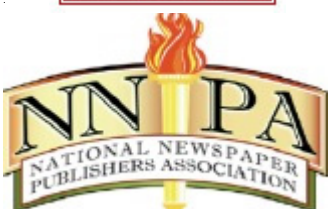




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AUSTIN NAACP PRESENTS 2012 DEWITTY/OVERTON AWARDEES ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Austin, TX (November 26, 2012) — Austin NAACP President Nelson Linder and the Award committee have officially released the names for the individuals that will be honored at the 47th Annual DeWitty/Overtton Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, December 8, 2012. The event will begin at 6:00pm and will be held at the Sheraton Austin, located at 701 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78702.

The Austin branch of the NAACP has worked diligently to address the key economic, social and political issues facing people of color. The DeWitty/Overtton Freedom Fund Banquet has established itself as one of the premier events in the capital city of Texas celebrating the diverse accomplishments of individuals who have served the community and upheld the rigors of social equality.

This year, Austin City Manager Marc Anthony Ott will be the esteemed recipient of the DeWitty/Overtton Award. Marc Ott was selected as City Manager for the City of Austin by the Austin City Council in January 2008. Prior to coming to Austin, Ott held various positions in city management —



Marc Ott, Austin City Manager

his most recent as Assistant City Manager for infrastructure services for the City of Fort Worth. There he was responsible for Fort Worth's infrastructure operations carried out by the departments of Water, Transportation and Public Works, Engineering and Aviation. Ott was also responsible for implementing one of the City Council's top strategic priorities: promoting orderly growth. His career has also included a num-

ber of city management positions in the state of Michigan.

"Marc Ott came to Austin with a vision for excellence and has been working tirelessly to ensure our growth and sustainability. Our selection of Marc as the DeWitty/Overtton recipient this year is our way of acknowledging his dedication to bridging the gap between politics and administration while establishing a model

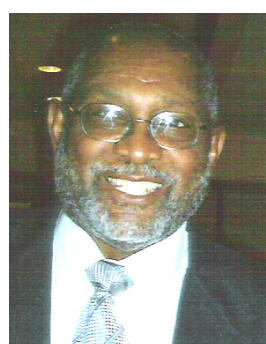
municipality where government meets the needs of its citizens and education is a key tenet to developing the future generation", said Austin NAACP President, Nelson Linder.

The evening's esteemed keynote speaker will be Dr. John Jackson. He is the President of the Schott Foundation and past Education chair of the NAACP.

In addition to presenting the Dewitty/Overtton Award to City Manager Marc Ott, The NAACP Austin Branch will also confer the Captain Louie White Award to Austin Police Department Commander Wayne Demoss.

Other Community Service Awardees at the 47th Annual DeWitty/Overtton Freedom Fund Banquet include: Hopeton Hay, Damon Luckett, Victoria Dorsey and Dr. Jenesta Sturrup

For more information please contact the Austin NAACP offices — Nelson Linder, President via telephone at: (512)695-6674 or email at: lindemelson@aol.com. You can also reach the media contact for the organization—Kimberly Gist at (917) 327-1576 or Kimberly.gist@naacp-austin.org.



RAPPIN' Tommy Wyatt

Making Plans for New Council Makeup

It appears that things are going to be moving quite swiftly in regards to moving into the new council.

The City Auditor will host a public forum to identify ways to encourage participation in the Citizens Redistricting process and secure a large pool of qualified applicants that reflect Austin's diversity.

Input can be provided in person at this forum hosted by the City Auditor on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at One Texas Center at 505 Barton Springs Road, Room 325.

As required by Proposition 3, which was passed by Austin voters on Nov. 6, 2012, the City Auditor has initiated a process to secure qualified applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission, which is responsible for determining the boundaries of future Council districts, and the Applicant Review Panel, which is responsible for selecting a pool of 60 qualified Commission applicants. This forum is aimed at providing the public an opportunity to provide input on the best ways to encourage participation in Austin's first redistricting process and how to secure a large pool of qualified applicants that reflect Austin's diversity.

In addition, the forum will include an opportunity to participate in breakout sessions to determine how to best identify applicant qualifications including relevant analytical skills, the ability to be impartial, and an appreciation for the City of Austin's diverse demographics and geography.

Input can also be submitted in writing via email to oca_auditor@austintexas.gov or by mail or hand-delivery at the following address:

For anyone who has an interest in serving on the commission, should attend this first meeting. At that time, rules will be put into place that will direct all of the other planning as to how we will move away from the present council system to the new one. It will be a very long process.

Thanksgiving Mission: Operation Turkey

By Angela Wyatt
Villager Reporter

Thanksgiving is now over, but what a special day. Thursday morning, I, alongside of many East Austin community members, and the Villager Youth Brigaders, volunteered at Mt. Olive Baptist Church to serve dinner to those in need.

Carol Ann Lee, a missionary for Mt. Olive Baptist church, and founder of Operation Turkey is an annual volunteer. Lee set out on a mission over 25 years ago, her calling was to feed the hungry and less fortunate during the holidays, students from St. Edwards and Huston-Tillotson University that were unable to go home, came out to support the cause and give back to the community, in return students received a hot home cooked meal.

Deacon Frank Wilson along with Carol Lee and Deacon Jacobs were the first to get



(L to R) Harvey Williams Jr. Director of Music Ministry at Mt. Olive Baptist Church and Missionary Carylan Lee

involved with establishing this Thanksgiving operation. "Initially the ministry began in the church serving 200 to 300 people, since the Lord has blessed us to grow and now the mission has been take to the streets feeding over 1,000 people every year," says Carol Lee.

This past Thursday, there over 75 volunteers, many generations of the church, and community members from those who give offerings of money, donate

their time, groceries, clothing, cook hams and turkeys, to the many hands that operate the assembly lines in preparing the dinner plates, and drivers to walk and deliver the meals, including Mt. Olive Baptist Church's Present Pastor, Richard Carter.

This has been a Community Service Project for the Villager Youth Brigade for a number of years. The students look forward to this event.

High Court Breathes New Life Into ObamaCare Lawsuit

Washington, DC -Monday (11/26) the U.S. Supreme Court granted Liberty Counsel's Petition for Rehearing in the Obama-Care case of *Liberty University v. Geithner*. Liberty Counsel filed the petition for rehearing on behalf of Liberty University and two private individuals. The ruling breathes new life into the challenge to ObamaCare. The Court directed that the case be reheard at the federal court of appeals in Richmond. This may pave the way for the case to return to the High Court in 2013. At issue is the constitutionality of the employer mandate and also whether ObamaCare's forced funding of abortion is unconstitutional under the First Amendment Free Exercise of Religion Clause and the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA)

In 2010, Liberty Counsel filed the first private lawsuit against ObamaCare on the day it was signed by President Obama. In 2011, an appeals court in Richmond, VA, ruled that the Anti-Injunction Act (AIA) barred the court from addressing the merits in the Liberty University case, which challenged the individual mandate (Section 1501) and

the employer insurance mandate (Section 1513) of ObamaCare. In addition to the constitutional arguments that Congress lacked authority to pass the law, the suit also raised the Free Exercise of Religion and the RFRA claims because of the forced abortion funding.

The first day of oral argument was dedicated to the AIA, the issue that Liberty University's case placed before the High Court. In June, the Supreme Court ruled that the AIA does not apply to ObamaCare. Therefore, Liberty Counsel asked the Court to grant its petition (because Liberty University prevailed on the AIA claim), vacate the ruling of the court of appeals, and remand (send back) the case to the court of appeals to consider the Free Exercise claim and the employer mandate, neither of which were decided by the High Court.

"I am very pleased with the High Court's ruling. Today's ruling breathes new life into our challenge to ObamaCare. Our fight against ObamaCare is far from over," said Mat Staver, Founder and Chairman of Liberty Counsel and Dean of Liberty University School of Law.

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THIS - THAT - AND THE OTHER

Nicknames and Businesses Abound in Austin's East End



Sign at Nubian Queen Lola's

By Shirley A. Hammond
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Note: This article contains editorial content.

Street art murals are a hallmark of the East End IBIZ district. IBIZ is the phenomenon which has identified 8 districts in Austin where business clusters proliferate. Think Local, Be Local, Buy Local is the motto for this development. IBIZ encourages local spending in order to keep more money in the local economy and prevent the capital city from becoming Anywhere, USA. For example, if Austinites' turn their focus on what is called The East End Jazz & Arts District, the idea is that it could lead to more employment opportunities and a spike in tax revenue. According to an IBIZ district brochure, many of the city's oldest institutions, organizations and businesses are located in the eastern corridor. The East End is also referred to the area as the heart of the city. The brochure touts it as a State and City African American Cultural District.

The boundaries for the designated East End are East 11th Street and Rosewood Avenue. From the Carver Library building to iconic Victory Grill and beyond, the district features vibrant street art and local shops and other venues. Nestled within that zone are many eateries, local pharmacies, shops, churches, food trucks, service providers and more. On

Saturday, November 24th, I visited a number of venues to check out the ambiance, offerings, and future plans for the rest of the year and 2013. I went to four venues, and couldn't fit any more into my busy schedule for the day.

Nubian Queen Lola's Cajun Soul Food & Ministries

Lozina Stephens-Bell designed her restaurant to give away as much or more food than she sells. She didn't have to design her restaurant to feed the homeless from 8:00am-8:45pm each day, but she does. She also temporarily closes the doors at 1815 Rosewood Avenue at 5:00pm to serve food to the children at Mason Manor Apartments.

Patrons can also buy the beignets and other Cajun eats at the restaurant. Stephens-Bell shared with me that she learned to make beignets (she refers to them as the po' man's donut) while in a Girl Scout Troop in Lake Charles, Louisiana. She doesn't surrender her recipes, but stated, "I try to sell as original as I can."

She recounted how she grew up in restaurants alongside her mother who worked in the industry. She is one of 16 children that her mother struggled to feed.

Her fare can be sampled during business hours.

She said she can be reached at 483-4711 if she is found to be away during

that time. She promised that she is able to return rather quickly to fill a hungry belly. She stated of the homeless, "They come all throughout the day."

Other diners can also expect great food; which includes other Cajun fare. Donations of food items and money can be made directly to Stephens-Bell. She said she receives no government support for her venture. One of her supporters has been East Side Pies, the next East End venue featured in this article.

East Side Pies

Michael Fried of East Side Pies surprised me with a robust slice of vegan pizza. "A lot of our stuff is vegan anyway," explained Fried. When he heated a slice of radish and spinach pizza to give to me, I wasn't sure what the outcome would be. Since I love radishes, I gave it a taste. Between bites of the delicious pizza I sipped a bottle of organic ginger brew. It had the true ginger flavor. In time, I delightfully consumed all of both.

As I ate and sipped, Fried explained that their meats come from Bastrop and that they use non-gluten flour for the dough. "We make our own sausage," he added.

The shop owner said he is available for East Austin kids. He added that Safe Place, Kealing and Blackshear benefit from help from East Side Pies (ESP).

ESP received Matthew

Odam's Top 50 Restaurant designation. Odam is a food critic who writes for the Austin American-Statesman.

Tony's Jamaican Food

Tony's Jamaican Food truck serves up a variety of tantalizing food which awoke my taste buds from an unfortunate slumber.

Located at the corner of 11th Street and Lydia, the truck comes complete with a patio area for open-air dining.

The eatery serves jerk chicken and many other foods which are prepared with a brisk blend of spices. If you visit this venue, ask them to share the story about how the slaves used jerk chicken to

defeat the British.

On the last Saturday evening of each month Tony's host a customer appreciation Rum Party.

East End Wines

Down the street at 1209 Rosewood Avenue is East End Wines. Every Friday they offer free wine tastings from 4-8pm. They are typically themed in some manner; such as being grouped by country or wine-maker.

They recently added a patio, and are planning some dynamic 2013 activities. Matt Miller explained that they expect to have wine maker visits; when those persons come into town. He also anticipates a weekly rotation of wine education classes for the

public.

Furthermore, the general manager said they have wines from all over the world. This includes South African wines.

One bit of trivia was offered by Miller. He said some places used to not be suitable for growing the type of grapes that make for good wine. Surprisingly, he attributes global warming with changing that dynamic and extending the possibilities for where vineyards can thrive in the global market.

Saturday, November 24th was also Small Business Saturday; dedicated to getting people to support local businesses and help them increase their profiles in the community.

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Deltas and Kappas Distribute Thanksgiving Dinners



Members of the Austin Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and members of the Austin Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. joined forces at Kealing Middle School on November 20 to provide Thanksgiving Dinners to 30 families. The Deltas and Kappas have partnered in this annual Thanksgiving community service activity for several years with over 100 families being served to date. Both organizations are actively engaged in the Austin area by mentoring and providing scholarships to deserving youth. Pictured: Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity who participated in the activity

Love Is Kind Empowerment Services

Shirley A. Hammond
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Love is kind is a key phrase of the "love chapter" of the bible. In I Corinthians 13:4-8 are found common words themed around love and how it should be demonstrated. The words are often quoted by clergy or nuptials during a wedding ceremony.

Michelle Lawson knows that they are more than mere words. A domestic violence survivor, she wanted to do something positive based upon her pain-

ful experiences. On December 3, she will launch her organization called Love Is Kind (LIK). As Lawson explains it, this organization will supplement existing services available to victims of domestic violence. She stated that she wants to empower survivors.

"It's a faith-based organization that focuses on supporting domestic violence survivors," she explained in a telephone interview. She added that she hopes LIK will serve as a vehicle for helping survivors to get on with their

lives and be able to recover fully from physical and other abuse and support their families.

One focus that she highlighted as important to her is taking the shame away. "We didn't do anything, it was done to us." She also foresees offering job training assistance, entrepreneurial support and counseling.

She stated that as the debut day of this organization draws close, she hopes to partner with other entities which offer support to this population.

She keeps the principles of the verses of the Corinthian passage in the forefront of her mind as she forges ahead with what she hopes will be a game-changer for many women and families who come under the care of LIK.

"If we operate from that core principle, domestic violence wouldn't exist," she stated. She said each person treating people in their lives with kindness would revolutionize relationships across the board.

More information about LIK can be found on the website: <http://www.loveiskind.org/index.html>

Registration Open for Free Childhood Obesity Intervention Program

Austin, November 20, 2012—Registration is currently open for the winter 2013 session of MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do It!), a FREE childhood obesity intervention program for children and their parents offered by the YMCA of Austin.

MEND is a 10-week program that uses techniques developed by health experts to help children between 7 and 13 years of age who weigh more than their ideal weight. In this program, children and parents learn how to be fit and healthy with lasting results. MEND combines three key elements of safe, effective weight management and sustained lifestyle change: healthy eating, regular physical activity, and behavior change. Children and families who attend the MEND Program learn important skills and knowledge to help them manage their weight and feel fitter, healthier, and happier for the rest of their lives.

Children must be overweight or obese, and not suffer from diabetes or debilitating asthma. The winter session will start on Saturday, January 5, and Saturday, January 12, 2013. Classes generally meet on Saturday mornings and one evening each week.

The program is offered free of charge thanks to a grant from the St. David's Foundation and a supplemental grant from the RGK Foundation. For additional information contact Missy Quintela at missy.quintela@austinyymca.org or 236-9622.

Travis County ESD #12 to re-dedicate Fire Station 1201 to the "Fowler - Garmon Central Fire Station"

AUSTIN, TX – Travis County ESD #12 will host a Public Open House and Re-Dedication Event on December 1st from 10:00am to 2:00pm at 405 W. Parsons Street Manor, TX 78653. At 10:30am a ceremony will be conducted to honor two original ESD #12 Commissioners; Mr. Son Jica Fowler and Mr. Giles Garmon for their dedicated service to citizens in the community. Mr. Fowler was an active Community Leader, a Military Veteran, and former ESD #12 President for 15 years. Mr. Garmon is a WWII Veteran, a Battle of the Bulge survivor, and has served ESD #12 since 1996.



Celebrating 60 years of service in the Austin community, the Ebenezer Child Development Center invites you to join us on Sunday, December 9, 2012, 11:00 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church. If you have been involved in the activities of the Center during these 60 years, or know someone who was a participant, please send contact information to Charlene Taylor at email: cytaylorcedc@yahoo.com or call 478-6709. A formal invitation will be sent to all interested persons, with additional details about the celebration. Please plan to join us!

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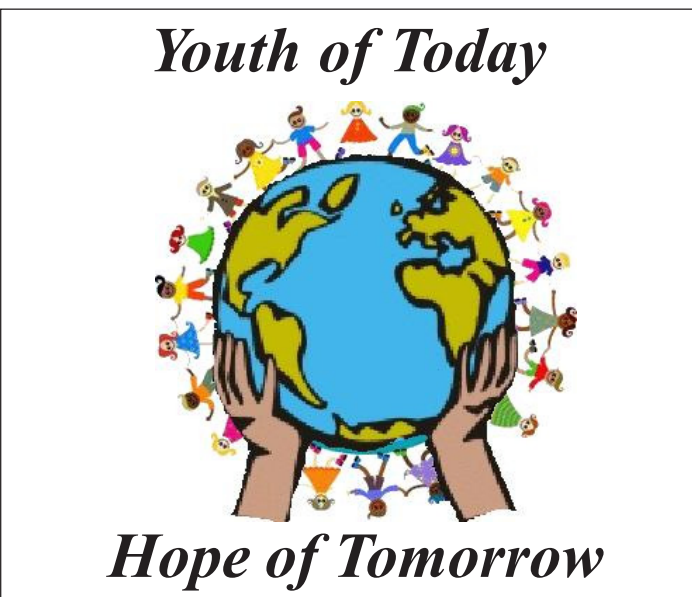
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College Courses



Jaquarry Wilson
Del Valle High School

Getting my first dose of the academic side of College was definitely not an easy task. I took summer courses throughout the entire month June and it was undoubtedly much less of a tedious episode. The classes I chose to take were Government and Speech, with the former being the much more difficult course. Although the work load is lighter during the actual fall semester than in the summer, the course material in the summer, surprisingly, was much simpler.

This is most likely because of the shorter amount of time the classes last in the summer time. Since the semester will be over in only a few weeks, I have to admit that I was challenged in both courses but more so in the English class. This was due to the four essays we have been assigned, not including the challenging exam we're going to be taking that will determine

whether or not we get credit for the course.

This means, even if we end up making a very good grade in the class, if we don't pass that departmental exam, we won't be receiving the college credit or the high school course because the classes I'm taking are dual credit. The history class I'm taking isn't my favorite of the two mostly because of the professor's chosen method of instruction. She has us watching videos that are kind of interesting, but aren't very attention grabbing. This causes many of a with average attentions spans to get bored and maybe work on work from a different class, or the more popular choice even, go to sleep.

The professor may explain a few things here and there, but for the most part she makes us watch videos and gives us a test over it, which I've always passed. I must say that it's easy to get overwhelmed if your priorities aren't straight. This is why my procrastination is slowly but surely ceasing. With all of this being said, I can wait for the next semester, another break away from challenging schoolwork is much needed.

Bullying In School



Aubri Allen-Brent
Dailey Middle School

Hello this week were going to talk about an important issue that students at our school and others have in common. That problem is bullying. We have a wonderful school here at Dailey with great teachers but, I see some sort of bullying each day.

There are different types of bullying; sometimes it can be from a group or even a single person. I know it can be hard for teachers to keep up with who is taking part in these

activities. This behavior can take place in the hallways, classrooms, restrooms and even on school buses. I have read that school bullying is the worst in middle schools, but I am glad that our school is trying to do something about it.

Students have been informed to go to the A.P's office in fill out an incident report if they feel they have been bullied. You can even indicate that you want this confidential. If a student happens to witness bullying they can also complete one of these forms for the victim.

Our principle has indicated that the administration at Dailey has zero tolerance for this behavior and it will not be accepted.

School has been a lot of fun. Our first pep rally is October 16 this is a very exciting time for me because we have worked so hard for this. Until next time go wolves!!!!

Youth of Today



Hope of Tomorrow

Thanksgiving



Lanette Demps
Dailey MS

This thanksgiving was so fun! It was fun because instead of being with my moms side of the family I went with my dad and spent thanksgiving with his side of the fam-

ily. Didn't get to see everyone I wanted to see like my uncle Calvin and his wife but I know they were busy and had alot of things to do.

That same day I went back home to my mom and got to see my little cousins, brothers and sister. I was surprised by who was here and I was happy because I got to see my mom and dad on the same day. I am so happy I have god in my life because if he wasn't there I wouldn't be where I am today.

Student Council



Andrae Hatcher
Pflugerville MS

Tuesday, November 20,2012 Student Council Elections took place to choose a president and

vice president. Voting was done during students' 2nd period classes, and the votes were tallied in 3rd period classes. Candidates had an opportunity to give speeches on Monday to tell students why they should vote for them.

Natalie Ho won President, and Nathan Crappel won Vice President. Great job to all the participants, and congratulations to the winners.

Thanksgiving Break



Latrice Lipscomb
Del Valle High School

I had so much fun during my Thanksgiving break. We had a big family dinner, eating all sorts of delicious seasonal things. After dinner we

said things to the family that we were thankful for, laughing and thinking about the good memories throughout the year. Having Thanksgiving with my family really reminded me of whats important in life: family.

I believe that sharing a holiday with your family is a special memory that will come to be cherished. I really enjoyed my break, ate alot of delicious food and got to spend time with family. Truly a holiday to remember.



Youth Brigader Aubri Allen-Brent and Coordinator Arlene Youngblood, stuff cakes and rolls for Thanksgiving dinner plates.

Second Semester



Alon Rodgers
Hendrickson Highschool

Hendrickson Year-book students won several awards at the Journalism Educators Association's National Convention Write Off competitions. Named were Steven Mendoza, Hiep Ly, Savannah Cornett, Sophia Espinoza, and Gabrielle Wilkosz.

With the new semester fast approaching it is time to make schedule

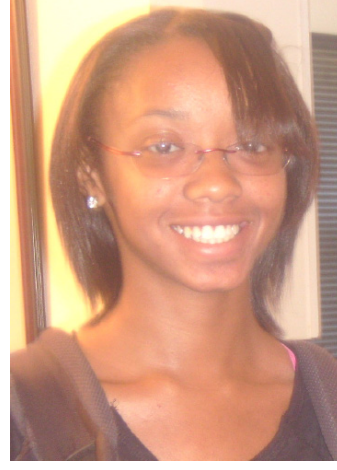
changes. If you would like to view or modify your choices for next year, you may do so by logging on to the Bridges Account at www.bridges.com. Schedules can be changed through the second week in December.

In February, you will have an opportunity to review course selections for the 2013-2014 school year when Course Verification Sheets are distributed. Contact your counselor and teachers with any questions you have.

Basketball continues with all teams playing St. Andrews on Dec. 4.

There will be a Pet Vaccination Clinic December 6th from 5-7pm in front of the school with Proceeds support HHS Boys & Girls Soccer Team.

Thanksgiving



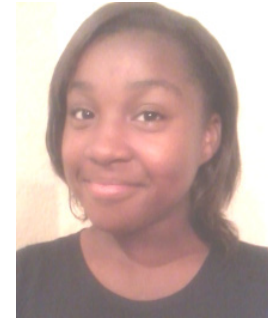
Olivia Smith
Lockhart High School

This week was a short week because ahead of students was Thanksgiving break. Lockhart High School students had to be present in school for Monday and Tuesday. I know that I

personally couldn't wait till the break, and I also can't wait until Christmas break. Some students didn't even bother showing up on Monday or Tuesday because they found it unnecessary to come to school for just two days out of the week.

I came to school both days of the week because we have a limit for how many times we can be absent, and we also have the chance of losing our exemptions to midterms. Lastly, our cafeteria served us their version of Thanksgiving food, and the lines were so long. That is all that happened this week.

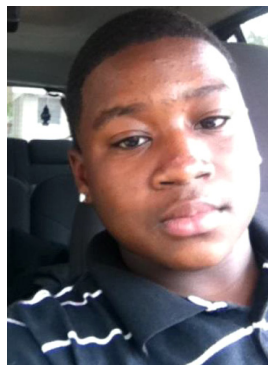
End of Semester Testing



Jada Demps
Dailey Middle School

There is nothing really going on so special. This is the time of the year when you start taking test to be prepared. My grades are ok but not the best but I'm working harder every day to reach my goal. Although I haven't had any refurls this year .That is something I also am achieving.

Give Thanks



Imani Demps
Del Valle High School

This Thanksgiving was good I had lots of fun. I enjoyed all of my family's presents. As you

get older you uncover the real meaning of holidays.

I have come to realize that I am thankful for a lot. One of those things are. My parents without them I wouldn't be here writing this story and I would not have been able to accomplish some of the things I have accomplished.

I really think we should let our parents and other family members know how thankful we are for them.

Youth of Today

Hope of Tomorrow



YOUTH BRIGADE

Basketball Tryouts



Adrian Jackson
Harmony Science Academy

Middle School and High School Girl's basketball tryouts were held November 26, 2012.

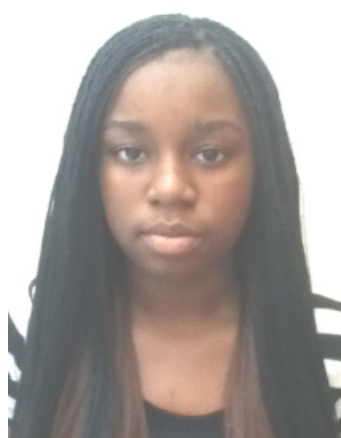
Students that wanted to tryout met in the gym from 3:45-5:00. Good luck to all that is trying out.

There was a Multicultural fair at our school to celebrate the many ethnic and cultural differences at our school. The fair was very fun and enjoyable.

Harmony Science Academy is celebrating its annual Science Fair. We are looking for professionals to judge the experiments on December 8th between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. This wonderful tradition is not possible without volunteer support.

We are having a wonderful year so far at Harmony, and we are looking forward to the beginning of a new year.

Adopt A Child



Marshay Hatcher
Pflugerville High School

Pflugerville High School students are donating money to help give a child a great Christmas.

Each class will have the chance to give one child a Christmas Party of their own. The students also gets items from his wish list that the child

wants for Christmas.

Adopt-a-Child, an all volunteer, not-for-profit organization, will soon distribute gifts to more than 900 children this year.

Guidance counselors participate in recommending families that are in need because of illness, unemployment or other hardships. Parents or guardians submit a list to Adopt-a-Child and include the items that the child would need or appreciate.

My class wants to give our adopt a child the best Christmas party ever. We are very excited for the opportunity to give to others.

Thanksgiving Weekend



Marcus Austin
Cedar Ridge High School

Thanksgiving was great once again. I volunteered at Mount Olive Baptist Church with the Youth Brigade to prepare Thanksgiving dinners for those in need. This year our goal was to prepare 1,000 plates that would be taken out and given to the homeless.

This year I helped in the kitchen instead of helping deliver the dinners. It was hard work but in the end I know it was all for a great cause. I am very thankful to have a roof over my head and to have parents that care for me. Afterwards I en-

joyed the company of my family and our Thanksgiving dinner. I can't wait until next year's Thanksgiving.

On Friday I attended a fund raiser event with Y.M.O.D./ Y.W.O.D at the Cedar Park Event Center. We sold hockey pucks during the Texas Stars hockey game. The pucks would be thrown on the ice during the second intermission of the game.

If the puck landed in the star the fan would win an autographed Texas Stars Jersey. At first I wasn't comfortable with yelling out "Chuck - A - Puck" or "Get your Chuck - A - Puck here" in front of everyone, but after a few yells it became natural. I also enjoyed the opportunity to go out on the ice in front of the fans and pick up the pucks. Overall the fund raiser was a success. I had a wonderful time.

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

First of Basketball Games



Tori Smith
Lockhart Junior High School

Last week was the first basketball game of the season and we had an even amount wins and losses.

Unfortunately for the eighth grade girls the scores

were: for "A" team- 14 to 31 (loss) and for "B" team- 5 to 22 (loss). The eighth grade boys had better night so "A" team- 42 to 38 (won) and for "B" team they lost by a couple of points. The seventh grade girls had really great night, the "A" team was 29 to 11 (won) and "B" team was 19 to 5 (won).

Lastly the seventh grade boys: "A" team- 30 to 28 (won) and "B" team loss. Next week will be the 2nd game against Goodnight.

Thanksgiving Day



Will Purcell
New Manor Tech HS

My Thanksgiving was really good. Most of the family came over to my house. I had to pick my cousin up from work and bring him over to my house so he could be there. It was good having the family at my house again. Everybody was watching the Cowboys vs Redskins game which did not turn out satisfying

since the Cowboys lost. There was a lot of food that day.

There was the usual turkey, ham, dressing, and some other elegant dishes. The macaroni and cheese was the best part of the dinner. I managed to control my food consumption this time so I wouldn't lay on my back with a stomach ache like last year. It was my last Thanksgiving living at home because I'm staying on campus for college.

I spent a lot of my time just chatting with everybody and discussing my school. Thanksgiving is a great holiday for bringing people together and I will continue to celebrate it.

My Thanksgiving Break



SaNaya White
Cedars Academy

The last day of school before Thanksgiving break was Electronic day & N.U.T. (No Uniform Today) day. Which meant we could bring our electronic games to class and play after lunch.

I took my Nintendo 3DS and shared games with my friends. My grandparents surprised me and came to share in our

schools' Thanksgiving feast at the end of the day. My cousin stayed with me during the break, he is 13.

I also had a great meal with my family Thanksgiving day. The dressing, ham, rolls and broccoli salad was the best! It tasted really good! This break I got to stay up late and sleep in most days. It was nice to not get up so early. Sadly I attended a funeral during my break but I also went to a classmates' birthday party and to the movies with my family! We saw "Rise of the Guardians", it was a great movie!

Overall, I had a nice Thanksgiving break and am so thankful for my family, friends and many blessings in my life.

Basketball Season Begins



Jaylon Knighten
Dailey Middle School

The start of basketball season for Dailey Middle School is coming up this week. Tryouts are over and it is now time to play the game. The first game for the Timberwolves is Thursday Nov 29th. I will hook you with the scores next week.

The Capital City Bearcats will also be starting basketball in the coming weeks. I don't know when the first game is but I will keep you posted on scores and records once we get started.

My black Friday experience was one of the best and worst this year. The best thing was after hanging with family on Thanksgiving the chance to go shopping early this year.

It was the worst because I wasn't successful in getting anything on my list from Wal-Mart because they had already ran out the games I was looking for.

Thanksgiving

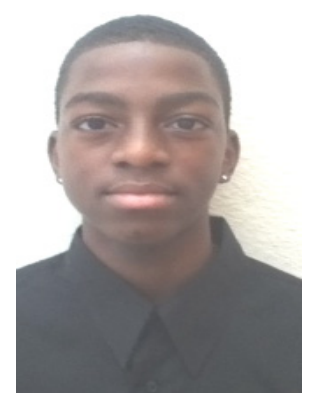
Erika Lipscomb
Manor Elementary

Thanksgiving was this past Thursday. It was fun helping my mom cook Thanksgiving dinner. I enjoyed thanksgiving. I wished we would have

gone out of town.

Im also disappointed that we didnt get to participate in a thanksgiving community service project. Maybe next year. Ps Christmas is on the way too.

Winter Dance



Darius Hatcher
Pflugerville MS

Pflugerville Middle School will have a Winter

Dance on Friday, December 7, 2012.

The dance will be hosted by the PTO. To attend the dance all library fines must be paid.

Tickets will be sold during students lunch period for \$3. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$5.

The Winter Dance is going to be fun and the money you spend is going to be used to support Pflugerville Middle School.

First Lego League



Averill Topps
UT Elementary School

At U.T. Elementary we have a special activity that we do, it's called FLL (First Lego League). Our team name is the Little Longhorns.

FLL is building robots and programming them to help senior citizens. Three weeks ago my teacher, Mrs. Mary Ledbetter, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ledbetter, (both retired), came to one of our meetings and talked about how they

might have trouble doing things.

For example, Mr. Ledbetter is a gardener and he has trouble picking up heavy rocks, and Mrs. Ledbetter might one day have trouble picking up a coffee cup. We are building robots to help with that. The kit is named NXT Mindstorm. It's really fun because we get to design robots which can help others no matter what their age is. We design the robots so that they can do any challenge.

We have a competition at Del Valley High School this Saturday, December 1st. We have a bunch of tasks that we have to do. There is a ten people team limit and we have over ten team members. I hope for the best.

Until next time, Hook'em Horns



Operation Turkey was a complete success, with over 75 volunteers, helping hands swarmed the Mt. Olive Baptist Church kitchen Thanksgiving morning, a feed over 1,000 Austinites.



(Far right) Trenton Leary and Jaylon Knighten and other members of the Youth Brigade assist with meals. Photos by Angela Wyatt.



Youth Brigader Marcus Austin, assist with preparing meals in the kitchen, alongside other volunteers.

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Senator West Seeks to Address Redistricting

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



Dallas Senator Royce West, introduces senate bill 104.

In recent times, the Republican led legislature has used redistricting as a tool to eliminate some Democrat Congressional district. During the 2011, the Republican used the tool of redistricting to cut Travis County into "five" different Congressional District. Consequently, the new map connected downtown Austin to other parts of the State, including San Antonio, Fort Worth, Houston and Laredo. Moreover, the map was purposely drawn, in order, to keep a democratic county like Travis County from electing Democrats. As a result, Texas Senator Royce West of Dallas introduced a bill in the legislature to address this issue.

Whenever the 2013 Legislature meets, Texas State Senator Royce West of Dallas has introduced Senate bill 104 that would stop

the legislature from drawing lines that purposely "cut" counties with a large population into various districts. Moreover, Senate Bill 104 seeks to address the issue of redistricting by appointing a commission made up of nine individuals. These nine individuals would be non-elected officials whose jobs would be responsible for drawing new districts after the census is done.

Moreover, removing the re-districting process from the Legislature would take away the "political" aspect of drawing lines. The removal of politics from this process would help with more equitable and fairer districts. Furthermore, it would keep communities of interest together, so they can have someone that can best represent their issues in the United States Congress and also in the Texas Legislature.

Robin Roberts Home for Thanksgiving after Battling Virus

by Alexis Taylor
Special to the NNPA
from the Afro-American Newspaper



Good Morning America (GMA) talk show co-host Robin Roberts returned home for Thanksgiving Day after a virus following her bone marrow transplant landed her back in the hospital.

Roberts, who received the bone marrow transplant from sister, Sally-Ann Roberts, said the latent virus was causing her no pain, and was only a small, commonly occurring bump in the road after her September procedure.

"Our immune systems usually take care of a virus like this ... but mine is only 59 days old," Roberts said from her blog on the ABC website. "I decided to look at my brief stay as a 'tune up' ... and then I would be back on the road to recovery. By the grace of God, I am! The virus is under control and my numbers are going back up."

Roberts was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome, or MDS, earlier this year, becoming one of the roughly 10,000 who struggle with the disease annually, according to the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

The rare disorders associated with MDS can cause abnormalities in the development of mature red blood cells.

"The immature blood cells, called blasts, do not function normally and either die in the bone marrow or soon after they enter the blood," said NCI general information about MDS. "This leaves less room for healthy white blood cells, red blood cells, and platelets to form in the bone marrow."

The condition can develop on its own but is a result of cancer treatments in cases like Roberts', who was diagnosed after she successfully completed chemotherapy for breast cancer that was found in 2007.

Roberts is expecting to make a full recovery while at her Manhattan residence. The 51-year-old is due to celebrate her 52nd birthday this month on Nov. 23.

Central Texas Can Help President Obama's 2nd Term Accomplishment

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



President Barack Obama, pushes to end the Bush Tax Cut in his second term.

During the election President Obama was re-elected with a mandate; however, there is a still a need of his supporters and voters to stay active due to the fact there is an agenda that needs to be pass. During the first term, a lot of voters were focusing on "making history" rather than "focusing" on the various piece of legislation that would really bring about

change and hope for all Americans. Moreover, his first term was blocked by much opposition but, the President still managed to revive a dying economy, while passing the Health Care reform.

During the second term, there is still an important legislation that Central Texan supporters can make a difference, such as, the enactment of the Affordability

Health Care law in Texas. Although it is the "law of the land" the Governor of Texas and the Republican led leadership refuse to set up all the necessary aspect of the health care bill. Moreover, the Governor and the rest of the Republican leadership rather "play" politics than enforcing Federal Law. The new Health Care Bill would help millions of Texans get insurance at an affordable rate.

Not only are the enforcement of the Health Care Bill at play, but also, the establishment of new tax laws and the nomination of the Supreme Court Judges. First of all, President Obama now has the opportunity to end the "Bush Tax Cut" for the rich; while establishing fairer rates for the middle class and the working poor. However, the Republican Congress has been blocking the effort of fairer taxes, even though, President Obama campaigned on it.

Secondly, if some judges on the Supreme Court resume, then President Obama would have the opportunity to appoint some judges.

Trouble Brewing Through Congo

By Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

During the week of November 19-22, the nation of Congo has seen a regain of military violence, when rebel groups captured the City of Goma which is one of the largest cities in Eastern Congo. Moreover, the capture of the city of Goma marks the rebels "fighting powers" and their willingness to fight their way through until they topple the current Congolese government. As the rebelled group made their way through Eastern Congo, the government forces melted away and the United Nation peace keepers refused to engage them.

The rebel movement called M-23 mentioned that they were "fighting" to restore true democracy in their homeland. According to the M-23 movement, the current



"elected" government of the Congo did not "fairly" win the elections; consequently, thousands of voters were dis-enriched. On the other hand, the current Government mentions that the rebel group M-23 is a "foreign based movement due to the fact the neighboring countries such as Rwanda and Uganda support them." However,

both the government and the rebels have agreed to sit down and negotiate a solution.

Now, the Congolese diaspora living in Central Texas hopes that both the government and the rebel forces can find a peaceful solution so, that the 20 years cycle of violence by armed groups can stop. Some Congolese of the Diaspora ask themselves questions, such as, "how can their nation of Congo still remain a war zone, even though, they have the largest contingent of United Nation peace keepers soldiers?" Moreover, Congolese living in Central who came as refugees, hope that the government and various political and rebel movements can find a long lasting peaceful solution.

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We are planning a bus trip to attend the Inauguration Day Celebration and Parade. The cost for a round seat is \$250.00. There will be a meeting to discuss the trip details December 1st, 10am at MidTown Cafe: 7408 Cameron Rd Ste B, Austin, TX. If you or your group are interested in attending please contact

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Southern Escapes Bayou Classic With a Win



Members of the Southern University Jaguars football team celebrate after beating the Grambling State Tigers during the Bayou Classic 2012 football game. Photo by Brett Duke, The Times-Picayune

By Derek Wiggins
Villager Sports Reporter

It was the 60th meeting of Southern (4-7, 3-6) and Grambling (1-10, 0-9) in the Bayou Classic with the all time series now tied 30-30. Southern quarterback Joseph Dray had 5 touchdowns and helped Southern University erase an early deficit and hold on late to defeat Grambling State 38-33 on Saturday in the Bayou Classic at the Mercedes-Benz Super-dome in New Orleans.

"There was a burden on me," said Joseph, who completed 22 of 37 passes for

287 yards. "And I thought to myself, 'Am I ready for this?'" Joseph added: "And then, we got behind, I knew that big time players have to make big time plays."

Grambling took a 14-0 lead, by converting a pair of fumbles by Southern into touchdown passes by Grambling's quarterback D.J. Williams who is the son of Grambling's coach (Doug Williams). Joseph brought Southern back, after the 14-0 first quarter deficit the Jaguars outscored Grambling 38-6.

Grambling trailed 38-20 with 9:08 left in the 4th

quarter, but cut into Southern's lead with two touchdowns making the score 38-33.

The Tigers with three timeouts left forced Southern to an three-and-out on the next series. Grambling got the ball back after a punt at its 16 with 1:23 left to play. The Tigers drove to the Southern 42 with 30 seconds left. But on first-and-10, Southern defensive end Donald Phillips sacked Tigers backup quarterback Frank Rivers, forcing a fumble. Jaguars linebacker Franchot West recovered at Grambling's 48 with 24 seconds left and Southern had secured the victory.

"We've got a lot of work to do," said Grambling coach Doug Williams, who last year returned to his alma mater where he had previously won four league titles in an eight-year stint. "We've got to bring back the caliber of players it takes to be successful."

Southern fired coach Stump Mitchell 2 games into the season and expects to replace interim coach Dawson Odoms. Grambling is the defending league champion and ended the season with one victory for the 1st time since 1941, the school's inaugural year under legendary coach Eddie Robinson.

Thanksgiving Not So Giving for The Longhorns



University of Texas Longhorns Quarterback Case McCoy (6) (photo by Cooper Neil)

By Derek Wiggins
Villager Sports Reporter

TCU (7-4, 4-4) spoiled the Longhorns (8-3, 5-3) Thanksgiving and Senior Day by beating their old Southwest Conference rivals 20-13, here in Austin a Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium on Thanksgiving Day.

The Longhorns never led the game and had 3 turnovers in the first half, all by Quarterback David Ash. Two of which were interceptions in the red zone, all 7 of Ash's interceptions this season have come on passes inside the opponents' red zone. McCoy came in for Ash in the Second Quarter

after Ash struggled.

TCU Quarterback Matthew Tucker scored two touchdowns in the first half, Ash's fumble at the Texas 16 that set up Tucker's second touchdown. TCU led 14-3 at half-time with the Longhorns only score being a 25 yd Field Goal by Nick Jordan

Ash started the 2nd half after 2 more TCU field goals and the Longhorns trailing 20-6, McCoy entered the game and with short passes and scrambles led an 82-yard drive. The drive ending with a 8 yard touchdown run by Jeremy Hills with just more than three minutes left. Texas then forced TCU to

punt, but a scrambling McCoy threw up a pass into coverage that was intercepted by Carter ending the Longhorns chance of winning.

Mack Brown said about the loss "I'm disappointed in the loss. We missed a great opportunity tonight to get back in the mix for some things. Give TCU credit. You can't win a football game when you have four turnovers and only gain one. They rushed the ball better than we did. I thought the kids played hard. I was proud they hung in there. I was proud they fought 'til the end. Disappointed that we played so poorly on offense. Give TCU credit for that".

Austin Community College Now Registering for Spring Classes

Austin Community College registration is now open for spring classes. The semester starts Jan. 14.

The college offers more than 235 associate degrees and certificates and the opportunity to complete the core curriculum for transfer students. ACC provides a variety of student services – including the Men of Distinction (MOD) program, designed to support African-American men attending the college. Jeffery Harris is the interim advisor for MOD and a recruiting/advising specialist at Eastview Campus. He shares information about getting started at ACC and staying the course to graduation.

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What support does MOD provide students – and why is it so important?

MOD offers students individual tutoring services, work-



Jeffery Harris (MOD)

shops on life skills, and community service opportunities. MOD also has a 1.5 credit hour course focused on the transition to college for African-American male students. The support system through MOD is very critical to the recruitment and retention of African-American male students because these students' academic performance rates traditionally aren't as high as other groups of students. We're working to change that.

Completing college is critical to success. What's your advice for students to

help them reach their goals?

First of all, get involved – with your academics and the college experience. When you're engaged, you are more likely to be successful. Also, be patient. A lot of students want things to happen overnight, and success in reality often a process. Set short-term and long-term goals and don't forget about them. Surround yourself with individuals who help you hold yourself accountable.

What about people who aren't sure if they're right for college?

A high school diploma just isn't enough anymore. But support and assistance are available at ACC – including free tutoring. I advise students to take advantage of those resources. There are plenty of student service staff members who are ready and willing to assist students. College can be stressful

at times and life does happen, but if a student is willing to devote the time needed to be successful, then the sky is the limit.

This is especially true if you tried college in the past and it didn't work out the way you hoped it would. It's okay – regroup and come back. We're here to help.

What's the best way for a student to get started at ACC?

We have recruiters, advisors, and counselors who are committed to guiding students through the process. You can call our student recruitment office at 223.7701 or email outreach@austincc.edu. You can also go online to austincc.edu/future. You can get all your questions answered – what programs are available, tuition costs, how to register, and how to get involved. Take it step by step. It will all be worth it.

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