

- San Antonio Branch NAACP meetings: April 9, May 14, and June 11, at Barbara Jordan Community Center, 5:45 PM
- Candidates Forum, April 11, 10:00 AM (Mayoral) and 1:00 PM (District 2), at Red Cross, 3642 E. Houston St

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Branch Protests NY Post Cartoon

Last month the San Antonio Branch NAACP staged a local protest over the racially offensive cartoon published in the New York Post in February. The action was part of the National NAACP Day of Action organized to encourage changes at the Post to prevent recurrences of similar examples of racial insensitivity and inappropriate provocation at the Fox Corporation newspaper.

On February 26th members of the Branch were joined at KABBTV, the local Fox television affiliate, by representatives of the faith-community, and supporters from the local AFL-CIO to solicit the support of the station. Branch 1st Vice President, Horace Brown, Jr., delivered a letter to the general

manager and later read a statement at an on-site press conference. KABBTV is an independent consumer of Fox News programming.



Branch members, joined by faith leaders, and local AFL-CIO representatives, present letter at KABBTV

The cartoon showed police shooting an ape with a caption

saying, "I guess they'll have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill." It was displayed next to a photo of President Obama signing the stimulus package. Both Fox News and the New York Post have come under criticism by a variety of media watchdog groups for racially insensitive and biased reporting.

"It's an invitation to the assassination of the 44th president," said Benjamin Todd Jealous, President and CEO, NAACP National Office. Furthermore, "Likening our African American president to a monkey is unacceptable. African Americans have for too long been called primates as a way of dehumanizing an entire race of people. It's time for this pattern at Fox News to stop." Jealous noted.

NAACP Lending Lawsuit Advances

A federal court has denied a joint motion filed by 15 major financial institutions seeking to dismiss the NAACP's landmark lawsuit challenging racial discrimination in sub-prime home mortgage lending. The court found that the NAACP had standing to bring the lawsuit, and that it had adequately stated its claims for the lawsuit to

proceed. The lenders will now be required to turn over information and documents regarding their mortgage policies and practices.

According to the lawsuit, African American homeowners who received mortgage loans had a more than 30 percent greater likelihood of being issued a higher rate sub-prime loan than

Caucasian borrowers with the same qualifications. The Federal Reserve Board, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and FDIC have all made similar observations.

The NAACP brought the suit as part of its longstanding demand that offending lenders stop discriminatory practices.



President's Corner

We are marching toward a new century. We must be aware of our past and work hard to improve our future.

A goal of this Branch is to have education forums as well as health forums. We will also strive to find out from our community what their concerns are and how this Branch can meet those concerns. We must work as a team because no one person can

do it alone.

Some of the things I would like for us to do in the next two years include increase the number of volunteers to meet the needs of the community; have the office open eight hours a day, five days a week; and to make sure the staff is fully trained in the area for which they are volunteers.

National is asking that we increase our

membership by 100 individuals before the National Convention in July 2009. I would like to meet and surpass this recommended goal.

It is my hope that this Branch is able to charter a College chapter sometime within the next two years.

It is my hope that we can become the voice of the voiceless.

*Marvinette Smith
Branch President*

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National NAACP Celebrates 100 Years

On February 12, 2009, the NAACP celebrated its 100th anniversary—which coincided with the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth—marking another milestone in the history of African American achievement in the United States.

The NAACP was formed partly in response to the continuing horrific

practice of lynching and the 1908 race riot in Springfield, the capital of Illinois and birthplace of President Abraham Lincoln. Appalled at the violence that was committed against blacks, a group of white liberals that included Mary White Ovington and Oswald Garrison Villard, both the descendants of abolitionists. William English Walling and Dr. Henry

Moscowitz issued a call for a meeting to discuss racial justice. Some 60 people, seven of whom were African American (including W. E. B. Du Bois, Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Mary Church Terrell), signed the call, which was released on the centennial of Lincoln's birth. [Find a more complete NAACP history at: naacp.org.]



Where Are They Now?

Alton W. Clark, Jr.
– San Antonio

Alton Clark is a former member and officer of the San Antonio NAACP Youth

Council. He was the winner of the Wilhelm Engineering Scholarship – a 6-year grant. A graduate from Madison High School, he earned his Bachelor of Engineering

Summa Cum Laude from Tuskegee University. Clark went on to earn a Masters in Biomedical Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley and an MBA from Emory University in 2008. He is currently a Packaging Innovation Manager at HEB, San Antonio.

Job Bank Highlights

This column will feature recent job offerings received by the Branch. For more information, visit the Branch office at 2803 E. Commerce Street, or visit the Job Bank page on our website at www.naacp-sanantonio.org.

WOAI-TV Weekend Director

Full-time Weekend Director position is available at WOAI-TV. The successful candidate should be able to call fast-paced newscasts, lead and mentor production staff and work closely with producers in

the newsroom. Other duties include directing production sessions and live programming as required. Position requires graphic production on the weekend shift (still stores, maps, etc.) and vacation or fill-in relief as needed. A 4-year college degree in communications or related field and at least 2 years experience preferred. Knowledge of layout and design in Photoshop is helpful.

WOAI-TV Sales Assistant

Entry level position in advertising sales. General sales

support for management and account executives. Duties include answering phones, organization and maintenance of files and records, development of reports and presentations, communication with advertisers via telephone, email and letters, weekly computer reports, and switchboard relief. Proficiency in Microsoft Office, Excel, and PowerPoint required. Excellent office, communication, and organizational skills are needed. Broadcast experience is a plus.

Census Taker

The 2010 Census is a great way to earn extra money. The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary part-time

census takers. The pay is good, the hours are flexible, and the work is close to home.

Census taker jobs are excellent for retirees, college students, persons who want part-time work, persons who are between jobs, or just about anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important service for their community.

Apply today by contacting your Local Census Office or by calling 1-866-861-2010.

TX NAACP Establishes Legislative Agenda

The Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches has rolled out its legislative agenda for the 81st Legislative Session. It features issues in education, healthcare for children, election reform, juvenile justice, rebuilding confidence in the criminal justice system, reducing re-entry barriers, hate crime, gentrification, and environmental justice.

“We are requesting that you visit with your elected representatives regarding these bills, electronically, in person, by fax or phone,” said Linda Lydia, Texas Conference secretary. It is important that we let our legislators know what it is we are looking for in our communities. They listen best to messages from people in their

own districts.

To identify your State Senator and Representative go to www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us. You can then “Call Direct to Legislators” at 1-888-836-8368. To mail a letter to Senators: PO Box 12068, Austin 78711; to Representatives: PO box 2910, Austin 78768; to the Governor: PO Box 12428, Austin 78711.

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Dates to Remember

Branch Hosts Candidates Forum on April 11th

This year the NAACP is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The local Branch will be hosting a Meet the Candidates Forum. This event will take place on **April 11, 2009** at the Red Cross facilities located at 3642 E. Houston on the corner of E. Houston & Commerce Street. A

District 2 forum will take place from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. In the morning from 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon we will have the mayoral candidates address the issues and take your questions.

Branch Celebrates 91st Anniversary

The San Antonio Branch NAACP will celebrate its 91st

anniversary in April 2009. At our regular meeting on **April 9, 5:45 PM**, our guest speaker will be James Howard, President of the SAISD Board, who will address important educational issues. Q&A will follow. Come and share the evening with us. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Branch Education Committee.



Upcoming events to put on your calendar



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Branch Activates Website

The San Antonio Branch NAACP has taken a major step forward in connecting with the community. For the first time, the Branch has established a website, and is working hard to get it fully constructed. The URL address is: www.naacp-sanantonio.org.

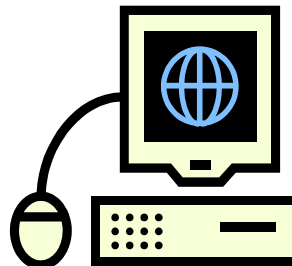
The website will feature a rich assortment of information from current issues and initiatives to the history of the Branch. There will be reminders of upcoming events in the Calendar, and listings of agencies that can be helpful in solving problems and resolving disputes.

The Join Us page gives you the convenience of renewing your membership with an easy form you print out and mail in.

The Discrimination Complaint

page will give a detailed description of the elements of a valid discrimination complaint that has a reasonable chance of a successful outcome.

We're also going to post the quarterly newsletter on the website with links to the current and archived editions.



Go to: www.naacp-sanantonio.org

We need your assistance to get the maximum benefit from the website. We need to know which members have internet access (and therefore don't need to receive the newsletter by mail).

We want to send email notifications to announce the posting of a new newsletter each quarter. **Please send us your email address if you'd like to receive these messages.** This will permit us to reduce our postage expenses. Contact us at:

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