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## RAPPIN' Tommy Wyatt School Bond Gets Mixed Responses

The \$892,245,000 Bond Election that is currently being held is getting mixed responses. It is one of the few times where citizens have been so split over one issue. On one side there are groups saying that we need the bonds while others are calling for a tax revolt.

One has to wonder why the school district waited for such a long time to call for a bond election. It appears that most of the money will be used to do necessary maintenance that has been neglected over the years. While very little of this bond package will go towards improving education in the system.

Proposition 4 is related to academic initiatives, fine arts and athletics. This includes facility improvements for career and technical education, fine arts, athletics, special education and facility renovations at the Ridgeview campus (old Anderson High School) for the School for Young Men. The amount is \$168,564,000.

The school district would be better served by joining in the protest to have the Governor return the money that he took out of education to shore up other areas of the budget. With the improved economic condition of Texas, that the Governor is constantly talking about, it would be appreciated if he would return the money that was taken from education when times were tough.

We now have one of the largest balances in the Rainy Day Fund that we have ever had and the fund is expected to continue to grow. Currently, the Texas Legislature is attempting to have money returned to the General Fund.

As long as the Governor takes the position that tax payers can continue to be expected to pay increased taxes on the bonds as well as property taxes to support our schools, we will continue to be hit with these unreasonable bond requests.

We need to vote no on the Bonds and work on a better solution.

## Marc H. Morial Named HT's Commencement Convocation Speaker



**Marc H. Morial**  
(AUSTIN, Texas) – Entrepreneur, lawyer, professor, legislator and former New Orleans Mayor Marc H. Morial will render Huston-Tillotson University's Commencement address. Morial, who currently serves as the president of

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## 40 YEARS OF PROVING HIS LOVE



Charles Akins, Educator

by Marcia Williams, MWApr  
As *The Villager* newspaper prepares for its 40-year anniversary celebration, our staff sat down with a few people who are active in the community to get their perspective on how *The Villager* has changed or shaped their lives. Over the next few weeks we'll present various stories of *The Villager's* impact on Central Texas and its residents.

**Charles Akins: Youth Impact**  
As a retired educator, I have to say that one of the things that most impressed me about Tommy and *The Villager* Newspaper is that long ago he made it a point to encourage and inspire young journalists through his Youth Brigade. This section of the paper sends a strong educational message,

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## INSIDE



Representatives feel limiting terms for Congress is the only way to repair our political system.

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Local candidate is forced to switch political parties, building an intense election in District 50.

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Austin Taxi is furious with the AFLCIO and their abate protection of independent contractors.

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## YELLOW JACKETS HOLD 2ND BANQUET & DANCE GALA



The Original L. C. Anderson Alumni Assoc. Austin Chapter (OLCAAAC) held their 2<sup>nd</sup> Evening of Excellence Banquet and Dance at the Crown Plaza Hotel, April 26, 2013. "Old Anderson" Ex-students, former teachers, staff and their guest were present for a rousing message by the keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Jimmie D. Hunter. Pictured left to right; President Albert J. Walker, General Chair. Mary E. Jones-Davis, La Verne W. Bell, Souvenir Book Chair. Eugenia Gaines, Rev. Dr. Jimmie Hunter, Mistress of Ceremonies Nancy Thompson, Marnette Walker and Executive Committee Chairman Raymond Whitley Jr.

## R.O.S.E.S. Provides Prom Dress Loans & More



"Our heart kind of lies in helping and supporting East Austin" [See page 2]

## Totally Cool, Totally Art

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One painted art piece was still on exhibit at the Dottie Jordan Rec. Center in mid-April. An abstract art piece is still on display at DJRC, although many are being transported for the upcoming Daugherty Arts exhibit.

CENTRAL EAST AUSTIN CommUNITY Walk CELEBRATING SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS



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CELEBRATE SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS!

# THE COMMUNIQUE

## Morial led the New Orleans Renaissance of the 1990s as Mayor

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the National Urban League, will speak on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. during the convocation address on the athletic field located at 900 Chicon Street. In addition to the ceremony for the 2013 graduates, HT's Class of 1963 will be honored at the graduation program and throughout the Reunion Weekend 2013 festivities. Students who earned high academic honors and placement on the Dean's List and Honor Roll will be recognized at the annual Honors Day Convocation, scheduled on Friday, May 3 at 10 a.m. in King-Seabrook Chapel.

Morial is viewed as the catalyst for the changes occurring in the nearly 100-year old civil rights organization—The National Urban League—emphasizing closing racial and economic gaps. His creativity has led to initiatives such as the Urban Youth Empowerment Program to assist young adults in securing sustainable jobs,



and Entrepreneurship Centers in five cities to help the growth of small businesses. Also, Morial created the National Urban League's Empowerment Fund, which has pumped almost \$200 million into urban impact businesses, including minority businesses through both debt and equity investments.

Morial is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Economics and African American Studies. He also holds a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington D.C. and has several honorary degrees. He teaches Constitutional Law and Business Law as an adjunct faculty at Xavier University in Louisiana.

His political accomplishments include winning the Louisiana State Bar Association Award for his legal services for the poor and disadvantaged. At age 26, he was the youngest lawyer to argue and win a major case before the Louisiana Supreme Court. He was named Legislative Rookie of the Year, Education Senator of the

Year, and Environmental Senator of the Year, while authoring laws on a wide range of important subjects. Morial led the New Orleans renaissance of the 1990s as mayor of the city, improving urban issues, reducing violent crimes and murders, and cutting the unemployment rate in half while reducing poverty rates.

Currently, he serves as an executive committee member of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the Black Leadership Forum, and Leadership 18; and is a board member of the Muhammad Ali Center and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. He has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential black Americans by Ebony magazine, as well as one of the Top 50 Nonprofit Executives by the Nonprofit Times.

For more information about Reunion Weekend 2013, Honors or Commencement Convocations, call 512.505.3073. Convocations are open to the public. Event parking is available on Chalmers Avenue.

On one Good Times sit-com episode, the Florida Evans character stated that inflation, unemployment and high interest were some things that did not tend to discriminate. It seems that some of that is becoming a triumph all these years later. Rose Smith, founder of R.O.S.E.S. (Reaching Out Supporting Every

Sister) stated that they offer help that is not limited to a zip code. "We don't want people to feel alone during trying times," stated Smith. She and her team are gearing up to help young ladies prepare for the prom, which is almost considered a high school rite of passage. Other services are offered by R.O.S.E.S.

## AKINS: "We should all be out in force to support *The Villager*"

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Photo by Angela Wyatt

helping our young people move into the field of journalism and communications. We need to do all we can to direct youth in a positive direction. Our society needs good journalists, and encouraging students from diverse backgrounds to pursue the field is a very wise move on Tommy's part.

Forming The Youth Brigade was a great idea for students to report on what's taking place at their schools and in their communities, and it's one of my favorite parts of the paper. I read it every week to stay up-to-date on what's going on with young people in the community.

### Past and Present

during the year. Although some schools have already had their proms, many are slated for the month of May. While Smith states that they have already helped some young girls by loaning prom dresses to them, "There's still young ladies that are looking for help. We want to continue to do it."

They are loaning such dresses, as well as accepting additional donations of prom dresses.

According to

The consistency of the newspaper has been remarkable—40 years! I can remember a time before Tommy started *The Villager*, and there was a marked difference in how we received news about the African American community in and around Austin.

When the demographics of East Austin began to change, *The Villager* kept us all informed. For years Tommy encouraged the community to be a part of the change—that is now here—so that we could help make the community a better place. We needed that voice.

### Personal Connection

My interacting with Tommy has always been very positive. Smith, a lot of their events are held at Alamo Park in East Austin. "Our heart kind of lies in helping and supporting East Austin," she stated. She said they are driven to help people who are struggling, or connecting them to other entities that can help.

Some of their other events include empowerment brunches. She stated that they held one in March, and it brought a huge crowd. They also hold a Back-To-School Garage Sale where they allow vendors to set up,

He's insightful and well-prepared, whether in person or with the articles he writes for his column. You can always get an accurate view on what's happening socially and politically we you engage with him. He has proven that he really does love his community.

How Tommy approaches the news directly and in a positive way is something we should all appreciate and be proud of. I take my hat off to him and congratulate him on 40 years of bringing the news to Austin and Central Texas.

We should all be out in force to support *The Villager* on their 40th anniversary celebration! sell their products, and keep the proceeds. She said the foundation gives away school supplies to all children in attendance. In August, they hold a Meet The Authors event, which gives authors a networking platform to become known in the local market.

Smith mentioned that they have helped victims of tragic events; such as home fires. She recalled that when she first started three years ago they helped a female obtain medical care when a health crisis struck and she had no insurance coverage.

"We're trying to enrich women's lives through giving," she stated. She said men and children are not left out of the loop, and that men approached her with pleas to be included when they found out what she was doing.

As she explained it, R.O.S.E.S. was created on the foundation of encouraging people to help without expecting anything in return. She said she was raised in the country where community was strong and people looked out for each other. She said this overflows into the organization.

For more information, or to donate or borrow prom dresses, contact Rose Smith at 512-524-5764.

## R.O.S.E.S. Provides Prom Dress Loans & More

Shirley A. Hammond follow her on twitter.com/@xtremeridewish1

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*We're Turning 40! Check page 8 for our anniversary celebration details!*

# CHURCH & TOWN BULLETIN

## "61<sup>st</sup>" Annual Women's Day at Wesley United Methodist Church!



**Soloist  
Sondra Dillworth  
Johnson**

The Women of Wesley will observe their 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Women's Day with three exciting events. The theme for this year's observance is: "Extraordinary Women of Faith", and the celebra-

tion will begin with a 'free' Recital on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary. The music will be presented by the 'extraordinary soloist', Sondra Dillworth Johnson.

The second event will be a luncheon, scheduled for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:30 AM, in the church Fellowship Hall. The featured guest will be the Rev. Gaylon Clark, Pastor of Greater Mt Zion, who will speak on "Embracing Change - Lessons Learned, Pages Turned". Tickets are available for \$25 and

may be obtained by calling the church office at (512) 478-7007.

And, the third and most significant event, culminating the celebration, will be a special worship service on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 AM in the church sanctuary. The guest speaker for this occasion will be The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson, US Congresswoman of Texas' 30 Congressional District, who will address our theme, taken from these passages of scripture: Joshua 6: 22-25, Hebrews 11: 30-31, and Matthew 1:1-5. The

service will also include a special recognition of six 'extraordinary women' of Wesley UMC and the Austin community.

All of our neighbors and friends are invited to attend and help us celebrate! All of the events will take place at Wesley United Methodist Church, located at 1164 San Bernard St., Austin, where the Rev. S.E. Chase is pastor. For more information, please call the church office at (512) 478-4007 or check our website at [www.wesleyunited.org](http://www.wesleyunited.org) for information and directions to the church.

### Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church Notices

Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, 385 FM 20, Bastrop, TX., Elder Larry Washington, Pastor, Women's Ministry Department, invites each and every one to a luncheon honoring our First Lady "Sister Demetria Washington, Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM. Donation is \$10.00. For more information contact Sister Chevalya Barnett @ 512-629-9630. \*\*\*\*\*

Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, 385 FM 20, Bastrop, TX., Elder Larry Washington, Pastor, Women's Ministry Department, invites each and every one to their Spring Fling-Parade of Hats, Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 Noon.

Everyone is asked to wear and style their favorite hat. Donation is \$5.00. For more information contact Sister Chevalya Barnett @ 512-629-9630 or Sister Delois Williams @ 512-629-5907.

### Olivet Baptist Church Celebrates

#### Its 85th Church Anniversary

Olivet Baptist Church, 1179 San Bernard Street, Austin, Texas will celebrate its 85th Church Anniversary on Sunday, May 19, 2013. Olivet was organized on May 4, 1928 under the leadership of Pastor Joseph H. Harrington. The church family initially worshipped in an old house at the corner of San Bernard and Cotton Street, where the current edifice stands today.

In the history of the church, seven pastors have served as under shepherd for the church. The current pastor is Edward M. Fleming, Sr., who accepted the call to pastor Olivet in June of 2012. The church's goal is to be more visible within the East Austin community and to globalize the gospel message of Christ.

The Anniversary Worship Celebration will begin at 10:15 a.m., with a dynamic sermon from Pastor Fleming.

At 4:00 p.m., our special guest will be Pastor Sylvester Chase and the Wesley United Methodist Church. All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact the church office at 512 478-7023.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (KJV)

Proverbs 3:6

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." (NASB)

Philippians 4:13

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (NIV)

John 3:16

"Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God - what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect." (GNT)

Romans 12:2

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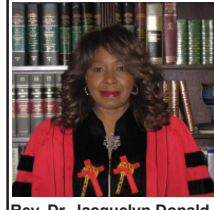
#### Church Services

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Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

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#### WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Worship - 7:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Church School - 9:45 a.m.

Bible Studies - Mon, 6:30 p.m. & Wed., 12 noon

Wednesday Night Worship - 7 p.m.

"Ministries For Mankind" Luke 4:18

A.W.. Anthony Mays, Senior Pastor

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### Olive Branch Fellowship of Austin / All Faith Chapel

4110 Guadalupe St Bldg #639 Austin, TX 78751

Sunday Morning  
Worship @ 11: am



Kenneth Hill, Pastor

This life, therefore, is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness; not health, but healing; not being, but becoming; not rest, but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished, but it is going on. This is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.

--- Martin Luther

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

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# YOUTH BRIGADE



## Youth of Today



## Hope of Tomorrow



## Black Registry

### Girl Empowerment



**Aubri Allen-Brent**  
Dailey Middle School

This week my Mother & I got to meet with the representatives of GenAustin. Gen Austin is a girl's empowerment group. They told us a couple of facts here they are;

- More than 84% of girls believed that being thin was popular.
- 29% of girls 13 -18 who have boyfriends have

been pressured to having sex, drinking alcohol, and any other adult conduct.

77% of students are bullied mentally, verbally and physically

We also learned that body image is important, because you have to care about yourself. And if you think that being skinny is best thing, it is not because everyone is beautiful in their own way. Even the model's on the magazines is not their real body. They go through a process called photo shop. Photo shop is application used to enhance things on your body to make it more appealing on a computer, magazine or anything like that. So always remember everyone is beautiful in their own way & don't ever let anyone bring you down. J

Until next time GO WOLVESS !!!!

### Project Graduation



**Marcus Austin**  
Cedar Ridge High School

The school year is almost over and there are many different activities going on at Cedar Ridge High School. Like the 1st annual project graduation powder puff football game happened on Saturday April 27th at the Cedar Ridge field. The game was played at 9:00 am the senior girls took on the junior girls. This was to help raise money for project graduation for the senior class. Project graduation is an organization by PTSA and senior students that helps raise money that will be used to help fund the prom that will take place on May the 18th at the Hyatt hotel. Some of the money will also help fund the senior lock in at

Main Event after graduation on June 1st. project graduation accepts donations as well as any seniors willing to help earn money, through selling candy or popcorn.

The last 6 weeks of school it's a great time as well as a stressful time for me because final exams are soon to come. I don't do so great at testing so I really have to hit the books hard to get the grade I want on my exams so my senior year can finish on a good note. It is very helpful because most of our teachers give us final exam reviews to give us an idea what will be on the real final exam, we go through most of the review as a class so I really need to make sure I pay attention when we go through it this time around.

The final piece to our graduation came in on April 30! We received our cap and gowns. We are that much closer to June 1st!

This year the Rosewood Baptist Drill Team will be attending National Baptist Congress in Phoenix, Arizona.

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

### STAAR Test

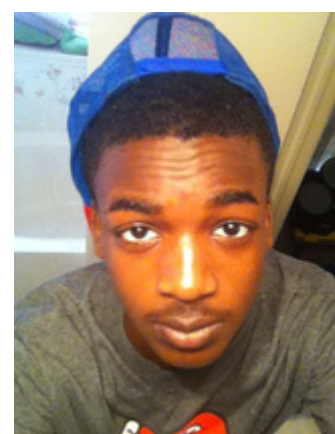


**SaNaya White**  
Cedars Academy

This past week I just

had both of my STAAR for tests for reading and math. I think I rocked them! There were a few hard ones but most of the test was really easy. I liked taking the test, a lot of people in my class didn't. Lots of people got frustrated. I made a deal with my mom that if I get both test grades above a 90 I get a swimming pool for the yard to swim in! I cross my fingers and say a prayer... We will see what happens. Good luck to all the students that took the test! Yayyy!! It's over!

### Hawks Anniversary



**Alon Rodgers**  
Hendrickson Highschool

Hendrickson High celebrated our 10th Year Anniversary Celebration this week.

We had food, music, a presentation and time to mingle down memory lane.

But that did not stop us from piling up more achievements: The following students won individual awards at the state journalism competition:

**Newspaper:**  
**Editorial Writing--** Nyssa Kruse, 2nd place

**Personal Column--** Rini Sinha, Honorable Mention

**Personal Opinion Column--** Gabrielle Wilkosz, 3rd place

**In-Depth News/Feature Package--** Nyssa Kruse, Kate Stone, Honorable Mention

**Double Truck Design (Center Spread)--** Nyssa Kruse, 1st place

**Student Art--**

Gabrielle Wilkosz--1st place; Gabrielle went on to win Tops in Texas in Student Art. This is where they take the first place winner in each UIL Division (1A through 5A) and choose the top one. This is the highest honor in Texas Scholastic Journalism.

**Yearbook:**  
**Headlines--** Katelyn Hodges, Savannah Cornett, Emily Hanon, 1st place

**Ad Spread--** Staff, 2nd place

**Index Spread, Staff,** 3rd Place

**Academic Feature Story, Matt Baca, Honorable Mention**

2012 graduates, Madie Leon, Janie Townsend, and Charlotte Intansari also won awards, including a 1st place in Academic Feature story for Madie.

Shyla Guthrie and Michelle King won 2nd place for their Class Spread for yearbook.

Christian Davis placed 2nd in Extemp on Saturday at the UIL Region Meet at Baylor University and will be moving on to compete at the State level in May.

Junior Dung Nguyen earned a 6th place medal in Calculator Applications. Dung is coached by TJ Johnson. This is Hendrickson's first Region medal in this event.

### Week of Testing



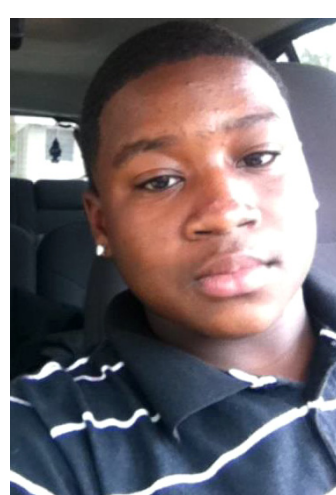
**Jaquarry Wilson**  
Del Valle High School

This past week, all of the juniors of Del Valle High School were all gathered together for a great and much anticipated event that every student in the school gets excited for. This event is nothing other the TAKS testing. While you may have detected many a sarcastic moment in the last few sentences, rethinking that just might not be a bad idea. I believe that all students look forward to this standardized tests and the main reason for that is to get them over with. They are time consuming and test us on objectives that we have learned from years prior. The only good thing to look forward to, in my opinion, is the chance to miss class. We rarely get any days off and even during the days of testing, the administrators find that it's a good idea to make us go to

class even after we're drained from the testing for the last three periods of the day.

In other news, even after a few staff members at Del Valle didn't hesitate to read my article about the problem of having no soap in several bathrooms on campus, the problem still exists. While I requested that soap be put in the restrooms immediately, I was denied. I was told by an assistant principal to return to the testing site and that I'd be "alright" without washing my hands. It's a disgusting matter, really. Let's examine this, shall we. There was absolutely no soap in the restroom. I'm certain that there were at least fifty boys who used the restroom because it was the only one available to us who were testing. This wasn't too long before lunch began. Just imagine all of the boys, who used the restroom without washing their hands afterwards, going to lunch and touching the fork dispenser, tongs to grab salad, and the sliding doors to grab something to drink. Then, think about all of the people who touch that after them. Isn't that a great way to spread icky bacteria? Maybe after reading this article this problem will finally be solved.

### Tips



**Imani Demps**  
Del Valle High School

Now that school is basically over. I can say it was a struggle trying to maintain

grades and stay out of trouble. But I did it. The main thing you have to do is just stay focused. School is not a place for games and it's also not a place to make friends. When you get in high school all the people that you called friends aren't your friends anymore but, you will meet new people and yall will make it far. School helped me learn alot about people and about myself.

I think if it wasn't for school I would be out of control. I have learned without education you can't do anything. Education is the key to success.

### End of the Year Activities

**Erika Lipscomb**  
Manor Elementary

On May 1st, we are having talent show tryouts. Its going to be fun because I tried it before. On May 2nd, there's going to be a citizenship dance, I'm definately going to

that! It is going to be fun!

On May 3rd, Austin Jazz workshop is coming to our school. On May 17th, that's when the talents get to show. On May 23rd, there is going to be a field trip. Hmmm so much to do, until next time.

### Farmers Market in Pflugerville



**Marshay Hatcher**  
Pflugerville High School

Starting Tuesday, May 7th, the community of Pflugerville will be having their very own farmers market. The market will be open every Tuesday through October From 3 to 7 p.m.

Vendors will be selling local produce including tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, okra, Peaches, and grapes, honey, flowers, pickles and even free range meats. Entrance is Free and will be located at the Green Red Barn, on old Hutto Road.

### Quiz Bowl



**Adrian Jackson**  
Harmony Science Academy

The Harmony Science Academy North Austin Quizbowl team participated in the Bluebonnet Bowl at the Village school in Houston, Texas on April 6th. Both the A and B team posted outstanding performances, with the B team scoring a fourth place finish in the regular difficulty division, while the A team got fifth place in the highly

challenging national prep division.

Congratulations to the teams from Loyola Academy (Chicago, IL) and the Village School (Houston) for their wins in the black and red divisions, of the recent second-annual Bluebonnet Bowl. Loyola went 11-1 over a 13-round round-robin to win the black division; Village went 11-0 over a 8-round preliminary and 5-round playoff to win the red division.

This is Texas Quiz Bowl's penultimate regular season varsity event for 2012-2013. Our final event is next Saturday's Fiesta Bowl at Reagan High School in San Antonio. The 14th Annual Texas Quiz Bowl Championship will be on May 4th at the Village School in Houston.

### Manor Days

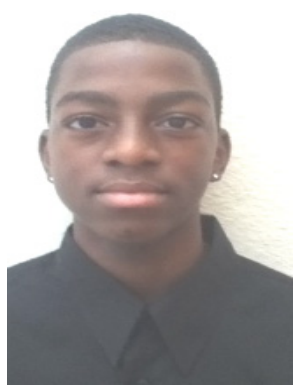
**Latrice Lipscomb**  
Del Valle High School

Manor high schools freshman got together on Thursday and had fun. We all had matching shirts, the drumline played the wobble and everything. We were celebrating the pass of our stressful week. Our freshman class went outside and took 2016 pictures and after we did the Harlem shake. It was so much fun. Way to go Manor



# COLLECTED PRÉCIS

## Falcon Pointe Splash Park



**Darius Hatcher**  
Pflugerville MS

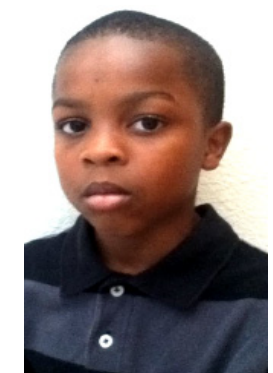
Falcon Pointe Splash Park is located at 1813 Tranquility Lane, and it's free to the Public. The splash park will open on Wednesday, May 1st, 2013 and will be open until Tuesday, October 1st, 2013. The park hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. To access the Facility take Murchison Ridge

Trail from Kelly Lane and turn on Drifting Meadows Drive. Future trail connections will enhance access via biking or walking.

Splash park is very concerned about the safety of everyone so here are some of the rules play at your own risk, clear the area when conditions for thunder or lightning are possible, children under 9 years must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, glass containers, alcohol or sharp objects allowed on the premises. There are also no lifeguards on duty so you have to be careful for your own safety at all times.

Falcon Pointe sounds like a perfect place to go on a bright and sunny day so pick a day to go with your family before October comes around.

## Volunteers



**Andrae Hatcher**  
Pflugerville MS

If you are 14 years of age or older and need a place

to volunteer this summer then you are in luck because the Pflugerville Public Library is accepting volunteers. You can become a reading buddy, help out with programs and story time, hand out the reading club prizes, shelve books, or set up book displays. The application to be a volunteer are due on Friday, May 24 and the first volunteer orientation meeting is scheduled for June 6th 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. If you need any information please call the library and ask for Amanda or Carmen for more info.

## Track Season Has Ended



**Olivia Smith**  
Lockhart High School

Well, track season is over for me. My high school track season ended at the Regional IV Track Meet. I did not advance to State in the 800, but even though I did not advance to state, I am still proud and blessed of my accomplishments. I have worked very hard throughout my high school career.

I'm going to attend Texas State University in San Marcos so hopefully I can run Cross Country and Track there. God has blessed me.

## STAAR And Soccer

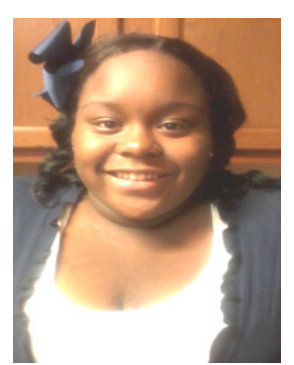


**Tori Smith**  
Lockhart Jr. High School

Last week the lady lion eighth grade soccer team loss to Wallace Middle School 3 to 4. Next they will be playing against Goodnight Middle School.

Also last week the junior high tennis team went against Cedar Creek and Elgin Middle School. Scores are unknown though. Also last week we took our science and social studies S.T.A.A.R. test-final. Well that's all.

## Six Flags Trip



**Lanette Demps**  
Dailey Middle School

Well this week on Friday may 3, 2013 Dailey MS is going to six flag for a trip. If we go on this trip we are real lucky because they are only ordering about 2 buses and we have about 200 8th grader. This trip is only for 8th graders. I can't wait to go I have everything planned out. I plan on trying to ride all the rides even if no one wants to get on. Aubri Allen another writer in this article is going to. I am going to have lots of fun and hope everything goes well this week and I don't get in trouble so I will be able to go.

## STAAR Results



**Jaylon Knighten**  
Dailey Middle School

to Six Flags Fiesta Texas on May 3rd for our end of year school trip. All results from the STAAR test are back and those eighth graders who did not pass will have to re-take the test again in 2 weeks. I passed so now I am just waiting to take my Algebra test.

This past weekend the Rosewood Ave Baptist Missionary Church Drill Team traveled to Houston to get fitted for uniforms and then we traveled to Eagle Lake to practice as we prepare for our Annual National Congress Baptist Convention trip in June to Phoenix Arizona. This is all the news for now. Be Blessed

## Totally Cool, Totally Art

### Students Prepare Exhibit of Art

by Shirley A. Hammond

Follow her on twitter.com/@xtremeridewish1

At various Austin Recreation Centers around town, students have been learning how to use their creative energies to make various art pieces. This after-school program has been in place since November, and goes under the label Totally Cool, Totally Art (TCTA). At the Dottie Jordan Recreation Center at 2803 Loyola Lane, the students' months of learning and applying their skills has paid off. Some of their finished work is in 3-D, others are wall pieces or paintings. One youth created a painting of Tupac that amazingly resembles the late rapper's likeness. Now these and other pieces are finished and ready for an art-loving public to enjoy.

One of their instructors is musician and visual artist Clint

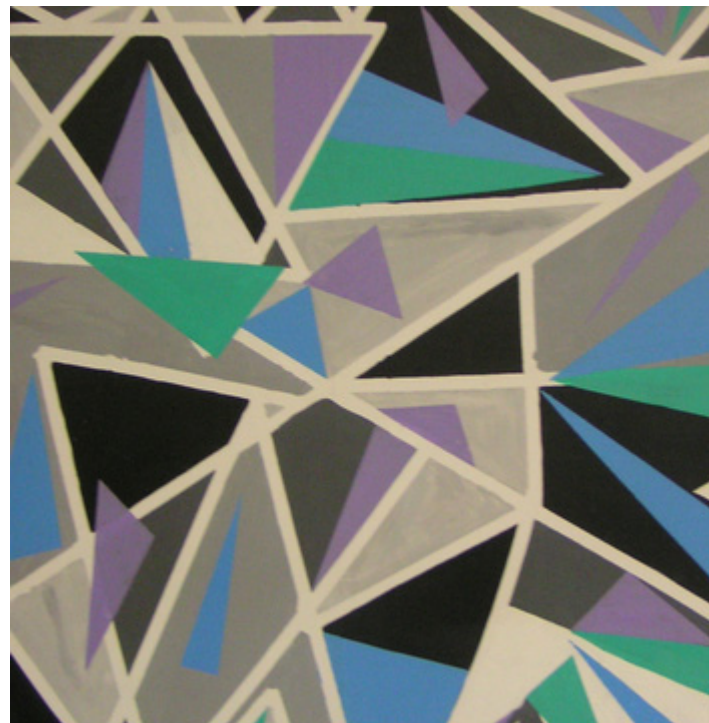
Hofmeister, who works for Austin Parks & Recreation Department. The National Arts Program website lists Hofmeister's painting and relief piece titled Portrait of a Lady as a third place winner in their December 2012 competition.

Other qualified instructors, art teachers and movie producers have also assisted the students with finding and showcasing their hidden talents.

Other city recreation centers offer similar after-school enrichment and summer camps for children.

TCTA has given students something constructive to do after school lets out. Some of their work was transported to Alamo Recreation Center at 2100 Alamo Street.

Shortly after their availability for viewing



at this East Austin venue, much of the completed work will be ready for exhibition in mid-May. The Austin Parks and Recreation Center will hold an exhibit of the students' work at The Dougherty Art Center's Julia C. Butridge Gallery. The center is located at 1100 Barton Springs Road, and it's open from 10am-9pm, Monday-Saturday.

A public closing ceremony will take place, where people can view the student work for the last time. This event will

be held at the same location, on May 13 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. An awards ceremony, along with refreshments will be available.

According to the city website (www.austintexas.gov), Dottie Jordan was an AISD orchestra teacher who spoke to the City Council about retaining the park for area residents when the property was being considered for a condominium community. Later the park and rec. center were named for her.

## Texas Senate Passes Senator Zaffirini's Legislation Improving State Contracting and Procurement

(AUSTIN) – The Texas Senate this week passed three bills by Senator Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, that improve the State of Texas' contracting practices, including by enhancing contract oversight and uniformity.

"Texas state agencies and institutions of higher education manage thousands of contracts valued cumulatively at more than \$100 billion," said Senator Zaffirini, Chair of the Senate Government Organization Committee. "Proper oversight and transparency in state contracting is critical,



**Senator Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo**

especially because so much taxpayer money is at stake."

Senator Zaffirini's Senate Bill (SB) 1680 promotes greater uniformity in state contracts. The bill would standardize contract management practices for all state agencies, including by requiring that the agencies establish formal contracting guidelines, maintain all contracts in a central location and include uniform provisions in each contract. The bill also would prohibit a major contract from being ne-

gotiated by only one employee.

"Greater uniformity in state contracting would help ensure the best value for each dollar spent," Senator Zaffirini said.

Her SB1681 enhances contract oversight by requiring the comptroller to develop training programs for contract managers; consult with state agencies in developing forms, contract terms and criteria; and establish a uniform evaluation process and include performance reviews in a ven-

dor tracking system.

"Contracts must be monitored closely at every stage of the process, including solicitation, negotiation and management," Senator Zaffirini said. "Proper contract oversight helps mitigate risk, contain costs and ensure quality and efficiency."

SB 1679 by Zaffirini would improve state agency procurement by requiring the comptroller to leverage state spending in the most efficient manner and to determine if certain services may be leveraged for multiple state agencies in one statewide contract at a cost savings.

A champion for government efficiency and transparency, Senator Zaffirini has introduced legislation to improve state contracting practices each legislative session since 2005.

## House Introduces Congressional Term Limits Bill

### Representative Matt Salmon Praised for Introducing Congressional Term Limits Amendment

April 25, 2013, Fairfax, VA – Representative Matt Salmon (R-AZ) introduced an amendment to the U.S. Constitution today which would limit the number of terms that a member of Congress may serve to three in the House of Representatives and two in the Senate.

Term limits for members of Congress has been spotlighted in recent weeks as former Senator and Vice Presidential nominee Joe Lieberman announced that after reflection on his 24 years in office that he now supported term limits.

The Lieberman statement was followed by a polls conducted by the Gallup Organization released last week showing that the American people would vote for congressional term limits by a 75 - 21 margin.

Phil Blumel, president of U.S. Term Limits, the nation's largest term limits advocacy group, called on Congress to send the Constitutional Amendment to the states for them to decide saying, "The public clearly wants term limits, and it is the ultimate conflict of interest for federal elected officials to prevent the states from making the decision on whether their own terms should be limited."

Representative Salmon is introducing the amendment on a tide of public dissatisfaction with Congress, and Blumel believes this public outcry may break the



log jam that has prevented consideration stating, "Many members of Congress are hearing from their constituents that they want the tough issues in D.C. to be acted upon rather than a continual kicking of the can down the road. In this context, they are realizing that a constitutional amendment limiting terms for members of Congress may be the only way to make our political system work again.

"Now, Congress faces a crisis. The people hold the legislative branch of our federal government in such low regard largely because they believe that they are no longer represented by fellow citizens but instead by professional politicians. It is time to change this. It is time to put citizens back in charge. It is time to pass congressional term limits."

Senator David Vitter (R-LA) has introduced the same congressional term limits amendment in the U.S. Senate.

To become part of the U.S. Constitution, the amendment requires a two-thirds vote in each house of Congress and ratification by three quarters or 38 out of 50 states.

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## Texas House District 50, Republican Candidate

by: Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



**Candidate Michael Cargill, changes political parties.**

The Texas House District 50 in Central Texas has seen the addition of another candidate. Moreover, this candidate is not running on the Democratic ticket but on the Republican ticket. This

candidate running for the Republican ticket is Michael Cargill. Last election cycle, he ran as a Democrat for Travis County Constable II. Michael Cargill has decided to switch political

parties due to the difference in "ideology." According to Cargill, "It is the Democrat leaders in County that left him and family." In other words, he believes that the local Democratic Party does not share the same values that he holds. For instance, he is a proponent of having school vouchers because he believes allowing "school choices would make the school more competitive." In addition, he has different views on gun politics than Democrats. According to Cargill, if the "gun background check passes, then it would dis-proportionally affect African Americans.

Currently, he is the only Republican candidate to run for the Texas House District 50. As a result, he doesn't have to spend much money or time. On the other hand, there are four Democrats running in the Primaries. Moreover, the Texas House District 50 comprises of North, and Northwest Austin; and Pflugerville. Furthermore, the Texas House District 50 is also comprised of numerous Independent voters.

## Early Voting Began In Central Texas 4.29.13

by: Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



**Vernagene Mott, Place 4**

After the 2012 Elections, Central Texans will once again go the voting booth. In Austin, the electorate will vote on whether or not to pass four different bonds. The pro-bond electorate believes that the bonds would allow and provide more money for the school district, so they can complete some improvements. While those that oppose the bonds believe that it would lead to wasteful programs. On the other hand, the residents of Pflugerville will be voting on school board members. In the school board election, there are two incumbent running against two challengers.

On the Austin's ballot, there will be four various propositions. Moreover, proposition 1 deal with "Health, Environment, Equipment and Technology." Proposition number 2 calls for the "Safety, Security, and Relief from overcrowded conditions." Proposition 3 mentioned that it is for "Academic and



**Lance Sandlin, Place 5**

Building Infrastructure, Renovations and Repairs. Proposition 4 calls for the "Academic Initiatives, Fine Arts, and of Athleticism. The pro-bond crowd believes that these bonds would not have a major increasing factor on property



**Tony Hanson, Place 3**

taxes. While those that are against them believe that it is a "blank check" to the school board council; therefore, they would not spend the money accurately.

In Pflugerville, Mario Acosta (incumbent) and



**Mario Acosta, Place 3**

Tony Hanson (challenger) are running against each other for Place 3. In Place 4, Vernagene Mott will not be facing an opponent. Finally on Place 5, Carol L. Fletcher (incumbent) and Lance Sandlin (challenger) will be running against each other. The next Pflugerville school board members will be responsible in choosing the next superintendent.

However, in both elections the participation



**Carol L. Fletcher, Place 5**

may perhaps be very low due to the fact that it is an "off-year" election. Since these two elections deal with the educational process, it is very important to see a bigger voter turnout. Moreover, these two elections would have an impact on education, throughout Central Texas. Consequently, people should not forget plan for early voting due to the fact, it is flexible and there are very short lines.

## What Kerry Washington's 'Scandal' Role Really Means

by H. Crosley, The Root

For some, Kerry Washington's portrayal of Olivia Pope on Scandal is a coup because it dismisses the idea that black women are unattractive in mainstream society, writes the New York Times.

It's clear that "Scandal" has touched a nerve: Twitter regularly blows up with "Scandal"-related tweets when the show is on, and the flood of cyberspace chatter has included debates about the interracial sex, the politics and the clothes. Ms. Washington's remark this year that she would have turned down the role had the president been black (out of concern that such a character might reflect an insider's view of Mr. Obama, whose administration she volunteers



**Kerry Washington**

for) drew attention, too. "We're putting a lot of our hopes on Kerry's shoulders," said Yaba Blay, an assistant professor of Africana Studies at Drexel University, who live-tweets about the show with a group of female academics. "The conversations about her go beyond the

role, to the idea of representing us well as middle-class and upper middle-class, educated women," mostly because of the scarcity of such images of black women.

We are the same women the media has said are not attractive, are not marriageable," she added.

### ANNUAL Mother To Son Dance

Saturday, May 4 @ 4 pm @ Sweet Home - The Pinnacle of Praise, 3200 Sunrise Rd. in Round Rock.

Thank GOD for giving us Mothers. A Mother's Love is Boundless, Unconditional, True, Enduring & so much more. We, the Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Epsilon Iota Chapter of Austin want to recognize & celebrate that unique relationship between Mothers & Sons through our Annual Mother to Son Dance.

This special event is for Mothers & Sons "Daughters are welcome to attend" Special Guest Speaker/Spoken Word Poet LaLove Robinson. Music provided by DJ Hube. Light refreshments provided. Dress to Impress. Complimentary Photos at 4 pm. Due to limited seating - RSVP is required!

### HOUSING AUTHORITY OF TRAVIS COUNTY

#### NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP No. P13001

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<b>PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE</b>	Friday, May 3, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m. CDT Agency Central Office 502 E. Highland Mall Blvd, Suite 106-B Austin, Texas 78752
<b>QUESTION DEADLINE</b>	Friday, May 10, 2013 @ 3:00 p.m. CDT
<b>PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL RETURN</b>	Agency Central Office noted above
<b>PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DEADLINE</b>	Wednesday, May 22, 2013 @ 3:00 p.m. CDT

[Minority- and/or women-owned businesses are encouraged to respond]

## Togolese Celebrates Independence Day

by: Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

The Togolese Diaspora held their 53rd Independence Day Celebration in Round Rock, although it was recently weathered by some unpleasant events. These current events remind Togolese of their humble beginnings. On April 27, 1960 the nation of Togo received its independence, which made it one of the first French colonies in West Africa that was set free to lead its own destiny. Upon receiving its independence, the Togolese people were jubilant and excited due to the fact they could determine their own future. However, their jubilation was cut short when the "Father of the Togolese Independence" and its first President Sylvanus Olympio was assassinated in a Coup D'Etat. Since, then Togo has seen some moments of violence and of peace.

Over the years, Togo has experienced both times of peace and times of violence. In the early 1980's until the early 1990's, Togo was dubbed the "Switzerland of Africa", due to its prosperity. But, in the mid 1990's to the present, Togo has been rocked by violence, as the people push for a true democracy. Just days before the Independence Day,



**Alain Elegbe, he attended the Togolese event. Photo by Tsoke Chuch Adjavon**

Togo was faced by a Teachers' Union work boycott. Then the students protested stating that the government has not listened to the Teachers' Union. During the protest, three students were shot by the security forces and later died.

Consequently, the Togolese Diaspora living in Central Texas understood that the celebration would be tampered down due to the recent violence occurring in Togo. Moreover, the Togolese Diaspora held their celebration in Round Rock. During the celebration, the President of the Togolese

community, Mr. Foadey, welcomed the members and its guests. He expressed his joy of finally bringing the Togolese's Diaspora together to celebrate. After the salutations, another member of the Togolese Association gave a presentation of Togo. Then, the Togolese community prayed for both Togo and the United States. The members of the Association and their guests, all enjoyed Togolese cuisines after the program. Finally, the Togolese's Diaspora and its guests really took pleasure in celebration their Independence Day that evening.

# CLASSIFIEDS ~ PUBLIC INFORMATION

## First Taxi Drivers Union in Texas Joins National Taxi Workers Alliance, AFL-CIO

### Affiliations will support taxi drivers' fight for economic rights



Drivers work up to 15 hours per day, 7 days a week, and yet earn less than minimum wage on many days and have no job security. While income is tightly regulated by the city through the meter, owners regularly increase lease fees charged to drivers that eat up much of their earnings. Drivers are not covered by workers comp or disability and have no insurance to protect themselves in case of an accident.

Merga Gemada, Vice-President of the TDAA, says, "The bare minimum protections required for a taxi driver to have a dignified life are not available to us today because of the economic instability we work under." Today's affiliation is also the launch for the TDAA's campaign for

economic rights and dignity, in which drivers are demanding greater job security and a safety net against their precarious working conditions.

The National Taxi Workers Alliance (NTWA) was chartered by the AFL-CIO in 2011 with New York City and Philadelphia locals as the founding members. "It's unacceptable that taxi drivers, at the heart of the vibrancy that is Austin, labor with little pay, long hours and no benefits," said Bhairavi Desai, president of the NTWA. "By courageously organizing, the drivers are sending a message to echo from the halls of City Council to convention halls to taxi

companies that these conditions must change. And the national taxi workers movement stands ready to heed their call of action."

Becky Moeller, President of the TX AFL-CIO, said, "The Texas AFL-CIO is delighted to welcome the Taxi Drivers Association of Austin to the state labor federation because this union understands that the only way to gain fair wages and benefits is for drivers to stand together. We know unions that do not get to bargain collectively can still make progress by appealing to our elected officials and, ultimately, to the public's sense of fairness."

Courtesy of Taxi Drivers Association of Austin

Today, the Taxi Drivers Association of Austin (TDAA) marks its affiliation with the National Taxi Workers Alliance of the AFL-CIO. This affiliation will enhance its organizing and advocacy capabilities and unite taxi drivers with other union members across the city, state and country in fighting for the rights of working people. Taxi drivers are classified as independent contractors and have not previously been represented by a labor union.

The classification of a worker as an independent contractor simply means that all the risks of driving a taxi are shifted onto the backs of those who

have the least power in the system- the driver. Take the case of a veteran driver, Ashraf, who found himself in a fender-bender accident. He paid out of his own pocket to repair his taxi and got back on the road to earn a living. Days later, the taxi company attempted to extort \$4000 from Ashraf for the accident. When he asked what this payment was for, the car was immediately taken from him. Ashraf spent the next several weeks without work. This is not an uncommon story.

Austin taxi drivers founded the TDAA in 2009 to organize and collectively address drivers' concerns. Today they have over 200 dues paying members.

## CELEBRATING 18 Years of BiG BUSINESS, BiG IMPACT AND BiG PARTNERSHIPS

Austin, TX, March 25, 2013 - Acknowledging the past, Celebrating the present and Ushering in the future is the theme of BiGAUSTIN's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. On Thursday May 9, 2013 from 6pm-9pm, BiGAUSTIN is inviting friends of the past and present who have been instrumental in establishing BiGAUSTIN's status as a leader in the small business devel-

opment sector. This event will engage past and present clients, instructors, supporters and all whose stories have inspired 18 years of adventure for BiGAUSTIN. This interactive event will consist of food, live music, raffles, and networking opportunities for all in attendance. The BiG celebration will feature the unveiling of BiGAUSTIN's

training room and updated picture displays of current clients and their businesses. This is a free event and all invited guests are encouraged to bring guests as well. Attendees will have the opportunity to increase their business visibility and forge new partnerships by sponsoring BiGAUSTIN's training room. Sponsorship packets will be available at the event.

BiGAUSTIN is delighted to have distinguished entrepreneur and speaker Gary Hoover, one of the nation's foremost experts in small business success having created pioneering book superstore BOOKSTOP, which helped change the nature of book shopping in America. This company was sold to Barnes & Noble for \$41.5 million when it was just 7 years old.

## The 124<sup>th</sup> Cadet Class will present: "2013 Our Communities - Your Communities" Community Immersion Program

On Tuesday, May 7, 2013, APD's 124<sup>th</sup> Cadet Class will present the "2013 Our Communities - Your Communities" as part of their Community Immersion Program. This presentation is an opportunity for cadets to share what they've learned in the academy about various community groups. This includes the history, culture and values within each community group. Additionally, it is an opportunity for the community to ask questions and provide insight. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Tuesday, May 7, 2013,  
12:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Public Safety Training Campus,  
Bldg J  
4800 Shaw Lane, Austin, TX 78744**

**Community Findings:**

Community Group	May 7, 2013
Opening Comments	12:30 - 12:40 p.m.
LGBT	12:40 - 1:30 p.m.
African American	1:45 - 2:35 p.m.
Hispanic	2:50 - 3:40 p.m.
Mental Health	3:55 - 4:45 p.m.
Closing/Questions	4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

**EMPLOYMENT PROPOSALS PUBLIC INFORMATION FOR SALE FOR RENT BIDS MISCELLANEOUS**

Austin Community College District is requesting qualifications from individuals, cooperatives or firms for the purpose of selecting a diverse pool of qualified mobile or fixed food services providers for multiple campus and service centers.

**Request for Qualifications No. 961-13019RS**  
Initial group of qualifications must be submitted to the ACC Purchasing Department on or before noon, on Thursday May 9, 2013. Other scheduled deadlines are for a total of seven cohorts of potential providers.

The Request for Qualifications will be available on 25 April 2013 on the ACC Purchasing website at <http://www.austince.edu/purchase/advertisedsbids.php> or in the ACC Purchasing Office (512) 223-1300

between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday. All initial responses must be sealed and returned to the ACC Purchasing Office, ACC Service Center, 9101 Tuscany Way, Austin, Texas 78754, by the date and time indicated for inclusion in a group evaluation. Late submittals will be retained for the next group evaluation.

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

**Austin Youth Orchestra STRING AUDITIONS 2013-2014 SEASON**

String auditions for the 2013-2014 Austin Youth Orchestra (AYO) program have been scheduled as follows:

**Monday, May 13, 2013  
Stephen F. Austin High School  
1715 West Cesar Chavez Street  
6:00 P.M: Registration  
6:30 P.M: Auditions**

Membership in AYO is open to all interested orchestra students from throughout the central Texas area - public school, private school, charter school, and homeschool - and will be determined by the audition process. Students from schools with orchestra programs must be a member in their school orchestra.

**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>.

### ACC EXPERIENCING RAPID GROWTH

New research shows that Austin Community College continues to receive the majority of Central Texas students. ACC has experienced consistent enrollment growth over the last 7 years, as has overall college enrollment in the area. College enrollment in the Central Texas region is only one of many statistics that can be found on the newly launched Indicators Project website. Since its inception in 1999, the Indicators Project has been gathering extensive data on 40 indicators throughout six counties in Central Texas including Travis.

The new website is [www.indicatorsproject.com](http://www.indicatorsproject.com).

## LEGAL NOTICE

These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will be closing soon:

Game #	Game Name / Odds	\$	Official Close of Game	End Validations Date
1386	Hit \$100 - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.38	\$2	7/3/13	12/30/13
1402	Amazing 8's - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.69	\$1	7/3/13	12/30/13
1424	Dallas Cowboys - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.67	\$5	7/3/13	12/30/13
1425	Houston Texans - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.66	\$5	7/3/13	12/30/13
1458	Lucky 3's - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.72	\$3	7/3/13	12/30/13
1472	Double Action - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.18	\$10	7/3/13	12/30/13
1475	Wild Doubler \$\$ - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.56	\$1	7/3/13	12/30/13
1479	Match 3 Tripler - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.43	\$1	7/3/13	12/30/13
1481	Wild Cherry - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.56	\$1	7/3/13	12/30/13
1482	Neon 9's - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.14	\$2	7/3/13	12/30/13
1484	\$100,000 Winnings - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.83	\$5	7/3/13	12/30/13
1485	\$100,000 Cash - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.20	\$5	7/3/13	12/30/13
1489	Blackjack Tripler - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.21	\$2	7/3/13	12/30/13
1503	\$50,000 Fast Cash - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.11	\$5	7/3/13	12/30/13

For detailed odds and game information, visit [txlottery.org](http://txlottery.org) or call 1-800-371LOTTO. Must be 18 or older to purchase a ticket. The Texas Lottery supports Texas Education. © 2013 Texas Lottery Commission. All rights reserved.

# PROGRAMS ~ AWARENESS

**TAKE INITIATIVE!  
BECOME A  
VOLUNTEER DEPUTY  
REGISTRAR!**



Austin, Texas – Help citizens register to vote by becoming a Volunteer Deputy Registrar. Volunteer Deputy Registrars promote voter registration most commonly at community events and within their own social networks. They distribute voter registration applications and confirm that all of the applications they provide are completed correctly. They also provide a receipt to show proof of registration and deliver applications to the Voter Registrar within 5 days of completion.

“Helping citizens register to vote is a rewarding activity that makes a real impact on our community,” said Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and

Voter Registrar, Bruce Elfant.

How can you become a Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR)? To volunteer, you must be age 18 or older and must attend a one-hour training session. During training, you will review the qualifications to become a VDR, learn how to register voters correctly and be officially sworn-in.

All training sessions are held the first Tuesday of the month. The next session will be held May 7th. One-hour sessions that day will be held starting at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the main Travis County Tax Office located at 5501 Airport Boulevard, Austin, TX 78751.

## Student Documentary Filmmakers at the University of Texas at Austin

Present:



We will be showcasing twelve short documentaries based on the Eastside. Join us we share local stories and celebrate the Eastside community. We are hosting *free* screenings on

Tuesday, May 7th at two locations:

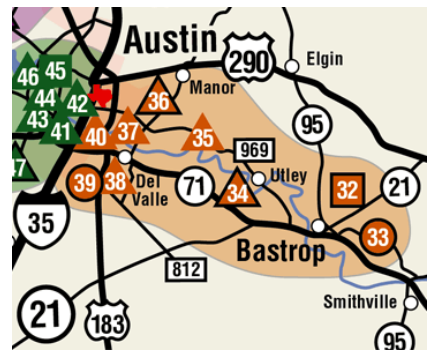
7:00 PM  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
1206 E 9th St.  
Austin, TX 78702

9:30 PM  
Kenny Dorham's Backyard  
E 11th St  
Austin, TX 78702

You can see earlier East Austin Stories online at [www.eastaustinstories.org](http://www.eastaustinstories.org)

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