

Steppin' News!

"Reconnecting the Best of the African American Diaspora of Mobile: PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE"

VOLUME 23
ISSUE 05

ARTS • CULTURE • EDUCATION • COMMUNITY

DECEMBER
2023



Why NOT KWANZAA?

ABOUT STEPPIN' OUT

STEPPIN' OUT is a subsidiary of LEGACY 166 Inc., a non-profit organization with a Mission to provide Educational, Career, and Economic opportunities for Youth and the Underserved of Diverse Cultures; make available Cultural Activities for community participation; and deliver Quality of Life Skills Training through the Arts and Community Collaborations.

STEPPIN' OUT provides quality of life information to the community in each issue at no cost to the reader. Even though STEPPIN' OUT is not a "hard news" publication, the columns submitted by our contributors touch on subjects that address a wide range of community and cultural issues. Regular features include articles on health, history, entertainment, and finance. Articles on fashion, literature, and technology are some of the subjects that are occasionally featured.

STEPPIN' OUT and LEGACY 166 Inc. will continue to expand their roles in the community by offering internships and career training, and youth development and work opportunities. Volunteers are always needed with this mission.

STEPPIN' OUT Welcomes your comments and suggestions regarding this publication. For information on advertising, to comment on subject matter, or to volunteer your services... Please contact us...

Steppin' Out
 PO Box 6781 • Mobile AL 36660
 (251) 327-1708
info@steppinoutmobile.com

STEPPIN' OUT reserves the right to refuse any advertisement it deems inappropriate for our readers or that does not meet the publications standard of quality.

CLICK TO LIKE & FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK...

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/STEPPINOUTMOBILE](https://www.facebook.com/steppinoutmobile)

CONTRIBUTORS



DEBRA BRAGGS
 Featured Column
 LIVING IN BLISS



TOMMY GREEN
 Featured Column
 BLACK LIVES MATTER



PAULETTE HORTON
 Featured Column
 MOMENTS IN TIME



ARTHUR MACK
 Featured Column
 THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE BOX



SABRINA MASS
 Featured Column
 TRUTH, FACTS AND JUSTICE!



JOSEPH MITCHELL PHD
 Featured Column
 (OPP ED)



DARRON PATTERSON
 Featured Column
 (OPP ED)



NATHANIEL PATTERSON
 Featured Column
 CONTINUE SUCCESS



KIMBERLY WILLIAMS PETTWAY
 Featured Column
 THE NARRATIVE

*****DISCLAIMER*****

The opinions expressed in the articles printed in Steppin' Out are those of the authors and may not reflect the views and opinions of Steppin' Out, it's owners, advertisers or other authors.

MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER...



Greetings Steppin' Out Readers,

I would like to thank you for your continued support of Steppin' Out! The paper has been around for over 20 years, but our growth has been limited at best. Our focus on entertainment news, along with the effects of Covid to key contributors, has resulted in the paper being distributed inconsistently.

Since The Beacon, our Heritage Newspaper, has stopped printing, Mobile and the surrounding area now have shrinking opportunities for Black News. And, with radio stations being controlled by corporate entities, opportunities for exposure to positive information for our community are extremely limited. With that said, we feel it is most important to our community that we continue to maintain and publish Steppin' Out.

We are hereby making changes to raise the profile of the paper!

For the next few months, we will only publish digitally, while working on restarting our print edition. It is important that we not abandon the printed paper due to the number of citizens who do not utilize and/or do not have access to e-mail, social media, etc. Also, smart advertisers realize that "Likes" don't necessarily transfer to sales. When an ad is printed, it's easier for some people to store that information. An advantage for the advertisers and for persons saving the information.

The biggest change to the paper... We are changing the focus of Steppin' Out!

First, our logo has changed to now include the Sankofa... a bird with it's feet/body facing forward and it's head facing backward, which symbolizes "taking from the past what is good and bringing it into the present to make progress in the future."

We've also added a tagline to the logo that serves as the Mission Statement for Steppin' Out...

"Reconnecting the Best of the African American Diaspora of Mobile: PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE!"

As we move forward, we will become more Afrocentric with the stories and information we pass on to the community. We will cover more community news and the people working to make our community better. We will be working hard to make sure our community stays informed.

However, we still stay true to the "vision" that brought the paper into existence... to offer Small Businesses an advertising opportunity at a rate that is affordable for a limited budget.

Please help us to grow within our community! We want you to share with us your stories, photos, as well as your story ideas. Also, please share the paper with friends and family who may not be aware of Steppin' Out. We have too much power and majority in his community to not take that advantage to empower each other!

Once again, thanks for your continued support!

GREG CYPRIAN
 Publisher/Editor
 STEPPIN' OUT NEWS





LAUGHTER

A JOB WELL DONE!!!

Bubba, wanting to earn some money, decided to hire himself out as a handyman and started canvassing a wealthy neighborhood. He went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any jobs for him to do. "Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?" Bubba said, "How about 50 dollars?" The man agreed and told him that the paint and ladders that he might need were in the garage. The man's wife, inside the house, heard the conversation and said to her husband, "Does he realize that the porch goes all the way around the house?" The man replied, "He should. He was standing on the porch." A short time later, Bubba came to the door to collect his money. "You're finished already?" he asked. "Yes," Bubba answered, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats." Impressed, the man reached in his pocket for the \$50. "And by the way," Bubba added, "that's not a Porch, it's a Ferrari!!!"

STILL UNUSED!!!

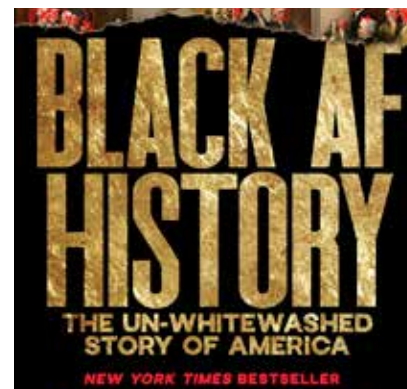
A distinguished young woman on a flight from Switzerland asked Leroy, the Priest sitting beside her, "Father, may I ask a favor?" "Of course", said Father Leroy, "What may I do for you?" "Well, I bought an expensive electronic hairdryer that is well over the Customs limits", the young woman explained, "and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there anyway you could carry it through Customs for me? Under your robes perhaps?" Father Leroy said, "I would love to help you, dear, but I must warn you: I will not lie." The young woman smiled and said, "With your honest face, Father, no one will question you." When they got to Customs, she let the priest go ahead of her. The official asked, "Father, do you have anything to declare?" "From the top of my head down to my waist, I have nothing to declare," declared Father Leroy. The official thought this answer strange, so asked, "And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?" Father Leroy said, "I have a marvelous little instrument designed to be used on a woman, but which is, to date, unused." Roaring with laughter, the official said, "Go ahead, Father. Next!!!"

HOW'S THE TEA!!!

One day my mother was out and my dad, Bubba, was in charge of me. Someone had given me a little 'tea set' as a gift and it was one of my favorite toys. Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought him a little cup of 'tea', which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my mother came home. My Dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!' My mom waited, and sure enough, here I come down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watched him drink it up. Then she says, (as only a mother would know) "Bubba, did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water is the toilet???"



WHAT'S INSIDE...



EDUCATION

Fear of Books

04

COVER STORY

KWANZAA

05



EQUAL JUSTICE

Policing the Police

19



POLITICS

Black Voters Matter

21



HAT'S OFF 16-18

CELEBRATIONS 22

The next **DIGITAL COPY**
of **Steppin' Out News**
Will Drop...



JANUARY 2024



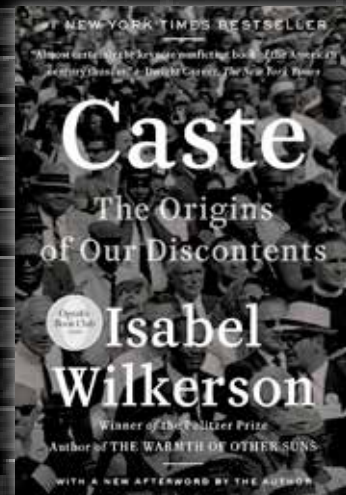
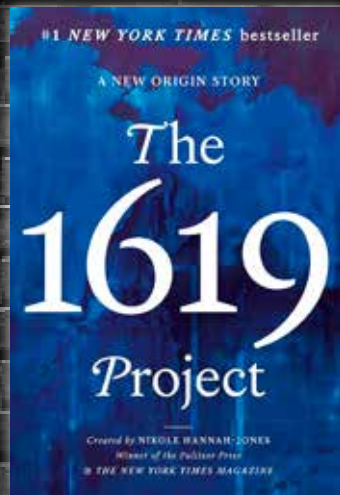
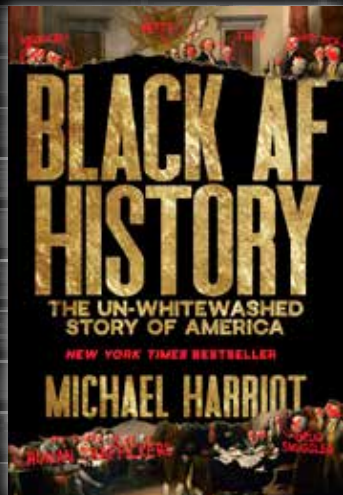
TAKING MOBILE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

MEMPHIS VAUGHAN JR.

Native Mobilian; Editor of Literary website...

TimBookTu.com

Feedback can be sent to: mempv57@gmail.com



The Fear of Books About Black History

We are witnessing an alarming trend among specific politicians and groups attempting to prohibit certain books or curricula that address issues related to race and black history. This onslaught by misguided groups and racist individuals makes it even more critical for everyone to know and learn about black history. Black history provides a rich tapestry of narratives that contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of the complexities surrounding race and identity. It is beneficial for all of society to understand the struggles, contributions, and achievements that black people have made to this nation and the world. By banning books, they stifle intellectual freedom, perpetuate ignorance, and hinder the ability for us to confront and address the systemic and deeply rooted issues of racial inequality.

The more I read and learn about the things that black people have faced in this country since being brought here over 500 years ago, the more I see how racist attitudes and behavior are engrained in society. Many still refuse to acknowledge that a great deal of America's policies were based on systemic racism: redlining in housing, the destruction of vibrant black neighborhoods by the Interstate system, the denial of G.I. Loans to black veterans after World War II, and the closure of many black schools in black neighborhoods in the name of integration, just to name a few.

Yes, things have improved over the last 50 years but because systemic racism is so embedded in everyday life, there is so much more to be done to rid our society of its impacts. Staying informed and knowing how these things occur helps us become more aware and able to fight against it.

During the 60's and 70's, there wasn't the extensive number of books detailing black history as we have today. We live in a time when books and information are right at our fingertips, yet there are still so many people who remain ignorant about their own people, community, and country. Those in positions of authority would prefer if we remained uninformed, as it would grant them even greater control over us than they currently possess. Numerous individuals find themselves either unwilling or easily distracted when it comes to engaging with books, newspapers, or seeking information that could enhance their comprehension of historical events, knowledge crucial for shaping our future.

There was a period in our history when black people wanted access to a quality education but were thwarted by communities that provided underfunded facilities to most black communities. However, efforts began in the early 1900's to build schools across the south to educate blacks.

One of the most prominent endeavors was the Rosenwald Schools. The Rosenwald Fund was a collaborative effort between Julius Rosenwald, a Jewish-American who was part-owner and president of Sears, Roebuck and Company and educator and leader, Booker T. Washington, who was president of the Tuskegee Institute. Grants were provided by the Rosenwald Fund and Washington help to identify where schools should be built. The funding was matched by local white school boards and/or the black communities themselves. Thus, it wasn't a case of a benefactor giving money to a community, it was a collaborative effort that demonstrated how various communities worked to ensure they got facilities that often time wasn't provided by the local government. Over 5,000 schools were built across the south through this effort. Mobile County Training School in Africatown got its start in this manner (although the original building no longer stands).

Recently, I attended a presentation by Stephanie Deutsch, author of the book, "You Need A Schoolhouse," that was held under the auspices of the Mobile Public Library and the Africatown efforts. Her book chronicles the partnership between Rosenwald and Washington and the history of the Rosenwald schools. She is also involved in the campaign to establish a National Historical Park that will highlight the legacy of Rosenwald and the schools. The goal is to help preserve some of the remaining school structures, of which only about 500 exist.

Her presentation was very timely as it comes at a time when development of Africatown is underway. Having books like this is just one way to highlight key events in black history and to make sure history is not being silenced, banned, or ignored by American society. It is imperative to champion the importance of diverse perspectives and ensure that black history remains an integral part of our collective educational curriculum.

Here are some recently released books about black history to get you started:

Black AF History: The Un-Whitewashed Story of America by Michael Harriot

The 1619 Project created by Nikole Hannah-Jones

Caste by Isabel Wilkerson ❖



WHAT IS KWANZAA?

When Did It Start?

Why Isn't It Celebrated More By Blacks In The United States?



Kwanzaa is an annual celebration from December 26 through January 01. It is based on African Harvest Festivals with traditions from parts of western and southeastern parts of the Motherland. It celebrates African heritage and culture. It is not a religious holiday and although the Kinara (a seven pronged candle holder) resembles the eight pronged Jewish Menorah, it has no connection to that religion.

Kwanzaa is made up of seven principles represented by the candles of the Kinara. A candle is lit each day of the celebration and the candles represent: Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith).

Dr. Maulana Karenga, a professor of African Studies at California State University, created Kwanzaa in 1966. He witnessed the Watts Riots in 1965 in Los Angeles. That riot (story in an upcoming issue) led to his thoughts about how to reconnect Black families to their roots and their communities.

There are various reasons why Kwanzaa has not taken off...

Economy/Gifts – You are to be exchanged each day. After the Christmas holidays, who's looking to buy seven days worth of gifts. It's just not in the budget if you're tapped out from Christmas!

Santa & The Reindeer Rule – Kwanzaa has been around since 1966. Santa has been around since...well, you do the math! Timing-These days, Christmas starts on Black Friday (another upcoming story), so once Christmas finally gets here, whose looking to extend it. Maybe it should be celebrated during Black History Month. But in Mobile, you gotta dodge Mardi Gras Season!

Work Day Attitude – One of the things that make a holiday feel like a holiday is getting days off from the work day grind...try getting the day off or giving your employees days off for Kwanzaa!

The Principles – The meanings of those Principles are outstanding, but try to remember each one. For a People who have been robbed of their culture and heritage, remembering those names, let alone what they mean, is a chore. Reconnecting to our culture should be a goal for the entire year and throughout our lifetime.

Let's start out by teaching our children and ourselves continually about our history and culture.

Baraka (Blessings) ✦



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**BIG ZION AFRICAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH**
is celebrating 181 years as a Body of Faith in the
AME Zion Denomination in Mobile, Alabama

In conjunction with the 181st Anniversary, we are inducting the Inaugural Class of the Big Zion AME Zion Church Nehemiah Society. This prestigious recognition is bestowed upon young adults between the ages of 25-45 in celebration of exceptional leadership given in the Mobile community and their contributions to improving the quality of life have positively impacted our city in the realms of arts and entertainment, business, economic development, education, community service, and social justice. This will be the inaugural Class of the Nehemiah Society. (See Nehemiah 1:1-7:73 for the biblical reference) focusing on the theme "Rebuilding the Walls of the Community and Church."

THIS YEAR'S INDUCTEES:

- Mr. Rashawn Figures** (Business)
- Ms. Margaret Reid** (Business)
- Mr. Conzie Porter** (Art/Entertainment)
- Dr. Oliver Charles** (Education)
- Mrs. Andrea Love Robinson** (Education)
- Atty. Stefany Gant** (Social Justice)
- Mr. Reggie Weaver** (Social Justice)
- Dr. Roshanda Smith** (Health and Human Services)
- Ms. Tokie Dunn** (Health and Human Services)
- Rev. Aarif Bradley** (Faith-Based)

Their leadership exemplifies the spirit of the Profit Nehemiah, a symbol of courage, vision, and resilience. Their ability to lead with integrity, empathy, and a passion for positive change has left an indelible mark on the hearts of those they have served. It exemplifies a commitment to improving our community and the world.

THE NEHEMIAH SOCIETY

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 02, 2023 • @6:00 PM
Innovation Portal • 358 St. Louis Street (Mobile)

181ST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 03, 2023 • 11:00 AM
Big Zion AME Zion Church • 112 S. Bayou Street (Mobile)



TRUTH, FACTS AND JUSTICE

Sabrina Mass

RETIRED NURSE • CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST
COMMUNITY ORGANIZER • PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

TWO WAY STREET

Let's talk about real issues that involve the police and communities they serve.

Police officers, community members, and elected officials all play a crucial role in establishing constructive public safety efforts. All law enforcement officers should be trained on appropriate protocols in handling any situation that they may be faced with; but we may also consider that responding to certain situations involving individuals, especially in situations where a person in crisis requires an officer to make a difficult and even life changing judgment for all involved.

It is imperative to build trust and transparency between law enforcement agencies and the people they serve; it is vital to community stability, law enforcement safety, and effective policing in our city. We must at some point establish trust and legitimacy between our agency and community; we must collaborate with police in our communities to develop policies and oversight which reflect community values and engage in, as well as educate, community members as well.

We do rely on police to "protect and serve" and the police, in turn, rely on community support and cooperation. It's sad to say the relationship is not always harmonious but we can strive to make it better, as there is always hope and faith if we choose to come together in peace. I will say police officers should always maintain professionalism and integrity even when facing adversity when any encounter happens, because the person in the uniform must take the personal out and put on the professional.

Now, I will flip the script. As a culture, are we looking at how we respond to certain situations when encountered with certain attitudes? We must also take accountability and responsibility for what we as a culture may be doing wrong. Parents, are we raising our children to be respectful to adults or authority figures? Are we raising our children to stay focused and protecting their minds from the world of violence in music, video games, and social media influencers that are negative in the messages they put into our children's brains?

Are we looking at how our households are being operated and established on a day-to-day basis? Are we pushing our children to get an education and to choose their peers wisely? Are we choosing our own selfish needs and happiness over our most prized gifts — our children? Even more importantly, are we teaching our children about gun violence and the laws?

I said this was a TWO WAY STREEET, and I meant that. Sometimes the truth hurts, but the truth never changes if it is TRUTH, FACTS, and JUSTICE for ALL. We all can do better and I mean the police and the community. AMEN.♣

ADVERTISE WITH US!

251-327-1708

STEPPINOUTNEWS@AOL.COM

Marketplace Open Enrollment For Health Insurance

<https://www.healthcare.gov>

Consumers who enroll by midnight December 15 can get full year coverage that starts January 01, 2024.

This year, 13 million Americans will continue to save an average of \$800 per year on their health insurance. Four out of five customers will be able to find a plan for \$10 or less after subsidies.

Consumers with coverage through HealthCare.gov are encouraged to return and shop to see if another plan better meets their needs at a lower cost.

The Mobile County Health Department and Family Health, its primary care division, have Certified Application Counselors ready to assist. The counselors have been trained and are able to help consumers as they look for health coverage options through the Health Insurance Exchange. They can assist consumers in completing eligibility and enrollment forms. Assistance by the Certified Application Counselors is free to consumers.

Certified Application Counselors can be found at all Family Health centers conveniently located throughout Mobile County. You may visit <https://mchd.org/family-health/#locations> for a list of sites, or call directly at 251-445-8632 for the Patient Assistance Department.



GROCERY TAX REDUCTION

What does and does not qualify as 'food' under Alabama's new law

	Yes	No
Meat, poultry and fish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fruits and vegetables	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dairy products	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breads and cereal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleaning supplies or paper products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol or tobacco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pet food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Food from a hot bar at a grocery store	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vitamins, cosmetics and hygiene items	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

MCHD Weekend "DRIVE THRU" RABIES CLINICS



DECEMBER 2023

12/02 • SATURDAY – 10:00AM to NOON

LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC SCHOOL • 2103 Government Street (Mobile)

12/09 • SATURDAY – 9:00AM TO NOON

PET SUPPLIES PLUS • 803 Hillcrest Road (Mobile)

12/09 • SATURDAY – 1:00PM TO 3:00PM

MOBILE COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER • 10005 Dauphin Island Pkwy (Mobile)

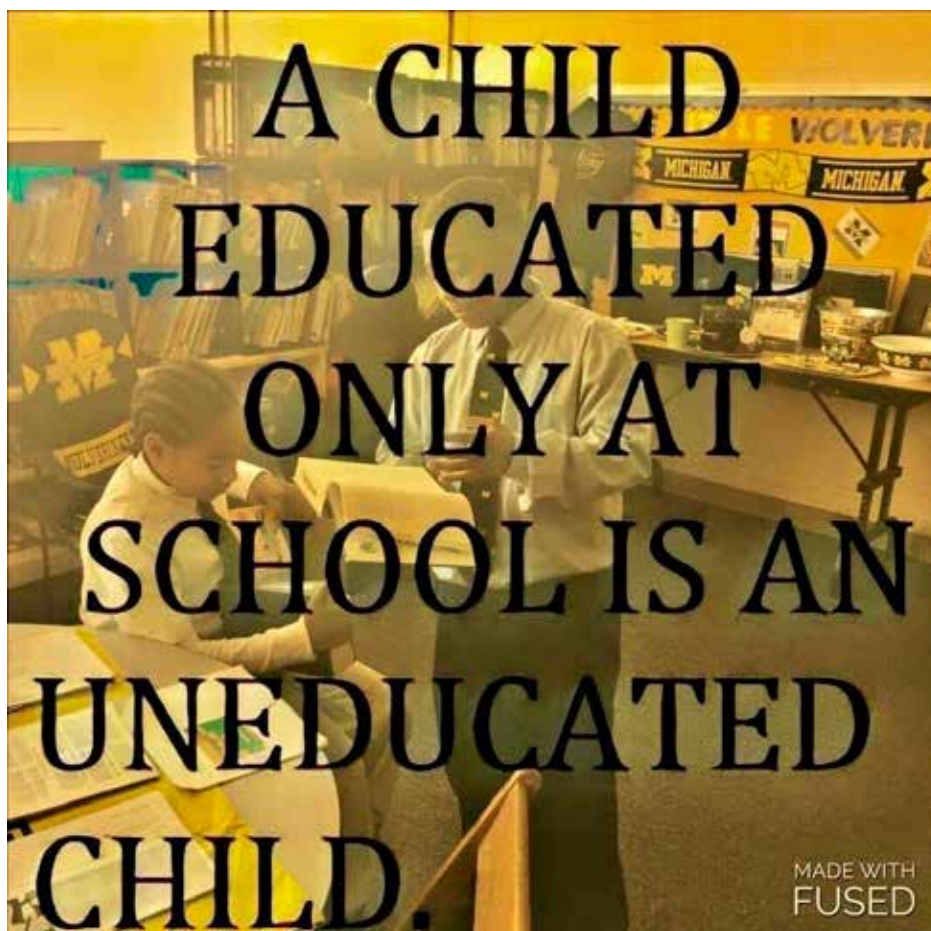
1216 • SATURDAY – 10:00AM to NOON

GLAMOUR PAWS GROOMING • 10005 Dauphin Island Pkwy (Theodore)

****DRIVE-THRU CLINICS • VACCINES ARE \$12 PER PET • PAYABLE IN CASH ONLY****

–Rabies Quarantine Fact Sheet–

www.alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/assets/RabiesQuarantineFactSheet.pdf



PORTRAITS in BLACK

Marjorie Lee Brown



Born in Memphis, Tennessee, Browne was an educator and one of the African American women to earn a doctorate in mathematics. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics cum laude from Howard University in 1935 and her Master of Science degree from the University of Michigan in 1939. She earned her PhD in mathematics from Michigan in 1949. She then joined that faculty of North Carolina College, now known as North Carolina Central University, for the next 30 years.

In 1960 She wrote a grant garnered a computer from IBM providing the school with one of the first computers in academic computing. She also established summer institutes to provide continuing education in mathematics for high school teachers and in 1974 was the first recipient of the W.W. Rankin Memorial Award for Excellence in Mathematics Education.

In 2001, the University of Michigan established the Marjorie Lee Browne Colloquium and NCCU annually offers the Marjorie Lee Browne Scholarship to student majoring in mathematics.♣

LEGACY TRAIL APARTMENTS

9058 Church Street • Semmes AL 36575



Legacy Trail was built using a combination of Mobile County Commission's HOME funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, state tax credits, state HOME funds, and private investment

56 units of various sizes for seniors (55+)

Affordable housing with stabilized rent for those who meet age and income requirements



DIRECTIONS (Google Maps): Legacy Trail is approx. 30 miles from downtown Mobile. Take Moffett Road to Semmes. Turn left on either Illinois Street or Wulff Road and then turn onto Church Street. Legacy Trail is at the corner of Church and Illinois Streets.



LIVING IN BLISS

Debra Braggs

Veteran Fashion Columnist
and Lifestyle Reporter



Am I the only one finding it hard to believe that we're in the last month of 2023?

I feel like I want more time, that the year sped by and there's more to do.

But to borrow from the words of the great Oprah Winfrey: "Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning- but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us."

Doesn't that sound like something your grandmother would say? "It's a going on."

I like the sound of that, because whether we are ready or not, midnight will come on December 31 and a new year will begin.

My hope is that all the wisdom we've gained during this twelve month journey will lead us into a more blissful, peaceful and fulfilled life.

Remember that living a blissful life simply means to live with great joy. And living blissfully doesn't mean living lavishly.

On the contrary, it means enjoying the little things.

In January I wrote about the unpredictability of life and how Covid threw us all for a loop. I explained how great teachers of philosophy and health researchers say the one lesson we should have learned from the pandemic is to be intentional about our joy.

No more taking for granted the moments of our lives! They are too precious.

The great inspirational author and teacher Deepak Chopra says, "No matter what is going on around us, the one thing we have control over is our attitude. And that's really all it takes to live joyfully."

He explained that Yes, there is grief and strife in the world, but studies show that when we greet each moment with the intention of joy, we calm our spirits and can even heal our bodies.

Unfortunately, it is not second nature to expect joy each of our lives.

Studies show we've been conditioned to think it occurs rarely or on special occasions.

The good news is, psychologists say we can train ourselves to think differently, but it takes work.

We must place happiness on our to-do list and believe that we deserve it

We must practice this selfcare daily.

Remember my "bliss breaks" and "bliss-treats?"

Work those practices into your day.

Take a few moments to dream, walk in a park and listen to yourself breathe.

Use post-it notes if you need reminders to be good to yourself.

Speak to yourself lovingly-your heart believes what your mouth says.

We are no good to others, if we are not good to ourselves.

One of the most profound discoveries for me this year were the studies that revealed the healing powers of meditation, breathing and positive thinking.

An AARP report even revealed that your mindset can actually play a major role in determining your life span. That's exciting news and I can't wait to discover more.

I hope your apprehension about facing the New Year will be filled with hope and anticipation about the exciting moments of joy that await you. You are so deserving.

Remember the words of Nelson Mandela:

We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world.

Until 2024, keep "going on" and follow your bliss.♣

**Don't trip over something
behind you!!!**

A HOWARD UNIVERSITY GRAD MADE HISTORY BY BECOMING THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN OFFICER IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS.



DID YOU KNOW...

- The practice of **VACCINATIONS** was brought to America by an enslaved person.
- **CATHAY WILLIAMS**, once enslaved, disguised herself as a man to serve in the U.S. Army after the Civil War. She was the first and only female Buffalo Soldier.
- **ARETHA FRANKLIN** was not only the **FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN** inducted into the **ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME**, but the **FIRST WOMAN**, period.
- **QUINCY JONES** is the **MOST GRAMMY-NOMINATED ARTIST** in the history of the awards show with 79 nominations and 27 wins.

DAWN STALEY SIGNED A 7-YEAR, \$22.4 MILLION CONTRACT, MAKING HER THE HIGHEST-PAID BLACK WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL COACH.

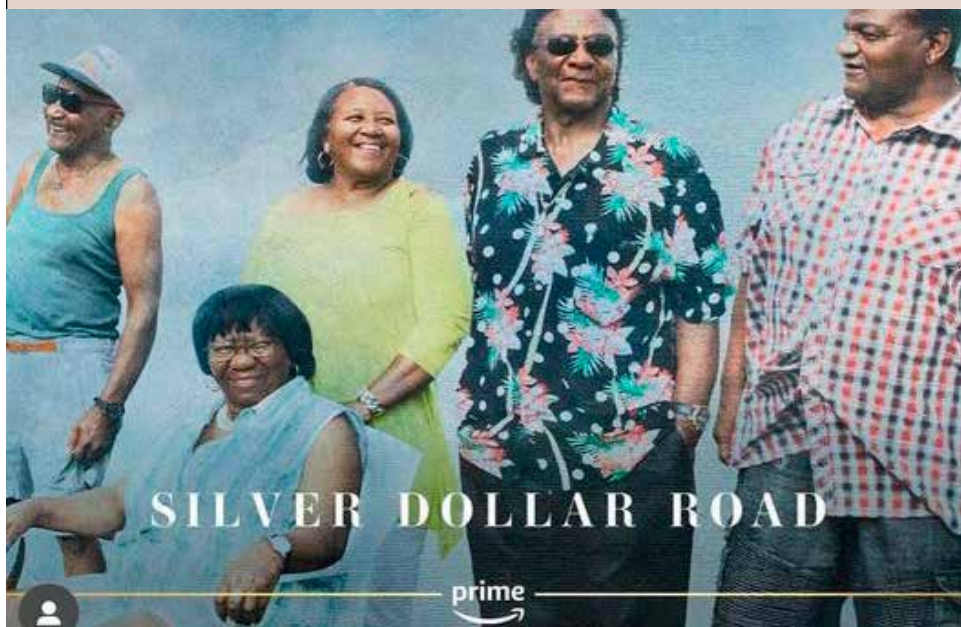
[LINK IN COMMENTS](#)



Silver Dollar Road

The true story of two brothers, Melvin and Licurtis Reels, imprisoned for eight years after refusing to leave their homes which was built on land purchased by their great-grandfather. 100 years after the purchase, White developers purchased the land without the family being aware and attempted to force the Reels off the property.

*****CATCH IT ON AMAZON PRIME VIDEO*****



Good News Page



NEWS RELEASE

Office of Communications
mbryant@mchd.org | 251.690.8823

Family Health Earns Community Health Center QUALITY RECOGNITION BADGES

Family Health, the primary care division of the Mobile County Health Department, has been awarded three Community Health Center Quality Recognition (CH CQR) badges from the Health Resources & Services Administration. Of the 17 Federally Qualified Health Centers in Alabama, Family Health is one of the six to receive at least three or more badges.

CH CQR badges recognize Health Center Program awardees that have made notable achievements in the areas of access, quality, health equity, health information technology, social risk factors screening, and COVID-19 public health emergency response. Family Health received its badges for:

Being a Primary Care Medical Home – A Primary care Medical Home provides health care that is relationship-based with an orientation toward whole-person care.



Advancing Health Information Technology (HIT) for Quality – This badge recognizes health centers that meet all criteria to optimize HIT services.



Addressing Social Risk Factors – This badge recognizes health centers that are screening for social risk factors impacting patient health and are increasing access to enabling services.



Since its inception in 1979, Family Health has provided services to the uninsured, underinsured, insured, and medically underserved populations of Mobile County. In addition to the general population, the center has also targeted special populations (such as migrant and seasonal workers, refugees, public housing residents, and people living with HIV/AIDS).

LIKE & FOLLOW US ON
facebook

Scan to Visit Steppin' Out on Facebook!

BLACK EDUCATION

JOSEPH MITCHELL PHD
Citizen Musician & Politician



"The Mobile Beacon and Alabama Citizen"

An Advocate For Its Community for Over Fifty Years

A woman of European extraction living in Mississippi wrote her doctoral dissertation on the subject of The Mobile Beacon and Alabama Citizen. The dissertation abstract reads thusly:

The Mobile Beacon and Alabama Citizen is a family-owned black newspaper in Alabama that has published once a week without fail over a fifty-six year time span. The paper was founded by Frank P. Thomas, Jr. and Lencie Mae Black Thomas in November 1943 and has continued until the present.

When the newspaper was started, Alabama was still a racially segregated society and black people commonly had limited access or no access to voting, education, skilled jobs or housing other than substandard housing.

The purpose of this dissertation is to report how the newspaper presented reality to its readers in its news columns between 03 June 1944 and 28 May 1994, and to report the editorial positions it adopted relating to dominant issues of the day.

The study focuses on these issues: Black Participation in War, Voting Rights and Black Political Power in Alabama, Crime and Education in the Black Community, and Housing and Employment Issues for Blacks in Alabama.

The newspaper is quoted liberally so that language can be noted as well as message. Most factual information is from the newspaper itself, but where Lencie Thomas has personal recollection about an event or situation, her personal commentary is included.

The newspaper has published under four names: The Alabama Black Citizen and The Tuscaloosa Weekly Review, The Alabama Citizen and The Tuscaloosa Weekly Review, The Alabama Citizen and The Mobile Beacon and Alabama Citizen, the name in use since 05 October 1963. The dissertation follows the progressive journalism history research method with some additional use of oral history.

Citation is available at Dissertation Archive (1909)
https://aquila.usm.edu/theses_dissertations/1909

Dr. Alma Ruth Corley, retired Assistant Professor of Speech from the University of Central Arkansas and widow of Lamar Corley, passed away quietly at the North Mississippi Hospital, Oxford MS after a short illness. She was 83.

[NOTE: To hide a map to \$1 million, put the map in a book -OR- write it out in cursive using mono syllabic words and lots of pretty pictures. The fortune is safe from many people.]♣



Trying to Make Sense of it All



As the year draws to a close, I can't help but think about all the crazy things that have happened locally, nationally, and worldwide.

Assaults on Black people by police officers here in Mobile, crime in our communities, wildfires all over the nation, especially in Hawaii and all over the country, salt water going into the Mississippi River, continued attacks on voting rights, as well as conflict in the Middle East... you get the picture.

That's why I have to wonder with all the problems going on here in Mobile, the country, and in the world, we as a people are stuck on petty things that have nothing to do with our advancement.

You've seen some of these petty things on Facebook and other social media outlets... fights in Wal-Mart and in malls, petty feuds among rappers, things of that nature. Normally I wouldn't even think about things of that nature, or at the very worst, maybe even shake my head in total amusement, but with all that's going on in the world, it's about time we stop getting bogged down in such petty stuff.

It seems that for us, we're more concerned with being entertained than being educated. That's a dangerous thing because if there are some important things going on underneath our noses, instead of getting involved and making a difference, we're way too busy getting wrapped up in the latest reality show. As a result, we wind up on the outside looking in.

When I was younger, brothers and sisters were a lot more serious about advancing as a people. Here in Mobile in the 1980s, people were fighting to not only get self-respect and a voice not only in local government, but also just for the opportunity to be treated like first-class citizens. I should know; I was among that group fighting for such. There were three African-American newspapers in Mobile then, and even though some said it was all about egos, at least they were doing a good job in getting the word out about what was going on in the community.

Hell, I can remember back in the 1990s when we had a thing called the African-American Summit, when a coalition of like-minded brothers and sisters got together and made an honest effort to come up with solutions to uplift the people and make things better for them in the process.

Some of the things we strived for, we succeeded in doing. Others, not so much. However, it was an effort. Sadly, with very few exceptions, nowadays it seems a lot of people are out for themselves.

At least with Africatown, there are some efforts to move a community forward, and I hope like hell it succeeds.

That's one of the reasons I was happy to see the piece on 60 Minutes about Africatown and dialogue between descendants of those who were brought over on the Clotilda and descendants of Timothy Meaher, the wealthy Mobile businessman who had the Clotilda built to transport slaves from Benin to Mobile in order to win a bet that he could defy the 1807 Act Prohibiting Importation of Slaves.

Whether Africatown rises from the ashes and becomes a viable community once again remains to be seen. I for one, certainly hope it does. There's no reason for it not to; after all, it has a very rich history.

Then, there's redistricting here in Mobile. There were some legitimate concerns as to whether there would be any good-faith efforts to be sure African-Americans were represented fairly. That remains to be seen, but one thing's for sure: Unless we get out and exercise our hard-earned right to vote, especially in municipal elections, representation won't be worth a hill of beans.

There's so much stuff I can write about that's on my mind, but that's just it — a lot of stuff that I have to get off my chest. A lot of it will be revealed in future editions of Steppin' Out. In the meantime, stay tuned. ♣

ADVERTISE

WITH US!

251-327-1708

Info@SteppinOutMobile.COM

CONTINUE SUCCESS!

Nathaniel Patterson

Named to LinkedIn LeadersHum: "Top 200 Biggest Voices in Leadership to Watch For" in 2022 & 2023, Coach, Columnist, Facilitator, Public Speaker and Trainer
CONNECT on LinkedIn -or- (727) 485.3980



The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). For one-hundred and fourteen (114) years the NAACP has fought against racism and discrimination.

I have to admit when I returned home to Mobile in 2011, I expected to see a strong Chapter. After attending a few public sessions I was disappointed. My dismay was in the lack of participation. To be effective the Chapter needs financial members, active and energized membership and participation in their national programs.

My first award from the NAACP was a national Civil Rights Award in 1979. My Fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, INC. required collaboration with the NAACP Los Angeles Chapter. For the next thirty years, I participated in GOTV (Get Out To Vote) campaigns, social injustice protests, public relations and donor campaigns, voting rights marches, contacting legislators and served on boards and executive committees. After thirty years, I was tired.

The Mobile, AL Chapter lead by Brother Robert Clopton is resurging at a time when it is really needed. We have challenges and unless we address them now, our children and grandchildren will face the consequences of our actions or inactions. I am making a pledge to come out of retirement in February, 2023 to become not only a financial, but active member. Again, Mobile, AL., we have major problems. From economic development, job discrimination, corruption in government, social and judicial injustice all need to be addressed from our perspective. This great City is not kind to the underserved. Only to people of affluence and influence. There are companies and people breaking laws, ethics and straight out lying.

If we do not stand up – who will? If we are serious about the words we coach our kids to be confident, courageous and be leaders – we must be the role models we are asking them to become. If you do not want to fight for yourself, fight for their future. I do not care what your past experiences was with the NAACP. They deserve your financial and active membership NOW!

An old and true NAACP saying:
DON'T TALK ABOUT, BE ABOUT IT!

As always **LET'S BE GREATER!!** ❖

NEWS
RELEASE



MOBILE FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT
701 ST FRANCIS STREET
MOBILE, AL 36602

November 20, 2023

Jeff Haller

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(251) 208-1500

MobileFireRescue.com

mfrdMedia@cityofmobile.org

MFRD reminds residents to Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen

(Mobile, Alabama) – The Mobile Fire-Rescue Department (MFRD) is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) to promote safe cooking this holiday season. The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially during the holidays. Keeping fire safety top of mind in the kitchen during this hectic time is important, especially when there's a lot of activity and people at home.

As you start preparing your holiday schedule and organizing that large family feast, MFRD encourages all residents to follow a few simple safety tips so you can enjoy time with your loved ones and keep yourself and your family safer from fire.

Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.

If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly. Remain in the home while food is cooking and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.

Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3-feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Turkey fryers that use cooking oil are not safe. These fryers use large amounts of oil at high temperatures, which can cause devastating burns. If you want a fried turkey for your Thanksgiving meal, purchase it from a grocery store, restaurant or buy a fryer that does not use oil.

Consider purchasing an infrared fryer, air fryer, or electric turkey fryer, that has been listed by a qualified testing laboratory.

To find out more about fire safety in Mobile, please visit our website at MobileFireRescue.com. For more general information about fire safety visit nfpa.org/safetytips.

-----END-----

The Village!

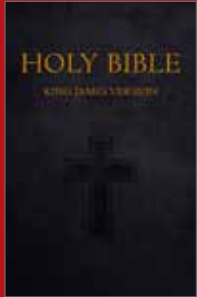
It is certain,
in any case,
that ignorance,
allied with power,
is the most
ferocious enemy
justice can have.

James Baldwin

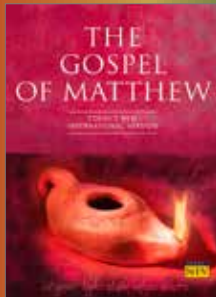
Literary Corner presents...

12 Books for Christmas

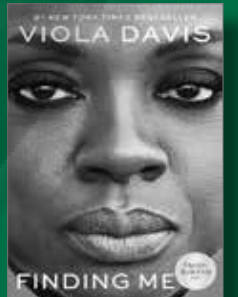
Book Selection compliments of Heart & Soul Motivational/Inspirational Book Club



**Gospel Matthew
(Holy Bible)**
KJV/NIV



Finding Me
Viola Davis



**Their Eyes
Were Watching God**
Zora Neale Hurston



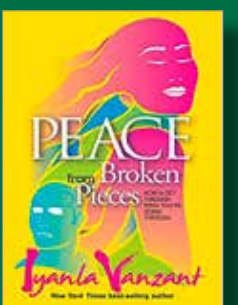
**Prepared
for a Purpose**
Antoinette Tuff



The Shack
William P. Young



**Peace from
Broken Pieces**
Iyanla Vanzant



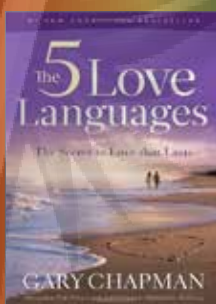
The Four Agreements
Don Miguel Ruiz



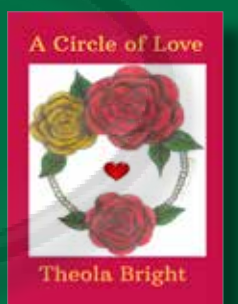
Daring Greatly
Dr. Brene Brown



**The 5 Love Languages -
The Secret to
Love that Last**
Gary Chapman



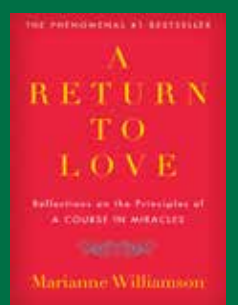
A Circle of Love
Theola Bright



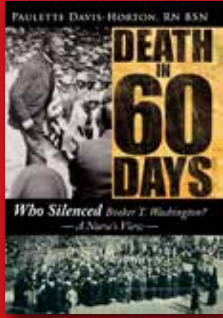
**Gifted Hands:
The Ben Carson Story**
Ben Carson



A Return to Love
Marianne Williamson



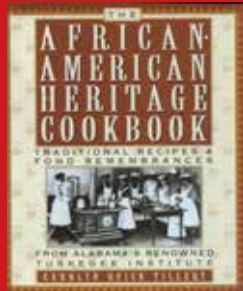
Stocking Stuffers



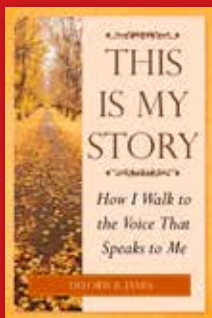
Death in 60 Days
Paulette Davis-Horton



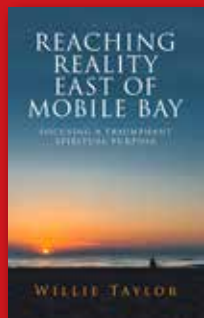
Networking & Lattes
Sherrica Davis-Hunt



African American Heritage Cookbook
Carolyn Quick Tillery



This is My Story
Deloris B. James



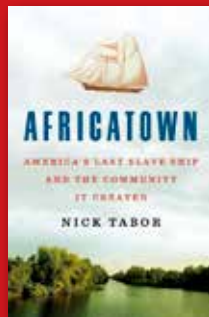
Reaching Reality East of Mobile Bay
Willie Taylor



Unplugged
Erica Jones Massey



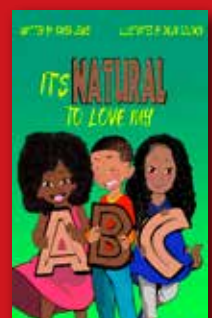
The Making of a Chief
Chief Jason Lewis



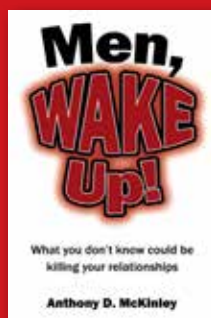
AFRICATOWN
Nick Tabor



Believe-In-You MONEY
Jessica Norwood



It's Natural To Love My ABCs
Karen Lewis



Men, WAKE Up!
Anthony D. McKinley



Dignity Before Dollars: Weathering the Storm
Arthur L. Mack



MOMENTS IN TIME

Paulette Horton

Dr. Edward Belsaw



Many older Mobilians will remember Dr. Edward Belsaw. Belsaw located to Mobile in 1908 and set up a dental practice on Dauphin Street. He invested \$2,000 to get the latest dental equipment for his office.

His slogan was *E-Z on the teeth and E-Z on the purse.*

Dr. Belsaw served as the dental inspector in the Mobile County Public School System. He was very active in the community and was responsible for the first branch of the Mobile Public Library on Davis Avenue.

Belsaw was a pioneer in the Boy Scout movement in Mobile. Belsaw School, located in Mt. Vernon and part of the Mobile County Public School System, was named in his honor.

Dr. Belsaw died September 16, 1952 and was buried in Oaklawn Cemetery. ♣

The Branch Located at 2861 Springhill Avenue
HAS PERMANENTLY CLOSED



Commonwealth
NATIONAL BANK



We Have Moved WEST to Serve You Better!
Visit Our New Branch Location
3959 GOVERNMENT BLVD
Intersection of Government Blvd and Azalea Road
Mobile Alabama 36693

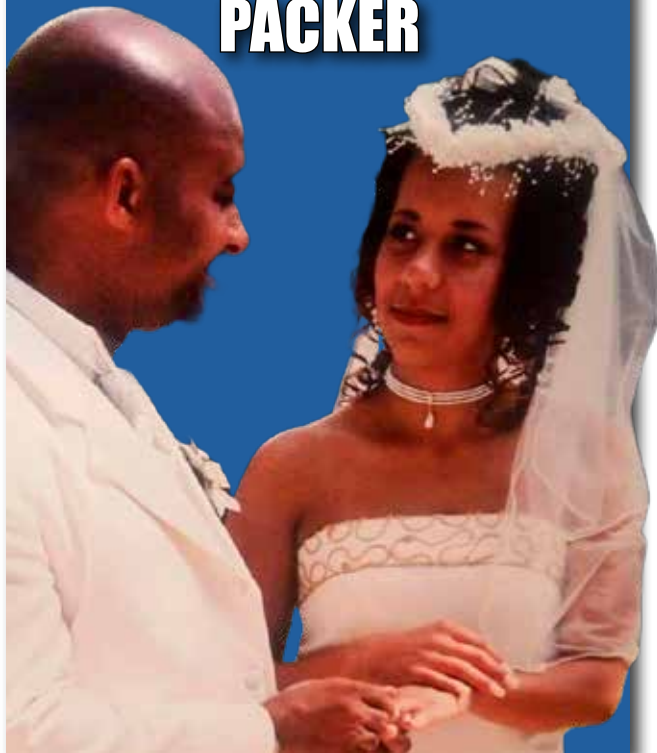
YOU CAN STILL VISIT THE TOULMINVILLE BRANCH
located at 2214 St. Stephens Road in Mobile (AL)

www.ecommonwealthbank.com

Hats Off

HAPPY 21ST WEDDING
Anniversary!

Frank & Shon
PACKER



Congratulations!

Received a Proclamation from City of Mobile
140 Years of Musical Entertainment



Congratulations!

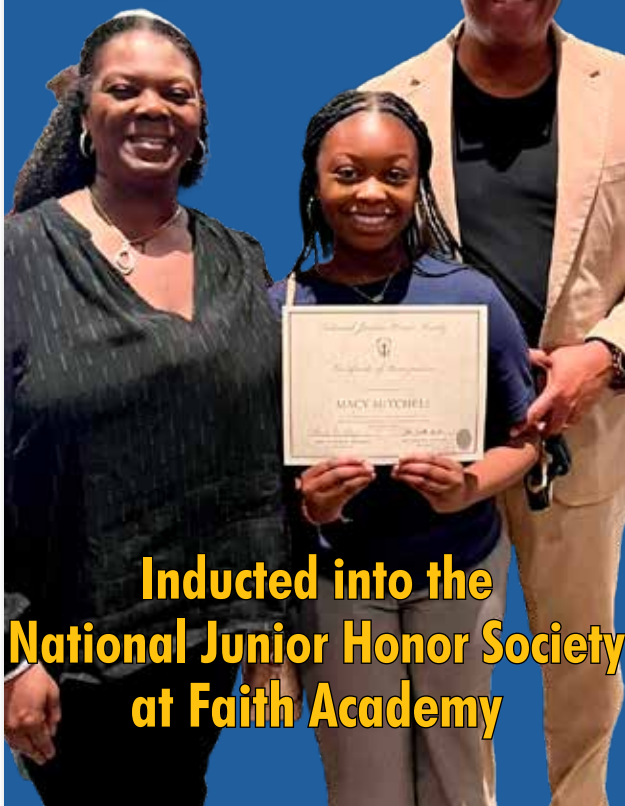
Brenda Rhodes

Named
UTSA FEMALE
PLAY OF
THE YEAR



Congratulations!

Macy Mitchell



Inducted into the
National Junior Honor Society
at Faith Academy

Congratulations!

Gen. Charles Q. Brown

Named
21ST
CHAIRMAN
of U.S.
Joint
Chief
of
Staff



Hats Off

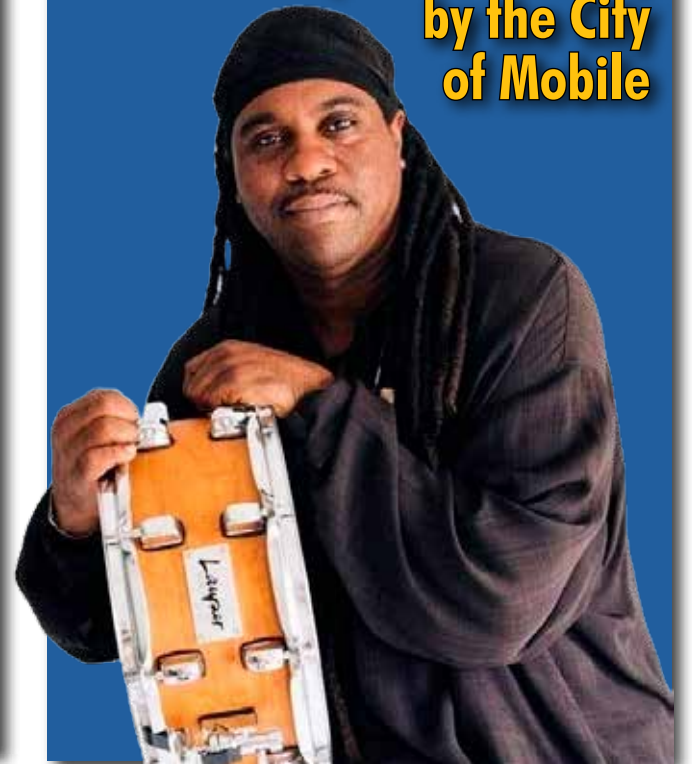
Congratulations!



**Michon Trent and her Team at the Family Center
AWARDED IN HONOR OF THEIR WORK WITH FATHERS
in Mobile and Baldwin Counties by the
Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention**

Congratulations!

**Bryan Morris
Named
Bryan Morris Day
by the City
of Mobile**



Congratulations!

**Jarad
McBride
Named
MARK of
EXCELLENCE
NATIONAL
WINNER
for
Clotilda
Slave Ship
Coverage**



**HAPPY 40TH WEDDING
Anniversary!**

**Anthony & Tracy
JOHNSON**



Congratulations!

**Tiffany Pogue
Received
DISTINGUISHED
ALUMNI
AWARD
by Boys
& Girls
Club
of
South
Alabama**



Hats Off

Congratulations!

Imani Perry

**Awarded a
McARTHUR
GENIUS
GRANT**



Congratulations!

Ava Duvanay

**1ST BLACK WOMAN
to compete in the
VENICE FILM FESTIVAL**



Congratulations!

Anthony Nesty

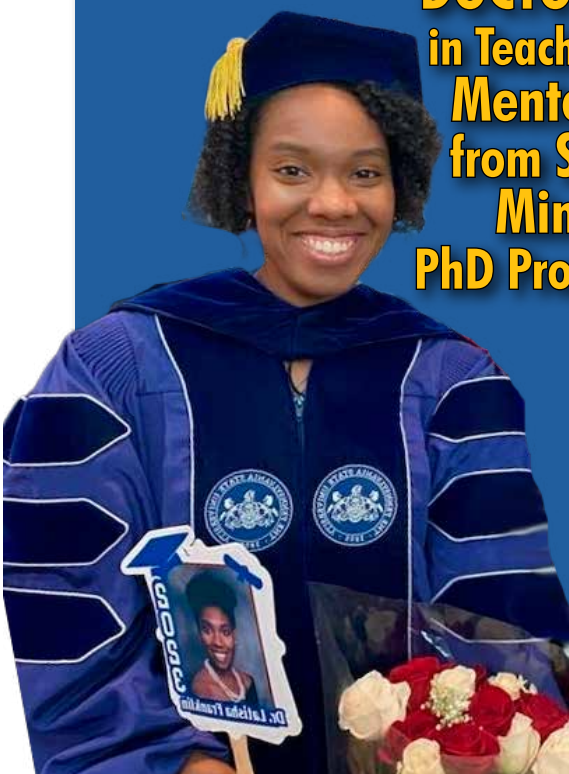
**Becomes
1ST BLACK
U.S. HEAD
SWIMMING
COACH
at the
Olympics**



Congratulations!

Dr. Latisha Frankiin

**Earned a
DOCTORATE
in Teaching &
Mentoring
from Sloan
Minority
PhD Program**



**HAPPY 20TH WEDDING
Anniversary!**

**Travis & Princess
MILLER**



Congratulations!

Gloria Buskey Lang

**2023 MS ALUMNI
of Central High**



JOSEPH MITCHELL

Citizen Musician & Politician



PROTOCOL: A Set of Rules and Guidelines for Specific Conduct

In the case of Nashville, Tennessee, it took police officers only four minutes to storm a building and kill a hostage-holding murderer.

In the case of Vivaldi, Texas, it took police 77 minutes of waiting before storming a building, and eventually killing the hostage-holding murderer.

Both Nashville and Vivaldi had active shooter protocols.

The death of Breonna Taylor, a Black medical worker who was shot and killed by police officers in Louisville, Kentucky in March 2020 during a botched raid on her apartment, was one of the main drivers of wide-scale demonstrations that erupted that year over policing and racial injustice in the United States.

No officer has ever been charged with shooting and murdering Ms. Taylor.

Mobile Police Department officer shot and killed a 16-year-old during a pre-dawn raid executing a search warrant.

MPD arrived at a residence on the 3400 block of Sheringham Drive around 5:37 a.m. to conduct a search warrant for drug paraphernalia and marijuana possession. MPD says the warrant was for 18-year-old D'Angelo Adjessom, who was not at the house at the time of the early morning raid.

MPD said they executed the search at 5:30 a.m. and, after knocking "multiple times," breached the home. It is unclear how forcefully or aggressively the police entered the home or how long they gave the residents to respond to their knocks.

Both Louisville and Mobile have search warrant protocols.

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a 46-year-old black American man, was murdered in Minneapolis by Derek Chauvin, a 44-year-old white police officer. Floyd had been arrested after a store clerk alleged that he made a purchase using a counterfeit \$20 bill. Chauvin knelt on Floyd's neck for over nine minutes while Floyd was handcuffed and lying face-down in a street. Two other police officers, J. Alexander Kueng and Thomas Lane, assisted Chauvin in restraining Floyd. Lane had also pointed a gun at Floyd's head before Floyd was handcuffed. A fourth police officer, Tou Thao, prevented bystanders from intervening.

Before being placed on the ground, Floyd had exhibited signs of anxiety, complaining about having claustrophobia, and being unable to breathe. After being restrained, he became more distressed, still complaining of breathing difficulties, of the knee on his neck, and of fear of imminent death. After several minutes, Floyd stopped speaking. For the last few minutes, he lay motionless, and Kueng found no pulse when urged to check. Despite this, Chauvin ignored bystanders' pleas to lift his knee from Floyd's neck. The next day, after videos recorded by witnesses and security cameras became public, the Minneapolis Police Department fired all four officers. Two autopsies, and one autopsy review, found Floyd's death to be a homicide.

Mobile Chief of Staff James Barber told the city council Tuesday the Department of Justice and FBI have both been notified of an incident, captured on video, in which a Mobile police officer can be seen repeatedly punching a handcuffed man.

The incident began as a traffic stop last Thursday, when Mobile officer Paul Callegari and his partner stopped a vehicle reportedly driven by 36-year-old Beezer Earl Dubose Jr., which the officers allege was speeding.

After pulling the vehicle over at the intersection of Dauphin Island Parkway and Halls Mill Road, the officers reported detecting the smell of marijuana and asked both Dubose and his passenger to exit the vehicle.

The video, posted to multiple social media sites, begins with Callegari on top of Dubose, who is handcuffed and face down. Callegari proceeds to punch Dubose in the head multiple times before moving around to the side as his partner walks over.

In both Chicago and Mobile, protocols for tactical training is given to police officers in the presentation and implementation of handcuff applications.

Regarding those of European extraction, who treat us with impunity, there is an African adage: "Snake at my feet, stick in my hand!"



Author Talks About Her Impressions of BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Working with JULIUS ROSENWALD

For author Stephanie Deutch, author of *You Need a Schoolhouse*, there were very interesting parallels between Booker T. Washington and Julius Rosenwald, the part owner of Sears, Roebuck and Company.

Washington, who founded Tuskegee Institute (now University), and Rosenwald, who created donations in matching funds for vocational or technical education, put their minds together and helped create Rosenwald Schools, designed for educating African-American students. Approximately 5,000 of those schools were built in the South, with six of them built in Alabama.

Deutch was on hand at the Ben May Library in downtown Mobile as part of a lecture about the two men during Africatown Lantern Walk ceremonies held on Nov. 3-5.

"It was a wonderful coming together of two unusual individuals," Deutch said. "I think one of the things that made them unusual was they were both collaborative; they were able to work with other people. Neither one arrived saying, 'This is the way it has to be. I'm in charge; let's do it my way.'"

"They arrived with the attitude of, 'Let's talk about what we're trying to do and figure out a way to do it.' To me, that's one of the traits that was mostly part of their success. They were both doers, but they weren't egomaniacs who had to be in charge.

Deutch said there was another thing both men had in common. They were both imaginative," she said. "One of the stories I loved about them was that Sears sold everything, and one of the things they sold were kit houses. You could order a house from Sears, and at one point Julius said if you order a house from Sears, you can use kit houses, modify the kit and it would be a kit school. Booker T. Washington said, 'well, no; the community has to have buy-in and the community is going to help build the school and help provide the lumber and the land it's going to be built on. I don't think we need to use Sears kit houses.'

"Well, Rosenwald didn't say, 'I got to have it my own way, you're right. Let's do it your way.' To me, that was a revealing story." In addition, Deutch said Rosenwald developed a bond toward Tuskegee.

"I think that was the strength they had. I love thinking about what it was actually like for them because they did come from very different backgrounds," she said. "But they were both open in an interesting type of way. Another thing that really touched me was that Julius and his wife would come down to Tuskegee once a year or once every other year, and it wasn't easy to get there.

"In the files of Tuskegee there's all this correspondence between Julius's wife Gussie, and Robert Moton, who became president after Booker T. Washington died, used to send stuff to the Rosenwalds like boxes of peaches. He even sent some flowers once. She wrote him back, and in one of the letters she said, 'Thank you very much for the peaches; it made me homesick for Tuskegee.'

"The thought of this Jewish woman living in Chicago and feeling homesick for Tuskegee kind of touched me. They opened themselves to a new experience, and the other thing that's interesting is that in some ways, Booker T. Washington was a more educated man than Rosenwald. Rosenwald left high school after two years and went to New York and learned the clothing business. He didn't go to school (for that) but he was very much a self-educated man."

Deutch said there was another story about the correspondence. "Rosenwald wrote back to someone at Tuskegee, 'Would you please check my room?'" she said. "There was a place at Darsey Hall where guests used to stay and you can still stay there now, and he said, 'Can you please check my room? I left a book there.'" The name of the book that Julius Rosenwald was reading was called *Islam and Christianity*.

"Here it is, in 1920, and a Jewish man is reading a book about Islam and Christianity. That really blew my mind. He was interested in a lot of stuff and he wasn't always right about everything; but he was curious to engage with other people and hear what they thought. I think that was a trait that served him well. The collaborative also helped him at Sears; at Sears, he developed the talent around him. He didn't do it all his way, and that's the reason Sears worked out so well." ♣

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Tommy Green

Facebook Blogger & Former Editor for Mobile Beacon



Brothers and sisters, #45/trump showed his true colors in 1989 when tried to get the Central Park five electrocuted before they had been convicted of raping a white lady. If trump/MAGA Republicans are elected, they will wreck-havoc on the constitution, primarily affecting Black people and other disenfranchised groups. According to Wallin & Klawch, "In criminal cases, most courts (state and federal) require a unanimous vote by the jury to find the defendant guilty. Currently, courts in only two states allow for conviction of a defendant via non-unanimous voting, and those are generally reserved for minor charges."

I have been reflecting on #45, so I don't believe that a jury of 12 white Americans will find him guilty. Therefore, Black people need a backup plan. That means for Black Americans, we must vote as though our lives depend on our vote, which will be a reality if #45/Republicans win the presidential election in 2024. We cannot allow our destiny to be in President Biden administration, the Supreme Court, or the U.S. Congress. We have a chance in 2024 to determine our destiny as Black men and women.

The Pew Research Center, "Reported in 2017 that Black voter's percentage declined by 7% from 2012 to 2016 in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin and those are the states that determined who became president in 2016. Black's percentages in 2012 for Obama was 66.9%, and they declined to 59.9% in 2016 for Hillary."

We must remember that you don't vote for someone because you like them. You vote for someone who will support your issues. If we were educated on voting and the history of this country, it would have shown how dangerous, it was for #45 to become president. The conservative SCOTUS ruled on the Biden administration overstepping its authority last year when it announced that it would cancel up to \$400 billion in student loans. Three of the conservative justices are on the court because #45 ensured that they were. Therefore, educated voters are paramount in defending their rights and Democracy.

On September 6, 2022, Politfact.com reported, "Republican members of Congress whose Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) loans were forgiven: Matt Gaetz (R-FL) \$467,000, Majorie Taylor Green (R-GA) \$180,000, Greg Pence (R-IN) \$79,444, Vern Buchanan (R-FL) \$2.8M, Kevin Hern (R-OH) \$1,070,000, Roger Williams (R-TX) \$1,430,000, Brett Guthrie (R-KY) \$4.3M, Ralph Norman (R-SC) \$306,520, Ralph Abraham (R-LA) \$38,000, Mike Kelly (R-PA) \$974, 100, Vicki Hartzler (R-MO) \$451,200, Markwayne Mulin (R-OK) \$988,700, Carol Miller (R-WV) \$3.1M."

Those members of Congress above were the ones who were against student loans forgiveness for low-income students, primarily Black students President Biden has also worked to ensure equitable access to high-quality education for Black students. I am providing this information because some brothers and sisters don't believe their lying eyes. You can use your phone to goggle information, so you will be an educated voter. ❖

BLACK VOTERS MATTER

ADVERTISE

WITH US!

251-327-1708

STEPPINOUTNEWS@AOL.COM

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP



Rid your home of unwanted appliances, computers, printers, household items, yard debris and more.

December 9, 2023

7a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**7195 Half Mile Rd,
Irvington, AL 36544**

**ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
FOR SENIORS**

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Furniture
- Clothing
- Scrap Metal
- Appliances
- Household Items
- Yard Debris
- Phones, Microwaves
- Electronics
- Tires - **RESTRICTIONS APPLY, CALL FOR DETAILS**

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Waste Oil & Oil Filters
- Junk Cars, Boats
- Dead Animals
- Pressure Tanks
- Explosives
- Aerosol Cans
- Household Garbage
- Tubed TV & Tubed Computer Monitors
- Roofing

LEARN MORE:
251-574-7867



How it Works:
It's simple... Load your unwanted items into your vehicle. Then properly secure your load with a tarp, bungee cords or netting. Finally, drop off your unwanted items for free. **NO CRT TV AND MONITORS ALLOWED.**

Want to continue to help keep your community clean? We are looking for community groups to volunteer. Please reach out to Mobile County Department of Environmental Enforcement at 251-574-STOP (7867).

CITY OF MOBILE

SCRAP TIRE AMNESTY DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 8AM-11AM

GET RID OF YOUR OLD SCRAP TIRES!

City of Mobile residents are allowed to bring four (4) tires per person to any of the drop-off locations, free of charge.



Baumhauer-Randle Park
1909 Duval St, Mobile, AL 36606
Osprey Initiative

Medal of Honor Park
1711 Hillcrest Rd, Mobile, AL 36609
The Student Conservation Association Inc.

City of Mobile Recycling Center
4851 Museum Dr, Mobile, AL 36608
Osprey Initiative



FOR MORE INFORMATION: CITYOFMOBILE.ORG

Celebrations of Life...



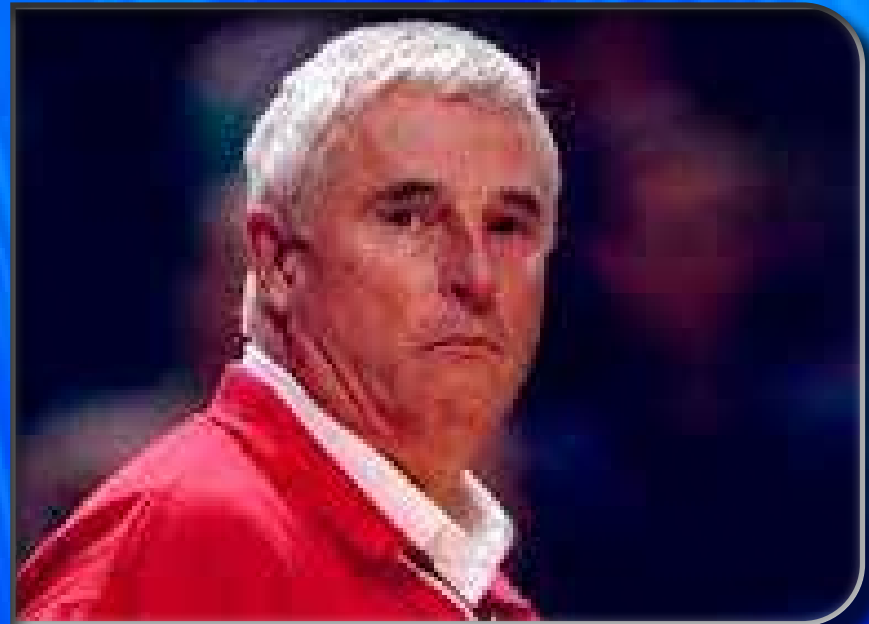
Rosalynn Carter (1927 - 2023)

Eleanor Rosalynn Carter served as First Lady during the presidency of Jimmy Carter from 1977 to 1981. She was a Writer, Activist, and Humanitarian. She was hailed as a leader in advocating for women's rights and mental health. She was an author and worked along side of her husband on national and international affairs at the Carter Center, named after her husband. She founded the Institute of Caregivers and worked tirelessly with Habitat for Humanities. She and her husband received the Presidential Medal of Honor in 1999. She passed in hospice care at the age of 99. ♣

Bobby Knight (1940 - 2023)

Robert Montgomery Knight was born in Massillon, Ohio. Known as "The General", he coached the University of Indiana Hoosier Basketball from 1971 to 2000. He started with The Army Black Knights from 1965 to 1971, and ended his career with the Texas Tech Red Raiders from 2001 to 2008.

During his successful career, which was filled with controversy, Knight's teams won 3 NCAA Championships, 1 NIT Tournament, and 11 Big Ten Conference Tournaments. He also coached the 1984 U.S. Olympic Basketball Team to a Gold Medal. He coached the last Division I men's team with an undefeated record (32-0). He died in Bloomington, Indiana at the age of 83. ♣



Jean Knight (1943 - 2023)

Jean Audrey Knight was born and raised in New Orleans. She was a Soul/R&B artist and was a Staple in clubs, festivals and events all over the New Orleans area. Her big hit, "Mr. Big Stuff" on Stax Records, rose to #2 on the Billboard Charts and was Grammy nominated. The recording went Platinum.

Knight performed her entire career with New Orleans as her home base. She passed quietly in a hospital in Tampa, Florida. ♣





PASSINGS...

Marty Krofft • 86

PUPPETEER • HR Pufnstuff; Land of the Lost



FRANK BORMAN—95
ASTRONAUT
Apollo 8; Gemini 7
Stroke



GEORGE "FUNKY" BROWN, 74
DRUMMER
Kool & The Gang
Lung Cancer



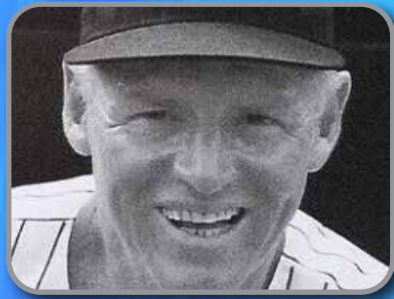
TASHA BUTTS, 41
WNBA PLAYER
Minnesota Lynx
COACH
Georgetown
Breast Cancer



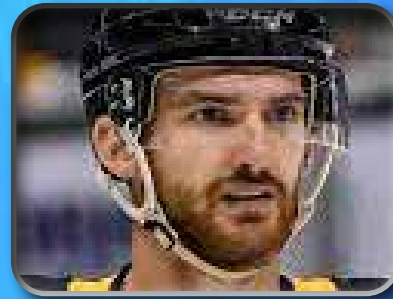
TYLER CHRISTOPHER, 50
ACTOR
General Hospital; Days of Our Lives
Cardiac Arrest



WALTER DAVIS, 69
NBA PLAYER
Suns; Nuggets
76 Olympic Champion



FRANK HOWARD, 87
MLB PLAYER
Dodgers, Tigers, Rangers, Senators
Stroke



ADAM JOHNSON, 29
NHL PLAYER
Penguins
Game Injury



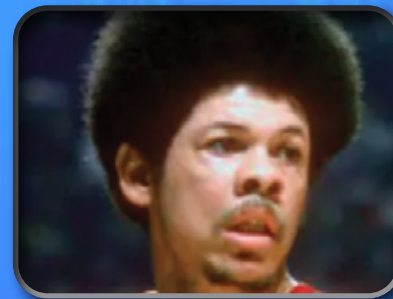
RICHARD MOLL, 80
ACTOR
Night Court; House



MATTHEW PERRY, 54
ACTOR
Friends; The Whole Nine Yards



TARAJA RAMSESS, 41
STUNT MAN
Black Panther; Avengers
Traffic Accident



BINGO SMITH, 77
NBA PLAYER
Cavaliers



AARON SPEARS, 47
DRUMMER
Chaka Khan; Lil' Wayne;
Carrie Underwood



Steppin' Out  *News!*

"Reconnecting the Best of the African American Diaspora of Mobile: PAST • PRESENT • FUTURE"

DON'T MISS OUT!
GET A DIGITAL COPY
 Delivered Directly To YOUR INBOX!

EMAIL US and
 Put **"ADD ME"**
 in the
SUBJECT LINE

STEPPINOUTNEWS@AOL.COM




Special Services

- Immunizations
- Curbside Pickup
- Specialty Services
- Patient Counseling

Local pharmacy dedicated to your family's health

Accepts All Insurances

251-479-2424
midtownpharmacyrx.com

2152 Airport Blvd, Mobile, AL 36606 

Unwritten:

Archaeology and Oral History of Jim Crow Mobile



Opening Reception

September 8th, 2023
from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Exhibition On Display

September 2023-April 2024

Museum Hours

Tuesday-Friday, 10am-4pm

Free Admission

USA Archaeology Museum

6050 USA Drive South, Mobile Alabama

(251)460-6106

archaeologymuseum@southalabama.edu

@USAArchaeology

@southarchaeology

@TheArchaeologyMuseum

Learn more at
SouthAlabama.edu/org/archaeology/museum

Meet the Lewis, Owens, and Griffin families.

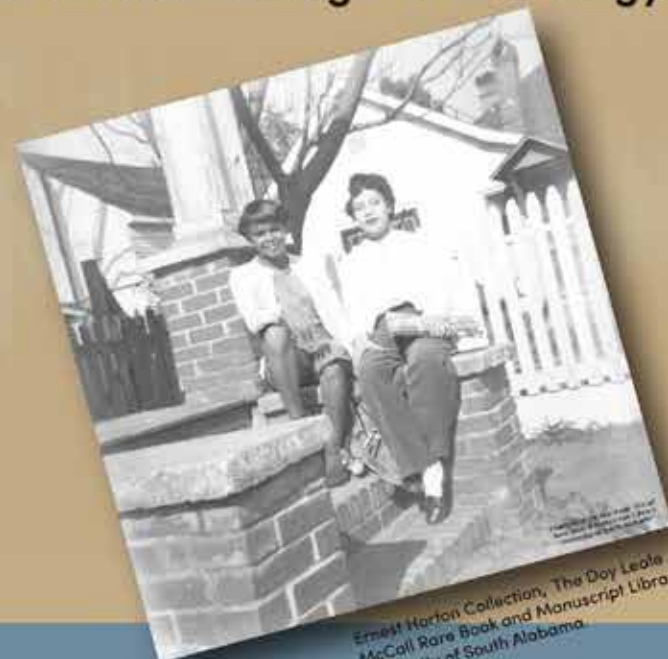
They lived in different parts of Mobile, but they shared much in common. As Black families, they navigated Jim Crow segregation. They all owned homes at a time when many Black Americans did not, and their homes were excavated by archaeologists.

In the mid-20th century, development transformed their neighborhood, erasing homes, schools, and shops from the landscape. Though their houses are no longer standing, we can learn their stories through archaeology and oral history.



NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE
HUMANITIES

The National Endowment for the Humanities:
Sustaining the Humanities Through the
American Rescue Plan



Ernest Horton Collection, The Doy Leale
McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library,
University of South Alabama



The USA Archaeology Museum is located in Mobile, Alabama on the Main Campus of the University of South Alabama. Parking for Museum visitors is in Lot 303.