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**HOUSTON-** The AVANCE, Inc. Houston Board of Directors is proud to announce the opening of its new Head Start Center at 2702 Aldine Westfield, Houston. A ribbon cutting will take place Friday, September 14, 9 AM -noon. Elected officials, community members, the media, and AVANCE corporate supporters are scheduled to attend. Keynoting the ribbon cutting ceremony (between 9 and 10 a.m.) will be Congressman Gene Green. In addition to a total of 13 Head Start centers, AVANCE provides classes in parenting, adult literacy, healthy marriage, fatherhood, ESL, com-

puter skills and GED throughout Harris County. For more information call (713)812-0033.

**HOUSTON-** The Houston Minority Business Council's (HMBC) EXPO 2007, entering its 31st year, will be opening the doors of opportunity for minority business enterprises (MBEs) and major corporations and organizations, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 11 and 12, 2007 at the George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX. EXPO 2007, the largest minority business development marketplace

in Texas, is the marketing event of the year for minority owned businesses (MBEs) and the sourcing event of the year for corporate buyers. For more information, visit [www.hmbc.org](http://www.hmbc.org). or call (713) 271-7805.

**NEW ORLEANS-** On the second anniversary of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) filed a lawsuit to protect the right of eligible voters to participate in upcoming elections in Louisiana, including those who remain displaced as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Under

orders from Secretary of State Jay Dardenne, voter registrars purged more than 21,000 voters from voter rolls throughout the state. The suit aims to stop the state from further implementation of this purge program and order that the state reinstate the voter registration of all individuals who have been purged from the rolls. New Orleans attorney Ron Wilson is serving as co-counsel in the case.

**NEW BRAUNFELS-** Gregory Parker, Comal County Commissioner, Precinct #3 today announced plans to seek reelection.

Commissioner Parker wants to finish the work he has started. "To finish the creation of fixed route bus service throughout my precinct; to see the courthouse restoration through to the end, and continue the fight to stop Child Abuse and Domestic Violence." Parker said. "I want to finish working for Precinct #3 and for the citizens of Comal County." Commissioner Parker sights successes in: Obtaining medical transportation for indigent veterans. Obtaining educational discounts for all county employees. Consistently voting to supporter economic development which will add more than 250 new jobs to the local economy. ★

## Kymla Montgomery, finalist for Stand for a Better World Award

**DALLAS-** Kymla Reid Montgomery, former resident of Prairie View and the proud daughter of the Irene Reid and the late William E. Reid, Sr., is among 10 finalists for the Stand for a Better World Award, which honors persons who fight to beat the odds. The candidates are selected in each of the local, national and global categories, taking into consideration the person's contributions from a social, economic, and environmental standpoint, and the community gets to vote online for the new "Your Better World" award recipient.

Each recipient will receive a monetary prize, which is awarded to the charity of her choice. In addition, each recipient will be the focus of an extensive PR campaign and featured in Mannington's 2008 Product Catalog. Winners will be named in October and along with a guest, will be invited to Wilmington, DE for an awards dinner on Thursday, November 15, 2007 and for the awards ceremony in Philadelphia, PA.

Montgomery is the mother of eight children; fostered 19 children and adopted six, many of whom were special needs or siblings, meaning they were hard to place. She took classes on parenting children who have been abused and then formed Kym's Kids in 1994 to reach out to children who have been abused, neglected or just in need of some love. It started out with her taking a few kids to the park or dressing up like a clown at the housing projects.

Eventually that effort grew in scope. Kym's Kids now provides food, clothing, self-esteem workshops, job training and other services. Additionally, it distributes over 1,000 pounds of food a month. The organization provides after-school tutoring and summer camps to kids at the Joy Center, a center she started for low-income children, which is manned by all volunteers, including Montgomery.

Support Montgomery by logging on to [www.standonabetterworld.com](http://www.standonabetterworld.com). Winning the award will help Kym to expand and repair the Joy Center and to continue her work with the children. For more information, call 214)428-7460. ★



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