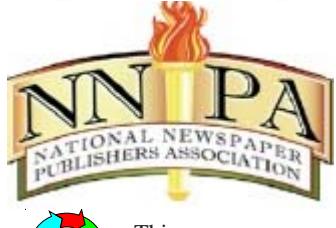
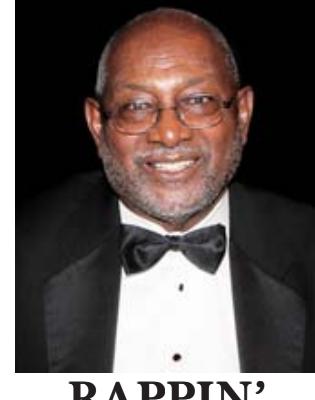


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RAPPIN'
Tommy Wyatt

Opening New Doors to Empowerment.

Jeff Johnson, CEO of the Jeff Johnson Institute for Urban Development, gave a challenge to the audience attending the Austin Area Urban League Equal Opportunity Day Gala Friday, September 13.

One of the things that he said was that during the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington he was looking to hear a suggestion of what our next move should be. He acknowledges that the Civil Rights Movement was one of the greatest movements in the history of the world, but it is time for us to start a new movement.

As successful as the movement was, it is not the answer to our current situation. He believes that what we need now is to find ways of opening new doors to empowerment. And one of the tools for doing that is to create more businesses in order to put pressure on the major corporations to do business with our community. In doing so, this will create jobs in our community.

Johnson is right. It is up to the African American community to help create the jobs need for our community. If we look back fifty years in Austin, we will find that the high unemployment numbers in our community is in direct proportion to the number of Black businesses that we have lost over that time.

Once upon a time Black businesses were the ones who employed the persons in our community who had police records and were denied jobs in the larger community. These citizens now have limited opportunities, without the help from our businesses.

I believe, as Johnson does, that we must come up with a way to create more jobs in our community to hire the seriously unemployed. Whether we do it through non profit companies or profit making companies and organizations, this is a challenge that our community must take on. We must be the ones Opening New Doors to Empowerment in our community.

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AAUL EMPOWERMENT GALA



(HONORABLE MENTIONS) - Austin Area Urban League host an inspirational evening, honoring stellar community leaders and advocates. (l - r) Jackson Walker L.L.P. Partner Mr. Leonard Woods and Dr. Timothy George receive dignitary awards. Photos by General Marshall and Angela Wyatt



By Angela Wyatt
Villager Columnist

(Austin) - Working to empower communities, change lives in America and celebrating 36 Years of achievement in Central Texas, Austin Area Urban League (AAUL) commemorated a memorable evening to honor champions of equal opportunity, civil rights and social justice. On September 13, 2013, the Equal Opportunity

Dinner Gala was held at AT&T Executive Conference Center. The Mistress of Ceremonies was Ashley Goudeau of KVUE news. Invocation was given by Rev. Gaylon Clark, Pastor of Greater Mt. Zion in Austin, Texas. The 2013 Honorary Chair Dr. Charles W. Akins, Dr. Gregory Vincent of The University of Texas at Austin, DDCE (Division of Diversity and Community Engagement) and AAUL Chair, AAUL President and CEO Teddy McDaniel III welcomed guest with humble and remarkable speeches. The evening proceeded with dinner and presentation of awards, followed by a motivation speech addressed by, ac-

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St. John Gallery Showcase in Home



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Ms. Beulah (Groves) Cooper

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(Austin)-Beulah Cooper doesn't have curtains hanging from the blinds on her windows. Instead, she graces them with the abundant greeting cards that she has received

over the years, placing them through the slats so the pretty front covers show. They include funny messages, quips about life, thank you notes, and other content. She also has walls of framed pictures, certificates, poetry, phrases, inspirational messages, See GALLERY on Back Page



Photo: Shirley A. Hammond

National Empowerment Tour for African American Women Launches in Austin

Attendees Urged to "Start Wherever You Are"

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Phenomenal formulas, acronyms, exercises, motivational speaking on steroids - they were all on the agenda at Norris Conference Center at 2525 West Anderson Lane on Saturday from 9:00am-4:30pm. Thought-leaders from near and far offered empowerment tools, ideas, advice, autobiographical journey substance, and more to a group of about 60 women as they weaved messages provoking fresh thought and decisive action.

The well-credentialed leader who traveled furthest was Toni Harris, who stated that she drove up from Jacksonville, Florida. Other presenters came from Dallas, Houston, Austin and Atlanta, Georgia. Some are life coaches and others have

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EARL CAMPBELL TO SPEAK ABOUT DIABETES EDUCATION PROJECT



Texas Football Legend
Press Conference at HEB
Springdale Health Fair,
Sept. 21, 2013

(AUSTIN, TX)-Texas football legend Earl Campbell is urging those persons with diabetes and those at risk to educate themselves about this deadly disease capable of destroying bodies piece by piece. He is promoting the Health for Life diabetes initiative, which establishes free diabetes education programs in Austin, Dallas, Houston and East Texas. The diabetes classes are sponsored by TMF Health

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THE COMMUNIQUÉ

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tivist, political commentator and inspirational journalist Mr. Jeff Johnson. "..We have done the celebrating part, so now we have to challenge ourselves, open new doors to empowerment. Austin Area Urban League, what is your new vision?"

The honorees include Jackson Walker L.L.P., the recipient of the Corporate Leadership Award and Dr. Timothy George, Medical Director of the Pediatric Neurosurgery Center of Central Texas at Dell Children's Hospital, recipient of the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award.

Founded in 1910,

National Urban League's Objective was to right and improve the intolerable social and economic conditions experienced by Black Americans. Today, it has 97 affiliates in 34 states and the District of Columbia and provides assurance to anyone in need, no matter their race, age or gender. This year, the National Urban League proudly celebrates 100 years of making a difference in lives throughout the nation. Since 1977 the mission of the Austin Area Urban League continues to hold fast to their original mission; to assist African Americans and all other underserved Austin-area resi-

dents in the achievement of societal and economic equality by focusing on education

serving thousands of clients across all programs.

AAUL guides their



(SOULDiers) - Mz. Dre (center) sings Love Changes by Kashif & Melissa Morgan along with Demetrius Campbell (right) and the band All U Need. Photo: Angela Wyatt

improvement, employment readiness, health and wellness, and the preservation of affordable housing, annually

outreach, programming, partnerships and advocacy. AAUL envisions a community in which all citizens are

Powerful Alchemy; Ransom says,

"I had to face the woman in the mirror" continued from page 1

worked for Fortune 500 companies. While several of them own businesses, have journalist backgrounds and many have written books or book series. In many ways, some could be called statistics breakers or glass ceiling

shatterers.

It's impossible to provide individual excerpts from each woman's message, but it is not a stretch to indicate that they each injected some powerful alchemy into the atmosphere. "Love the

woman in the mirror," advised organizer and co-founder Sherry Ransom. "I had to face the woman in the mirror. I had to learn to love me," she told the group.

Dawniel Patterson-Winningham shared ways to become the phenomenal person each was created to become. She spoke on the importance of passion, purpose, and winning at life.

Denyce Gartrell stated that she traveled from Jacksonville to tell women how to transform their lives. "Divorce your past, marry your future..." were the starting words of her transformative presentation.

"Most of us don't really live our lives, we live our situations," she informed the group. She also stressed the importance of self-investment.

Toni Harris reported that she lost 100 pounds - twice. She advocated drastic steps, although she did not discount the value of baby steps as an earlier speaker advocated.

She intoned, "Hike

up your skirt, kick up your heel and get to it!" "It can cost you if you don't take drastic steps," she cautioned.

The tour continues in Beaumont; Raleigh, North Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; Pontiac, Michigan; Jacksonville, Florida and Memphis, Tennessee. All told, it will expand to 15 cities. It is the brainchild of co-founders Sherry Ransom.

free from barriers to education, economic and social success. Over the years, significant steps have been made in removing the early prejudices and barriers, thus allowing many of our constituents to learn to grow, and to thrive in the Austin community. As Austin Area Urban League moves forward with their programs, they have been able to adapt to the ever-changing Austin environment - one that has grown from being merely the state capital to that of a thriving technological hub that incorporates the community, government, and the business sectors.

The beginning of the 20th Century marked a critical phase of the Black Experience in

America. The most basic of human rights, such as the right to fair employment, equal education, quality affordable housing and the right to vote were denied.

Austin Area Urban League has stressed this very issue and with that has taken to a theme "Occupy the Vote to Educate, Employ and Empower" designed to mobilize voters across this great nation. Whether it's city, county, state or national races, your vote is your voice. AAUL wants to make your voice heard! The Austin Area Urban League is now a designated location for you to vote. For more information visit www.aaul.org.

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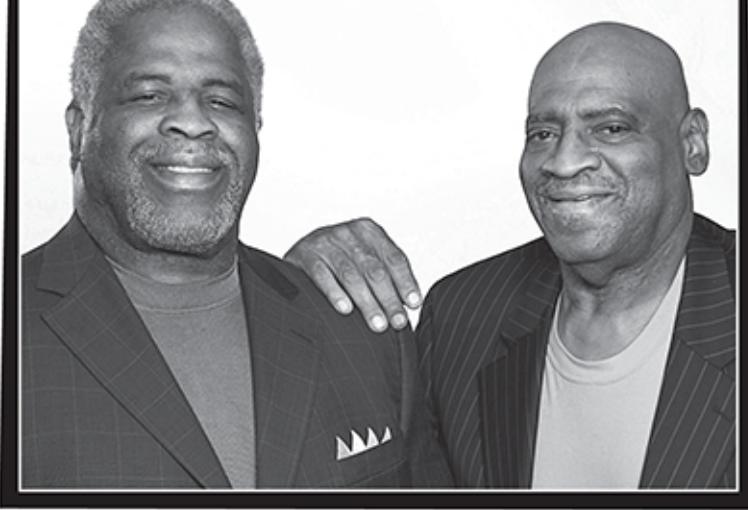
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Texas football legend Earl Campbell says

"Don't let diabetes tackle your life."

Get the power to be a winner over diabetes."



Football great Earl Campbell (left) and his brother Willie, who now has control over his diabetes by learning diabetes self-management skills.

Learn how to take charge of your health and beat diabetes by calling 1-800-725-2633 and asking about the

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Or, find classes at www.diabeteshealthforlife.org



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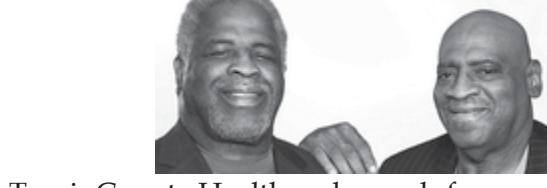
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Quality Institute under contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and conducted in partnership with various community service and health care organizations including the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services African American Quality of Life Unit.

The Texas football legend and NFL Hall of Fame inductee will par-



Travis County Health and Human Services Department (ATHHS) African American Quality of Life Unit, a partner with TMF Health Quality Institute on the Health for Life diabetes initiative in Austin.

Mr. Campbell is encouraging persons with diabetes, especially African Americans who are more likely to develop the disease, to participate in Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) classes being offered in Austin.

"I encourage all those affected by diabetes to come out to the event, 'Take a Loved One for a Check-Up Day' and sign up for free diabetes classes," Mr. Campbell said. "You don't have to die or suffer and you can control this disease when you know what to do. Diabetes has attacked my family. It has taken my mother and my sister. Another brother, Willie, is winning his fight with diabetes because he has educated himself about the disease."

Mr. Campbell's brother, Willie Campbell, had to have his right leg amputated because of diabetes.

"I learned the hard way that you have to pay attention to the disease. You have to be smarter than it is," Willie Campbell said. "I learned to monitor my sugar levels regularly, eat right, exercise and take my pills when I need them. I am now in control of my diabetes."

The DSME classes teach patients about, and assist them with, setting

goals for proper nutrition, physical activity, regular check-ups with their physicians, glucose monitoring and consistent medication use. A list of DSME class providers can be found on the TMF website at diabeteshealthforlife.org.

Earl Campbell added, "This is a great cause. I want to get the word out there about these classes. I want parents and grandparents to take these classes to help themselves and then to teach the kids about eating right and exercising. Sometimes kids don't listen to parents, but they will listen to a ballplayer or some kind of celebrity. I want parents to say 'Listen to that ballplayer,' if that helps."

The diabetes education project is specifically targeting African American Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes. However, the free classes are available to everyone. African Americans are more likely than non-Hispanic whites to develop diabetes. Twenty-five percent of African American women over the age of 55 have the disease and 25

percent of all African Americans between the ages of 65 and 74 have diabetes. Furthermore, African Americans are more likely to die from the disease and more than twice as likely to suffer devastating complications, such as kidney disease, blindness and amputations.

Take a Loved One for a Check Up is a national event that promotes health awareness and screenings for diverse communities. This year, the event is expecting between 500 - 800 attendees.

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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.

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Dezhia Gorrer
LBJ High School

I am new to LBJ High

My Week

is actually fun now.

After I get pass 4th period I'm okay every thing else goes by so fast. If the rest of the year goes by like this I should do fine. The school is doing a good job with keeping us happy. I no I'm early but I can't wait till the end of the year cause then that means it's my last year.

Teenage Driving

I believe teens should follow before getting in a car, or maybe even while driving.

1. Place your phone on silent and place it in the glove box or center console.

2. Make sure you and all your occupants have their seat belt is on.

3. Check your mirrors

4. Use turning signals whenever you turn or switch lanes.

5. Don't have no more than 2 people in a car at a time

6. Make sure you have your license at all times!

Another important topic I thought I would is drinking while driving. School is in so that means there will be more teen's parties. Drinking and driving is very dangerous you could kill the person you hit and yourself. Those are just a couple of tips I thought would be helpful for ALL teens. Until next time GOOO CARDS !!!!

Aubri Allen-Brent

Del Valle High School

A topic I thought I should share with you all is teen age driving. Since school has started I have noticed that a lot of teenagers have gotten cars and began to drive. I believe teens should be extra cautious while driving because a lot of things can happen from the time you leave your home, and from the time you get to your destination. A quote I thought I seen around I thought would be worth sharing "Don't text while driving it can wait" Here are some facts

SaNaya's Sole Sharing

SaNaya White

Cedars Academy

This summer I did a awesome community service project! I realized I had too many shoes and thought I should give some away to kids that need them. My mom found a group that donates

lots of shoes to children. So I decided to help raise shoes for a childrens orphanage in Haiti. I had a ice cream party at my house and asked those coming to bring kid size shoes. It was a success! I collected more than 40 pairs of new and used kid shoes! Go Me!! It feels good to help others!

New Schoolmates

Jada Demps

Dailey Middle School

4th Week of school this school year is going by fast.I met alot of new people at my school.They all seem cool.I

really am enjoying the school year so far.I'm playing sports.

Our first game was a victory! I Hope we win the next.But that's all at my school really.



Adrian Jackson

Harmony Academy

It is very important that our community is safe. The Pflugerville Police Department is the main source of keeping the peace. The Pflugerville Police Department wants to invite the people that they protect and serve to come out and see where they are working, and meet some of the great families in our community.

Come visit the Pflugerville

Police Department, at 1611 E. Pfennig on Saturday, September 21 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the annual open house. Visitors will tour the entire facility while meeting the staff and volunteers who work countless hours to keep Pflugerville a safe and pleasant place to live. A tour of the Justice Center include the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), the Communications Division (Dispatch), the incarceration areas, Patrol Division, Volunteers Center; Code Enforcement and Victim Services.

Youth will be able to climb onboard a real police motorcycle and into a police car. McGruff and the fingerprinting station will be open for child ID. We hope to see many of you in the Pflugerville area come out, and learn about crime prevention efforts in your community.



Lanette Demps
Del Valle High School

This weekend I volunteered for the color run at the

Color Run



Latrice Lipscomb
Manor High School

With every game won so far, Manor high school is main-

Friday Victory



Trenton Leary
Highland Park Elem.

On Saturday September 14, 2013 Capital City Bearcats

Capital City Bearcats

played Kyle Bandits in Kyle Texas. Our Junior team came home with another victory! We beat the Bandits 33-0.

I wish happy that I made a touch down and scored the two point conversion. I am hoping that this year will be another undefeated year for the Bearcats. Saturday September 21, 2013 will be a bye week for our Junior team. I can't wait for our next victory. Until next time you all be safe and have a blessed week!

Travis county expo center. It was a run to represent all types of cancer. It was the most beautiful thing in the world. There was colors everywhere. It turned out to be a great success.

I thought it was going to be boring because I have never did anything like that before. So I just took the chance and volunteered and had a great time I can't wait till the next one. I think for every chance I got I will volunteer for what ever I am offered.

taining their name as one of the best. On Friday, Sept. 13th, we won against Leander 32-27. The crowd was really excited and pumped seeing our football team play with heart. We also had an outstanding performance from the A.C.E drumline, the cheerleaders were very spirited and other organizations were there to support the team as well.

Our Mustang team did really great, can't wait until next game!

School Clubs

Wesley Dickerson

Cedar Ridge H.S.

School clubs are important because they tell colleges that you're an interesting person. School clubs are also important because they can be fun and I believe that it is key to every student's school experience that they try to have fun while they are learning. School can be a real downer sometimes it gets overwhelming and out of control so it is good that schools offer after school hours extracurricular activities. Clubs can be fun and introduce you to new things that you haven't even heard of before that you could really like. Clubs also help you develop strong relationships with the teachers running the clubs. This can be very helpful when you need recommendations or maybe just some help with your homework.

Being part of a club gives you a sense of pride and individuality because being associated with your organization helps you stand out in a good way. You can walk around campus with a little bounce in your step knowing that you are truly apart of your school,

that you're more than just another student walking the halls.

Not all clubs were created equal though; you have Student Council, which is probably one of the more important clubs. Student council is good to be in because you are apart of some very important decisions that directly affect you and those around you. You are also given the opportunity to represent your class, which is a very important role and it makes you feel good about yourself knowing that you are a big deal.

Then you have things like club sports which are pretty much like the major sports but just not as popular and isn't "associated" with the school. Meaning that the coach isn't paid and the uniforms aren't paid for. Lacrosse is a good example of a club sport because at Cedar Ridge at least the coach is a teacher and isn't paid to coach. There are special clubs like Spanish Club or Engineering Club where students can take what they do in the classroom to a new level outside of school. There is a club for almost everyone and the right one could change your view on your school.



Tierra Good
Dailey Middle School

On September 13th, 2013

Picture Day

Dailey Middle School had gotten the student's pictures taken. I was wear earrings, light colored pants, gray-greenish shirt and some boots. I am scared to see my picture because I afraid that I blinked and that my eyes will come out closed. This is also the first picture day with short hair. The time I got my picture taken was around 11:00 to 11:25am, so everything was still good. I hope everyone's picture came out okay, including mine's.

Harmony Highlights

Andrae Hatcher

Harmony Academy

The school year has gotten off to a great start. Classes are going well, and I have been able to keep up with all my school work. Eighth grade has not been as difficult as I thought it would be.

Here at Harmony Science Academy the staff is in the process of getting Chromebooks out to every student, so they may begin work on PBL projects and complete assignments. We had

our teacher and staff Appreciation Breakfast, parents and students, brought breakfast to be served to hardworking teachers and staff, of Harmony Science Academy North Austin, to show how much we appreciate all that they do for us throughout the year.

We are also signing students up for basketball contests, and soon, clubs will be looking for new participants.

Looking forward to joining a few, that I hope I will enjoy.

Hope everyone is having a good year so far.

played Kyle Bandits in Kyle Texas. Our Junior team came home with another victory! We beat the Bandits 33-0.

I wish happy that I made a touch down and scored the two point conversion. I am hoping that this year will be another undefeated year for the Bearcats. Saturday September 21, 2013 will be a bye week for our Junior team. I can't wait for our next victory. Until next time you all be safe and have a blessed week!

Color Run

Travis county expo center. It was a run to represent all types of cancer. It was the most beautiful thing in the world. There was colors everywhere. It turned out to be a great success.

I thought it was going to be boring because I have never did anything like that before. So I just took the chance and volunteered and had a great time I can't wait till the next one. I think for every chance I got I will volunteer for what ever I am offered.

Friday Victory

taining their name as one of the best. On Friday, Sept. 13th, we won against Leander 32-27. The crowd was really excited and pumped seeing our football team play with heart. We also had an outstanding performance from the A.C.E drumline, the cheerleaders were very spirited and other organizations were there to support the team as well.

Our Mustang team did really great, can't wait until next game!

YOUTH BRIGADE

Test Preparation

Kiara Myers Vista Ridge High School

Vista Ridge High School created a new program called the PSAT Team, which helps students to prepare for the PSAT, SAT, and ACT. The program began during the 2012-2013 school year as a one-semester class in the fall geared towards students who show potential based on their previous PSAT scores. I jumped at the opportunity to join this rigorous, yet beneficial class. Not surprisingly, test preparation began even before this school year commenced with a four-day summer boot camp, including two SAT exams.

During the school year the class is held every other day for an hour and a half of intense, timed instruction. Amazingly, almost every Saturday morning at

7:30 am we have a practice PSAT held at the school to track our improvement. Just the exposure to the test has greatly increased my performance and moved me toward the goal of national recognition through the National Merit and National Achievement programs.

The class is virtually free besides the purchase of textbooks and a shirt, considerably lower than the thousands one would pay for traditional test prep tutoring. The class also consists of two instructors, Math and English, who review test information with us and give helpful tips to debunk the test. Vista Ridge will administer the PSAT on October 16, 2013 to all 9th-11th grade students and the PSAT Team is giving me the tools and confidence to go in with confidence!

Early Release



book students(also known as journalism) will be picking the top two best dressed for each the girls and the boys. The prize will be a 25 dollar gift card. Principal Dr. Dilworth will be announcing the winner's on Tuesday.

The week there are a lot of events planned for this week. There will be two games vs Hudson bend and Dailey. A team and B team, B team will play first at 5:30p.m. And on Wednesday there is early release at 1:00p.m so that's something to look forward to. Have a great week and make a difference in the world even if it's small it still matters.

I hope you had a good weekend! Last week on Friday it was picture day there were a lot students who was dressed very nicely for picture day. Year-

Manor Cheerleading

Erika Lipscomb Manor Elementary

I went to the game last Friday and it was awesome!!! My sister is a cheerleader so it was fun watching

her perform. Come see the Mustangs play.

They have a lot of fun out there. I enjoyed the ACE Drumline get down. They really get the crowd in the game. And most of all, we won!

Scholastic Reading Club



preschool to upper grades levels.

Some of the books that are highlighted for the month of September are: Dark Diaries, Guinness World Records 2013, Wonder, and Monster High to name a few. I am so excited about reading these books. Reading is so important. If you think reading is boring try to find things that you are interested in and start from there.

This is a great way for you to start loving to read. Also, going to the library, getting a library card with your name on it and checking out books is fun. Good reading habits will help you in your school work and Scholastic Reading Club is a great way to get started.

You can go www.scholastic.com/readingclub. Let's get excited about reading! Happy Reading.

Are you smarter than this 5th grader?

Q: What is the name of President Obama's children's book?

Let's Go Raider's Let's Go

I would just like to say good job to our Reagan Raiders even though the varsity team for football lost. As we all should know, it's getting better with time. So good luck this week I hope they take home a win. Come out and support our team this week. Go Raiders Go!! Good Luck

First of all, we are entering the third week of school and it's going really good and fast too. So I would just like to thank the entire student body and staff once again.

Mark Wilson Reagan High School

Please Needs Your Help



**Averill Topps
Pease Elementary**

On September 20, 2013, Pease Elementary School is going to have a movie night in the gym. It will be \$10 per adult unless you are a PTA member

then it is free to enter the movies. You should bring sleeping bags, or blankets, and a pillow to make you feel cozy.

There is a Target website called <http://givewith.Target.com> where you can help Pease earn 10,000 through the Give with Target school campaign, or you can give with the Target Facebook page. Select Pease from the list of schools and click "vote" to help us earn money. The school gets \$1 dollar for every vote. If everybody who reads this article votes, we would be thankful.

You can vote until September 21, 2013. Please help Pease raise money for our school.

Applying For Colleges

Jaquarry Wilson LBJ High School

I'm finally a senior. By this time next year, I'll be somewhere in college furthering my education. But, that's a year from now and as of right now, I'll focus on the present. Due to the fact that we have really great college counselors who want us to succeed, I've managed to get tons of college work done. I've been registering for exams, getting my resumes written,

and taking care of business. I've also begun applying for colleges. Before actually beginning the application process, I had an extremely long list of colleges I wanted to attend.

Luckily, with help from friends, family, and counselors, I've managed to narrow it down. Even though I have a lot on my plate, I'm going to remain focused and not forget where I want to be in life when all is said and done.

Memories



**Montrae Nelson
Riverplace Elementary**

I had a good time with Joe. I went to Chuck E Cheese with him and got to ride in his truck. Then we rode all the way to Sonic and got ice cream too. We even rode

around Austin and it was really fun! Joe talked to me about being a good brother and to always take care of my little brothers. His favorite superhero was superman.

Joe is my grandfather and he took good care of me and my family. On September 13, 2013 we had a home going service for Joe. Joe was a good grandfather to me and my family.

Then he passed away. It was hard for me to write about him because it made me too sad and I could not stop crying because I will miss him but I know he is in a better place with God and God will take care of him.

Pflugerville Reads

Marshay Hatcher Harmony Academy

The Pflugerville Library is very excited to read along with the community, Alice In Wonderland. Pflugerville Reads, will get the whole community reading one book together and participating in many community activities with the book's theme.

The community will start reading Alice In Wonderland together on October 7, 2013. The first community activity, Alice in Wonderland Tea Party, will be on Saturday

October 12, 2013 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. There will be many activities to participate in, Flamingo Croquet, Wonderland Bubbles, Pin the Smile on the Cheshire Cat, and the Wonderland Obstacle Course.

There will also be a Mad Hatter Little Doggie Dash and Queen of Hearts Doggie Costume Contest. The K-9 dogs from the Pflugerville Police Department will be there, and pets from the animal shelter will be there just in case some one wants to take home a new pet.

Lets's Cook



**De'Ja Hill
Lamar Middle School**

When I grow up I want to be either a singer or a chef. I'm not in choir at the moment but this is my second year signing up for culinary arts. This week I made peanut butter

cookies in my culinary arts class. They looked great but after one bite I noticed that my cookies were a little too sweet. Now I was one of the people who baked the cookies and I like sweets just as well as the next person, but not that much. I am looking forward to what we will make next time.

My mom says the only reason I like to cook is because I do not have to do it all the time; that I will get tired of cooking when I have to do it everyday. I am not sure I agree with her on that one, I guess we will have to wait and see. Until next time

De'ja'

911

Genesis Stiggers Elgin Elementary

During September eleventh, 2001, 19 militants apart of the Islamic extremist group Al-Qaeda hijacked 4 airliners and committed suicide attacks against U.S. targets. Two of the planes flew into the towers of the World Trade Center, also known as the Twin Towers, in New York City. A third plane hit the Pentagon just outside of Washington D.C. and the last

crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. Also referred to as 9/11 the attacks resulted in tragic deaths and mass destruction also triggering major U.S. intentions to combat terrorism and defining it as the presidency of George W. Bush. Over 3,000 people were killed during attacks in New York City and Washington D.C. including more than 400 police officers and firefighters. 9/11 was a tragic day for America and is to be remembered as so.

The Beat of The Drum



**Jasmyne Patterson
Reagan High School**

stated "it was nice to see everyone's inner soul strutter. It felt good to see everyone move to the same beat of the drum." I would have to agree, it felt good to see people dancing and laughing with one another. People were not thinking about each other's clicks, clubs or teams, at that very moment I felt that Reagan students realized that we are a community and everyone belongs.

I find Ms. Benitez's quote inspiring. Often time's students can feel like they don't belong. Because they don't talk the same, look like or live in the same neighborhoods as others. However I feel that Reagan is a school that promotes putting aside our differences and embracing the things we can conquer together. Although there are many different ethnicities, cultures, religions and personalities at Reagan, it's nice to know that we all can be on one accord. No matter how you look or where you come from there is always a place for you, to shine and grow in your own gifts and talents. Because we all move to the same beat of the drum, some may change the tempo or even add a melody, but in the end it is all this the same beat.

Reagan Football

Zyon Hill Reagan High School

So far our Reagan freshman football team has a record of 3-0. Unfortunately, our junior varsity and varsity teams have not been doing as well. Our

varsity team has been struggling to win with a 0-2 record; maybe they will have better luck tonight. The junior varsity has a record of 1-2 so far. I hope that our freshman team can keep up the great work they are doing.

Until next time, Zyon Hill

Marching Contest



**Jaylon Knighten
Del Valle High School**

The Del Valle Cardinals Freshman teams played the McNeil Mavericks at McNeil on last week. The Cardinals fought a hard game but both teams lost against the Mavericks. Final

scores for the A team 24-13, B team 8-0. Our Varsity team also lost 27-17. The Cardinals will be back at home this week as we play against Leander Rouse. The Del Valle Marching Band has been practicing hard as we prepare to participate in the Hornets Invitational Marching Contest to be held in San Antonio Texas on Sept 28th. Progress reports will be going out this week for Del Valle High school student so we can see how we are doing.

In Capital City Bearcats news all teams played their first away game and I believe everyone went out and brought home a win. Way to Bearcats and Let's Go Cardinals Stay tune next week for more scores and news.

Hot Shot Basketball

Darius Hatcher Harmony Academy

The Hot Shot Basketball Competition will be on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 3 p.m. at the Pflugerville Recreation Center, located at 400 Immanuel Rd. Pflugerville, Texas 78660. All basketball players and fans are encouraged to sign up or come and support your favorite players.

Hot Shot competitors compete for a quarterly mem-

bership to the Pflugerville Recreation Center, leather competition basketballs and a Hot Shot T-shirts. The competition is open to everyone with participants ranging in age from 6 to 67. Groups will be divided into age-appropriate groups, and by male/female.

The entry fee is a canned good for the local food bank. So grab a few team mates, a couple canned goods and come out and enjoy an energizing game of basketball.

CITY ~ STATE ~ NATIONAL ~ WORLD

Howard Plans for Re-election

by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



Donna Howard

On September 12, 2013 the Texas State House Representative Donna Howard announced her intentions to run for re-election. Moreover, her announcement to run for re-election means that Democrats have a better chance to hold on to House District 48. For instance, in 2006 she managed to beat an incumbent Republican office holder. Since then, she became a State representative in 2006, she has managed to win in the past two election cycle.

The State Representative, Dona Howard is first of all a wife and a mother. Prior to going into politics, she worked as a care nurse for a local hospital for a very long time. As a result, she was able to bring some of work experience into the medical field to the State Capitol. Not only, does Donna Howard play a key role in health care, but also has been an advocate of public education.

Donna Howard's House District 48 comprises of the Western part of Travis County. For instance, it includes West Austin, West Lake Hills, Rolling Woods, and Sunset Valley. The district encompasses both the corporate and unincorporated areas of Western Travis County. Finally, her district has a high degree of independent voters; as a result, the campaign must work hard to gain their trust.

Republican Led Legislature

by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon



Representative Wendy Davis

In recent times, the Republican led legislature has used redistricting as a tool to eliminate some of the 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, these various efforts to draw comfortable lines for Republicans have cost the State of Texas some money. Not only have these new lines cut communities of interest, but

has caused the State government to use money to defend these maps in courts. For in-

stance, the State of Texas was ordered to repay Wendy Davis' court fees. As a result, the State has a certain time frame to repay the Wendy Davis campaign about \$200,000 dollars.

Just recently, some advocate groups have also called the State of Texas to repay them in the amount of 6 million dollars. Moreover, these repayments due to court fees could have been avoided only if the Legislature had drawn maps that were fair and did not cut various communities. Hopefully the legislature would leave politics out of this process because it cost the taxpayer some court fees.

ONSTAGE AT ACL LIVE



India Arie

Multi Grammy winning singer/songwriter India.Arie has announced dates for her highly anticipated Soulbird Presents A SongVersation with India.Arie 2013 North American tour. The multi-city trek will include stops in major North American cities including Austin, Texas on Friday, October 4th! The tour comes in support of India's acclaimed fifth studio album SongVersation.



Changing The Story Luncheon

You are invited to join us in honoring our Legacy Changer recipient, Dr. Charles Akins at our 1st Annual African American Youth Harvest Foundation "Changing the Story" Luncheon, with exciting speakers Senator Kirk Watson and State Representative Sylvester Turner, Chair of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. Our host emcee is Dr. Gregory Vincent from the University of Texas Division of Diversity and Community Engagement.

We are also presenting Story Changer awards to community leaders who have made a difference in

the lives of youth: Business - Richard Glasco, Community - Nelson Linder, Education - Dr. Meria Carstarphen, Government - Marc Ott, Health - Shannon Jones, Non-Profit - Albert Black and Technology (STEM) - Roger Davis.

The African American Youth Harvest Foundation has enriched the lives of over 8,000 high-risk youth of every ethnicity, each year in the areas of youth programs, technology, school-based conferences, wrap-around services and other support to needy families in greater Austin

that have enhanced their quality of life.

Thank you for joining the Foundation and our event sponsors: the City of Austin, the Dell Foundation, UT-Division of Diversity and Community Engagement and Travis County Health and Human Services - in honoring Dr. Charles Akins for his contributions to education, community and advocacy.

Your support of this event will also help the African American Youth Harvest Foundation continue these crucial services in Greater Austin.

The African Diaspora Community Relates to the Candidates



Celia Israel

As the special election of the Texas House District 50 nears, the personal and life experiences of each the candidates shape their views, values, goals, and agenda.

Each of these four candidates' personal and life experiences resemble the lives of so



Rico Reyes

many of the African Diaspora living within the district. In other words, the African Diaspora's population can relate to all four candidates running in Texas House District 50.

These four candidates all have life experiences that remind the members of the Afri-



Jade Chang Sheppard

can diaspora of their very own lives from the African continent. First of all, candidate Rico Reyes has been to the West African region, especially the nation of Ghana while serving in the armed forces. Secondly, candidate Jade Chang Sheppard family came to America in

search of political freedom and also in quest of the American dream.

Thirdly, candidate Ramey Ko family moved to America for a better life. Finally candidate Celia Israel came from a background, in which, the parent worked long hours so that they could provide

a better life for their children.

As a result of these personal backgrounds, the African Diaspora community relates to each of these candidates. For instance, the African community can relate to someone who has travelled to different countries as

much as they can relate to another whose parents have worked long hours so that they can achieve their dreams. In addition, the African community can relate to the need of fleeing their countries in which the political and economic freedoms were suppressed.

LOOKING FOR CLASSMATES

Reagan High School in Austin, TX Class of 1983 is planning their 30 year Reunion and would like classmates to attend. If you attended Reagan and would like more info about the Reunion, Please call 512.924.2327

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CLASSIFIEDS ~ PUBLIC INFORMATION

Texas Voter ID Law Violates Voting Rights Act and the Constitution, Groups Challenge Measure in Federal Court Law Will Disenfranchise Thousands of Minority Voters

Corpus Christi, TX - Today, the Texas State Conference of the NAACP and the Mexican American Legislative Caucus of the Texas House of Representatives (MALC) filed suit in federal court to block the state's new voter ID law because it erects discriminatory barriers to voting in violation of the Voting Rights Act and the 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

A federal court in Washington, DC last year blocked Texas's voter ID law under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, finding that

the law would make it significantly more difficult for minority citizens in Texas to vote on Election Day. In June, however, the U.S. Supreme Court (in a separate case) ruled the formula used in the Act for specifying the states covered by Section 5 unconstitutional. As a result, Texas is not currently required to comply with the Section 5 pre-clearance provision.

Just hours after the Supreme Court's decision, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced the state would implement the voter ID law.

In the complaint filed today in the Southern District of Texas, the Texas NAACP and MALC argue the voter ID law violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act because it makes it harder for hundreds of thousands of minority citizens to vote and denies minority voters an equal opportunity to participate in the political process. The measure was enacted specifically to exclude these groups, the filing contends, a discriminatory purpose that also violates the 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

The attorneys representing the civic groups in the case are the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Law Offices of Jose Garza, the national office of the NAACP, Law Office of Robert S. Notzon, PotterBledsoe L.L.P., Dechert LLP, and The Law Offices of William Bonilla, P.C.

"Texas' photo ID law could prevent hundreds of thousands of eligible voters from casting a ballot, includ-

ing a disproportionate number of minorities," said Myrna Pérez, deputy director of the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center. "The court was right to block this law in 2012, and nothing has changed since then. We urge this court to stand up for voters and ensure elections remain free, fair, and accessible for all eligible citizens."

"The right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy. Unfortunately, we continue to find ourselves in federal court defending this most basic right against Texas' leadership," said Representative Trey Martinez Fischer, Chairman of MALC.

"Multiple courts have ruled that Texas has expressed a pattern of discrimination toward its growing minority demographic – from its cumbersome

voter identification requirements to its penchant for drawing intentionally discriminatory legislative maps – and I expect that the courts will once again side with Texas voters over hyper-partisan lawmakers."

"As we all know, Texas has a voter identification law that has already been ruled to be discriminatory by a three-judge panel in Washington D.C.," stated

Gary Bledsoe, president of the NAACP Texas State Conference. "This law is designed and intended not to counteract nearly non-existent voter fraud, but instead to disenfranchise minority voters. This will continue anti-minority voter dominance by drastically reducing the number of minority votes cast in each election. This law is the most restrictive voter ID law in the country."

EMPLOYMENT PROPOSALS PUBLIC INFORMATION FOR SALE FOR RENT BIDS MISCELLANEOUS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Helen Mussette Richey, Deceased, were issued on August 1, 2013, in Cause No. C-1-PB-13-001180, pending in the County Court at Law No. 1, Travis County, Texas, to: Mechelle Rene Richey.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Malcolm Nettles
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DATED the 16th day of September, 2013

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Deceased, No. C-1-PB-11-002067 in Probate Court Number One of Travis
County, Texas.

CEDRICK BROWN

alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on December 28, 2011, an Application to Determine Heirship AND FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION in the said estate and request(s) that said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said **MICHAEL DALE BROWN**, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Travis County, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Travis County, Texas, on **August 30, 2013**.

By Deputy:

D. MENDEZ



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PROJECT

Visa Global IT Center

Bid Package:

3rd Floor Tenant Improvements (Phase II of IV)

BID DATE

Friday, September 27, 2013, 2:00pm (CST)

DPR CONTACT

Matthew Lockwood, Preconstruction Manager (MatthewLo@dpr.com)

INVITATION TO BID/PROPOSE: DPR Construction is requesting bids/proposals for certain work components related to the interior fit-out of a 44,500 SF office space for the Visa Global IT Center project located at Research Park Plaza III, in Austin, Texas.

A Pre-Bid/Proposal Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 18, 2013, 2:00 PM (CST)**, at the site, 12301 Research Blvd. (Building 3), Austin, TX 78759.

Bids/Proposals are due on **Friday, September 27, 2013 before 2:00 P.M. (CST)**. Bid/proposals may be submitted via e-mail to DPR Preconstruction Manager Matthew Lockwood at MatthewLo@dpr.com; via fax at 512-345-8230; or via hand-delivered envelope to DPR's Austin Office, located at 9606 Mopac Expressway, Suite 300. Bids/proposals will be opened by the Owner's representative at DPR's offices on bid day, and results will be made public after bid award. Please direct all questions about the bids/proposals and project scope to DPR Construction, Matthew Lockwood.

Project Description: Scope includes complete tenant improvements for 44,500 SF of space, which includes mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, fire alarm, telephone and data cabling, casework, ceramic tile, audio visual, appliances, carpet and paint.

Trades:

- Flooring
- Painting
- Casework
- Doors, Frames & Hardware
- Ceramic Tile
- Wall Covering
- Mechanical
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Fire Alarm
- Fire Protection
- Audio Visual
- Telecommunications/Data
- Appliances

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PROGRAMS ~ AWARENESS

Cooper's Gallery Provokes Laughter, Humor and Fun



Exceptional Students



Music Corner



Military Corner

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prayers – you name it. With such a vast collection, that chronicles many of her 91 years, she decided that she wanted her home to be something more. As one of her surviving daughters, Sherri Taylor, explained, they visited the Bob Bullock Museum this summer where one of Cooper's sons works. "I could do a museum. We've got a lot of stuff," she told her children.

Now, she has begun to call her home at 1012 St. John Avenue a gallery, also known as a museum. Either way, the definition amounts to a place to display art or artifacts. Inside the gracious house, constructed around 1971 of high quality rock quarry, there are rooms and rooms of history and memories. Taylor explained that Cooper's late husband, John Cooper, served in the Air Force; and used the GI bill and a VA loan to secure the home, and set it up for his wife and the abundant children he hoped they have. "He spared no expense," Taylor states.

Inside the home are approximately 200 artifacts, and the family is in the process of cataloging them so they have accurate inventory control.

Some of the items include vintage frames, vintage pictures of her children (five are still alive), memorabilia of one child who passed away at aged 10, 1960's pictures and military memorabilia.

As she told it, speaking on her mother's behalf, the military items span World War I to Desert Storm and include Navy, Army National Guard, Army and Air Force pieces. She said this collection is possible because many of the family members served in the military. One grandson is now in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Not only is the family's military history strong, but they've had six generations of teachers, ministers, and musicians. Taylor said it all can be traced back to 1804 and an ancestor named Tom Hollemann.

Cooper's accomplishments are noteworthy. According to a flier, and based upon the interview conducted with her daughter; she graduated as class valedictorian at age 15. She attended what was then Huston-Tillotson College, and later entered UT-Austin. First she earned a B.S. in Elementary Education, and then she obtained a Master's

degree in Educational Psychology. She was a UT-Austin counselor for a few years. During her career she also taught elementary and high school. "She was my first grade teacher and my high school counselor," reported Taylor, who is now a teacher.

The home displays are many, with some bearing names such as the area Cooper refers to as Domino Alley. For some time now, she engages in a game of dominoes about three times a day, playing anyone from her 95-year old friend, to a son or daughter. Taylor indicated that anyone is fair game. "It's a strategy game to keep her mind fresh," explained Taylor.

When I spoke to Cooper about her domino fascination, she stated, "I'll give you a hard time. Nobody comes to challenge me for Dominoes, they know better." She reported that her doctor told her it's beneficial and therapeutic that she plays. She said she'd be a worthy opponent in Scrabble, as well.

"I have no health problems. I eat and sleep well," she stated.

Taylor said her mother's routine also involves using an inspirational journal every day. Taylor said three are already full, and she's on her fourth. She said her mother writes her daily itinerary in the book, and then chronicles what she did on the same page. Each of the pages includes an inspirational pre-printed verse. On the following day, she reflects back on what she wrote the day before.

"She keeps you upbeat, no matter what's going on. She likes for people to be at ease," stated Taylor. She showed many items in the gallery that provoked laughter, humor and fun. In one corner she has a mustached be-speckled half face mask and other chuckle-worthy items. She even has a red hat on that display. Taylor said her mother wears it, hoping that some day The Red Hat society will recruit her into their organization. One regimen is to cut out funny cartoons and stories to share with others and laugh about.

"She loves to sing," her daughter said, adding that "I've Come To The Garden," is a favorite. She also showed a family piano where she reports that her mother plays a devotional song every day. In another room, there's an organ.

Regarding the gallery, the flier announces Tuesdays through Thursdays from August 11 through September 12 from 4:00pm-7:30pm as scheduled viewing times. Students ages 7-17 have been the main targets. St. John children can also visit to earn some money by doing chores. "They write out four jobs that they will do," Taylor explained. She said this includes raking leaves, washing dishes, etc. When they come to work, they are placed on a contract, and can only work for two hours.

Children aren't the only ones who know her. Her daughter stated that when she was teaching, she elected to walk five miles daily for exercise. "She knew everybody, because they'd see her walking," she recalled. She said she turned the time into social time and an opportunity to beautify the neighborhood by picking up cans and other things. Good muscle tone is one of the benefits that Taylor said her mother now enjoys due to that practice.

As for now, as she waits for a minister to bless the gallery, room by room; she now takes a block and sits it on a table and then runs her fingers around its circumference, and then says, "Now I can tell people I've run around the block."

When I directly asked Cooper what she hopes people who visit the gallery will gain, she responded, "A sense of belonging, a sense of the past, a sense of our heritage." Recalling the Matthew 25:14-30 parable about the use or hoarding of talents, she said that everybody has a talent. "Everybody should use the talents that God gave them."

She said she is hoping the official post-blessing gallery opening will take place before years' end, and intends to keep it going after that until further notice.

"Thou Art With Me" Exhibit & Silent Auction

Her Work Has Gone Before Her



Artist Lynda Coleman

(Masterpiece Central) - Coleman is surrounded by many of her exquisite works of art. Photo by Shirley A. Hammond

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"It is true that your gifts will make room for you," confirmed artist Lynda Coleman, who celebrates 25 years of Art Exhibition. She states that her artistry has placed her before people of all walks of life, spanning many races and from various countries. She said that she's met politicians and celebrities in the course of sharing her gift. She also mentioned that she has been painting since she was five. On Saturday, September 14 from 3:00pm-7:00pm, she will be showcasing her brilliant work at the Holiday Inn Express at 8500 IH35 in the Texas Meeting Room. The event will feature Ms. Coleman's art, and a Silent Auction. Guests will have the opportunity to support Lynda and purchase her art. Refreshments will be served.

The artist/poet has been a staple on the Austin scene for many years. "I have been exhibiting my art in the community from 1988 until the present." She explained that her work has been exhibited at museums, recreational centers, churches, festivals, galleries, schools, libraries, state and federal buildings and more. She even disclosed that some of her work is in countries that she has never visited.

Last month the self-described gospel minister was a featured author at the 2nd annual Meet The Author Extravaganza. In 1990 she was part of Deborah Roberts' "Success Comes in Cans" workshop.

She reports that during her career span she's been part of the Austin Parks & Recreation Department's "Totally Cool, Totally Art" program for youth. When she branched out more on her own she formed Lynda Coleman's Art from the Heart Workshops, in which she stated that hundreds of youth ages 3-17 have been instructed/inspired through her workshops since 2001.

"It is a blessing to create works of art, that uplifts others with a sense of love, peace, joy, healing, and freedom."

She stated that she hopes people will take away more than some of her works of art and a deeper appreciation for the arts in general. "What I would like others to get from this exhibit is encouragement to chase and catch their dreams by using their God-given gifts/talents."

She declared that working with the youth is intertwined with her various ministries." And God helps me with all of it."

Lynda Coleman said she knows that God is with her, as He promises in Psalms 23:4. As she explained it, the Lord has kept His promises, and has sustained her during her 25 years of sharing her artistry.

On November 2, she will also hold an 11th annual Art, Poetry & Networking Conference.

More information can be obtained at lyndacoleman.wix.com/afth or www.zazzle.com/LyndaColeman*