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Guns Involved in Two Growth Coming to South Georgia



Christopher Smith, 28,
Killed



Titarius Lyons, 21,
arrested

Guns are still most harmful when not used properly and end up in the wrong hands. We must fight crime.

Christopher Smith, 28 was shot and killed Thursday at his apartment on Sunbeam Road. According to reports, two masked men, wearing hoodies, broke into the apartment and shot and killed Smith, in a home invasion robbery. The men broke through the door of the apartment a little after 1:00 a.m.

Smith was shot multiple times but the female and the two children who were also in the apartment, but sleeping, were not injured. It is not known if the two men who entered the apartment actually knew Smith.

Interviews are being held looking for witness.

In the northwest section of Jacksonville, West 31st and Stuart on Thursday and in the area of West 26th at Moncrief, one of three men, after being shot, crashed his car on West 31st and died. The two other men involved in the shooting, are in the hospital, one in critical condition.

A 21-year old St. Johns County man was identified and arrested Tuesday in connection with Armed Robbery that occurred last Thursday in the parking lot of 200 S. Woodlawn.

The suspect, identified as Titarius Rondre Lyons, 21, 410 S. Holmes Boulevard, was located with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service and brought in for questioning.

During the course of the investigation, detectives determined that Lyons allegedly pulled a handgun on a local taxi cab driver (Ancient City Taxi) and demanded money. At the time, Lyons was able to get away with an undisclosed amount of money.

Lyons was booked into the County Jail where he remains in lieu of \$51,000 bond in connection with the robbery, as well as no bond for two counts of violation of probation.

Charmingly Pink Lends Big Hand to Fight Breast Cancer Holly Robinson Peete Joined Group for Brunch



Rennetta M. Fefie, Florida/Georgia
Star and Holly Robinson Peete,
actress and mother.

In 2009, Charmingly Pink was founded by Sheretta West, wife of Pastor West, pastor and founder of Church Without Walls, Houston, Texas. In its inaugural year, breast cancer survivors Rene' Syler, former CBS Early Show and actor Richard Roundtree shared their inspirational journeys at Charmingly Pink's annual fundraiser.

The organization continues to grow and was attended by churches, nationwide, that included Jacksonville's Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church and pastor H. B. Charles, Sr.

The brunch this past Saturday, was a success.

Walmart and Toys "R" Us Have More Jobs



during the holiday season.

Toys "R" Us, Inc., is based in Wayne, N.J. said it will hire about 45,000 seasonal workers, an increase from last year. They added that seasonal jobs can lead to full-time employment. For a list of the jobs in the 876 Toys "R" Us and Babies R" Us in the United States and Puerto Rico, go to: www.RUSCareers.com.

Walmart U.S., which is part of Walmart Stores Inc., the world's largest retail-store chain, announced it will hire 50,000 seasonal sales associates during the holidays. Walmart Stores Inc. operates 8,500 stores in 15 countries.

Billionaire Offers \$65M to Man who woos his Gay Daughter



A confirmed bachelor, 76, who says he has had sex with over 10,000 women, and is the father of three, found that his daughter, Gigi, 33, married a woman in France. So now, he is offering \$65million in U.S. dollars to the man who can get his daughter to want a man rather than a woman.

Since making the announcement he has been bombarded with men who wish to take on the challenge. His daughter knows of her father's offer but said she is not moved, even though she said she does not wish to hurt her family. She has not admitted to the marriage but has admitted to her sexual choice.

Two of the nation's largest retailers, have announced that they will boost hiring



Big Amusement Park Coming to Kingsland,



Mayor Kenneth E.
Smith, Jr., Kingsland

Congratulations to Kenneth Smith, mayor of Kingsland, Georgia. Last weekend, (see page B-3) he initiated the first HBCU Battle of the Bands for south Georgia, which was very successful.

Earlier this year, Oprah Winfrey spent time in Kingsland, calling it "Love Town USA." Today, he made the official announcement that Kingsland will be the city with a \$100 million tourist center in 2014. It will have a 600-acre resort off of I-95, Exit 3. It will be called the Kingsland Entertainment and Adventure Resort to include a hotel and conference center, a family-oriented entertainment hub and adventure park with 14-venues. The park will include high ropes obstacle course, water park, amphitheater, a bowling center, a sports complex as well as restaurants and shops. The center will create more than 800 jobs.

Mayor Smith was born in Jacksonville. He has been mayor since January, 2002.

Book Published

Do You Really Want a Mormon President???

About the book... by the author

It was not an easy decision to write this book. I have had to literally bare my soul ... and to talk about things that the members of the more staunchly Mormon side of my family do not want me to talk about. To be sure, my mother and older brother are turning in their graves. A thousand times I have debated in my head whether or not to proceed ... or to simply let the matter be. To make things worse, I have dared to tread into forbidden waters .. to discuss both religion and politics ... together ... in the same breath ... and to probe even deeper and more precariously by suggesting that responsibility and accountability are necessarily related, along with the right and obligation to critically assess religious and political ideologies.

I first heard the concept of responsibility in relationship to ideology ... and freedoms ... when I was attending the University of Hawaii during the Vietnam War. I remember that it surprised me when I first heard it suggested that we, ordinary citizens, were responsible for our involvement in that war. How could that be, I had pondered. Robert Jay Lifton was a popular writer at the time, who explained that we can incur responsibility not only be performing the act, but also by 'allowing' it to happen. We have the freedom to choose our nation's leaders ... it is our votes that put them there ... and we are therefore responsible for their actions ... or non-actions.

If one were to briefly survey the concept of responsibility for our ideologi-

cally-based actions among different world populations, it would be immediately clear that there is a great amount of variation. At one extreme we would find numerous groups that have not yet experienced freedom from suppressive civic and religious ideologies ... where there are few or no freedoms, and the question of how to deal with such freedoms is mute ... these include freedoms which we Americans have long been guaranteed and take for granted.

I like to think of Norway as an example of a society which understands and directly deals with ideological responsibility. I use the recent massacre of innocent citizens by Anders Behring Breivik as an example. Norwegian public opinion during and after his trial focused on responsibility. Even Breivik himself embraced responsibility, and his insistence that he was sane and that he was right to do what he had done ... it was his ideological right. But the Norwegian society disagreed, and in turn insisted that they had the right ... and the obligation ... to not only judge his actions, but also to assess and judge the ideological base for his actions.

I would like to think that our own American society is equally rational and mature, but I don't think we are quite that far along ... we still seem to have a propensity to pass on the blame and to avoid responsibility, whether it be to the government, to specific scapegoats, or to our god.

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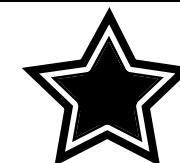
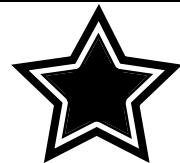
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Faith In Our Community

Schedule of Events and Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2730 West

Edgewood Ave. Rev. James Wiggins, Jr., Pastor. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m., Wednesdays Bible Study/workshop with light supper @ 6:30 p.m. followed by Evangelism training at 7:00 p.m. Six-week Justice Peggy Quince Sermon and Bible Study Series: "How to Share your Faith" September 5, 2012 - October 14, 2012. On Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 8:30 am-11:00 am, we will sponsor our annual "Prayer Breakfast" with guest speaker, Justice Peggy Quince. This year's theme will be: *Upping the Ante: Unleashing the Power of Prayer*. We open our doors & hearts to the Community, all are Welcome.

The Jacksonville Local Organizing Committee of the Millions More Movement, Inc., a local non-profit organization is soliciting your support. We are now asking for your help by donating non-perishable items for our fast approaching 'Thanksgiving Basket Give-A-Way'. Each year JLOC-MMM Inc., for the past 7 years, has worked hard to bring joy to underserved families in Jacksonville and the surrounding area. You can donate very easy by bringing your non-perishable item / items to 916 N. Myrtle Avenue, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. You can also call us at 904-240-9133 or 904-354-1775 for pick up. If you want to know more about Jacksonville Local Organizing Committee of the Millions More Movement Inc., visit our website: www.realpagegessite.com/jacksonvilleloc. Please help JLOC, MMM Inc., "as we work to end the community violence by providing a good, quality education and not more incarceration."

Bishop Felipe J. Estévez Celebrates First Annual Mass for Peace - Jacksonville, Fla. - The Diocesan Commission for Justice and Peace is hosting the first annual Mass for Peace on Sunday, Oct. 7, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 9800 Baymeadows Road in Jacksonville. Prior to the Mass there will be a rosary for peace at 4:30 p.m.

Bishop Felipe J. Estévez will celebrate the Mass inviting Catholics and the community to come together to pray for peace in our world. Participating in the Mass will be a children's choir made up of students from Holy Family Catholic School.

"The Mass was planned close to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4) who was known for his care for creation and the poor – and it is taking place on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, so the school children will be leading those in attendance in a Scriptural Rosary for Peace and Justice," said Nancy O'Byrne, chair of the diocesan Justice and Peace Commission. "Sunday Oct. 7 is also Respect Life Sunday, which sends the message that working and praying for peace is an important life issue that our church champions," she said.

Each person attending the Mass will receive a prayer card with a prayer written by Pope John Paul II:

Mary, Queen of Peace, we entrust our lives to you. Shelter us from war, hatred and oppression. Teach us to live in peace, to educate ourselves for peace. Inspire us to act justly, to revere all God has made. Root peace firmly in our hearts and in our world. Amen.

A reception will follow the Mass in the parish hall. Students from Holy Family have submitted artwork that will be on display. The artwork depicts students' interpretation of what peace looks like to them.

For more information, call Nancy O'Byrne at (904) 422-3618 or email: obymen@bellsouth.net

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.

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

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September 23, 2012.
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PATTERSON, Arthur Lee, Jr., died September 16, 2012.
PAXTON, Charles Edward, 60, died September 21, 2012.
PORTER, Nellie Sue, 74, died September 22, 2012.
PROTSMAN, Leone, 96, died September 17, 2012.
PUCKWOOD, Willie James Trice, 92, died September 17, 2012.
REDDING, Louin H, 99, died September 23, 2012.
ROBINSON, Michael, died September 18, 2012.
ROMAN, Sally, 67, died September 21, 2012.
ROYAL, Harry, died September 23, 2012.
RUFFIN, Linda Patricia, died September 17, 2012.
SCOTT, Karen Elizabeth, 55, died September 21, 2012.
SEVERANCE, Glenda K., 66, died September 22, 2012.
SHANNON, Virginia Kelly, 87, died September 21, 2012.
SKIPPER, JoAnn Townsend, died September 22, 2012.
SMITH, Lovonae R., died September 19, 2012.
STOLL, Stephen Cary, died September 18, 2012.
THOMAS, John, Jr., died September 17, 2012.
THOMAS, Mary Alene, 84, died September 22, 2012.
TOOLEY, Kevin D. died September 24, 2012.
TURKNETT, Mattie, 88, died September 23, 2012.
WAGNER, Evelyn Sue Suzy, 69, died September 19, 2012.
WALL, Dana, 55, died September 22, 2012.
KESTER, Jon Michael, died September 23, 2012.
KIRBY, James S., 91, died September 22, 2012.
LANIER, Thomas Joseph, II, 23 months, died September 19, 2012.
McCLAIN, Marion, 53, died September 22, 2012.
McELHENNY, Alice Jane, 72, died September 24, 2012.
McKEITHEN, Annie Beatrice, 89, died September 24, 2012.
MOORE, John, died September 22, 2012.
NICHOLSON, Charles Chuck, 36, died September 17, 2012.
NIX, Catherine Joe Burns, 78, died September 20, 2012.
NORMAN, Herbert Edward, 82, died September 22, 2012.

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GEORGIA DEATHS

GIBBS, Kenneth, died September 24, 2012.
HALL, Kevin, died September 25, 2012.
STEVENS-DeVenger, Roberta, died September 23, 2012.
WHENDON, Douglas, died September 21, 2012.
WORLEY, Melba Clark, 94, died September 22, 2012.

The Church Directory

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1824 Prospect Street * Jacksonville, FL 32208

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Sunday Morning

Intercessory Prayer 10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Youth Church

2nd & 3rd Sundays (Old Sanctuary)

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Elder Arnitt Jones, Acting Pastor

Rev. Joe Calhoun, Pastor Emeritus

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Sunday

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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

"Glory Hour" Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

"Jehovah Jireh" Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Thursday Joy Night, 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Marquise Hardrick, Pastor

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Sun Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Tues Eve Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 12 Noon
Wed Feeding Ministry - 2:00 p.m.

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So ... you ask ... where does Mormonism fit into all this? And the up-coming election? In my book I attempt to explain that ideology has become a fundamental concern, not only religiously, but in political and civic matters as well, and in the determination of how we are to address the national and global challenges of our time. I suggest that we must embrace rational responsibility ... and the need to critically assess ideological options. I go on to suggest that, in this context, the LDS ideology is extreme and ideologically dangerous ... and that we are potentially about to vote into Presidency an individual who was born into that ideology, indoctrinated into that ideology, and within which rose to a very high rank and position of leadership.

But you are not satisfied! You would like to know what characteristics of the Mormon ideology are so dangerous, and WHY?

This is heady stuff ... and so in the book I employ a little humor, and I rely a good deal on telling stories from my own life experience.

But first, there are parts of the LDS way of life that are exemplary ... emphasis on the family structure and the teaching of high moral values are two central examples. Hard work and cooperation is stressed in Mormon communities, and is a notable characteristic of the Mormon way of life. This part of Mormonism is to be applauded, and respected. A very close High School buddy of mine and his through-life sweetheart eventually married, and, surprising to me, chose to become members of the LDS Church. I have pondered about their situation many times ... they had gone through some troubling times, and I am sure that they saw a great deal of good in the Mormon way of life, and an environment suited for raising their children. I wish them the best. But I cannot help but question whether the good could be achieved without the dogma and ideological servitude ... and it does not balance-out the negative aspects.

The founding Prophet, Joseph Smith, taught his fellow Saints that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints possessed the one and only true gospel of God, and that all other religions were abominations before the almighty. This declaration extended worldwide, to all cultures and religions, past and future ... and is the reason for their practice of 'baptisms for the dead' and their focus on proselytizing aggressively on a global

scale ... which they rationalize is to allow a way for all mankind, past and future, to become LDS Saints, to be baptized, and to be able to enter the Celestial Kingdom of God ... entrance to which is reserved for only LDS Saints, and only for those Saints who have completed the necessary pathway and are judged to be worthy. The resulting 'exclusiveness' of their religion is therefore extreme, almost absolute. Beginning with Joseph Smith, this extreme exclusiveness translated into an attitude towards other Americans, the 'gentiles', that separated the Saints and placed them above all others ... an attitude of aloofness, superiority, and even arrogant self-righteousness ... and they often considered themselves to be exempt from American civic law. In a modern context, this emerges as a disturbing intolerance for other peoples and cultures, a reluctance to share and assist, and a basis for conflict.

The form of church organization first established by Joseph Smith, and then built-on by Brigham Young and succeeding Prophets (church presidents) is strictly authoritarian. I cannot recall, during all the years of my youth, of us ever voting for anything, or for a person. The Church financial structure is set up as a sole-owner entity, with the Church President owning all of the wealth of the Church. The exceptions are the ownership of land, which is owned by the Presiding Bishopric, and ranking Church leaders hold appointed executive positions in over 900 Church-owned businesses. The Church enjoys a tax-exempt status and the payment of member's minimum 10% tithe is also tax-deductable (equal to a total of approximately 5.9 billion dollars per year).

The Church does not disclose details of its finances, and its financial activities are not deemed accountable to its members (nor the IRS) ... church members do not share in the Church's wealth. In fact, not only are the members required to pay tithe, but they are then 'assessed' further for contributions to building funds, welfare funds, and other expenses. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is definitely not a democratic institution, nor does it promote democratic principles within its organization.

Further, specific LDS doctrine lay the foundation for an iron-clad position on several issues that are currently under debate in our American society, and particularly in this year's election. One is the matter of women's rights, and their on-going struggle for equality. Canonized Mormon

doctrine and way of life strictly define women's role to be a subservient and obedient wife, and the mother of as many children as possible, and allows for little else. Even her chance to enter the Celestial Kingdom of Heaven is dependent on her successful role-playing ... she must be married, to a LDS male holding the Melchezidek Priesthood, and the couple must have successfully performed both the 'Endowment' and 'Sealing' ceremonies in a LDS temple. There is no alternative route, no other option. She will not be able to enter the Celestial Kingdom if she is single or judged unworthy ... which status, by the way, is determined solely by the ward Bishop. Non-heterosexual relationships are forbidden, which excludes same-sex marriage. Performing, advocating, or even favorably considering abortion is grounds for excommunication, and considering any type of birth control or population control is treading dangerous waters.

But this is not the end of the story

During my early teens my mother would tell me about LDS Prophecies and the divine revelations received by Joseph Smith and following president prophets, describing God's game-plan and end-goal for the Saints. Mom possessed a collection of several Church-sanctioned texts that expanded on the prophecies and the Saint's perceived 'Manifest Destiny'. Four events were to take place. In brief, the first would be that the U.S. would experience a political upheaval so severe that "the U.S. Constitution will hang but by a thread" and the LDS Saints will be begged by the gentile citizenry to take over the reins of governments and save the nation. This has been dubbed the "White Horse Prophecy". Although Joseph Smith described the event to take place 'imminently' within his lifetime, subsequent Church leaders have kept it alive, and it is thought by most Church members today to be, again, imminently about to happen. Following taking control of the U.S. government, a new theocratic world order will be established, with the LDS Saints, and only the LDS Saints, being the leaders, the redeemers, and the saviors. This new order would be global, and all other governments would cease to function, including that of the U.S.. The third event would be the second-

coming of Jesus Christ. Most Christian denominations believe in a second-coming, but not quite like that envisioned and prophesied by the Mormons. Specific happenings will take place, such as the appearance of John the Baptist to forewarn of Jesus's return. The second-coming will be preceded and accompanied by a natural holocaust of unimaginable proportions ... the planet will be racked by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, the seas will rise to great heights and tsunamis will be generated, and the earth will be cleansed by fire. Then the world will enter a millennium of peace ... the theocratic order will prevail ... and mankind will be prepared to pass on, each to one level in the three levels of heaven, the choice dependent on their worthiness in this earthly life, and being baptized in the LDS Church.

One scenario brought the seriousness of these prophecies home to me in a very disturbing way. It was the time of the cold war with Russia, and everyone was filled with paranoia about a possible nuclear holocaust. Mom had a nursing degree, and was asked to be part of our city's civil defense. She would bring home piles of pamphlets which described what could happen, and what to do, and things like 'how many feet of concrete it would take to block nuclear radiation'. Mom had re-occurring nightmares of the city being on fire, and the family running for our lives. The curious part to me, even at that time, was that dear mom connected a pending nuclear holocaust with the second-coming. Kinda scary!

My mother believed in the truth of these prophecies to the very depths of her soul, and I heard testimonials and discussions at Church services that revealed that her belief was widely shared among the Mormon brothers and sisters. The word 'imminent' was on everyone's lips, and we were told that we not only in the 'latter days', but the last of the latter days. In this perspective, a Mormon leader becoming the President of the United States was a part of prophecy, and a first step in the inevitable sequence of events about to unfold. There is no doubt in my mind that a good percentage of the 14.1 million LDS members are currently sitting at the edge of their seats in anticipation. There is very real reason for concern.

Brent Bateman

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2 Corinthians 4:7-9; 13a (NKJV)

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According to the Pew Research Center, the voter turnout rate among eligible African American women voters increased 5.1 percentage points, from 63.7% in 2004 to 68.8% in 2008. Overall, among all racial, ethnic and gender groups, African American women had the highest voter turnout rate in November's election — a first. With African American women making up 53% of the African American vote, they have the potential to shape and effect the 2012 national, state and local elections. The **VESSELS** project provides African American women with non-partisan, civic engagement tools, techniques, and activities that they can utilize in their respective ministries and communities.

For more information on **VESSELS** or to schedule a training, please email vesselsvote@pfaw.org or call (202) 467-4999 and ask for the **VESSELS** program.

Why Vote? Our lives and our children's lives depend on all eligible voters to vote to protect their rights and privileges as human beings.

I Was Wife # 2 and # 12



Meet an up and coming author Geri Lewis, a business woman, singer, insurance broker, life coach ,and a battered woman. Ms. Lewis is the author of the very compelling and informative new book *Marriage is Good, But Get a Background Check*. In spite of a very successful career, Geri Lewis fell into gross deception. The book tells the true life story of how she became the second and twelfth wife of Barry a local musician.

Ms. Lewis' story gives readers a look into the pain, suffering and subsequent healing that she had to endure after making the decision to remarry her former husband. She finds out that in the 36 years since their divorce, that Barry has not changed and has had 10 other wives. The book tells the story of how Ms. Lewis got caught up in a whirlwind of lies, deceit and deception causing her to lose her life savings, retirement,, and self-esteem.

"It is my hope that readers become aware and inspired by my real life experience. *Marriage is Good, But Get a Background Check* recounts How far a man will go to meet his own needs. I'm not discouraging marriage, but any union before God deserves an in-depth investigation."

Geri Lewis graduated from Savannah State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Business Administration. She has had many successful years as a professional business woman. Her accomplishments include earning gold and bronze medals in sales for the southeast region of ING/ Life of Georgia Insurance Company, working as a program coordinator, an employment specialist, a broker, a secretary and case manager.

Ms. Lewis recommends that everyone reads her story. She wants it to be an eye opener for those contemplating marriage. Women and men from all walks of life need to be aware of this kind of deception before making the decision that will effect their lives and the lives of their loved ones.

Ms Lewis invites you to view her video on YouTube and to friend and like her on FaceBook.

Marriage is Good, But Get a Background Check is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Books a Million websites. The book is on the shelves of Barnes and Noble and other major book stores. The Website is christianreading.com/glew

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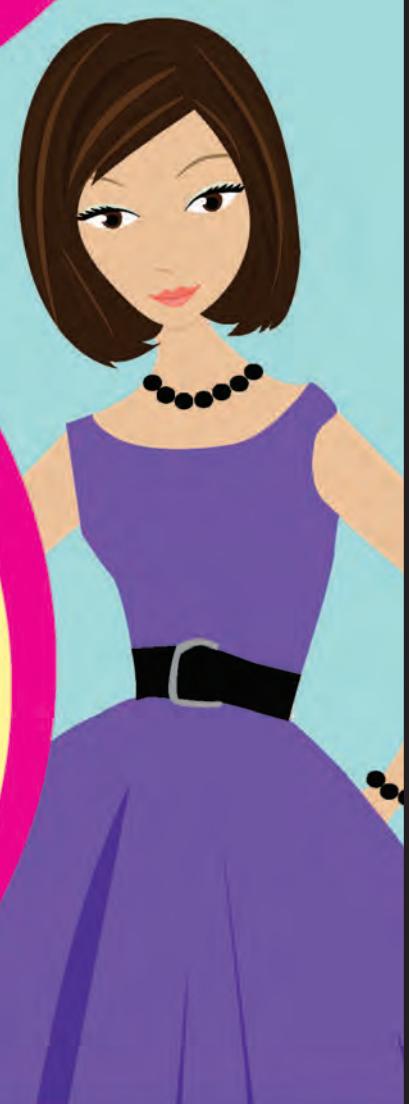
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Around The Area



Nephew Tommy @ The Florida Theater

Sandy Neal
Freelance Photojournalist

The Florida Theater was filled with people anxiously waiting to see *"Nephew Tommy and Friends"* which consisted of *Drew Frazier, Dave Lawson, Jammin' J Lamont* and of course *Nephew Tommy*.

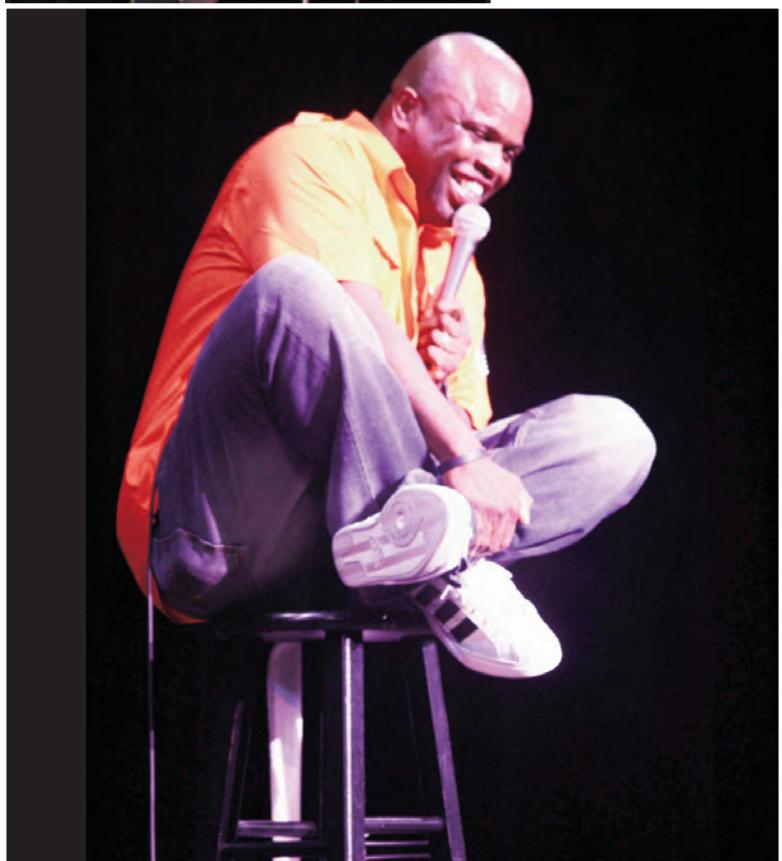
The show was hosted by *93.3 The Beat and Crown Capital Entertainment and MC'd by T-Roy (Radio personality 93.3) and DJ Byrd* kept the crowd on their feet dancing before the show started. *Odd Rod*, a local popular poet graced the stage first with his style of poetry like no other. The crowd loved his poem "Plus Size" that he wrote just for his mother. The show opened with an infamous "Prank Call" from Nephew Tommy on an unsuspecting victim.

Thomas Miles better known as "Nephew Tommy" is a comedian, radio personality, and an actor. Miles is best known for his role in the Steve Harvey Morning Show. His radio alter egos include: Eugene

(The morning birthday announcer) and Oatmeal. The crowd went crazy when he came out as each of these characters. "Aight" is a favorite saying of the character "Oatmeal".

Each of the Comedians that graced the stage were funny, dramatic and colorful with their style of comedy. They made jokes about everything from the economy to how President Obama needs a "Cusser of the House," but you would have had to be there to understand that particular joke. Miles aka Nephew Tommy also told the crowd (all jokes aside) how important that it was for people again to get out and vote.

The After party was held at *Oasis Grill and Chill* where the entire hosts of comedians were on-hand again to greet their adoring fans with more pictures and autographs. No matter where you see Thomas Miles, two things are for sure, he will be dressed to impress and expect to laugh until it hurts. When I asked him, "What did he want the people of Jacksonville to know about him?" he simply answered, "Tell'em that I am the most realist man that they will ever meet."



SONYA RICHARDSON ROSS AT PURE NIGHTCLUB

Sandy Neal
Freelance Photojournalist

Sonya Richardson Ross, the two-time Olympic Gold Medalist in London, was the star on Friday night at PURE Nightclub hosted by Crown Capital Group. They also had a live, larger than life dancing Robot and The Urban league was in the house to greet Mrs. Richardson Ross.

She is a graceful beautiful young lady that signed many autographs, shook hands and took pictures with the many club-goers in the building. DJ Byrd was on the wheels of steels playing all Mrs. Richardson Ross favorites. She is as graceful on a dance floor as she is on the track.



Sonya Richardson Ross. Photo taken by Terrence Armand of IMBNightlife.com



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Sonya Richardson Ross and Ivory Orr of PURE Nightclub and CEO of Crown Capital Group

ENTERTAINMENT

Taking Diabetes to Heart: Randy Jackson Partners with Merck to Challenge People Living with Type 2 Diabetes to Join Him in Committing to Living a Diabetes-Friendly Lifestyle



(NAPSI)—Did you know that GRAMMY® Award-winning music producer and American Idol judge Randy Jackson is one of the nearly 26 million Americans in the United States living with diabetes?

In 2003, Jackson was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. Now he is sharing his story to "drum up" awareness of serious complications, including heart disease—a leading cause of death among people with type 2 diabetes. In fact, adults with type 2 diabetes are 2 to 4 times more likely to die from heart disease than adults without diabetes.

Jackson is working with Merck on the Taking Diabetes to Heart program, to help educate people with type 2 diabetes about the importance of early and effective management of the ABCs of diabetes—A1C, or blood sugar, Blood pressure, and Cholesterol—as part of their treatment plan, which can help reduce the risk of serious complications, including heart disease.

"When I was diagnosed with diabetes, my doctors told me that people with type 2 diabetes have an increased risk of heart disease and stroke," recalls Jackson. "This was all I needed to know to take my diabetes to heart. I made changes to my lifestyle and worked with my doctors to set goals for my ABCs."

To help "set the stage" for others living with type 2 diabetes to commit to a diabetes-friendly lifestyle, Jackson is encouraging patients to visit TakingDiabetesToHeart.com to learn how they can take their diabetes to heart and make a pledge to help better manage their disease. Those who make the pledge will have access to Jackson's personal tips and example questions to ask their doctors about ways to help manage diabetes.

Some of Randy's favorite tips include:

- **Hit Your Notes**—Work with a doctor to come up with a personalized treatment plan and set individualized goals for the ABCs.
- **Tune Up Your Diet**—Eat smaller portions, fill up on fresh fruits and vegetables, and keep track of carbs.
- **Drop a Few Pounds**—Losing weight isn't always easy but even a small amount of weight loss can help reduce health risks.
- **Move to Your Own Groove**—It's not always easy to get to the gym but there are simple, everyday activities that can help.
- **Gather Your Fans**—Involve family and friends—a little support goes a long way.
- **Know When to Quit**—People who smoke and have diabetes have an even higher risk of heart attack or stroke. QUIT.

Consumers Satisfied With Their Cell Phone Service



phone bill, and are largely skeptical of government regulation.

Specifically, the survey shows an overwhelming satisfaction rate (94 percent) with their wireless service and an equally impressive level of support for a five-year freeze on new wireless taxes and fees (83 percent), which is stronger than that found in the MyWireless.org Annual Consumer Survey of the general population.

While the national average tax and fee rate on wireless service is nearly 17 percent of a consumer's monthly bill, 91 percent of those surveyed believed it should be lower or the same as the average general sales tax rate, which is about 7 percent. African Americans are also making mobile-related purchases, as 63 percent report buying digital downloads such as ringtones, music, video games, books, software or apps to their cell phone or other wireless devices.

When it comes to how those purchases should be taxed, about twice as many respondents support federal guidelines to establish one fair and consistent set of taxes rather than the current system, which could subject them to multiple state and municipal taxes on the same purchase.

Other findings include: Besides voice calls, respondents use their phone most for texting (43 percent) and Internet access (16 percent). If they had to choose only one mode of communication, 39 percent say wireless is the most important to have, 29 percent selected broadband Internet, 14 percent say cable/satellite TV, and 13 percent chose a landline phone.

When asked if they would give up their landline for a cell phone, 34 percent say they would and 20 percent say they already have.

More than any other group surveyed, African-American respondents are aware of and use parental controls or settings offered by wireless carriers that allow parents to limit a child's cell phone use, child's Internet access, and texting and downloading.

Additional survey results are available at www.mywireless.org/data-center-african-american-consumer-survey.

Programs Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month



(NAPS)—A 2012 Horowitz Associates study reveals that only 37 percent of Hispanic TV viewers surveyed say mainstream media does a good job of accurately representing ethnic and racial groups, but there's encouraging news about diversity in television programs and films this Hispanic Heritage Month.

The nation's top cable companies, in partnership with the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), are presenting programs and movies that feature compelling

Hispanic figures and events on cable's On Demand service. The Hispanic-themed programming represents a broad industry effort to provide digital cable customers convenient access to relevant, factual and entertaining Hispanic and Latino television shows and movies—On Demand all month long.

"Hispanic Heritage Month is significant because it calls upon the Hispanic community to share our culture and rich traditions with the entire country. We're proud of our long-standing partnership with the cable industry because it provides an opportunity to share positive images of Latinos and allow viewers to watch compelling stories that tell the history and celebrate the many contributions Latinos have made," said LULAC National President Margaret Moran.

With a couple clicks of the remote control, culture-hungry viewers can instantly choose from a diverse lineup of Hispanic programming. In turn, they can "like" www.facebook.com/diversityondemand and connect to details about their cable provider's programming and engage in discussions with others.

Hispanic Heritage Month On Demand program highlights include:

A Storied Past—Gain a new understanding of historical events through real-life stories. The dramatic account of Ernesto "Che" Guevara's inspiring and thrilling youthful motorcycle trek across Latin America traces the origins of his revolutionary spirit.

Dramatic Interpretations—See award-winning novels brought to life on film to interpret history and culture. While characters such as Cesar and Nestor Castillo—brothers and aspiring musicians who flee from Cuba to America in the hopes of reviving their failed musical careers—may be fictional, their stories are reflective of today's challenges.

Live and Laugh—Kings of Latin comedy George Lopez, Cheech Marin, Joey Medina, Alex Reymundo and Paul Rodriguez joke about unique cultural oddities, while Carlos Mencia helps break down barriers by addressing ethnic stereotypes, racism and the inability to laugh at oneself.

Hispanic Hearth and Home—Complete the cultural immersion with a close look at food. Simmer awhile with chef Aaron Sanchez, owner of New York's Centrico restaurant and Tacombi, who preps dishes with people he admires and takes viewers on visits to iconic spots in the Big Apple.

The top cable companies are presenting programs that feature compelling Hispanic figures and events on cable's On Demand service during Hispanic Heritage Month.

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CARIBBEAN NEWS

PARADISE LOST? REGION ROCKED BY CRIME AS ROBBERS ATTEMPT 'OCEAN'S ELEVEN'-STYLE ROBBERY IN ATLANTIS CASINO AND PM CONDEMNS RAPE OF EIGHT YEAR-OLD AND FOUR OTHER FEMALES DURING ROBBERY

By ARTHIA NIXON
Caribbean News Editor

The postcard perfect picture of peace in the Caribbean was marred in the past week as criminals stole local headlines particularly in The Bahamas and Jamaica. Police have been quick to respond and many locals and officials have offered reassurance the incidents do not reflect the true spirit of the nations or its people.

On Sunday, in The Bahamas, tourists were present when an attempt to rob the internationally-famous Atlantis casino was foiled.

According to a statement obtained by us from the Royal Bahamas Police Force, three men are in custody following their attempt to steal from the cashier's cage area of the casino.

"Initial reports indicate that around mid-day on Sunday 23rd September, 2012 the men ages 24, 30 and 31 years, entered the cashier's cage and attempted to steal monies after spraying a noxious substance," noted the statement.

"Quick response by security officers of Atlantis resulted in the area being locked down and all suspects arrested," police added. "Following the arrest, police conducted a search and discovered in the ceiling of the establishment a bag containing an undisclosed amount of cash, believed to be the property of Atlantis." Police have mounted and intensive investigation into this matter. Active police investigations continue. Meanwhile, the men were expected to appear before



court.

In other news, a vicious attack on a family of five women in St. James, Jamaica has been condemned by that nation's Prime Minister, Portia Simpson Miller.

According to reports, two men entered a home and held one of the women at gunpoint then demanded the door be opened. The occupants of the home were robbed of an undetermined amount of cash and taken to an open lot where they were tied up and raped repeatedly at gunpoint. The victims were ages 28, 23, 16, 14 and 8 years-old respectively. The eight year old girl had to undergo emergency surgery.

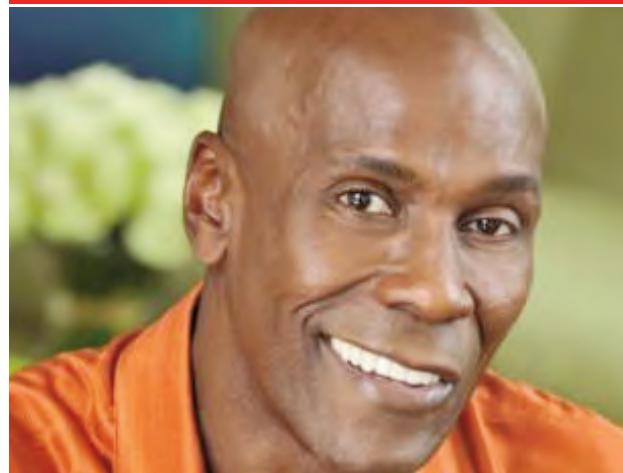
The Prime Minister stated: "This kind of savagery against our women and girls is intolerable."

She has called on the police to leave no stone unturned until those who carried out this kind of appalling violence against the women and girls are brought to justice.

The Prime Minister is also calling on anyone with information to help the police in their investigations so the full force of the law can be brought swiftly against the heartless criminals who could commit this barbaric act against children and women.

Above photo shows Atlantis Resort in The Bahamas.

Event Designer Preston Bailey to headline Caribbean Bride magazine's Bride Villa in Antigua



ANTIGUA: Caribbean Bride Magazine is pleased to announce that international, award-winning event and wedding designer Preston Bailey will be the special guest at Bride Villa, the ultimate Caribbean destination wedding planning event. Over the course of his 30-year career, Preston Bailey has elevated the concept of destination weddings. His appearance at Bride Villa marks a continuation of his pioneering efforts, beginning in 2005, to offer wedding couples a way to realize their dream of a destination wedding, especially in the Caribbean.

Bride Villa is open to event planners and the general public and is scheduled for October 12-14, 2012. The Bride Villa event will be held for the first time in Antigua.

Details and tickets are available at www.caribbeanbridevilla.com.

Erica Henry-Jackman, who represents the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Office in Canada explains that "Antigua and Barbuda has long been synonymous with romance. Its perfect weather and totally tropical flavor makes it the perfect wedding and honeymoon destination. We are delighted to welcome Bride Villa to our island."

Caribbean Bride Magazine has partnered with the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority to produce a weekend of activities that includes a welcome reception on Friday, October 12, a seminar entitled "Love in Antigua" on Saturday, October 13 and Bride Villa, the consumer expo, on Sunday, 14 October. Show director and Caribbean Bride Magazine publisher Dave Cox explains that the new format is meant to introduce an educational component to the annual showcase of vendors. "Love in Antigua" features an impressive line-up of key industry professionals. The seminar includes training and educational presentations on Social Media Marketing by wedding marketing specialist Andrea Lowon from Smart Bride Boutique; Mike Zoumberos from Limelight Photography on Keys to Great Wedding Pictures; Wedding Trends and Marketing by wedding trends expert Meredith Bullock and Bride Villa's headliner, Preston Bailey who will speak on the artistry of event design.

Preston Bailey's international career brings his wedding and event designs to numerous locations around the world. A specialty over the years has become working with wedding couples to create their destination wedding. Beginning in 2005, Preston married the concept of a destination wedding with a specific destination partner to design a selection of exceptional wedding packages offered exclusively to Sandals and Beaches Resorts WeddingMoon(TM) guests. The five-year partnership with Sandals raised the bar on luxury experiences for Caribbean destinations. Preston continues to work with wedding couples around the world to design and plan their most memorable event. The interest in destination weddings has increased and evolved over the years and a new partnership was announced in December 2011 with Ritz-Carlton Hong Kong to offer the exclusive "Dream Wedding Package". The wedding couple is flown first class to meet Preston in his studio in New York to discuss details of their one-of-a-kind wedding in the Ritz Carlton Hong Kong Ballroom. The inclusion of Preston Bailey in this year's Bride Villa event signals a significant commitment to bringing the most experienced experts in destination wedding planning to the Caribbean. Dereka Whitlock, who represents the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Office in the United States explains that "The events with the industry experts will help authenticate and strengthen Antigua and Barbuda's tourism product."

On Sunday, October 14, guests are invited to attend Bride Villa's cocktail wedding party, which showcases all wedding and honeymoon essentials from bridal gowns, jewelry, cakes and romantic getaways. They are then treated to a spectacular fashion show and live beauty demonstrations by Adrian Carew of Hair 2 Inc. in Toronto.

Colin James, CEO of Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority commented, "As a wedding and honeymoon destination, we feel truly honored that people from around the world choose Antigua and Barbuda as that special place to create such a timeless memory and we are very excited to host these events with Preston Bailey and Caribbean Bride Magazine."

RIHANNA KEEPS ROCKIN': Leads MTV EMAs With Six Nominations And Releases New Single From New Album



By ARTHIA NIXON
Caribbean News Editor

24 year-old Bajan sensation Rihanna continues her reign as pop princess. The controversial singer is leading the 2012 MTV Europe Music Awards (EMAs), with six nominations.

The announcement was made on Wednesday, the same day Rihanna launched her new single 'Diamonds'.

Rihanna is up for Best Female, Best Pop and the Biggest Fans award while her song 'We Found Love' is up for Best Song and Best Video. She also will be up for Best Look which spotlights the most unique and eye-catching personal styles in the music world against Nicki Minaj, Jack White, Taylor Swift and A\$AP Rocky.

Following Rihanna with five nominations is Taylor Swift and Justin Bieber and Katy Perry with four nods each. Lady Gaga, Nicki Minaj, Kanye West and Rihanna's friend and mentor Jay-Z are all up for three nominations each.

The awards ceremony is set for November 11 in Frankfurt, Germany with an estimated 40 million viewers via television.

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Monday, October 8th
Community Day and Health Fair - The Yard @ 11:00am-1:00pm
Skate Party - Skate Station in Orange Park, Blanding Road @ 9:00pm-12:00am

Tuesday, October 9th
Hollywood Night Talent Show - Adams Jenkins Sports & Music Complex @ 7:30pm-9:30pm

Wednesday, October 10th
Chapel guest speaker: Pastor Tim Johnson, former NFL Player - Adams Jenkins Sports & Music Complex @ 11:00am
EWC Alumni Educators Reception - Adams Jenkins Sports & Music Complex @ 7:00pm
EWC Student Bowling - Jax Lane @ 9:00pm-12:00am

Thursday, October 11th
Comedy Show - Adams Jenkins Sports & Music Complex @ 7:00pm
Alumni Bowling Party - Latitude 30 Entertainment Center @ 10:00pm

Friday, October 12th
Tiger Athletic Band & Booster 2nd Annual Golf Tournament - First Tee of Jacksonville Course @ 8:30am
Legends Ball - Marriott JTB/Salisbury @ 6:30pm
Pep Rally - Outside of SUB 7:00pm
The Official Homecoming Party - "CLUB SUB" @ 10:00pm-2:00am

Saturday, October 13th
Alumni Spirit Breakfast - Adams Jenkins Sports & Music Complex @ 7:30am
Parade - Myrtle & Kings Rd. @ 9:00am-11:30am
Homecoming Game - Raines H.S @ 3:00pm
Step-Show - Adams Jenkins Sports & Music Complex @ 8:00pm
Alumni Party - Solomon Saloon 1867 N. Pearl St. @ 10:00pm

Sunday, October 14th
Worship Service - St. Stephens A.M.E. @ 11:00am
Softball Game & Cookout - J.P. Smalls Ballpark @ 2:00pm
Pre-Concert Reception - Davis Gallery/the Times Union Center @ 6pm
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SECTION****Congresswoman Corrine Brown Receives 2012 Phoenix Award At Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference**

First Lady Michelle Obama addressed attendees.



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Congresswoman Corrine Brown was a recipient of the 2012 Phoenix Award, an award given out each year by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) during their Annual Legislative Conference.

The award, which 'symbolizes the immortality of the human spirit and an eternal desire to reach its full potential,' is given to four distinguished individuals.

This year, Congresswoman Brown, along with the Honorable Harvey Gantt, Charlotte, North Carolina's first African American Mayor, each received The Harold Washington Award, which is presented to an individual who has contributed immeasurably to African-American political awareness, empowerment and the advancement of minorities in the electoral process.

Congresswoman Brown has been a fearless leader within the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) on the integral issue of voting rights for more than a decade.

The other two award recipients of the 42nd annual legislative conference, both of whom received "The CBCF Chair's Award," were United States Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., and Director George Lucas.

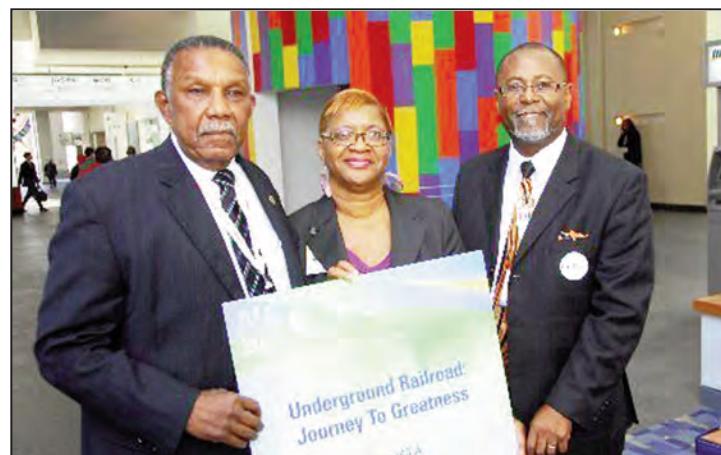
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Dr. Richard Danford, President and CEO Jacksonville Urban League, Marc Haydel Morial, President of the National Urban League, and Chanelle P. Hardy, Senior Vice President and Executive Director, National Urban League Policy Institute.



Erica Lee, Sheila Jackson Lee, U.S. Representative Texas, Prayer Breakfast Speaker Bishop Noel Jones, Pastor, City of Refuge Church, Gardena, California, Congresswoman Corrine Brown, and Tori Robinson gospel singer.



(LEFT) Elder Lee E. Harris Pastor Mt Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Jackie Gray Congresswoman Corrine Brown Staff , and Pastor R. L. Gundy, new President of The State of Florida Southern Christian Leadership Conference SCLC, and Pastor of Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church.



Florida House of Representative Geraldine Thompson's, Congresswoman Corrine Brown, Judge Emerson Thompson's, and Orlando Chief of Police Val Demmings For The Florida Senate



Prayer Breakfast: Former Florida Senator Anthony C. "Tony" Hill, Pastor R. L. Gundy and Wife.



Commissioner Daisy Williams Lynum of the Orlando Florida City Council, Congresswoman Corrine Brown, and Sharon Fletcher.



(BACK) Vincent C. Gray Mayor of the District of Columbia, Jahvaris Fulton, Congresswoman Corrine Brown, Lawyer Benjamin Crump, Florida Representative Joseph A. "Joe" Gibbons. (SEATED), Trayvon Martin's Family: Grandmother Marion Evers, mother Sybrina Fulton, and aunt Rhudine Wiley.

Rep Gwen S. Moore and Rep Elijah E. Cummings with Phoenix Awards Recipients Congresswoman Corrine Brown and Rep Eddie Bernice Johnson with The Harold Washington Award.

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Zakee Furqan, Former Florida Senator Anthony C. "Tony" Hill, Florida State Representative Mia Jones, Carrie Davis of Wealth Watchers Inc., and Dr. John Allen Newman, Senior Pastor of the Sanctuary Mt. Calvary



(LEFT) The Underground Railroad Journey to Greatness actress in character teaches lessons from the past. Also pictured is Kathryn M. Harris, Director of Library Services Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library (CENTER) Dr. Richard Danford, President and CEO of the Jacksonville Urban League, Bobby R. Henry, Sr. of The Ft. Lauderdale Westside Gazette, and Michael J. Blaylock, Chief Executive Officer of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority. RIGHT: 24th Annual Veterans Braintrust Forum Veterans Jobs, Employment and Economic Stability After Service at the Washington Convention Center - Representative Charles B. Rangel, Keynote Speakers Lloyd Austin III, Vice Chief of Staff of Army, Congresswoman Corrine Brown, Lt. Gen. Willie Williams, Director, Marine Corp Staff, Vice Admiral Manson K. Brown, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support US Coast Guard, and Rep Sanford Bishop, Jr.

How to Get Your Political Opinion Heard



(StatePoint) For most Americans, politics can feel like a spectator sport, especially in an election year when so much news is devoted to the horse race. But there are many ways average citizens can take active and engaged roles in local, state and national politics.

"We can't just watch from the sidelines," says Loren J. Enns, author of, "The Sword of Liberty," a new novel which tells the story of an America where the government has been compromised by a cabal of debt-addicted politicians who must be stopped by regular citizens relying on the power of the Constitution. "Our founders gave us the emergency authority to reign-in the federal government."

Here are some ways you can make your political voice heard:

- Vote: According to Census statistics, only 63 percent of citizens ages 18 years or older voted in the last presidential election. Every election you should go to the polls and take your children with you, so they learn an important civics lesson.

- Learn: Read history books to gain perspective and insight. Study the Constitution thoroughly and know your rights. Use Internet search engines to read up on everything from our founding fathers to current issues.

"In fact, a long forgotten clause in the U.S. Constitution, Article 5, can be used to reconvene the Constitutional Convention of 1787 in order to bypass our government and ratify amendments," says Enns, who is advocating for a new Constitutional Amendment to establish a national initiative process by which citizens could vote on federal legislation and a national recall process by which they could remove congressmen, senators and even the president from office.

- Meet Your Politicians: Did you know many politicians host open office hours when citizens can visit and have questions and concerns addressed? Find out when visiting hours are and make an appointment. Prepare by writing out what you plan to say. If meeting in person is not possible, write, call or email.

- Stay Informed: Be an educated activist by keeping up with current events. Get news about the economy, health care, taxes and other issues that affect you from a variety of unbiased sources. "For example, today our national debt is skyrocketing toward \$16 trillion," says Enns. "And every taxpayer's share is \$139,000, with many therefore believing the government is driving America towards bankruptcy. And regular citizens actually can help change this."

- Organize: There is strength in numbers. Get your friends together and start an organization. From the Occupy Wall Street movement to the Tea Party, recent years have seen grassroots organizations rise to national prominence. You can use online resources like Facebook and Twitter to quickly and inexpensively disseminate information about your events and issues you care about.

"Years from now, when history books are written, what will they say about you?" asks Enns, whose new novel "The Sword of Liberty" is being published in paperback and as an eBook, available as a free download through November 6th from Amazon, Apple, Barnes & Noble and www.theswordofliberty.com/purchasebook.htm.

If you don't like the status quo, don't be a passive complainer. Get involved and make a difference!

Community Activities

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

BLK Hoodie Party, 1904 Music Hall, on Saturday September 29, 2012, at 19 N. Ocean St., Jacksonville, FL 32201. For more information call 904.434.3475.

Social Saturdays with 95.1 WAPE, River City Brewing Company, on Saturday September 29, 2012, 835 Museum Cir., Jacksonville, FL 32207. Call 904.398.2299 for additional information.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to host the event locally. The JSO is asking the members of the Jacksonville community to participate by bringing in unused medications and prescriptions, so they can be disposed of properly. **JSO's Scheduled "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day"** Events - Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The event will take place locally at two locations in Jacksonville; Publix Super Market #589, located at 9100 Merrill Road, and Publix Super Market #1066 located at 10500 San Jose For More Information contact Public Information Office – (904) 630-2133.

Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Cincinnati Bengals, this Sunday, September 30, 2012, at the EverBank Field, 1 Everbank Field Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202. For more information contact 904.633.6100.

Jaguars Post-game Celebration, on Sunday September 30, 2012, The Jacksonville Landing, 2 Independent Dr. W., Jacksonville, FL 32202. For more information call 904.353.1188.

MUSICIAN'S MONDAY, this Monday October 01, 2012, 1904 Music Hall, 19 N. Ocean St., Jacksonville, FL 32202. Please call 904.434.3475 for any information.

Haven Hospice is hosting caregiver support groups. One of the support groups will be every first Monday of the month. The first will be on Oct. 1 from 4-5 p.m. at the Custead Care Center in Orange Park at 745 Blanding Blvd. The second support group will be every first Wednesday of the month. The first will take place Oct. 3 from 4-5 p.m. at the Haven Hospice Jacksonville office at 8301 Cypress Plaza Drive. For more information, contact the local office at 904-279-1677.

Forever Fit 50 & Beyond Opening Ceremony, this Monday, October 01, 2012, at Metropolitan Park & Marina, 4110 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32202. Please call 904.630.0837 for any information.

Florida Forum with Walter Isaacson, at Florida Times Union on Tuesday October 02, 2012, 1 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Contact 904.359.4111 for more information.

Simple Changes Can Boost Your Health

(StatePoint) Feeling a little off? Regardless of your age or fitness level, there are steps you can take every day to feel and perform your best.



"Many Americans ignore their pain and fatigue," says Dr. Keith Overland, president of the American Chiropractic Association (ACA). "But just like world-class athletes who constantly search for ways to optimize their game, we can do better. Start with simple changes that promote greater health and wellness. You'll feel better now and avoid bigger problems down the line."

In honor of National Chiropractic Health Month, observed in October, ACA encourages Americans to "Find Your Game" by taking simple steps to promote optimal functioning:

- Get moving: Americans are more sedentary today than in the past. Lack of exercise can atrophy muscles and contribute to obesity, arthritis and other problems. You don't have to train like an Olympian, just aim for a minimum of 20 to 30 minutes of exercise three to four days a week.

- Stretch daily: Improving flexibility is crucial to avoiding injury. Make a habit of stretching your major muscle groups each morning.

- Don't work through pain: The earlier an injury is treated, the sooner healing can begin. Masking injuries with painkillers to get back into action before you're healed could worsen your original injury and lead to a chronic condition. Treat the cause of pain, not the symptom. Chiropractic physicians can treat many injuries and enable healing to occur—without drugs or surgery.

- Outfit your feet: Think function when shopping for shoes used for exercise and walking long distances. The wrong shoes or worn-out shoes can cause pain throughout the body. A doctor of chiropractic can help you determine your arch type, match it to your gait and advise you on the best footwear.

- Eat right: Even a few simple changes in diet can have a positive impact on your health. Limit red meat and excessive quantities of sugar and salt. Eat plenty of fruits, vegetables, nuts and whole grains. Consider consulting a health care professional to determine what supplements are right for you.

- Recharge: If you feel fatigued often, get more sleep. Instead of revitalizing with soft drinks or coffee, try a glass of pomegranate juice and a brisk walk. Have your B12 and iron levels checked at least once a year for deficiencies. Lean meats, nuts, legumes and green leafy vegetables can help put some pep in your step.

- Get the right stuff: From baby slings to telephones, small consumer choices can have a big impact on your well-being. Shop for products designed with the comfort of your neck and back in mind. If your job is causing you pain, talk to your employer about replacing your equipment with ergonomic models.

For more health tips, or to find a chiropractic physician near you, visit www.ChiroHealthy.com.

There's no need to live on life's sidelines. With a few key changes, you can feel and perform your best.

Community Activities, cont'd.....

Art With A Heart in Healthcare Exhibition, MOCA Jacksonville. Tuesday October 02, 2012, at 333 N. Laura Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Please call 904.366.6911 for any information.

Grand Opening of DIVERSIONS Relaxation Gift Store, Diversions, this Wednesday October 03, 2012, 201 N. Laura St., Jacksonville, FL 32202. Contact 904.586.2088 for more information.

Forward's Forum: Getting Out of Neutral, Community First Credit Union (Lee Street), on Wednesday, October 03, 2012, 637 N. Lee Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. For additional information call 904.354.8537

"Bienvenidos": A Mayor Brown's Open House, Wednesday October 03, 2012, at the City Hall at St. James, 117 W. Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. For more information call 904.630.CITY.

Senior Days at Museum of Science and History (MOSH), on Wednesday, October 03, 2012, at 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Please contact 904.396.MOSH for additional information.

Art With A Heart in Healthcare Exhibition, MOCA Jacksonville, this Thursday October 04, 2012, 333 N. Laura Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Call 904.366.6911 for more information.

ULI North Florida-Awards for Excellence, Thursday, October 04, 2012, MOCA Jacksonville, 333 N. Laura Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Please call 904.366.6911 for additional information.

Downtown Council Meeting, this Friday, October 05, 2012, at the University Club, 1301 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207. Please call 904.396.1687 for all information.

FRIDAY MARKET, Friday October 05, 2012, at The Jacksonville Landing, 2 Independent Dr. W., Jacksonville, FL 32202. Contact 904.353.1188 for additional information.

Golden Isles Arts & Humanities presents "City of Dreams", October 5-27, 2012, opening Reception First Friday October 5, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., or by appointment. Historic Ritz Theatre, 1530 Newcastle St., Downtown Brunswick. Call 262-6934, or visit goldenislesarts.org.

EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE HOMECOMING "RESTORE THE ROAR" From Saturday, October 6th- October 14.



GEORGIA

LOCAL SECTION - B



BATTLE OF THE BANDS BRINGS THE BEAT TO CAMDEN COUNTY

By ARTHIA NIXON
Photos: ANGELA FAVORS-MORRELL & LUKE ENGRAM

Historically black colleges gathered in Camden to showcase their band battle prowess last weekend.

Albany State, Edward Waters College, Fort Valley State, Savannah State, the Distinguished Men of Brass from Tampa, Florida and the ILive Center of the Arts Community Dancers were just a few of the exhilarating performers on the green at the Chris Gilman Stadium.

Thanks to organizer Kenyatta Compton, this local Battle of the Bands is set to become an annual event.

"About 3,000 people attended the event and we successfully raised over \$5,000," said Mrs. Compton. "As planned, we will split the funds between several scholarships including Band Boosters and the Future Band Leaders of America."

"It was the first time we ever held it in the region but it will not be the last," she reiterated. "We've done this in the metro Atlanta area and now it's going to be staple in this area. We got interest from people in Nassau, Glynn, Duval and other neighboring counties so we know that it will be a huge welcome to the community."



Distinguished Men of Brass from Tampa



Mrs. Kenyatta Compton organizer of the event with Mayor Kenneth E. Smith Sr. take a moment to reflect on what is to become an annual event in Camden County.



Dean Gwen L. Davis, Mary Fleming, Peggy Smith and Clara McLaughlin take in the sights and sounds of the talented youth during the Battle of The Bands fundraiser.



Luke and Alicia 'Lavi Engram of Mature Movement flank the Mayor. Their son also performed at the event.



Saxaphonists Reginald A. Jones and Crystal Jones of The Jones -A-Phones with Mayor Kenneth E. Smith Sr.



Savannah State dancers break it down



MC Mr. Charlie



Edward Waters College Purple Thunder plus dancers maintain their reign.



Albany State Marching Band

Annual Three Day Kingsland Labor Day Catfish Festival Is 'Off The Hook'



Marie Boyett and Mrs. Peggy Smith, wife of Kingsland's Mayor Smith.



Mayor Kenneth E. Smith Sr. with Shauna Spann and Robert Spann.



By ARTHIA NIXON
Photos: ANGELA FAVORS-MORRELL
Florida/Georgia Star

The annual Kingsland Labor Day Catfish Festival wrapped up its three days of celebration on a high note. This, according to Kingsland Betterment Committee board member and wife of Mayor Kenneth E. Smith, Mrs. Peggy Smith.

Mrs. Smith, who has witnessed the parade for the past 30 years expressed how delighted she is to see the event gain momentum over the years and drawing attendees from nearby counties.

"This has extended beyond Camden county," she beamed. "Our friends from Glynn, McIntosh, Nassau and Duval counties all came down to support us and every day we had something for them to participate in. "This year, we had our anticipated catfish dinners sold by the committee to raise funds for some of the area nonprofits and we also had a whole lot of vendors with various foods including homemade icecream plus we had a lot of crafts as well."

Mrs. Smith noted how many young people joined in the festivities including members of the Camden High Band who performed to the delight of revelers.

"We've certainly accomplished a good bit of stuff," she said. "On Saturday, we had races and on Sunday we held a concert after area church services were dismissed. Then on Monday of course, we had our parade. Each year it gets bigger and better."

Mrs. Smith also noted that an outstanding community citizen was honored in the person of Rev. James Hamm. For his accomplishments and working tirelessly as a part of the Camden Mission to assist the homeless with temporary housing, Mrs. Smith said he was the worthy recipient of the Jim Doughty Award.



SPORTS

Gators Remain Undefeated As Hunter Named SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week



Senior Omar Hunter (Buford, Ga.) has been named the SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week for his career performance against Kentucky, announced by the league on Monday.

Hunter recorded a career-high eight tackles in UF's 38-0 win over the Wildcats Saturday at The Swamp. He bested his previous career-record of six tackles he recorded against Arkansas in 2009. The senior helped anchor a defensive unit that helped the Gators defeat the Wildcats for a 26th straight time, marking the longest active win streak over a major conference opponent in the nation. He also helped lead the Gators' shutout of an SEC opponent for the first time since 2001, when UF downed Mississippi State 52-0.

The senior from Buford, Ga. also played a key role on the Gators' defensive line as it stopped the UK passing game, allowing just 60 passing yards on the afternoon and also held it to 4-for-15 on third downs.

Hunter made the start at nose tackle for the Gators and the award marks his first SEC weekly award of his career. It is also the third-consecutive weekly SEC award for the Gators, as Caleb Sturgis and Jeff Driskel have also won awards in the previous two weeks.

Falcons Are Presenting Sponsor of Black College HOF Enshrinement



The Atlanta Falcons today announced that they will be the presenting sponsor of the 2012 Black College Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony.

The Black College Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony – presented by the Atlanta Falcons – will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2013, at the Loews Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, Ga.

The Black College Football Hall of Fame was established in October 2009 to honor the greatest football players and coaches from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Each inductee's college or university will receive a \$3,000 grant to support continuing academic and athletic opportunities at their respective institutions.

"We are excited to partner with the Black College Football Hall of Fame, which recognizes and honors African-American pioneers who made their mark at historically Black colleges, either as players, coaches or administrators," said Atlanta Falcons Owner & Chairman Arthur Blank. "This event is made compelling every year because of the stories and backgrounds of these great players. The Falcons are proud to be associated with the Black College Football Hall of Fame, and we look forward to a tremendous event next February."

Since its inaugural induction ceremony in 2010, 33 members have been inducted into the Black College Football Hall of Fame.

"On behalf of James 'Shack' Harris and others who made the Black College Football Hall of Fame

JAGUARS 22, COLTS 17 AS TEAM RECORDS FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON

By Josh Oesher
Senior Jaguars Writer
Photos: Jaguars.com

The first victory of the Shad Khan/Mike Mularkey era will be remembered for a memorable touchdown pass.

That's ironic, because before that it was defined by something familiar.

Maurice Jones-Drew, the NFL's leading rusher last season and a Pro Bowl selection the past three seasons, turned in one of the more impressive performances of his seven-year career Sunday, rushing 28 times for 177 yards and a touchdown.

"Our run game clicked," Jones-Drew said.

Until an 80-yard touchdown pass from Blaine Gabbert to Cecil Shorts in the final minute, Jones-Drew had produced 193 of the Jaguars' 253 yards of offense, with 59 of those yards coming on the Jaguars' first play of the second half.

Jones-Drew burst through the right side of the line on a play called "32 Power," a play he said is his favorite play and the bread-and-butter of the Jaguars' running offense.

"God's play," Jones-Drew called it.

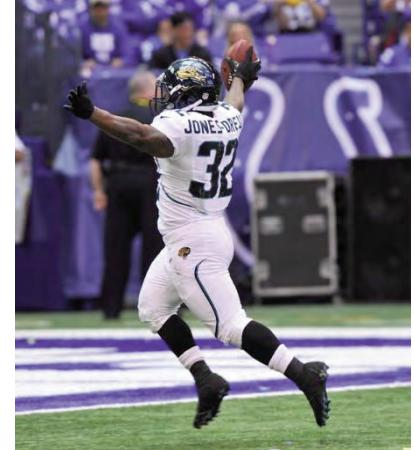
On the play, Jones-Drew broke through the line and scored untouched to pull the Jaguars to within four, 14-10.

"When you get plays like that, you have to take advantage of them," Jones-Drew said. "It was great to see that."

The Jaguars trailed 17-16 after Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri's 36-yard field goal with 56 seconds remaining. Still, the Jaguars remained confident, and when Gabbert entered the huddle with 45 seconds remaining he told the offense it was going to score.

On 1st-and-10 from the Jaguars 20, Gabbert passed in the middle of the field to Shorts. Gabbert said later there was some risk involved because the Jaguars had no timeouts, but Shorts – who two weeks ago caught a 39-yard touchdown pass in the late seconds against Minnesota – split the defense and dove into the end zone as he was tackled from behind.

The Jaguars continued to dominate the second half, and when Scobee



possible, I would like to also thank the Atlanta Falcons and, specifically, Arthur Blank for his continued support," said Doug Williams, Super Bowl XXII MVP and Class of 2011 inductee into the Black College Football Hall of Fame. "The Falcons' continued support will ensure that the legacy and accomplishments of the greatest football players, coaches and contributors from Historically Black Colleges and Universities will never be forgotten."

Next week, 35 finalists (25 players, 5 coaches and 5 contributors) will be selected from a field of more than 150 nominees by a 12-member selection committee comprised of journalists, historians and football executives from the college ranks and the NFL.

The 35 finalists will be placed on a ballot and 11 individuals (9 players, 1 coach and 1 contributor) will be inducted to the Black College Football Hall of Fame in February 2013. The 35 finalists will be placed on a ballot and 11 individuals (9 players, 1 coach and 1 contributor) will be inducted to the Black College Football Hall of Fame in February 2013.

For a list of the 2013 Black College Football Hall of Fame finalists, please visit www.blackcollegefootballhof.org

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Richard L. Brown Open House

by Yvonne Brooks



Adrian Suggs and son Taylor Suggs(4th grade)



Taylor Suggs and his teacher, Mrs. Butler



Mrs. Silvia Bowman and granddaughter Sade Robinson(4th grade)

Richard L. Brown Elementary School recently held open house along with other schools in Duval County. The schools theme for this year is Blazing the Trails of Success. RL Brown offers an International Baccalaureate (IB) Magnet Program. The open house was held on Thursday, September 21, 2012.



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Jacksonville, FL - Public Defender Matt Shirk announces six new appointments to the Fourth Judicial Circuit Office; effective immediately. In the Felony Court Unit, three new Assistant Public Defenders (APD's) fill vacancies, including a new Division Chief and Major Crimes Specialist. Additionally, three new APD's join the County Court Unit. The six appointed are James Armstrong, Jessica Rose, Samantha Stevens, Kyle Alexander Bedran, Aaron Ernest Brown, and Jennifer Marie Watson.

Aaron Ernest Brown joins the County Court Unit as APD. Prior to taking the appointment, he worked in the private sector in both personal injury law and insurance defense. He is a 2011 graduate of Florida A&M University College of Law where he was active in the Law Review, the Mock Trial Team and the Student Bar Association President. In '08, he earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida (Orlando) in Legal Studies with a minor in Political Science. Mr. Brown is active in his hometown of Jacksonville; he volunteers at Fresh Word Ministries and participates in programs offering free legal advice to low income individuals.

JAX KIDS BOOK CLUB KICKS OFF NINTH YEAR OF PROMOTING EARLY LITERACY

Free program provides quality learning materials for Jacksonville's 4-year-olds

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., S — Jax Kids Book Club registration is underway and more than 7,900 new members have enrolled since Sept. 17; an anticipated 11,500 total new Book Club members are expected to sign up by the end of the school year. The locally and nationally recognized prekindergarten literacy program exposes Jacksonville's youngest learners to new vocabulary, rhyming words and, for some, brand new places throughout the city.

The Jax Kids Book Club, managed under the auspices of the Jacksonville Children's Commission, is a free early literacy program for all 4-year-olds in Jacksonville. It utilizes public-private partnerships to improve the school readiness skills of prekindergarten children, gets high-quality books into their homes and gives parents practical tools to help their children become early learners. The goal is to encourage families to instill literacy as a core value in the home and increase family awareness of the importance of reading with their children every day.

By the end of this school year, the Jax Kids Book club will have provided free, educational books and early learning materials to more than 85,000 Jacksonville children, since its inception in 2004.

All Duval County children who are 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2012 and who will be entering kindergarten in 2013 are eligible to join Jax Kids Book Club. The club targets children one year before they enter kindergarten to help prepare them to enter school ready to read and learn. Parents and childcare providers can register their children by going to www.jaxkids.net. Parents of children enrolled in Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) centers do not need to register as these children are already signed up through their VPK enrollment.

Jax Kids Book Club members receive a free reusable book bag filled with a set of 12 age-appropriate books, written about various historical, geographical and cultural aspects in Jacksonville which are updated annually to reflect change and growth within the city; a set of alphabet flash cards; a member T-shirt; a parent guide to literacy and a kindergarten readiness checklist, including developmental goals for 5-year-olds.

Four Tips for Responsible Driving



(Family Features) Eating, cell phone use and even adjusting vehicle controls are all some of the major tasks distracting America's drivers. To help remind all drivers that crossing the finish line responsibly is priority number one, Motorola Mobility is teaming up with NASCAR racing legend Kyle Petty.

Photo courtesy of Getty Images

SHERAN SHELTON, THE DIRECTOR OF A MAGICAL BEGINNING LEARNING ACADEMY

Would like to share 5 Great tips for creating a life time reader in your child:

1. Read to your child daily
2. Read age appropriate books to your child
3. Ensure that the books are eye catching and colorful
4. Incorporate play acting to make reading fun
5. Take regular trips to the library

Reading to your child helps to build basic speech skills, teaches print concept, as well as creates a bond between parent and child. For more knowledgeable tips, please visit us at:

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Here are Petty's tips to help you stay responsible behind the wheel:

Buckle up. Forty-nine states and Washington, D.C. have mandatory seat belt laws, and statistics show seat belt use is increasing. To research vehicle laws in your area, including safety belt and child restraint laws, visit www.iihs.org/laws.

Eliminate distractions. Mobile phones can be a distraction for drivers, especially when used for texting. In fact, cell phone use while driving has increased significantly within the last few years, with as many as 10 percent of drivers using a hand-held device, according to the California Office of Traffic Safety.

The good news is a wide range of technology solutions are available to help drivers stay compliant with state and local laws. For example, Motorola's suite of hands-free Bluetooth enabled headsets and speakerphones, like the Roadster 2 in-car speakerphone or the Elite Sliver headset, make it easy to receive a call and hear or respond to a text message while keeping your hands on the wheel.

For more information about how you can drive more responsibly using Motorola's line up of hands-free Bluetooth devices, visit www.motorola.com/ThumbsUp.

How to know if your child could benefit from a tutor



(ARA) - For many parents, slipping grades and missed assignments can be sure signs that their child is in need of help academically. And whether your child needs assistance to get up to speed with the rest of the class or is looking for help to get ahead on their SAT's, there are a variety of tutoring options available.

Keep the lines of communication open with your child's school, recommends Amanda Bates, an English teacher and coordinator of the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program at Rim of the World High School in Lake Arrowhead, Calif. "If your child seems to be struggling, reach out to his/her teacher and have a frank discussion about what you're seeing at home and what they experience with your child in class to de-

termine the areas your child needs help in and what the best course of action may be."

The drop of a single letter grade, diminishing enthusiasm about school or complaints that school is 'too hard' can all be signs that your student is dreading a particular class or subject, says Adriene White, center director for Sylvan Learning - Long Beach. The issues they are having can be clues that they need help with time management and study skills, test preparation or with a particular academic subject.

If your child is spending excessive amounts of time on homework, it could be a sign that he or she doesn't understand the skill or concept needed to complete that homework, says Dr. Dominick P. Ferello a professor in the College of Undergraduate Studies at Argosy University, Tampa. If your child is laboring over words when reading out loud and can't retell the story they just read in their own words, your child likely needs help with reading.

There is a range of tutoring options available to parents, says Bates. For some students, there may be a volunteer or specialist at the school who can assist with their needs. For those who may need help outside of the classroom, your child's school or school district should be able to provide you with a list of private tutors and tutoring centers that can provide more in-depth assistance for your child outside of the school day.

The right tutor can make all the difference in the world when it comes to improving your

child's academic success, says Ferello.

Whether you seek out an individual tutor, or look into a tutoring service, the qualities you need to look for are the same, says White. First and foremost, the tutor should be properly trained in teaching to the individual. It's also a fact that tutors who receive intensive and continuous training are more effective than tutors who don't. Inquire about a tutor's experience, credentials and specialties. Get references. Ask those other parents how the tutor performed.

Look for a tutor who does an assessment to help them understand your child's strengths and weaknesses, says Ferello. Knowing where to start and what to focus on saves critical time when a child already is falling behind. Ongoing assessments throughout the course of your child's tutoring also allow the instruction to be fine-tuned and personalized to your child's specific individual needs.

A good tutor builds a rapport with their student, says Ferello. Learning takes place when your child is comfortable with his tutor and when you are comfortable with the approach they are taking.

Remember that a tutor doesn't remove you as a parent from the learning process, says Bates. Stay involved, set goals for the tutoring experience and check in on your child's progress. Once you've reached your goals, keep an eye on your child's studies to make sure they stay on track academically.

THE COLOR PURPLE

Sept. 28 -Oct. 14

Based upon the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winning novel written by Alice Walker and the Warner Bros./Amblin Entertainment Motion Picture!

September 28 @ 7pm *Friday*

September 29 @ 2pm & 6pm *Saturday*

September 30 @3pm *Sunday*

October 5 @ 7pm

October 6 @ 2pm & 6pm

October 7 @3pm

**October 13 @ 6pm and
October 14 @ 3pm**

Based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Alice Walker and Nominated for 11 Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, THE COLOR PURPLE opened on December 1, 2005 at the Broadway Theatre where it ran for over two record-breaking years. It is the inspiring story of a woman named Celie who finds the strength to triumph over adversity, and discover her unique voice in the world.

Ticket prices are: \$15/ Advance / Door for Students & Seniors (with proper I.D.) and \$20 Advance /\$25 Door for Adults/ General Public. Group rates are \$18 each (groups of

15). Tickets may be purchased at Brothers 2000 ((904) 768-6004 Gateway Town Center) and Family Christian Bookstore (904) 272-0201Orange Park); online at www.ticketleap.com or by calling the Stage Aurora Box Office at (904) 765-7372 or (904) 765-7373.

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Here's the most inclusive update of the Cast of THE COLOR PURPLE Sept. 28 - Oct. 14
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8SYDcW4QV4>



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Tips for Reviewing Your Child's First Report Card



Jacksonville, FL (Grassroots Newswire) - Your child has gotten back into the swing of the school routine, and now it's time for an academic check-up. "Think of the first report card as a great opportunity to communicate with your child about school," says Edgar Gonzalez, Jacksonville Huntington Learning Center operator. "It is the first true academic checkup of the year, and a good time to talk about how things are going."

Gonzalez offers parents the following tips when assessing their child's first semester report card:

Jot down questions to ask the teacher. Go through the report card carefully and identify areas you'd like to discuss with the teacher. What concerns you most about your child's report card? What grades or comments surprise you? What does the teacher think you should work on at home? Be sure to ask the teacher about your child's attitude and behavior, too.

Take note of irregularities and patterns. If something on your child's report card is inconsistent with what you know about your child, it is probably worth investigating. For example, it might surprise you to see a poor grade in math if your child did well in math last year. There could be many factors at play, such as the pace of the class, basic skills missed that are now hin-

dering your child's performance, or other issues.

Pay attention to study skills. Some smart students are hampered by disorganization and poor study skills. Does your child's report card indicate that he or she is struggling with things such as time management, focus or overall organization? If so, it may be time to intervene by helping him or her develop a homework routine and an organizational system to keep track of paperwork coming home. Talk with his or her teacher for ideas.

Go to the source. After you've taken time to review the report card, sit down with your child and get his or her perspective. What parts of school is he or she struggling with most? Let your child know that you want to help, and ask him or her how you can best do so.

Gonzalez advises parents not to let the first report card of the year cause stress - even if grades are lower than expected. "The report card gives you detailed information about your child's academic progress, and should be used to support your child's learning," Gonzalez says. "Use this invaluable tool to assess your child's first semester, identify any issues and make a plan to address them together. Don't wait to seek tutoring help if your child's skills aren't where they should be. Your child will benefit - and hopefully the next report card will reflect those efforts."

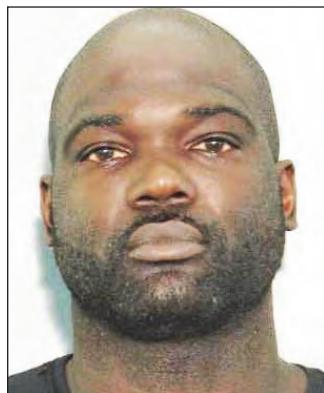
For more information about Huntington Learning Center, contact Edgar Gonzalez at (904) 886-0600 or GonzalezE@hlcmail.com.

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 Men Charged with 22 Felonies for Trying to Pass Forged Checks at Bank



Antonio Lovette

Two men were charged with a total of 22 felonies for trying to pass forged checks at a bank.

Police received a call at 1:40 p.m. from a bank manager when a man tried to cash a \$1,966 payroll check on a local business. The suspect produced an identification card from Kentucky with the name of Michael Greene. The teller became suspicious and the manager called police to report it. The suspect became nervous when the teller was stalling the transaction and finally ended up leaving the bank. He was observed getting into the passenger side of a black Honda parked near a restaurant next door and drove off. The man identifying himself as Greene left the check and fake ID with the teller.

Police were notified of the situation and began searching for the suspect at 1:54 p.m. A road patrol deputy saw the vehicle at a gas station and detained the subjects who were identified as the driver, Antonio M. Lovette, 37, and

his passenger Elmer Joseph McGuirt, 29. A search of the car found an envelope sticking out of the headliner above the driver's seat that contained 18 other fraudulent payroll checks from various businesses. They also found another fake ID from Kentucky with a different name which had McGuirt's photo.

Both Lovette and McGuirt were arrested and taken to jail. Each men are being faced with 19 counts of possession of counterfeited payment instrument, one count for grand theft, uttering a forged check, and possession of a blank, forged, or stolen driver's license or identification card. McGuirt was additionally charged with an outstanding felony warrant for robbery. He remains in jail on no bond. Lovette posted a \$55,000 bond and was released.



Elmer McGuirt

Suspect Breaks into Home to Steal Woman's Pain Medication



Erik Brittain

Police arrested a violent home invasion suspect wanted for robbing a woman at gunpoint.

Deputies have been looking for Erik Bradley Brittain, 31, for several days. Police say Brittain went to the home of a friend and asked to speak privately with the man's mother. When they went into her room to speak, Brittain pulled out a gun and demanded the woman's pain medication. Brittain then grabbed the bag and ran toward the door, pointing the weapon at two other people as he left the house.

The Fugitive Apprehension Unit, working in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force, took Brittain into custody.

Brittain was charged with home invasion robbery with a firearm. He is being held without bond.

Brittain has an extensive criminal history that includes armed trafficking in cocaine, drug possession and child neglect, is also wanted in North Carolina on felony drug charges.



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SSH! From Actual Police Reports Did You Hear About?...

EDITOR'S NOTE:

All suspects are deemed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. The Sheriff's Office reports are a matter of public record. The Star seeks to educate in the hope of keeping our community safe.

Man Stabbed During Drug Deal



An argument over money during an alleged drug transaction resulted in a non-fatal stabbing leading to an arrest.

Deputies responded to a bar at around 1 a.m. where they found the victim, 24-year-old John Bemish, on the ground outside with a stab wound to his chest. As paramedics worked on Bemish, he was able to identify 34-year-old Kevin Roberson as his attacker. Deputies also were able to interview witnesses who told them that the suspect had jumped into the passenger seat of a silver car. Deputies found the 2008 Chevrolet HHR in less than 10 minutes later and took Roberson into custody. Bemish was taken by a helicopter to a hospital. The injuries were said to be not life-threatening.

Roberson told deputies that he had been contacted by a female friend who asked for drugs. Roberson said he went to the bar to meet the woman and her male friends. However, the woman owed Roberson money, which he tried to collect as well. He said that one of the woman's male friends gave Roberson some money to pay for it, but Roberson saw that the bills were forged. Roberson told deputies that he argued with the woman and then left. But witnesses told a different story and said that they saw the victim collapse to the ground in front of Roberson. Then they said that Roberson ran away with a knife in his hand and jumped into the passenger seat of a silver car.

Roberson was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Suspect Escapes to New York and Gets Arrested



Police were in search of a suspect after an incident that happened in April of this year and was later arrested in New York.

While in Walmart the suspect, 19-year-old Dylan Landvreugd, and the victim, Travis Gray, became involved in a verbal dispute. The two individuals are known to each other. The verbal dispute started while in the store and the suspect

Dylan Landvreugd then followed the victim out of the store. Landvreugd was seen on surveillance video around the side of the store, removing a 9mm handgun from the front of his waistband. Landvreugd then shot Gray twice in the lower torso. The victim was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Police had issued a warrant for the arrest of Landvreugd for aggravated battery with great bodily harm. Detectives developed information leading to his possible whereabouts in New York and the U.S. Marshals Service were able to locate Landvreugd in Bronx, New York where he was arrested without incident this month.

Your Safety

Ways to Avoid Being a Victim of Burglary

Burglary Prevention Tips

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.
- Push button locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.
- Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.

Other precautions you should take

- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places -- burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, date of purchase and original value, and serial numbers, and keep a copy in a safe place away from home -- this is a good precaution in case of fires or other disasters. Make a photographic or video record of valuable objects, heirlooms and antiques. Your insurance company can provide assistance in making and keeping your inventory.
- Trim your shrubbery around your home to reduce cover for burglars.
- Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 911 immediately.
- Mark your valuables with your driver's license number with an engraver you can borrow from any of our precincts. Marked items are harder for a burglar to dispose of and easier for police to recover.
- Form a Neighborhood Watch Group. It can help you work with your neighbors to improve security and reduce risk of burglary.
- Consider installing a burglar alarm system.

At Home

- Know who is at your door before opening it. Screen doors and chain locks provide false security.
- Obtain identification. If they show you an ID for a service company (i.e. Cable, phone, etc.) call their employer and verify who they are and why they are at your door. Consider installing peepholes in all entryway doors.

BIZARRE CRIMES

who, what, when...huh?

Two Arrested After Committing Burglary in GPS Installed Rental Car



Marc Jacques

Two were arrested after stealing a purse from a car at a gas station and trying to get away in a stolen rental car which had a GPS tracking device installed.

A woman at a gas station parked her vehicle near a gas pump and briefly stepped out leaving her doors unlocked with her purse inside. When she returned to her car, she saw that her purse was missing. She also found that her door was slightly opened, meaning that someone quickly opened it and did not shut it so that it would not make any noise. The purse contained six credit cards, cash and her cell phone.

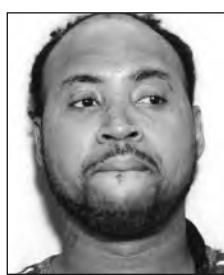
Police were able to get the description of the vehicle after reviewing surveillance video. They also found out that the vehicle was a stolen rental car and they were able to receive GPS locations from the rental car company. Police located the car and made a felony traffic stop. Reports say a strong order of marijuana came from the vehicle and the female driver gave a false name.

Erica Ruiz

Marc Ronald Jacques, 29, and Erica Suzanne Ruiz, 22, were arrested and face a total of 19 charges, including burglary to vehicle, possession of multiple stolen credit cards, petit theft, etc.



Drunk Man Threatens Deputy's Family After Arrest



Joseph Baptiste

An intoxicated man was arrested then threatened the deputy about his family.

Deputies were on patrol in a parking lot of a bar at 1:42 a.m. and observed Joseph Jean Baptiste, 37, being told to leave by a bouncer. Baptiste turned around and advanced toward the bouncer in a very hostile manner. The bouncer asked Baptiste to leave several times but he continued to argue and raise his voice. Baptiste then ran toward the bouncer again with a clenched fist, but deputies were able to grab him just in time. Baptiste began pulling away, became violent and continued to resist, yelling "I'm drunk." He was then placed under arrest. A search found a foldable knife protruding from his back pocket with the blade extended out and locked.

The owner of the bar wanted Baptiste trespass so that he would no longer be allowed back. When a deputy was transporting Baptiste to jail, Baptiste stated, "Your children are going to pay for this, I know their innocent, but they're going to pay." He then said, "Do you have children, if you don't, it would be your niece or nephews." The deputy felt Baptiste was intending to hurt his family out of retaliation for his arrest.

Baptiste was charged with threat on a public servant, possession of a concealed weapon, disorderly intoxication, resisting an officer, and breach of peace. He posted a \$7,000 bond and was released.

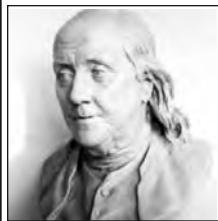
Other Unusual Crimes Across the Nation



Housekeeper Steals \$3Million Ben Franklin Bust

Elkton, MD- 46-year-old Andrea Lawton was working as a housekeeper for 85-year-old George D'Angelo for about a month. She was seen by the new cleaning staff running out of the home and then disappeared in a vehicle. She had stolen a Benjamin Franklin bust, which weighs about 25 pounds and is four feet tall. It was said to have been made in 1778 in Paris, France while Franklin was there. There are only three other pieces in existence and is worth \$3,000,000.

She also stole a collection of items totaling up to \$80,000. According to reports, Lawton was fired from the cleaning company three days before the theft took place. Police went to her house in Philadelphia, which she shared with her husband. She was not there and police went to her home state of Alabama to continue searching for her. There, FBI received tips about Lawton planning to "sell it on a black market." Lawton was later seen exiting a bus in Maryland and was arrested on sight. She was found carrying the bust in a gunny sack. Lawton was charged with theft, fraud and transportation of stolen property across state lines. According to reports, Lawton has four prior burglary convictions. Police were able to recover the bust, but not the rest of the items as they may have been sold.



Gun Said to be Fired in Self-Defense Against Gang Members But Hits and Kills Police Officer

Denver, CO- Police had 21-year-old Rollin Oliver in custody after a policewoman was shot and killed during a feud involving gang members. Oliver said that he attended a music event to just have a good time and a fight

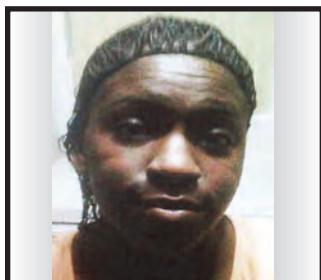
broke out, which he believed involved members of the Crips gang. As Oliver's friend was being brutally attacked, Oliver said he ran away and fired his gun over his shoulder. He did not deny firing his gun and said that he fired at least two shots. Oliver was arrested as he was seen running away from the fight. He was found with a .40 caliber handgun and a total of four bullets were found, including the one that killed the policewoman who had just approached to the scene. Oliver was interviewed about two hours later and began crying, telling police that he was not looking for trouble. He said he did not mean for anybody to get hurt and only acted in self defense and fear of the gang members. Police dug deeper into Oliver's background and found reports from 2009 where he admitted to being a member of the Blood gang. Police say Oliver does not have any prior criminal records and has no gang tattoos. But for the shooting death of the policewoman, he is being charged with first-degree murder. He is being held without bond.

Community Update

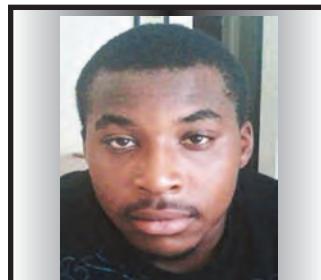
MISSING CHILDREN



Name: Talia L. Jones
Age: 17
Weight: 285 lbs
Last seen: 8/28/12



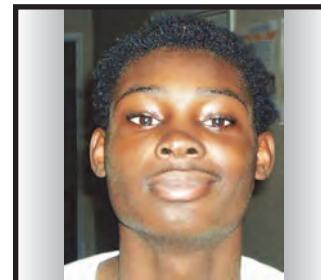
Name: Inez Lasandra Evans
Age: 17
Weight: 130 lbs
Last seen: 9/07/12



Name: Alvin J. Richardson
Age: 17
Weight: 180 lbs
Last seen: 9/05/12



Name: Nicholas Santos
Age: 17
Weight: 135 lbs
Last seen: 9/11/12



Name: Anthony Timothy Walker
Age: 17
Weight: 135 lbs
Last seen: 9/05/12

ON THE LOOKOUT

Grocery Store Burglary

At 1:50 a.m., police responded to a grocery store regarding an alarm. Investigation revealed that four black males forcefully entered the store and stole a large amount of cigarettes and candy before fleeing the area on foot.

Anyone with any information about the identities or locations of the suspects 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: Michael Addison
Offense: Resisting Officer with Violence



Name: Aaron Carter
Offense: Aggravated Battery Intended Harm

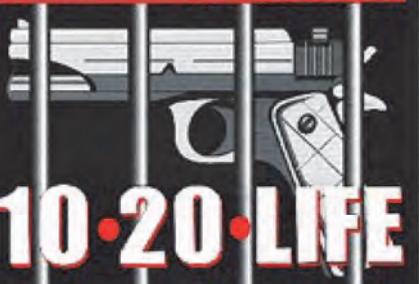


Name: John Lewis Atterbury
Offense: Felony Battery



Name: Lamont Comer
Offense: Burglary Assault Any Person, Robbery with Gun

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