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2014 National League of Cities’ Annual Conference Held in Austin

By Naomi Richard

The 2014 National League of Cities’ (NLC) annual conference was held in Austin, Texas November 18-22 under the leadership of Anthony J. Snipes, Assistant City Manager. The NLC conference provides educational programming, training opportunities, and peer networking, among other activities.

Anthony J. Snipes, Assistant Austin City Manager

The conference was a grand success and an opportunity for Austin to showcase its growth, city planning, decision-making, and infrastructure. The conference also marked the end of the 2014 biennial education conference, JAZZ IN PINK.

JAZZ IN PINK is an all-star project of Austin Public Radio (KUT) and the Austin Public Library. The project features talent, beauty, power and femininity as they embrace the stage. The event is a celebration of women in jazz, providing live performance opportunities showcasing each other’s music.

Marion Barry, D.C.’s ‘Mayor for Life,’ Dead at 78

By Avis Thomas-Lester and Ruben Castaneda

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AUSTIN MAYOR RUNOFF – Mayoral candidate Steve Adler receives widespread support from the Austin African American Community at the George Washington Carver Museum. Photo by Angela Wyatt

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Tommy Wyatt

Ferguson, MO
Grand Jury
Makes a Decision

When the Ferguson, Mo Grand Jury issued its decision in the Michael Brown case on November 24, 2014, not to indict the police officer who fatally shot the 18-year-old unarmed black male, it set off a wave of protests and reactions around the country. The killing of Black youth at the hands of law enforcement officers have been on the rise in recent years.

That is why they have asked the U. S. Justice Department to investigate the deaths of Black youth. They want the facts to look into incidents from around the country as a Civil Rights Matter. Excessive police action is a problem all over the country. Whether the deaths are from shooting, choking, or some other manner, it appears that deadly force is always the first option in minority communities.

The Ferguson case is a call to action for the African American community around the country. If this problem is not going to get any action, it is going to have to be on a national level. However, we must be aware that the situation will not get any better as long as the police do not receive police training. The killing of Black youth at the hands of law enforcement officers have been on the rise in recent years.

We all know that there are more good cops than bad ones, but the bad ones get all of the protection that is needed to continue to do bad things. Austin must continue to work until the movement goes forward.
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McCallum Fine Arts Academy Made List of 2015 Grammy Signature Schools’ Semifinals
By Naomi Richard

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (November 24, 2014) – The GRAMMY Foundation announced 120 schools nationwide have been named as semifinalists for the 2015 National Signature Schools Program. Launched in 2001, the National Signature Schools Program is designed to showcase and reward schools that have made an extraordinary commitment to music education during an academic year.

Each of the GRAMMY Signature Schools finalists will receive a custom award and a monetary grant to benefit its music program. The top 10 national finalists will receive a grant worth $10,000, and the top 10 finalists recommended by the GRAMMY Signature Schools Review Panel will receive a $5,000 grant. The GRAMMY Foundation has also established the GRAMMY Signature Schools’ Community Award, an extension of the GRAMMY Signature Schools award. This award is designed to recognize an individual or organization outside the school system that demonstrates a significant commitment to supporting the arts and expanding music education and arts programs to meet the needs of all residents.

Traditions probably are thicker in the school environment, where some type of celebration is the order of the day. College students, however, are not immune. Following are a list of several featured Christmas holiday celebrations and activities for the local schools of higher learning. As it is, these events are part of their December events, so they are not included.

Huston-Tillotson University

The Huston-Tillotson University campus will be aglow on Monday, December 1 when the Campus Christmas Tree Lighting will take place. The lighting ceremony and following finals for their December events, so they are not included.

Concordia University

Concordia University will hold their Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 4 from 4:00-5:30pm at the Northridge Campus Auditorium. The free event is open to all, but donations can be made.

Austin Community College

The Austin Community College campus is located at 900 Chicon Street. The free event will take place at Sweet Home - The Pinacle of Praise, which is located at 3300 Sunrise Road in Round Rock. The theme this year is “Celebrating the Season.” Dr. Gloria Quinlan serves as their director for the event.

On Sunday, December 7 at 6:00pm there will be a repeat performance at the King-Seabrook Chapel on Monday, December 8 at 4:00pm. For this gala performance, no admittance will be charged. A $15 donation is requested, while students with a valid student ID will pay $5. The proceeds will go towards the music scholarship fund.

Traditional Christmas carols and international yuletide favorites are scheduled for both performances. On Sunday, the HT Elite Choir will perform, under the direction of Dr. Javier Studdard.

Concordia University

On December 17 at 7:00pm, Concordia will hold their “Lessons & Carols” event where the University Choir, along with composer Joseph Martin will perform their caroling event and offer lessons on Christmas tree carols. The event takes place in the Chapel (Building A), and is free and open to the public.

Austin Community College

La Chute de Noel, a choir consisting of members of the ACC French Club, will perform their Christmas carols on Sunday, December 7th from 4:00-5:30pm at the Northbridge Campus Auditorium. The free event is open to all, but donations can be made.

Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson won’t be charged in fatal shooting of Michael Brown

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Harlem Nights: An Evening at the Apollo

By Cheryl Hall Morgan

Austin (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, re- spondent to the universe of the Ap-ollo was a hum of excitement. Women and men were spending “An Evening at the Apollo”. The hottest ticket in town and only the Austin Chapter Links, Inc. had the hot ticket.

All along the way to Harlem, women and men stopped to get a second look at some of the best products Harlem had to offer on this Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel Austin. The Harlem Nights Chapter of The Links, Incorporated transformed the Atrium area of the Renaissance Hotel toward streets in Harlem leading to the Apollo Theater, a.k.a., Au- stin Renaissance Hotel Ball- room. What a fun fundraising event!

The Links, Incorporated is an international, non-for-profit corporation, established in 1946. It is one of the nation’s oldest and largest volunteer service or- ganizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other peo- ple of African ancestry. The Austin (TX) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, was established on September 9, 1980 and adheres to the vi- sion, mission, and values of the national organization. The Austin Chapter has been successful in creating, launching, and strengthening the communities we serve in the Greater Austin Metropolitan area for over 30 years. Our goal is to con- tinue to positively impact the quality of life for those in the communities we serve.

The Harlem Nights gala, the biennial fundraiser of the Austin chapter, Links, Inc. celebrates the wealth of the Austin Chapter, Links, Inc., its sphere Saturday, October 11, 2014 evening! The Apollo Theater grew to its prominence during World War II years, billing itself as a place “where stars are born and legends are made.” Those days are gone, and programming that addresses educational needs, hope to capitalize on the promise of the Apollo to cre- ate our own “stars and leg- ends” in the young people of our community. Proceeds from Harlem Nights: An Evening at the Apollo will go to the scholarship fund of the eSTEAM Youth Pro- gram, Austin Community College (ACC) the Huston- Tillotson [H-T] Project, the Links Foundation, and chap- ter programs.

“Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Medicare’s “Extra Help” program helps people with limited income pay for their prescription medications

Making ends meet should not mean going without your medications. If you have limited income and re- sources, you may qualify for Extra Help. It can mean less health care and prescription drug costs. Drug costs in 2015 for most people who qualify for Extra Help will be no more than $2.65 for each generic drug and $6.60 for each brand- name drug. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services estimates that more than 2 million people with Medicaid may be eligible for Extra Help, but aren’t currently en- rolled to take advantage of these savings. A recent law change makes it easier for you to qualify for Extra Help.

• Life insurance policies don’t count as resources
• Any help you get from relatives, friends, and oth- ers does not count, even if you give the resources back
• You have a personal trust, but not a trust that is being ex- hibited is Exemplified.”

Many People Qualify And Don’t Know It Even if you were previously turned down for Extra Help due to income or resources, you should reapply. If you qualify, you’ll get help paying for Medi- care prescription drug coverage premiums, copayments, and other charges. You will not have to pay more than $17,505 a year (or $23,595 for married couples). Even if your annual income is higher, you still may be able to get some extra help. Your resources must also be limited to $13,440 (or $26,800 for married couples). Resources include bank accounts, stocks, and bonds, but not your house or car.

There’s No Cost or Obligation to Apply It’s easy and free to apply for “Extra Help.” You or a family member, trusted counselor, or caregiver can apply online at socialsecurity.gov/letter or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users should call 1-800-325-1771.

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About us

Our Mission

We help people with limited income pay for their prescription medications.

Qualifying for Extra Help

Extra Help is for people with limited income and resources. If you qualify, you may be eligible for Extra Help.

Extra Help for Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

Extra Help provides help with prescription drugs. Extra Help can reduce your prescription drug premiums, copayments, and other charges. Extra Help is for people with limited income and resources who are eligible for Medicare.

Finding Out More About Extra Help

You can find more information about Extra Help at Social Security’s website or call Social Security’s toll-free number.

Additional Resources

To find more information about Extra Help, visit the Medicare website or call the Medicare helpline.

Guadalupe Street Baptist Church

1175 San Benito Street, Austin, 78702, 512-478-7022

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This is the year of people who are grateful for all the things they have done for them over the year. For example, I have helped out around where grandparents go out and see their grandparents who get gifts for Christmas. Lastly my picture perfect holidays consists of families living on one another and caring for each other and not fighting with one another but together as one. The end of season of thanksgiving and grace. So you can make a promise to yourself and in the words of my pastor, Fred D. Moore, “Finish the year strong”.

Thanksgiving Break

Hello everyone, November 21, 2013 I had my third Thanksgiving lunch at school. Everybody was in the cafeteria line trying to get the food. When I got there I was serving turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, cauliflower, and pumpkin pie. I ate turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans and pumpkin pie. I sat with my friend Evan, his mom, and sis- ters. Later my brother came and sat with us. After we ate our brother and I sat talking before my family and I love them like they are my own family. So from my experience I know that people are grateful for the things that we eat, they might miss some people, I was happy and not looking at that nasty food for a week. I was happy and not looking at that nasty food for a week, no looking at teachers for a week, no looking at kids for a week, no looking at that nasty food for a week! I ate from Vietnam, France, Pakistan, Ethiopia, America, and Africa; that's how every meal is picture perfect holidays. I ate from Vietnam, France, Pakistan, Ethiopia, America, and Africa; that's how every meal is. I have to admit, I like It is stupid to hate it. I guess that since Thanksgiving Break is coming up we should have a lot of projects. Luckily I only have two. One in math and one in social studies. In Pre-exam math we had to pair up with a partner and do a two sided math sheet on order of operations. Only when I choose my friend she never did her homework at home. She got angry when I corrected her in her work. She is always in my mind and that's why when the lady hornets paid off. I had a group that I worked with for a couple of days. It was a poster of what a mixed economy was. We had to put up five themes and similarities and three differences between and I think about them and examples and a picture. We got done fast, but we spent more time looking at the video on Imovie. We took those videos trying out didn't know what they were doing so they just went to the back of the line. As soon as all of the not very experienced players went to the back of the line, all of the very experienced players started showing off their skills to the coach. After about an hour of challenging dribbl- ing and shooting drills, Coach Walker split us into scrimmage groups. Coach Walker had us play multiple scrimmages for his final evaluation before he made the final cuts.
I wanted to share some exciting news with you about entrepreneurship. Some of you may know that I have been working on a new business idea that involves creating a unique product. I have been testing different designs and working on the final prototype. I am excited to launch the product soon and hope to see all of you at the launch party.

Also, this week we had some fun field trips and activities. On Monday, we visited the local water park and enjoyed the slides. On Tuesday, we went to a local museum and learned about the history of our town. On Wednesday, we had a surprise visit from an entrepreneur who shared his success story and gave us some tips on starting our own businesses. We had a great time and are looking forward to more exciting activities next week.

I hope you all have a great weekend and see you back at school on Monday.
Why Hasn’t the Travis County District Attorney Set a Trial Date for Former Office Kleinert

by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavan

Although the grand jury has indicted Retired Officer Kleinert for the death of Larry Eugene Jack-son, the Travis County District Attorney keeps on delaying the trial in order to investigate further. Moreover, the pre-trial hearing has been delayed for the second time. For instance, the hearing that was supposed to be held on November 12, 2014 has been pushed back to December 5, 2014. In addition, the push-back has frustrated numerous activists in the Austin area. Some activists believe that the postponement means that the Travis County DA is seeking to strike a deal with retired Officer Kleinert. In other words, it seems as if justice is not being served.

On November 19 a prominent group of African American gathered at the Carver Museum to show their support for Steven Adler, who is running for mayor of Austin. The African American community came together to support Steven Adler due to the fact, “He represents a break from the last 8 years which has been tough for African American people. One can link a decline in the African American population due to a lower quality of life. Not only did African American community leaders endorse Steven Adler, but also other groups like Hispanic American and Asian American communities have also “embraced” Steven Adler for mayor. Furthermore, Steven Adler who is new to politicians will be facing off against the current council-member Mike Martinez. Mike Martinez believes that the quality of life” for numerous African Americans can’t be done, did nothing. Moreover, council-member Martinez has been part of the problem. Now, while running for position of the Mayor, he is calling for a “new way forward for Austin.” Moreover, early voting is set for December 3 and Election Day is set for December 16th.

Texas Department of Transportation

AUSTIN in time for holiday travel and shopping, the Texas Department of Transportation today announced the availability of discounted tickets to Texas attractions, “Don’t Mess with Texas” Travel boots and a new book titled “On the Road with Texas High-ways,” featuring iconic Dallas photography. Texans can now pur chase discounted tickets to top Texas attractions, including Schlitterbahn, Sea World and others at any of TxDOT’s Travel Information Centers located throughout the state. A great place to stop and rest while traveling, each center is staffed with a certified, professional travel counselor who can provide assistance with directions and information about special events and road condi tions.

For additional informa tion and links visit: http://www.txdot.gov/
The City of Austin is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

- **Park Ranger I (2 Openings)**
- **Animal Health Technician**
- **Public Information & Marketing Corporate Manager**
- **Building & Grounds Lead**
- **Administrative Assistant**
- **Dispatch Supervisor—Emergency-Temporary**
- **Building & Grounds**
- **Drainage Ops & Maint III**
- **Traffic Signal Technician**
- **Engineer A**
- **Administrative Specialist**

Please visit the City of Austin employment website at www.austinjobs.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.

If you have any questions or need assurance, please call 512-974-3210 or email us at employment.services@austintexas.gov.
Traditions come and go, people move on, new ideas emerge and the old is forgotten. One event for the festive holiday season that gives Austin serious bragging rights is its time-honored tradition known as the Zilker Park Trail of Lights. With an inception in 1965, this event is an everlasting source of joy as new lights will come on during the lighting ceremony on December 3rd and will remain on from 7:00pm-10:00pm every day until December 21st, bringing the bright days dazzling entertainment, food, and fun. The lights are powered by another fixture in the Austin community, thus saving them the same date span. The lights are powered by another fixture in the Austin community, thus saving them the same date span. On account of the lighting comes through the use of energy sold to Austin from which a seemingly infinite number of lights will be used as an expression of light. Once the season is hit, it’s hard for those who visit to stay glum and humbug. There’s something about the massive light display that puts even Scrooge in a Christmas spirit.

When the event was initiated in the 60’s, it was known as Yuletide. The Festival of Lights wasn’t adopted until 1982. It now includes a Fun Run, sponsored by Humana. With the twinkle, lights fan-tastic show and other events; this is a favorite of many of Austin’s visitors. During its day, the Zilker Park Trail of Lights hosted an estimated 1,500,000 visitors in 2012, en-ding, enjoyed the outdoors, event sights and cap-tured memories in their hearts, eyes and on cam-eras. A popular tweeting, photo sharing and general social networking event, this year the lights kept expanding its horizons every year. 

This amounts to 15 days of fun for those who still need of toys. The toys will be given to boy and girl children between the ages of newborn to 16 years old. This year we have more than 100 local children and about six teenagers (mostly girls) to receive the toys. With about 3,000 toys collected, we can buy presents that will bring joy to children from different demographic in Austin. The toys are still in need of. 

Remember To ThinkPink)

Tawanna Jackson inspired her after which she continued to do a Panels within and added songs on the script she added songs to the story and transformed them into a live production. She also recounted how the theatre really transformed them into a live production.

Help At Christmas Time

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Visit http://www.brownsanta.org/ or call 512-247-2682.