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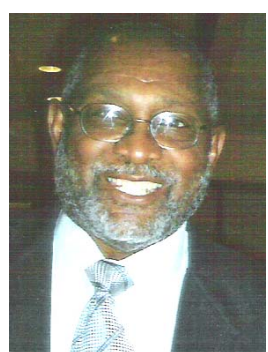
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## What Happened When a Police Officer Threatened Michelle Obama



RAPPIN' Tommy Wyatt

### New Players In The Game!

While the City of Austin is dealing with the question of Single Member Districts for city council elections, there may be another element added to the mix.

The redistricting of the legislative races for congress may bring some new players in the mix for Austin and Travis County. For example, many do not know that Tawana W. Cadien is a candidate for U. S. Congress, District 10. She is a Democrat who is challenging Michael McCaul for the seat. She lives in Cypers, Texas is a graduate of Prairie View University. District 10 is one of the districts where the representative will represent a portion of Travis County. Here election could increase the size of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Most of the Black Caucus members from Texas have come from the Dallas/Ft. Worth or Houston area. As a result, African Americans in the rest of the state have to depend on them to support their issues. There will be more information about this race in the coming weeks.

We are beginning to see more candidates from other parts of the county. It is no longer expected that African American elected county officials live in the Northeastern part of the county. Michael Cargill, candidate for Constable, Pct. 2 is in the runoff against Adan Ballesteros, the current constable. Should Cargill be successful he will be the first African American elected from Precinct 2.

With all of the changing dynamics of the City and the County, we will have to be prepared to see some new players in the political game. As more and more of our citizens give up living in the central business district, they will be looking for other opportunities in their new areas. Which means that those of us who are left behind will have to start re-evaluating our positions on a lot of things, especially who our representatives will be. After the new players may just be some of our relatives or even our sons and daughters.

Special to the NNPA from the New York Amsterdam News

Threats on the life of President Barack Obama are not uncommon from members of hate groups, but to have First lady Michelle Obama as a possible target from a police officer is stunning news.

Law enforcement officials in Washington, D.C., are currently investigating the veracity of a threat on the first lady's life made by a local police officer. According to D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier, a motorcycle escort officer, a 17-year veteran of the force, has been stripped of his badge and gun and assigned to desk duty.

The threat, if it turns out to be genuine, could bring criminal charges, though it has yet to be determined if the officer was merely jesting last Wednesday when he stated his intention to shoot the first lady.

A story in the Washington Post reported that several police officials were present at breakfast when the officer used "his mobile phone to display a picture of



First Lady Michelle Obama

the firearm he intended to use."

Lanier has not confirmed any of the reports, insisting that an investigation is underway and many of the details remain undisclosed. Even so, she voiced her concern about the troubling threat.

"There's absolutely no place for jokes that could be

perceived as a threat to the first lady," she told the press. Such remarks, in her opinion, were "not funny."

A special operations officer concurred, stating, "You don't say things like that, especially when you have access to the South Grounds of the White House and a

gun on your hip."

Neither the White House nor the mainstream media seem alarmed about the threat against the first lady. Apparently there is a concern to tamp down the incident lest it provoke copycat threats or something of that order. Even the Secret Service is playing it down, treating it as a terrible, inappropriate joke. We wonder if it would have been a laughing matter if it were Laura Bush or Barbara Bush in the crosshairs of a cop.

Since her arrival at the White House, Obama has been targeted by right-wing commentators, most recently Michelle Malkin, who savaged her for being an advocate of liberals and her failure to defend Ann Romney when she was attacked as a "stay-at-home mom" and "never working a day in her life."

Toxic comments from right-wing talk show hosts and their guests is one thing, but a death threat from a D.C. police officer with close proximity to the president and his wife is quite another.

### Rep. Doggett Moves to Extend His American Opportunity Tax Credit



Rep. Lloyd Doggett

Washington—Today, U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX), a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee, introduced a bill that would extend the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC) through 2013 to make college more affordable for millions of families. Without Rep. Doggett's bill, the AOTC would expire at year's end.

"While rightly concerned with the federal deficit, we must also remain concerned with the 'opportunity deficit,' when students cannot develop their God-given potential to the fullest extent," said Rep. Doggett. "Extending the 'More Education' tax cut will continue to close this gap, allowing more students to achieve all the education for which they are willing to work."

The American Opportunity Tax Credit, authored by Rep. Doggett, was enacted as part of the 2009 Recovery Act

and has provided billions of dollars to working families and students seeking more education after high school. The tax credit provides up to \$2,500 of the cost of tuition and related expenses paid during the taxable year. Forty percent of the tax credit—up to \$1,000—would be refundable, meaning that families who need help the most will benefit from the credit. Also, for the first time since higher education tax credits were created, this tax cut expands the definition of a "qualified education expense" to include textbooks, making them more affordable for students.

According to a report by the Treasury Department, the AOTC has significantly expanded aid nationwide to the 12.5 million students who took advantage of the program in 2009. In Texas, 671,000 students and families received over \$1.1 billion. The AOTC was designed to replace and improve upon existing education tax benefits so that more students and their families could receive college tuition assistance and that assistance would be larger. It has accomplished this goal which is why the President has called on Congress to make the AOTC permanent, but at a minimum the credit should be extended for another year.

### Local Head Start Administrator Graduates from UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Head Start Management Fellows Program

LOS ANGELES (July 17, 2012) – Training completed by Head Start manager Albert Black will ultimately benefit children and their families from Child, Inc. in Austin, TX. Albert Black is one of 38 graduates of the UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Head Start Management Fellows Program, an intensive two-week program, conducted at the UCLA Anderson School of Management in Los Angeles. The program was developed in 1991 to strengthen the management skills of Head Start administrators.

"As a former participant, I can personally acknowledge the insight and education this program offers to Head Start leaders," said Ron Herndon, Chairman of the National Head Start Association. "Participants learn about financial management and data analysis, while developing a keen understanding of the broader environment in which Head Start operates."

Throughout the program, fellows are equipped with the tools they will need to effectively lead and deliver developmental services in changing environments, secure funding, efficiently



Albert Black (c) shows off certificate of completion

implement programs and network with other Head Start managers across the nation. Fellowships are awarded annually to Head Start administrators who have been selected by a specially assembled Program Advisory Board.

Since the program's inception, nearly 1,400 executives have graduated with enhanced management and leadership abilities.

"Head Start creates the foundation for a wonderful future for children and their families," said Sharon D'Agostino, vice president of Corporate Contributions and Community Relations at Johnson & Johnson. "Graduates of the Head Start – Johnson & Johnson program have introduced successful community initiatives that make a lasting impact on the

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health, nutrition, and school readiness of the children they serve. The commitment of the UCLA Anderson School of Management to teaching excellence is a hallmark of the program's enduring success."

Head Start programs provide comprehensive developmental services to low-income, preschool children and their families. Head Start also provides a range of medical, dental, mental health and nutrition care, and parent involvement services. Program directors supervise nearly 50,000 classrooms, 212,000 paid staff and almost 1,300,000 volunteers nationwide. In FY 2010, Head Start enrolled more than 900,000 children, making a total of more than 27 million since its inception in 1965.

# EDITORIALS/COMMENTARY

## Mitt Romney and Affirmative Action



**Stephanie Jones**  
NNPA Columnist

Much was made of what Mitt Romney said and didn't say during his recent speech to the NAACP's annual convention in Houston. His boo-evoking swipe at "Obamacare" got most of the coverage, while his failure to address voter ID laws was also widely noted.

But another omission got little play, even though it is a topic of great importance to that audience in particular and the nation as a whole: Affirmative Action.

Romney's avoidance of the topic in his NAACP speech is not surprising because he has rarely mentioned it during his public life. On the few occasions he has spoken

about it, he's done so in vague language.

For example, in 2008, he said, "I do support encouraging inclusiveness and diversity, and I encourage the disclosure of the numbers of women and minorities in top positions of companies and government – not to impose a quota but to shine light on the situation." Not exactly a profile in courage comment, but his tepid expression of support does leave some room for hope.

In an earlier, saner time, support for affirmative action would have been a no-brainer for Romney for two reasons. First, he is a businessman, an established and respected member of a group that tends to support affirmative action. Having learned first-hand that making diversity an integral part of our educational system and workforce strengthens our society while improving their bottom line, many business leaders

have joined with the civil rights community to fight off efforts to dismantle affirmative action.

Second, Romney's own life experiences should help him appreciate a fundamental goal of affirmative action: to expand opportunities to talented, deserving people who might otherwise not have the chance to succeed and thrive.

Although he never lacked for opportunity, Romney took full advantage of the oldest form of affirmative action we have in this country – the kind enjoyed without shame or apology by wealthy, well-connected White men.

In fact, he was able to launch the very enterprise that he now claims makes him qualified to sit in the Oval Office – Bain Capital – because someone took a chance on him.

"We put Mitt in charge," Patrick Graham, Romney's mentor at Bain & Co., recently told the *Washington Post*. "He's an outstanding guy. He's

a leader. He didn't have any financial expertise, by the way. But we just wanted to give him a bigger challenge."

Unfortunately, Romney doesn't seem to have reached back to extend such opportunities to minorities and women in his business and government career.

For example, he was accused of running a "White boys club" after it was revealed during his 1994 Senate campaign that Bain Capital had no Black or Latino employees. And, just six months after becoming governor of Massachusetts in 2003, Romney quietly gutted the state's longstanding affirmative action program in what the former deputy director of the state affirmative action office called "a cloaked and unilateral move that eradicated years and years of civil rights advances and history."

Romney needs to reconcile this record with

his stated support for diversity and inclusion. And, given his record, he should explain just how affirmative action would fare in a Romney administration. Does he understand that, although we've made progress, the American playing field is still not level and that government and the private sector must continue to take *affirmative* steps to foster the diversity and inclusiveness he claims to seek?

Would he actively support and enforce opportunities for minorities and women like his fellow business leaders have called on previous administrations to do?

Or, would he appoint judges like Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., who professes support for racial diversity but bizarrely insists that it's unconstitutional to consider race when trying to achieve it? Would a Romney presidency give us more Supreme Court justices like the Clarence Thomas,

who owes virtually every professional success in his life to affirmative action but is now hell-bent on wiping it out for everyone else?

These are important questions that must be answered; Romney is now the standard bearer of a party overrun by ideologues who – loudly and in increasingly nasty and divisive language – slam diversity and inclusiveness as insidious attempts to catapult unqualified minorities and women past deserving but victimized White men.

Romney's continued silence in the midst of such wrongheaded and cynical accusations could lead some to believe that he agrees with them – especially given how little he has actually done to diversify his own space when he had the chance.

Mitt Romney says he supports diversity and inclusiveness. It's time for him to tell us just how he would bring them to pass in today's America.

## Black Voters: The Hidden Swing Vote in 2012



**By. Marc H. Morial**  
NNPA Columnist

"People who don't vote have no line of credit with people who are elected and thus pose no threat to those who act against our interests." Marian Wright Edelman

The list of 2012 swing states – states where neither presidential candidate currently has a clear majority – includes Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania,

Florida, Nevada, Iowa, Virginia, North Carolina and Colorado.

Whichever candidate carries these "battleground" states will likely win the election. That is why the two nominees are making a lot of campaign stops and targeting millions of advertising dollars in these states in order to bring undecided voters to their side.

But according to a new report released last week by the National Urban League Policy Institute, we need to add another state to this list – the State of Black America.

That's right, just as in

2008, when African American voters went to the polls in record numbers and were a deciding factor in the election of Barack Obama, the Black vote could again tip the scales either way in 2012 depending on how many register and vote.

Our report, "The Hidden Swing Voters: Impact of African Americans in 2012" reveals that due to a significant increase in voting, African Americans tipped the 2008 presidential election outcome in the swing states of North Carolina, Virginia, Indiana and Florida. For example, the additional African

Americans who voted in North Carolina in 2008 compared to 2004 were nearly nine times the margin of victory in North Carolina – an additional 127,000 African Americans voted and the margin of victory was 14,177.

Conversely, our report shows that if African American voter turnout falls back to the 2004 rate of 60 percent as opposed to the record 2012 rate of 64.7 percent, then the president will have difficulty repeating his wins in the critical swing states of North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia.

Voter registration is

also a critical factor. African American registration lagged turnout in 2008, but when registered, African Americans were the most likely to vote. Our report shows that if overall African American registration rises to 78.3 percent (the 2008 African American rate in Maryland), up from the 2008 rate of 69.7 percent, and turnout is as it was four years ago, an estimated additional 3 million African Americans will vote.

That could have a huge impact on the outcome of the election. Our report confirms the potential voting power in Black America. The 2008 elec-

tion showed that, for the first time, Blacks were at the table in the democratic process, with voting turnout nearly equal to and, in some instances, surpassing, Whites. But once is not enough. This upcoming election presents an opportunity for Blacks to secure their seat at the table.

That is exactly the purpose of the National Urban League's "Occupy the Vote" campaign. In addition to fighting back against those who would deny any citizen the right to vote, we are issuing a clarion call to reawaken the Hidden Swing Voters in the State of Black America.

## Increase Voter Enthusiasm Now



**By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.**  
NNPA Columnist

Lest we forget, the price for our right to vote was life-sacrificed, blood-soaked, jail-filled, and tear-wrenched. As we approach the national elections on November 6, I am concerned that there is an urgent necessity to increase Black American voter registration, mobilization and overall enthusiasm. This is not the time for the apathy of pessimism or the dysfunction of cynicism. We should not wait until a few weeks or days before the elections to understand and affirm the critical impor-

tance of ensuring the highest possible voter turnout of Black Americans across the United States.

I disagree with those who are openly speculating and, in some instances, hoping for a low voter turnout among Black Americans. We cannot afford to let these misperceptions become a self-fulfilling prophecy. On the one hand, we know that enthusiasm in our communities is something that has to be generated and maintained, especially on the question of going to the polls to vote in record numbers once again.

On the other hand, we should not forget what happened in 2008. Black Americans did in fact vote throughout the nation in all age groups in an unprecedented voter turnout and Barack Obama was elected president. It was a historic victory not just for Black Americans, but also

for all Americans.

But historic progress oftentimes will cause an historic backlash of repression and reactionary backwardness, especially when the issues of race, politics, economics and global social transformation converge. Such is the case four years later as we are witnessing in real time the countless attempts to stir up old and new prejudices and stereotypes to feed the avarice and political hatred of those who want to take our nation back to the days of Jim Crow, discrimination and abject oppression. No, this is not the time to be oblivious to the well-funded tricks and mischief of rightwing sympathizers who long for a return to the days of unbridled exploitation and hopelessness.

Yes, there are hard times today for millions of Black Americans and others who are facing the highest unemployment, housing

foreclosures, disproportionate incarceration, inadequate education, and the economic crisis in too many of our families and communities. But we must not allow those who point out these persistent problems to justify a type of self-destructive "dissatisfaction" about the civic responsibility to vote as a consequence of the hardships that we may face. Cynicism is self-destructive and counterproductive. Hopelessness and apathy are not rational options. Beware of those pundits who only have something negative to say. We have more reasons to vote in November than ever before. Do not wait for some paid political advertisement on the television or radio to get you excited about voting. Our history demands activism, focus, massive mobilization and voter readiness in every precinct in every state. Our grandparents

suffered and paid an extraordinary high price for us to have the right to vote.

The systematic attempts to suppress minority votes in a growing number of states is only another indication of how important it is for us not to bystanders and onlookers while others are investing and mobilizing their resources to insure that their respective political and economic interests are protected through the outcome of the November elections. We must fight back at any attempt to suppress our vote. Yet, the worst form of voter suppression is self-suppression or finding some personal excuse not to vote. The Black Church and the Black Press will have to accelerate the pace of arousing the spirit and consciousness of Black Americans. We have come too far to turn around now. Going backwards cannot be contemplated. The

youth and the elders need to unite on the issues of getting ready for Get Out the Vote (GOTV). We have to make the proper alliances and coalitions with others who share our interests and perspectives. Our common future is at stake.

It is time for a reawakening in Black America. Yes, I am optimistic and enthusiastic because I have made a decision not to rest or to relent. All of our votes are all important. But if we do not vote and if we do not go out right now and remain vigilant every day until the night of November 6, 2012 to encourage voter mobilization, then we will have been irresponsible to ourselves and to the future progress and advancement of Black Americans and all others who cry out for a better life and a better world. We did it in 2008.

In 2012, let's do it again!

# CHURCH & TOWN BULLETIN

## The 'Musical Chairs' Spiritual Trend is Good

*Polls Show More Non-Denominational Believers; Commingling Disparate Traditions is Good, Author Says*

Growing numbers of Americans are changing their relationship with religion, recent Pew Research Center polls indicate.

Consider the stats:  
 • Forty-four percent of U.S. adults have either switched religious affiliation, or report "no affiliation"

• More than 16 percent report they are unaffiliated with a religion; that includes those who are spiritual but not religious, and agnostics and atheists

• Twenty-eight percent have switched from the religion in which they were raised

"A full-bodied understanding of the truth does not necessarily come neatly packaged in the form of a church or a scientific theory," says Eli Just, former physics teacher and author of

*Manny Jones and the Place*(www.elijustsupernaturalwriter.com), which links quantum theory, biblical stories and the Mayan precession.

With science developing new concepts about the nature of reality; changing attitudes in institutional religions, and widespread sharing on the internet, more believers are creating their own spiritual narrative — one that makes more sense to them, he says. Scandals involving sex and money in Christian denominations, which account for more than 78 percent of the faithful in America, have contributed to religious shifting, Just adds.

A recent Pew poll on religion reveals that nearly 40 percent of Americans say there is "too much" religious talk in politics. Many respondents think politicians use religion as a tool for their own benefit, which may serve to increase alienation to religion for the average

American, Just says.

Despite wariness on some religious issues, most respondents polled say spirituality plays a significant role in their lives.

"Type in 'new religious movements' in Wikipedia and you'll see the hundreds of religions that have popped up since the 1800s, and those are just the registered ones," Just says. "As a man of science and faith, and I don't think the truths of these two traditions are mutually exclusive. After all, Newton was a fervent Christian."

One of the more recent registered religions was created in 2000 and is called Jediism — a movement based on the philosophical and spiritual ideas posited by Jedi characters in the "Star Wars" movies. Jedi churches often incorporate beliefs from mainstream spiritual traditions including Christianity, Buddhism, Taoism and Stoicism.

"Everything is connected, which is probably why so many people come up with such a variety of spiritual perspectives," Just says. "Personally, however, I don't think the interconnectivity of everything gives license to the notion that all religions are the same."

In addition to the new and fascinating data coming from sources like the Large Hadron Collider in Europe, it's important to remember ideas that are still alive after thousands of years, he says.

"Old religions like Christianity have withstood the test of time," Just says. "That's why the majority of Americans remain spiritual and religious in a traditional sense."

## The U.S. Epidemic — Deciding Moment: How We'll End AIDS in America

*Statement by THE BLACK AIDS INSTITUTE*

July 23, 2012 - HIV/AIDS will pass into history when current scientific breakthroughs are delivered to scale rapidly, effectively and efficiently to our friends, our loved ones, and our communities at large.

We're getting closer, but we're not close enough.

As the world gathers in Washington this week to assess where we are in the fight against AIDS, there's a lot to be excited about. In the last four years we've learned of the extremely powerful preventive effect of treatment for people living with HIV (a true win-win); efficacy of oral use of AIDS drugs for prevention has been proven and approved by the FDA; a sound proof-of-concept was established for a topical microbicide gel for prevention; HIV therapies are keeping people healthy for a very long time; and promising new developments continue in the quests for a cure and a vaccine.

But it is only through the conscious collaboration of elected officials and scientists, medical professionals and community leaders that we will finally achieve an end to HIV/AIDS. And only if we act now.

In no industrialized nation is the impact of HIV/AIDS more keenly felt than in the United States. Annual new infections have not decreased from around 50,000 each of the past 10 years. Twenty percent of American's living with HIV don't even know it's a key driver of the epidemic. Only 1 in 5 Americans with HIV is reaping the full benefits of treatment. And there remains persistent political challenges to the implementation of highly effective interventions like syringe exchange programs.

As we start the 2012 International AIDS Conference, we must acknowledge the continuing disproportionate burden of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Black communities in the United States. Black people are half of all people living with, becoming infected with, and dying from HIV/AIDS. In addition, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 1 in 16 black men and 1 in 32 black women will be diagnosed with HIV infection in their lifetimes.

Black Americans, Latinos and other people of color account for nearly 70% of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the U.S. AIDS in America is a Black, and Brown, disease-and that is completely unacceptable.

The Black AIDS Institute's mission is to end the AIDS epidemic in Black America. That is in part because a group in the United States is more impacted by HIV than Black people. According to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation survey, most Black Americans know someone living with HIV/AIDS. For many of us, that person is a close family member.

These racial disparities also exist in the medical care that HIV/AIDS-positive Black men and women receive. They are typically diagnosed at later stages of the disease, and have less access to life-saving treatments.

The good news is that the International AIDS conference will shine a much-needed spotlight on America's epidemic. And Black leaders and community advocates are stepping up to speak out. Black Americans are involved in major speaking opportunities at the Conference: At the opening ceremony, a Black minister from Chicago, Rev. Charles Straight, will deliver the opening invocation, Congresswoman Barbara Lee from Oakland will speak. As President and CEO of the Black AIDS Institute, Phill Wilson will speak at the opening plenary about ending America's AIDS epidemic. On Wednesday Linda Scruggs, a Black woman living with HIV, will deliver the plenary

address on women and AIDS. On Thursday a Black transgender woman living with HIV, Debbie McMillan, will speak about HIV and among people who use drugs. We are taking our place on the podium to deliver the message of hope, but only if we accept responsibility and act on it. And beyond the high-profile roles, thousands of Black Americans will be participating in the conference in various ways, in an effort to bring the science and energy of AIDS 2012 back to their home communities.

The Black AIDS Institute's motto is, "Our People, Our Problem, Our Solution." It is incumbent upon Black Americans from all over to seize the opportunity. For some that means organizing a post-conference hub in their hometown. For others that means learning what is working in other places so as to enhance local advocacy efforts. For some, that may mean using the news coverage as an entrée to talk with their children, relatives and loved ones about HIV and how to stay safe. And for our leaders, it must mean increased accountability, increased fiscal support, and a renewed commitment to achieving the goals of President Obama's National HIV/AIDS Strategy. To plug in with the Black AIDS Institute at AIDS 2012 or to connect with one of our many post-conference activities, please visit [www.blackaids.org/aids2012](http://www.blackaids.org/aids2012).



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## THE SORRELLS FAMILY REUNION



*Sorrells Family Reunion  
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The Sorrells Family will be celebrating their 31st reunion this weekend July 27-29, 2012 in Austin, Texas.

In the Late 1800's seven brothers migrated to Texas as runaway slaves, Neal, Boast, Jake, Jim, S.M, Fox, and Josie Sorrells purchased land in what is currently know as Manchaca, Texas, Travis County. They farmed their land for many years, most of the brothers sold their land and move to other parts of Texas and the United States; Missouri, California, and Nevada just to name a few. However, S.M. Sorrells remained in Manchaca, Texas and his offspring reside to this day on the land in which he purchased in the late 1800's Manchaca, Texas today.

The Sorrells Family reunion to be held this weekend and hosted by the S.M. Sorrells offspring will begin by honoring those who began the Family Reunion celebrations over 31 years ago and dedicated themselves to keeping the Sorrells Family heritage.

The pioneers of the reunion are Mr. H.B. Sorrells and Dr. Rosie Sorrells, Inester Sorrells, Jr., and Mrs. Ella Mae Sorrells, (Dallas), Mr. Willie Sorrells, Ms. Precious Sorrells, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Littlefield, Ms. Leslie Jones, Ms Billie Black, Mrs. Charlesetta Wormley (Austin), Mrs. Crysteline James (California) Mrs. Shirley Hill (Buda).

The relatives of S.M. Sorrells are also proud to be

among other African Americans presently residing in Hays and Travis Counties in a newly released novel where a reception was held on, July 19, 2012 at the Carver Museum and Cultural Center. The Book was written by Dr. Maria Franklin, Associate Professor at the University of Texas at Austin, titled, "I'm Proud to Know What I Know" which is "An Oral Narrative of Travis and Hay Counties Texas from the 1920's to the 1960's".

The Sorrells Family Reunion will take place at the Millennium Youth Complex and Entertainment Center in East Austin, and climax on Sunday with Church service at the New Lincoln MBC, 2215 E. 8th St., Austin, TX 78702.

## 50 Years of Marriage and Counting for The Shaws



Walter and Barbara Shaw share a dance

On Friday, June 22, 2012, long standing Austinites Barbara & Walter Shaw celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Renaissance Arboretum hotel. Mr & Mrs Shaw were overwhelmed by the number of well wishers sharing in this auspicious occasion. In attendance were approximately 150 guest which included: their children (Karen, Michael, & John), extended family members, friends, members of the East Side Church of Christ, neighbors, and past fellow employees.

Proclamations were

presented by their grandchildren, Governor Rick Perry, State Representative Dawnna Dukes, (District 46), Mayor Lee Leffingwell, and County Commissioner Ron Davis. To lend more relevance to the occasion, Austin's own Blue Mist band provided the live entertainment. Surprisingly, several members of the band were initially taught music by Mr. Shaw and were elementary students of Mrs. Shaw dating back to the late 70s. Throughout the evening, many guests reflected on the positive impact the Shaws had on their lives through

their giving nature, mentoring, and strong spiritual attributes. Ofcourse, no anniversary like this could escape traditional roasting without entertaining stories of the past. There were lots of laughter and tears of joy shared by all. The golden couple was truly excited, yet humbled to see such an outpouring of affection and celebration for their 50th year milestone.

The evening was hosted and organized by Mr & Mrs Shaw's children along with special assistance from family friends, Mrs Felicia George Branch and Ms Sharon Anderson.

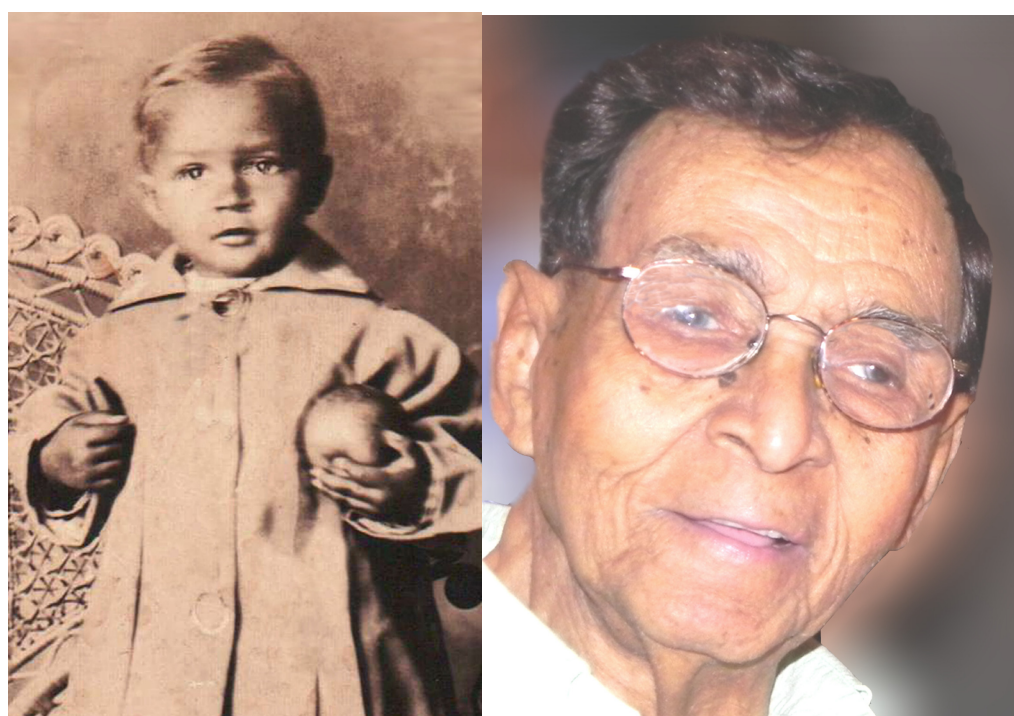
will be held at Tri Point, 3233 N. Saint Mary's Street, San Antonio, Texas 78212.

The seminar is open to all women veterans, active duty women, and their families. Women veterans will be introduced to people, resources, and opportunities available to them and their families that provide them

with tools and information within the Greater San Antonio area. Space for the seminar is limited. Those wishing to participate are strongly urged to register in advance

For more information on the program, please contact Angela Shinn at 512-463-2632 or via email at angelashinn@tvc.state.tx.us

## Marcellus Winston Alexander, Sr. is 95 and Here to Thrive



Marcellus Alexander is shown as a young and now.

Marcellus Winston Alexander, Sr. celebrates his 95th birthday this week in Austin with a gathering of family, friends, and distinguished well-wishers. The Alexander patriarch hails from one of Austin's founding African-American families who have continually owned and farmed land in central Texas for more than 160 years. The Alexander Family tree is featured in the long-standing permanent exhibit at the Carver Museum.

When asked how it feels to be 95, Alexander responds simply: "I feel 85."

The key to his longevity? "I stopped worrying about things. My children are grown, and I still have a young wife." He smiles at Juanita, his "Sweetness" and wife of six decades and counting.

What's the most important lesson Alexander learned in nearly a century? "Don't let life take charge of you; you take charge of it. Stand firm and fight. The best thing is just staying alive!"

## A LEGACY OF LAND AND LINEAGE

Although his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren now thrive across the country and the globe, Alexander has lived on and worked his family's dairy farm land since he was

born on the 73-acre southeast Austin homestead. July 24, 1917 was a sweltering Tuesday—even by Texas standards. But baby Alexander's father, Milton, placed particular emphasis on preserving the land and keeping it in the family. So Milton named his eldest son, Marcellus, after the Ancient Roman patron of agriculture and war as way to peace. Marcellus (translated literally as "little warrior") Alexander then devoted his life to honoring his fore bearer's commitment to place, productivity and family. His tenacious spirit—the steadfast and firm, fighting-for-what-you-believe-in kind—will be formally recognized this weekend.

Austin-based 100 Ranchers will induct Alexander into their ranks to honor him on Saturday. And Landowners Association of Texas representative Billy Lawton will also pay tribute, as will a proclamation from State Representative Dawnna Dukes.

The accolades this week spotlight Alexander's lifetime as a true gentleman dairy farmer, a loving son, brother, husband and father. He attended Anderson High School and what is now Huston-Tillotson University when the city was still legally segregated. He routinely

helped his younger siblings with their homework—especially in math—and drove his mother and sisters to the movies and into Austin in his car. Owning an automobile as a young man was still a relative rarity among African Americans at the time, but Alexander's generosity, quiet good works, personal responsibility, and hard-working presence in the community eventually paid off in a big way: In 1945, he met the love of his life, Juanita Smith. Across the street from the Harlem Theater at Lawson's Ice Cream on 12th and Chicon, he began their 64-year courtship by offering Juanita and her sisters a ride to the Saturday dances routinely held at the college. The rest is legacy: Together Juanita and Marcellus bore and raised eight children who in turn contributed to a nuclear family that is 75 strong and ever-growing. Two of Alexander's descendants—Marcellus Jr. and Marcellus III—are proud to share his name.

In a circle that can only be explained by grace, Alexander's youngest daughter is now engaged in philanthropy for one of the nation's largest milk producers.

Thank goodness the apple never falls far from the tree.

## WAL-MART COUNSEL WALTER L. SUTTON JR. WILL RECEIVE ABA PRESIDENTIAL CITATION FOR DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 23, 2012 — Walter L. Sutton Jr. will receive the American Bar Association Presidential Citation during the ABA Annual Meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Sat., Aug. 4, during the ABA Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity business meeting at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, East Tower, Blue Level, Skyway Suite 260.

President Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III awards the citation to recognize noteworthy contributions to the legal profession and the ABA, and outstanding leadership qualities, among other factors.

"Walter Sutton has been invaluable in helping the ABA maintain its longstanding commitment to diversity in the legal profession," Robinson said. "Not only has he actively participated in the work of ABA groups, but he has set an example by valuing diversity in society. His dedication to diversity and inclusion efforts



Walter L. Sutton, Jr.

is unwavering and makes him an exemplary leader."

Sutton, associate general counsel – legal administration and external relations at Wal-Mart Stores, is an internal advocate for the legal department's diversity initiatives. The ABA Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity nominated Sutton for the citation because "his accomplishments have strengthened diversity and inclusion efforts in the ABA, other bar associations, government, academia, the private sector, corporations and the legal profession

overall," according to a statement from the Diversity Center.

Within the ABA, Sutton has served in numerous positions over the years, most recently as a member of the American Bar Foundation and the Diversity Center.

Sutton is a trailblazer. He was the first African-American to receive a doctorate from the University of Texas at Dallas; the first African-American in Tenneco Oil Co.'s legal department; and the first African-American to oversee the Environmental Protection Agency Regional Counsel's office in Dallas.

For many years, Sutton "has been a strong asset, advocate and resource for the American Bar Association," according to the Diversity Center.

President Robinson also recognized Sutton for his citation at the National Bar Association annual meeting July 14-19 in Las Vegas.

## Texas Veterans Commission to Host a Women Veterans Resource Seminar

SAN ANTONIO – The Texas Veterans Commission is conducting a Women Veterans Resource Seminar on July 28 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Central Texas AAU Boys Basketball Team Wins Vegas National Championship



Georgetown-based AAU basketball team went to the Las Vegas AAU National Championship and came away with the platinum 16-under championship. This is especially significant because this is a first-year team. While the boys have been playing individually since elementary school most of them had never played together. Coaches Quinton Black and Valentino Maxwell always knew the boys had heart but spent the entire summer teaching them that the team is greater than "I". They beat FOH Seattle Red. Team organizers Abe and Farah Mack and all the parents are extremely proud of the boys for their hard work and dedication. The families will return to Austin at 12:30 am tomorrow morning. Contact information, Farah Mack, 903-269-7106. The team members are: Addison Herbert, Georgetown HS, Aubrey King, Mumford HS, Daniel Gutierrez, Round Rock, HS, Mitchell Smith, Georgetown HS, Caleb Horton, Pflugerville HS, Cole Price, Cedar Park HS, Dion Mack, Georgetown HS, Devyn Williams, Killeen HS, Corbin Stephens, Cedar Park HS, Kedall Hayes, not pictured, Seven Lakes HS Houston.

## Quincy Jones Mocks Diddy



(L to R) Quincy Jones and P. Diddy

Special to the NNPA from the Tri-County Sentry Quincy Jones is certainly one of the most influential producers of all time, having lent his midas touch to everyone from Ray Charles to Michael Jackson. As such, he's an authority on music and is entitled to give his opinion on the careers of others in the industry. And he had Diddy on his mind.

Speaking at a Spotify launch event in Los Angeles (the streaming service was announcing artist-curated playlists), Jones said that the rapper and Bad Boy head honcho "couldn't recognize a b flat if it hit him." Instead, Jones noted, "P. Diddy has a doctorate in marketing,"

citing his clothing labels and success with Ciroc (his vodka company) as the rapper's true talents.

Though Jones' comments might strike some as a welcome rebuke of Diddy's reputation as one of the most influential men in hip-hop, the situation is slightly more complicated. Though Diddy is probably not a fantastic musician, he has proven (time and time again) to have a great ear. After all, this is the man that signed not only Faith Evans, 112, Cassie and Mario Winans, but also Biggie Smalls. (That said, it could be argued that his biggest musical achievement was stumbling upon and fostering

Notorious B.I.G., which was decades ago).

It's true that Diddy seems hellbent on maxing out his business ventures, but that doesn't mean he always succeeds. He recently closed Justin, the Atlanta restaurant he named after his son. The New York outpost of Justin was also closed, in 1997.

Justin Combs, of course, has been in the news lately for receiving a full-ride to play football at UCLA. Many were shocked that the infamously cash-strapped school would offer a hefty scholarship to the son of a mogul, but others defended the decision, citing the fact that money that goes to the football program could not be allocated elsewhere. Some maintained that if Justin is qualified to earn a scholarship, his father's wealth should not prevent him from doing so.

Jones curated a playlist for Spotify, as did Tiesto, Rancid and Disturbed. The service hopes the playlists will help guide users through the millions of songs it has licensed

## Katherine Jackson Said to be Safe

Special to the NNPA from the St. Louis American

Authorities said Sunday they believe Katherine Jackson, the mother of Michael Jackson and the guardian of his three minor children, is safe in Arizona with family members after she was reported missing.

According to the Associated Press, the disclosure came after another concerned family member officially reported her missing Saturday night amid a dispute over the estate of her superstar son.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was still trying to speak with Katherine Jackson but said she reportedly is with other relatives.

Paris Jackson, the 14-year-old daughter of the late legend, tweeted early Sunday that her grandmother was missing.

"I haven't spoken with her in a week I want her home now," she posted from her Twitter account. She also tweeted a number for people to contact in case they saw the 82-year-old matriarch of the famous singing clan.

On Friday, Jermaine Jackson tweeted that his mother was resting on the orders of a doctor in Arizona.



Katherine Jackson

"This is our mother and her health is paramount. We are not inventing or plotting anything," he posted. "We are following doctor's advice. Period."

Katherine Jackson also hadn't been in contact with her attorneys, who worked Sunday to learn more information about her whereabouts and why she had suddenly become incommunicado, including with her grandchildren.

"First of all, let's hope that this is all just a big misunderstanding and a totally benign situation," her attorney Perry Sanders Jr. said Sunday. "Assuming that she did actually leave on doctor's orders, no matter which doctor, it has certainly created an absolutely irregular situation

whereby she has been out of contact with her grandchildren."

The mystery of Katherine Jackson's whereabouts was compounded by a recent visit from her son's former physician, Dr. Allan Metzger, who examined her July 14 after being brought to her home in Calabasas by someone close to the family, said Katherine Jackson's attorney Sandy Ribera.

The visit came one day before Katherine Jackson was scheduled to depart on an RV trip to the Southwest to watch her sons perform at concerts. The elder Jackson never made any of the shows and Metzger apparently told her not to take the trip, Ribera said.

Metzger is not Katherine Jackson's primary physician and her regular doctor wasn't aware of his house call until concerns about Katherine Jackson's whereabouts were raised, Ribera said.

Paris Jackson referenced Metzger's visit in a tweet early Sunday, writing, "the same doctor that testified on behalf of dr murray saying my father was a drug addict (a lie) is caring for my grandmother... just saying."

Conrad Murray was convicted of involuntary manslaughter for the June 2009 propofol overdose death of Jackson at age 50.

## Dawn Harper is Looking For a Second Gold Medal at the Olympics



Dawn Harper (UCLA)

By Jason Lewis  
Special to the NNPA from the Los Angeles Sentinel

The former UCLA Bruin was not expected to win the gold in the 100-meter hurdles at the Beijing Olympics, but she did, and she's looking for one more.

Dawn Harper showed up at the 2008 Beijing Olympics not really knowing what was going on.

"In 2008 I was just a baby really," Harper said. "A lot of people didn't even expect me to make the team."

And a lot of people had some very simple advice for the former UCLA Bruin as she prepared to compete in the women's 100-meter hurdles.

"Everybody outside of my circle told me, 'this is just your first Olympics, don't worry about getting a medal. Just feel your way through. But your second Olympics, you have a better chance of getting a medal.' But I was

like, I want to get a medal this time."

Harper placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the U.S. Olympic Trials that year, so there were no expectations that she would medal. But she, or her coach Bob Kersee, were not selling her abilities short, and she was not about to wait until 2012 to pick up her medal, so she went ahead and won the gold in 2008. Things have changed a lot since then.

The recognition has been great for Harper, but more importantly the Nike sponsorship has allowed her to focus solely on track. Coming out of UCLA she had to work three jobs to get by while training for her track career. She was at that point of her career where it could have all ended and she could have settled into a normal life, or she could go for it all. Well she went for it all, and she got it.

Now she's looking to do it again. This time around

the advice that Harper is getting is a little different, as people are telling her that since she already has a gold medal, that she should really enjoy herself at the Olympics. But that is not what she is crossing the Atlantic for. This is no leisure trip. She's looking to pick up another gold medal.

Harper is not sneaking up on anybody like she did in 2008, as she took first place at this year's U.S. Olympic Trials, and she is the one that everybody is eyeing to beat. That is exactly the position that she wants to be in.

"Would I rather be the one with the target on her back, or be the one that can hopefully get a medal? I rather be the one with the target on my back," Harper said.

A second gold medal would take Harper to even higher levels, as she would become Olympic royalty for winning the gold at consecutive Olympics. She has the prize within her grasp, which has led her to working even harder this time. And she is wiser, which could produce an even better performance from four years ago.

Kersee has Harper in the right mindset to keep her motivated.

"We're chasing them," Harper said. "We never go in cocky."

Even though Harper is the woman to beat, she is attacking this as if this is anybody's race to win, which drives her to work harder and run faster. She has not become complacent like many athletes who have already reached the mountaintop tend to do.

### Texas Veterans Commission to Conduct Veteran Entrepreneur and Business Growth Seminar

The Texas Veterans Commission is conducting a Veteran Entrepreneur and Business Growth Seminar on July 28 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The seminar will be held at Tri Point, 3233 N. Saint Mary's Street, San Antonio, Texas 78212.

The seminar is open to all veterans, active duty personnel and their families wishing to start or expand their own business. Participating organizations will include the Texas Veterans Commission, Small Business Administration (SBA), Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), and several lenders and organizations with expertise in starting and growing a business.

Seminar participants will receive information in the following areas:

- Business plan development
- Financial guidance
- Management & marketing assistance through mentorship
- Information regarding franchise opportunities

For more information on the program, please contact Duncan McGhee at 512-936-6677.

Space for the seminar is limited. Those wishing to participate are strongly urged to register in advance.

## LEGAL NOTICE

This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on August 27, 2012. You have until February 23, 2013, to redeem any tickets for this game:

Game #1432 \$100,000 Silver & Gold (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.59

These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on September 26, 2012. You have until March 25, 2013, to redeem any tickets for these games:

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## Local Salon Expands

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



Kevin Asberry Master Barber ; Deborah (owner); Jonnie McDaniel, Stylist.  
Photo by By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

In the month of October 2011, a local salon called D'borah opened its doors for business.

The owner decided to open a business due to the fact that she was retiring and wanted to be involved in something.

Moreover, she chose the hair business due to the fact she can operate it, while not necessarily, "Doing hair", as stated by the owner. Over a period of time, the business has grown and seeking to ex-

pand and further the business.

She plans by further expand the business by opening some booth rentals. According to the owner, "D'borah offers a serene and friendly working atmosphere where each stylist/barber has the opportunity to set their own hours and pricing, and pays no commission, which means you keep all your profits." In other words, the salon would give an opportunity for

individual stylist to grow their business.

Moreover, this is an opportunity for several stylists to have a location in which they can expand their business.

For instance, Kevin Asberry, who has been a master barber for over 18 years, has decided to have a booth inside D'borah. According to Kevin, "This location offers a good atmosphere with a good business opportunity."

## The Travis County Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



Josh Breazel, Joe Deshotel, DT and Jim Wick.

On July 21, 2012 the Travis County Democratic Party held the opening of its coordinated campaign. During the opening of the campaign, over 375 people attended the event. At the event, there were elected officials, candidates, activists, and voters. It was a time in which the public could see the structure of the Travis County Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign.

At the event, the attendees were greeted with a delicious barbecue from a local catering company. The attendees had the opportunity to take a tour of the coordinated campaign office. In addition, they had the opportunity to speak with various candidates and also to listen to live bands present at the event.

Moreover, the Travis County Coordinated Campaign mission is to help candi-

dates win within the county. Also, it seeks to get candidates whose district includes Travis County get as many votes that the campaign can get within the county. For instance, candidates who are running for the 3rd Court of Appeals will depend heavily on the Coordi-

nated Campaign to mobilize voters in Travis County in order to balance out more conservative voters within the district.

The coordinated campaign office is located at 2406 Manor Road, in East Austin.



Candance Duval and David Towler at the Travis County Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign.  
Photos by By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

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## The Liberian Community

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

On July 21, 2012 the Liberian community gathered in Central Texas and celebrated their native land independence day. They celebrated the event by holding a reception at a local hotel. During the reception, they had the opportunity to socialize with each other. For instance, Samuel an attendee mentioned, "It is always good to be in company with people from one's native land." The next day there were more activities that people could take part of.

In the 1840's thousands of freed American slaves re-settled in Liberia.

Moreover, the ties between the U.S and the new settlement were strong due to the fact that they named a city after James Monroe. After resettlement in Liberia, the freed American slaves and the indigenous people worked together to create the nation of Liberia. As a result, Liberia was the first nation in West Africa to be an independent nation. For over 150 years the nation of Liberia experienced peace and prosperity.

However, during the early 1980's it experienced a military coup. In the early 90's the nation of Liberia

faced a civil war which endured for 14 years.

Moreover, the civil war of the 90's caused a massive flow of refugees throughout West Africa and/or to the United States. However, in the early years of 2000's, the nation of Liberia began to experience peace.

Then elections were held and they elected a woman president. Once again, the nation of Liberia was a trailblazer by electing the first woman president in West Africa. Now, the nation of Liberia has become a promising land for its own people.

## Bryant Says Her Son "tried to kill me"

by Akeya Dickson  
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In an emotional 911 call, the mother of Dallas Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant can be heard telling friends that her son "tried to kill me" and that she's going to "put an end to it today."

Angela D. Bryant told police that her son hit her across the face with a ball cap, pulled her hair, tore her shirt and bra, and repeatedly struck her hands and wrists when she tried to push him away, records released Tuesday by the DeSoto Police Department reveal.

The assault apparently started at Angela Bryant's home in DeSoto about 1:15 p.m. Saturday.

Angela Bryant called 911 from a friend's house nearby

telling police that her son was now there.

"He won't go home. I keep telling him to go home. He won't go," she tells the dispatcher as a man can be heard yelling in the background. Angela Bryant later tells the dispatcher that her son has left in a white Lincoln Navigator with the license plate "BAILME."

Angela Bryant told dispatchers that no one had been drinking or taking drugs and that her brother, son and a friend were present when the assault occurred. When asked if anybody was armed with weapons, Angela Bryant replied "not yet" but that her son had picked up a ball and tried to hit her with it.

"And then he grabbed me. You'll see when you get here how my clothes look," she tells the dispatcher.

Police did not immediately

arrest Bryant because police saw no evidence of the assault. Evidence of the injuries, however, surfaced a day or two later, said DeSoto police Capt. Ron Smith during a news conference Tuesday morning.

Those injuries, the affidavit states, included swelling to the woman's wrists and around her left thumb and bruising on her upper arms. Angela Bryant also complained of pain in her wrists, hands and arms and soreness in her chest from her son pushing her, the affidavit states.

"It's pretty straightforward," Smith said. "He and his mom got in an argument. It's physical. She got some injuries. We made the arrest."

"Whatever led to it is really not an issue for us," Smith said. "We have an injured person. We have a suspect. We're going to move forward."

# CLASSIFIEDS ~ PUBLIC INFORMATION

## Ray Rice Hosts Anti-Bullying Rally

Special to the NNPA  
from the Afro-American  
Newspaper

NFL running back Ray Rice is still negotiating a contract extension with the Baltimore Ravens, but he hasn't let that stop him from reaching out to Maryland youth.

Rice joined with Teen Truth Live, a San Diego, Calif.-based anti-bullying group, to host "A Ray of Hope," a pro-kindness, anti-bullying event held at Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia, Md.

Nearly 4,000 people attended the event, at which Rice spoke about his own personal experiences dealing with bullies. He mentioned that his younger sister was bullied at her school and was hit in the eye with a rock by a bully.

"Going into the eighth grade, a girl kept on picking on her," Rice said. "The girl threw a rock, hit my sister in the eye, and my mother's first reaction was to tell her to retaliate. That wasn't the right answer. We got the principal involved, we got the police involved. I think we got it under control. We haven't had a problem since. My sister is



Ravens running back Ray Rice. (Courtesy Photo/Wikimedia)

living a happy, teenage life right now."

Rice also talked about how he felt when he heard about a 15-year-old Maryland girl Grace McComas, who committed suicide in May after being bullied. He appeared at an anti-bullying rally held shortly after her death in Howard County.

"Well you know after I heard about the story about the little girl losing her life over somebody's words, you can't imagine somebody's life being taken over words," Rice said. "I live by the creed that sticks and stones they break your bones, but words can never hurt you. In this case, words killed somebody. When you think about it, we all put ourselves in

somebody's shoes, a different family's shoes."

"Whether we have kids or not, we can feel that family's pain," he added. "I felt that pain and I felt like it's time for me to be a voice out there. In another situation, you're talking about retaliation. That's not the kind of retaliation that you need in this kind of situation. It's getting your voice out there to help any other situation."

Rice was joined at the "A Ray of Life" event by Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco. The two gave out free Ravens t-shirts and hosted a competition with the youths to find the best impersonation of the famous pre-game dance done by Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis.

"I want to get the message out that some people are not alone," Rice said. "If you feel like you're in that dark cloud, you got to speak up because the only help to recovery is admitting that something is wrong."

## Bond Development Process Moves Forward to City Council

The Austin City Council returns from its break in August for further deliberations on bond development as it considers calling a November 2012 election.

The Council will refine a list of proposed projects, determine bond propositions and set the amount of bond funding to present to voters, potentially on Nov. 6.

A bond proposal would likely include funding for City infrastructure, facilities or other capital improvement projects or programs. Details on final propositions and community engagement opportunities will be posted to the City's website at [www.austintexas.gov](http://www.austintexas.gov).

Austinites voices will continue being part of the bond process. Upcoming important dates:

- Aug. 2: City Council Public Hearing - Austinites may address the Council regarding a potential November 2012 bond election.

- Aug. 7: City Council Work Session - Council will discuss the bond package and work through potential bond proposition language;

- Aug. 9: Special-Called City Council Meeting - City Council will consider setting a bond election for Nov. 6, 2012, and approving ballot language for the bond propositions.

## Serena Celebrates Wimbledon, Compton Waits to Serve Love Again



Wimbledon Champion Serena Williams

By Kenneth Miller  
Special to the NNPA  
from the L.A. Watts Times

Tennis sensation Serena Williams recently captured her remarkable 14<sup>th</sup> grand slam event winning Wimbledon at the prestigious All England Club months shy of her 31<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Elegantly dressed in her white Nike dress with royal purple, Serena was fit to be queen after her smashing three set victory that left many wondering what's next on the Williams agenda. After capturing the singles crown she joined with her sister Venus to double-up at Wimbledon adding the women's doubles championship.

Having met both the tennis prodigies when they were 9 and 10 years old, respectively, and even moving to Palm Beach, FL and residing with them for a short period I can reflect on this from rags to riches story with real introspective.

As the legacy of Serena and her older sister Venus continues to grow with their celebrity the distance from whence it all began fades into a shallow backdrop of what used to be the asphalt tennis courts at East Rancho Dominguez Park in Compton.

It was the City of Compton, the birthplace of rap—Eazy E and Dr. Dre, that gave the Williams' story, the sexy swagger that made them

appealing on a global stage.

It was the crazy idea of an over protecting father Richard who wanted more for his daughters than himself, who first envisioned fame and fortune for the only children he had with former wife Oracene Price.

Richard understood the significance of raising both Serena and Venus in the hood and while many of the stories have been exaggerated about bullets flying through the air while they practiced, anyone who resides in Compton or any urban neighborhood will agree it has its challenges. For some they are insurmountable.

Had both Serena and Venus been the daughters of two upper or middle class parents living in the suburbs their stories would not have been the attraction that it has become.

Serena was born in Michigan, Venus in Lynwood, but Compton was where their home was. Compton was where they lived and practiced until subsequently they moved to Palm Beach FL.

Surely you always hear about people in the neighborhood can't wait to get out, and often when they do, they don't come back.

The Williams story was not expected to be that way. Even after Richard moved the family to Palm Beach he had a huge sign on the tennis courts

that proclaimed him the "King of Compton."

This was an indication that he had not forgot where he came from and also wanted to remind his daughters that they should not forget.

For a long time they publicly embraced their Compton experience. There was to be annual tennis clinics in their name, monuments and parks named for them. There was to be hope that tennis was a unique alternative to rap music, basketball and football for other Black girls and boys in Compton.

Residents and elected officials hoped for the best, even as Serena and Venus resided on their massive estate in Palm Beach thousands of miles away.

Hope does not always spring eternal. As Serena and Venus grew older and their fame evolved, but Richard and Oracene grew apart. Eventually they divorced. Both would retain a percentage of the tennis-playing daughters with, Richard managing Venus and Oracene got Serena.

It has been almost 20 years and \$200 million, since the girls called Compton their home. Now, they're just from Palm Beach FL.

It is an irony that is not lost on many who knew the family and wanted the Compton association to remain a staple in their famous careers.

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## Sports

## Olympic Hopefuls Look To Shine in London



By: Terry Davis

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The London Olympic Games begin this week and many athletes will be looking to achieve their dream of standing on the podium and receiving any type of medal. Others will be disappointed if they are on the podium and they do not receive a good metal and hear their national anthem being played and the flag of their country been raised to the highest pole.

Gabrielle Douglas, 16 is from Virginia Beach, VA and a member of the U. S. Gymnastics team. When Gabrielle was 3 years old, her older sister, Arielle - a former gymnast, taught her how to do a perfectly straight cartwheel. By the age of 4, Gabrielle had taught herself how to do a cartwheel with one hand.

Gabrielle started formal gymnastics training at Gymstrada in October of 2002 at age 6. Just two years later she went on to become 2004's Virginia State Champion. At age 14, Gabrielle left Virginia Beach and her family behind to train with elite coach, Liang Chow, in West Des Moines, IA. Gabby lives with a host family, the Patrons, where she now plays big sister to their four girls.

Gabby made her senior debut in 2011. She qualified to her first Senior National Championships in



**Gabby Douglass 16, has been training as a gymnast since age 3.**

St. Paul, MN. At nationals, Gabby became the 2011 Bronze Medalist on Uneven Bars and earned a spot on the 2011-2012 Senior National Team. November, Gabby competed as a member of the 2011 World Championship.

John Orozco, 19 from the Bronx, NY is an emerging star of USA Gymnastics, a recently crowned U.S. all-around champion and one of the men to watch in the all-around competition at the London games. "It was tough, being in the Bronx as a gymnast, especially a male gymnast," Orozco said. "I got

a lot of (teasing) from kids, but I didn't care. I was doing what I loved, so no one could tell me that I was doing something wrong."

Orozco first noticed gymnastics watching the 2000 Sydney Olympics when he was 7 years old. "I remember thinking it was the greatest sport in the world, they're like circus performers except better," Orozco said. "I remember seeing the fun that they had out there, especially the USA team, and I think that's really when I took to it. I really thought, 'Wow, that's something I really want to do one day.'"



**John Orozco 19, from the Bronx, NY, will compete in the men gymnastics.**

## Area Players Gain Notice In NBA Summer League Play

By: Terry Davis

The NBA just concluded a two week summer league play that was conducted in Orlando, FL and Las Vegas, NV. Several players with area ties had impressive performances.

The San Antonio Spurs only participated in the games in Las Vegas. Spurs players James Anderson, Eric Dawson, Kawhi Leonard and Alexis Wangmene played for the team. The team went 2-3 for the week. Leonard only played in two games for the Spurs.

Leonard was very impressive in his play for the week. He led the team in scoring with 25.0 points a game. Former Texas Longhorn Cory Joseph played in all five games and was the conductor of the offense that was coached by Jacques Vaughn. Joseph averaged 17.0 points and 5.2 assists a game. Joseph was named to the Las Vegas



**Cory Joseph (left), led the San Antonio Spurs Las Vegas Summer league team.**

All Star team for his outstanding play.

Former Texas Longhorn Alexis Wangmene only played in three games for the Spurs. Wangmene suffered an injury and his playing time was limited.

Two former Austin Toros and San Antonio Spurs players took advantage of their opportunity. Both Malcolm Thomas and Justin Dentmon had stays with both area teams last season. This summer Thomas played for the Chicago Bulls. Thomas was named to the

All-Summer League team in Las Vegas last week.

Dentmon played for the Dallas Mavericks summer league team in Las Vegas. Dentmon was the NBA D-League's Most Valuable player and led the Toros to a D-League Championship. Dentmon got another opportunity to impress an NBA team. Dentmon did not rely on his scoring for this team, but he was responsible for getting everyone else involved in learning the offense. Dallas finished with a 3-2 record.

## Texas Longhorns Football Receive Big Pre-Season Honors

By: Terry Davis

The Big 12 football media days were held this past week in Dallas, Texas. The Texas Longhorns received a vote of confidence from the media covering the event.

The Longhorns were picked to finish the season as the third best team in the conference. Oklahoma and West Virginia was picked first and second respectfully.

The Longhorns also placed four players on the pre-season all-conference team. Those players are running back Malcolm Brown, defensive end Jackson Jeffcoat, defensive end Alex Okafor and safety Kenny Vaccaro. Okafor was also listed as the Defensive Preseason Player of the year.



**Alex Okafor is looking to become one of the most decorated football players ever at Texas.**



**Malcolm Brown will be looking to take the pressure off of the Longhorn's quarterbacks.**

Okafor is a three-year letterman who has appeared in 39 games on the defensive line, including 21 starts. He was a 2011 AFCA FBS Coaches' All-American and a unanimous first team All-Big 12 selection (Coaches). Also in 2011, he was named first team All-Big 12 (AP, Kansas City Star, Fort Worth Star-Telegram) and was on the 2011 Ted Hendricks Defensive End of the Year Award watch list.

Last season he started all 13 games, posting 58 tackles, 14 tackles for loss, seven sacks, three pass breakups, 17 pressures, two caused fumbles and one fumble recovery.

Jeffcoat is a third-year defensive lineman who has ap-

peared in 21 games with 15 starts. He was a 2011 second team All-Big 12 selection (Coaches, AP, Kansas City Star, San Antonio Express-News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram). His father, Jim, was a standout defensive lineman for the Dallas Cowboys (1983-94) and Buffalo Bills (1995-97) and is the current defensive line coach at San Jose State.

Vaccaro is a fourth-year defensive back who has appeared in 38 games with 19 career starts. He was chosen to the All-Big 12 first team (Coaches), second team (Fort Worth Star-Telegram) and honorable mention (AP) in 2011 and was honorable mention for Defensive Player of the

Year (Coaches). Vaccaro has posted 157 tackles (102 solos), two interceptions, 12 TFL, two sacks, two forced fumbles and 16 PBU for his career and has also registered 14 tackles (10 solo) and two blocked kicks on special teams.

Brown, who was named to the 2012 Maxwell Award watch list awarded to the nation's outstanding collegiate player, begins his second season after having played in 10 games with seven starts as a true freshman in 2011. He was named second-team Freshman All-America by Yahoo! Sports, the 2011 Big 12 Newcomer of the Year (AP, Houston Chronicle, San Antonio Express-News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram) and the Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year (Kansas City Star). Brown has three career 100-yard rushing performances, tied for third most by Longhorn freshmen.

Okafor is trying to become the third Texas player to win the award and the first since Colt McCoy won back-to-back in 2008-09. Former running back and Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams won the Walter Camp Player of the Year award in 1998.

## Who Has the Most Wins in College Football History?

By: Terry Davis

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) this week handed down punishment on Penn State University following an investigation of its administration handling of the Jerry Sandusky criminal probe. Among the penalties that were handed down was forfeiting of 111 wins from 1998 thru 2011.

As a result, the discussion of what coach has the most wins in college football history. Eddie Robinson of Gamble State University at one point had the most wins in college football history until former Penn State coach Joe Paterno past him. Before being stripped of the wins Paterno had 409 wins and was considered the winningest coach of all time.

Robinson has 409 wins as a college coach. Some people are trying to argue that former Florida State coach Bobby Bowden should be considered the coach with the most

wins. Their argument is that coaching on the Division I level versus coaching on the Division 1A level should not be compared.

Bowden has 377 wins while at Florida State and is currently the coach with the most wins in Division 1. Bowden coached for 39 years and all but six years was at Florida State. The previous six years Bowden coached at West Virginia. Bowden led Florida State to two National Champions in 1993 and 1999.

The President of the NCAA held a press conference to hand down the penalties that were levied on Penn State and to explain why they imposed the sanctions.

By perpetuating a "football first" culture that ultimately enabled serial child sexual abuse to occur, The Pennsylvania State University leadership failed to value and uphold institutional integrity, resulting in a breach of the

NCAA constitution and rules. The NCAA Division I Board of Directors and NCAA Executive Committee directed Association President Mark Emmert to examine the circumstances and determine appropriate action in consultation with these presidential bodies.

"As we evaluated the situation, the victims affected by Jerry Sandusky and the efforts by many to conceal his crimes informed our actions," said Emmert. "At our core, we are educators. Penn State leadership lost sight of that

Robinson coached 56 years at Grambling State University and established a great legacy while there and coached many players that achieved great success in the National Football League.

His greatest player Doug Williams led the Washington Redskins to a Super Bowl title. Williams is the current head coach at Grambling.