the prize, the grand bargains they are seeking. Here they come to the line. It’s “My New Nikes” in the middle of the track, followed by “I wanna X-Box” with “I like the Wii” in third. It’s going to be photo finish, folks. Fifty yards to go and, what’s this? “Designer Shoes and Clothing” is back in the race. I have never seen anything like this before; she is moving up beside the leaders. What a race!

It’s a four horse race

now, but here comes “Gotta have that Big Screen TV” on the rail, struggling to carry the extra weight. “Big Screen TV” is passing “My New Nikes” and it’s a photo finish, as “Big Screen TV” wins by a nose over the tencious “Designer Shoes and Clothing.” What a race, folks, what a race!

And the loser is, You!

From November 22 through December 31st, and a little beyond that date, we will make our way to the stores in search of the bargains we treasure. Billions will be spent during that period, most of which will be charged. The analogy of a horse race is quite apropos

as we will watch the eager hordes of shoppers “jockey” for the best position to win their race for all the “bargains” offered by the myriad of stores in their locales.

While I am not trying to tell anyone how or when to spend their money, I am suggesting that we take a look at the current fiscal situation in this country and understand how it relates and

How it affects us personally. Yeah, Obama won, but he is not going to pay our bills. And this “fiscal cliff” issue still looms on the horizon; if they do not fix the problem, our take home pay will decrease as of January

1. So be careful and be safe if you are planning to go to the race track and get in the horse race this holiday season. Understand that there is another race going as well. It’s the race by the stores to get your money, either now or later, as quickly and as easily as possible. What’s a couple of casualties? A stampede at the door? Or, even an assault or two? It’s all worth it to some, because after everything is said and done, it’s all about the money – your money.

As for me, I’m gonna have me a Mint Julep and watch the race.

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CHURCH & TOWN BULLETIN

Lights of Love 5K Festive and Bright



Huston-Tillotson University Cheerleaders volunteered for the event

By Shirley A. Hammond
Special to the Villager

"I think there are more than thirty," observed one boy as he watched runners go by. He was right, there were scores more than thirty runners participating in the Ronald McDonald's House Lights of Love 5K Run and Family Fun Run. On the morning of Friday, December 7th, tents and other materials were readied for the nighttime gala which took place at Mueller Hangar. Festive lights were in dazzlingly abundant supply at 4550 Mueller Blvd.

In the evening after 6:30pm, Family Fun Run participants were cheered by Ronald McDonald as they neared the finish line of the first leg of the night's mass movement activity. And then the 5K runners, in colorful t-shirts

began their race to the finish. They ran or walked through carolers, a trail of lights, and tolling bells. Although the event is a winter kick-off event, t-shirts and pants or shorts and shoes were all anyone needed due to the unseasonably warm weather.

Meanwhile, Santa was flocked by Christmas trees inside the main tent, as children crawled into his lap to whisper sweet somethings into his ear. Their words of wishes and smiling faces were captured in photos taken at the scene.

Vendors gave away samples of goodies and coupons. Hot chocolate poured freely, and children participated in holiday crafting.

Some business teams were trying to outperform one another

by gaining generous donations for the cause. Jan Gunter, a media contact, said that Caleb's Army and Pediatric Dental Professionals (PDP) were some of the fierce rivals of note. She stated that they have been repeat attenders and participants of the fund-raising event. be Lights of Love 5K Festive and Bright Brooke Watts with PDP explained that they were gaining ground as a top performer for the cause.

Caleb's Army representative Bea Smith said re-postings on Facebook helped them increase donations. Other teams worked to get the most support for the cause. A total of 125 teams were reported. Many volunteers and generous sponsors helped to undergird all the other efforts. The main sponsors were Austin-area McDonald's.

In those and other tents the main conversation centered around what could be done to help the children of the Ronald McDonald's House Charities of Austin & Central Texas (RMHC). It was mentioned that some local children have to travel to other states for their care. This results in their families having to stay at McDonald's House in order to be with them. Families from out of state also come to Austin to stay at the Austin area location with their hospitalized children.

Huston-Tillotson's cheerleaders were there to dish out cake to those who finished the final run. The trio of Isaac Sisters sang the Star Spangled Banner in 3-part harmony, and raised the level of festive cheer for the event right before the main run began.

ACC Students, Police Present 2,000 Books to Brown Santa Program

Austin Community College's Silver Star Children's Literacy Project and ACC District Police have collected nearly 1,000 books for the Travis County Sheriff's Office Brown Santa program. Students presented the donation to Sheriff Greg Hamilton 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 12, at ACC's Rio Grande Campus

"Students taking part in the Silver Star Children's Literacy Project are giving a very special gift," says Sheriff Hamilton. "They are showing children the importance of reading and the power of knowledge. I am grateful for the generosity of ACC students and police, and we look forward to putting these books in the hands of Central Texas children."

Students with ACC's Center for Student Political Studies (CSPS) created the Silver Star Children's Literacy Project in 2010. The ACC Police Department joined forces with Silver Star for this year's book drive. Since its inception, Silver Star has collected nearly 5,000 books for Brown Santa.

"Our mission is to collect books for kids in need, because books last forever," says Marcos Larios, past president of Silver Star. Current president Megan Rue added, "The Silver Star Children's Literacy Project thanks students - in particular Phi Theta Kappa - and ACC District Police for making this donation possible."

Silver Star will collect additional new or gently used books during the presentation and distribute them to children in the months to come.

"College students well understand the power of literacy to transform young lives, and our student leaders and police department know firsthand the value of service," says Professor David Lauderback, Silver Star faculty advisor.



Wilma Louise Turner-Young (73) affectionally know as Nana, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 6, 2012, she was surrounded by family. Homegoing services for Wilma will be Friday, December 14, 2012 at 12:00p.m. at the Mt Sinai Baptist Church, 5900 Cameron Road.

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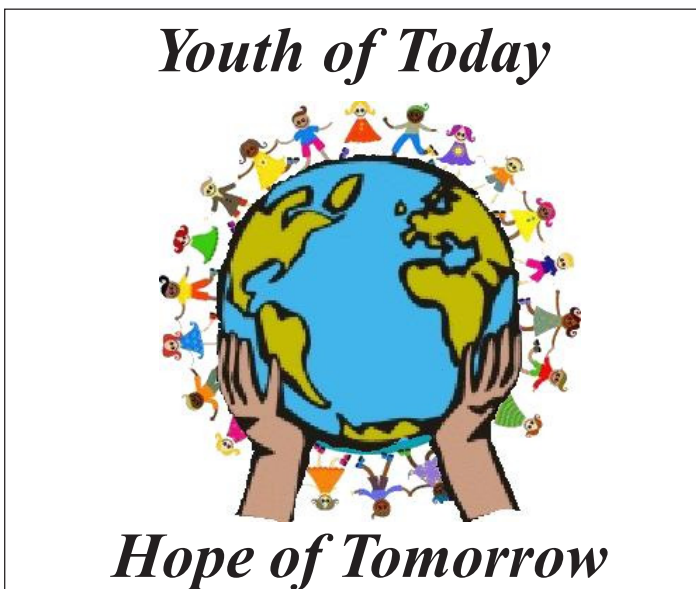
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YOUTH BRIGADE



Black Registry

What Is Respect?



Jaquarry Wilson
Del Valle High School

Recently during school hours, a counselor attempted to mark several misinformed students tardy for class. She repetitively mocked their legitimate excuses, until a courageous student respectfully defended them. The counselor thought that the student was trying to be "sassy" with her yelled at him. Moments after, the student walked away after the counselor attempted to grab his ID card from around his neck. When he left, she said that "you never talk back to a person of authority."

This is something that I will never understand. In this world, some individuals who are mainly adults believe that it is imperative that people of authority receive more respect than children even when they are disrespectful towards others. Apparently, it's just necessary that adults be treated with more respect than minors despite the situation.

A Win for Lockhart

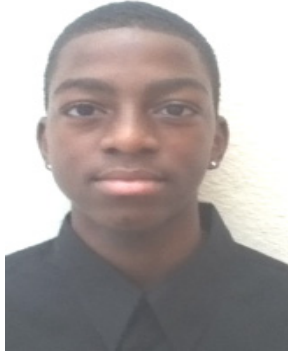


Tori Smith,
Lockhart Junior High School

ketball game. The eighth grade girls B-team won their first game, 18 to 14, against Dahlstrom Middle School. Though the eighth grade girls A-team lost to Dahlstrom. Next week there will be news on the tournament too. This week we will all be going against Miller Middle School.

Countdown to Christmas- 13 DAYS!!! Countdown to New Year's Eve- 19 DAYS!!!

Panther Updates

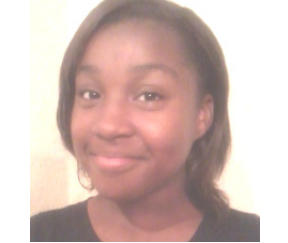


Darius Hatcher
Pflugerville MS

that day against Tippit Middle School. For the girls 8th grade is going to be playing at home and 7th grade is away in Georgetown.

Our 6th grade is going to have a band concert at Pflugerville High School at 6:00 pm and the 7th and 8th grade will be performing at 7:00 pm. On Tuesday, December 18, 2012 the 8th graders will have their Math District Assessments. The Panthers are going to have a really busy week, we are looking forward to all the events and hope everyone does well.

Daily Basketball



Jada Demps
Dailey Middle School

Well Daily Middle School is barely through basketball season. My school was pretty good for our first game.

I am very happy for my team. Lets go Lady Timberwolves!

I'm a Future Theta



SaNaya White
Cedars Academy

I'm a future Theta, Theta, Theta!!! My mother is a member of Theta Phi Sigma Christian Sorority, Inc. and her and all her sisters that are Thetas worship Jesus and have fun! Since

my mom is a Theta lady, I am a future Theta! Their sign is the pink eagle and the motto is to "Be pink, be cute, make an impact and enjoy life!"

My mom put together a Theta show this past Saturday and I was in it! We all wore pink and I got to recite their bible scripture in front of everyone! I hope to do it again. I really have fun with all the ladies and thier daughters! Myself and the future Thetas even joined in for the national stroll! I am practicing so when my time comes, I will be ready!!! Pink eagle out!

Taking a Look Back



Marcus Austin
Cedar Ridge High School

The end of the first semester is two weeks away. It is amazing at how fast this semester has come to a close. Overall I have mixed feelings on how the first half of my senior year is just 2 weeks away from being finished.

As I draw closer to the end of my high school education I reflect on my past and my up coming future. Some of the memories I recall are my very first days of high school at Stony Point, my sophomore year at the new high school Cedar Ridge, making new friends, and the felling I had when I passed all of my TAKS Test. I am sad to see all of these memories come to an end, but I am very optimistic that my future will hold many new memories that I will eventually look back on. My semester finals are going to be on December 17th-20th.

That's all the news for this week. Thank you for reading. God bless & take care!

Holiday Season



Bria Good
LBJ High School

Amongst all of the hectic moments involving finals/ midterms in school, we are also experiencing the holiday season. The holiday season

is full of joy, happiness, and giving. We may be stressed out and full of anger and frustration, but once you remind yourself of the holiday season, your mood should be brought right back up. I just want all of the readers to know that it can never get too bad.

Remember that the holidays are unforgettable moments that you share with your family and friends. This is a true joyous occasion. So live it up, buckle down and get your work done so that you can enjoy the rest of your holiday season. GO JAGS!

CCB Banquet



Trenton Leary
Highland Park Elementary

On Saturday December 1, 2012 the Capital City Bearcats held there Banquet.

The turnout was great and it was nice to see my track and football coaches, and I cannot forget my team mates.

I received two awards. The first award was for being the 2012 champs for football and the second award was for being 2nd in the nation for track. Bearcats have had a great season and now it is time for basketball season. Until next time be blessed

U.T. String Project



Averill Topps
UT Elementary School

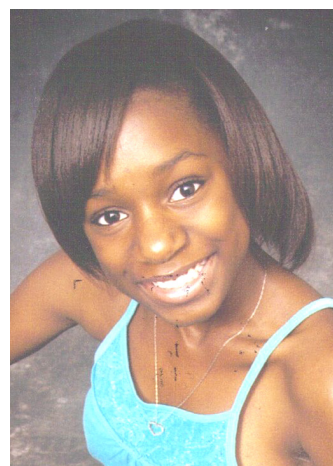
At U.T. Elementary we have a special activity called String Project. At String Project we receive our very own instrument that we get to take home. We have instruments like violin, viola, cello, and bass. I recommend cello

because its sturdy, not heavy at all, and not that loud.

One problem is the packing and unpacking when you have a cello or bass because they are bigger instruments. I love String Project because you get to learn something instead of just laying around and doing nothing. I learned how to read music, play music and much more. I recommend signing up for String Project because you get to play in concerts and maybe a college scholarship.

Until next time. Hook'em Horns!

Cheer Competition



Aubri Allen-Brent
Dailey Middle School

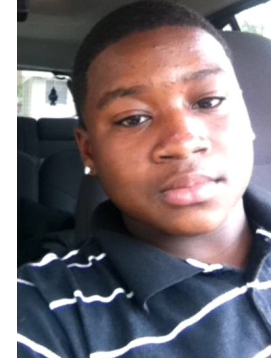
Hello and this week the Dailey Middle School Cheerleaders got to attend

the NCA state championships cheer competition in Dallas TX. It was really fun. Most of all we got to keep the title as state champion's, 3rd year in a row. It was a really tough and intense competition,

However we pulled it through. Cheer has been a really fun experience because I learned new things and also new friends. I can't wait until high school.

Until next time GOOOOO WOLVES!!!!!!

Fall Semester



Imani Demps
Del Valle High School

This week has been good. I'm happy I got my report card. My Lowest

grade was an 80. That's Good compared to last year when I was making 70's. Although I am happy with myself. I wish I had gotten a reality check before my freshman year, so I would have continued to make these 80's and above. It gets hard sometimes but you can get it, just try your best that's what I tell myself everyday.

Happy Holidays everyone.

Digital Storytelling Contest



Adrian Jackson
Harmony Science Academy

The DISTCO 2013 is an online contest where students and teachers in K-12 are invited to submit their original digital stories between December 3, 2012 and February 25, 2013. The DISTCO project has various benefits for students. It is a challeng-

ing competition in which students can showcase their skills in multimedia, technology, research, writing and creativity.

The competition will be held solely online through the DISTCO website. The contest is open to all K-12 students and teachers at both national and international level. The DISTCO 2012 asks students and teachers to submit their digital stories in a certain time frame and manner for the contest. There is also a research aspect of the project.

This project will contribute to investigation of educational uses of digital storytelling in K-12.

YOUTH BRIGADE

Christmas is Coming



Lanette Demps Dailey MS

Well as everyone knows Christmas is coming. Christmas is the best holiday ever you get electronics, clothes kids

get toys and everyone loves it this year I don't really won't much cause I'm happy with what I got. But I could use a little extra I'm sure everyone could use a little extra.

This Christmas im gonna give presents to the people I owe who was there for through and thin and if I had the money I would help the homeless which is like one of my new years resolutions.

Everyone have a great Christmas.

Scholarship Workshop



Will Purcell New Manor Tech HS

On Saturday, December 8, I attended a College Forward scholarship workshop. Different students from other schools that have College Forward met up that day to work on scholarship applications. Breakfast and lunch was

provided for the coaches and students. I worked on my breast cancer and Dell scholarship applications while my College Forward coach helped me. There was a good attendance number at the workshop and for the most part, everyone was on task.

The workshop was very helpful for me because I was able to progress in my scholarship work for college so tuition, books, and my dorm can be paid for. If there are going to be more workshops before I graduate, I will be sure to attend those also.

More Coming Up

Erika Lipscomb Manor Elementary

It's getting cold. Finally. Now it really feels like Christmas. I hope it snows on Christmas day. By now, presents are under the Christmas tree and people are smiling and shopping all around. Its the time of the

year to celebrate Jesus birth. People also celebrate this time of the year with Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and everybody come together to celebrate Jesus birth. We are having a book fair at our school just in time for Christmas. Well, more next time. See ya and Happy holiday time.

Go Mustangs



Latrice Lipscomb Del Valle High School

The Manor Mustangs are going to state play off's.

They worked so hard this year, not only earning a win but building character. They've been down a road of team work and heart. The Mustangs are coming close to breaking records in the Mustang football history.

Thanks goes out to the coaches for pushing them to be the best. The Mustangs are coming and they're here to win. Go Manor Mustangs!

Robotics Competition



Tierra Good Dailey Middle School

On December 8th, 2012, the Dailey Middle School girls and boys team went to a robotics competition. The competition was in Hays County at Lehman High School. Once we arrived, there were less teams than I thought there would be. There were three rounds in the robotics competition.

The first round wasn't so good. We had time to fix our robot throughout the second round. We had to go to our core values competition which was the explanation of the core values of robotics. We went to our research competition, which acts out and tells you the whole concept of the robot.

We ate pizza for lunch and shortly after, we went to round two. We didn't have as many programs as we needed so that didn't work out to well for us either. We only had an hour to get our programs working. Soon, round three came and that didn't work out too well. We ended up placing 19th out of twenty six. Even though we aren't going to state, we had fun overall. Go Timberwolves!

Superbowl and Debates



Alon Rodgers Hendrickson Highschool

Saturday was a great day in the Rodgers family as my nephew Jakob Matthews was the QB1 in the Pop Warner Superbowl in Division I PeeWee competition. Some of my friends met Jakob at the Residents Club the last time he visited Pflugerville. He was living in Katy then but is now in Virginia Beach, VA. His team, the Virginia Beach Mustangs won 40-27. Jakob completed touchdown passes in both the semifinal and the final games. Here is the link from ESPN3:

<http://video.popwarner.com/video/B80A4D227D/super-bowl-postgame-128>

The Hendrickson Debate Team is strong this year. Out of a field of 107 schools from across the nation, HHS placed 4th in overall team sweepstakes and 4th in debate sweepstakes. OJavid Aboii, HHS sophomore, placed 1st in Congressional Debate, earning his second bid to the prestigious Tournament of Champions. With this win, Javid becomes only the second student in HHS history to qualify for the Debate TOC and the youngest student in HHS history to qualify for a TOC tournament. Other indi-

vidual results are as follows:

- Policy Debate:**
- Andrew Barron / Pedro Segura** – Octafinals
- Travis Tiffany / Sami Hentosh** – Octafinals
- Peter Wood / Anshu Gupta** – Octafinals (Anshu 23rd Speaker, Andrew 25th Speaker)
- Domestic Extemp:**
- Emily Etnyre** – Semifinals
- Avery Logan** – Semifinals
- Congressional Debate:**
- Javid Aboii** – 1st Place
- Marcus Ayala** – Semifinals
- Impromptu:**
- Zach Falkenbury** – Semifinals
- Dramatic Interp:**
- Candace Kosted** – Semifinals
- Courtney West** – Semifinals
- Duo Interp:**
- Courtney West / Nia Bradley** – Semifinals

- JV Lincoln Douglas Debate:**
- Zac Conard** – Octafinals
- Brooke Marvets** – Octafinals (12th Speaker)
- Julia Chapman** – Double Octafinals
- Novice Policy Debate:**
- Nico Williams/Nikolai Hentosh** – 2nd Place (Nico 5th Speaker, Nikolai 9th Speaker)
- Christina Bui / Trey Goach** – Quarterfinals

The HHS boys basketball play Monday against St Micheal's. They look to make a statement with everybody doubting them thinking they are not good enough. Stay tuned for the rise off the Hawk. Hwk out.

Band Concert



Deria Good Dailey Middle School

On December 11, Dailey Middle School had a Christmas band concert. It included three bands: beginner band, symphonic band, and honor band. The symphonic band played three songs, the Rockin' Drummer Boy, Westchester March, and Frosty the Snowman. I

hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the Christmas concert.

On December 13th, two days after the Christmas concert, the symphonic band will be performing at a Principal Chat meeting, just to give a little entertainment. For the Dailey Dazzlers, there will be a performance the Del Valle High School Winter Show for two nights. The show will be held on December 14 and December 15. We'll be performing our lyrical and hip hop routines.

It's a busy week for the Dazzlers and Dailey Middle School Band! Go Timberwolves!

AISD Announcements

Pickle Elementary Schools hosts the St. John Community Holiday Celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The event begins in the cafeteria at 6 p.m. where community members are

Pickle Elementary School hosts a Winter Extravaganza in the school's cafeteria December 18.

Featuring a dinner, winter program and food distribution through the

invited to bring a dish to share with neighbors for the pot-luck dinner. A Posada will take place in the neighborhood immediately after the dinner.

For information call 512-841-8400.

Meals for Minds program. 5:15 p.m.—Dinner served. 6:00 p.m.—Winter Extravaganza Program and Meals for the Minds food distribution.

For information call 512-841-8400

Give a Christmas



Marshay Hatcher Pflugerville High School

On Friday, December 14, 2012 The Pflugerville High School Panthers will be participating and helping out with the Adopt-A-Child organization, to support our community.

The organization has been a big part of Pflugerville high School for

many years and has also blessed many children with a special Christmas. Many kids are not able to receive gifts from their family and friends for the holidays, so Adopt-A-Child provides those children with a Christmas to remember. Each class is assigned a child and given their wish list of things they would like to have. Our mission is to do our best in supplying the items on the list, in hope to bring a smile to that child's face.

This will actually be my first year participating in Adopt-A-Child, and I am very excited and thrilled to be a part of this experience.

Pep Rally



Andrae Hatcher Pflugerville MS

On Friday December 7th the students of Pflugerville Middle School had a Pep Rally. The Pep Rally was hosted during 8th period. To make time in the day for the Pep Rally, the

faculty and staff decided to cut all classes short by 30 minutes. During the Pep Rally there were performances by the school's Choir, Cheerleaders, Spirit Team, and the Drum Line. Also the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders battled it out for the school's spirit stick.

The challenge was to see which grade level made the most noise to win. It was tough but in the end the 8th graders won the challenge. There were also speeches given by Natalie Ho and Nelton Thomas.

Basketball Tournament



Jaylon Knighten Dailey Middle School

The Capital City Bearcats will be starting their basketball season on Wednesday Dec 12th. I can't wait to start another season with the Bearcats. The Dailey Timberwolves 8th grade B basketball team won two of their game this past weekend in

San Marcos at Goodnight Middle School, but wasn't able to win the third game. I would like to say Congratulations to the Timberwolves cheerleaders. They finish in first place in the state final held in Dallas, Texas for the second year in a row.

The Dailey Middle School Band Winter concert was held on Tuesday Dec 11th in the school cafeteria. This year along with the concert they will also have the Christmas Bazaar going on where parents can come out and shop. There will be food booth and vendors selling craft items that could be good gifts for Christmas. So that is the news until next week. Be Blessed

PISD Announcements

Last spring at the end-of-year show, choir director Susan Neff announced that the Pflugerville High School varsity women's choir had been invited to perform at TMEA, Texas Music Educators Association. The choir has been preparing for it ever since.

In San Antonio every February, TMEA hosts a convention where musical groups from all over Texas are invited to attend. Pflugerville is the only high school choir in Central Texas to be invited to perform at TMEA since 1985. Congratulations Lady Panthers- Katrina Bara (PHS Student)



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The Black Austin Democrats

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

On December 7, 2012, the Black Austin Democrats held their annual end of year celebration which was a "Christmas party". The annual Christmas Party tends to be a time in which the Black Austin Democrats invite the local community and other Democrats from various other clubs to come and



Ada Harden
Community Activist

recognize the efforts and work of three individuals of various professional backgrounds. For the 2012 year, the Black Austin Democrats chose to honor and recognize Ada Harden for her activists work; Jim Wick for managing the Travis County Coordinated Campaign; and David Escamilla the current Travis County Attorney who fought against re-districting of Travis County. According to the Black Austin Democrats, these three individuals in their various fields made an impact among the Democratic Party community and also among the general community as a whole. For instance, David Escamilla who serves as the Travis County Attorney fought hard against the "Republican re-districting map" that had "divided" Travis County into several Congressional Districts. Furthermore, the Attorney office fight paid off; due to the fact that Democrats had a favorable map after the United States Supreme Court's

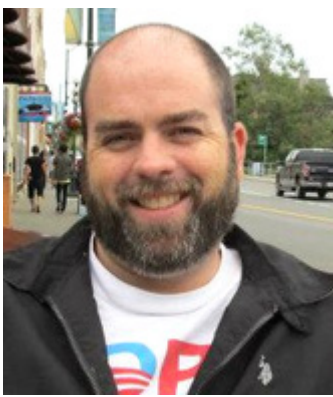
hearing.

Now that the celebration is over, the Black Austin Democrats look forward to 2013 and believe that they can impact the community. In addition, the Black Austin Democrats have changed leadership for the upcoming 2013 year. For instance, the Black Austin Democrats



David Escamilla
Travis County Attorney

have elected Jeff Travillon as their new president. Moreover, the out-going Black Austin Democrats' president, Gerald Washington was a very dynamic and energetic leader who positioned the organization as a "deal maker". In other words, all the candidates realized that an endorsement from the Black Austin Democrats could either "push their campaign forward or break their campaign". Furthermore, the Black Austin Democrats meet every third Thursday of the month at the Justice of Peace Precinct I.



Jim Wick
TCDP 2012 Coordinated Campaign Director

celebrate the end of a full calendar of yearly events. During the celebration, there were local dignitaries, elected officials, activists and many others who came to support to this important and vital organization, the Black Austin Democrats. Not only does the event serve as a "Get together" but also the Black Austin Democrats use this time to recognize and acknowledge fellow Democrats who have impacted the community over the past year.

At this event, the Black Austin Democrats chose to

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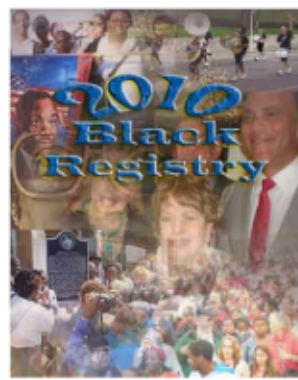
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After Two Days of Voting Ghana Elects Mahama As President

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

On December 7 and December 8, the nation of Ghana went to the polls in order to elect a president and to choose a member of parliament. Moreover, the Electoral Commission of Ghana decided to hold a two day election in order to work on some technical errors. Despite the two days of voting, Ghanians went massively and peacefully to the polls. According to statistics over 13,000,000 million of Ghanians went to the polls to either vote for the incumbent John Dramani Mahama, or to vote for Nana Akufo-Addo, Lartey, Nduom, Sakara, Yeboah, and or Addea, Ayariga.

Among all of the eight candidates, only the incumbent President John Dramani Mahama of the New Democratic Congress (NDC) and Nana Akufo-Addo of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) had an opportunity to win. Throughout the vote count, John Dramani Mahama was slightly ahead of Nana Akufo-Addo of the NPP. After the entire precincts were counted, the incumbent Mahama gained 50.7 of the votes; while Nana Akufo-Addo only received 47.74% of the votes.

Furthermore, the incumbent Mahama managed to avoid a run-off by winning over 50.00% of the votes. Consequently, the Ghana Electoral Commission has declared John



John Dramani Mahama, Elected President of the Republic of Ghana.

Dramani Mahama of the NDC, as the President Elect of Ghana.

Moreover, Ghana has become a "beacon" of democracy in West Africa. It has become a role model of democracy due to the fact that they organized elections that were "free and fair" to all of its citizens. Now that Ghana has held five successful elections without any incidents, now it serves as a showcase nation to their neighboring countries like Cote d'Ivoire and Togo which have much work to do before holding free and fair elections. In addition, the peaceful elections in Ghana will help with the stability of the

entire West African region. Now that the elections are over, the President elect John Dramani Mahama has a lot of work set before him. First, is to reach out to the opposition leaders and its members.

Secondly, Mahama's Administration should utilize the new oil and gas deposits found offshore as a tool to develop the nation of Ghana. Thirdly, the Mahama Administration should find ways to reduce the cost of living for many middle class and poor Ghanians.

Finally, the Mahama government should work to reduce the high unemployment rates among young college graduates.

End of Year Events for the Togolese Association

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

Over a year ago, people of Togolese descent living in Central Texas which include Travis, Williamson, Hays and Bell Counties decided to form an association. Moreover, the association would serve as a method in which the Togolese Diaspora living in Central Texas would celebrate their common history and culture. In addition, the Togolese association seeks to teach their children and non-Togolese about their homeland. Not only is the Togolese Association serving as a "cultural center" but, it also seeks to help other Togolese living in Central Texas.

As the association grows, it plans to hold events by which the general public could learn about the nation of Togo. For instance, it plans to hold an end of year event on December 30th, so that its members and also other African communities living in Central can attend. Moreover, the end of year celebration will be held at the following address 1009 Hyridge St, Round Rock 78664. According to the Togolese Association, "It



(l-r) Mr Foadey (President) and Lati Bouremani (Communication Director) of the Togolese Association. Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

will be a night of fun and everyone is invited to bring food, drinks or both for the occasion to bless all". Also, one can get more information with Mr. Bouramni at (512) 845-8387. In the coming year of 2013, the Togolese Association plans to celebrate their nation's independence day.

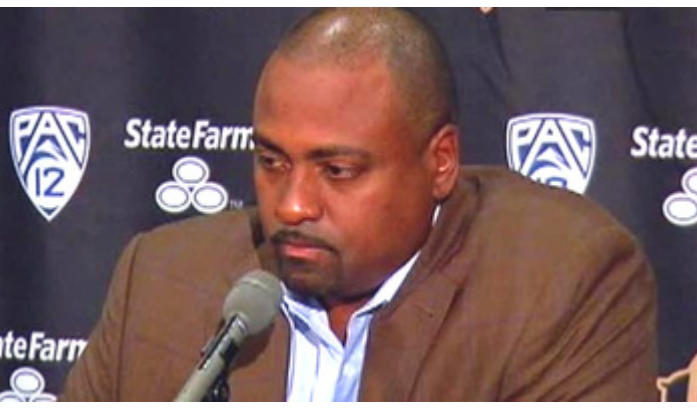
Finally, the Togolese Association meets the last Sunday of every month in order to talk about various aspect of the association. Moreover, the Togolese Association has about a dozen of members who are

from various geographic regions of Togo. For instance, some members are from various regions such as the Plateau region area (Prefecture of Kpelle and Kloto); and the Maritime region area (Prefecture of Golf, Yoto, and Lac).

In other words, the group is diverse but it is their Togolese identity that unites all. Furthermore, the Togolese Association is open to any one of Togolese descent and for the spouses of those married to individuals of Togolese descent.

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The Firing of Colorado Football Coach Brings Race Debate to College Football



Jon Embree, Former Colorado Football Head Coach

By Derek Wiggins
Villager Sports

The firing of Colorado Head Football Coach Jon Embree, after just two seasons has sparked a debate about the amount of African American coaches in Division I/FBS Football. And African American coaches getting a 2nd chance after being fired, there has only been one to get a 2ND chance and that's Tyrone Willingham at (Washington in 2005) after having been fired by (Notre Dame in 2004).

Colorado lost on an average score of 48-17 in the Pac-12 during a 1-11 season that was the worst in the program's 123-year history. Embree, a star tight end for the Buffs in the 1980s, was fired last Sunday night, 48 hours after a 42-35 loss to Utah left them without a home win for the first time since 1920.

"We don't get second

chances," Embree said. "And that's OK, you know it going into it ... But every minority coach knows that going into it. Eventually that'll change."

Since 1982, there have been 546 head coaches hired in the FBS and only 41 African-Americans since Willie Jeffries became the first at Wichita State in 1979. Black Coaches and Administrators executive director Floyd Keith said "Our representation is not consistent on the court or on the playing fields." "You have to look at the numbers." Nearly 50% of the athletes in college football are African American.

Among the FBS Universities 120 institutions, there were 18 minority head coaches to begin the season, down from an all-time high of 19 last year. That total included 14 African-Americans, two Latinos and two Asians.

Former Colorado coach Bill McCartney said racism was a factor in Jon Embree's firing from the Buffaloes head position after only two years on the job in Boulder. McCartney said the school did not give Embree, who is black, the same opportunity to build up his program as his white predecessors had at Colorado and that race motivated the administration's failure to stick with Embree.

He added he personally was given more than two years to assemble the talent he needed playing for Colorado because he's white.

"Honestly, I believe it's because I'm Caucasian. I believe black men have less opportunity, shorter time if you will," McCartney told ESPN 102.3 FM listeners in a prepared letter, as quoted by the Denver Post. "It's just like, (former coach) Dan Hawkins got five full years. Why not give Jon Embree five years? You signed him to a five-year contract."

"Men of color have a more difficult road to tread. It didn't happen to me. Why should it happen to a black man? This guy can match wits with any white guy out there. He's the real deal."

Winning and losing should be the metric for judging a coach's success and not the color of their skin. It's sad that race is still being discussed in this manner, but I guess we would be naive not to think race isn't an issue anymore.

The Defending NBA D-League Champs, Toros are Off to An Average Start

By Derek Wiggins
Villager Sports

The Austin Toros started the defense of their 2012 NBA D-League Championship last week with 2 losses in Frisco against the Texas Legends 87-99 and 109-116. The Toros returned home on Saturday to celebrate last years championship in front of a record 5,363 fans in attendance at the Cedar Park Center. The Toros beat the Idaho Stampede 99-81 on Sat. and 97-82 on Sun. making their record 2-2.

Returning this year for the Toros is the reigning D-League Most Valuable Player Justin Dentmon, the Toros also have a new coach this year Taylor Jenkins. Taylor Jenkins was promoted to head coach of the Austin Toros after being an assistant coach with the Toros for the past four seasons.

As an assistant coach with the Toros, Jenkins helped guide Austin to the 2012 NBA D-League Championship and the playoffs in 2009 and 2010. During his tenure with the Toros, Jenkins served as an assistant coach on the Spurs 2009.

The San Antonio Spurs has assigned rookie guard Nando De Colo and second-year guard Cory Joseph to the Austin Toros, the Spurs' NBA Development League affiliate. De Colo (6-5, 200, Saint Catherine, France) has appeared in 13 games for the



Justin Dentmon The 2012 NBA Development League Player of the Year last season. Photo by Scott W. Coleman

Spurs this season, averaging 2.5 points, 1.4 assists, 1.3 rebounds and 10.4 minutes. And Joseph (6-3, 185) returns to the Toros having been with the team between Nov. 15 and Nov. 21.

In 14 regular season games with the Toros last season, Joseph averaged 13.8 points, 5.1 rebounds, 5.1 assists and 32.9 minutes. In seven postseason games last year, Joseph averaged 11.7 points, 5.4 rebounds, 4.9 assists and 34.3 minutes helping the Toros defeat the Los Angeles D-Fenders in the 2012 NBA D-League

Finals.

Joseph who played for the Longhorns was originally selected by the Spurs with the 29th overall pick of the 2011 NBA Draft, Joseph has appeared in four games for San Antonio this season, averaging 1.8 points and 7.8 minutes. In 33 career NBA games, Joseph averaged 2.0 points and 9.0 minutes.

The the Toros next home game is Dec. 18 @ 11am CT time. Everyone should try to make it out to a game this season at the Cedar Park Center, and support the defending NBA D-League champions.

New Starter at QB Not Enough for Longhorns to Get a Win

By Derek Wiggins
Villager Sports

In Case McCoy's first start of the season he threw for 314 yards and 2 touchdowns, but it wasn't enough for No. 21 Texas (8-4, 5-4) to overcome No. 7 Kansas State (11-1, 8-1) who beat the Longhorns, 42-24, Saturday evening in Manhattan, Kansas.

Kansas State Heisman Candidate Quarterback Collin Klein completed 8 of 14 passes for 184 yards and rushed for 103 yards on 23 carries.

The Wildcats Nigel Malone intercepted McCoy's pass on UT's 25 and headed for the end zone, to set up the Wildcats first score. The play was originally ruled a touchdown, but after an official review the ball was placed on the 1-yard line when it was determined Malone let the ball go just prior to crossing the goal line. The Wildcats took a 7-0 lead when Klein plunged into the end zone from 1 yard.

Texas finally got its offense going in the second quarter thanks to the defense. Kansas State drove into Texas territory early in the second quarter, but safety Adrian Phillips picked off Klein in the end zone for a touchback. McCoy



Case McCoy #6 of the Texas Longhorns hands off to running back Johnathan Gray #32 during the game against the Kansas State Wildcats Photo: Jamie Squire, Getty Images / 2012 Getty Images

started the next drive with a shovel pass to Daje Johnson, who ran 70 yards to the K-State 10. Jordan converted a 37-yard field goal to cut the deficit to 7-3 with 12:00 left in the first half.

Texas forced a Kansas State punt and took the lead on its next possession. McCoy connected with Jaxon Shipley for 19 yards and Brown rumbled for 27 yards to the Wildcats' 29. Running back Jonathan Gray carried the ball 9 yards and then McCoy connected with Shipley for a 14-yard score that gave the Horns a 10-7 lead they took into half-time.

On the opening kickoff of the second half the Wildcats drove 75 yards for a touchdown. Texas led 17-14

midway through the third quarter after Malcolm Brown capped off a 90-yard drive with a 2-yard TD run. But Kansas State answered by driving 67 yards in 11 plays and eating up 6:37 of the game clock. John Hubert capped the drive with a 2-yard touchdown run and K-State had a 21-17 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

The Longhorn's were forced to punt after a three-and-out and Klein connected with Tyler Lockett on a 55-yard TD pass on the first play of the ensuing possession giving K-State a 28-17 lead. The Longhorns had a chance to pull within one score in the fourth, but Nick Jordan's 40-yard field goal attempt with 9:30 left in the game sailed

wide right after an 11-play drive.

K-State took advantage of a Texas fumble on a punt return and increased its lead to 35-17 with a 1-yard TD run by Hubert. The Wildcats later converted an Allen Chapman interception of McCoy into another score, making the score 42-17. D.J. Monroe set up the Longhorn's final touchdown by running back the ensuing kickoff 72 yards. 4 plays later McCoy hit Brown for a 9-yard TD making the score 42-24.

Case McCoy was 26 of 34 on passes in the game which included 17 straight completions at one point, the second best mark in school history, trailing only his brother, Colt McCoy, who had streaks of 18 (vs. Oklahoma State) and 17 (vs. Missouri) during the 2008 season.

Texas had its five game road-winning streak snapped. The Longhorns entered the game as one of only eight FBS teams to be undefeated on the road this season. The Longhorns will play in the 2012 Valero Alamo Bowl. They will play Oregon State Beavers (9-3, 6-3) of the Pac-12 Conference on Saturday, Dec. 29 at 5:45 p.m. CT on ESPN at the Alamo dome in San Antonio.

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The RFP document will be available on the ACC Purchasing website on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at <http://www.austincc.edu/purchase/advertisedsbids.php>. All proposals 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 proposals 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.

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