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Drummer Dylan Lipkins, who will be attending Southern University, was awarded the 2023 Touch of Keys Music Fine Arts Scholarship from E. Gordon Wright and the Board of Directors Broadway musical, “The Color Purple,” co-starring Fantasia, and also starred in Tyler Perry’s “Diary Of A Mad Black Woman” & T.D. Jakes “Woman Thou Art Loosed”; saxophonist Dean James; Lady Beatrice Ward; Stephanie Wright; and Willie “WC” Brown Jr.

CLASSIFIEDS

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

Request for Proposal – Houston-Galveston Area Council – Public Services – 911 Equipment & Emergency Notification Software and Services – EC07-23

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is soliciting responses for selecting qualified manufacturers, distributors, installers, and service providers of 911 Equipment & Emergency Notification Software and Services to make these types of products and services available to Customers of the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program under blanket type contracts.

To view the solicitation documents, visit <https://www.hgacbuy.org/bid-notice> or [ESBD \(txsmartbuy.com/esbd\)](https://txsmartbuy.com/esbd).

Response Deadline: May 11, 2023 @ 12:00 P.M. CST

LEGAL NOTICE for RFP 23-20

The Houston Housing Authority (HHA) is soliciting sealed proposals from companies that can provide qualified personnel familiar with all recovery program, grants, or any other Federal, State or Local government program in which grant and or project management is required due to the result of a disaster in accordance with the requirements and terms and conditions specified in RFP 23-20 Disaster Recovery Services.

Interested parties who wish to respond to this solicitation must submit the required documents in a sealed envelope by 2 P.M. CDT, May, 4, 2023 to the Houston Housing Authority Attn: Austin Y. Crofts Subject: RFP 23-20 Disaster Recovery Services - DO NOT OPEN 2640 Fountain View Drive Houston, Texas 77057.

RFP 23-20 can be obtained by going to the doing business with HHA section of HHA's website at www.housingforhouston.com, or by sending an e-mail to HHA's Procurement Dept. at Purchasing@housingforhouston.com with RFP 23-20 in the subject line.

A Fair and Equal Employment Opportunity Agency. For assistance: Individuals with disabilities may contact the 504/ADA Administrator at 713-260-0528, TTY 713-260-0574 or 504ADA@housingforhouston.com

LEGAL NOTICE for RFP 23-21

The Houston Housing Authority (HHA) is soliciting sealed proposals from software development companies to provide software for Public Housing Authorities that can manage the various programs and operations of the agency in accordance with the requirements and terms and conditions specified in RFP 23-21 Primary Agency Software.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Verizon Wireless NTX proposes to build a 125-foot self-support Communications Tower/Structure at the approx. vicinity of 5120 Treaschwig Road, Spring, Harris County, Tx, 77373 , [Lat: 30° 2'26.87 "N, Lo: -95° 21' 13.97" W] Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Augusto Conde de Frankenberg, a.frankenberg@trileaf.com, 2550 South IH 35, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78704 (512) 519-9388

PUBLIC NOTICE

CellCo Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas with a centerline height of 21 feet on an existing 25-foot 2-inch building rooftop at the approx. vicinity of 6125 Edloe Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77005. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Kelly Carr, k.carr@trileaf.com, 66 South Logan Street, Denver, CO 80209, (314) 997-6111.

HELP WANTED

VICE PRESIDENT, SENIOR ETRM ARCHITECT
Castleton Commodities Management Services, LLC (Houston, TX) Prvd leadrshp for srvc needed for prjcts using ETRM prdcts. Reqs Bach in Comp Engrng, Electrnc Engrng, Indstrl Engr, Data Sci, rlted fld or frgn equiv + 5 yrs prog resp IT exp. Exp must incl: 4 yrs exp w/relationl DBs & SQL, incl Extrct, Trnsfrm & Load (ETL) data into relationl DB; 4 yrs exp w/Java (J2EE), Python, SQL (Oracle, Sybase & DB2), Oracle PL/SQL, Spring Frmwk; 2 yrs exp in Tempest or Commodity XL ETRM sys; 2 yrs exp w/Java Script, Rest API & Scripting (Windows, Linux); 1 yr exp w/Kafka, JMS & Alteryx; 1 yr exp intrfcng w/commodity exchng (ICE, CME, NYMEX); & 1 yr exp implmntng ETRM sys in cloud pltfms like AWS & Azure. Rle prmts telecmmtng - Must live w/in reasnble commting distance of Houston, TX office to facilitate in-office wrk at least 3 days/wk. CV to GBL-recruiting@cci.com, Ref MP1

how I was blessed to have parents that were able to sow into my life, the opportunity to learn music at an early age,” said Wright. “I realized that everyone did not have this opportunity and I saw that there was a need to offer opportunities to youth who are less fortunate and underserved in our Black communities.”

Wright states that the biggest challenge he has faced on this decades-long journey has been identifying resources to support the operation of the organization’s programs.

“It takes resources to grow and sustain your programs,” said Wright. “We have been able to operate for 15 years with contributions from our private donors and small business supporters. We appreciate those who have chosen to sow into the programs we administer.”

Wright states he is motivated to do more, sharing that parents should not stifle their children who are talented and interested in music.

“My advice to parents is to embrace the musical gifts in your child by supporting and being involved in their learning, such as with private lessons, school music programs, church, and music ministry that is available to them,” said Wright. “Every area of opportunity brings growth and development. I would encourage parents to invest in their children, in music, and in their talents, because what you sow into them will benefit their future.”

Currently as a national recording artist, Wright leads the Touch of Keys Jazz Band, and tours locally and nationally. He currently serves as Music Director (MD) for Dr. Kitra Williams, Preferred Leading Lady, and he also serves as Minister of Music at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church. Wright is proficient in all dimensions of jazz, R&B, pop, rock, blues, country, gospel, classical, oldies, movie hits, or easy listening. He is a recording artist, writer, composer, producer, and can be heard weekly as the host of Music Power Hour Radio Show, AEGRADIO, and VTV NETWORK, which is broadcasted nationally. His music can be heard on radio and on television, nationally and internationally. His latest singles, *Soul Reflection* and *He Loves Me*, are available on all music platforms.

For more information on Touch Of Keys Music Fine Arts please visit www.TouchofKeys.com, and for more information about E. Gordon Wright and the Touch of Keys Jazz Band, please visit <https://tokepk.com/>.



Touch of Keys Music Fine Arts Student Performer



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The mural painted on the Julia C. Hester House Wellness Center recreates a painting, “The Stream Crosses the Path,” by late Houston artist John Biggers

for hosting sock hops for teens. The community center was originally set to be called the Houston Negro Community Center of Fifth Ward, but before the doors opened, it was renamed after Julia C. Hester.

The Hester House became a nonprofit organization in June 1943. Then located on Lyons Avenue, it provided services for youth, adults, and families. It also operated a childcare center on McGowan Street. After a successful fundraising campaign, the Hester House moved from the rented facility on Lyons and consolidated its services at 2020 Solo Street.

“Standing on the shoulders and commitment of Mrs. Julia C. Hester and other notable Fifth Ward pioneers, I am excited that Hester House continues to thrive and provide vital services to the community,” said Sherea McKenzie, Julia C. Hester House Executive Director. “The staff is to be commended for their diligent efforts to expand and improve services so that Hester House will be a community epicenter for another 80-plus years.”

In 2014, with a grant from the state of Texas and Harris County Precinct One funds, the Hester House added the Wellness Center that includes a gymnasium and an Olympic-size swimming pool. Recently, a replica of a John Biggers mural was painted on the Wellness Center. Attendees at the 80th anniversary celebration also participated in the unveiling of “The Stream Crosses the Path” mural, which is a replica of a painting by world-renowned and Houston-based artist, the late John Biggers. The mural, painted on the outside wall of the Julia C. Hester House’s Wellness Center, is the first in a series of murals that are replicas of famous Biggers’ paintings.

“We had the opportunity to honor John Biggers and officially unveil the first replica mural in this series in partnership with Street Art for Mankind,” said Commissioner Ellis. “Public art has the power to inspire, make change, remind us of our history and unite people for a common cause.”

M/WBE SUPPLIER OPPORTUNITY

Ori Learning is bidding on RFP#22-10-09A for Special Education Services and RFP#21-06-05B for College/Career Readiness. We are looking for possible M/WBE suppliers to support PD & implementation. If interested, please contact rpf@orilearning.com



Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis speaks during a celebration ceremony for the Julia C. Hester House’s 80th anniversary

Harris County Commissioner Ellis, McKenzie, board members, and community leaders officially dedicated the mural at the 80th anniversary celebration.