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TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAWNNA DUKES RETIRES; CITES HEALTH RELATED CONCERNS

Dawnna Dukes



In a statement from Texas State Representative Dawnna Dukes, "It is with great sadness that I announce today my resignation from my seat in the Texas House of Representatives effective midnight January 10, 2017. My resignation is the result of injuries I suffered as the result of a car crash in August 2013 and the health complications stemming from said injuries.

Though my name will remain on the ballot this November, I understand that the Governor will call a special election during which my dear and loyal constituents will chose my successor in time for the new legislative session in January.

This has been a very difficult decision to make. However, in light of my ongoing health issues and concerns, I find that I can no longer provide the active, effective leadership that is needed to continue my sworn duties. I must take the time to focus all of my energy to heal and continue to provide for my young daughter and extended family.

It has been a tremendous honor to serve the good people of Texas House District 46 for 22 years. I will continue to keep you in mind during the coming session and beyond. I ask that you continue to pray for my family and me during this difficult time.

I pray that the lives of Fostercare children, quality of education in Texas schools, protections for elderly and disabled individuals, Women's Healthcare Program, rights and concerns of the disproportionate and disparate populations effected within Texas systems, Historically Underutilized Business, Teen Dating Violence, protections for rape and abuse victims, voice of underprivileged and underserved populations, as well as, many other statutory measures for which I gave much energy by lending my voice for their cause has contributed to improving their general welfare. As well, I am content that two signature community programs I initiated enriched my beloved District 46 and Austin community. The Annual African American Community Heritage Festival provided higher education scholarships and the M.L. King Jr. Blvd. Clean Up expanded into the Austin City Wide MLK Community Day of Service.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. May God continue to bless you all; and may God Bless Texas!"

City of Austin Budget Lacks Funding for Youth in Big Way



Austin City Hall (Photo by That Other Paper editor Todd Ross Nienkerk)

AUSTIN, TX – The City of Austin has finalized and approved the budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017. On Wednesday, September 14th, the Austin City Council approved a \$3.7 billion budget that would fund city departments' functions, and include city public projects, and contracts for services with numerous Austin organizations.

Every year during the budget season, community members ask for funding for specific services provided by third party entities. Many of these third party contractors have multi-year agreements that preclude other less traditional community-based organizations from competing for funding from the City of Austin.

President Barack Obama & CBCF Founder Rep. Charlie Rangel Say Farwell

Naomi Richard | The Austin Villager Newspaper



President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama arrive to address the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Foundation's 46th Annual Legislative Conference. Photo by: Olivier Douliery/picture-alliance/dpa/AP Images.

The 46th Annual Legislative Conference, sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) in Washington DC, said farewell to its one and only African-American Commander-In-Chief, **The Honorable Barack Obama**, along with CBCF Founder **U.S. Representative Charlie Rangel**.

The President had this to say in his opening remarks, "I want to thank the CBC Foundation,

Chairman Butterfield, members of the Congressional Black Caucus, and the whole CBC family. It's always good to be with the Conscience of Congress. I also want to congratulate tonight's honorees, beginning with Charlie Rangel, a founding member of the CBC, an outstanding public servant who, as we just talked about, we'll be riding off into the sunset

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Huston-Tillotson University President to Serve as 2016 State of Black Education Keynote



Dr. Colette Pierce Burnette

Austin, TX - The Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 4th annual State of Black Education Forum on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at Austin Community College-Eastview Campus. The theme for the event is "Investing in Children of Color for a Sustainable Future." As a conduit for Black business growth in the Greater Austin region, we are excited to engage our community on education investment opportunities from a business perspective.

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RAPPIN'

Tommy Wyatt

Duke's Retirement, The Death of Arnold Palmer and the Death of William Garth.

Earlier this week, we were notified by State Representative Dawnna Dukes that she was not going to run for re-election. She indicated that she would be stepping down in January, the end of her term. And although she will be on the ballot, she will not be seated in the upcoming legislative session. We expect a special election to be called to fill her seat.

Former City Council member Sheryl Cole has indicated that she will be a candidate for the position. Former Council member Mike Martinez says that he has been approached about running, but states that he will support Cole, should she choose to run for HD46. Many remember that Martinez and Cole served on the City Council at the same time.

Rep. Dawnna Dukes served us well for 22 years as she represented us in Texas House District 46 as a Democrat. She is only the second African American to hold that seat. She took over after the retirement of Wilhelmina Delco.

There were a couple of other things that also caught my attention. As a golfer, I was saddened to hear of the passing of golfing great Arnold Palmer, who passed away this weekend. It was ironic that it happened on the weekend of the year's most watched golfing week. Palmer and Jack Nicklaus were golf royalty in American. I cannot remember when we did not have them representing us. Arnold will be missed.

I was also notified that another one of our publishers passed this week. William (Bill) Garth, Sr., the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Citizen Newspaper Group, Inc., passed away at the age of 79 on last Friday (Sept. 23, 2016). Bill was a great representative of the Black Press of America.

HOUSTON: “Not every person wants to go to college, or is interested in a career in the technology field or the health care field.” continued from page 1

Council Member Houston points out that there is a lack of financial investment in groups that represent their communities to teach individuals the social and work skills that are necessary to successfully navigate job interviews and subsequent employment.

Houston believes that training in a particular skill, trade or mentorship can result in a pathway to a living wage and successful employment. Opportunities to be trained and be part of trade organizations have meant successful employment for many individuals.

“The fact is that the budget has no funding for innovative workforce programs for youth who may not fit nicely into ongoing programs currently funded by the city,” said Council Member Houston.

Houston goes on to state that the programs that receive funding have in the past done a good job for the population they serve. However, she points to the fact that some youth do not intend to attend college, yet have abilities and talents related to other vocational pursuits.

“My focus is on the ever increasing population of youth that current pro-



Council Member Ora Houston

viders and contracts don't serve. The population that is not seen; those seen only in the demographer's data when identifying poverty levels in certain communities,” Houston said. “Not every person wants to go to college, or is interested in a career in the technology field or the health care field.”

The City of Austin fiscal year begins on October 1. The City begins the annual budget preparation process in early Spring, which includes opportunities for citizen participation and culminates with the adoption of a final budget in mid-September. For more information about the budget process, contact the City of Austin Finance Office COA.budget@austintexas.gov.

Seasonal Flu Clinics Schedule

It's that time of year to protect yourself and the community by getting an annual flu shot. The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department has scheduled seasonal flu vaccine clinics throughout Austin and Travis County. Free flu shots are available for uninsured Travis County residents 6 months of age or older and all Medicare recipients (please bring card). **For the public's convenience, appointments are highly recommended but walk-in clients will be accepted. For appointments, please call 512-972-5520.**

All shots are free — suggested donation is \$10.00.

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CBC Founder and Congressional Representative Charlie Rangel retires after 46 years in public office

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together.”

He went on to remark, “...we do want to take this opportunity just to say thank you — say thank you for your support over the years — to say thank you for your friendship, to say thank you for your prayers. As I just look across this auditorium, there are so many people here who lifted us up, who steadied us when things got tough.”

The atmosphere was charged with excitement while yet solemn as this body of legislators prepared to say goodbye to its first Commander-In-Chief of African descent. There was a feeling of pride in the President's administration and bitter sweet to see him depart.

Additionally, CBC Founder and Congressional Representative Charlie Rangel retires after 46 years in public office. Rep. Rangel is a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, and he made history the first African-American member of Congress to lead the powerful Ways and Means Committee. He ends his distinguished career during his 23rd term and has been cited as the most effective lawmaker in the House, leading all of his colleagues in passing legislation. He was a prime contributor to President Obama's historic health care reform law.

To name a few, Secretary **Hillary Clinton** received the Trailblazer Award as a champion for change. Academy Award nominated actress **Cicely Tyson**, Golden Globe nominated actor, **Richard Roundtree**, and music icon **Dionne Warwick** were honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards.

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) 46th Annual Legislative Conference (ALC) took place Sept. 14-18, 2016 in Washington, D.C. **This year's theme was “Defining the Moment – Building the Movement.”**

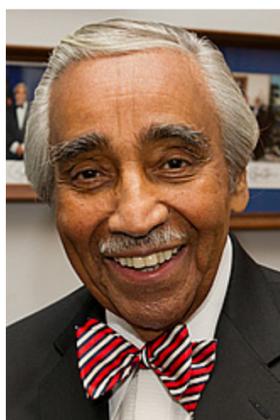
Office of the Police Monitor

Citizen Review Panel
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 3, 2016

City Hall Council Chambers

Public Input Agenda

The public meeting of the Citizen Review Panel will be held at City Hall, 301 W 2nd St in City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.



U.S. Representative Charlie Rangel.
(Congressional Photo)

The ALC is one of the largest public policy conferences in the country focused on issues impacting African Americans and black communities around the world. It attracts nearly 10,000 attendees each year and features more than 100 issue forums on education, employment, healthcare, economic empowerment, the African diaspora, cultural events and more. Special high profile events including a National Town Hall Meeting, emerging leader's series, the Annual Prayer Breakfast, Phoenix Award Dinner and an exhibit showcase with a procurement fair, free health screenings, authors pavilion and much more.

Pam Grier, Jessye Norman, MC Lyte & David Simon Among Winners of Harvard's W.E.B. DuBois Medals



Actress Pam Grier and opera soprano Jessye Norman are among the recipients of Harvard University's 2016 W.E.B. Du Bois medals. (AP Photo/Matt Sayles and Mikhail Metzel)

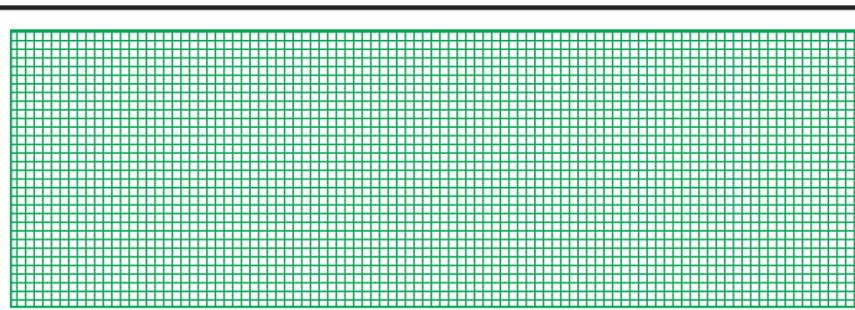
by: The Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Actress Pam Grier and opera soprano Jessye Norman are among the recipients of Harvard University's 2016 W.E.B. Du Bois medals honoring those who have made significant contributions to African and African American history and culture.

Grier and Norman will be honored at the fourth annual Hutchins Center Honors on Oct. 6. Other medalists this year include hip hop artist and activist Lana “MC Lyte” Moorer, writer and producer David Simon and the 1966 Texas Western Miners men's basketball team, which was the first all-Black starting lineup to win an NCAA national championship.

The awards are presented by the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University.

W.E.B. Du Bois was a civil rights activist, historian and sociologist.



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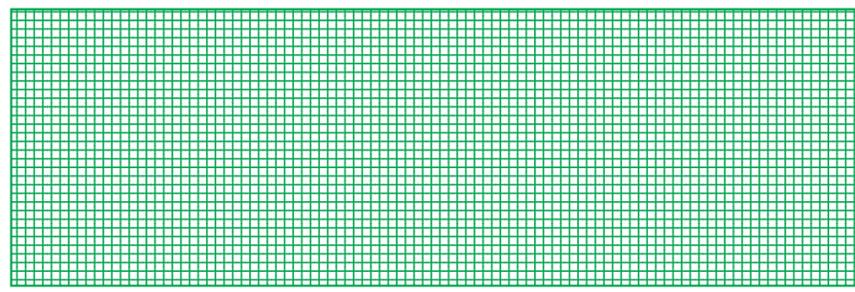
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Join The Austin Chapter of The Links, Incorporated and local and state leaders as we hold an open discussion with the community regarding current legislation in the upcoming election that affects all Texas residents.

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Nevada Mourns Loss of 1st Black Woman to Earn College Degree

Nevada's two major universities are mourning the loss of the first Black woman to earn a college degree in the state at a time most of the nation was still segregated

by: Scott Sonner Associated Press

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Nevada's two major universities are mourning the loss of the first Black woman to earn a college degree in the state at a time when most of the nation was still segregated.

A memorial service was scheduled for Friday evening in Las Vegas for Stella Mason Parson, who died July 29 due to complications from renal disease.

Parson graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) in June 1952 with a bachelor's degree in English. She later returned to school at UNLV, where she earned a masters' degree in marriage and family counseling in 1988.

"When we first came here, there were no Black teachers, no Black professional in anything," she said in the donated tapes collection for a project at



UNLV's James R. Dickinson Library. "Most of the women worked as maids." At UNR, Parson wasn't allowed to have a roommate. She worked at the school cafeteria and as a domestic on weekends to cover her living expenses.

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Above photo provided by the family of Stella Parson, shows Parson, the first black woman to earn a college degree in the state of Nevada.

Let's Take A Trip Around The World

Greater Love Baptist Church is inviting the public to attend their Let's Take A Trip Around The World Event Saturday October 8, 2016 12noon to 6pm. This event will be held at Doris Miller Auditorium 2300 Rosewood Avenue Austin, Texas 78702. Sample cuisine from around the world without leaving Austin while supporting Greater Love Baptist Church. For general information and Vendor booth space please contact Paralee Sanders at 512-926-0590 or 512-786-6955.

Free Childhood Obesity Prevention Program

The YMCA of Austin is the first YMCA in the country to partner with MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do It!) in offering a childhood obesity intervention program for children and their parents. We ask that you partner with us and spread the news of this FREE program to help benefit Austin families.

Through generous grants from St. David's Foundation, the YMCA will be offering programs over the next year at different locations, including YMCA of Austin and community locations. Each program lasts 10 weeks and meets twice per week, typically a weekday evening and Saturday morning. Parents must attend with their child..

Children must be ages 7-13, overweight or obese, and may not be suffering from diabetes or debilitating asthma. Physician consent must be granted before program participation. One parent must be able to participate with their child in each session.

Take the first step toward a happier, healthier family. Register today! Call 512-236-9622 or email programservices@austinyymca.org. Program Starts the week of September 26th and last 10 weeks. <http://www.austinyymca.org/programs/childhood-obesity-intervention>

David chapel missionary baptist church recognizes 24 years of service by its pastor!

AUSTIN, TX, - David Chapel Baptist Church (2211 E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Austin, 78702) celebrates 24 years of service by its Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Parker, Jr., Esq., D.Min. and the pastoral family October 7-9, 2016. The appreciation theme is "A Pastor Chosen by God, Working to do His Will" (1 Peter 2:9 & Hebrews 13: 20-21) Festivities begin on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with a Night of Celebration in the David Chapel Sanctuary. The event features "Prime Minister of Praise" and "Progenitor of Progressive Gospel Music" Chester D.T. Baldwin as well as community leaders and guest speakers. Attendees are encouraged to wear their denim, boots,

and gems. The monumental occasion culminates with the Celebration Service on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. with the guest speaker, Rev. Todd M. Wheelock, Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Oakland, California. Pastor Wheelock's God-given gifts have provided him opportunities to lecture, preach and teach extensively throughout the United States. We invite you to join us for either event but especially Sunday worship as we praise God for Pastor Parker's service and impact to the church and community over the last 24 years. Contact the David Chapel church office at (512) 472-9478 for additional information.

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



Joshua Moore
KIPPAustin Academy

In school we have a reading log that we have to do every day after school.

On the reading log, the whole class has to read the same book and write how long we read and what the pages were about. Then, we have to let a parent sign and review our work.

Our teacher checks the reading log by the organization, the length, the quality and the content of our work. If our teacher does not understand our work we will have to do it

again. The way my teacher grades them is by how many are correct out of 16.

The way you get a good grade for organization, is if there is a title, date, minutes read, and responses. If it is missing one of the required elements the students will get an okay grade like a 88 to a 81. If you are missing two elements, your grade will not be so good.

On the length of the reading log, you must have all responses meet the the minimum length of a complete sentence and you must answer each question. In order to get an okay grade, you must have most responses meet the minimum length of a complete sentence and answer each question. A way to get a bad grade, is to answer a few or no responses that meet the minimum length of a complete sentence.

Ever since we started this at school, I've done really well and on all of the reading logs, I get really good grades. My grade in this reading class is an A so far.

Student Ambassador



Jarian Galloway
Harmony Academy

Over the seven years that I have attended HSANA, there have been very few opportunities for me to express my opinion(s) of the changes and progress that I've seen within my school over that time period. Finally, my senior year of high school, my major time has come.

A couple of weeks ago, my AP English Literature teacher informed me and two other students that she nominated us to be student ambassadors for the school. This was a position that we were familiar with, as we had seen previ-

ous students touring "VIP" administrators and attending functions where the student body needed to be represented, but we had not known how a student was chosen for that process, until then.

Thursday, September 22, was our first duty as student ambassadors. All three of us, the other two being good friends of mine, toured an administrator from the central office of my school's system. We waked her all through the school and explained the changes we had seen happen, what happened in that particular part of the school, and touched on some of the more extraordinary aspects, whether it was a teacher's door, or a bulletin board with student-created work.

Now that our first experience of this newfound title, I, for one, look forward to all the other chances we will have to represent our school, and as seniors, set examples for the lower grades to see that our school is something to be proud of.

Hendrickson Hawk Band



Kennedy George
Pflugerville Cele M. S.

On Friday, the eighth graders in my middle school got to play with the Hendrickson Band during one of their football games vs. Cedar Ridge. We honestly had no idea what to play most of the time because they had only given us one

of the pieces, Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen. Since I play the clarinet, most of the notes are usually fast and high.

The high school students were really nice and let us look off their music though. We were in the stands until halftime then we were lead out to the field to play some of the songs. We did great in my opinion. It was fun to experience what it is like to play for band in high school too. After halftime we left and some of my friends and I played some of the songs from our school while waiting for our parents. That experience made me even more excited to play in band next year in high school.

Speeches



Genesis Stiggers
Elgin Middle School

On Thursday I had my presidential campaign speech at my school. It was a great experience and although I still don't know the results, I do know that I had lots of fun while running for president. I believe I will know who won on Monday, September 26th but with whatever happens I still believe it was worth it. During my entire time in middle school I have never run for student council and to say I ran for president my last year there I feel very advantageous.

During my speech I thought I was pretty victorious. I was the very first

person to go and although I was extremely nervous I realized that I was lucky I did. I set the bar high and made an amazing first impression to the student, as told by my friend. My opponents were also very successful in their speeches and I am very anxious to know what happens.

When I find out the results I think a great weight will be lifted off my shoulders. I have no idea why, but right now I am very stressed and scared of the future of whether I will finish the school year off as president or just a member of Student Council. When I voted, I noticed that my opponents and I were all signed up for different positions, like Secretary or Historian on the ballot, and I had no idea that was happening. I really hope that if my peers voted for me they voted me as president but I have to be prepared for anything. Thanks for reading and I will talk to you next week about the results.

My First Hockey Game



Malakhi Washington
Covington Academy

Yesterday I went to a hockey game with my friend's family. We were going to see a Dallas Stars scrimmage match. A scrimmage match is when you have a team of something such as a dance, hockey team etc. They split the team in half to go

against each other. The scrimmage was at the HEB center in Cedar Park. When we got there a lot of the fans were already there. I was so excited because it was my first time attending a hockey game ever. We went and got snacks at the concession stand and went to get our seats and waited for the game to start. There were four periods in the entire game each period was seventeen minutes long, although I enjoyed myself I was freezing from being so close to the ice. After the game was over we went to play games at Pinball's for an hour or so. I really enjoyed my eventful day yesterday.

Making Prosthetic Hands



Ava Roberts
Spring Hill Elementary

On Saturday, September 17, I participated in the Helping Hands STEM Service Project with Girl Scouts of Central Texas. We planned to help assemble prosthetic hands from parts printed by 3D printers. The finished hands would be donated to a nonprofit group called

e-Nable who gives the parts to anyone who does not have a hand.

The event started with us watching step by step videos on how to put the hands together. There were many steps! Something happened with the parts delivery and we didn't get the chance to make any hands. There were samples of already made hands for us to see, touch, and try own. The hands worked like a real hand to grab things.

We did another activity where we made hands using paper plates, hot glue, duck tape, and string. The hand that I made moved like the 3D printed prosthetic one but not as strong!

TD: Dreams in Motion



Kevin Parish
Park Crest M.S.

The book I am reading is called TD: Dreams in Motion. It is written by Terrell Davis in which he talks about his life, fame and football. In the first chapter, he was talking about him and his team being in the 1998 Super Bowl XXXII which was really interesting because that was when he played for the Denver Broncos and his position was running back just like mine used to be! Terrell was born on October 28, 1972 in San Diego, California. He also has 5 other brothers. His mom and Dad were in his life at one point in time but his dad went to jail a couple of times.

When Terrell Davis was 7 years old, he played on a little league team that was called Pop Warner Football. When his dad died, he didn't want to play football anymore for a while so in high school, Terrell was not focusing on anything because he was too occupied

with thoughts about his dad. Halfway through his sophomore year, he decided he wanted to play football again but not at the school he was at, so he transferred to another school, Lincoln High School.

Terrell started playing football at Lincoln high school all the way until he graduated. When he graduated high school, Terrell committed to Long Beach State University. After two years at LBSU, he transferred to the University of Georgia, because LBSU closed down their football program due to budget cuts.

The first college that Terrell attended was Long Beach State University. He was there for two years but he later transferred to the University of Georgia. The first season at Georgia University, he was a backup running back until the teams' next year's football season.

After college, in 1995, Terrell Davis was drafted into the NFL and signed with the Denver Broncos. Their coach was Mike Shanahan. During the 1998 Super bowl XXXII at 2nd quarter, Terrell had to be called out of the game because he had a migraine and he said "that he couldn't see". Later on when hen his vision came back, he was able to play in the 3rd and the 4th quarter. And won!

Long Overdue



Montrae Nelson
Four Points M. S.

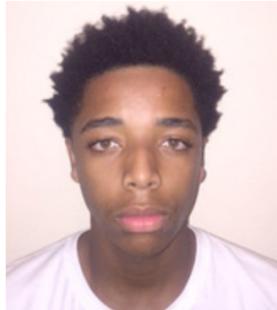
This past week the New African-American Museum was opened in Washington D.C. The doors opened on Saturday a total of 20,000 people attended the opening ceremony. Two of the former presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton also attended the

opening ceremony.

The Smithsonian Institution spent 13 years preparing the 400,000 square foot building which takes up the last acres of the national mall and marks the 19th museum launch to date. President Obama said that the museum "elevates the often-overlooked impact of black americans in history and helps others better understand the impact".

Lastly, The African-American museum is a huge step in forward in celebrating the accomplishments and triumphs of blacks in american history, the contributions should not be overlooked because it helped build and shape this country. Thank you.

"Saint Pablo" Concert Review



Damon Luckett II
Hays High School

Last Wednesday, I went to the Kanye concert. It was the best performance I've ever seen! He gave off a great performance and had a great introduction although he was late to the show. When you think about a concert, you think

of a stage in front of the crowd. Unlike other artist, Kanye had his stage in the center of the arena. The stage was also hanging so that he was above the pit. The pit is where the fans are right under the stage. He performed his classics like "Touch the Sky" and "Heartless" for the fans that wanted the old Kanye. Even from the nosebleeds, people were jumping and singing every word to his songs. He ended the show with "Ultra Light Beam" which had a beam shooting straight down on him making it look like the beam came from Heaven. I had a great time and I hope he comes back to Austin with another great performance.

Build Freedom



Jalen Moore
KIPP Austin Collegiate

On September 16, law enforcement took the life of yet another unarmed black man - Terence Crutcher. Because of his skin color, Terence was profiled as a "big bad guy" by police officers which unfortunately led to one of the officers shooting and killing him. This has been and continues to be a very prominent issue in this country. The people who are supposed to be here protecting us are murdering us and very rarely facing any consequences for doing so.

One reason why Terence's death was especially heartbreaking to us is because he was also the father of two children who attended KIPP Tulsa. The fact that his children were also fellow KIPP students put into perspective how real this issue truly is in America. It made many of us realize the very frightening thought that police brutality could potentially take the lives of our friends, our family members, or possibly even ourselves.

Exactly one week after Terence's death, on Fri-

day, September 23rd, all KIPP students and staff, nationwide, were encouraged to stand in solidarity with Terence's family and community by participating in National Blackout Day, in which we would all wear black to show our support.

In addition to participating in National Blackout Day, my Junior Seminar class created a page called 'Build Freedom' on the social media platforms: Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. We acknowledged that social media is a very powerful tool and is one of best ways to reach out to an audience, so all of the juniors began to post about the Black Lives Matter movement and shared them on their social media pages. The posts rapidly started to circulate, and eventually the entire school was posting and sharing. However, this will not be something that occurs only once. On Monday, September 26th we will do the same thing but on the issue of immigration, and we will continue to do this for other issues later in the year.

I am incredibly proud to attend a school that not only speaks about social issues, but also provides students with the opportunity to do something about these issues, and that all of us genuinely come together as a community to support one another to advocate what we believe in.

Debate Tournament



Cyrena Matingou
Cedar Ridge H. S.

On Saturday, September 24th, the Cedar Ridge Speech and Debate team competed in a tournament against other schools from the Round Rock and Austin districts at Anderson High School. This was the first competition of the year and there were three rounds: Preliminary, Semi-Finals, and Finals. Each room has six competitors, one time-keeper, and one judge. After the first round of preliminary competition, a list is posted for the room changes for round two. These rooms have different people and different judges, but the round was the same as round one, in the sense that everyone was competing.

After the preliminary round, contestants are ranked from first to sixth from the other students in their room. In order to advance to semi-finals, a student must have a cumulative score of less than seven. 18 of the contestants move onto the semis. The semi-finals are the same as the preliminary, except it is only one round. The students are divided into three groups of six, and put into separate rooms to compete. The top two people from each room move on.

In the finals, there is one room for all six students, plus three judges. Each judge ranks the students one to six, and whichever student has the lowest score wins. Hannah Sedlacek is a freshman at Cedar Ridge who moved on to the final round; an uncommon thing for freshmen. Hannah said that being in the final round with many more experienced students was "Intimidating, but a great learning experience. I was able to see what I should work on to better my competing skills. It was good to have something to strive for."

The Importance Of Cursive



Alyssa James Winn
Manor High School

Why should schools teach cursive to their students? What is the importance of cursive? Cursive is important because you need to sign important documents. State school boards took cursive out of school curriculum. This is affecting our generation, because in the real world you are expected to have this skill as soon as you get a job. In my generation we do not know how to write cursive which can affect our society. When you get a job they use checks to pay you. If you are unable to sign with your authen-

tic signature at the bank, someone could easily forge your check. It is important for our generation to learn cursive. When we apply for college, we are asked to sign our application.

Too many teens transitioning into adulthood are not able to provide a cursive signature and seek assistance from their parents. From my personal experience being unable to write proper cursive has made it difficult to sign my paycheck. My mom has me practicing to improve my cursive. Technology has been taking over our future as students and young adults. We are now able to apply online for jobs but may still need to write in cursive on a daily basis depending on what job we have. Instead of writing were texting, sending emails, and using social media. One day each of us will have to sign formal documents. Bring back cursive to our curriculum. It is a necessary skill in our adult life.

Printing, Cursive and Reading



Tyler Allen
Barbara Jordan Elem.

For as long as I can remember my mother and my grandparents spent a lot of time teaching me to read. First they said I had to recognize the different alphabets. Everything was blocked or in print. It seemed to take forever. Everything I first learned to read were printed words. I always wondered why I had to print everything. Yet whenever they wrote something it was in cursive. If it was not in book it was in cursive. I later found out that cursive writing was kind of an American tradition. They told me that some time

ago you got a grade for handwriting. They said most college professors wanted all reports handwritten neatly. Some would not grade badly writing reports.

Now I am told that neat handwriting has been replaced by typing. They say you don't need neat handwriting to impress anyone anymore. You need only a computer with a printer. The word is that we live in a "Digital Age." Now days anything written will soon be type and downloaded.

I think cursive writing is easier than printing. Cursive writing goes faster. During the summer I read a lot of books. I don't think I wrote anything. I did see many Sci-Fi movies. One thing I notice was that no one ever wrote anything down. Will anyone need to write anything down in the future? They already have programs where all spoken word are immediately printed out on a screen. Will we just have to be able to just read and comprehend?

SEASONAL FLU CLINICS SCHEDULE



It's that time of year to protect yourself and the community by getting an annual flu shot. The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department has scheduled seasonal flu vaccine clinics throughout Austin and Travis County. Free flu shots are available for uninsured Travis County residents 6 months of age or older and all Medicare recipients (please bring card). For the public's

convenience, appointments are highly recommended but walk-in clients will be accepted. For appointments, please call 512-972-5520.

Flu Clinic Schedule:

Saturday, October 1st; Virginia Brown Recreation Center, 7500 Blessing Avenue 78752, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Appointment Required

Saturday, October 8th; Allison Elementary, 515 Vargas Road 78741, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - No appointment required

Saturday, October 15th; Far South Health Center, 405 West Stansney Lane 78745, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Appointment Required

Monday, October 17th; Far South Health Center, 405 West Stansney Lane 78745, 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Appointment Required

Upcoming Visits



Wesley Dickerson
Cedar Ridge H. S.

As a current senior my time in high school is almost up, and my college decision is becoming increasingly important and relevant. This is why it is important for me, and all seniors who plan to pursue a college education to go on college visits. While a visit will not show you exactly what life is like as a student on the campus of a particular university, it is a good way to see how the school presents itself and to get a glimpse into student life.

This upcoming weekend I will be on my way to visit three universities in the Washington D.C. area, George Washington University, Howard University, and the University of Maryland at College Park. I am excited to see all three schools and look at how they are similar and

how they differ. One of the great things about visiting any college campus is being able to see what you like. While preconceived judgments about a place before you visit are a given it is nice to see what that place is actually like and how you feel about it while you are there. This is how I am now, there are things I believe that I will enjoy about each campus and there are things I'm not sure I will like about each school, but that is exactly why we are going. Even as I have started the application process I am still not sure of everything that I want in a school and going on more visits will help me find out.

I was fortunate enough to have traveled to Washington D.C. when I was younger but I am going to experience it in a far different way this weekend. I will get to see the universities of the area and how the young people of the nation's capital live their daily lives. After this weekend I will have seen seven college campuses as a prospective student. I am very excited to visit all three schools and go back to the historic Washington D.C. area.

Austin High Volleyball



Tiana Gardner
Austin High School

The Austin High volleyball team is currently three and two indistrict. Our next game is against LBJ at LBJ on September 27, 2017.

Our two losses this season were against Crockett and McCallum.

We were up two and zero on McCallum until they came back and beat us. Austin High is favored to be district champs in this new 5A district.

With all eyes on us to come out on top, it's a lot of pressure. However, Austin High volleyball is not phased. They are working hard every week in order to make playoffs this year. Taking it game by game, we are hoping to win district. With us being three and two, it currently puts us 3rd in our district. With the upcoming games, Austin High hopes to get better and better and make the wins easier to come by.

Teacher of the Week



Kayla Winn
Manor New Technology

Every week at Manor New Technology High School the students fill out a survey to vote for the teacher they feel has gone above and beyond to support the students and staff on campus. This was started to encourage the teachers and give positive feedback to them. Since MNTHS is a project based school the teachers need to communicate with fellow staff when they decide to do integrated projects meaning two classes in different rooms are working on the same thing at different times.

When students feel the teachers do a good job they acknowledge them during circle time and/or special event, give them a certificate saying congratulations, take their photograph, and put them on the Manor ISD website for the community to see.

This week Sierra Pedroza, MNTHS' Statistics teacher and Tech Girls sponsor was acknowledged for teaching her students about limits and keeping them engaged. The students chanted "Pedroza! Pedroza!" Over and over again as she received her certificate. Everybody was proud of her commitment to the school and students. There are many other positive comments on the survey that students have left for her to read. We hope she is encouraged by this and strives to do more for the Manor community. To any other teachers reading this keep up the good work and continue to get students one step closer to a brighter future.



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Pflugerville Community Activists Host Candidate Forum



Pictured left to right: Victor Gonzales; Tiffany; Mimi Styles; Brad Marshall; Phil Emiabate; and Alicia. Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon

by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon | Villager Columnist

Saturday, September 24, 2016, the group “Black Pflugerville” held a candidate forum in Pflugerville, Texas. The organization had invited the candidates running for Pflugerville mayor and also those running for the Travis County Commissioner Court. For instance, Victor Gonzales, Phil Emiabata, and Brad Marshall who are all run-

ning for the Pflugerville mayoral race were present. In addition Diaspora Vote was present at this event due to the fact they seek to increase voter turnout. Furthermore, it was an opportunity for a couple of individuals to ask questions to the candidates.

Numerous questions were posed to the candidates. For instance, one of the attendee asked about bringing Austin Community College to

Pflugerville? All of the candidates in the mayoral race where somewhat interested in bringing ACC to Pflugerville. Another question that was posed was about the need of greater transparency, which, include having access to the Pflugerville city manager’s office? Moreover, this question was posed because in the past some citizens had complained about the lack of access to city manager. All the candidates mentioned that

they would be accessible to the citizenry.

Moreover, it was the first time for this group to hold a candidate forum. It allowed for the citizenry to meet and greet the local candidates. Also, they plan to hold other event that will seek to address voter turnout. Finally, it is important for group like them to reach out to other groups. Now, that the candidates are on the record, it is important for them to follow through on their promises.

Frost Celebrates New East 7th Financial Center with Grand Opening Events

AUSTIN, TEXAS - Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016, Frost celebrated the opening of its East 7th Financial Center at 2421 E. 7th St. in Austin by making a donation to the Guadalupe Neighborhood Develop-



Frost Bank Opens New East 7th Financial Center at 2421 E. 7th St., Austin, TX

ment Corp. and Capital IDEA during their Grand Opening ceremony. A 148-year old bank with deep Texas roots, Frost currently operates 132 financial centers across Texas, including 16 in the Austin region.

The new financial

center will offer the latest in Frost’s innovative Financial Center design, featuring a welcoming and interactive customer experience. “This new financial center will help extend the Frost customer experience to our neighbors in East Austin,” said Tim Crowley,

Austin Region President for Frost. “Our way of doing business combines a personal approach and old-fashioned values with the latest technologies.”

Frost’s new financial center offers a full range of financial services for consumer and business customers, including commercial and personal bankers and investment services. The new design includes a Frost Room complete with an online banking center where customers can access their accounts through the Internet, and a Community Room, which offers a

Judge Williams Seeks to Diminish the School to Prison Pipeline



Judge Yvonne Williams

by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavon | Villager Columnist

Judge Williams has been serving as Travis County Precinct Justice of Peace 1 for nearly 2 term. Over the past years, she has established numerous social services program that is meant to help those living within the jurisdiction of Justice of the Peace Precinct 1. In other word, she is the type of Judge that want to help the citizenry instead of “collecting fines.” So, Judge Williams place people 1st.

As a precinct Judge, part of her responsibility is to deal with Truancy. Moreover, truancy occurs when a student has numerous absence or tardy to school. There are numerous factor that can cause a student to have numerous tardy or absences, in which, some are out of control from the parent’s hand. Since the JP courts are in charge of truancy, Judge Williams has created a program that seeks to help not punish the parents and the student. Consequently she has added a program called Parent Child Engagement to the JP 1.

So on September 24th, numerous parents and children who are part of this program held a graduation party. Moreover, it was an opportunity for the parent and the children who part of this program to celebrate the fact that they managed to “beat” truancy. Furthermore, these types of program help both the parent and the child in numerous ways. For instance, it helps the parent from paying the five hundred dollar court fine for Truancy while causing them to be more engaged in the children lives. Also it help the children because it causes them to focus on school. In addition it aids taxpayers by stopping the “school to prison pipeline.”

state-of-the-art meeting and events venue for local organizations.

The East 7th Financial Center is also home to one of Frost’s newer design features, a welcoming greeter station, where bankers can assist customers with making a deposit and withdrawal, answer account questions, open an account or apply for a loan.

Though contemporary in design, the new facility also includes a number of unique design elements that reflect Frost’s local heritage and evoke the Texas spirit. Historic state maps and black-and-white photos of Texas line the walls. There is even an old-fashioned boot scrape by the entryway of the building.

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1789	Texas Loteria - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.96	\$3	11/30/16	5/29/17
1739	Texas Ca\$h Blowout - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.41	\$5	11/30/16	5/29/17
1744	Texas Lottery Live! - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.98	\$5	11/30/16	5/29/17
1761	Triple Winning 7's - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.03	\$5	11/30/16	5/29/17

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Black Studies Invites You to the UT’s First National Black Studies Conference

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Black Studies at the University of Texas at Austin invites you to its first national Black Studies conference, to be held in Austin on September 29-30. Dr. Angela Davis will provide the keynote address “BLACK MATTERS.” Panels, featuring leading scholars from the U.S. and abroad, will explore the state of a resurgent Black freedom movement and the complex role that scholarship plays in relation to it.



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Austin Travis County Integral Care is currently soliciting proposals through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for an Electronic Health Record System. RFPs may be sent electronically, by contacting Brody Ballard at brody.ballard@atcic.org or (512) 440-4022 beginning September 20, 2016. The deadline to submit a proposal under the RFP is 4 p.m. CST on November 4, 2016. Historically Underutilized Businesses, including Minority-Owned Businesses and Women-Owned Businesses, are encouraged to apply.

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS -

Austin Independent School District requests competitive sealed proposals for construction of AISD Project No. 16-0009-BLKSH, Renovations at Blackshear Elementary School to include: New split system heat pumps, ductwork cleaning; Renovation at rooftop AHU penthouses of associated piping, insulation, valves; Concrete and fencing at new condenser pads; Replacement of rooftop units. 100% Performance and Payment Bonds required. 5% Proposal Guaranty required.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 1:00 p.m. Austin time, on Tues, Oct 11, 2016, at AISD Construction Mgmt Dept, 812 San Antonio, Ste 200, Austin, TX 78701, Ph: 512-414-8940. Proposals will thereafter be publicly opened and the names of the offerors and any monetary proposals made by the offerors will be read aloud.

Proposal Instructions, copies of drawings, specifications and contract documents, addenda (if any) and other documents related to this Request for Proposals will be available at the location indicated below for a deposit amount of \$100 per set. The deposit will be refunded upon return in good condition to the location indicated below within 14 calendar days of the opening of proposals.

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CONFERENCE:** 10:00 a.m.

Austin time, on Tues, Oct 4, 2016 at Blackshear ES Cafeteria, 1712 E. 11th St., Austin, TX 78702. AISD may consider an Offeror's attendance of the pre-proposal conference in its determination of best value of each Proposal submitted. AISD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

education for Washington D.C residents. Part of Luma Lab's expansion beyond its current after school and adult workshops is a partnership with the DC Government. Earlier this year Luma Lab and DC's mayoral office broke ground for the "inclusive innovation incubator (In3)" on Howard University's campus. In3 is the first incubator in the district to be intentional about diversity to encourage minority entrepreneurship. The incubator is scheduled to open in the near future.

Pepper Lawson Waterworks is pleased to announce a bidding opportunity for a large construction project at the Walnut Creek wastewater treatment plant located on FM 969 in Austin, TX. We are currently soliciting for the following trades: Carpentry, Roofing, Excavation, Demolition, Electrical, HVAC and Piping, Masonry, Painting, Hauling, Concrete, Door/Frame & Window, Hardware, Fabricated Steel. For more information or to request the drawings and specifications please contact Anna Heule at aheule@pepperlawson.com or by calling 832-464-8257. The deadline to submit a proposal is 8:30 AM October 27, 2016. Contractors and vendors that are minority/women owned and certified with the City of Austin are highly encouraged to submit bids.

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Clearly Innovative Helps Lead Journey into History By Building Official APP



Aaron Saunders

*Black-owned Firm,
A Pioneer in
Digital Inclusion,
Has Major Role in
Museum's Historic
Opening*

(Washington, D.C.) - Clearly Innovative (CI), one of the Washington area's leading digital and business solutions companies, built and launched the official mobile App for the Smithsonian's new **National Museum of African-American History and Culture (NMAAHC)** that opened Saturday, September 24, 2016. The App contains features to provide information about the museum and help visitors and as users.

"We are proud, honored and excited to be working with Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture on a mobile solution for the museum," said Clearly Innovative CEO and Founder Aaron Saunders "As an African American owner of a DC based technology company I could not have dreamed of a more meaningful project to be a part of. #ApeoplesJourney," he added.

The App can be found as NMAAHC in Google Play and Apple iTunes. It is available in English, French and Spanish.

As the official mobile vendors for the museum, Clearly Innovative created a cross platform mobile solution to enhance the museum experience. CI also designed the initial maps to be used for the museum opening.

Saunders, sees the firm's creation of the NMAAHC app as another project that fits Clearly Innovative's mission to serve the community through its products and education initiatives.

In fact as part of that aim, Clearly Innovative created, Luma Lab, an education arm, to provide meaningful access to tech and entrepreneurship

Travis County Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program Public Input Meeting

**October 19, 2016
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
700 Lavaca, Multi-
Function Room B**

Travis County is in the preliminary stages of planning the implementation of the recommendations prepared by National Economic Research Associates (NERA) on the Travis County Disparity Study. We are currently analyzing how these recommendations will affect our business community and the most effective way to implement the roll out of the recommendations. Travis County invites business owners to include Small, Minority, Woman-Owned, and Service Disabled Veteran businesses and residents who have an interest in the County's Disparity Study.

REGISTER at <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/purchasing/hub>

We look forward to your participation at this meeting on October 19, 2016.

Contact the Travis County Purchasing Office HUB Program with any questions at 512-854-9700 or hubstaff@traviscountytexas.gov

'Investing in Children of Color for a Sustainable Future' continued from page 1

"We're excited to bring an in-depth conversation on the impact investing in our education system can have in enterprise", says Tam Hawkins, President & CEO, Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce. "It's important to understand that investing is not confined to financial contributions but encourages parents, teachers, and education advocates to become involved in the decision-making process that affects our children."

Dr. Colette Pierce Burnette, President and CEO at Huston-Tillotson University will serve as the featured keynote speaker. She is the institution's sixth President and Chief Executive Officer and only the second female president in the institution's 140-year history. Prior to her role, Dr. Burnette served as interim President at Pierce College in Puyallup, Washington, leading the college within a district environment and working collaboratively with executive leadership to serve more than 30,000 students each year. In 2003, Dr. Burnette graduated from the Education Management Development Program at Harvard University and completed an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration at the University of Pennsylvania in 2015.

The forum invitees represent the broad spectrum of educational stakeholders; K-12, community colleges, four year institutions, state agencies, foundations and business. Our goal is for this event to serve as a springboard for ongoing interactions and discussions in the community that result in actionable steps for the future.

General Admission tickets can be purchased at stateofblackeducation.eventbrite.com and include catered lunch.

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Parson's father stole her and her mother from the plantation desperately seeking a better life continued from page 3

"Reno, the city itself, was just as segregated as any other city," Parson said in the 1978 interview. "We couldn't eat in the cafeterias downtown. But as far as the campus was concerned, Black people were more than welcome."

Parson taught school for 33 years in Clark County, where a Las Vegas elementary school is named after her and her late husband, the Rev. Claude H. Parson, Jr., whom she met while he was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base.

In 2002, UNR awarded her a President's Medal for her accomplishments and created a scholarship in her name.

"Mrs. Parson was a good friend of the university who returned to campus over the years to speak and interact with students," said John K. Carothers, the school's vice president for development and alumni relations and executive director of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation

"Her many years of teaching and service to the Clark County area have influenced generations of Nevada students who have gone on to better them-



Stella Mason Parson became the University of Nevada's first black female graduate in 1952. Photo courtesy Reno Gazette-Journal

selves and their communities," he said Thursday.

Parson was able to enroll at UNR in 1948 thanks in part to a scholarship she received from the Las Vegas chapter of the American Association of University Women, Carothers said.

"In order to repay those who helped her and benefit others, the Stella Mason Parson Endowed Scholarship was established to encourage other female students of African American descent to pursue a college education," he said. "Stella will be very much missed on campus by those who knew and worked with her."

Parson was born Nov. 18, 1929, on a plantation in Lake, Mississippi — the daughter of sharecroppers, Fred and Matilda Mason.

Fred Mason ushered his wife and daughter to a new life.

"He stole them off the plantation and hid them ... in Arizona before working to pay to move them to Las Vegas," said Tara Trass, an executive assistant to Stella Parson's daughter, Naida Parson, who is the senior pastor of New Antioch Christian Fellowship in Las Vegas.

The family moved to Las Vegas in 1942, and Stella Parson later graduated from Las Vegas High School.

In the interview conducted for an oral history project at UNLV in 1978, Parson said her family lived in west Las Vegas during World War II, where there were "no paved streets ... and almost no homes for Blacks at all."

"They would build a floor and spread a tent over it, and we would cook on wood stoves outside. ... There were no bathrooms," she said in tapes for UNLV's project, "The Black Experience in Southern Nevada."

The Life of Pablo Tour – Kanye West Arrives On a Floating Stage

by **Naomi Richard** | The Austin Villager Newspaper

Kanye West



(Photo by Alex Mateo / PRPhotos.com)

Austin, TX - Kanye West delivered what 12,000+ fans were waiting on their feet to enjoy, a night filled with his music and a grand show to boot.

Hitting the Frank Erwin Center on a floating stage, dark setting with lots of smoke, West hit it and hit it hard with tunes such as Father

Stretch My Hands Pt. 1, Pt. 2, Famous and Drake's Pop Style.

There was no central stage drawing your attention, but instead West kept everyone on their feet as he moved around continuously throughout the evening giving more hits like I Don't Like, All Day, Black Skinhead and more.

Song after song his energy remained high and somewhat spiritual. The performance matched the vibe of the album, "The Life of Pablo."

This artist who has performed in Austin before with artists like Jay-Z, seemed intent on giving the best show possible.

The 22-time Grammy Award winning, visionary multi-disciplinary artist who has sold over 30 Million albums worldwide and has twice been named to Time Magazine's 100 most influential people in the world performed at the Frank Erwin Center on September 21. For the first time, Kanye brought to life songs from his seventh consecutive #1 album "The Life of Pablo," which made history as the first album to debut at the top of the Billboard 200 album chart based on streaming only.

To Austin's surprise, Grammy



Kanye West skywalkin' in the drum (Photo by Naomi Richard)

Award winner Anthony Hamilton and his entourage quietly slipped into the audience simply to enjoy the show. There was not fuss or fanfare, just musical genius

appreciating musical genius!

While the Saint Pablo Tour can certainly be described as entertaining and a crowd pleaser, it did not top previous ap-

pearances in Austin.

With flashing lights, a stage that could seemingly touch the sky and a strong performance, many left saying, "Kanye killed it!"

Kashif Saleem, Producer for Whitney Houston, Dies at 59

by **Mesfin Fekadu** | AP Music Writer



Singer, songwriter and producer, Kashif Saleem, who crafted dance-funk hits in the 1980s and also produced Whitney Houston's first big hit has died. (Twitter Photo)

NEW YORK, NY (AP) – Kashif Saleem, the singer, songwriter and producer who crafted dance-funk hits in the 1980s and also produced Whitney Houston's first big hit, died Sunday from undetermined causes in his California home, his representative said Tuesday. He was 59.

No further details about the musician's death were provided.

Saleem produced Houston's "You Give Good Love," which be-

came a worldwide hit in 1985. It reached No. 3 on the main Billboard chart and reached No. 1 on the R&B chart, becoming Houston's first breakout hit song.

Saleem also worked on dance-floor hits for Evelyn "Champagne" King in the 1980s, including "Love Come Down," "I'm In Love," sampled by Janet Jackson in 2004, and "Betcha She Don't Love You," sampled by Monica and Missy Elliott in 2010.

His biggest hit as

an artist was a remake of the 1978's "Love Changes" by R&B group Mother's Finest. Saleem's 1987 duet version with Meli'sa Morgan peaked at No. 2 on the R&B charts. The song was covered by Mary J. Blige and Jamie Foxx in 2005.

Saleem was born Michael Jones in New York, on Dec. 26, 1956, and was raised in various foster homes. He changed his name to Kashif Saleem after studying Islam. As a teenager, he joined the funk-disco group B.T. Express.

Shawty Lo's Impact on Atlanta Music Scene is Celebrated Following his Death

The "King of Bankhead" Rapper Died in Recent Car Crash

by **Jannah Johnson**
Special to the AFRO

Carlos Walker or "Shawty Lo," the Georgia native known for hits such as "Laffy Taffy" and "Dey Know" died Sept. 21 in a car crash. And, now he is being remembered for his role in shining a national spotlight on the Atlanta music scene.

The 40-year-old rapper was well-known and loved throughout Atlanta and the broader rap community. Shawty Lo was part of the group D4L and known as the "King of Bankhead." He also worked with famous rappers such as Gucci Mane, Lil Wayne, Ludacris, Rick Ross and Lil Kim.

Lo is also credited with popularizing "snap music," a genre of music characteristic to the South that features both slow tempo and club-oriented melodies with relatively simple lyrics. Snap music started in Atlanta and went relatively unknown until 2005 when Lo's group, D4L dropped "Laffy Taffy" and popularized the sound, making Lo an influential member of the Southern rap community.

Fabo, a former member of D4L, fondly recounted to XXL his history with Walker.

"He was a hero. Shawty Lo was a hero, especially to me," Fabo said. "Without Shawty Lo there would be no me, there would be no D4L there would be no snap music."



In this June 24, 2008 file photo, Shawty Lo arrives at the BET Awards in Los Angeles. Authorities say rapper Shawty Lo, whose real name is Carlos Walker, has been killed in a fiery car crash before dawn Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016 on a freeway near southwest Atlanta. (AP Photo/Matt Sayles, File)

The rapper's former bandmate added that he didn't just respect Lo for his musical taste but also his personality.

"If you needed it, he would give it to you — the shirt off of his back, the shoes off of his feet," said Fabo. "I seen him literally give people his shoes. He was just a great person, a great individual, father and son. I definitely appreciate everything he did for me."

Even Atlanta rapper T.I., who at one point had

a "beef" with Lo, expressed his condolences, calling Lo "a true Westside Atlanta Legend."

"My Heart goes out to his family, and his children as well. Even through our toughest times I must admit I was impressed, & kinda proud of how well you rep'd our hood, and how much you cared for it. It was a real relief to have someone else helping to lift Bankhead up & hold it there," the self-proclaimed "King of the South" added.