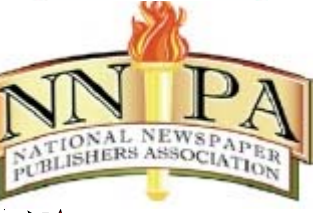




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## Phenomenal Woman Maya Angelou Dies



Maya Angelou



By Shirley A. Hammond  
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Maya Angelou, who once described the space between her teeth as big enough to hold a number two pencil,

passed away on Wednesday, May 28. With a command of words that rivaled some of the most articulate on the planet, Angelou was earthbound for 86 years. It is almost fit that she left this earth during a month designated as "Get Caught Reading Month." For Angelou, who was amongst other things a prolific poet, wrote so many pieces of great literature that they spanned bookstore, li- See **ANGELOU**, page 2

## Texas Publishers: Kroger ignores the African American community

By NICOLE SCOTT and ROBYN H. JIMENEZ  
Texas Publishers Association



Walter and Maxine Sessions, founder and publisher of The Texas Informer newspaper, stand outside a Krogers grocery store in Palestine, TX with papers in hand after finding their display shelf was removed.

"Have you been invited?"

It's a simple question that the *Black Press* has asked its community for several years, with the underlying message, "Don't go

where you haven't been invited."

Many publishers of Black newspapers have expressed that stores that do not carry African American products, advertise in African

American-owned media, and refuse to carry African American newspapers and magazines for its customers, have sent a clear message that Blacks are not invited.

Maxine Session, founder and publisher of *The Texas Informer* newspaper, said she got the message loud and clear.

*The Informer* is an African American news-

## HASTINGS PERFORMANCE TIMES KEEP GETTING BETTER

Olympic gold medalist Natasha Hastings competed in the Prefontaine Classic held in Eugene, Oregon this past weekend, posting a season best time of 50.67. "The goal is to improve every time I step on the track" said the athlete, who was very pleased with her performance. Hastings won the US women's 400m title last year and was the top American listed on Track and Field News World rankings; placing 4th overall.



Natasha Hastings



## Congresswoman Waters Remembers Dr. Maya Angelou

Most homeowners cannot afford to employ lawyers to fight what they consider unfair appraisals. It would be good if the Commissioners would also look at residential properties while they are reviewing this matter. Homeowners are in much need of relief. But everyone should be paying their fair share.

Los Angeles, CA- "I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my dear friend, Dr. Maya Angelou, one of the most renowned and inspirational voices of our time. In a career that spanned over more than five decades, Maya was a celebrated author, poet, educator, producer, actress and filmmaker. She was a phenomenal woman who shared her wisdom with the world, inspiring countless individuals and teaching us how to reach unity in the midst of division.

"Maya was always very generous in response- See **MAYA WAS MORE THAN A POET**, page 4

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paper that has served Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Houston and Rusk counties for 19 years.

During a routine delivery in August of 2013, Walter Session, *Informer* owner and co-publisher, arrived at Kroger grocery store to find that the newspaper shelf, that had stood for many years inside the store entry, had been removed. He immediately found the store manager Christine Tate. See **BATTLES**, page 2

JOHN LEGEND ANNOUNCES NEW SUMMER DATES FOR 2014 NORTH AMERICAN TOUR



Citibank Pre-Sale Begins June 3rd; General Public On-sale Begins June 7th  
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# THE COMMUNIQUE

## ANGELOU: BEACON OF LIGHT FOR MANY

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brary and personal home shelves a few feet across.

Angelou knew and met presidents with grace and stately character. She read her poem, "On The Pulse of Morning," at Clinton's inauguration and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama. She walked with Dr. Martin Luther King, was a friend to author/poet/professor Nikki Giovanni and was

the most frequent guest on the Tavis Smiley show. She first came to prominence with her telling memoir, "I Know How The Caged Bird Sings." Her body of works span over half a century. So many called her friend, many saw her as mother.

Described on her official website as a global renaissance woman, Dr. Angelou wore the hats of educator, dancer, actress, historian, civil rights activist, producer, poet, novelist and more. The peaceful passing of Angelou at a season when comprehension and acuity had not failed as detailed by Guy B. Johnson on

Angelou's website, seems fitting for her. Although she was known as having experienced scathing racism



Books of Maya Angelou: (L) 'A Song Flung Up To Heaven' and 'The Heart of a Woman'. Photo credit: Shirley Hammond

and intolerance in her lifetime, she was known to fight for those things and to be an advocate for peace. Her speeches, penned words and more were so rich with

meaning and understanding that she was almost an improvement upon the common dictionary.

Nora O'Donnell of CBS Evening News described her as able to spin words into gold. Also, President Obama stated upon hearing of her passing, "She was

one of the brightest lights of our time."

Angelou spent some time in Austin, as a speaker during UT's Lecture Series. She made an appearance as Aunt Mae in Tyler Perry's movie, "Madea's Family Reunion." She read her poem, "In and Out of Time," in a wedding scene in that film. It began with the words, "The sun has come, the mist has gone..."

Angelou may be thought of as a sun she writes about in that poem. For she was to many a beacon of light. She showed no racial bias, and seemed to keep a sweet taste in her mouth despite grave

hardships and a rocky start. She seemed to live out the advice given in her essay collection titled, "Letter to My Daughter:" "You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them."

Most would agree that she was also the phenomenal woman of whom she writes in her powerful poem and anthem to diverse women of power. Described by Oprah as "life-defining," the often-recited poem shares where can be found the well of secrets that make an extraordinary woman qualify to be called phenomenal.

## SESSIONS: "When you have an African American newspaper, you fight a lot of battles" continued from page 1

and stated that the newspaper shelf had been removed, and he wanted to know where he can place the *Texas Informer*. She said that he could not leave it there, that it was not her decision, but that of the corporate office. However, the mainstream newspaper was still in the store.

After having delivered to Kroger for 10 years, Tate informed Walter that he could not continue to place his newspaper in the store, because it was considered solicitation. She told him that it was not her decision, but that of corporate and if he wanted to continue to offer the publication to the store's customers he would have to contact the corporate headquarters in Cincinnati.

Walter contacted headquarters, but each time he called their corporate office, customer service took a message with the response that someone would give him a call. No one did. The issue became one of many long battles in the struggle to run a minority publication.

"When you have an African American newspaper you fight a lot of battles," Maxine said.

But having to pick her battles, Session decided not to pursue the lost distribution drop and concentrate on moving forward.

During an interview, Tate denied the conversation with Walter and suggested that the person to talk to regarding the matter would be Brian Mixon, another store manager.

At first, Mixon claimed Kroger Corporate made the decision to stop carrying the African American newspaper. But he quickly retracted his statement and claimed the regional office in Houston would have made the decision. Rather than expound upon the decision, he suggested contacting the consumer affairs office in Dallas.

James Smith, a long-time reader of the *Texas Informer* newspaper, said he was very concerned when he saw the newspaper was no longer available at the store. He stated that the absence of the newspaper affects the local African American community as well as other ethnicities in the area that read the publication.

"Many other groups, Asians and what have you, not just Blacks read the paper," he said.

Other publications, such as *The Power Pages News*, have reported receiving the same clear message from Kroger that they weren't invited. The publication has served Collin and its surrounding counties for almost 20 years.

Publisher and founder Hattie Kelly said that her newspaper has sought advertisement from Kroger for several years to no avail.

Black newspapers depend on advertising funds to provide jobs in the community - such as secretaries, reporters, graphic artists, etc., even summer internships for students.

Other Texas publishers have experienced the same response from Kroger, according to Mollie F. Belt, vice president of the Texas Publisher's Association.

Belt is also the publisher and CEO of *The Dallas Examiner*. Her newspaper doesn't receive any ads from the grocer either.

Karen Carter Richards, CEO and publisher of *Houston Forward Times*, said Kroger flat-out refuses to advertise with any Black newspaper in Houston.

"We don't do any advertising in any African American newspapers," Theresa Bordelon, Kroger's regional hub manager told Judy Foston, *Houston Forward Times'* publicist.

This is not expected to change any time soon. Even though Kroger's is ranked 23rd on the list of Fortune 500 companies, it has no advertising budget allowed for its African American consumers.

In 2013, it set aside \$198,058,196 for advertising. Mainstream television stations, newspapers and radio stations received the bulk of the advertising, which is common. It carved out a small portion for other minority media, but refused to include African American media.

However, Blacks spend \$1 billion annually in supermarkets, with Kroger being their second choice.

"Are we really invited in their stores?" Belt



Hattie Kelly, Publisher and Founder of The Power Pages in Farmersville, Texas. (Villager)



Mollie F. Belt, Publisher and CEO of The Dallas Examiner. (NNPA)

asked. Or has the Black community become complacent?

"After so many years of being told 'No,' I've just stayed away. But now I feel it's time to take action as a group," said Kelly, who is the president of TPA.

Forming a united front, the publishers of TPA - representing African American newspapers across Texas - hope to spread their message to their readers.

Fifty years ago, one would not expect businesses to invite them in through advertising or carrying products designed for the African American community. Blacks took what they could get because that's the way things were. But the Black community no longer has to accept being left out. TPA suggested that the African American community demand equality from their grocers.

Without fear of repercussions, Blacks can ask their managers for products that are designed to meet their needs; write to corporate offices and express their concerns about the lack of advertising geared toward their needs, and printed in the publications they read most; and insist that they carry African American publications in their stores.

Furthermore, TPA has suggested that African Americans do business with people who do business with Black businesses.



Karen Carter Richards, CEO and Publisher of Houston Forward Times. (InsightNews.com)

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**NCNW National Council of Negro Women Austin Section**  
**31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TEA HOSTED BY THE AUSTIN SECTION OF THE NCNW SLATED FOR JUNE 29 AT ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 By Arlene L. Youngblood, Publicity Committee

The Austin Section - National Council of Negro Women cordially invites the public to attend its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Membership Tea slated for Sunday, June 29, 2014 from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church (Founders' Hall) at 1941 Webberville Road. The event is free and refresh-

ments will be provided. The Austin Section NCNW membership tea provides the public with the opportunity to meet and network with its affiliate members, join the organization, and support local vendors in the Black business community. For more information, contact Committee Chair-

person Ms. Sheri Marshall at smarshall074@gmail.com, call 512/461-8510, or go to <http://www.ncnwaustin.org/>.

The National Council of Negro Women is a non-profit membership organization of organizations founded in 1935 by Mary McLeod Bethune, with a mission to lead and develop women of African descent. NCNW reaches nearly 4 million women through 39 national affiliate organizations and more than 240 sections throughout the nation. On behalf of NCNW-Austin, thank you in advance for your participation and support. We look forward to your attendance.

## Community Leaders Raise \$20,000 for Individuals with Sickle Cell Disease

Austin, TX: On June 7th, the Sickle Cell Association of Austin Marc Thomas Foundation will host its 3rd annual 3K walk to support individuals with Sickle Cell Disease. Since its creation in 1997, this organization has impacted 50,000 individuals through support, education, advocacy, assistance, referrals, and camps for children with Sickle Cell Disease. In order to support and expand these programs, the Sickle Cell Association encourages the Austin community to become involved in the Walk for Sickle Cell at Mueller Park.

The funds raised from this walk will help send around 60 children to Camp Cell-A-Bration, a week-long trip where children with Sickle Cell Disease participate in canoeing, ropes course activities, and sports, among other things. Although many children with Sickle Cell Disease have suffered strokes, pain crises, or surgeries, the Sickle Cell Association of Austin Marc Thomas Foundation strives to create opportunities for each child to have fun and build community in a safe space.

The organization encourages members of the Austin community to attend the Walk, which will have food, speeches from community leaders such as Pro Tem Mayor Sheryl Cole and Police Chief Art Avacedo. There will also be a raffle with gift cards from places such as HEB, an interactive poster dedicated to those affected by Sickle Cell Disease and fun for the whole family.

The Walk will be held at Mueller Lake Park Registration begins at 8am, walk begins promptly at 9am. Registering online at [www.walkforsicklecell.org](http://www.walkforsicklecell.org) this week costs \$25, and registration on the day of the event will cost \$30.

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## Unity Explosion in Houston

Unity Explosion 2014 will be held June 12-15 at the Marriot Sugar Land Hotel in Sugar Land (Houston area). The mission of the conference, which is sponsored by Region X of the USCCB and is hosted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, is to provide an experience that addresses the expressed leadership, ministerial, catechetical, liturgical and evangelization needs of families, particularly those of African descent.

The conference theme is "Rejoice Together Encouraged Forever!" The conference will begin with an opening prayer service on Thursday evening and close with Sunday Mass celebrated by Cardinal Daniel DiNardo with many musicians and speakers in between. For conference details, contact Deborah Ladet at (713) 652-4066 or [unityexplosion@archgh.org](http://unityexplosion@archgh.org).

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## Maya Was Much More Than A Poet

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ing to requests by her friends to make public appearances. I remember in response to a request from me to make an appearance at the Black Women's Forum in Los Angeles, she not only honored the request, but thrilled the audience by sharing her life experiences and encouraging the women to reflect on their own lives. Maya was a wise and spiritual woman who taught me valuable lessons about life and did not hesitate to compliment or criticize anyone.

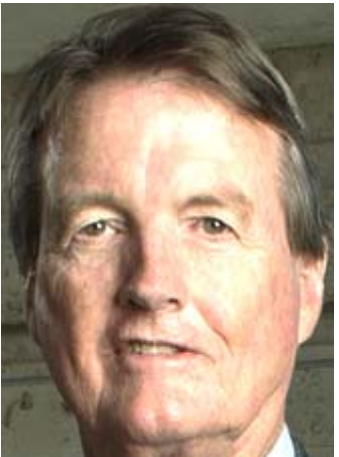
"Maya was also much more than a poet; she was an influential leader during the civil rights movement. She fought for social and racial justice by promoting the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Martin Luther King, Jr. and through her work with the Organization of Afro-American Unity, led by Malcolm X.

"Dr. Angelou once said, 'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'" Indeed, she truly left her mark on all who knew her and I know her presence will be missed. Our nation is grateful for the legacy she has left behind and it will live on through her words and actions. My thoughts and prayers are with her son, Guy Johnson, and her entire family during this difficult time. "

## Black Chambers Commemorate Role of Business in Juneteenth Events

AUSTIN, TX - The Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce (TAAACC), the statewide organization representing 200,000 Black-owned businesses and the 22 chambers that support them, plans to commemorate the strides Black businesses have made in Texas in a special way this June.

"Black businesses



University of Texas President Bill Powers

have made tremendous contributions to the State of Texas since news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached Texas on June 19, 1865," said TAAACC Chairman Jim Wyatt. "In virtually every industry - banking, energy, construction, transportation, and certainly in all the trades - the labor, goods and services produced by Black Texans have resulted in dramatic improvements in Texas' quality of life."

In recognition of



those contributions, as well as to chart a path forward for continued contributions, TAAACC will host two events on June 19, 2014.

"We will begin the day with a news conference on the steps of the State Capitol at 10:30 announcing the results of the first-ever survey of Black entrepreneurship in Texas," said Wyatt. "This historic collaboration between TAAACC and the University of Texas School of Business provides a snapshot of the current status of Black-owned businesses in Texas, and will be used as a roadmap to overcome challenges that have historically barred Black businesses from opportunities to grow and expand." University of Texas president Bill Powers and state senator Royce West are among state dignitaries confirmed to note the occasion.

Following the news conference, TAAACC will convene "From Galveston to Greatness," at the Austin Club.

"We thought it important to begin the countdown to the 150th anniversary of Juneteenth with something special this year," Wyatt noted. "Far too few Texans are aware of the role of Black businesses in our state's economy, and it is pitiful that so few Texans

are aware of this rich part of Texas history. Just as Juneteenth marks the day Black Texans passed from slavery to freedom, Juneteenth also marks the day that sparked the dreams of business ownership in the hearts and minds of our ancestors."

Dr. Juliet E.K. Walker, Founder and Director of the University of Texas Center for Black Business History, Entrepreneurship and Technology, will mark the occasion, with de-



Texas State Senator Royce West

tails of the strides made by Black businessmen and women over the past 149 years.

"While I came to UT-Austin in 2001, my father's family (the Kirkpatrick's - who lived in Texas during slavery) left during the Great Migration of the WWI Era. Because of this personal connection to our state, I take great pride in our fellow Texans' accomplishments, especially in business here in Texas," said Dr. Walker. "It is a remarkable, continuing story

## JOHN LEGEND COMING TO CEDAR PARK IN JULY



Los Angeles (May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014) Nine-time Grammy Award winning, multi-platinum selling artist John Legend will continue his highly acclaimed 2014 North American tour with new summer dates, including a performance at Cedar Park Center on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Tickets to John Legend go onsale Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and are available through [www.C3Concerts.com](http://www.C3Concerts.com), [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), all Ticketmaster Outlets, or by calling 1-800-745-3000 to charge by phone.

The highly anticipated tour comes on the heels of Legend's #1 smash single "All of Me," from his critically acclaimed fourth studio album LOVE IN THE FUTURE, which recently claimed the #1 spot on Billboard's Hot 100 Singles Chart. The single marks Legend's highest selling and charting single of his career to date, with sales over 3 million in the US. Fans can purchase tickets for John Legend's summer tour beginning Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am EST. There will be a Citibank pre-sale beginning Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am local time. For more ticket purchase information, please visit [www.johnlegend.com](http://www.johnlegend.com).

Legend's current tour, "An Evening with John Legend: The All of Me Tour," wraps June 28<sup>th</sup> in Woodinville, WA and features John in an intimate and acoustic setting, highlighted by guitar/vocal accompaniment as well as a string quartet. In a recent review, Billboard hailed the show as "one of the best concerts ever."

that deserves a renewed focus."

For more information on the news conference and the "From Galveston to Greatness"

commemorative event visit the TAAACC website ([www.taaacc.org](http://www.taaacc.org)) or reach Mr. Wyatt via phone (512.535.5610).

## 8th Annual Austin African American Book Festival

Under the theme "We Have Tomorrow: Black Literature as Inspiration for Change," the 2014 Austin African American Book Festival highlights talents and achievements that have so enriched American history and culture.

To be held Saturday, June 28, 10 am - 4 pm at the Carver Museum and Library (1165 Angelina, Austin, Texas), the festival lineup includes two distinguished writers whose works depict legendary figures in American sport, politics and literature.

MacArthur Fellow Dr. Arnold Rampersad will deliver the 2014 keynote. His biography subjects include trailblazers like Arthur Ashe and Jackie Robinson, as well as literary icons W. E. B. DuBois, Langston Hughes and Ralph Ellison. Rampersad is a professor at Stanford and a winner of the National Humanities

Medal.

"Stokely: A Life" by Dr. Peniel E. Joseph is an examination of Stokely Carmichael, an important but lesser studied figure of the Civil Rights movement. The New York Times describes the book as "insightful, highly engaging and fluently written." Dr. Joseph, who is a National Book Award winner and activist in his own right, will attend the festival via Skype.

Senator David Jordan will discuss and sign his book about his personal journey from the cotton fields to the Mississippi senate.

Rounding out the festival will be a showcase of local authors and two facilitated discussions. The first about Jackie Robinson and the responsibility of being the first and the second references "The New Jim Crow," by Michelle Alexander, to tackle the topic of mass incarceration. The festival is free.



THE H-E-B AUSTIN SYMPHONY 38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JULY 4<sup>th</sup> CONCERT AND FIREWORKS MOVES TO CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS!



Austin, TX - Spend this Independence Day with thousands of your closest friends and your Austin Symphony Orchestra at the beautiful Circuit of The Americas (COTA)! While Auditorium Shores is under renovation, COTA has generously offered to host the Austin Symphony Orchestra's July 4<sup>th</sup> concert and fireworks. Thousands of Central Texans will hurry to claim prime viewing with the Austin Symphony Orchestra this July 4<sup>th</sup> for one of the largest Independence Day Celebrations in the state. The spectacular H-E-B Austin Symphony 38<sup>th</sup> Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Concert and Fireworks is planned, produced, and performed entirely by the Austin Symphony Orchestra, with the help of our generous sponsors. Tens of thousands of families will be decked out in red, white, and blue and heading to COTA's award-winning Austin360 Amphitheater for an amazing event complete with a fireworks display, symphonic patriotic classics, and even a little auto-themed music for the race fans in attendance.

COTA will host a variety of fun, old-fashioned July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday activities, including interactive games and contests for the whole family, starting at 6:00 PM. The orchestra will perform at 8:30 p.m., followed by "mile-high" fireworks at approximately 9:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

If you can't make it out or wish to listen from your device, tune into our media sponsor, Majic 95.5 FM, as they will be simulcasting the concert. Tell your family and friends to mark their calendars now. This is the one outdoor event this year you do not want to miss! So grab a picnic and a blanket, and join us at COTA to celebrate your Independence!

This Day in History 1831 - Philadelphia served host to the 2nd National Negro Movement Convention

# COLLECTED PRÉCIS

## Business Community Partners to Survey Austin Professionals

*Local Affiliate Chambers of Commerce Work Together to Ask Key Questions, Engage Austinites*

The Austin Young Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Austin Black Chamber, and the Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce in a survey of the business community.

In the first of its kind partnership, the purpose of the survey is to develop a deeper understanding of the challenges we face and the

strengths of our communities. The Austin Young Chamber of Commerce (AYC) has already received nearly 400 responses and the hope is to bolster those numbers and dig deeper into the professional community of central Texas.

"We are excited and proud to be working with a diverse, well organized, and passionate group," said Matt Glazer, Executive Di-



rector. "The Austin Young Chamber of Commerce is taking big steps to be a voice for young professionals in Austin and to empower personal and professional

growth. The first step is knowing their passions, their plans, and the systemic problems they face in their lives."

"We have already seen research and

polling this spring that confirms what we have seen anecdotally. Austin and young professionals overall are ready for changes. Now we need to know what form those changes should take and how we help. We look forward to working with the affiliate chambers and business community and work together to make young professionals' voices heard," added Andrew Cates, AYC Board member and de-

veloper of the survey.

The survey will run until mid-summer and all are welcome to participate here: <http://bit.ly/1ffKdDf>

For questions regarding the survey results, please contact Andrew Cates: [AndCates@gmail.com](mailto:AndCates@gmail.com) For questions regarding AYC, the partnership, or programs, please contact Matt Glazer: [Matt@AustinYoungChamber.org](mailto:Matt@AustinYoungChamber.org)

## Travis County ESD-4 Collaborates with CommunityCare to Serve Our Citizens



(Left to Right) ESD4 President Frank Fuentes, MHA Jesus Kain, Program Specialist Margarita Arroyo, Legal Council Senator Hector Uribe, and ESD4 Chief Flo Soliz.



**AUSTIN, Texas** — As part of a new grant initiative, CommUnityCare is proud to announce the provision of primary care services to the Hornsby Bend Community. Starting June 3rd, under a licensing agreement between ESD#4 and CommUnityCare to sponsor the facility, our team of health care providers will be at the Portable Building next to ESD #4 Fire Station 401, located at 14308 Hunters Bend Road, Austin, TX 78725. All community members, particularly adults, are eligible for primary care services. Please call 512-574-1003 to make an appointment or for more information. CommUnityCare

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The physicians and staff at CommUnityCare are committed to providing quality care in a friendly, caring and efficient environment.

We believe all patients have a right to have their cultural, psychological, spiritual, and personal values, beliefs and preferences respected. We are committed to service excellence. This means all staff receives customer service training and patient satisfaction is measured on an ongoing basis. Our Core Values are: Respect, Integrity, Dependability, Teamwork and Quality.

## City Sets Calendar for 10-ONE Candidate Forums

The seven Council Candidate forums will be held in districts across the city.

The City of Austin in partnership with the City's Ethics Review Commission and the Austin League of Women Voters will conduct a series of single-member district City Council Candidate Forums for the November 2014 election.

For the first time in Austin's history voters will select an Austin City Council from 10 geographic single-member districts. This change to geographic representation was approved by voters Nov. 6, 2012, as Proposition 3, commonly referred to as 10-ONE.

Under this Charter amendment the Mayor will continue to be elected citywide and 10 other Council members will no longer be elected citywide, but only by voters in which they live.

The seven Council Candidate forums will be held in various districts across the city. The following are the dates:

- Sept. 4: District 1*
- Sept. 11: Districts 4 and 7*
- Sept. 15: Districts 6 and 10*
- Sept. 16: Districts 8 and 5*
- Sept. 18: District 9*
- Sept. 29: Mayoral Candidate*
- Sept. 30: Districts 2 and 3*

Under City Code the City will conduct two other opportunities for voters to get information about the candidates. In addition to the in person forums video statements from each of the candidates will be posted on the City's website, [austintexas.gov](http://austintexas.gov). Additionally, the candidates will respond to a League of Women Voters questionnaire. This information and video statements will be posted on the website in September 2014.

The first day a Council Candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot is July 21, 2014 with the last day on Aug. 18, 2014. Election Day is Nov. 4, 2014.

More information is available at [www.austintexas.gov/10-ONE](http://www.austintexas.gov/10-ONE).

## City of Austin SBD Program June 2014 Classes & Events



### BizAid Business Orientation (6/10/2014)

**MUST REGISTER!** BizAid Business Orientation provides a general overview to opening a small business or re-evaluating an existing business during its growth. This course provides information on where entrepreneurs can find assistance at the idea, start-up, and existing stages of their business.

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Entrepreneur Center of Austin, 4029 South Capital of Texas Highway #110, Austin, TX 78704

Fee: FREE

### How to Get Investors for Your Business (6/11/2014)

Whether you are looking to start a new business or to expand the operations of an existing business, you will always need capital. How to Get Investors For Your Business explores a wide spectrum of opportunities in seeking venture capital or risk capital investors. From friends and family to professionally managed venture capital funds, all potential sources of capital are reviewed and considered. This course explains the processes of determining capital needs for the small business and will help you to understand the difference between equity investors and business partners. You will learn the different methods of finding and raising

capital and how to research and contact potential business investors.

Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: Entrepreneur Center of Austin, 4029 South Capital of Texas Highway #110, Austin, TX 78704

Fee: \$35 includes light breakfast

### QuickBooks Introduction (6/12/2014)

Whether you are a brand new user looking to master the fundamentals of QuickBooks, or an existing user wishing to take your QuickBooks knowledge to another level, the QuickBooks Basic seminar can help you improve the way you use QuickBooks accounting software to manage your business. This seminar covers accounting basics, tracking revenue and expenses, bank reconciliation and file setup using QuickBooks Pro accounting software. Don't waste time through trial and error learning. If you want to reduce frustration, and increase ac-

curacy in your business, this training is for you.

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Entrepreneur Center of Austin, 4029 South Capital of Texas Highway #110, Austin, TX 78704

Fee: \$85

**For Registration Information:**  
[www.austin-smallbiz.com](http://www.austin-smallbiz.com) or  
512-974-7800



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## GCC Austin Host BBQ Festival

by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

On May 31, the Graceway Christian Church of Austin Texas held a "barbecue greet and meet festival" at their church. Moreover, this event was opportunity for the Austin community to know more about Graceway Christian Church. It was a "family atmosphere", in which, families could come with their children, in order, to eat some barbecue, play games, and also listen to live music.

At this event, the crowd had the opportunity to be entertained by the David Straley. David Straley played a couple of Christians songs. In addition, to the music,

the organizers had set up a place in which children could play. According to the organizers a dozens of "families" stop by to learn more about GraceWay Christian Church.

Finally GraceWay Christian church is a baptist church in the heart of Austin-Round Rock started in February 2013. Since then the church has grown to include college students. GraceWay Christian Church meet on Sundays 10:30 am and Thursdays 6:30 pm for food fellowship and a Tuesday Bible study at 7:00 pm on the Univeristy of Texas at Austin campus.

## First Saturdays Connecting Communities Conversations

**Speaker:** Dr. Christopher King, Senior Research Scientist and Director, Ray Marshall Center for the Study of Human Resources

**Topic:** Austin Equity Commission Report

St. James Episcopal Church;

3701 E. MLK, Jr. Blvd.; Austin, Texas 78721

FMI, contact: Doug Bell/Rev. Hugh Craig

@ 512-926-6339

First Saturday, June 7, 2014; 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

**Focus:** Travis County Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4

City of Austin Districts

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

## Casar and Pierce Make Campaign Announcement



Mr. Mergha, VP of the Austin Cab Association and Candidate Gregorio Casar. Photos by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

During the week, several other candidates announced their intention to run for office. Some candidates, such as Darrell Pierce who is running in Austin city council district 8 and Gregorio Casar who is running in Austin city council District 4 formally announced their intention to run for office. According to the Casar's campaign about 150 people attended this kick-off event.

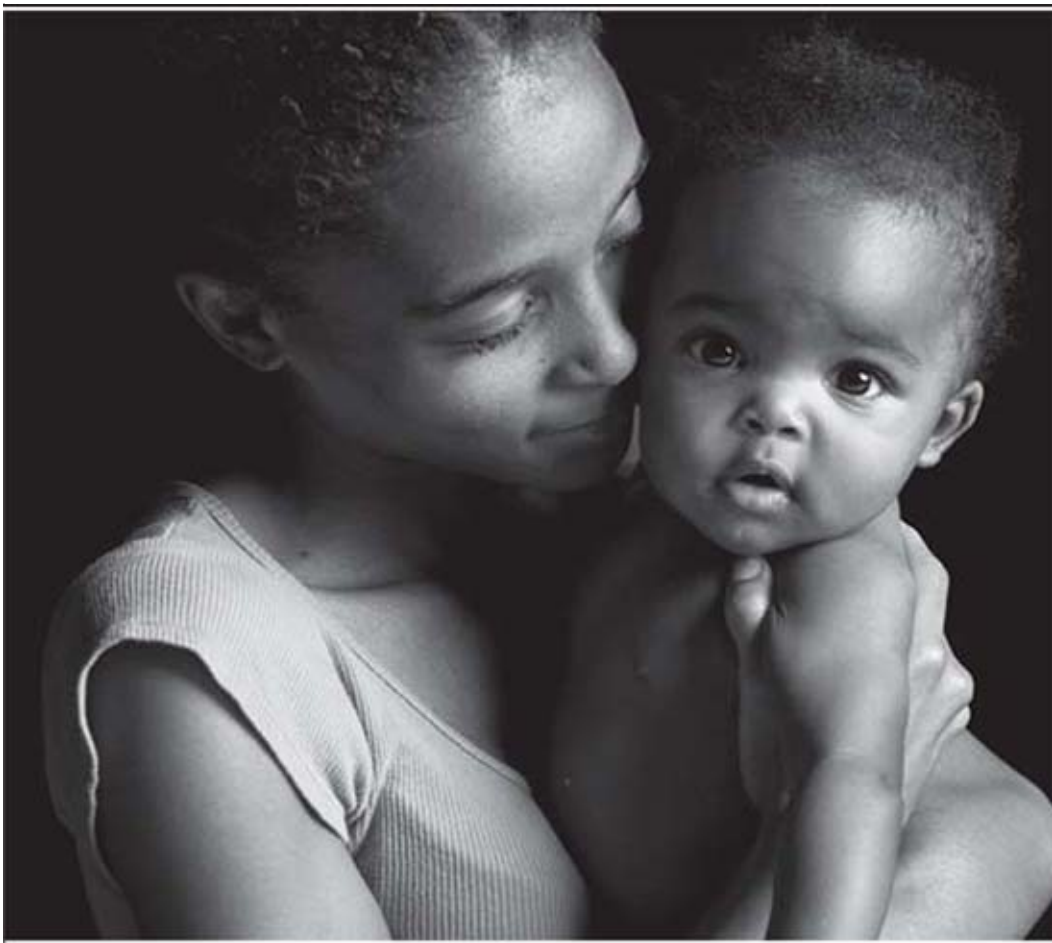
First of all, Gregorio Casar is running in Austin city council district 4 covers parts of North Austin, such as: the Runberg and Rutland parts of Austin. Mr Casar mentioned that he is running for the Austin city council for several reasons, such as: to preserve the

affordable housing unit that can still be found in District 4; and to continue to promote a living wage. Moreover, some of his supporters, include Mr. Mergha Vice President of the Austin cab association.

Secondly, Darrell Pierce announced his intention to run for Austin city council District 8, which includes parts of South Austin area.

Darrell Pierce grew up in Austin and he is also a small business owner. As the Principal and founder of SNAP Management Group, Inc. "Darrell has been able to play an active role in assisting organizations with change management, best practice implementation and project management support."

For The Latest Election Information visit [www.austintexas.gov](http://www.austintexas.gov)



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## TrailBlazer Runs For Mayor



by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

On May 31st, 2014 Sheryl Cole the current Mayor Pro Tem finally announced her intention to run for the Austin's office of Mayor. During her campaign kickoff, there were about 100 people of diverse race/ethnicity who attended this rally. In other words, Sheryl Cole's campaign for Mayor has attracted people of various races/ethnicity and economical background At this event, there were elected official, candidates; and community leaders, such as: Nelson Linder of the National Advancement Color People (NAACP).

Prior from her announcement, Sheryl Cole the Mayor Pro Term, held a series of "Greet and Meet" event throughout the 10 District. Moreover, the greet and meet event were held in the homes of various supporters, which provided an opportunity to meet the voters and talk with the attendee regarding the various issues that the city of Austin faces. For example, the attendee asked question regarding transportation and issues dealing with affordability.

When Sheryl Cole announced her desire to run for Mayor of Austin, a big seismic shift occurred on the Austin political scene. If elected Sheryl Cole would be the 2nd women to be mayor and the 1st African American women to be elected as a Mayor. Sheryl Cole has been a trailblazer and will continue to be one. As a result, her race for Mayor is a very "historical one." Furthermore, Sheryl Cole is probably the only candidate who can unite Austinites of various social-economical background and race.

# CLASSIFIEDS ~ PUBLIC INFORMATION



## The Beauty College Option

By Shirley A. Hammond  
twitter.com/xtremeridewish1

Places to get one's hair done abound. Seeking a professional for a perm, braids, an updo, a relaxer or something in-between is easy to do in most cities. Wal-Mart super stores have them, most strip center malls and free-standing malls have at least one. City main streets tend to carry them in sufficient numbers. But there is also the beauty college option. With this choice, the patron has their hair done by students who are working to obtain their license to practice.

Cosmetology students do their work under the supervision of instructors, and some

customers try to have some say in the skill level or specialization of the student who puts their hands in their hair. Some students know ethnic hair very well, so in some cases, a patron can ask for such a specialized student. Others go so far as to ask for an advance student who is close to graduating. This final option might be a student in great demand, because they have gone through sufficient and training, practice and instruction.

Austin has all types of beauty colleges, ranging from high end to basic. On Airport Boulevard, near the new In & Out Burgers is the Bella

Beauty College, which used to be Vogue Beauty College. Many of the instructors there have decades of experience training professional stylists. They offer a variety of salon services, including color services. Bella (north Austin) is located at 4631 Airport Blvd and south at 623 Ben White Blvd.

Baldwin Beauty School also has two locations, one at 8440 Burnet Road and the other at 3005 South Lamar. They have a full-service Student Salon at both sites.

Central Texas Beauty College provides salon services by students in Round Rock. Located at 1400 North

Mays, they often have a parking lot full of patrons. A customer is usually in a chair within five minutes of arriving at this college.

Regency Beauty Institute, at 500 Ben White and 2711 LaFrontera in Round Rock offers a variety of guest services. They encourage appointments made at (Austin) 512-687-0938 or (Round Rock) 512-310-1501.

Avenue Five at 8620 Burnet Road uses specialized hair care products and styling products. They encourage online scheduling at <http://www.avenuefive.com/guests/index.html>. Aveda Institute has a temporary location in

the upper level of Highland Mall, 6001 Airport Blvd. Patrons can check for appointment availability at 512-454-9656.

Because the beauty college is using students, they have discounted rates in comparison to beauty shops and beauty salons. Someone on a budget, or between paychecks can go in for hair services and emerge with a more polished look.

While this article focuses on hair services, most of the beauty colleges listed offer a whole catalog of services for nails and skin. Some also offer massage, barber, laser and other forms of hair removal.

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



### City of Austin Featured Job Opportunities

The City of Austin is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

- Building Services Manager
- Network Systems Administrator Senior
- Complaint Specialist
- Water Meter Technician Assistant
- Administrative Associate: Front Desk Receptionist
- Shuttle Driver (Part Time Position - 20 hrs wk)
- Administrative Senior
- Engineering Associate A College Intern
- Occupational Health & Safety Coordinator
- Temporary-Full-time 911 Call Taker Trainee-Multiple Positions
- General Maintenance Worker I or II (3 Temporary Openings)
- MuniProg, Paraprof – LIFEGUARD (Must be at least 15 years old)

Please visit the City of Austin employment website at [www.austincityjobs.org](http://www.austincityjobs.org) to view requirements and apply for these and other job opportunities. We encourage you to check the employment website often as new job opportunities are posted daily. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call 512-974-3210 or email us at [employment.services@austintexas.gov](mailto:employment.services@austintexas.gov).

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## City of Austin Purchasing Office

The City of Austin Purchasing Office invites you to view current bid solicitations at [https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor\\_connection/solicitation/solicitations.cfm](https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitations.cfm). 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.austintexas.gov/smbr>.

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (ACC) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to conduct an Internal Utilization Study.

### Request for Proposals No. 918-14022VJ

Completed proposals must be submitted to the Purchasing Department by no later than Monday, June 30, 2014, at 2:00 PM. Proposal packages are available on the ACC Purchasing website at <http://www.austincc.edu/purchase/>.

In addition, the proposal documents will be available in the ACC Purchasing Office (512) 223- 1044 between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Proposals, when submitted, must be properly identified, sealed, and returned to the ACC Purchasing Office, ACC Service Center, 9101 Tuscany Way, Austin, Texas 78754, by the deadline for submission. Electronically transmitted responses will not be accepted. Late proposals will be retained unopened.

ACC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, to waive informalities or technicalities, to clarify ambiguities, and to award items or groups of items as may be in the best interest of ACC.

### SOLICITATION FOR QUOTES:

Quest Civil Constructors, Inc. is soliciting proposals from M/WBE's for the City of Austin, Lockheed Rehab & Other Shaft Warranty Inspections, IFB 6100 CLMC481, bids publicly June 19, 2014 at 9:30am. For information concerning subcontracting and/or purchasing opportunities contact Felicia Hendricks at (623) 581-9700"

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Job# 1405022

Supervisor, Computer Support  
Northridge Campus  
Monday-Friday,  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
\$3,674-\$4,593/Monthly  
Job# 1405021

Apply at HR  
Middle Fiskville Rd.  
6th Floor, Austin, TX 78752  
Job Line (512) 223-5621  
<http://www.austincc.edu>  
EEOC/AAMF/D/V

## Experts: Central Texas Not Immune to Atlantic Hurricane Season, Running June 1 to Nov. 30

Even though Central Texas doesn't have beach front property, the public should still gear up for the annual Atlantic Hurricane Season, running June 1 to Nov. 30.

Regional emergency planners and the American Red Cross want to remind residents as far inland as San Marcos, Austin and Georgetown they still can be affected by major hurricanes.

Hurricanes can produce severe weather deep into Texas, creating damaging hail, tropical storm-force winds, lightning strikes, tornados, flash flooding and electric power disruptions. Reverberating coastal storm winds can also stoke inland wildfires.

It is also inevitable that the region will host Gulf Coast evacuees who flee inland, such as it did in 2005 for hurricanes Katrina and Rita and in 2008 for hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

Central Texas government partners, together with the American Red Cross, maintain the Capital Area Shelter Hub Plan to house evacuees. The shelters are located in high

schools and middle schools in Travis, Williamson, and Hays counties. Additionally, the City of Austin maintains an agreement to accept evacuees from City of Galveston and Galveston County who do not have their own transportation.

In extreme conditions, Central Texas can house as many as 25,000 coastal evacuees in 75 shelters.

Residents can do their part by preparing themselves for severe inland weather, and familiarizing themselves with ways to help their fellow Texans, as noted below.

### Preparedness

Residents can prepare by creating a basic emergency kit for each member of their family, to survive for at least three days if an emergency or disaster occurs. More information can be found at <http://www.ready.gov/basic-disaster-supplies-kit>.

Additionally, area residents should be aware that Central Texas is nicknamed "Flash Flood Alley." Resident should investigate if they live in a floodplain and have a plan to respond to flash flooding.

## U.S. Department of Education Announces \$75 Million GEAR UP Competition

To focus on building successful practices aimed at improving college fit and college readiness for underrepresented, underprepared and low-income students across the country, the U.S. Department of Education announced today the availability of \$75 million for two new Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) com-

petitions.

At the Obama Administration's College Opportunity Summit earlier this year, the Department made several commitments to support low-income students and help more of them pursue a path to college success. The GEAR UP program helps to ensure that all students achieve the necessary milestones that provide a pathway to a strong future. Today, the Department is acting on its pledge to focus this year's GEAR UP college preparation program on improving both college fit and

City of Austin residents can explore floodplains at the website [www.atxfloodpro.com](http://www.atxfloodpro.com) online.

Residents in Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson counties can also sign up for emergency notification by voice, email, SMS text for emergencies and non-emergencies near where they live and work. Please visit [wireless.capcog.org](http://wireless.capcog.org).

### Victim Assistance

To support your community and help affected families, there are many ways to get involved.

People can make a monetary donation to local American Red Cross disaster relief or become a Red Cross disaster volunteer today so you're prepared to step into action immediately when the time comes.

Other volunteer opportunities are available through the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). To locate a CERT team in your community, visit <http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams>.



readiness, so all students graduate from high school prepared for college without needing remedial courses and enroll in an institution that will help them maximize their success.

AN OUR FAIR SHARE EDITORIAL

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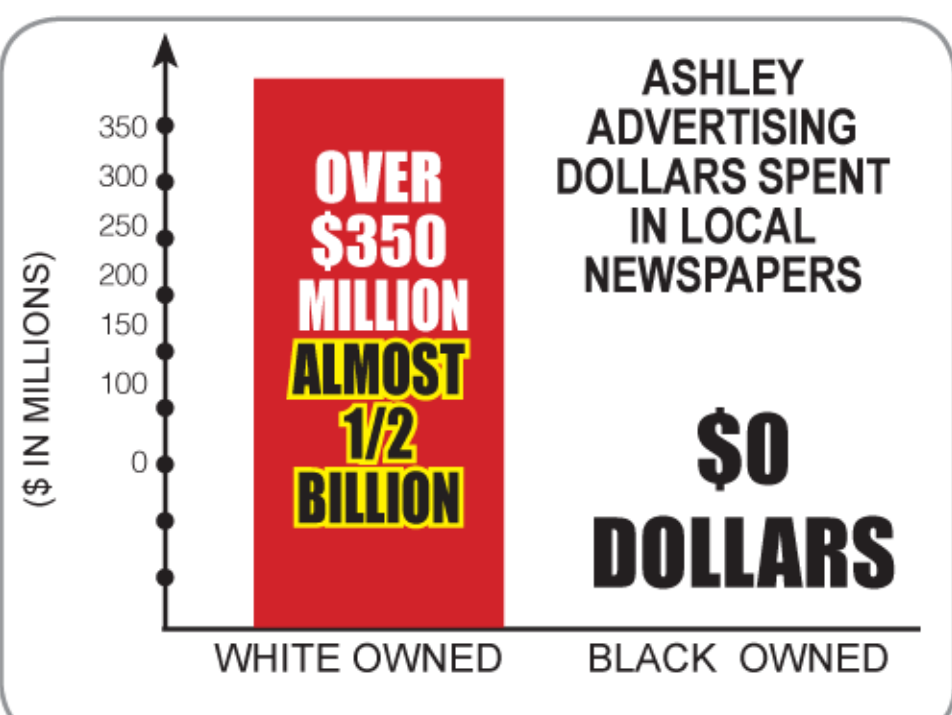


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