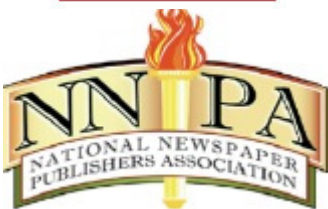




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## Austinites for Geographic Representation forms Advisory Commission for Citizens Districting 10-1



Former Senator Gonzalo Barrientos (2nd from right) addresses the media and NAACP's Nelson Linder (C) and other members of the AFGR await their turn to speak. Villager Photo.

Representatives and supporters of Prop 3, held a press conference Tuesday (11/12) to announce their continued involvement in the process of moving the city to the 10-1 City Council form of government. Former Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos chaired the committee that let to the issue being placed on the ballot

The group was repre-

sented by a number of organizations in the city such as The Austin Branch NAACP, The Austin Area League of Women Voters, The Travis County Republican Party and many others.

Nelson Linder, President of the NAACP, said that group just wanted to guarantee that the system is fair. There will be a 14 member commission selected by

the City Auditor overseeing the drawing of the maps for the districts.

Other speakers included Stewart Snider, Co-President of the Austin Area League of Women Voters; Roger Borgelt, Vice-Chair of the Travis County Republican Party, and several others.

Leaders of Austinites for Geographic Representa-

tion and supporters of Prop 3 gathered to celebrate Prop 3's victory and to announce the formation of an Advisory Commission for fair elections in 2014 — and the intention to maintain a close watch over the implementation phase of Prop 3. There was no time table set for the formation of the Advisory Commission.

## Harlem Nights Enjoyed by All



Members of the Austin Chapter Links, Inc.

By: Judge Harriet M. Murphy and Cheryl H. Morgan

Once again the Austin Chapter of Links, Inc. propelled its members and friends back to the days when the genius of Black poets, writers, musicians and other artistic and literary talent were so persuasive in Harlem that the period became known as the Harlem Renaissance.

During the twenties, W.E.B. Dubois, first Black to receive a PhD from Harvard University, shared his intellectual skills with other Black leaders who

joined him in forming the current NAACP. Langston Hughes was writing award winning poetry and Zora Neale Hurston became known for fictional writing. There were others including, Claude McKay, Countee Cullen, Nella Larsen and many more. The famous Cotton Club thrived while the population danced to the music of Bessie Smith, Charlie Parker and other great musicians.

The Austin Chapter Links recreated the period with attire, decoration and

music. The Body Talk Dance group provided stomping, tapping and gyration dances of the period while Rodney Geter added comedy to the event.

The Gala Fundraiser under the leadership of its President, Etta Ferguson, was soliciting funds to support its many quality programs in the community and abroad.

The Oak Springs Elementary early mentoring program, the promotion of the arts among various groups, helping Habitat for

See Harlem page 2

## Senator Ellis Files Health Care Package for 2013 Legislative Session



State Senator Rodney Ellis (D-Houston) filed a health care bill package aimed at implementing key elements of the Affordable Care Act in Texas. Texas has the highest percentage of uninsured in the nation with one in four Texans lacking insurance.

"It is time that we put partisan politics aside and do what is right for Texas. This legislation will bring tens of billions of dollars to the state, expand Medicaid to approximately 1.5 million additional Texans, set up a state health insurance exchange that works for Texas and guarantees that

the Commissioner of Insurance has the tools necessary to ensure rates are fair and affordable. The expansion of Medicaid costs less in four years than what Texas hospitals spend on the uninsured population in one year. The needs of these individuals will not disappear if we fail to expand Medicaid, but we will lose out on a nine to one match that other states will utilize and we will continue to pass the cost down to local hospitals and ultimately to taxpayers," said Senator Ellis.

Senate Joint Resolution 8 allows voters to decide on the expansion of Medicaid as allowed under the Affordable Care Act.

Senate Bill 84 creates a state based Health Insurance Exchange and codifies key federal insurance provisions already in effect.

Senate Bill 85 provides the Insurance Commissioner with the authority to approve and deny health insurance rate increases.

## INSIDE



UT kicks off the season with a very youthful men's basketball team, led by highly motivated offensive Sophomores and finished with their first win 55-53. See **BASKETBALL** Page 2



Despite the lack of resources, tactical campaign errors and deprived of several races, Democrats were able to hold on to all Precinct Constable races and Texas House District 48. See **TRAVIS COUNTY** Page 6



A beneficial, motivational and inspirational support system to many Austin patrons, for seekers in need of employment or basic computer skills, the Job Search Center celebrates it's one year anniversary and looks to many more. See **CARVER** Page 7

# THIS - THAT - AND THE OTHER

## Longhorns Make It 4 in A Row & Honors Former Coach Royal

By Derek Wiggins  
Villager Sports



Coach Darrell Royal

The No. 19 Longhorns (8-2, 5-2) opened up the game with a trick play run from the wish-bone formation made famous by their former coach Darrell Royal, who died Wednesday. The Longhorns defeated the Iowa State Cyclones (5-5, 2-5) 33-7 on Saturday in Austin. The Longhorns have won four games in a row.

"Bless his heart. We miss him," said Texas coach Mack Brown, who was very close to Royal and said he "sat on the floor and cried" when he learned Royal had passed. Brown had announced Wednesday that his team would honor Royal by lining up in the wishbone for the first play. Texas's pitch-back reverse pass for 47 yards to open the game caught everyone by surprise. "Maybe we had a little intervention from

up above on that one," Brown said.

David Ash passed for 364 yards and two touchdowns and Texas as a team had a season high of 609 yards on offense and held the ball for nearly 40 minutes. Texas scored first and never looked back after Freshman Jonathan Gray's 5-yard touchdown run. Ash connected with Davis on a deep post route for a long touchdown making the score 14-0. Ash was 15-of-16 passing for 245 yards in the first half and his

3-yard scoring pass to tight end Barret Mathews made it 20-0. Iowa State responded with a long drive, ending with a 14-yard TD pass from Jantz to Quenton Bundrage with 41 seconds left in the first half.

In the second half Texas added to their lead on a 37-yard field goal by freshman Nick Jordan making the score 23-7 in the third, Jordan replaced Anthony Fera after a blocked field goal and missed extra point in the first half. Gray scored on a 13 yard run to push the lead to 30-7, Jordan kicked a late 25-yard field goal for the last score of the game making it 33-7.

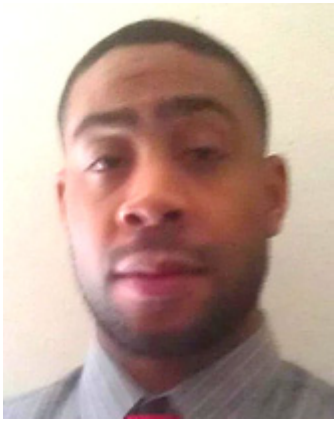
Iowa State coach Paul Rhoads said, "I said going into the week that I thought Texas was a very hot football team," "They are." Up next for the Longhorns is TCU (3-4, 6-4) on Thursday, November 22 at 6:30pm CT here in Austin.

## Harlem Nights Enjoyed by All from page 1



Links members (l to r) Kenya Johnson, Georgia Johnson, Etta Ferguson, Darlene Westbrook, Wilhelmina Delco, Patricia Wilkins, and Harriet Murphy.

## UT Men's Basketball Opens Season With a Win



By Derek Wiggins  
Villager Sports

Texas Longhorn's Men Basketball narrowly get a win in their season-opening game last Friday night against Fresno State, 55-53. Texas is 88-19 in season-opening games, including a 13-2 mark under coach Rick

Barnes. The Longhorns debuted their 107th season of basketball on Friday.

UT is a very young team this year they started three freshman and two sophomores, which tied a school record for most freshmen starters in an opener. The Longhorns had at least two freshmen on the court at all times, and didn't play a single upperclassman. UT only have two upper class-men on the team and both are walk-on seniors.

The Longhorns were led offensively by Sophomores Sheldon McClellan and Jonathan Holmes. McClellan had 20 points and Holmes had 6 points and 8

offensive rebounds. Holmes finished with 14 total rebounds, which was a career high. Other freshmen that made their debut Friday night were Ioannis Papapetrou, Cameron Ridley, Demarcus Holland, Conner Lammert and Prince Ibeh.

The Longhorns made one 3-point field goal on Friday, extending its streak to 723 consecutive games with at least one 3-pointer. The last time Texas did not make a three-pointer in a game came on Dec. 18, 1990. The Longhorns next game will be on Monday vs Chaminade in the EA SPORTS Maui Invitational Championship Round at 8:30pm CT.



Body Talk Dancers performed dances based on the Harlem Renaissance period.

Humanity build homes for those in need, focusing on the care and well-being of children in foster care, informing the community of

good health care prevention and sending care packages to Haiti are some of the primary endeavors of the organiza-

tion. Links are appreciative of all the support it received for these ongoing programs.

## Two West Nile Neuroinvasive Deaths Confirmed

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (A/TCHHSD) has confirmed the deaths of two Travis County residents from West Nile Neuroinvasive Disease, a more serious form of West Nile Virus. The two people who died did match the CDC's profile for those at highest risk of severe illness—over 50 years of age with underlying health conditions. The deaths occurred on 10/31/2012 and 11/6/2012. Onset of illness occurred 9/21/2012 and 9/17/2012.

Until July of this year, Travis County had not had any reported cases of West Nile Virus

(WNV) in humans since 2008 with the last reported WNV fatalities in 2007. Since July, the A/TCHHSD Epidemiology and Health Statistics Unit has investigated 142 reported confirmed and probable cases of WNV. That number includes the most recently reported deaths. Thus far this year Travis County has con-

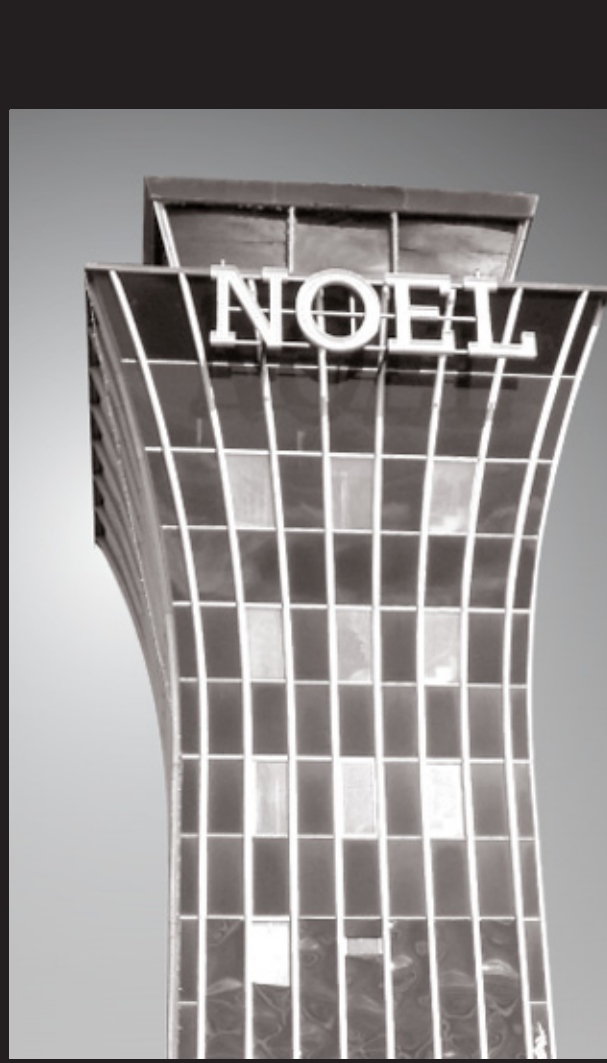
firmed 5 human deaths attributed to West Nile Virus.

Cooler weather has led to a significant decrease in mosquito activity in recent weeks. The last onset of human illness

was reported on October 10, 2012. Additional information on mosquito surveillance and prevention measures is available on our city of Austin website at: [www.austintexas.gov/westnile](http://www.austintexas.gov/westnile).



AUSTIN AKAs feed homeless—On Sunday, October 22nd, members of the Beta Psi Omega Chapter and Beta Kappa Chapter of Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. partnered with Jedediah Baker Ministries to feed more than one hundred men and women on the streets in downtown Austin, Texas. This ministry meets every Sunday at the Austin Resources Center for the Homeless (ARCH) in Austin making a difference in lives of those in need.




## LIGHTING UP THE HOLIDAYS.

It's time for the annual Tower Lighting Ceremony!

Now in its 7th year, we'll enjoy live music by local talent, delicious treats and activities for the entire family. Council Member Kathie Tovo will help us honor a holiday tradition dating back to the 1960s by turning on the NOEL lights.

**When:** Tuesday, November 27  
Between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
(remarks and Tower lighting at 7 p.m.)

**Where:** Mueller Tower at Berkman Dive and Tom Miller Street



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# CHURCH & TOWN BULLETIN

## Exonerated Death Row Inmate Anthony Graves to Speak Sunday at Wesley United Methodist Church



Speaker Anthony Graves

By Arlene Youngblood  
Special to The Villager

Exonerated Death Row inmate Mr. Anthony Graves will be the guest speaker at Wesley United Methodist Church this Sunday, November 18, 2012 at the 10 a.m. worship service. Mr. Graves was exonerated and declared innocent for a crime he did not commit on October 17, 2010 after serving 18 years of his life (12 years on death row and 6 years in the Bureson County jail). He is the 12<sup>th</sup> person in Texas to be declared innocent after being wrongfully convicted and removed from death row and one of 140 death row exonerates nationwide.

This program is sponsored by the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. For more information about TCADP, to go [www.tcadp.org](http://www.tcadp.org) or call 512/441-1808. You may also contact the church office at 512/478-7007. Rev. Sylvester E. Chase, Jr. is the pastor. Wesley United Methodist Church is located at 1164 San Bernard. The public is invited to come and hear Mr. Graves' story.

For more information, contact the church office at 478-7007 or Texas Coalition to abolish the Death Penalty at [www.tcadp.org](http://www.tcadp.org) or 441-1808.

## Zetas Calling All Praise and Christian Step Teams for Their Annual Showcase

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Pi Omega Zeta Chapter announces its annual Praise and Christian Step Teams showcase, scheduled on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 4 p.m. at Old Settlers, 3300 Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock. The show offers an opportunity for Praise groups and Christian Step Teams to refine their routines for maximum outreach while witnessing to other youth and adults in a spirited, fun-filled environment.

First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded, with a cash prize for the winner based upon the routine, precision, memorization of scriptures, and showmanship.

Admission is \$10 at the door only with doors opening at 3 p.m. For more information, to enter a team, or to secure group seating, call 512-699-0443 or visit [www.orgsites.com/tx/piomegazeta/](http://www.orgsites.com/tx/piomegazeta/). Old Settlers is located on Highway 79 next to the Dell Diamond ballpark.

## Local Resident Celebrates With Pre-Thanksgiving Holiday Bash!



L. M. Rivers

It's called a Pre-Thanksgiving Holiday Bash! The annual event at the Doubletree Hotel (across from Pappadeaux's) promises to be as festive as the last five events that L. M. Rivers has hosted at the hotel. "It started out as a way to celebrate my birthday," said Rivers. "But, so many people from many different walks of life seemed to enjoy it so much, that it has turned into a community affair!"

Although this year's party is competing with Austin's debut run of Formula One, the soon-to-be 62-year-old says it will be the party of the season. "Last year we had people

come from all over the country, and we always have lots of fun, food and a few surprises waiting for them," says Rivers. "We always try to help someone or some cause at my party. This year, we are supporting the Marines in their Toys For Tots campaign. We're asking that everyone bring an unwrapped toy for newborn to 14 years of age."

Rivers, known for his dancing expertise, says his philosophy is that dance will keep you both mentally and physically fit. A line dance workshop is scheduled before the party starts on Saturday, November 17, 2012. For more information, go to [www.lmrivers.com](http://www.lmrivers.com), or call 512-923-7747.

## 5th Annual "Harvest Your Family's History" Fair

The Round Rock FamilySearch Center invites you to attend the 5th Annual "Harvest Your Family's History" Fair on Saturday, November 17, 2012. There is no charge for this event.

This event goes from 9 AM to 2 PM and includes genealogy classes, displays, and tours of the Round Rock FamilySearch Center. Lunch will be provided. Doors open at 8:30 AM.

Registration is available until the day before the event. A full syllabus of all classes will

be available for those who register for the event before October 31. If you do not register by Oct 31, there is no guarantee of a syllabus. Each person will need to register individually. Username: harvestfamilyhistory@gmail.com Password: rrfhc2012

Question? Please call or visit the Round Rock FamilySearch Center at the following time: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 AM-1 PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 6:30 PM-9 PM. 512-388-1160.



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In 2008, his son, Martin Luther King III, was quoted in an Associated Press article, saying, "It is disingenuous to imply that my father was a Republican. He never endorsed any presidential candidate, and there is certainly no evidence that he ever even voted for a Republican. It is even more outrageous to suggest he would support the Republican Party of today, which has spent so much time and effort trying to suppress African American votes in Florida and many other states."

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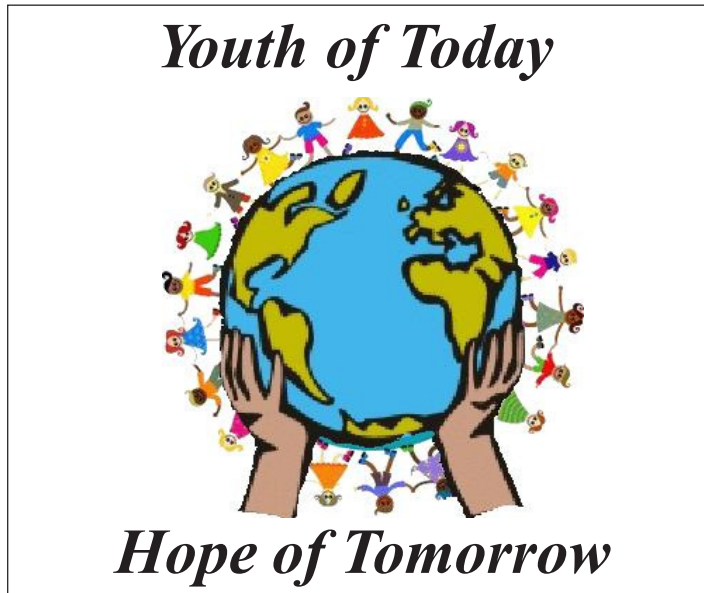
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# YOUTH BRIGADE



## Spirit Week



**Aubri Allen-Brent**  
Dailey Middle School

Hello, this week we are going to talk about Red Ribbon /spirit Week. Red Ribbon Week represents being drug free. Using drugs is bad for your body.

Drugs can ruin your brain cells also. Drugs are really bad for your body and kids should never drink alcohol or use drugs. Red ribbon week

started on Monday we had black out to drugs, that's when you wear all black. Tuesday we had our sprit day where you wear our school colors blue gold and white.

Wednesday was White out to drugs day where you all white. And Thursday was wear your crazy mix matched socks or boots day, and lastly Friday was nerd day or tacky day or just be you day where you dress however you want to dress.

Remember drugs and alcohol can cause really bad harm to your body. And we also had our last football game against the Hutto Hippos we finished off the season really good by winning our last game. As always GOOOO WOLVES!!!!

## Capital Area Food Bank



**Marcus Austin**  
Cedar Ridge HS

Sometimes in life you don't realize how blessed you are until you lose everything or you have nothing at all. Not everybody is as fortunate as we are, some people do not know where their next meal is going to come from or how are they going to make a living so they can provide for their family.

I was given the opportunity to help inspect and make meal packs for the less fortunate at the Capital Area Food Bank. I went with the Y.M.O.D (Young Men of Destiny) program. I am very thankful that I have the basic

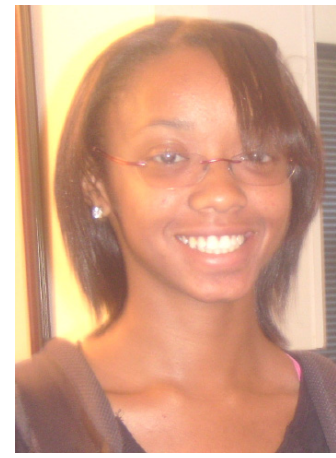
necessities in my life such as food, shelter and water. We helped prepare thousands of meals for families in the Austin area. It was a nice way to give your time and labor to those in need, it was also a very humbling experience.

I am very thankful to have 2 of the best parents in the world, knowing that if I ever need anything they will provide it and they care and love for me unconditionally. So I am very thankful for what I have, because not everyone has it. That's why this experience was so humbling for me.

The Raiders played McNeil and came up short 42-21. This was the last game of the season. This was the very first varsity football season for the Cedar Ridge Raider. I would like to congratulate them on great season and for representing Cedar Ridge High School very well. Go Raiders!

That's all the news for this week. Thank you for reading, take care.

## The Kerville Challenge



**Olivia Smith**  
Lockhart High School

On Friday, November 9, our football team played their last game.

The challenge was against Kerville. The score was 38-61. My team played passionately trying to defeat Kerville.

Although, they did not win, their football season by far has been much better than last year's season. I am proud of my football team.

## Capital City Bearcats



**Jaylon Knighten**  
Dailey Middle School

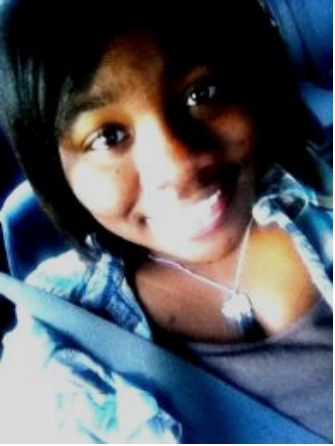
against Bastrop Bears in the Bowl game and won 25-0 ending season record 9-0. At the end of game I had mixed emotions, happy that we won and sad that it was my last game playing with these guys.

I have been part of this league since 2007 and now that I am 13 years old I will not be returning next year.

Friday Nov 16th Dailey students will begin their Thanksgiving break. We will be out of school from Nov 16th-Nov 26th.

Saturday I played my last game as a Capital City Bearcat. We played

## College Preparations



**Bria Good**  
LBJ High School

Many LBJ seniors are beginning to receive their college acceptance letters. The moments of getting acceptance letters are very exciting. I have recently received letters from the University of Houston and the University of North Texas. The non exciting part is just the process prior to receiving the letters. I believe that everyone can agree when I say that the college application process is stressful.

Senior year may be perceived to be the easi-

est and smoothest year of high school, but that is a myth. On top of school work, we have to focus on getting our college applications done, getting them turned in on before the deadline, and getting our test scores right where we want them as well. A lot of seniors do become lazy because they just can not handle all of these tasks to complete. I commend all of the seniors who have stuck it out and have focused on their school work and their college work as well.

Once you are accepted, a weight is lifted off of your shoulders. Knowing that you have been accepted somewhere and you will be able to do something after you graduate is a huge relief.

To all of the underclassmen and kids in middle school, stay on top of your work because it will definitely pay off!

## Thanksgiving Break is Here



**Deria Good**  
Dailey Middle School

Thanksgiving break is here! On Friday November 16th we are getting out of school to celebrate being thankful. Thanksgiving break for us is from Nov. 16-25. Our grades are due by Wednesday right before Thanksgiving break.

In order for us to be happy during thanksgiving

we should have good grades. We should finish our class work, our homework and definitely projects.

On November 13-14, 6th graders will be taking their social studies test. Also, the 7th graders will be taking their social studies test right after Thanksgiving break, 28-29. There's going to be a lot of tests this week for all grade levels actually.

Last week they announced which class brought the most can goods so they could get a pizza party. It was a 6th grade teacher Ms. Gonzalez class, enjoy your pizza party!

## Last games for fall sports



**Tori Smith,**  
Lockhart Junior High School

Last were the last games for fall sports- volleyball and football. The eighth grade volleyball "A" team won against Simon Middle School, but the eighth grade "B" volleyball team did not.

The Simon Middle School did not have two teams for football, so for Lockhart, the best of the "B" team and the best of the "A" team were one team.

They beat Simon Middle School 52 to 6. Go Lions!!!! The seventh grade teams had to do the same as the eighth grade, and won against Simon Middle School. Yea!!!! Next week will be the first basketball game for boys and girls against A.J.B. Middle School.

## Robotics



**Tierra Good**  
Dailey Middle School

what type of robot to make for the competition. This year the subject for the competition is to build a robot for the elderly. Our team is behind because the robot should have already been built or half way built and our team is just starting, same as the other team.

Right now we are getting parts ready to build our robot. On Monday and Tuesday we started on the parts. The competition is in January and most things that need to be done, is not. Hopefully, our team can get stuff done in time.

I'm in a program called Robotics. Robotics is a program that makes two teams from each school, a girl team and a boy team. The robotics team researches about

## Animal Shelter Adoption



**Andrae Hatcher**  
Pflugerville MS

health check up and is current on all shots as well as being spayed or neutered.

The City Animal Shelter hosts Adoption Days, that are regularly held at PetCo in Stonehill Center each Saturday and Sunday of the month from 12 pm - 4 pm.

If you are an animal lover, come see the many pets the shelter has that needs a loving home or find that great gift for that special someone that loves animals.

The Pflugerville City Animal Shelter is a great place to adopt a new family pet. You can be sure the animal will have had a

## Bye Volleyball Season



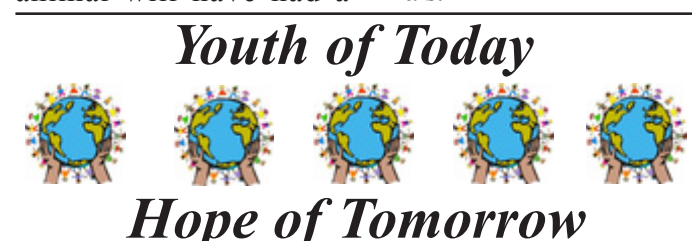
**Jada Demps**  
Dailey Middle School

Volleyball season is over I'm going to miss my teammates. I will see

them in basketball season hopefully. As for basketball season I will trying out for it because my goal is to make the team. At first I was not looking forward to this.

But now I think I'm ready n fit for it. If I don't make the team I will trying out for a off team because I want to be active in fit for summer. I pray that I make the team.

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# YOUTH BRIGADE

## Hendrickson Places in FFA



**Alon Rodgers**  
Hendrickson Highschool

Hendrickson Hawks football plays Westlake in the Bidistrict game. The game is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 16th at the Kelly Reeves Sports Complex (RRISD) at 7:30. Tickets are \$7,3 and \$8 at the gate. District passes will be honored, and HHS is the visitor.

The HHS Marching Band competed at state last week and finished the marching season as #21 after one of their strongest per-

formances of the year. That is no small accomplishment for our first year in 5A.

Basketball season is underway. All four boys teams play on Tuesday, some at home and some away.

Future Farmers of America had 6 students competing in the Cen-Tex District Leadership Development Event contest at East View High School. Our students did a great job of representing our FFA Chapter and Hendrickson. Lorrie Abels, Ellerie Jackson, Megan Nellis – Radio Broadcasting – 2nd Place – Advancing to Area on 11/12/12. Megan Nellis – Senior Creed – 5th Place. Austin Deceasare – Greenhand Creed – 7th Place. Austin Deceasare, Deanna Ineichen, Canon Martinka – Greenhand Quiz – 9th Place.

## My Spelling Bee



**SaNaya White**  
Cedars Academy

This past Wednesday I was in my schools' 1st Annual Spelling Bee. A couple of weeks before it, I was given pages of really hard words to study. My family & my teacher, Ms. Vargas, helped me. Some of the words I had never seen before! The day of the spell-

ing bee, my mom quizzed me over words to help me practice.

Even then, some words I still didn't know. The Spelling bee was at my school. I was with the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade group. It was kind of scary at first but I took my time and pictured writing the word in my head. Then before I knew it, I was 1 of the last 4!

The last word I spelled correctly was THOUGHT. I won 3rd place!!! My family was very proud of me! I felt great that I actually beat older kids!

I bet if you challenged me, I'd win... Try me!

## College Tours



**Adrian Jackson**  
Harmony Science Academy

Picking the right college is a big decision. There are many questions you will ask yourself and others when deciding on a college. By taking a campus tour, some of those questions can be answered, and your mind can be put at ease that you are on the right track.

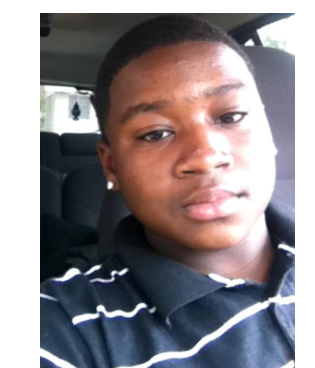
To get a sense of how much you are likely to learn, grow, and de-

velop at any college or university, there are some important questions to ask your tour guide, admissions staff, and currently enrolled students.

Harmony Science Academy students are taking college tours around the Texas area, to help them make this decision easier. The 8th grade students will visit Texas State University on November 29, 2012. The 9th grade students will be visiting The University of Texas at Austin on November 26th and 27th.

The 10th grade students will visit Baylor University on November 20, 2012, and the 11th grade students will visit University of Texas at San Antonio on November 30, 2012.

## Rewards!



**Imani Demps**  
Del Valle High School

This week was good at school I am passing ev-

erything. I have been being positive toward people. I have come to realize when you be positive the people around you tend to be positive too.

I also got great news. Everyone knows I volunteer for kazi. Well this week I won tickets to see Rick Ross. I figured I would take my father so we could have a good time, and we did.

## Panther Give Thanks



**Marshay Hatcher**  
Pflugerville High School

November is here and the Pflugerville High School Panthers are getting prepared for Thanksgiving break. Thanksgiving Break will begin November 21st through November 23rd, and classes will resume that following

week.

Thanksgiving allows everyone to express, what they are thankful for in their lives. Family and friends get together and enjoy each others company. We get the time to relax from the fast pace of life. I am very thankful for my family and friends, who are always there for me.

This year for the holiday, I'm looking forward to being with the people that I love and filling up on tons of turkey and stuffing.

I hope everyone enjoys their time with family and have a great Thanksgiving.

## We are the Champions



**Trenton Leary**  
Highland Park Elementary

On Saturday November 10, 2012 the Capital City Bearcat Rookie team played the Liberty Hill Panthers. This game was very important to me and my team mates, and also our coaches.

Our rookie team has been undefeated the whole season and we were going for the 1st place. Last year the Lib-

erty Hill Panthers beat our rookie team and they beat us bad. Well not this time!

This is the first year our rookie team has been undefeated the whole season. The hardest teams that beat us last year, well we beat them this year.

I am proud to say that the Capital City Bearcat Rookie team is the new 2012 CCYFL champions. Hard work pays off. I want to say thank you to our coaches, Coach Andre and Coach JC. I will also like to say to congratulations to our Senior team for being champs 3years in a row.

I can not wait to start basketball season....Until next time have a blessed day. Way to go BEARCATS!!!!!!

## Upcoming Events



**Dailey MS**

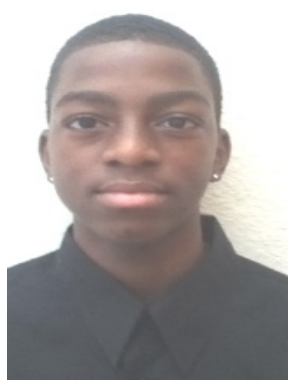
We as everybody knows thanksgiving is coming up and I hope everybody is going to have a great thanksgiving. Hopefully we are gonna do something with the youth brigade like feed the homeless.

Also for all the people that don't appreciate there family you need to start because if it wasn't for them you wouldn't be who you are just think about the positive thing they did for you and when you see them on thanksgiving give them a big hug say I love you and thanks for everything.

Speaking of giving thanks I appreciate all of the people who get the villager news paper and tell your family and friends about us.

Thanks and Happy Thanksgiving.

## Pflugerville Basketball



**Darius Hatcher**  
Pflugerville MS

Basketball team tryouts at Pflugerville Middle School were held on Monday, November 12, 2012.

Basketball tryouts for the 7th grade were from 7:15 to 9:00 am and the 8th grade tryouts were

from 2:40 to 4:30 pm. Students wanting to try out met in the gym ready to showcase their skills.

Our coaches told us that the first thing they would be looking at is our attitudes, academic ability, and then our athletic ability. Our coaches teach us that a real player is a team player. During tryouts we learned defensive plays, offensive and defensive footwork, and how to be a team and work as a unit.

Our first game will be on Thursday, December 6, 2012 against the Parkcrest Pumas.

## Making the Grade



**Jaquarry Wilson**  
Del Valle High School

This year, so far, has been such vexation for me. I've been keeping myself extremely busy with academics as well as extracurricular activities. It has been rumored that everyone's junior year in high school has been their hardest year, and, unfortunately, I must say this has been proven true.

It's been rather difficult to maintain my A's in every single one of my classes, even some of one of my electives. A class I thought I would grow to love has become a class

that I have started to dislike, mostly because of my inability to draw well. The instructor I have for this particular class, which is Art I, continuously fails to assist artistically challenged students. This, to my knowledge, is why I'm failing. Making a grade located in the eighties range in an elective class is failing in my eyes.

I've participated in every extra credit opportunity he has offered only to look at my report card and learn that I made an eighty-nine for the six weeks. Hopefully something changed to where I can make a ninety or above in that class because, in my book, making anything below that in art class is unacceptable.

I'm working to keep my GPA as high as possible this year and to maintain my rank of number 14 or below.

## Thanksgiving Almost Here



**Will Purcell**  
New Manor Tech HS

Thanksgiving is almost here and I am very excited. I have one more week until it is time for Thanksgiving break which I tend to spend laying down and playing video games. I have a fun time every Thanksgiving. I am looking forward to the turkey, mac & cheese, ham, potato salad, broccoli rice cheese casserole, and the tollhouse

pie. I also look forward to the family coming over to my house to celebrate. I plan to help my mom bake all the pies and cakes.

I have always been a fan of Thanksgiving mainly for the food, but also for the time I get to spend with family. Hopefully this time I will not end up giving myself a stomach-ache again like last time. This will be my last Thanksgiving living at home with my parents since I am graduating this year which kind of saddens me a little. But, that does not mean I cannot visit home for next year's Thanksgiving.

Until that happens, I am going to stay determined to make this year a blast.

## REMINDER!

### Youth Brigaders' Service Projects

**The Feast of Sharing**  
Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at  
Palmer Auditorium from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
**The Thanksgiving Homeless Lunch Program**  
hosted by Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
Thursday, November 22, 2012 at  
East 11th St. and Chicon in the fellowship hall



A Legacy of Giving's 'Day of Service' event will be held at the Capital Area Food Bank, Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 10:00am. As part of A Legacy of Giving's philanthropy education program, students from 36 Austin area schools have spent the month of November collecting more than 40,000 pounds of food and 3,000 warm coats for children in need.

Hundreds of students will unload their school's PODS and celebrate their achievements. This event allows the students to tangibly see the product of their efforts.

Founded in 2007 under the umbrella of the Austin Community Foundation, A

Legacy of Giving believes that if children learn to be compassionate at a young age, they will continue to be engaged in their communities and offer their gifts of time, treasure, and talent as adults.

Through philanthropy education, A Legacy of Giving empowers students to take action in their communities by offering them well-planned, hands-on, real-life projects.

The vision of A Legacy of Giving is to grow a generation of givers. www.alegacyofgiving.org

For more information on attending or covering a 'Day of Service' please contact me at: Lindsey@petersgroupPR.com 512-794-8600

# CITY ~ STATE ~ NATIONAL ~ WORLD

## What Texas Democrats Learned from President Barack Obama's Re-Election

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

On Election Day, the Republicans once again won every state wide race throughout the State of Texas. First of all, they won the 34 Electoral College votes; secondly they won the United States Senate race; and also won numerous judicial races. For instance, the Republican Ted Cruz won with over 50% of the votes. However, if Texas Democrats apply President Obama's winning tactics, then the Democrats would have an opportunity to win.

On Election Day, President Obama won because of the ground game and the enthusiasm within the Democratic voter base. After getting millions of new registered voters, the President Obama's campaign was able to get them out to the polls. Despite the various voting laws in various States, millions of people showed up to the polls to vote for President Obama.

Since the base was excited about their candidates they volunteered to register new voters and also talk to those who regularly don't vote. Moreover, Texas Democrats can win



Elected to 2nd term, President Barack Obama

by a good voter outreach program and also by having candidates who can galvanize the base.

Secondly, President Obama was able to win due to the fact that he was able to put in place a multi-cultural coalition. On Election Day, President Obama was re-elected with 95% of African American votes; 71% of Latino/Hispanic votes; 72% of the Asian votes; and 39% of the white votes. And within the white votes it was the single women who helped him win over to Romney.

Also, the share of white voters is actually shrinking while the share of

minority voters has been increasing since 1992. Moreover, the State of Texas mirrors the voting block of president Obama.

In the State of Texas, the share of minority voters has been increasing while the shares of white voters have been decreasing. While Republicans have gained the shares of state offices, the share of white voters have gone down. As of 2010, the African American votes make up 11% of Texas Voters while the Hispanic/Latino makes up about 25% of the voters. So, if the Texas Democrats can establish a coalition of voters, then they could win the State of Texas.

Finally, the demographics show that Democrats can win state offices in Texas. However, the Texas Democrats must have an excellent "voting out-reach program" which includes registering new voters and also getting them to the polls. Also the Texas Democrats needs a candidate that can galvanize the base by having a consisting message.

## Travis County Democrats Lose Several Key Race

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



Judy Jennings



Karen Watkins



Karen Huber

As America rejoices for the election of President Barack Obama, Travis County mourns the loss of several key races. In Travis County, Texas the Democrats lost several key races, such as the Precinct III Commissioner's race; all four positions of the 3rd Court of Appeals; the State Board of Education races; and the Texas House District 47.

Despite the loss of these races, the Travis County Democrats were able to hold all the Precinct Constable races and also Texas House District 48. However, the loss of several races outweighs those that were saved. Moreover, the losses of several key races were due to tactical campaign

errors. During this election season, the Travis County Democrats formed a Coordinated Campaign to take care of election matters. As a result, the Coordinated Campaign became a "command center" that was supposed to help all the candidates running in Travis County.

Furthermore, the Coordinated Campaign divides Travis County into five geographical areas, in which, they set up field offices. The "five field offices" are supposed to help the candidates running in Travis County by getting people registered and mobilize voters to the polls. In other words, the Coordinated Campaign is a com-

mand center that gave an extra boost in manpower to all the candidates running in Travis County.

Although the Coordinated Campaign does not run each campaign, they were to work alongside the candidates in the five geographic areas in order to give the various campaigns an "extra" push. However, the Coordinated Campaign failed to give the candidates an extra push due to the lack of resources during the last three weeks of the campaigns.

The lack of resources cut the Coordinated Campaign to effectively "get out the votes." Since they failed to get out the votes, the Democrats lost several races in Travis County.

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# CLASSIFIEDS ~ PUBLIC INFORMATION

## Austin's Veterans Day Event Menu Was Full



**Veterans Day Ceremony at the Capitol**

By Shirley A. Hammond  
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A parade. A Commemorative Air Force flyover. A ceremony on the Capitol steps. These hall-marked Austin's Veterans' Day celebration on Sunday, November 11, 2012. About 84 organizations participated in the parade which began at 9:00am at the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge and ended at the Texas Capitol. Joel Burke provided booming announcements for the various float participants from the balcony of the Stephen F. Austin Hotel. Many viewers flanked the Program Director of KASE-FM and KVET-FM while he introduced and described the Veterans Day Parade honorees, ROTC groups, businesses, dignitaries, societies, veterans and other parade participants. Mayor Lee Leffingwell and Chief Art Acevedo were among those watching the parade from the hotel reviewing stand. The mayor also participated in the parade and the Capitol ceremony. Leffingwell is a retired Navy pilot.

candy was thrown to on-lookers, flags were handed out and many parade participants got out of formation and shook the hands of veterans who they could identify standing alongside Congress.

According to Burke, the Austin area is home to about 175,000 vets and 42,000 of them are disabled. Some organizations in the procession had descriptions that spoke to their commitment to helping homeless veterans. Veterans for Ending Homelessness and Austin Community Eagles Society (ACES) were two noted for this distinction.

After the parade of an hour-plus procession, a lull in activity and street sweeping, a coordinated clean-up and detour adjustments took place before the San Marcos arm of the Commemorative Air Force broke through the clouds and did a V-formation flyover over Congress Avenue. Immediately afterward, the well-attended ceremony began on the Capitol steps.

A 16-page colorful commemorative program was distributed to viewers at the Capitol steps where vari-

ous proclamations, resolutions and recognitions poured forth. Middle and high school students who were present and won placement in the essay contest read their winning essays depicting their beliefs about what the federal and state holiday means.

Austin was also announced as a noted Veterans' Day celebration site.

During the ceremony, on the Om at the Dome participants were gearing up by doing yoga exercises on the Capitol grounds. They later went inside and observed three 12 minute intervals of solidarity. Once inside the pink granite building the Meditation Mob first did 12 minutes of silent meditation, followed by 12 minutes of sound vibration and then another dozen minutes of imagination on the Capitol Rotunda inside. The colorful mass covered the iconic design on the rotunda floor.

They also did a group hug and sang John Lennon's "Imagine" in four different languages. The song is noted for its lyrics which tout world peace and a society that is non-materialistic

Many reported that they found out about the yoga aspect of the program on Facebook.

### Employment

#### AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

##### New Jobs for the Week of 11/11/2012

Assistant, Senior Administrative (Internal)  
South Austin Campus  
Monday-Friday,  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
\$2,611-\$3,264/Monthly  
**Job# 1210018**

Coordinator, Clinical Lab-Nursing  
Eastview Campus  
Monday-Friday,  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
\$3,499-\$4,374/Monthly  
**Job# 1210014**

District Police, Dispatcher  
Service Center  
As Assigned  
\$2,148-\$2,685/Monthly  
**Job# 1211001**

Specialist, Financial Aid  
Highland Business Center  
Monday-Friday,  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
\$2,611-\$3,264/Monthly  
**Job# 1210016**

Supervisor, Student Life  
Round Rock Campus  
Monday-Friday,  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
\$3,174-\$3,968/Monthly  
**Job# 1211002**

Apply at HR  
Middle Fiskville Rd.  
6th Floor, Austin, TX 78752  
Job Line (512) 223-5621  
http://www.austinncc.edu  
EEOC/AA/MF/DV

## Carver Computer and Job Search Center Celebrates

By Shirley A. Hammond  
Special to The Villager

Carver Library Branch Manager Steve Reich has seen many benefits and benefactors of the Carver Computer and Job Search Center in the last year. On Wednesday, November 7, 2012, the center celebrated its one year birthday. It was also a one year mile marker for center Director Michelle Lawson, who began the position in November 2011. Reich cited some of the highlights of the year by stating that the biggest benefit is that its been a center for job seekers and those needing computer skills. On any given day, patrons flock to the center to gain computer skills on a one-on-one basis or in a classroom instruction environment with Lawson facilitating the class.

The center's existence was birthed through a federal grant awarded to the City of Austin. Austin Public Library (APL) grant writer Sue Soy is credited with obtaining the BTOP grant to increase computer access in a community with a high need. BTOP stands for Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program.

Available from 12-8 on Mondays, 11-8 on Tuesdays-Thursdays and 11-4 on Saturdays; the center has eight laptops, a scanner, two large wall-mounted screens, and a director's station. The grant also provided three circulating laptops. Reich stated that the grant will continue to fund the center until July 2013, but the technology will still belong to the library for other use after the grant expires.

Lawson commented on her experience as center director. She said she realizes that the services provided are definitely needed because so



(L to r) Michelle Lawson and Branch Manager Steve Reich. Photo by Shirley Hammond.

many people are looking for work but lack the computer literacy skills required in today's job market.

"I'm pleased to provide these services as well as motivational and inspirational support," she offered. On any given day, Lawson is heard offering encouraging words to center visitors. "I'm so glad you got it," she tells a job seeker who secured a position. If a seeker laments about their shortcomings, she calms their concerns by telling them, "Everybody has their own expertise."

When they express that they got less than their ideal job or hours other than they preferred, she quips, "At least that's a start." Fielding complaints and offering compliments is how she adds value.

"It's really nice that they let you do that," she tells one seeker who reports that she was able to secure extra hours.

"Why don't you do that as a career and get paid for it?," she asks a young man who shared that he builds websites for people.

Both Lawson and Reich report that they've had people come in to say that their job search efforts at the

center paid off. One patron, Belle Martinez, held up her newly designed resume. "It would take me forever to do at home," she said after she finished her individual resume-crafting session with Lawson.

Martinez commented that she finds the center beneficial to the East Austin community. "It's helped me so much. It's given me a lot of knowledge and skills." She said visiting the center has fortified her in many ways, including learning how to get out there and make it happen.

"Michelle's been amazing." She also described the director as sweet and patient.

One way in which those qualities show through is how Lawson often listens while some patrons at her station complain about the job market or rant about their job issues. Lawson has been observed waiting for the visitor to finish so she can breathe new hope, ideas, self-esteem boosts and suggestions their way.

"She's helped a lot," Martinez stated of the director. Regarding the center she offered her opinion. "I think it should always stay - people will always need jobs."

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

## INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT OF THE PROGRAM YEAR 2011 CDBG ANNUAL REPORT

As part of Travis County's ongoing public engagement related to its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Travis County will make available to the public its Program Year 2011 CDBG annual report known as the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The CAPER covers a period from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, and describes progress made in carrying out the CDBG projects. This report will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to meet federal requirements.

**Comment Period and Draft Document**

Comments will be accepted for 15 days beginning November 30, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. and ending December 14, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Beginning November 30, 2012, a draft document will be available for download on the Travis County CDBG page [www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG](http://www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG) or available for review at any of the seven Travis County Community Centers:

The community centers are located at the following addresses:

South Rural Community Center	3518 FM 973, Del Valle
Travis County Community Center	15822 Foothills Farm Loop, Bldg D, Pflugerville
West Rural Community Center	8656-A Hwy 71 W., Suite A, Oak Hill
Northwest Rural Community Center	18649 FM 1431, Jonestown
East Rural Community Center	600 W. Carrie Manor, Manor
Palm Square Community Center	100 N. IH-35, Suite 1000, Austin
Post Road Community Center	2201 Post Road, Suite 101, Austin

**Public Hearings**

The public can provide their comments by attending a Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Travis County Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca St., Austin, TX.

**Mailing Comments**

The public can also mail their comments to: CDBG Program, Travis County, HHSVS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 or e-mail them to the CDBG program at [cdbg@co.travis.tx.us](mailto:cdbg@co.travis.tx.us)

For additional information contact Christy Moffett at [cdbg@co.travis.tx.us](mailto:cdbg@co.travis.tx.us) or call 512-854-3460. To request that an American Sign Language or Spanish interpreter be present at the public hearing, please contact staff at least five business days in advance.

Travis County is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call 512-854-3460 for assistance.

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**BIDS - MISC**

**City of Austin Purchasing Office**

The City of Austin Purchasing Office invites you to view current bid solicitations at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/purchase/vs/p2.htm>. Vendors are encouraged to register on-line in the City's Vendor Self Service System. Once your company is registered, you will receive notifications about new bid opportunities. For additional information regarding current bid opportunities or Vendor Registration, please call the Purchasing Office at 512-974-2500. For information on the City of Austin's Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Procurement Program and the certification process, please contact the Small & Minority Business Resources Department at 512-974-7600 or visit their website at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/snbr>.



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