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Moncrief's Killing Involvement Questioned

Toddler, 2-year-old, Angel, mother at top and father, Antonio Mosely. Mosely was killed at the Moncrief Village Apartments by four shooters.

Mrs. Tonya Owens, mother of murdered 22-year-old son, Antonio Mosely said she is still unable to return to work since her son was shoot four to five times by four men at the Moncrief Village Apartments. The toddler, Angel, was Antonio's only child so her grandmother is devastated.

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The phones and mail at The Florida and The Georgia Star would not stop after President Obama visited the city because the citizens felt proud that the two would get together. However, that did not happen and many did not understand. The president's visit conflicted with a scheduled program for the country mayors wherein Mayor Brown chaired a very important committee that led to him acquiring business and jobs to Jacksonville.

Mayor Brown said that his major priorities right now

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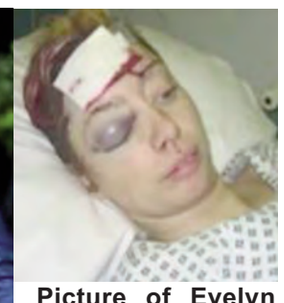
Triple Action for Chad Johnson



Picture of Evelyn Lozada and Miami Dolphin's running back during their wedding ceremony and Evelyn hospitalized after she was allegedly abused by Chad.

Chad Johnson (formerly Ochocinco), has been charged with domestic battery and cut by the Miami Dolphins. VH1 canceled their reality show as well.

Chad Ochocinco got married to "Basketball Wives" star Evelyn Lozada on July 4, 2012.

Lozada and Johnson -- who recently legally changed his name back from Chad Ochocinco -- began dating while Johnson's The Ultimate Catch reality dating show was still airing on VH1 in 2010, spoiling the fact that he hadn't found lasting love on the show. The couple got engaged about a year later in November 2011

The domestic violence incident allegedly occurred after Lozada found a receipt for condoms and confronted Johnson about it outside the recently-married couple's Florida home on Saturday evening.

It has been rumored that Chad has asked for forgiveness but Evelyn has filed for divorce.

The Anti-Discrimination Bill Fails in Jacksonville

In a 10-9 vote Wednesday, the proposed human rights ordinace to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination bill, was rejected.

Many citizens of Jacksonville said that they were against the bill because it was being presented as a civil rights bill, and equated it with the fight minorities endured in order to get equal rights in America.

The council had been deliberating over this issue for the past three months. Many felt the bill would pass because they said it was just adding sexual orientation to the list of protected group. However, City Councilman Johnny Gaffney changed his mind and did not vote for the bill, causing it to fail.

America Needs An Angel to the Rescue

The above picture of a car accident with a person lying on the ground while being treated by medics, also show two angels and a helicopter waiting. It is time for America to call on angels to get this country right.

Blacks must not cede vital role in elections

By LEWIS W. DIUGUID, The Kansas City Star

African-Americans should never doubt their voting strength or why racist efforts since the beginning of this nation have never tired of trying to keep them from the polls.

Those were the findings of a National Urban League report released last week. The analysis of the 2004 and 2008 presidential elections leaves no doubt that black voters played a key role in sending Barack Obama to the White House as the country's first African-American president.

The report cites "the long journey in the expansion of the right and the ability to vote in the United States" from the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution after the Civil War to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. But African-Americans' ballot box power troubles some.

"Efforts by several states to introduce voter identification requirements and limitations on early and postal voting are casting doubts on whether the diverse electorate of 2008 will be maintained, let alone expanded," the report said. "The stability and legitimacy of the republican form of government depends more on achieving that expansion of the electoral franchise than anything else.

"This makes 2012 a crucial election."

The pivotal black vote has to happen again.

"The genuine efforts by the campaigns of President Barack Obama and former Gov. Mitt Romney to reach out to African-Americans and speak to their concerns is proof that those seeking office are aware of this potential," the Urban League report said.

Fines for Saggy Pants Sought for Brunswick

Mayor Bryan Thompson of Brunswick said that he is against what is called, sagging. He and many others feel the style has gone too far. Sagging is the style that, according to sources, started in the prison system. The pants are worn low, so that one's underwear could be seen. In fact, the style is to wear underwear and maybe shoes, that match in color. In the beginning, only a few inches of underwear was shown. The Mayor said that now you see the entire buttocks and the underwear. Many people find this offensive.

The mayor said he will hold a public meeting wherein the people can give their opinion on the issue. His desire is to pass an ordinance prohibiting pants to be worn in a manner that show several inches of underwear.

At one point, the style of sagging was among black teens. Now, even older men wear their pants larger, which causes them to full below the waist.

If a person is caught in violation of the ordinance.\, he will be fined but not arrested. The mayor said that he and the City Commission have already agreed upon a $25 fine for the first offense. Afterwards, the fine would go higher.

Coming to Jacksonville

Vote America 2012

WCWJ-TV CW17, YourJax.com and WOKV-AM/FM, is launching a nightly election program, Vote America 2012. It will include a segment produced by WOKV-AM/FM's local news team, entitled "You Decide 2012." It will be a fast paced report on American politics featuring updates, interviews and breaking news, with a bi-partisan approach, Monday through Friday at 10:00 p.m. The show will premiere on Monday, August 20 and end November 6, 2012

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CENTRAL METROPOLITAN CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 4611 North Pearl St. - **Kutz for Kidz** is sponsoring a **BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY** in conjunction with the Dr. Carolyn C. Jackson Memorial Fund on August 19, 2012 from 1:30pm - 4:00pm inside the church Educational Building. The first 200 students grades K-12 will have the opportunity to receive a FREE back pack filled with school supplies, coupons to local vendors, a haircut (boys only) and food/drinks ALL FREE! Looking foward to fellowshipping with everyone! Parents MUST be present in order for a student to participate in the giveaway. You may contact the church between 10am and 4pm, Monday thru Friday for answers to any questions at 904-354-7426.

THE GREATER EL BETH-EL DEVINE HOLINESS CHURCH, Pastor, Officers and Members, invite you to worship with us and be our special guest on our Annual Men Day Celebration, August 19th at 11:00am and 3:00pm. A great program has been planned for this occasion. Mr. Jerry Bass, National Commander Allied Veterans of the World, Inc. & Affiliates, will be our guest speaker for the 11:00 A.M. and the El- Conjunto Tropical group will render the music. Elder Horace Pender, from Faith United Miracle Temple, will be our guest speaker at 3:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact our pastor Bishop Dr. Lorenzo Hall Sr. at 904-710-1586. Dinner will be served after both services.

EMANUEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Celebrates 120 Years on Sunday, August 19th and Sunday, August 26th at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Rev. A. D. Lewis, Pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Meridian, MS is the guest speaker for the 11:00 a.m. service on **August 19th**. Special guests for the 4:00 p.m. service will include Rev. Dr. Eugene W. Diamond, Choir and Members of Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church and Rev. Darryl Edwards, Choir and Members of Greater Bethany Missionary Baptist Church. The celebration will continue on Sunday, **August 26th** with Rev. Antonio S. Stinner, Pastor of El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Meridian, MS as guest speaker for the 11:00 a.m. service. Rev. Dr. James W. Henry, Choir and Members of Summerville Missionary Baptist Church and Rev. Dr. Kelly E. Brown, Jr., Choir and Members of Greater Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church are special guests for the 4:00 p.m. service. Emanuel is located at 2407. Rev. S. L. Badger, Jr. Circle. For more information, please call the church at 904 356-9371. Rev. Dr. Herb Anderson is the pastor.

Happy Birthday
Mrs. Ida Walker McClendon

Saturday evening, July 21st at 6:30pm saw the culmination of many weeks of intense planning and work. The enormous outpouring of encouragement, support and love from all the celebration participants was well worth the wait. Also worth the wait was the total look of surprise on the face of the guest of honor; Mrs. Ida Walker McClendon!!!

Mrs. McClendon, escorted by her husband, Mr. Charlie E. McClendon, senior minister of the Northside Church of Christ, was close to fainting as they entered the family life center at Northside.

Mrs. McClendon, an avid Florida State football fan, was very pleased to see the center filled with guest dressed in Florida State attire. The center was decorated with Florida State paraphernalia complete with a Seminole flag and Seminole headdress for the guest of honor.

As Mr. and Mrs. McClendon walk to the head table, they were flanked on each side by family members which included four of their five children, seventeen grandchildren, thirty great-grand children, her six brothers and their wives, her mother-in-law, and her brother-in-laws; truly a Seminole nation!!!!!!!!!

The evening proceeded with the master of ceremonies, Mr. Harold Andrews, doing a masterful job of keeping the program lively and upbeat.

The printed programs' format was scripted with a first, second, third and fourth quarter. The half-time activity was a sumptuous dinner catered by Jerome Brown's Bar-be-que. The quarters' activities included a game of trivia based on questions from Florida State's football history, a contest for the best Seminole mascot costume, poems and narratives from various members of the planning committee.

The evening ended with Mrs. McClendon's life timeline read by her husband, and being serenaded by Ms. Rhynette Chatman and the world renown Total Praise Ensemble of the Northside Church of Christ.

Mrs. McClendon expressed gratitude to everyone involved with any aspect of this great event.

Happy birthday Mrs. Ida Walker McClendon and many, many, more!!

We all love and honor you for your great work and steadfastness for The Kingdom of Christ!!!

Listings are due the Tuesday before the next issue. Email submissions preferred. Send to: Info@TheFloridaStar.com

The Fulfillment Family Group at Christ Resurrection Power Assembly (CREPA) of Jacksonville

The Fulfillment Family at CREPA is a group of Christians in the church whose objectives include this support of the church programs, activities and individual members as needed. Some members of the group also participate in soul winning through the distribution of Christian tracks. The Family Group was established in 2009 by the presiding Bishop Abiola Idowu. The Fulfillment Family Group celebrated their third year anniversary July 22nd, 2012.

Front Row from left to right: ***Nani Tailey, Luciano Ottah(baby), Lucas Ottah, Lillian Ottah (baby), Deaconess Elizabeth Adeniran (President), Rev. Mrs. Omolara Idowu, Presiding Bishop Abiola Idowu, Wale Onasanya, Helen Enofe, Taiwo Shogbesan, Abeiyuwa Enofe (baby), Aisosa Enofe, Christian Sama.***
Middle Row: ***Lara Ottah, Lisa Ottah (baby), Deaconess T Lulu, Charles Onasanya, Ijeoma, Anwuli Maduaka-Cain, Gbenga (Uncle G), Funke Olubodun, Salamatu Kamara, Donna Simpson.*** **Back Row:** ***Dada, John Adekunle, Angelina Adub, Rosa Yel, Daniel Lakita.***

Come join **Bishop Dr. Lorenzo Hall Sr. every Wednesday** and **Thursday** from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM for **Prayer Meeting** and **Bible Study** at **The Greater El-Beth-El Divine Holiness Church,** located at 723 W. 4th Street, Jacksonville, FL 32209.

DEATH NOTICES

JACKSONVILLE, FL

ALEXANDER, Urie L., died August 10, 2012.
BARNES, Johnny, died August 8, 2012.
BEASLEY, James W., 89, died August 12, 2012.
BOYLE, Michael Charles, died August 8, 2012.
BOZIGAR, John, 85, died August 11, 2012.
BRANTLEY, Craig, died August 8, 2012.
BROWN, Donny, died August 8, 2012.
CALDWELL, Donald G., 64, died August 7, 2012.
CAMPBELL, Eleanor Rountree, 94, died August 7, 2012.
CANADA, Travis Lee, 18, died August 5, 2012.
CHAMBERS, Rodolpho Maurice, 38, died August 12, 2012.
CLINTON-ZOUA, Vanita, 52, died August 6, 2012.
COLLINS, Thelma, died August 10, 2012.
COOPER, Robert, died August 10, 2012.
COPELAND, Israel Lee, Jr., died August 5, 2012.
CRAWFORD, Dale Vincent, Sr., 51, died August 9, 2012.
DAVIS, Eugene, died August 11, 2012.
DIPNARINE, Calvin, died August 11, 2012.
DISCIORIO, Gertrude, died August 12, 2012.
DUGAN, Paul, 50, died August 10, 2012.
FINNEY, Joseph, Sr., 93, died August 11, 2012.
FOGLE, Julia, died August 6, 2012.
GILBERT, Byron G., 33, died August 7, 2012.
HAPPOLDT, William A., 44, died August 7, 2012.
HARRY, Catherine P., 66, died August 8, 2012.
HUDSON, Eddie Roy, died August 10, 2012.
JONES, Baby Tevin Jamal, Jr., died August 12, 2012.
JORDAN, Dorothy, died August 10, 2012.
KINSEY, James E., 90, died August 6, 2012.
LEE, Clifford Leroy, 59, died August 14, 2012.
MARTIN, Jefferson Sparks, 87, died August 9, 2012.
MASTERS, Fred W., died August 14, 2012.
MONAGHAN, Maureen E., 67, died August 12, 2012.
ODOL, Craig Ivan, 46, died August 6, 2012.
PETERKIN, Jarrod Robert, 17, died August 7, 2012.
POATES, Charles G., 88, died August 6, 2012.
PRENTISS, William Alan, 48, died August 10, 2012.
REYNOLDS, Gus William, died August 7, 2012.
ROBLES, Diana L, 58, died August 5, 2012.
SANDERS, Marion J., 91, died August 9, 2012.
SENEA, Billie, 74, died August 7, 2012.
SIMMONS, Tony Eugene, 53, died August 13, 2012.
THACKER, Estel L, 78, died August 13, 2012.
THOMAS, Cora M., 77, died August 12, 2012.
TWINE, Terrence D., Jr., 23, died August 10, 2012.
TYLER, William Lamar, 28, died August 14, 2012.
WHITE, Pearline, 71, died August 10, 2012.
WILLIAMS, Bruce, died August 10, 2012.
WILLIAMS, Thomas F., Sr., 82, died August 11, 2012.
WOODARD, Wilbur B., 75, died August 10, 2012.

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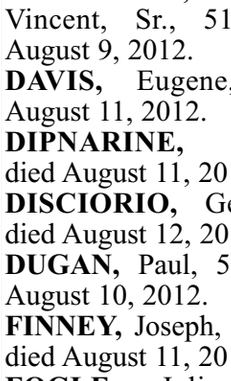
GEORGIA DEATHS

HENDRICKS, Samuel Thomas, Jr., died August 13, 2012.
WALTHOUR, Joe Lewis, died August 14, 2012.



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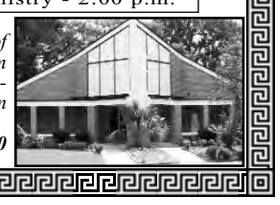

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Mayor - continued from A-1

are at city hall. He stated that such is his reason for working hard to create jobs by expanding our port, helping small businesses, revitalizing Downtown, and finding other ways to put people back to work. "We're helping our schools and just completed the first ever Learn to Earn summer programs, where nearly 200 high school students lived on college campuses for a week to learn the value of higher education. I'm also focused on creating opportunities for our brave veterans and military personnel and improving the quality of life for all of our citizens.

When the question came up, because of the recent visit of the president and his inability to personally greet him, who will he vote for in the presidential contest, Mr. Mayor said, "I'm a lifelong Democrat who proudly worked for Bill Clinton and Al Gore. Santhea and I are voting for President Obama in November."

When asked if he will be involved in the fall campaigns, the mayor stated: "When I ran for Mayor, I promised voters that I would be focused on governing, not politics. I said that partisanship had no place in local government and that I would unite the community across party lines to deal with our city's challenges. That's why I ran a bipartisan campaign, appointed both Democrats and Republicans to my administration, and will not be involved in campaigns at any level.

Regarding his relationship with the Obama administration, Mr. Mayor said, "It has been very good. I've worked closely with the Obama Administration on priorities like expanding our port to create jobs and expanding the fleet at Naval Station Mayport. I'm grateful that members of the Obama Administration such as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Sean Donovan, and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki have visited Jacksonville to help advance our shared priorities.

The Mayor said that when President Obama visits the city again, he will see him. "As Mayor of Jacksonville, I will greet President Obama. Past mayors of both parties have greeted Presidents of both parties when they have visited Jacksonville. I will do the same."

Moncrief - Continued from A-1

Mrs. Owens said she learned from talking with people since her son's death, that Antonio was still following what his grandfather and uncle told him - "Don't argue, walk away.

It was a strange day for her son. While he was in the apartment taking a shower, neighbors said he was told about the men who were outside, wearing gloves, and did not appear to live in their neighborhood.

His daughter's mother advised him that the four men were waiting outside to talk with him. She had been outside talking with the men while Antonio was bathing. It was learned that the men were her cousins. The mother says she strongly believes that the four men came with the intent to kill Antonio. His baby's mother had been outside with the men.

She then went to him and told him that her cousins were outside. He completed his shower and went out side. She also got the baby and went outside, but apparently locked the front door behind her.

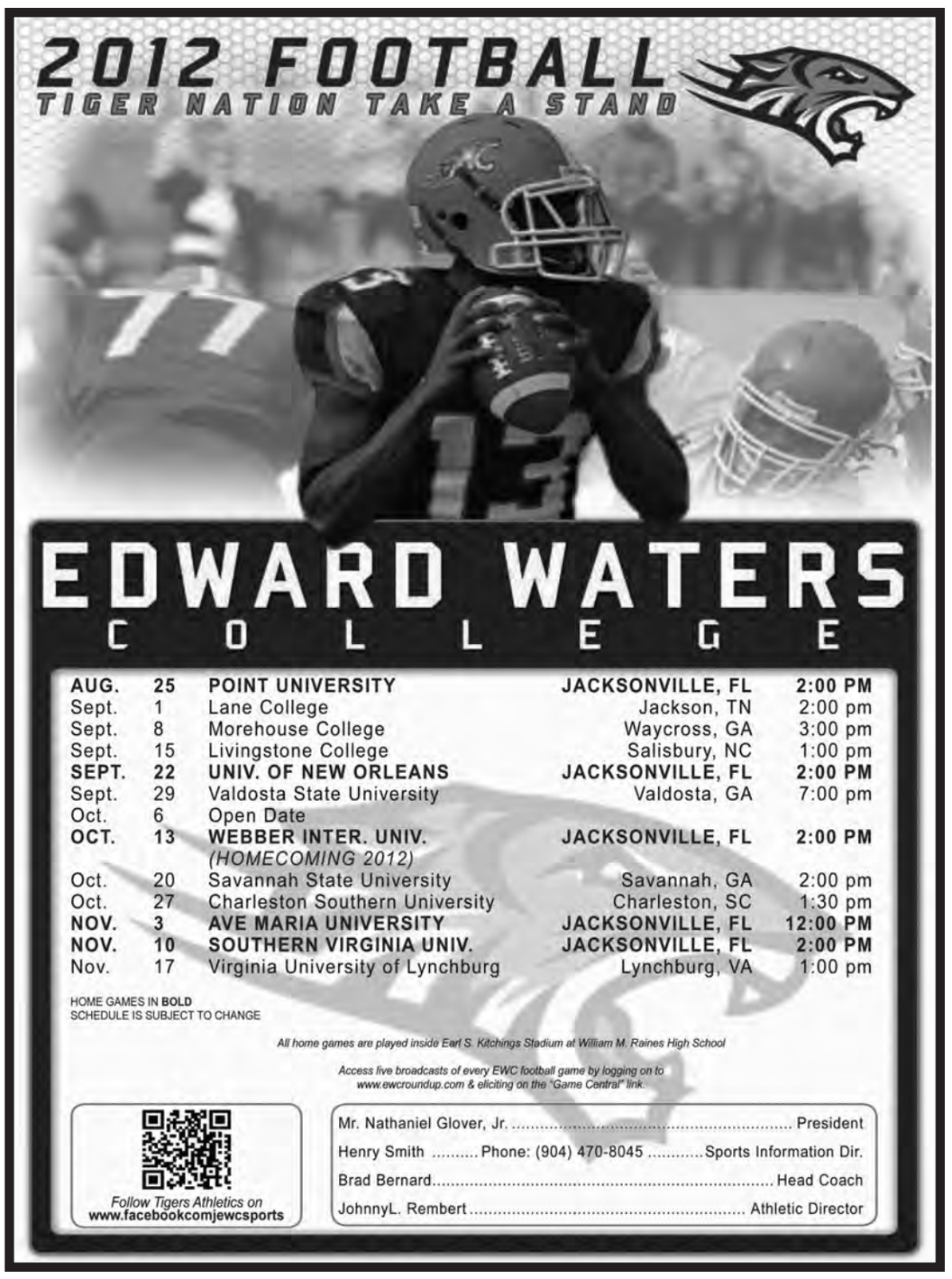
When the men confronted him about physically abusing their cousin, he realized they were there to argue and he did not wish to engage in an argument, so, he turned to go back into the apartment. His girl somehow, left. As he walked away, at least five bullets hit him. He did not know that the men were there to 'pay back' for what they felt he was doing to their cousin.

Mrs. Owens said neighbors heard the gun shots and saw Antonio fall. He was unarmed.

No one tried to contact Mrs. Owens and her granddaughter's mother was not around in the beginning so, neighbors felt that she had been taken to jail. She then wondered what had happened to her grandchild. It was soon learned that her granddaughter's mother had her.

The two had several arguments and the police had been called four times for violence. In fact, since they had been there several times and made no arrests, the officers had marked calls from that area as "not serious." The men who killed Antonio were cousins of Mosley and she will be the only witness to testify against them. Will she?

There were never scars from abuse on her body and the police was careful in not arresting her, Her cry about her baby's daddy was taken and completed. Mrs. Owens said she just want justice for her son's death at 22. He was not a trouble maker. She said she has learned so much since her son's death and his relationship with his baby's mama.



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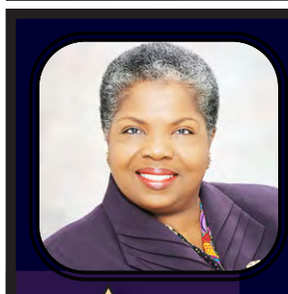


TALK OF THE TOWN!

EKAABO (PRONOUNCED EH-KAH-BOW)!

by Frances Bradley

Volume Burks, Photographer

Happy Anniversary! TALK OF THE TOWN! is a year old.

We thought we would reprise our first assignment, which was an evening of fun, fun, fun.

(l. to r.): Resa Groomes-Micheaux, Glori and Clint Groomes

Talk of the Town! attended two fabulous BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS on July 30, 2011.

First stop was the lovely Harbor View home of Clinton Groomes, who celebrated with family and friends at a delicious barbecue, prepared by the guest of honor and girlfriend, the vivacious Chloe Burks. What a delightful spread of delectables: from the grill - steaks, lemon salmon, and corn; baked potatoes; shish kabobs of roasted tomatoes and peppers; seafood salad; delicious pina coladas; and, a special recipe called Chloe's Sangria! There was more, but, now I've made myself hungry. Chloe and Clint, you're going to be known for having parties with great food; everyone will want to be on the guest list ("this is the party no one wanted to miss"). Clint was a gracious host to his guests, among them: Glori Groomes, his gorgeous mother; newlyweds Resa and Charles Micheaux, sister and brother-in-law; aunt, Esther Kelly; cousins Jermyn Shannon-el (kudos for the name, Talk of the Town!) and Ricky Tyson; Burks family, including son, Seann (young, gifted, and handsome); friends, the Gordon's, neighbor Brian, and Cedric Williams; and yours truly. BTW, Chloe is the daughter of Volume (Talk of the Town's fantabulous photographer) and Ok Sun Burks. She is completing her last year of Pharmacy School at Mercer University with rotations in hospitals around the country and one in an exotic international destination. What a lethal combination - brains, beauty, class, and a great cook.

Standing (l. to r.): Jermyn Shannon-el, Charles Micheaux, Chloe Burks, Clint Groomes (guest of honor), and Brian. Sitting (r. to l.): Glori Groomes, Ok Sun Burks, Frances Bradley, and Resa Groomes-Micheaux. Not shown: Volume and Seann Burks.

Second stop of the evening was Jazzland Café (www.jazzlandcafe.com), Jacksonville's newest venue showcasing the American art form known as jazz. I LOVE IT! The joint was jumping with Jazz enthusiasts there to hear the incomparable sounds of Von Barlow's Jazz Journey, on that night featuring internationally renowned master of trumpet, Prof. Longineu Parsons, and veteran crowd pleaser, vocalist "Sleepy" Gilliard, along with VBJJ members Josh Bowlus on keyboard, sax man Eric Rheme, and Kelly McCarty on bass. From the opening number, jazz standard Caravan, to Monk's Evidence to Louis Armstrong's A Kiss to Build a Dream On, the audience was held captive by the smorgasbord of musical flavor served up by these real jazz players (now that's a reality show I could get behind).

Jazzland's owner, Carol Freeman, took to the stage during intermission to welcome everyone and invite us to join her in singing happy birthday to Von, who celebrated his 30th year as a 39 year old. Eko Odun Von and Clint. It was your night to be the Talk of the Town!

Ok Sun and Volume Burks at Jazzland

Jazzland Café presents Michael Stewart as "The Thinker"

Longineu Parsons and Dr. Gene White, a reunion between student and teacher

Lydia Stewart and Brenda Onfroy going for the candid look in this shot at Jazzland Cafe

Heh, heh, heh, heh. That's a Von Barlow laugh.

Henry and Mildred Williams are true jazz enthusiasts

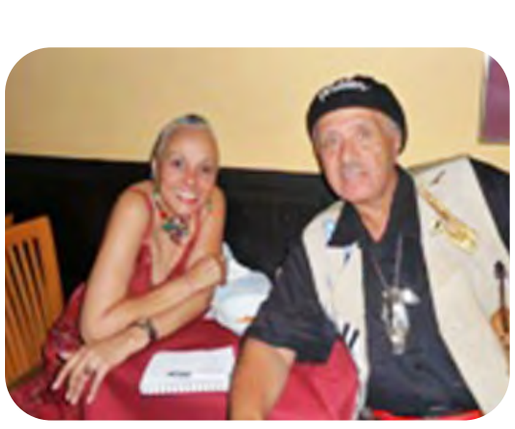
Dr. Gene White with Warren and Millie Small during intermission at Jazzland Cafe

The lovely Jennifer Parsons (Longineu's daughter) with Von Barlow and Jazz Empress, Joyce Bizot, 2009 Jacksonville Jazz Festival Hall of Fame Honoree

Gloria and Ronald Belton are all smiles at Jazzland Cafe

Von Barlow's Jazz Journey (Josh Bowlus, Kelly McCarty, and Von) featuring Longineu Parsons on trumpet

Joyce Price and Lydia Stewart smiling for the "other" camera

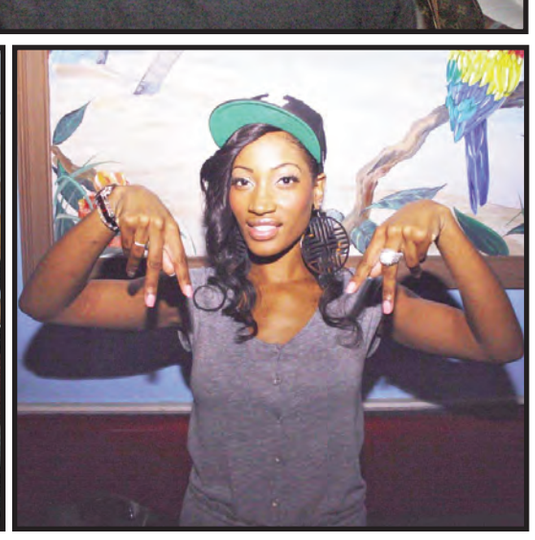


Flutist Linda Witsell and artist Laurence Walden

Talk of the Town's Frances Bradley with Carol Freeman, owner of Jazzland Cafe

Around The Area

Love and Hip Hop Atlanta's Erica Dixon makes an appearance at Oasis Grill and Chill



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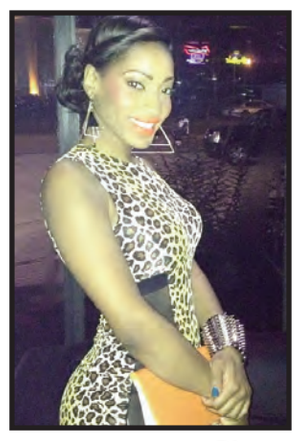
Oasis Grill and Chill hosted the appearance of Erica Dixon, VH1's Love and Hip Hop Atlanta. She is the longtime girlfriend of Lil Scrappy, a well-known Rapper. She is also the mother of his daughter, Emani.

The Atlanta born Georgia peach known as Erica Dixon made an appearance at the popular sports bar on Friday night; many adoring fans were there. She greeted, signed autographs, and took pictures with many of them.

An aunt and uncle raised Erica because of her mother's drug use; she is one of nine siblings. Erica has had a tumultuous on/off again relationship with rapper "Lil Scrappy" for many years before he found success in the music industry. However, her life with Lil Scrappy has been difficult because of his cheating ways, but she is now looking to find her own path in life, be a good mother to her daughter and provide for her family. Erica plans to continue to motivate herself through education and personal growth.



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Collins and Gina Bamisebi at Camp Humphreys 2012

Collins and Gina Bamisebi in South , Korea

Bayo and Gina in coco brown

Mosaic Global Performance LLC

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Gina Bamisebi is an Army wife and she loves the military lifestyle. In Spring of 2011 she met up with her husband on Camp Humphreys Army base located in South Korea, as she settled into living on the base she immediately started to search for employment and was offered a position working on the base at the daycare center on base.

Mrs. Bamisebi has thirty years of corporate and marketing experience and found herself interviewing for a position in childcare. Mrs. Bamisebi and her husband have no children, so to take this type of job would be foreign to her, therefore she had anxiety about taking the job.

Mr. Bamisebi encouraged his wife to start her own business because he is in the military and that each time he received orders to another country or city that his wife would be once again looking for employment. As she pondered what her husband said to her the word "Entrepreneur" popped into her head and she liked the sound of it, so when she received the call that the daycare on base was offering her a job in their facility she kindly turned them down.

Mrs. Bamisebi got the idea that there was a need for entertainment on military international bases by way of music and comedy, therefore she started the process of forming her company and through registering it, getting a website, writing her mission statement and from there she came up with a name, Mosaic Global Performing LLC. Gina has a long-time friend whom is a hip-hop legendary artist that once he heard all her ideas they collaborated and he came onboard as her Chief Operating Officer. He implemented the idea of Mosaic Global Performance LLC to book entertainment internationally to military bases.

Gina also has a friend whom is a well-known DJ for a radio station in Austin, Texas whom has assisted her in developing a roster of artist. Gina also has a brother in New York that has over fifteen years of experience with working with artist in the entertainment industry and he also joined Mosaic Global Performance LLC as Chief of Entertainment. Gina has received confirmation from a major artist from the states that he loves the structure of her business and that he wanted to come onboard.

Gina gives all the glory to God and has found herself sitting alone in her office crying tears of joy from what the Lord has blessed her with such as; giving her the wisdom, discernment and the guidance to make the good business decisions that she has made thus far.

This year Mrs. Bamisebi had a meeting with a Major General of the Air Force and a Command Sergeant Major of the Army, which she says was an honor and a blessing from God and from that meeting she got the idea of working on getting a government contract for supplying entertainment to the United States Military.

Mosaic Global Performance's mission is to provide music globally that is positive, harmonious and ethical in nature to all U.S. troops and their families stationed abroad. Mrs. Bamisebi is in the process of contract negotiations now with the government to hold her first show, "Savor the U.S. Homeland Flavor Old Skool R&B and Comedy Tour 2012" to be held soon in South Korea which will showcase independent artist, major artist and comedians.

Mrs. Bamisebi says it has been a long road that is far from over, but she credits the Lord Jesus Christ for favor in a foreign land and that she has learned to be humble, keep God first, to help others and to NEVER give up on your dreams.

ENTERTAINMENT

Jordin Sparks

"Sparkles" In Her Film Debut!

By Rych McCain, feedbackrych@sbcglobal and Facebook

Photos Courtesy of TriStar/Sony Pictures

Determination and preparation are the cornerstone to achieving any desired goal. For singer/actress Jordin Sparks, the road to success has been a journey of sweat and sacrifices. The 23yr-0ld Phoenix, Arizona native is the youngest contestant to win *"American Idol"* at age 17. She then went on to become one of the most successful contestants with a post Idol career by churning out a platinum self-titled debut album with two top ten hits i.e., *"Tattoo"* and her dual with Chris Brown, *"No Air"* that got a Grammy® nomination. Sparks' second album *"Battlefield"* reached the top ten with the single *"S.O.S". (Let The Music Play)* hitting #1 on the U.S. Hot Dance Club Play Chart. Sparks' is the only Idol alumni to have their first five singles reach the top 20. With 1.3 million albums and 9.8 million singles sold in the U.S. alone, Sparks' is one of the most successful Idol alums of all time.

Sparks' made her Broadway stage debut in the smash hit musical *"In The Heights"* in August 2010 and has made several TV guest appearances. As well as all of this may be, Sparks' latest project will take her to the next career level and definitely put her on the direct radar of film studio bosses, producers and directors, She won the coveted lead role as Sparkle in the new movie version of the 1976 original movie *"Sparkle."* This role has allowed Sparks to showcase it all; her beauty, poise, personality, singing and acting which she does to perfection. Jordin fully related to the script from the start. She explains, "You know what's crazy? When I first got the script, I felt like the words were jumping off the page to me. I was emotional, I was crying, I was excited, I was angry. When something like that jumps up I was thinking whoever gets this part is going to be really, really special. And I went in to the audition going, you don't have any experience so know that not getting it is a real possibility. Bit I thought OK it will be good for the casting director and director to see me and who knows what can come from this? So when they called and said I got the part, I was beside myself because I couldn't believe I had gotten it. And I made sure not to know who else was auditioning. I didn't want to know, I didn't want to know how many people, who it was, I probably couldn't have handled that."

Jordin came in four times with call backs. She reflects, "The first one was just acting with the casting director giving me notes and doing a couple of different scenes. The second was with the casting director and the director. The third was the screenwriter, director and casting director and the fourth one was chemistry testing which I had never done before. There were a few other guys and Derek Luke. There was a scene where they have to kiss me and I was like potentially I could add a couple of more guys to the list of people I'm kissing. I don't just go around kissing people I don't know and I was so nervous. But Derek came in and we were talking about things and discussing the script. My heart was pounding because I was like oh my God, that's the guy from Antwone Fisher. I've seen his work and we were sitting there and they said OK are you guys ready to go in and he said yeah, one second. Then he turned to me and said can we pray before we walk in? And all of my anxiety, everything just went away and I said yep, OK, this is going to work. And it was so much fun. We had a blast on set but the audition process was so different because I had never done it before."

Jordin Sparks & Whitney Houston
TriStar Pictures photo

Sparks does relate to her character's desire to not only be a good song writer, singer and performer but she to wants to be a star in real life. Un-like many parents who don't want their children to go the show-biz route for religious reasons, the drugs, fast life and other pitfalls, Sparks had the support of her parents from the git-go and American Idol launched it all. What did she take from working with the late, grate Whitney Houston? Sparks lights up saying, "For me, just being in Whitney's presence, I love the fact that she had this knowing behind her eyes. She had this wisdom and she wasn't afraid to confront that. We never had the conversation about any of that stuff that she had gone through but it was almost like she had this 'yeah, I went through that and I'm hear now and that's OK and I'm going to keep going.' I thought that was just great not to be ashamed of anything that happens."

Rych McCain Hollyhood Notes!

By Rych McCain, feedbackrych@sbcglobal.net and Facebook

Condolences:

Al Freeman Jr., an Emmy Award-winning actor and professor at ***Howard University*** in Washington who played Elijah Muhammad in the 1992 Spike Lee film ***"Malcolm X,"*** died Aug. 9, said a Howard spokeswoman, ***Kerry-Ann Hamilton.*** He was 78. The cause and location of his death were not disclosed as of press time. Our most spiritual meditations and thoughts go out his family, friends and fans.

Charity:

Teen actor **Kwesi Boakye** made a Special Appearance recently, at the ***Dream Center in*** Los Angeles for the **"Back to School Bash,"** where over 1,500 filled backpacks with school supplies were passed out to children who face financial hardship. The message in his new film **"Unconditional"** has helped him understand the importance to give back to our community.

TV:

TV one's newest Docu-Series ***"R&B Divas,"*** will premiere Monday, August 20th at 10/9 PM ET/CT. "R&B Divas," tell the real-life story of five mult-talented, beautiful R&B stars, ***Faith Evans, Nicci Gilbert, Syleena Johnson, Monifah Carter*** and ***Keke Wyatt.*** The docu-series captures the friends as they come together to record a charity album inspired by the late ***Whitney Houston.*** At the same time, they are all juggling myriad personal challenges, triumphs and responsibilities in addition to making music and rearing families. Faith prepares for a major move as she maintains her businesses and helps manage the estate of her late husband, hip hop icon ***Notorious Big.*** She also launches a new hair care product line called ***Glass Hair*** Products. Monifah reveals an important lifestyle choice that she's kept private to her family and friends while working to maintain her newfound sobriety. Keke is pregnant, emotionally volatile and convinced that she can't go anywhere without her husband/manager. Nicci is launching a new plus-sized clothing line called ***Curvato.*** Syleena makes a career decision that will affect her entire family while putting additional strain on her financially. The show will reveal a close glimpse of each lady's personal world via eight one-hour episodes. The subjects will include their challenges with drugs, divorce, parenting issues, alcohol, physical abuse and more. These divas have pasts, they have futures but most importantly, they have each other.

Music:

Houston's **Go DJ's** have gathered together with a group of music industry veterans to present **R.A.P. (Regional Artist Preparation),** an evening of informative panels, Q&A's and artist showcases, hoping to jump start the current sluggish Texas music market. Taking place on **Monday, August 27th** at renowned **Roxy nightclub (5351 W. Alabama @ Rice)** beginning at **7PM**, the Go DJ's, along with a selection of A&R's, program directors and celebrity guests will educate and interact with the event's registrants, with a view towards giving them a better understanding of launching and maintaining a successful music career in today's marketplace.

Topics for the evening will include music production, the duties of a good manager and how to go about finding one, how to generate relationships with DJ's, everything you need to know about radio, effective artist promotion, the do's and don'ts of social media and the ever important return on investment (ROI), all laid bare by people with a proven track record of success in their field. Registrants will have one on one access to names like **Go DJ Hi C, Go DJ's J Que, GT** and **Michael '5000' Watts** from **97.9 The Box,** regional reps from labels like **Interscope** and **Atlantic,** artists like **Dorrough** and **Lil O** and a host of surprise celebrity guests, each sharing their knowledge and expertise. Artist showcase performances will take place throughout the evening. The theme of the evening is 'getting Texas back on track: an A-Z." For more information, kindly visit http://rap.eventbrite.com/

Dance:

Visual icon ***Bernard Stanley Hoyes*** wowed an enthusiastic house recently with his **"Seven Paintings, a Story in Performance"** at the **Ford Amphitheatre**. Included as part of the venue's ever-popular dance series, Hoyes' production proved to be magical as his art literally jumped off the canvas and came to life in an interdisciplinary materialization that included dance, music and song! Presented by Bernard Hoyes' Caribbean Fine Arts Publishing and the **Jamaica Cultural Alliance**, "Seven Paintings" served as a fitting tribute commemorating the 50th anniversary of Jamaica's Independence. To experience the works of Bernard Hoyes' Seven Paintings and Beyond, go to www.bernardhoyes.com

Movies:

Sparkle. TriStar/Sony Pictures. Starring ***Jordin Sparks, Whitney Houston, Derek Luke, Mike Epps, Carmen Ejogo, Tika Sumpter, Omari Hardwick*** and ***Ceelo Green.***Directed by ***Salim Akil.*** Story by ***Joel Schumacher*** and ***Howard Rosenman.*** Screeplay by ***Mara Brock Akil.*** Produced by ***Salim Akil, Mara Brock Akil, Debra Martin ChaseT.D. Jakes*** and ***Curtis Wallace.*** This is a period piece taking place in Detroit during the 60's Motown era. The film makers do authentically capture the look, feel and the music of the 60's motor city music scene. The cast is brilliant from the sexy trio of sisters i.e., Sumpter, Ejogo and Sparks to the dynamic support from Epps, Luke and Hardwick. With this being her film debut; Jordin Sparks will definitely emerge as a legit star from this one! A must see!

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CARIBBEAN NEWS

PROUD PRIME MINISTERS READY TO REWARD OLYMPIANS

National Holidays Declared As Caribbean Medalists Return To Region As Heroes; Property, Cash, Landmarks Given Plus Even Airlines To Bear Teen Athlete Names

19 year old Kirani James won the first gold for Grenada will now have an airline named in his honor among other things.

Training partners Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake shine.

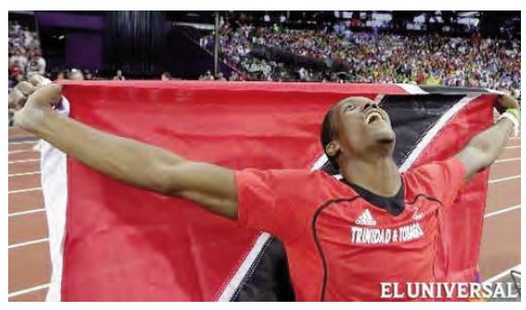
Jamaica clean sweeps as Bolt gets gold, Blake gets silver and Weir bronze.

Above, the women's 4x400M team gets bronze while the men set a new world record (right) for gold.

Prime Minister Perry Christie, (center) flanked by the Bahamian men's 4x400M team who won gold at the Olympics. The team is surrounded by Parliamentarians and were acknowledged during a House of Assembly session.

Jamaican Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller celebrated the nation's 50th year of Independence with Jamaica sweeping gold at the Olympics, including a clean sweep.

Shelly-Ann Frasier-Pryce set the pace by winning the first gold for Jamaica at London 2012. She got another gold while Veronica Campbell-Brown got bronze in another race.



A housing community, lighthouse and airline are just a few things to bear the name of new javelin millionaire Keshorn Walcott,19 from T&T (left). He is pictured above with Prime Minister Kamla and Hasley Crawford who won the last gold in 1976 Montreal.

By ARTHIA NIXON
Caribbean News Editor

America may look to Hollywood for celebrities but in the Caribbean, the real stars shine in track and field. London 2012 will go down in history as the Olympics the world took note of the region as Jamaica led the islands in a massive medal haul.

And for the athletes who spent years conditioning their bodies and minds, their respective nations stopped what they were doing to cheer them on in races and many took to the streets in jubilant celebration. Why not? Many declared national holidays to celebrate their athletes' victories. Citizens anxiously awaited their leaders to state how they would honor their symbols of national pride upon their return.

"What a glorious day this is for Trinidad and Tobago!" said Prime Minister Kamla Persad Bissessar of 19 year-old Keshorn Walcott, who is recalled as throwing sticks as a child winning the nation's second gold ever in javelin.

"For bringing us such pride and recognition to the nation of Trinidad and Tobago Keshorn Walcott will receive 20,000 square feet, that is, four lots of land in Toco [where he grew up] where a Housing Project to be called The Keshorn Walcott Housing Development will be established," she declared. "This development will bring housing and employment to Toco. A Caribbean Airlines aircraft will be commissioned to bear the proud name of Keshorn Walcott. The Lighthouse a, historical site, will now be known as the Keshorn Walcott lighthouse standing as a beacon to guide us all towards what it takes to get to our dreams. Our 19 year old Golden Olympic hero, Keshorn Walcott will also receive TT $ 1,000,000 million dollars to be invested as he so desires. And Keshorn Walcott, youngest ever gold medal winner of the javelin throw in Olympic history will receive a home in Federation Park valued at TT $ 2,500,000 million dollars."

Walcott has also been awarded a scholarship to the University of Trinidad and Tobago to further his studies in his chosen field while his coach Lopez will be placed in charge of an elite throws program at UTT where all future talent including Walcott can be developed in field events.

"The entire race from start to finish was a model of discipline, precision teamwork, strategic planning and superlative execution," said Prime Minster Perry Christie of the men's 4x400M Bahamian team who are now into their second week of receiving national honors.

"These four men are our role models whose discipline, fortitude, ability to work together and determination are truly awe inspiring and are a shining example to our entire nation. This is a great day for The Bahamas. A proud nation stands at attention and salutes four of its finest sons."

Kirani Town is already celebrating Kirani James' win and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) is taking note.

"This is a momentous achievement and Grenada and the OECS have a lot to celebrate. Mr. James has won the sub-region's first Olympic gold medal and we at LIAT will be honouring him with a fitting tribute for his accomplishment very shortly," LIAT's Chief Executive Officer Captain Ian Brunton said. "We have taken note of Mr. James' grace on the track; his symbolic gesture in switching bibs with Oscar Pistorius (the Blade Runner) after winning the semi-final; and how he shook hands with every competitor after winning the final."

And then there was Jamaica who dominated these Games, led by Usain Bolt who accomplished his goal of being a legend.

"We have ended the 2012 Games with our best medal tally ever and all Jamaica is truly proud of the team - every single member, for holding high the reputation of Jamaica in international sport," said Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller. "I congratulate them and look forward to welcoming home everyone."

Said Sports Minister Natalie Neita-Headley: "When I walked into the stadium each evening, there were people I know who have never been to Jamaica, and they had on Jamaican colours, and had their hair sprayed in Jamaican colours. This goodwill as you walked across London, I hope, is going to be a clear indication to all of us as Jamaicans, what impact our athletes have on our country and the opportunities that now exist for private/public sector to jump on board and to make use of this opportunity."

Bahamian 4x400 Relay Team Brings End To USA's 40 Year Reign In Event

The Bahamian men's relay team won gold in the men's 4x400 meter race in the London 2012 Olympics, putting an end to over 40 years of dominance by Team USA who had won the event consecutively.

The team was led by Chris Brown, who won bronze in the Sydney and silver in the Beijing Olympics. Brown and teammates Demetrius Pinder, Michael Mathieu and Ramon Miller who impressively ran down and overtook US hurdler Angelo Taylor in the anchor leg, immediately sat on the track to put up a prayer of thanks.

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Primary Election Duval County Highlights In Jacksonville, August 14 2012

Rhonda Peoples-Waters (right) will be heading to the November general election for the Duval County Court Judge, Group 12 seat after Ruth Ann Hepler was eliminated in last week's primary election. She will be going up against Michelle Kalil.

Congresswoman Corrine Brown, Brian Davis Circuit Judge Fourth Judicial Circuit Group One, and Wife Tanya Davis

Betty Burney School Board, Fla House of Representative Mia Jones, Congresswoman Corrine Brown. Pastor R.L. Gundy, Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church and President SCLC, and Katrina Brown at The Supervisor of Elections Office Gateway Mall

Congresswoman Corrine Brown and Suzanne Bass Circuit Judge Fourth Judicial Circuit Group 34

Rhonda Peoples Waters County Court Judge Group 12 and Congresswoman Corrine Brown

Rhonda Peoples Waters County Court Judge Group 12 **(Photos by Frank M. Powell II)**

Mom Susie Pierce, Congresswoman Brown with Matt Shirk, Public Defender Public Defender Fourth Judicial Circuit Universal Primary Contest and wife Michelle Shirk, dad Craig, brothers Dino and Octavian. Son Shirk in front with cousins Delayna, Kierra and Bubba.

Congresswoman Corrine Brown, Brian Davis Circuit Judge Fourth Judicial Circuit Group One, and Wife Tanya Davis

Brian Davis Circuit Judge Fourth Judicial Circuit Group One and Grands

Class of '72 Is Reunited And It Feels So Good

Stanton High School Class of reunited with a weeklong fellowship fest. Seated: Annette Hines Dues, Livia Sapp Hardin, Evangeline Garrett-Walls, Kaynell Ford Simpson, Deborah Gary, Lyndia Granger Woods, Marilyn Smith Reynolds, Janet Smith Goins, Sandra Perkins-Brown, Marilyn Day Crooms, Mildred Elaine Taylor White, Hester Stanton Cash & Onelia Ingram.

Linda Walker, Barbara Kimbrough Turner, Elaine Richardson Billups, Sharon Sheppard Dunham, Annie Furlow, Gail Monroe, Janice Morrison Dasher, Brenda Bronner, Geneva Harper Bouyer, Alva Baggs, Juliann James Mitchell, Rosie Williams, Edward A. Witsell, Stevie Green, Marcia Wilson Ellison, Mattie Smith Simms, Ronald E. Williams, Dr. Bernard Life, Hazel W. Jennings, Wanda Stewart Montsho, Marcus Young, Dianne Martin, Sharon Myers Culpepper, Willie White, Russell Richardson, Joyce Hammond Miller, Cynthia Royal Smalls, Helen Clark Moorer, Alise Moss Vetica, Benjie Williams, Sylvia Gamble, Deborah Kelly Steel, Gwynnetta Jones Sneed, Dr. Valerie Vann, Andrew Lovett, Jr., Sharon Myers Culpepper, Nadine Reese, Lynette E. Whigham, Nancy Brooker Thomas, Alphonso Gelzer, Lovett Clark, Rosa Harris, Wilbur Hightower, Carolyn Day, Deborah Brill, Shirley J. Gelzer, Kermit Jones, Renee Morris Miller, Marion Chisholm, Beverly Williams, Carlton Pace & Judge Leatrice Williams. (DJ's in the background).

In the bottom photo from Andrew Jackson High School Class of 1972 are Robert Allen, Vanessa Allen, Larry Collins, Sharon Collins, Vanessa Jones, Lesthea Sorrye, Anthony Sorrye, Faye Cleveland, Cheryl Gardner, John Quarterman, Joanne Edwards, Nathaniel Gardner, Deborah Bailey, Patricia Brooks, Cynthia McCoy Bryant, Joyce West, Jeannette Dunbar, Alma Lewis, Burnell Johnson, Patricia Watts Jackson, Vincent Barnes, Geraldine Winston, Bernard Williams and Inez Axson.

(Photo by Frank M. Powell III)

Make it Count

By: Farris Long

CLEAR OUT THE CLUTTER

Managing a schedule like mine isn't always easy. Between my responsibilities as an elder at my church, running my business, being a husband and father, a life empowerment speaker, and finally a traveling preacher, I am on the go quite a bit. As a result, one of the places that tends to go overlooked is my office. I'll be honest, it had gotten pretty doggone bad. But earlier this week I was somehow able to take some time "off the grid" to tackle this monumental task. What made me do it? I looked around and said to myself, "I'm tired of the chaos." As I share this article I want every reader to understand that much of what I say will be both literal and metaphoric. Who knew that something as simple as cleaning up my space would provide valuable life lessons that could help people across the nation? So here are a few of the life lesson nuggets I learned.

1) **The key to clearing the clutter is to be tired of the chaos.** Initially, I had to come clean (no pun intended) and realize that the level of clutter that was in my space was not a good thing. As long as it was tolerable to me it was never going to change. The same is true in our lives. We will never change the things that we feel we can cope with. Until we can no longer cope with them then we will never change them.

2) When it comes to clearing clutter, be careful because **being preoccupied can keep us from protecting the sanctity of our space**. After taking out two full bags of trash from my office, I realized that my day to day life had so consumed me, that I had allowed too much to build up around me. The clarity of your space should be viewed as sacred. Great care should be given to make maintaining it a priority.

3) **We cultivate chaos when we keep clutter around us**. Clutter is when we keep unnecessary things in our space beyond their set time, and when we mishandle important things, by dropping them off in the wrong place. When the important and the unnecessary fill the same space, the important stuff begins to look a lot like the unnecessary. Some people and things aren't given the care and attention they deserve because we mix them with things that no longer matter and we become "users" because we only seek them out when we "need" them.

4) When cleaning up your "office," **some things are <u>obviously</u> important to keep, but sometimes it's <u>not quite so obvious</u> what needs to be thrown away**. The decision to let go of the unnecessary is tough when we aren't sure whether or not we might need it again.

5) **Clearing the clutter requires refiling.** Some things belonged in the forefront (active file) in the past, but now, although they are still necessary, they are only needed "as needed." So we have to be okay with the fact that it's okay to move them to the back. In other words, don't keep allotting priority space to things that are past tense.

6) **Clearing the clutter requires refining.** Refining, to me, not only means getting rid of the excess but rethinking your action plan. What worked yesterday may not be the best strategy for today. Then again, it may still be an effective plan. But it has to be worked more consistently.

7) **Chaos is a killer of creativity.** The condition of my office is similar to the condition of some people's life. They are confined by the clutter. I wasn't able to move around a whole lot in my office because so many things were in the way. I was able to function but not be full effective. By cleaning my office, I realized that my own chaos was killing my creativity. The moment I started putting things in place, creativity began to flow like crazy. I am a graphic designer. After purging and re-aligning my space, I accomplished so much until even I was amazed. I felt like a new man. My jubilant expression turned melancholy when I began to consider, "How much more could I have accomplished by now if I had cleared the clutter and killed the chaos sooner?"

From that moment on, I made a promise to myself to make a more conscious effort to keep my space in order. If I am going to challenge others to live effective lives. It starts with clearing the clutter for the man in the mirror. That the best way for all of us to "MAKE IT COUNT

Community Activities

Announcements, meetings, happenings, and community events scheduled in Jacksonville and the surrounding area

The Duval County Health Department (DCHD) has issued a mosquito-borne illness alert for Duval County. Human cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) have been confirmed and there is a heightened concern that additional residents will become ill. The most recent cases involve 35 and 52 year-old males and 41 and 54 year-old females. Duval County has five confirmed cases of WNV in 2012. Symptoms of West Nile virus may include headache, fever, fatigue, dizziness, weakness and confusion.DOH continues to conduct statewide surveillance for mosquito borne illnesses, including West Nile virus infections, Eastern equine encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis, malaria, and dengue. Residents of Florida are encouraged to report dead birds via the website http://www.MyFWC.com/bird. For more information on mosquito-borne illnesses, visit DOH's Environmental Public Health website at http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/medicine/arboviral/index.html or call your DCHD at 904-253-1850.

END OF SUMMER BASH on Saturday, August 18, 2012, at The Jacksonville Landing, 2 Independent Dr. W., Jacksonville, FL 32202. Contact 904.353.1188 for additional information.

MEGA TALENT SHOW this Saturday, August 18, 2012, at the Times Union Center for Performing Arts, 300 W. Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Please call 904.633.6110 for all information.

STEVE VAI IN CONCERT WITH BEVERLY MCCLELLAN on Saturday, August 18, 2012, at the Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. For more information call 904.355.2787.

Asthma Sufferers: Get Informed!

(StatePoint) If you're one of the estimated 25 million Americans who suffer from asthma, you know what it's like to experience symptoms such as coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath. To raise awareness and understanding of this serious and growing health problem, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation and Genentech have joined with the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) to launch The Asthma Express, an educational awareness program to help bring allergic asthma to the forefront.

The program highlights the increasing number of people suffering from the disease and how it affects them. The program encourages people to get screened to help determine if their asthma is uncontrolled and to talk with an asthma specialist, like an allergist or pulmonologist, about their results and if they should be screened for allergic asthma. The Asthma Express is stopping in selected cities across the U.S., educating people at community health fairs about asthma, allergic asthma and some available testing options.

In each city, the educational experience features:

• Interactive iPad stations where people can learn more about allergic asthma.

• Free testing options to see if your asthma is uncontrolled and if allergens may play a role in your asthma.

• A take home educational kit to help people talk with their healthcare provider about the disease.

Many things can trigger or worsen asthma symptoms, leading to uncontrolled asthma that may vary and recur over time. Of the different types of asthma, allergic asthma is the most common form affecting approximately 60 percent of all asthma sufferers in the U.S. Allergic asthma is caused by sensitivity to year-round allergens in the air that trigger an allergic reaction that can lead to asthma attacks and symptoms. It is also associated with IgE, a type of antibody responsible for most allergic reactions. Typically your healthcare provider will use a skin or blood test to see if your asthma is caused by allergens in the air.

"It is important to understand what could trigger your allergic asthma to help better control your disease," says Dr. Travis Stork, ER doctor and host of the Emmy award-winning talk show "The Doctors." "Many people living with asthma and allergic asthma have triggers. Identifying your triggers can help you work with your doctor to determine the most appropriate course of action. The one thing I always tell patients: 'Empower yourself.' When it comes to asthma, find out if your asthma is allergic asthma."

Only your healthcare provider can tell you if you have allergic asthma. Be sure to talk to your doctor.

To find out more about allergic asthma and when The Asthma Express may be coming to a city near you, visit www.AsthmaExpress.com.

Dr. Stork is being compensated for his participation in this educational campaign which is sponsored by Genentech and Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation.

Community Activities, cont'd.....

SEXY ON SATURDAY - CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE, JAMAICA AND TRINIDAD & TOBAGO,on Saturday, August 18, 2012, at Lady St. Johns, 1501 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207. For more information contact 904.306.2200.

My Wedding, My Style…finding your wedding design inspiration, on Sunday, August 19, 2012, Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk, 1515 W. Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Call 904.396.5100 for additional information.

Summer Movie Classics: "CAROUSEL" (1956) on Sunday, August 19, 2012, at the Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Please contact 904.355.2787 for additional information.

THE CURIOUS WORLD OF PATENT MODELS, on Monday, August 20, 2012, Museum of Science and History (MOSH), 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville, FL 32207. For more information call 904.396.MOSH.

Downtown After Hours, this Tuesday, August 21, 2012, City Hall Pub, 234 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32202.

Building Management & Sustainability Expo 2012, on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

Rotaract Jax Meeting, CoWork Jax, on Wednesday, August 22, 2012, 5 W. Forsyth St., Suite 200, Jacksonville, FL 32204. Call 904.586.8678 for all information.

Movies @ Main 2012: A BEAUTIFUL MIND, on Thursday, August 23, 2012, at the Jacksonville Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Contact 904.630.2665 for any information.

30th Annual Senior Prom: "GLITZ & GLIMMER", at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, onFriday, August 24, 2012, 1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Please call 904.630.4000 if more information is needed.

River Rally - LUCKY STIFF, River City Brewing Company, on Frida,y August 24, 2012, at 835 Museum Cir., Jacksonville, FL 32207. For additional information contact 904.398.2299.

Start Your Own Vegetables from Seed, Duval County Extension Office on Saturday, August 25, 2012. Please call Jeannie to register, 904 255-7450. Pre-registration is required

ELNEC Conference (End-of-life Nursing Education Consortium), Sept. 10, 2012, 7:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Comfort Suites at World Golf Village, 475 Commerce Lake Dr., St. Augustine. ELNEC is a national end-of-life educational program educational program administered by the City of Hope National Medical Center (COH) and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AAC) designed to enhance palliative care in nursing. This event is sponsored by HavenHospice. For information and registration, call 904-810-2377 or email Jill Tager at jbtager@hvenhospice.org.

Glitz and Glam Comes To Brunswick With Fuzion Boutique

Ebonie Cohens has transitioned from Brunswick High grad to beauty boutique owner.

The local fashionista launched her Fuzion Boutique over the weekend bringing a personal big city high end shopping experience to ladies looking to unleash their inner diva at an affordable price.

"I am a woman who knows what she wants out of life and who will not settle for less," Cohens says of herself. "I love the Lord with every fiber in my body. I am a compassionate person, who looks out for the needs of others. I would define myself as an excellent mother, entrepreneur, and positive thinking person!"

She attended Brunswick Christian Academy as a child and later earned her Bachelor's of Business Administration at Georgia Southern University.

She worked several jobs after graduating college, until she felt the nudge of the Entrepreneurial Spirit. Under the influence of Pastor Mark Baker, she began to write the vision and made it plan in 2006, based on Habakkuk 2:2. Her strong faith pushed her to take a leap of faith, after being unemployed for one year, she stepped out and went for her dream to own a trendy, hip boutique. Based on that leap of faith, Ebonie is now watching her dream unfold.

103 NAACP Annual Convention Focuses On Voters & National Unity

NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous is encouraging voters to make their voice count as well and encouraging those pushing for unity to continue their fight.

He was speaking at last month's 103rd NAACP Annual Convention.

Mr. Jealous urged those in attendance in pledging to achieve "our game changers in the next half-century".

"We will see the end of mass over-incarceration," he said. "We will see the end of mass under-education. We will see the end of the great health disparities that divide this nation. We will see that this nation is land of opportunity for all its children, regardless of color or creed, gender or sexual orientation. And we will see that every American has free and open access to the vote."

"Brothers and sisters, I am proud to support today that the state of the NAACP is strong and getting stronger every day," he added.

He note that there has been reward for the movement's hard work with solid victories.

"We challenged school boards that would seek to resegregate our society; we closed down the two coal plants in Chicago that topped our list of top environmental justice offenders; we shut down prisons and worked with allies on both sides of the aisle to introduce policies that are "smart on crime" instead of "tough on crime"; we fought discrimination in employment and lending; we ensured that our schoolchildren and communities have access to the healthy food they need not just to survive but to thrive."

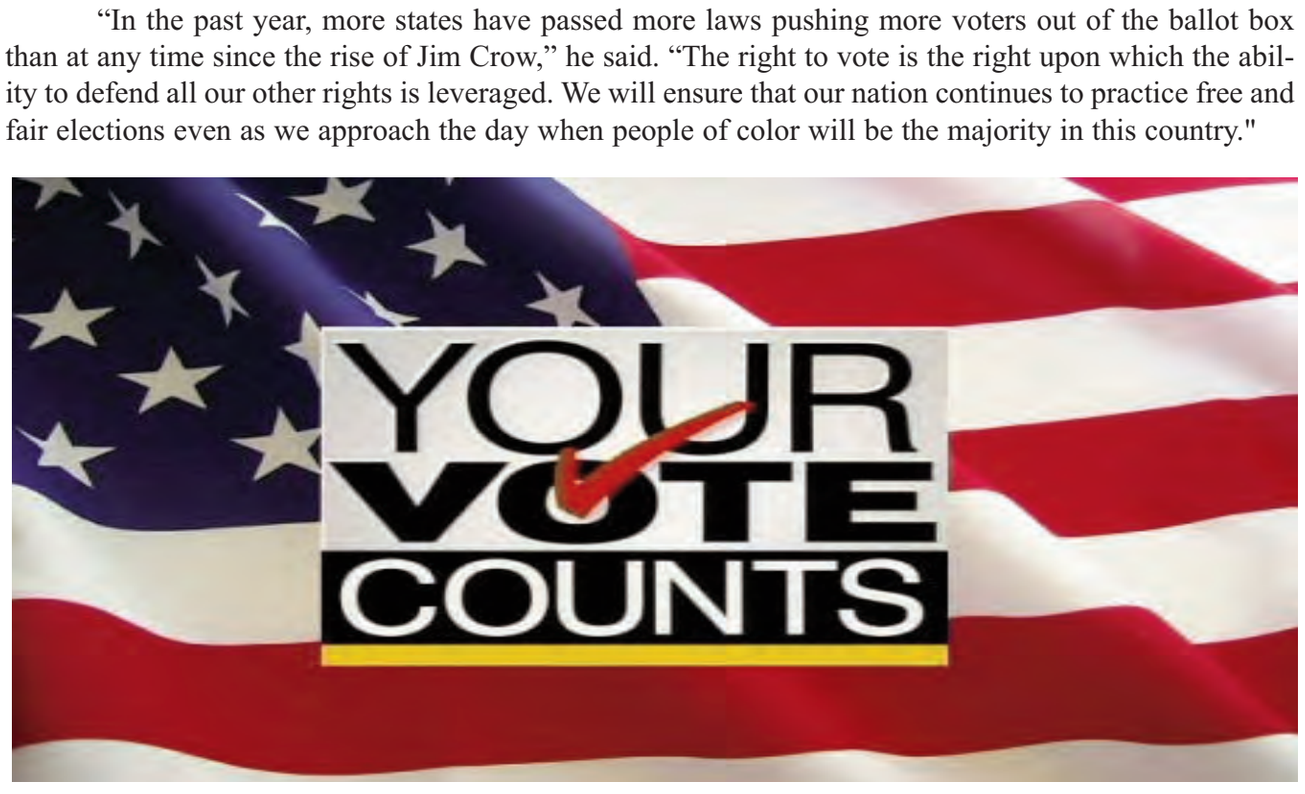
"People ask me why we don't back down when the stakes get as high as they have in Florida, Georgia, and so many other states," said Mr. Jealous. "And I tell them, we act differently because we are different. We have endured more martyrs than any other civic organization. We know their names – indeed many of us knew them personally – and we honor their memory by seeking to emulate their courage in defending and extending our democracy."

Mr. Jealous said that, as they push to do everything they can to encourage people to vote this fall, preparations are being made to mark the 50th anniversaries of the assassination of Medgar Evers in Jackson, Mississippi, as well as the murders of four little girls when white supremacists blew up 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama - Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson and Denise McNair.

"This year we carried pictures of these martyrs and others in marches to the North Carolina state capitol, the South Carolina state capitol and the Alabama capital in Montgomery, as well as the UN itself," he said. "Because we are committed to defending the freedoms they died seeking to secure for future generations, and we are committed to ensuring future generations remember the ultimate sacrifice each of these people made for them."

Mr. Jealous also challenged attendees to fight back against efforts to suppress their vote.

"In the past year, more states have passed more laws pushing more voters out of the ballot box than at any time since the rise of Jim Crow," he said. "The right to vote is the right upon which the ability to defend all our other rights is leveraged. We will ensure that our nation continues to practice free and fair elections even as we approach the day when people of color will be the majority in this country."



SPORTS

Mrs. Ross Does It Again!

Wife Of Jaguars' Aaron Joins Georgia's DeeDee Trotter To Get Relay Gold. Now In The Diamond Leagues For Shot At $40K

By ARTHIA NIXON
Florida/Georgia Star

Jacksonville Jaguar Aaron Ross' golden girl has bought home another gold medal to add to the family's collection of athletic awards.

Sanya Richards-Ross left London with gold when she anchored the women's 4x400M relay with Francena McCorory, Allyson Felix and DeeDee Trotter.

Trotter represents the peach state, hailing from Ellenwood.

Mrs. Ross is now in Stockholm for the Diamond Leagues. Stadium record breakers will get a one-carat diamond and event winners receive $40,000.

Gabby Douglas Returns As America's Golden Girl Landing Spots On America's Got Talent, The Today Show And Does Leno With The First Lady

MEDAL MOMENTS FOR TEAM USA

Allyson Felix, Bianca Knight, Carmelita Jeter, and Tianna Madison who made records fall by bringing home the gold in the 4x100m for the first time in 27 years.

Jacksonville Jaguar Aaron Ross's wife Sanya Richards-Ross after she won the women's 400M race in London.

Two Georgia peaches - Angel McCoughtry who plays with the Atlanta Dreams, Lawrenceville's Maya Moore won basketball with the ladies team which has dominated the sport.

17-year-old Claressa Shields became the first to win Olympic gold in women's boxing for Team USA as women's boxing made its Olympic debut.

Williams Sisters Continue Winning Strak: Serena won individual gold and shared her third gold doubles win with sister Venus who came back from illness last year.

Swimming saw two black athletes from the USA medal as Lia Neal (above) joined Missy Franklin and Cullen Jones teamed up with Ryan Lochte and history maker Ryan Phillips for relays.

This year's gold medal Dream Team included Carmelo Anthony, Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Kevin Durant, Tyson Chandler, Anthony Davis, James Harden, Andre Iguodala, Kevin Love, Chris Paul, Russell Westbrook and Deron Williams.

JAGS WIN PRE-SEASON GAME AGAINST GIANTS

The Roar looked fierce cheering on the Jags in their home pre-season game against the Giants.

The Jaguars fought in a one point victory over the Giants. It was Aaron Ross' first meet with his old team since being acquired by the Jags.

By John Oehser
Jaguars.com

The Jaguars opened the Mike Mularkey era with a victory Friday.

Blaine Gabbert threw an early touchdown pass to Cecil Shorts, and the Jaguars rallied from a 17-point first-half deficit for a 32-31 victory over the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants in the 2012 preseason opener at EverBank Field Friday.

"That will go a long way – that win," Mularkey said following his first game as the Jaguars' head coach. "Again – first preseason game, but very proud of them. Can't say enough."

The Jaguars trailed 24-7 after a 5-yard touchdown pass from Giants backup quarterback David Carr to wide receiver Isaiah Stanback 2:40 before halftime. A muffed punt set up a 2-yard touchdown pass from Jaguars backup quarterback Chad Henne to reserve wide receiver Brian Robiskie with 24 seconds remaining in the half.

The Jaguars spent the second half cutting into the lead, then took their first lead since the first quarter when reserve running back Keith Toston ran 9 yards for a touchdown with two minutes remaining.

A two-point conversion pass from reserve quarterback Jordan Palmer to rookie free agent tight end Matt Veldman gave the Jaguars the final margin of victory.

"That's how we're supposed to finish," said running back Rashad Jennings, who rushed for a game-high 56 yards on 12 carries. "We got a nice taste in our mouth with a victory."

Wide receiver Justin Blackmon, as expected, did not play after signing with the team Monday. Also out for the Jaguars were defensive tackle Tyson Alualu and cornerback Rashean Mathis, each of whom are returning from offseason knee surgeries. Other Jaguars out: offensive guard Will Rackley (ankle), safety Jeremiah Brown (concussion), tight end Zach Miller (pec), guard Jason Spitz (foot), defensive end Austen Lane (foot), linebacker Daryl Smith (groin), running back Richard Murphy (leg). Running back Maurice Jones-Drew continues to hold out and linebacker Clint Session (head) and defensive end John Chick (knee) remain on the Physically Unable to Perform list.

Second-year veteran Cameron Bradfield started at right tackle, and played into the second half. The Jaguars want to see how Bradfield works at the position. He gave up an early pressure, but the team likes him and he could be in the mix to start at right tackle. The rest of the starting line was left tackle Eugene Monroe, left guard Eben Britton, Estes at center and Uche Nwaneri at right guard.

With Mathis out, Aaron Ross started at cornerback and with Alualu out, D'Anthony Smith started alongside C.J. Mosley at defensive tackle.

Thomas caught four passes for 89 yards, and his 29-yarder in the first quarter helped set up the game's first touchdown. "He showed up and made some plays for us," Mularkey said. "That changed momentum in games, when you're sitting over there."

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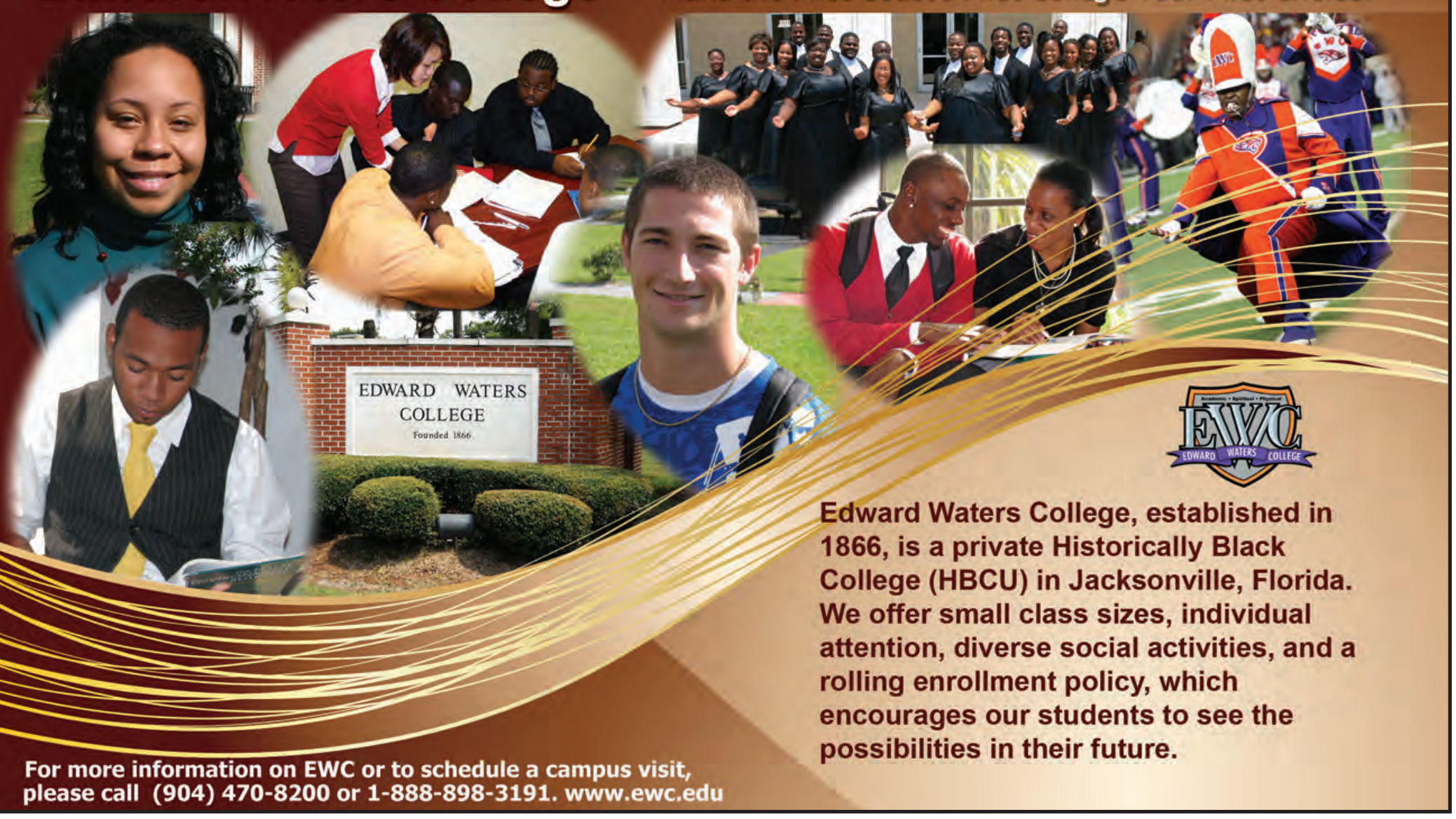

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Paul Ryan Pick Proves They Don't Make Rich People Like They Used To

By Jim Schutze

What country is this? Have I been on some kind of horrendous toot, and did I sleep for a month, and did I wake up in the wrong country? All weekend long on my TV set I kept seeing Paul Ryan, the right-wing social Darwinist cheese-head, and they said he was a candidate for vice president of the United States. What United States?

Not these United States. Surely. Somebody slap me. I need to wake up and realize this is all a bad dream. This is the guy who wants to plunge the entire nation into even worse debt by giving the aristocracy a trillion dollar tax cut, and he's really a candidate for vice president?

Oh, wait. We didn't used to have an aristocracy, did we? Maybe that's what's new. I've been thinking about that, because a couple friends have called or emailed me asking me to tell them my Romney coat-hanger story.

They're kidding, right?

Sorry, I've told it here before. I'll recap it briefly for those who may have missed that class. It's not about Mitt. It's the father, George.

I was a reporter in Detroit. George Romney, a former Michigan governor, had been Richard Nixon's HUD secretary from 1969 to 1975, when Gerald Ford replaced him with Carla Hills. He came back to Bloomfield Hills to retire from politics, and I did a Sunday magazine profile of him.

I was intimidated. He was what you might call "an august personage," famous for having scant patience with the press, and I needed to get him to dish about himself. But that's not the story my friends wanted me to recall.

When I showed up at his house, I was in a car that had a very noisy dragging tailpipe. Romney couldn't stand the messiness of it. He's in a white shirt so heavily starched it looks like it was chiseled from Carerra marble, but he comes out of the house at one point with a coat hanger and tries to shinny underneath my car to tie up my broken tailpipe.

Can't remember how it ended.

But that's how he was. He may have been august, but he was also sort of a typically American regular-guy kind of rich person of the times. He knew what a tailpipe was. He knew how to tie one up. He had been underneath a car before.

And I can tell you one thing: If George Romney had been addressing the Detroit Economic Club, trying to fit in and win people over, he would never have said this: "I drive a Mustang and a Chevy pick-up truck. Ann drives a couple of Cadillacs, actually. And I used to have a Dodge truck. So I used to have all three covered."

Yeah. Something about the sentence, "Ann drives a couple of Cadillacs, actually." It just would never have issued from the mouth of Mitt Romney's father. He didn't say to me, "You need to call down and have another of your Dodge Darts brought out to the house, because this Dodge Dart that you're in now is making a distressing noise, actually."

Actually.

Between George Romney and Mitt Romney and while I was sleeping through the last third of a century, some sort of sea change has taken place in rich people. I note with some relief actually ... and I do say, actually ... that Ryan is the least popular Republican vice presidential pick since Dan Quayle.

Do we think it could have anything to do with his ideas about getting rid of Medicare so un-rich Mom and Dad can go die under a bridge? That sort of thing is very upsetting to people who don't have premium, private, paid-up health insurance coverage for life. Actually. Do the Republicans not know that?

But it's not Republicans we're talking about. Republicans included people like George Romney and my sainted Kansas grandma. Regular people. This VP choice I hear them talking about on my television all day is not about Republicans.

It's this new thing. The Ayn Rand aristocracy. And that's the thing about aristocrats -- their Achilles heel. They don't know. They have no idea.

"Well if there's an issue with your health coverage, why don't you just call down and have your little man bring you out some other sort of health coverage, then, actually."

So for the rest of us, is that a good thing? Our golden opportunity? Or the sealing of our doom? Actually.

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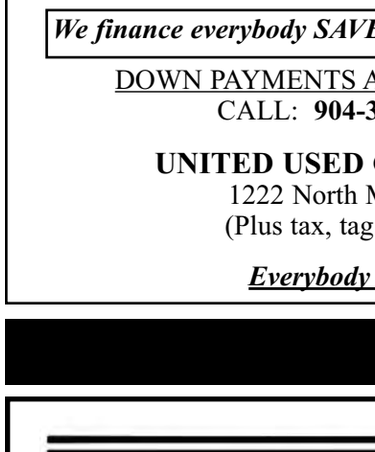

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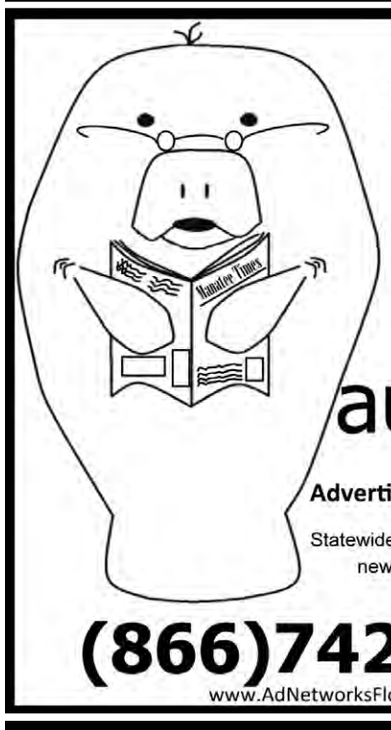

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Kayaunna's 6th Birthday Party Celebration

by Marsha Phelts

Location…Location…LOCATION. American Beach is the perfect location for a party—ANYTIME. Just ask the six-year-old BFF, Best Friends Forever of Kayaunna Dean who came to American Beach to share her 6th birthday and party with her. The fun began with bounces in a fairy castle bounce house followed by splashes in the kiddy pool, dashing through an enormous beach ball sprinkler and jaunts up the dune to take pictures under the blue glass bottle tree. After having so-o-o much fun and burning energy, a team of two white horses and a pony in training arrived to take the BFFs and their parents on a hay ride through out Historic American Beach. The group made a stop at the backyard sanctuary of the Gilyards where they enjoyed fresh fried fish, french fries and chicken nuggets. The menu also offered corn dogs and hot dogs, cole slaw, baked beans and corn on the cob. There were also games and prizes, but all that the gang could do was eat and enjoy themselves, topping the party off with ice cream, cup cakes, punch and memories galore.

American Beach is a residential community established by the Afro-American Life Insurance Company near the southern end of Amelia Island in 1935 and is open to the public ANYTIME. Burney Park at the southern most end of American Beach is a 6-acre oceanfront park with picnic tables and comfort stations as well as shower facilities. Both the park and parking lot are free, just show up. The Crown Jewel of American Beach is the Community Center at 1600 Julia Street. Rental of the Center assures coverage of your gathering year round regardless of the weather. If you want a prime LOCATION and venue for your special event, call 904-277-7960 to rent this county facility. Special rates are available for churches, schools and non profit organizations.

Birthday Girl Kayaunna Dean

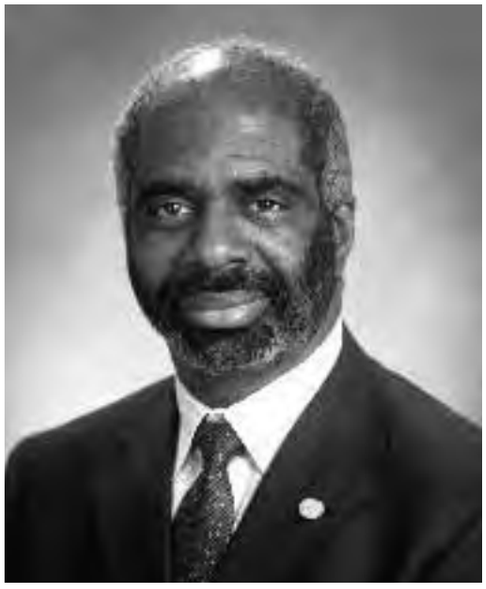
Children and Grown-ups like were excited about taking a hay ride through Historic American Beach. Among the Best Friends Forever were Zoie, Garrison, Morgan, Milshail, Kennadi, Victor Frazier and Victor Moody, Michael. Vivaloria, Katera, Ciera, Robert, Seniah and others.

Kayaunna and guests, Vivaloria, Ciera and Charlton cooling off

Ciera, Kayaunna, Vivaloria Frazier, Victor, Kyle Dean, Meaza and Charlton dune climbing.

FAMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES BEGIN SEARCH FOR A NEW PRESIDENT

DR. LARRY ROBINSON NAMED INTERIM PRESIDENT; SEARCH COMMITTEE TO BE CO-CHAIRED BY TRUSTEES KARL WHITE AND DR. SPURGEON MCWILLIAMS



Florida A&M University (FAMU) Board of Trustees (BOT) unanimously agreed to appoint Larry Robinson to serve as interim president until a permanent president is appointed.

Robinson's appointment must be confirmed by the Florida Board of Governors.

In outlining his plan as interim president, Robinson said that the foundation has been established for his work.

"As I assume this post, I do not have to start from scratch," said Robinson. "Over the past 125 years, the framework has been established and the future direction for the university is clearly articulated in our 2010-2020 strategic plan, which is appropriately titled FAMU 2020 Vision With Courage. Considering all that has happened, we continue to do remarkable things at FAMU. I would like to contribute this success to the dedication, commitment and perseverance of our students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters near and far."

The FAMU BOT also outlined its new process for conducting the presidential search and appointed Trustees Karl White of Boston and Dr. Spurgeon McWilliams of Tallahassee as co-chairs of the search committee. Other Board members appointed to the search committee include: Narayan Persaud, president of the Faculty Senate; Marissa West, president of the FAMU Student Government Association; Torey Alston of Fort Lauderdale; Belinda Reid-Shannon of Raleigh; and Marjorie Turnbull of Tallahassee. Tommy Mitchell, president of the National Alumni Association, and the Honorable Elizabeth Webster, member of the Florida Board of Governors, were appointed to the committee. Chairman Solomon Badger will serve as an ex-officio member.

Chairman Badger also appointed an advisory committee to the search committee which includes Trustee C. William Jennings of Orlando; Chairman of the Board of Governors Dean Colson; and Frederick S. Humphries, former president of FAMU.

Badger welcomed Robinson as interim president and has asked the search committee to consider:

- Developing a process that begins with soliciting input from the board, alumni, faculty, administrators, staff and students, as well as other university supporters that will result in the Leadership Statement;
- Making a recommendation about securing a search firm;
- Developing a timeline for the search process which includes the screening, interviewing and a short list of candidates for the board to interview; and
- Developing a communication strategy for keeping the board and the public informed about the process.

"I would ask the committee to keep this process as transparent as possible, while also balancing the need to permit the process to work effectively," said Badger. "Please know that this Board and the University are committed to an open process that abides by the Public Meetings and Public Records laws."

Robinson was appointed chief executive officer on July 16, 2012, and was to be considered for confirmation at the next BOT meeting. Robinson, who has served twice as university provost, has served in various leadership posts. He was assistant secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); the vice president for research and a professor in the Environmental Sciences Institute (now School of the Environment) at FAMU; and director of the NOAA Environmental Cooperative Science Center (ECSC) headquartered at FAMU, which consists of a broad, multi-institutional consortium of predominantly minority-serving institutions.

Between 1984 and 1997, Robinson served as a research scientist and a group leader at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. His work there included detection and assessment of special nuclear materials and application of nuclear methods in nonproliferation, environmental science, forensic science and the assessment of high purity materials. From 1997 to 2003, Robinson directed FAMU's Environmental Sciences Institute where he led efforts to establish bachelor and doctoral degree programs. In 2007, he became the first African American to serve as the science advisor to the United States Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

According to Badger, Robinson will not seek the permanent position as FAMU president and will earn a salary at a rate of $325,000 annually.

August is National Water Quality Month

(SPM Wire) August is National Water Quality month, and a great time to become a better steward of the environment and human health.

Here are some ways to get started:

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• Participate in a beach, stream or wetland cleanup.

• Avoid using pesticides and fertilizers containing hazardous chemicals that contaminate ground water.

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• Fix leaky faucets and take shorter showers. Conserve water whenever possible.

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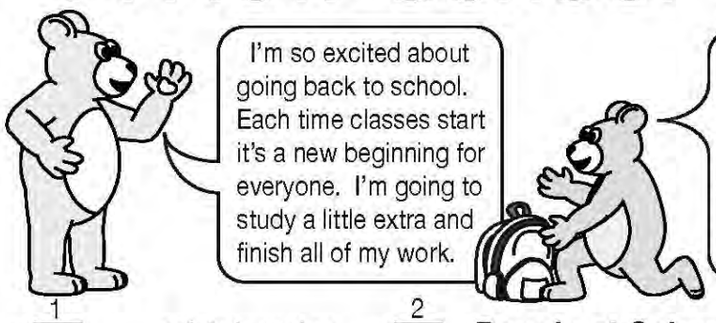
A New School Year!



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5. gets us to school on time
6. challenges us to learn more and more

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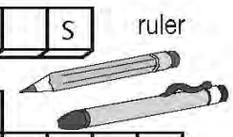

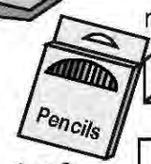

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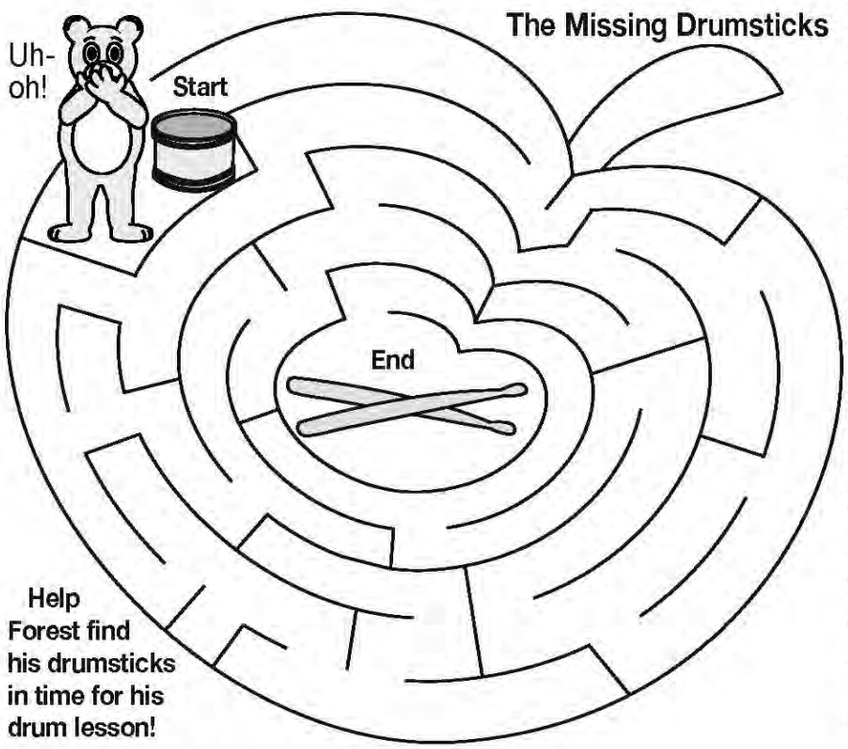

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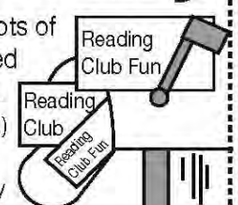

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Kayaunna's 6th Birthday Party Celebration

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Amanda and Morgan Clark outside the Bounce House

Zoie finds the ice cream most delicious

Miss Rainbow ready for Face Painting Fun

Retreat under the umbrellas at God Mamma Deloris' for fried fish, chicken bites, hot dogs, french fries, and more and more goodies.

EDUCATION

Help Kids Boost Their College Entrance Exam Scores

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(StatePoint) The SAT is perhaps the most important test a high school student takes, as one's performance directly affects one's chances of getting into the college of his or her choice.

While taking college entrance exams can be daunting, students don't need to be geniuses to get a great score on the SAT or ACT.

"The test's bark is worse than its bite," says JaJa Liao, who got a perfect score on her 2011 test, and is guest editor for "Up Your Score: The Underground Guide to the SAT." "Really, the SAT is just an extremely lame game that can be defeated."

It will take hard work and focus to master the test, however. These tips from Liao will help pupils prepare for and conquer college entrance exams:

Study With a Friend

Preparing with a partner will keep students focused and determined. Friends will work together towards a common goal, and sometimes all it takes is that little extra motivation to reach a target score.

Watch the Clock

One thing that makes the SAT so tough is the pressure to complete every question within the time limit.

By preparing for the inevitable time crunch with a timer, test-takers will learn to pace themselves and manage each question with poise.

Enjoy Studying

There are thousands of bland classes and dry prep books out there, but if they're not enjoyable, how much can really be learned? Opt for study materials that students will actually want to use. For example, "Up Your Score: The Underground Guide to the SAT," offers expert advice and proven strategies from young authors, using peer humor and edgy wit to fend off some of the anxiety that surrounds SAT prep.

The right prep book should introduce students to insider math tricks and key vocabulary words, while helping sharpen speed and timing and improve memory and concentration. Learn more at www.Workman.com.

Practice Makes Perfect

The SAT is a long and grueling test, lasting nearly four hours, not including breaks. Take as many practice exams as possible before the test date to prepare. By doing so, students will know what to expect and head into the exam as SAT veterans.

"Parents can help kids boost their score with a supportive attitude," offers Liao. "If your child is feeling frustrated, let them rant. Take care to avoid adding to his or her stress with unrealistic expectations. Remember that students can always take the test again if needed."

With confidence and hard work, scholars will be heading off to their dream college before they know it.

Crime and Justice

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As an African - American newspaper, we basically report on offenses committed by African - Americans. Please note that in our observations, weekly reports show that African - Americans DO NOT commit the largest percentage of criminal offenses in this area.

Two Arrests After Drug House Raid

Sean Perry

David Charles

Two men were arrested and face a total of 15 charges after a drug raid.

Narcotics undercover detectives made two marijuana purchases from 24-year-old Sean Jerrel Perry in June and July. They then obtained a search warrant for Perry and 30-year-old David Robert Charles and made entry into the home. The detectives were able to seize quantities of marijuana, plastic baggies, plastic bottles, and metal tins containing marijuana and seeds, a scale, two grinders, four pipes, rolling papers, a silver spoon and plastic baggie containing Opiate residue.

Perry and Charles were both arrested. Perry is a convicted felon and was charged with two counts of sale and delivery of marijuana, one count for possession of opiates, and three counts each for possession of marijuana and three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Perry also was charged with three counts of violation of probation for previous burglary charges.

Charles was charged with possession of opiates, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Man Threatens to Kill Mother After Smoking Fake Weed

Antonio Campbell

A man was arrested after threatening to kill his wife after smoking fake weed known as incense.

Deputies responded at about 2:30 p.m. when the mother of Antonio Raymond Campbell, 19, called and said her son was tearing up their house. The mother told deputies Campbell asked her to buy him incense but she refused. Campbell then broke a glass table and stated, “I’m going to kill you if you call the police.” His mother said he had already smoked incense earlier in the day and becomes very angry and violent when he’s under the influence of it. As she turned away from him, Campbell picked up a glass vase and threw it at her, narrowly missing her face. Campbell continued screaming at her and breaking things in the home. He put his fist through multiple windows, knocked a large television off its stand, damaged two walls, and then fled from the home before deputies arrived.

Campbell was located within minutes and was arrested. He was charged with felony aggravated assault. This is said to be his 17th booking.

Man Caught with Credit Card Making Equipment

Carlon Davis

A man was arrested on numerous fraud charges.

Wal-Mart security called police at 3 p.m. suspecting a customer made 10 suspicious credit card purchases of about $1,540 with 10 different Discovery Cards. Security followed Carlon Denard Davis, 36, out to his Ford pickup and obtained a detailed description of the vehicle and license plate number. As deputies arrived, Davis was pulling out of the parking lot and a traffic stop was made.

A search of Davis’ pickup turned up 19 altered credit cards, several gift cards, credit card making equipment, and receipts for items purchased earlier from two Wal-mart stores. The credit cards found were checked and all were found to have been re-encoded with different banks and account numbers.

Davis was arrested and was charged with six felony charges of Fraudulent Use of Credit Cards, Forgery of Credit Cards, Use of a Scanning Device, Possession of Credit Card Making Equipment, and Grand Theft. He remains in jail on no bond due to numerous felony convictions in other Florida counties.

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Two Men Charged with Deaths of Two Innocent Bystanders

Sadik Baxter

Obrian Oakley

Two men out on a morning bike ride were killed when they rode into the path of a criminal trying to avoid arrest. The criminal was charged for the two murders. His partner, who participated in an earlier burglary with him, was not charged with the murders as he fled before it happened but was later faced with the murder charges as well.

26-year-old Obrian Oakley and 25-year-old Sadik Rashad Baxter spent the night gambling at a casino then later headed out to burglarize homes and vehicles. They went from car to car in a neighborhood, looking for unlocked doors. They successfully broke into five vehicles before an resident caught Baxter in the act. At 7:05 a.m., deputies responded and were able to arrest Baxter. Oakley, using his girlfriend's silver Infiniti as a getaway car, fled when he saw deputies.

As Oakley drove, he ran a red light and was hit by a red Toyota Corolla, who had the right of way. The impact caused the Infiniti to rotate, and it collided with two cyclists, 60-year-old Dean Amelkin and 61-year-old Christopher McConnell, who both died at the scene. Two occupants of the red Corolla suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Police say Oakley drove over 100 mph at one point to lose the police.

Oakley got out of the car and ran. Deputies requested for assistance and began searching for him using K-9 and a helicopter. At 11:52 a.m., a K-9 officer encountered Oakley walking across a street where he was arrested.

Oakley was charged for the two deaths with two counts of felony murder, burglary conveyance, petit theft, crash involving death or personal injury, crash to a vehicle or other property and two counts of failure to give or render aid.

Baxter was charged with burglary to an occupied dwelling, burglary to a conveyance, larceny and petit theft. He was charged over a week later with two counts of felony murder as well.

Both men are being held without bond.

Your Safety

Back to School Safety Tips

As summer break draws to a close, parents need to spend some time thinking about back-to-school safety issues.

Traveling to and from school

There is no "right" age for kids to start walking or biking to school alone or with a friend. Each family needs to consider the maturity of their child, how many busy streets have to be crossed, and if these streets have lights or crossing guards.

For children who walk or ride bicycles or the bus:

• Discuss with your children the safest route to and from school or to the bus stop. Map out the route you help your children select and walk with them so they may become familiar with it. Teach your children to stop, look and listen for approaching and turning vehicles, especially those turning right on red.

• Teach your children to use crosswalks. Make sure your children understand they must walk, not run, across the street - and continue to look for vehicles. Help your children understand how important it is to cooperate with deputies, school safety patrols and adult crossing guards.

• Make sure your children walk with friends - not alone.

• Teach children to avoid places that could be dangerous and tell them to notify an adult (you, a teacher, a neighbor, or a deputy) about anything that doesn't seem quite right. Discuss drugs with your children, and emphasize their ability to just say "no" to teens or adults who offer them drugs. Remind children NEVER to talk to, ride or walk with strangers. They should run for help even if a stranger displays a weapon.

• Encourage and praise your children for following safety guidelines every day.

For parents who drive their children to and from school:

• Whenever possible, carpool with neighbors to reduce the number of cars at the school.

• Observe posted speed limits in school zones. Drive cautiously around school locations even when reduced speed limits are not in effect as students participating in extracurricular activities after hours will still be crossing streets and riding bikes.

• Arrange for a specific place to meet your children, on the same side of the street as the school and away from the congestion.

• Use your seatbelt! Children will follow your example.

Curfew laws

There are laws regarding curfews in many counties in Florida. A curfew applies to persons under 18 years of age. The curfew is 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday nights and midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. A person under 18 is exempt if he or she is:

1. With a parent or guardian or other person 18 or over who is authorized by the parent to have control over the child,
2. At or going to or from a job, school or church function,
3. Attending an event open to the public and supervised by adults and beginning no later than 10:00 p.m.
4. In an area immediately adjacent to his or her residence
5. Running an emergency errand.

Bizarre Crimes

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Mother Drives Drunk with Eight Children

Lawanda Lowery-Gale

A woman was arrested after driving intoxicated with eight children in the vehicle.

At around 9:50 p.m., 32-year-old Lawanda Lowery-Gale hit the side of another car as she was driving in her Kia van and got in a minor accident. When police came, Lowery-Gale was said to have appeared intoxicated with water bloodshot eyes. She also smelled of alcohol and talked with slurred speech. According to reports, she did poorly on sobriety exercises. Eight children from the ages of 10 months to 14 years were in the van, six of which were hers and two nieces.

She was arrested and when given a breath test, it showed a blood alcohol level of .166. Florida's legal level for DUI is .08. She told police that she was on her way to a club with the children in her van.

She is being charged with DUI, eight counts of child neglect, and driving with a suspended license.

Records show that Lowery-Gale's license had been suspended five times and cited for failure to submit to an alcohol test in January of last year. The damages caused were estimated at over $1,000 and nobody was injured.

Father and Daughter Arrested 2 Years Later After Pawning a $5,500 Ring

A ring stolen and pawned at a jewelry store in 2010 was recently recognized and returned to its owner. The suspects were tracked down through paperwork.

The daughter-in-law of the 70-year-old male victim saw the diamond clustered ring at a jewelry store and purchased it back for $300. The pawn detective obtained the pawn transaction paperwork that showed Beth Nicole Patterson, 26, had pawned the ring. She said her father, who had stolen the ring, did not have a driver's license and asked her to pawn it for him. The form showed Beth Patterson's driver's license and thumb print.

According to reports, Patterson said that the elderly man was in the hospital for two months and gave her father a key to the home to take care of his dog. During that time, the ring valuing up to $5,500 had been stolen.

Both Beth Patterson and her father, Pete Michael Patterson, 45, were arrested. Beth was charged last month with violation of probation charges. She now faces charges of dealing in stolen property and false verification of ownership. Pete Patterson was charged with grand theft charge for stealing the ring.

Pete Patterson is in jail on $15,000 bond and his daughter is in jail on no bond.

Other Unusual Crimes Across the Nation

Mason

Shoplifter Returns Items and Gets Run Over by Angry Employee

Houston, TX- 18-year-old Dominique Mason, a high school senior, was spotted carrying unpaid DVDs and video games by an employee at a Wal-Mart store. Mason left empty-handed as he left the items in the store at the last minute because he said "it was wrong for stealing." 33-year-old Lance Ferguson, the employee that caught Mason, followed him around the parking lot in his car. He then drove up to Mason, hitting him from behind. After Mason rolled off the hood of the car, Ferguson stepped out of the vehicle and yelled, "Don't come back to my store. You want to steal my store?" Mason was taken to the hospital where he was treated for back injuries. When confronted by police, Ferguson that he did not follow Mason, but surveillance cameras showed otherwise. He also said that he did not drive to work that day. Ferguson was arrested and charged with aggravated assault. He is being held on $30,000.

Elderly Woman Raped and Husband Brutally Beaten

Kansas City, MO- Tony L. Putnam, 18, broke into a home where a 93-year-old man was home alone. The man was beaten and bound with belts. As the man's 84-year-old wife returned home from the bank with $400, she heard the moaning of her husband. When she went upstairs she was confronted by Putnam and was demanded money. She gave him $5 and instead, he took the rest of $400 before raping her. He then went to steal other things like jewelry and fled. There was enough evidence, such as descriptions and blood evidence on the window the suspect broken into. When Putnam was located, he said he was never at the home and injured his wrist wrestling a cousin. Putnam was arrested and charged with six felonies, including one count of rape and two counts of robbery.

Man Rapes Grandmother Because He Couldn't Get a Girlfriend

Chester, SC- A man had heard his 61-year-old mother screaming, which led to him find his 20-year-old son, Samuel Dye, on top of her with his pants down and hitting her in the head with a hammer. Dye's father pulled him off and held him down until police came. The woman told police that Dye came to her house with a hammer and complaining about not being able to get a girlfriend. He then said that he was going to "get some" and began striking his grandmother with the hammer. She tried to stop him and offered to pray with him, but instead he tried to rape her. He then continued to attack her with the hammer until his father came to stop him. Dye was arrested and charged with attempted murder and attempted sexual contact.

Woman Kills Fiance on Wedding Day

Hokendauqua, PA- Na Cola Franklin, 31, and Billy Brewster, 36, were planning to be married at 10 a.m., but the would be groom was found dead at the couple's apartment. Brewster had wounds showing clear signs of stabbing. Moves remain unclear but the couples were arguing before the stabbing. Brewster's cousins were with them when the altercation happened and one of them were able to take the knife out of her hand. Brewster was stabbed in the chest and his heart punctured. Franklin was arrested and will face murder charges. Four children were also said to have been present during the attack as well.

Criminal Line-Up

MISSING CHILDREN

Name: Gwendolyn Syretta Carter
Age: 17
Weight: 140 lbs
Last seen: 7/26/12

Name: Grace Frazer
Age: 17
Weight: 135 lbs
Last seen: 7/24/12

Name: Breana Williams
Age: 15
Weight: 145 lbs
Last seen: 7/09/12

Name: Vicki I. Pierre
Age:17
Weight: 110 lbs
Last seen: 7/29/12

Name: Destini Tucker
Age: 16
Weight: 160 lbs
Last seen: 7/05/12

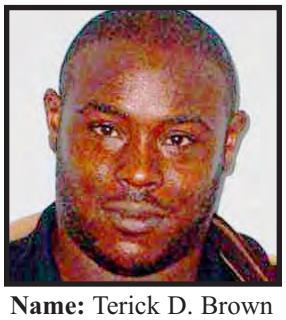
ON THE LOOKOUT

Burglary to Automobile

Police responded to a Walgreen's regarding a theft. Investigation revealed that a burglary to the victim's automobile occurred when her purse was stolen from the passenger seat of her car. The victim had been shopping at the Walgreen's and was placing her purchased items into her vehicle when the unknown suspect stole her purse. Surveillance cameras show a suspect running to the passenger side of a silver 4-door Jeep as he flees the scene.

Anyone with any information about the identity or location of the suspect or vehicle is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-TIPS or email at rewards@fccrimestoppers.com. You will remain anonymous and receive a possible reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

MOST WANTED

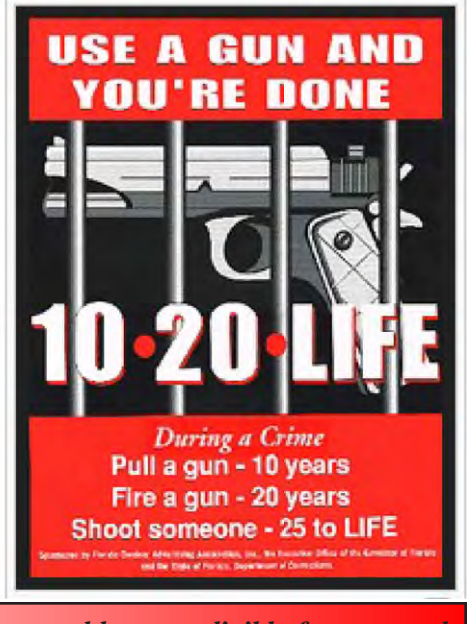


Name: Terick D. Brown
Offense: Aggravated Battery on Pregnant Victim

Name: Ledon Jabbar Coffey
Offense: Flee Officer/High Speed

Name: Brittney Young
Offense: Aggravated Assault w/Weapon, No Intent to Kill

Name: Adrian Weaver
Offense: Lewd Lascivious Sexual Batter, Molestation on Victim 12-15 Years Old



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