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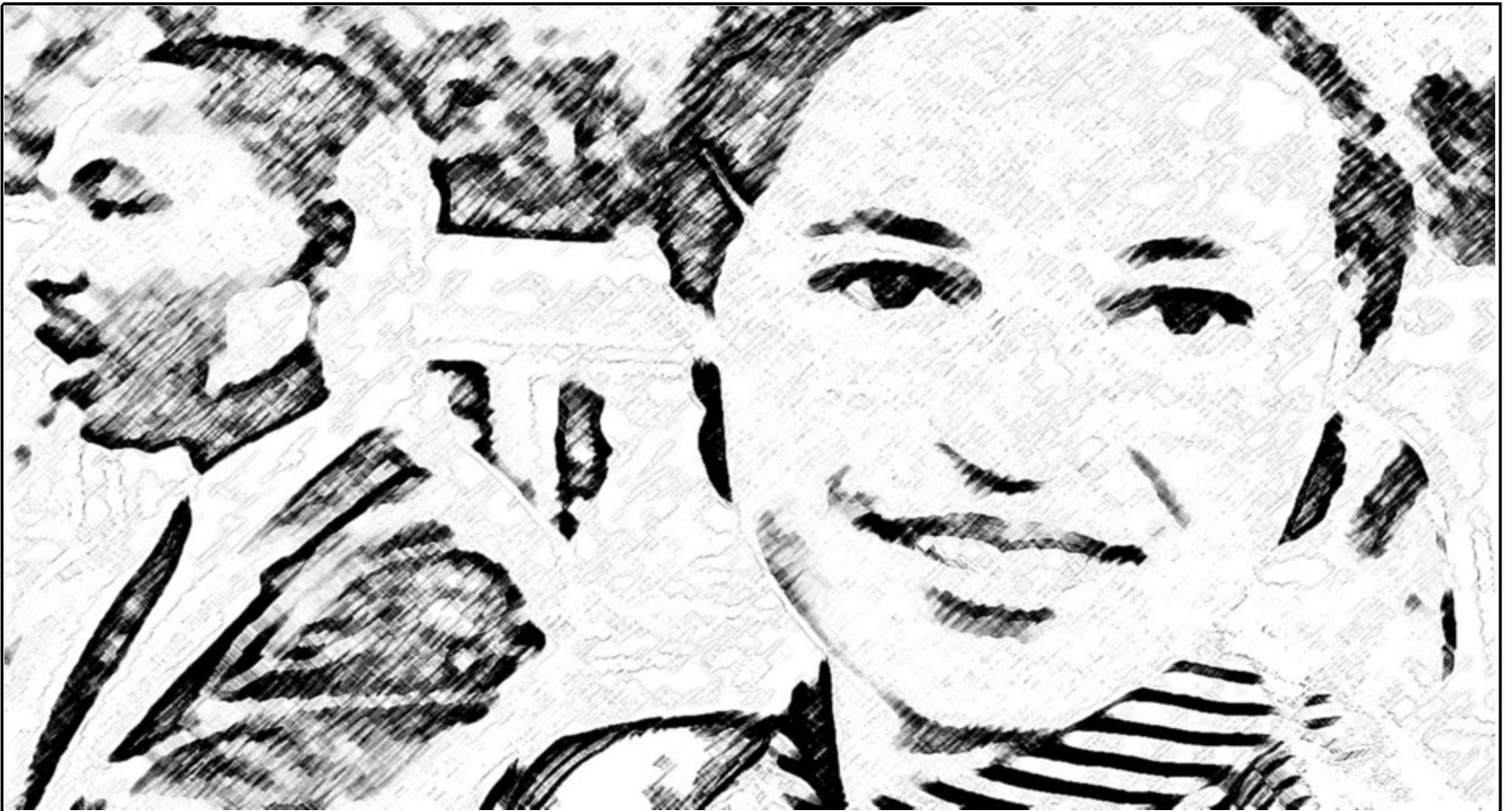


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A hostile faction in the Bexar County Democratic Party is making a lot of noise - and taking extraordinary measures to hide local financial records from Texas Democrats.

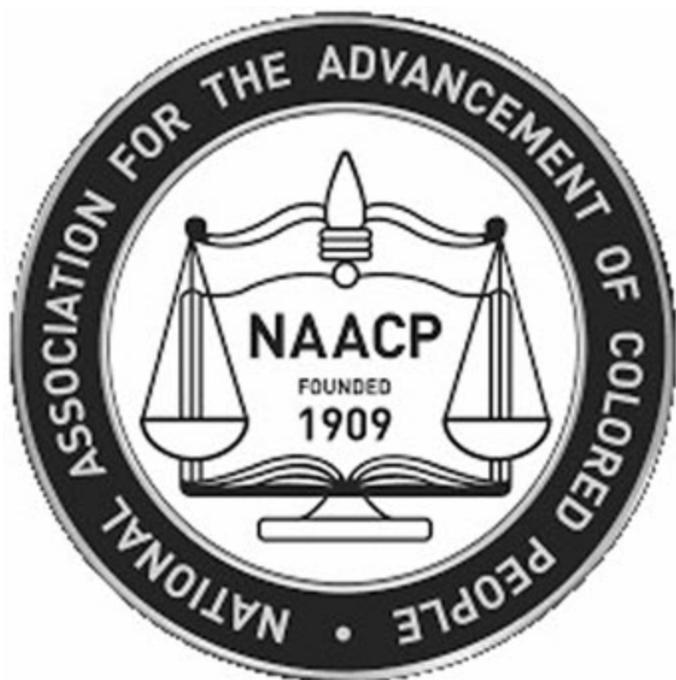
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## NEIGHBORHOOD BESIEGED BY JUNKIES, DRUG DEALERS

Targeted police action has helped reduce brazen drug activity in the neighborhood but the problem is far from solved, say Riverside neighborhood activists.

Over the past year, residents have reported multiple instances of drug users consuming drugs in broad daylight, steady traffic to and from known drug houses, and drug users passing out in bushes, along curbs, and in residents' front yard. Evidence of heightened drug activity is most pronounced along the Fair Ave/ I-37 corridor.

The activity mimics activity related to the opioid epidemic ravaging communities across the U.S.

Neighbors are asking city and police officials to focus on drug houses in the area.

"If there were no drug houses here, the addicts wouldn't be here either," said neighborhood advocate Robert Leyva. "I'm positive of that."



## Stormwater bedevils neighborhood

Standing storm water continues to be a problem for Dellcrest residents and neighborhood officials are worried that serious health issues may result.

Residents are reporting standing water in driveways, along street curbs, intersections, easements and ditches.

"This problem has been ongoing for many years and seems to have fallen on deaf ears with city officials," said neighborhood official Dan Martinez. "It is now also a health issue that is a major concern to our community."

Stagnant water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, often carriers of dengue fever and other diseases.

Martinez says the storm water backup is a result of poor engineering, a lack of storm water drainage inlets, and a general lack of maintenance.

He said he has written city officials about neighbors' concerns and is still waiting for a response.



*A compendium of news from our neighborhoods*

## Military Lighting Overlay District Proposal Causes Dismay

The city has approved a "military lighting overlay zone" for a five-mile radius around Martindale Army Airfield but some neighbors worry new zoning restrictions will hurt efforts to attract businesses and other development.

The overlay is part of a joint city/military Dark Sky initiative, which aims to keep the night sky "reasonably" free of interference from artificial light. The overlay district will enforce tighter lighting regulations for new development. Less glare means darker skies ideal for nighttime military training, the city maintains.

But neighborhood advocates worry that the new zoning will also darken the Eastside's prospects for new development near the airfield, located off Ackerman Road.

"Whatever their night time training mission is," says Eastern Triangle neighborhood association official Dan Martinez, "it makes better sense that it be done in a much larger area with less residential and commercial density."

## OLIVER HILL RETIRES, GREGORY HUDSPETH PRESIDENT-ELECT

Oliver Hill, longtime president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, retires at the end of this year after years at the helm.

In November, NAACP members elected Gregory Hudspeth, PhD as Hill's successor. Hudspeth will take over in January. Dr. Hudspeth is also a longtime officer of the organization.

Formed in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's largest and most widely recognized grassroots civil rights organization.

This year, the San Antonio Branch celebrated its 100 year anniversary. The organization has been a leading force for justice and equality.

The Lamp will publish a feature about Mr. Hill, his work and his legacy for its Black History Month issue.





## Lamp doesn't excite Eastside politicians

History tells us that communities with strong journalism outlets are safer, richer, and freer from corruption.

During the storied civil rights movement, black newspapers were key to sharing information between individuals and communities. They supported commerce. They warned of danger. They played a central role in exposing abuses against black Americans. They held people accountable.

Of course, none of this is a secret to local leaders. In nearly every town hall or community meeting I have attended, the *idea* of the need for more effective journalism outlets - especially on the Eastside - almost always comes up.

But the successes of the black press during the fabled civil rights movement proves that community journalism is not just an ideal, it's a necessity.

So I found city council member William "Cruz" Shaw's and county commissioner Tommy Calvert's cool reception of the **LAMP** very interesting.

Let's just say their responses were, well, unenthusiastic.

Based on their repeated public statements, I was expecting a little more joy.

As editor, I tried unsuccessfully for months to introduce them to the newspaper. I wanted to explain our emphasis on investigative and

enterprise reporting. I wanted to let them know how we amplify buried community voices through our Neighborhood Corner section. I wanted to share our plans to conduct community journalism workshops.

Calvert's office ignored my requests for a meeting for months. He called back only after learning that the paper was reporting on allegations that a \$10,000 donation played some part in his push to relocate the Precinct 4 justice of the peace and constable's headquarters 13 miles away to Converse. (For the record, Calvert states the donation has nothing to do with the precinct relocation, and the donor is not associated with the project. The **LAMP** is reporting.)

Shaw's office also put off

Community journalism is not an ideal. It's a necessity.

meeting with me for months.

While he did eventually invite me to meet, he showed none of the passion for community journalism I had witnessed displayed at town hall meetings.

And neither man answered direct questions about how this essential news outlet could qualify for the advertising dollars each district has in its budget to share information with their constituents.

Instead, after the paper's first edition hit the street, both Eastside district offices flooded the *Observer*, a shadowy newspaper curiously devoid of local news, with city and county advertising.

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Both the commissioner and the councilman are aware of claims that corruption is a serious problem in local government. They have heard complaints of criminal conspiracies and civil rights deprivations aiming to keep the Eastside in the dark.

They are aware of claims of title fraud on the Eastside and of the **LAMP**'s reporting that some county justices of the peace have apparently facilitated a third party debtor's alleged bank account garnishment scam against Eastside residents.

So far, they have not publicly addressed any of these serious allegations or called for an

investigation, even after they were brought to light.

Shaw, for his part, has abruptly resigned his seat on the City Council, so he will never have to explain to his constituents how he really feels about a paper bent on exposing the forces that prey on our neighborhoods.

But that is proof of the power of community journalism. It's not so easy to say one thing and do another when your community can see you.

So thank you, gentlemen. We got the message loud and clear:

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## Si, su voto es su voz.

By Bárbara Renaud González

Gloria’s mother used to dress up for voting day. The prettiest cotton dress. Heels. Red lipstick. Perfume, Chanel #5. It was the sixties, and her parents had paid a polling tax so they could vote. Though neither had a college education, they understood that voting was important and that it meant cleaner streets, drainage for the rains, safe sidewalks. It meant *respect*, like Aretha said, R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

Didn’t matter if they had to get up at 5:00 a.m. before work. Didn’t matter if they had to stand in line after church. They took little Gloria with them, so she could see for herself that voting was a way to honor what they were learning in the church.

It was the same, but different. They weren’t voting for a god, only the belief that everyone was equal under a god, and that voting was the way to treat everyone the same. Her father taught Gloria that it was important to stand up and tell the elected officials how they must listen to him too, an ordinary man, a *mexicano*, a black man, and what he understood from his time in the world. And because he voted all the time, they had to listen to him.

Some people think that voting is a brick house in the suburbs. A new car, a Macy’s credit card. No. Voting is more power than all this. It is real wealth. When we vote, we prove that we are not afraid to speak out for ourselves, our families, our community. If voting wasn’t powerful, there wouldn’t be so many attempts to deny, prohibit, test, or complicate it for working-class people.

Willie Velásquez, the voting rights champion from San Antonio’s Westside, registered over 2,000,000 Latinos to vote, and doubled the number of Latino political officials. He worked closely with the black voting rights leaders in the South who shared all they knew about organizing for voting rights.

Because of Willie, I now understand what voting means: *Su Voto es Su Voz!* Your vote is your voice!

*Bárbara Renaud González is author of Dear San Antonio, I’m Gone but not Lost, available now on Amazon and your local bookstore (ISBN 978-948955-01-0).*

## BLACK WOMEN “MUST DARE” TO ENTER THE HALLS OF POWER

By Donna Brazile, Yolanda Caraway, Leah Daughtry, and Minyon Moore

As women of color in America, the very basis of our existence is political. Since the days of slavery, our courses have been made by others and pressed upon us: where we would live, what schools we could attend, what careers we could hope to have.

It’s time for us to take the decision-making into our own hands.

Black women have had impressive wins in recent city council, mayoral, state legislative, congressional and gubernatorial races. And black women voters turned out in record numbers, helping ensure decisive victories across the nation.

But for far too long, the concerns of black women and girls have been under-prioritized and ignored, often lumped into broader conversations where focus is lost.

But the time has come to bring to the front all the wisdom, compassion, and leadership that comes from our unique experiences. As Professor Brittney Cooper writes in her book *Eloquent Rage*, “America needs a homegirl intervention in the worst way.”

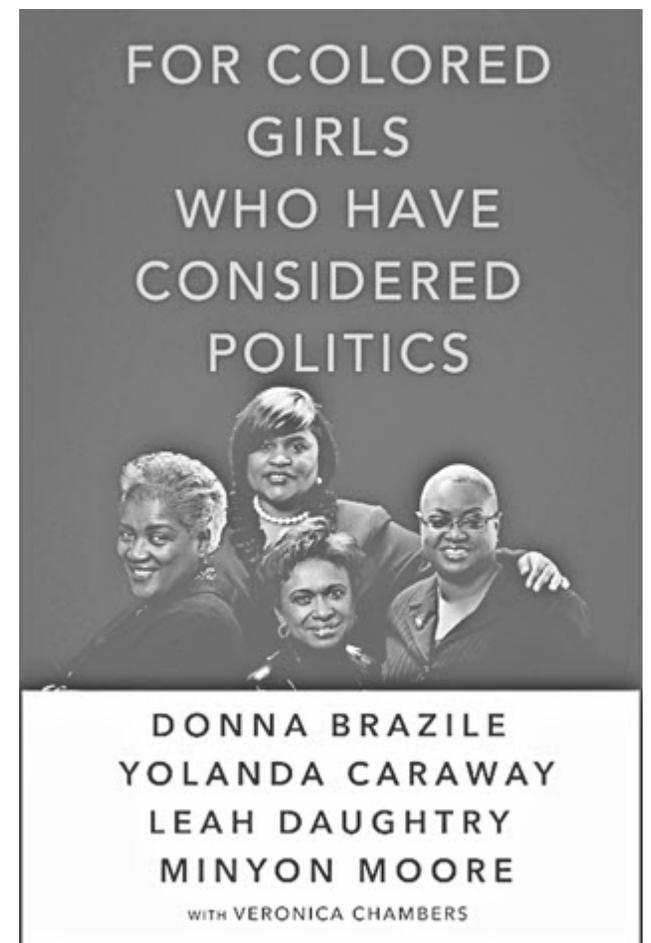
We must dare to enter the halls of power. We must match our rage, eloquently, with hands-on, practical activity. We cannot sit back. As Leah often tells her congregation, “Sitting in church all day won’t make you a Christian any more than sitting in a garage will make you a car.”

It’s time for women of color to take positions of power within political parties that have been denied to us. In order for women to take their permanent seats at the table, and not just the folding chairs at the edge of the room, we must use our growing power and influence to hire and promote one another, and, more importantly, empower young women who are on the rise.

At critical moments in history, black women have always found a way to come together, define a new path forward, and make an impact in ways that change the world. We must now create an *actionable national agenda* that leverages our social, political, professional, cultural, and economic power for the betterment of ourselves, our communities, and our country.

To those women who are through the door and at the table, we say “Congratulations, you’ve made it! So what are you going to do with all this power, all this entrée, all this access? What are you doing to open the door wider for the

women who will come after you? How have you made the path easier for another sister? Whom have you helped?” If you can’t answer these questions, then you’re not in the business of public service, you’re in the business of self-service.



Finally, take the seat at the table that fits you best. As Dr. Martin Luther King reminds us, “Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don’t need a college degree to serve... You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love.”

Before you dive into the big campaign or the big job, the great opportunity, the exciting project, before you step in to lead, particularly in the public arena, it is imperative that you absolutely know who you are in your core. Once you know yourself, you must next understand that “service” goes far beyond elected office.

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# I hired incoming DA Joe Gonzales. He robbed me.



THE GAMUT

## To whom is Joe Gonzales beholden?

**I**t's a long and convoluted story that is nowhere near its conclusion. But in the wake of a rollicking midterm election, here is what you need to know:

There is a constitutional crisis in our local courts. One example of that crisis is how local civil judges treat *pro se* litigants, people who go to court without lawyers.

Bexar County judges have illegally dismissed thousands of *pro se* litigant's cases for failure to pay court costs – while denying them a legally required hearing.

Bexar County civil judges bragged to the Texas Judicial Commission that they disposed of thousands of civil cases and apparently nobody cared how. I protested that scheme and - naively - announced in court that our small non-profit was building an information center on the Eastside to help give voice to the community during great economic opportunity.

I promptly got arrested. Three times. My first arrest came when I tried to report being attacked by a security guard from Statewide Patrol (a Statewide Patrol guard recently gunned down a man he antagonized and pursued). Not long after, I was arrested for allegedly holding a garage sale without a permit, reportedly the first criminal arrest of its kind in Texas. Both those cases were dropped.

It was after my third arrest that I became acquainted with Joe Gonzales.

In an effort to cover up the wholesale denial of justice to thousands of citizens, The civil district judges had evicted the Auris Project

based on obviously forged quitclaim deeds and a semi-literate “practicing attorney” who claimed to represent an Arizona man but later put the property in her name and sold it.

A day after the eviction, I began filming the woman placing our rare books in the back of a truck. The video shows the woman approaching me, striking me, chasing me to my car and kicking my car door. I got arrested and charged with assault.

**It took two years, but I managed to beat back the corrupt judge - and no less than nine different prosecutors.**

To defend me, I hired Joe Gonzales.

From the outset, I told him that I would not plea bargain under any circumstances.

Joe said that with the video, I had an open and shut case. I paid him \$3500 for pretrial services. But I soon realized that Joe was doing no work on my case. He was evasive when I asked him what my rights and protections were. He ignored me when I asked about rules and procedure. Soon after, he informed me that he would not be doing any pretrial work after all; we would have to wait for trial. At that point, he informed me, I would have to pay him \$3000 before he would commence trial work. I fired him. He would not give me a full refund.

The entire time of our association, Joe Gonzales pressured me to plea bargain.

I ended up representing myself. I learned about probable cause, habeas corpus and criminal rules of procedure, which, as it turns out, no one was following.

It took two years, but I managed to beat back the corrupt judge - and no less than nine different prosecutors. No plea bargain, no trial, just a whispered hearing in a courtroom packed with defendants straining to hear what was going on.

Here's why I am sharing this with you now:

I did not know Joe Gonzales when he took my money. He had a reputation, according to his billboard (yes, it has come to that) for being a capable defense attorney. He did not know me. He is a rich man. He had no need to steal from me, to deny me representation, to serve me up to a hostile court under FBI investigation for public corruption. Outside of external influences, Joe Gonzales had no personal reason to help corrupt police and judges victimize me. So why did he? On whose behalf did Joe Gonzales abdicate his professional responsibility and why? What was the benefit? I asked myself that question many times during the malicious prosecution.

When he announced that he was running for district attorney, I felt the mystery dissolve.

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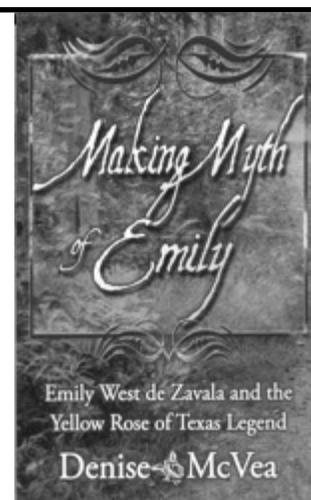
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Medina loyalists try to substitute the agenda approved by the party steering committee. The motion failed.

## The Naughty Table

A group loyal to former Bexar County Democratic Party chairman Manuel Medina is wreaking havoc within the local party. But what are they trying to hide?

By Denise McVea

An unruly faction continued to wreak havoc on the Bexar County Democratic Party, disrupting an executive committee meeting December 11 before storming out en masse in an apparently staged exodus.

The unseemly display came as BCDP treasurer Stephanie Carrillo and secretary Garret Mormando continue to withhold crucial party financial records.

Both Mormando and Carrillo joined the walkout just minutes before Carrillo was supposed to present her treasurer's report. The BCDP bank account has a balance of just under \$740.

The meeting, held at the Luby's on Main Street, was defined by constant hullabaloo, mostly directed from a single table. Faction cronies yelled out insults, booed attempts to gain order, talked in loud asides during presentations, and huddled in roving groups. Known as *manuelistas* for their loyalty to former chairman Manuel Medina, the group comprised about 40 precinct chairs and a handful of handlers.

Current chairwoman Monica Alcántara calmly soldiered on through the disruptions. She managed to swear in 15 new precinct chairs and six precinct coordinators.

By the time of the meeting, party members were well aware of Alcántara's repeated request

for party records and knew how she learned the documents had been removed from the premises without her knowledge or permission. Alcántara, who beat Medina in the primaries, has been the brunt of numerous attempts to sabotage her chairmanship since her win.

It's a cynical strategy: keep the hidden records as the business of the party, and then make sure the party cannot conduct business.

Still, she appeared confident and assertive throughout the raucous executive committee meeting.

But at every single turn, the disrupting faction tried to derail the process. At one point, the *manuelistas* tried to replace the approved agenda for one with attachments critical of Alcántara. The body handily defeated that motion, but only after the ensuing ruckus forced everyone to get out of their seats and move to the front to be counted. The *manuelistas* clamored for a recount twice.

Medina was not present, but his thuggish henchman Adrian Flores stalked the room, berating Alcántara from the floor and terrorizing party members.

At one point, Flores assaulted a young male member. Towering over him, Flores placed his

face within a hair's breadth of the cowering man's face and shouted, "What are you going to do about it? I'm a man! I'm a man!" Security guards finally escorted Flores from the building.

*San Antonio Express-News* columnist Brian Chasnoff characterized the meeting as party members being "at each other's throats". He noted that Carrillo and Mormando have ignored repeated request by the chairwoman to present financial and other party records.



*Express-News* columnist Brian Chasnoff reported on the story - but left out a few important details.

"Both Mormando and Carrillo have refused to allow Alcántara access to bank statements, lease agreements, tax filings and other records, she said.

"Inside their offices, Alcántara found these documents missing. In the treasurer's office, she found an empty safe," Chasnoff reported.

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-BCDP Chairwoman Monica Alcántara

## Former chair’s loyalists abscond with local party records, disrupt Democratic party executive meeting

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Chasnoff also reported that for some odd reason neither Mormando nor Carrillo would give Alcántara a copy of the party headquarters’ property lease – despite repeated requests.

But Chasnoff failed to mention two developments that put all of the commotion in a much clearer -and more disturbing - light.

First, precinct chair Anthony Blasi announced during the meeting that only one of two local fundraising accounts connected to the state online donation web site actually paid into Bexar County Democratic coffers.

This striking revelation places more onus on Medina and his cronies to explain how party funds were spent before he was ousted in the primaries. And it makes Mormando’s and Carrillo’s removals of party records look suspiciously like criminal activity.

Second, Chasnoff made no mention of a letter the *manuelistas* attached to their failed substitute agenda.

In the letter, attorney Robert W. Wilson informed Alcántara that Carrillo and Mormando had retained him “regarding the claims you made”.

Even though Alcántara had not publicly spoken of a lawsuit, Wilson stated that she had “no right to any legal remedies” and insisted that the removal of party records was a matter for the party, not a court of law.

“The claims made by you do not allow a court of law to exercise jurisdiction,” Wilson wrote.

“You are an embarrassment to the Bexar County Democratic Party,” he added. “These issues are to be resolved by the Party and not by you acting personally and without authorization.”

That letter puts a terrible light on the disruptive antics of Carrillo, Mormando and the other *manuelistas*.

It’s a cynical strategy: keep the hidden records as the business of the party, and then make sure the party cannot conduct business.

Why the *Express-News* continues to gloss over these obvious implications is anybody’s guess at this point.

The **LAMP** could not reach Alcántara, but in a letter to precinct chairs after the meeting, she characterized Wilson’s letter as a “contest to my right to access (party) documents”. She reported that she had hired a lawyer in response.

“History has shown us the importance of transparency and fiscal integrity within our party,” she stated, “which is why I am insisting these documents be made available.”

She also announced the formation of an ad hoc committee, the BCDP Transparency and Financial Integrity Commission.

The commission will review procedures, financial documents and other records and make periodic reports to the executive committee.

The new special projects committee will organize fund raisers and other special projects for the party, she said.



## Bexar County won’t release precinct 4 court writs of garnishment records

Despite years of requests, Bexar County still has not released public documents showing precinct 4 justice of the peace approvals of third-party debt collectors’ garnishments of Eastside residents’ bank accounts.

Justice of the Peace Rogelio Lopez has ruled in favor of debt collector Portfolio Recovery

Associates countless times in Precinct 4’s JP court, often without requiring the company to prove it actually owns the debt.

The Lamp detailed an eyewitness account of one case, in which Lopez permitted Portfolio lawyers to continue suing a resident for nine months without showing any valid proof, then ruled in favor of the corporate giant when it finally produced documents that were for other people’s accounts.

Lopez denied favoring Portfolio over Eastside residents. “Nobody comes to court and

doesn’t prove their case and gets a judgment,” he said.

But the county won’t release writs of garnishments filed with the constable’s office, despite assuring the Texas Attorney General’s office that it would. Public information officer Monica Ramos says a public information act request could take anywhere “from three months to two years”.

The original request for the documents was made in 2015.

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## Lowe's says it will stop selling deadly paint removers

*Retailer bows to consumer pressure after at least four deaths linked to paint strippers with methylene chloride. What's in your garage?*

By Jamie Smith Hopkins

Home-improvement giant Lowe's is phasing out paint-removal products with methylene chloride, responding to petitions in the wake of deaths caused by the chemical.

The company's decision will get the products off store shelves by the end of 2018.

As their fumes build up in bathrooms, basements and other enclosed areas, they can kill: A Center for Public Integrity investigation in 2015 found that more than 50 people died since 1980 using methylene chloride — often in paint strippers — for work or personal projects. Since last year, at least four people have been found dead midway through projects in which they used such paint removers.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had been slow-walking a would-be ban, proposed shortly before President Donald Trump's inauguration. But earlier this month, the agency said it would push forward with a rule targeting the chemical, a turnaround after officials there came under pressure from members of Congress and survivors of recent victims.

Lowe's has faced pressure as well. Relatives of Drew Wynne, 31, who died in October while removing paint from a walk-in refrigerator at his South Carolina coffee business, joined with consumer and environmental groups to press the company to stop selling paint-stripper brands with methylene chloride. Wynne purchased his product from Lowe's, they said.

The groups said more than 200,000 people signed petitions asking the company to take action.

Lowe's, which already sells some paint removers without methylene chloride, said it is working with suppliers to get more alternatives on the shelves.

## Powerful Hollywood Women of Color keep pressure on singer R Kelly

Troubles keep mounting for R&B singer R Kelly in the wake of censure by the Women of Color group within the #TimesUp movement.

In October, Kelly's attorney M. Craig Robertson filed a motion to withdraw as Kelly's attorney in a civil case alleging he had an affair with a sheriff's deputy's wife. Robertson's withdrawal comes on the heels of earlier defections, including those of his executive assistant and entertainment lawyer.

Kelly has for years weathered accusations that he sexually assaults and abuses women, runs a bizarre sex cult, and grooms underage girls for sex, among other alleged crimes. He has persistently denied the allegations.

But in a letter last spring, the Women of Color group wrote: "We call on people everywhere to join with us to insist on a world in which women of all kinds can pursue their dreams free from sexual assault, abuse and predatory behavior. To this end, today we join an existing online campaign called #MuteRKelly."

Members of the WOC include some of Hollywood's biggest names, including the producer Shonda Rhimes, the director Ava DuVernay, and actors Rashida Jones, America Ferrara, Eva Longoria, Lena Waithe and Kerry Washington.

Black women and other women of color have made historic gains in Hollywood, battling years of discrimination to create some of the entertainment industry's most critically acclaimed and profitable projects.

The woman of color committee earlier this year cited Kelly's long history of alleged impropriety, including his brief and infamous marriage to the late R&B singer Aaliyah when she was just 15

years old. He has been accused of child pornography, sexual misconduct, statutory rape, aggravated assault, unlawful restraint, and furnishing illegal drugs to minors. He continues to deny ongoing allegations of sexual abuse and imprisonment of women. He was ultimately acquitted of the child pornography charges in

"Today we join an existing online campaign called #MuteRKelly."

2008.

The women of color group continues to pressure RCA Records, Sony, Ticketmaster, Spotify, Apple Music, concert promoter Live Nation and others to cut ties with the singer. Last April, promoters of the Love Jam concert dropped Kelly after 1,300 people signed a petition demanding that the singer be prevented from performing at a university in Chicago.

"The scars of history make certain that we are not interested in persecuting anyone without just cause," the women of color wrote in the open letter. "With that said, we demand appropriate investigations and inquiries into the allegations of R Kelly's abuse made by women of color and their families for over two decades now. And we declare with great vigilance and a united voice to anyone who wants to silence us — their time is up."

Last summer, Kelly self-released a 19-minute song, *I Admit*, on Soundcloud, in which the singer alludes to the multiple accusations against him. Critics panned the song. Hannah Giorgis of *The Atlantic* magazine called the project "a stomach churning mix of self-pity and hubris".

"We care deeply about the health and safety of our customers, and great progress is being made in the development of safer and more effective alternatives," Mike McDermott, Lowe's chief customer officer, said in a prepared statement.

Lowe's said it also plans to stop selling paint removers with another chemical, N-Methylpyrrolidone, that has been linked to miscarriages and other harms to unborn children.

Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families, an advocacy group that asked Lowe's more than a year ago to take both types of paint strippers off the shelves, said in a statement that the retailer is the first "to

take action on this critical consumer and worker safety issue."

The group urged other companies to follow suit.

"When facing federal inaction on vital issues facing the American public—some of which are matters of life or death—retailers have a responsibility and an opportunity to do right by their customers," Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families' Mike Schade said in a statement.

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# GALLERY



(l-r) McKayla Williams, Jayden Bell, Kimberly Williams, Jayla Williams, and Sierra Williams

**Coliseum/Willow Park turned out in force for National Night Out event at Carver Library last Fall . . .**



American Legion members Willie Watson and Walter Hood



Sandra Richards and Mae Etta Adams



Isaiah Beverly and mom Antoya Beverly



Stephanie Johnson with mom Chante Bell and Ma'Liyah Underwood with Mom Latasha Bell attend National Night Out for the first time.



James Dickerson and Joe Hathaway



Addie Smith, Peggy Hood, Betty Wright, and Davis Milbrew

## Meanwhile...

- **NAACP**
- **Art Show at Tank's**
- **Veteran's Day Event**



NAACP members and officers pose for a quick photo after election of officers in November.



NAACP officers Mentoria Sherfield and Dorothy Collins



Photographer Jacquie Ferrato



Artist Aamori Olujimi



Veteran advocates Gregory Martin and Chuck Bunch



Veteran advocates Angenetta Lambert and Senaida Aranda