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of Hurricane Sandy in our prayers as well as people in need of support all across America.

The Holiday Season is the time we ~~think~~ of Grandma's House and the smell of turkey and dressing. I often wondered how my grandmother cooked perfect biscuits and cakes on stoves that had no thermostats. They would always melt in your mouth. Nowadays, stoves are designed to do everything but take the dish out of the oven and we still manage to burn whatever we are cooking. Remember how we used to warm our back sides against the wood heater and sleep under comforters and on feather mattresses that maintained body temperature regardless of the weather? . In the words of Archie Bunker, those were the days.

If we go back to traditional holidays of the past, November in Houston had us looking forward with excitement to the Thanksgiving Day Classic that matched the Phillis Wheatley Wildcats with the Jack Yates Lions. Dr. Thurman Robbins recalls all of the small details in his documentary, "REQUIEM FOR A CLASSIC"

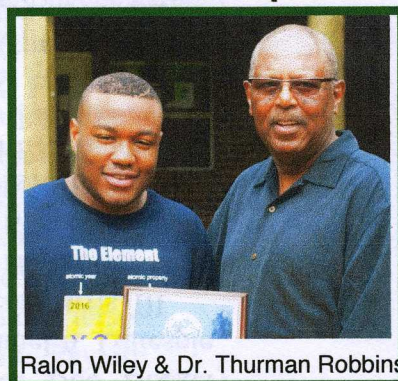
It was the BIG football game of the year. Family dinners brought as many as three or four generations together. Sometimes the dinners were held in Houston and other times as we travelled to what we called 'the country'. Either way, the food was great and the family stories were fun to listen to. Usually there were too many people for one table. The children's table was just as entertaining. The BIG GAME was a perfect ending to a perfect day. We had hometown legends such as Ernest Lang, George Gray, Bennie Roy, Sylvester Armstrong,

The Holiday Season is rapidly approaching and it is that time of the year that we count our blessings. Not that we don't count them every day but the holiday season is special. I am sure that we all have the victims

B.W Cheeks, Cyrus Lancaster, Donald Grace, Billy Matthews, Harold Trahan, Adrian Gould and many, many more. They were coached by, to name a few, Pat Patterson, Willie Moses, John Codwell, Sr., R.A. Countee and Frank Walker. They made sure we left the game excited over their performances. That's how legends are made. I'm pretty sure that the above scenario was repeated in small towns and large cities all across Texas. This year, as in years past, we pause to give thanks for all our blessings. Those were the days.

Ralon Wiley 2012 PVILCA Student Athlete Recipient

Ralon is a 2012 graduate of Phillis Wheatley High School. He was a football player who's GPA was 3.0+ and was selected to receive one of the PVILCA student athlete awards. He was not able to attend the PVILCA banquet in San Antonio this summer, therefore we presented the award to him



Ralon Wiley & Dr. Thurman Robbins

at Prairie View where he is a freshman this fall. He indicated he will tryout for the P.V. Panthers Football team in spring of 2013.

"Remembering The Past With Pride"

The Anderson High School Story

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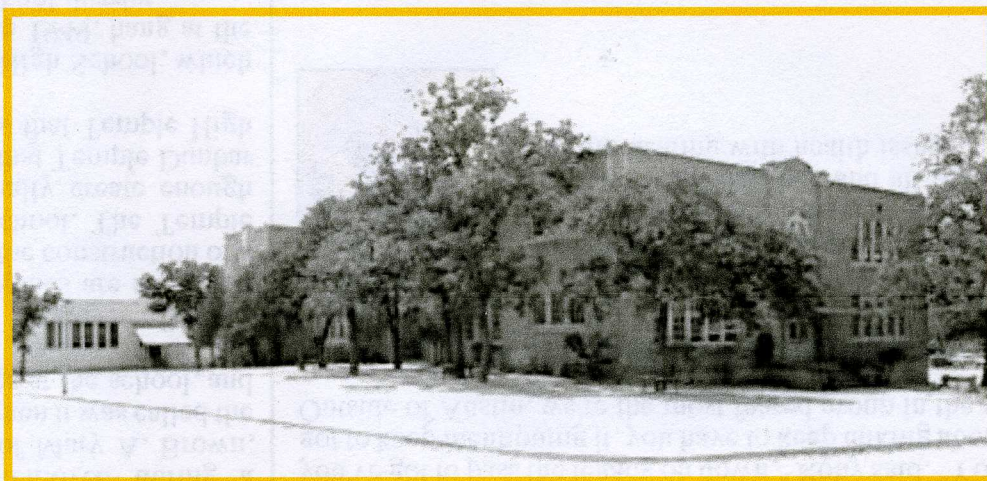
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It's been more than 41 years since Robert Walker scored the last touchdown for the Yellowjackets of L.C. Anderson High School. On a Thursday night in November 1970, Walker caught Larry Burton's 11-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter of a district game against Reagan. The late touchdown at House Park accounted for Anderson's only score in a 24-6 loss to Reagan, which went on to win its third Class 4A state championship in a span of four years. Minutes after Walker's touchdown, the Yellowjackets closed their season with a 4-6 record. Months later, the doors at Anderson High were shut forever — at the order of a federal judge — as part of desegregation efforts. The Yellowjackets' four state championship football trophies were left without a home, gathered up for safe-guarding by Delores Duffie, an Anderson alum. The school's football field, just off

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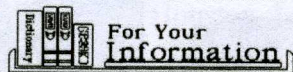
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the intersection of Rosewood Avenue and Thompson Street, eventually became a parking lot, offering no clues to the dominant Yellowjacket teams that once practiced there and competed initially as part of the Texas Interscholastic League of Colored Schools. More than half a century since the Yellowjackets celebrated their fourth and final state championship in football, the fate of the trophies honoring those title-winning teams qualifies as a small mystery. They won't be found at the existing L.C. Anderson High School, which opened in northwest Austin in 1973 with a desegregated student body that adopted a different mascot and different school colors from its namesake predecessor. The trophy case at the new Anderson recognizes state champions, too — in boys golf and girls swimming — but the only references to former Yellowjacket teams are found in a pair of yearbooks from the 1960s. Yearbooks and trophy cases, that's how most high schools archive their histories. But for a historically black high school like Anderson that no longer exists, the trophies and memories have gone their different ways. And finding them takes some effort.

Known for football

E.H. Anderson High opened in 1907 and over the next 64 years, the school educated mostly African-American students. The high school, which was located at three different locations in East Austin, was renamed in 1938 for E.H. Anderson's younger brother, L.C. Over the course of its existence, Anderson emerged as one of the most decorated schools in the Texas Interscholastic League of Colored Schools, which was organized in 1920 and became commonly known as the Prairie View Interscholastic League.

At the start of the 1967-68 school year, the PVIL began to merge with the University Interscholastic League — the governing body for most high school sports in Texas — and in 1970, the PVIL disbanded. By then, Anderson's boys basketball team had reached the PVIL Class 2A championship game in 1951 and also succeeded in track and field. Under the tutelage of B.L. Joyce, the Yellowjacket band also excelled.

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"During those early days, there were only two high schools," said Charles Akins, a 1950 Anderson graduate who played clarinet in the school's band. "We felt that if Austin High was going to be the best, Anderson was going to be the best on the other side of town. That was the quest academically and athletically."

Anderson was best known, though, for its football teams. NFL Hall of Famer Dick Lane played for the Yellowjackets. So did former Houston Oiler Julian Spence. Dallas Cowboys linebacker Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson suited up for the school's "B" team until he moved away from Austin after his sophomore year.

Anderson reached the PVIL's inaugural football championship game in 1940, and two years later, the Yellowjackets won their first title. Over the next 19 years, Anderson brought home three more PVIL football championships.

"I went to Anderson because I wanted to play football and be on a winning team," said Nathaniel Hendricks, a center on the Yellowjackets' 1961 title team. Anderson was one of 12 Central Texas schools to win a PVIL state championship, and the accomplishments of those other schools have been recognized in various ways. Rockdale Aycock's two PVIL championship trophies are not on Rockdale High's campus. However, 14 Aycock athletes and three of the school's coaches are among the 66 honorees in Rockdale High's hall of honor. The Aycock teams that won a PVIL football championship in 1955 and a PVIL basketball title the following year also are enshrined alongside two of Rockdale High's state

championship teams.

"The Hall of Honor is all Rockdale schools," said Tigers football coach and athletics director Jeff Miller, who recruited a handful of lifelong Rockdale residents to recommend hall honorees when he was hired at the high school in 2006. "From the beginning, we wanted to include both schools." The PVIL football championship trophy won by Smithville's Mary A. Brown High in 1963 was displayed for a while at the primary school that the former black high school was converted into, but the trophy — along with one recognizing a PVIL state runner-up in basketball — was removed during a renovation in the 1980s. A picture of Mary A. Brown, who taught at the segregated school when it was called the Smithville Colored School, still hangs at the school, and one of the school's coaches has possession of the Leopards' state championship trophy. Bartlett Washington's four championship trophies are stored on Bartlett High's old campus, awaiting the construction of a newer trophy case at the current school. The Temple school district also hopes to eventually create enough space to display the PVIL hardware that Temple Dunbar won, as well as some of the trophies that Temple High earned in its early days.

In Elgin, photos of Washington High School, which won a Class B track championship in 1949, hang at the administrative offices of the Elgin school district.

Tracking down the trophies

So what happened to Anderson's state championship

trophies? Where is the trophy that William E. Pigford's 1942 team won when Willie Wells Jr.'s five touchdowns and four extra points led the Yellowjackets to a 40-0 victory over Paris Gibbons for the PVIL Class 2A championship? How about the Class 3A trophy that the Yellowjackets won in 1956 behind Frank Washington's 106 rushing yards and three touchdowns? Or the hardware that Anderson claimed a year later, when a 22-14 victory over Dallas' Booker T. Washington — the state runner-up for a second straight year — extended the school's unbeaten streak to 24 games. And what happened to Anderson's final state championship trophy, awarded in 1961 when the Yellowjackets grabbed six interceptions in a 20-13 victory over Houston Yates for the PVIL Class 4A title?

The trophies, it turns out, are located within a mile of each other in East Austin. The first three state-championship trophies reside at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, which plans to showcase the trophies — as well as team photos of Anderson's 1942 and 1957 championship teams — as part of an exhibit that will open in the fall. The 1961 championship trophy is displayed at the University of Texas' Community Engagement Center on the second floor of the Griffin Building, where it is one of several items honoring such PVIL competitors as Anderson, Houston Yates and Houston Wheatley.

Ed Roby, a former offensive lineman for the Yellowjackets, now directs the PVIL Coaches Association. He recently talked to high school football coaches in the Austin school district about bringing their players to see the PVIL exhibit. "I think it would be a great thing for our kids to connect with some of the men who have paved the way for them to

have the same kind of success they did," Reagan coach Keith Carey said. Roby and other Anderson alums gather every three years for school reunions — the latest scheduled for 2012 — and at least one physical reminder of their alma mater remains. In the 1990s, Henderson led a fund-raising drive to build a youth football field and track on the site of the Yellowjackets' old football field, and Anderson's old fieldhouse still hovers over the field. Roby said it was important for Anderson alums in the Austin area not to be passive when it comes to celebrating their school's storied history. "What you have to do as an older person, you've got to pass the legacy on down," Roby said. "You've got to keep mentioning it, you have to keep talking about it. Outside of Austin, we're the most feared group in the state

You Can't Keep A Good Man Down!



Our thoughts and prayers are with John Codwell Jr., Charles Herbert, Charles "Tex" Harrison and all others who are dealing with health issues.

Current Life Members "You are the grease in the wheel."

2006

Jack Bellinger
Robert Brown
Ellis Davis, Jr.
Herman Gabriel
Arthur Gillum
Clyde Glosson
Charles Herbert

2007

Charles Brown
Jackie Carr
John Codwell, Jr.
Glennor Davis
Walter E. Day
Ronald Goodbeer
James "Bo" Humphery
Alvin N. Jackson
James C. Mayes, Sr.
Stanley R. Mays
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William L. Sims
James Wanza
Gene Washington
Franklin D. Wesley, Jr.
Walter Yates, Sr.

Brannen G. Temple
James A. (Froggie) White
James "Clint" Williams

2009

James Alexander
Roosevelt Alexander
Leon Carr
Kenneth Curl, Jr.
Donald "Mantan" Dickson
Thomas "Bill" Edwards
Albert Fair, Jr.
Leon "Big Hamp" Hamilton
Charles "Tex" Harrison
Dan Haskins
Eddie Hughes
Arnell Stripling Johnson
Ralph Jones
Chauncey King, Sr.
Freddie Maura
Ross E. Lewis
Ocell Miller, Jr.
Nicholas Overton
Luther C. Robinson
Dave Smith
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Albert "Big Al" Walker
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2011 (continued)

Timothy C. Moon, Jr.
Rathers Alvin Norwood
J. M. Richard
Pervis Rosemon
William F. Rosemon
Joseph Warren Singleton
John A. Truitt, Jr.
2011 continued
Dr. Gregory J. Vincent
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2008

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Coger H. Coverson
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Joseph Melvin Dixon, Sr.
Willie Floyd
Charles Frazier
George Gray
Charles Green
Roland Hayes
L.L. Jackson
Don A. James
Freddie James
R. "Ralph" Johnson
Ed Jones
James Jones, II
Kirby Jones
Joe Leonard, Sr.
Vickie Minor
Michael Mitchell
Homer Norville
Marvin Pettway
Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr.
Lewis Ritcherson
Lewis H. Ritcherson, II
Edward G. Robinson
Hensley Sapenter, Jr.
Dr. T. A. Sims

2010

Joe Curtis Baker
Leroy Bookman, Jr.
Leroy Bookman, Sr.
Lorenzo Cole
C. H. Collins
Enoch Noble Dixon, Jr.
Cleve L. Freeman Jr.
Charles L. Fisher
Charles L. Garcia
Gentris Hornsby
Edwin Johnson
Johnnie Means
Charles O'Saw
Rodney D. Saveat
John Smith, Jr.
Waylan D. Wallace, Jr.

2011

S. A. Anderson
Dr. William C. Akins
Howard O'Neal Aldridge
Billy Earl Beasley
Jerry Lewis Blair
Tommy Bookman
Billy "Bill" Brown
James "Bo" Bundage
Timothy Carr, III

Delvin Williams
Nicholas "Nic" Williams
James R. Wilson

2012

Tommy L. Amerson
Willie Blackmon
Clinton Booker
Ben L. Cavil
Dr. J. Kenyatta Cavil
Sullie Eugene Cobbin
Felix L. Cook Jr.
Larry Edwards
Jimmie L. Emanuel
Arthur L. Haggerty
Goree "Coach" Johnson
James D. Kennedy
Marcus Mosley
Tommy Pierson
John E. Payton
Pervis Rosemon
Johnny Tardy, Jr.
Jesse E. Yates