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Greetings Steppin' Out Readers,

Because of you and your dedication to us, We Are Growing. Over the course of the last six months we have tripled our number of outlets which has caused us to increase our number of papers produced. In fact, we have had to start an outlet request list until we can further increase paper production to match the number of requests we are receiving. Thank you for that.



Over the next few months we will be adding more features in Steppin' Out. We are committed to serve the needs of Our Community. We will continue to support small businesses as they work to grow and make their services available to you. Let's not forget, Black Buying Power in 2023 accounted for \$1.6 Trillion Dollars in the United States. Household income for Blacks in 2023 on average was \$56,490 Dollars. Across this country, Blacks spent \$9.4 billion on beauty products alone. We account for 22.4% of sales in the fragrance industry and 16.6% in hand and body lotions. We also spend heavily in digital media, entertainment, healthcare, and transportation.

I'm bringing this up to ask...how much do you as a consumer spend in your community? How much are the organizations you support spending in your community? Every ethnic group in this country will go out of their way to ALSO spend in their community...do you? Our Ice is Just As Cold...Support Yourselves! Find that Black Business Person and give them a chance while watching that Black Business Dollar circulate in your community. That's the only way to achieve real economic growth.

With that said, Black Businesses and Organizations should be reaching out to you as a consumer and asking for your support. That has been lacking in our community and that needs to change. If the mindset among owners is Word of Mouth and Social Media only, then growth will be limited to who you know and who follows you. That approach is limited. I'm not saying you can't be successful, but what type of growth are you seeking? One should increase their growth opportunities based on budget and added value opportunities. If you invest in an advertiser one of your questions AFTER you review rates should be about added value opportunities.

And for all of us, anyone asking for your support, be it through your money, your vote, your time, your blessings...you should be asking and shown what they have done or will do for you and/or your community. In these times we live in and the games that are being played in our nation, and especially, in our neighborhoods and this community, how is what they're offering going to benefit you. Check their track record. Do they promise one thing and do another without explanation? Do they make promises without a roadmap on how they plan on getting there? Or more impor. "do they only show up when it's election time or when they need from you what they need to have?

I don't have to tell you what a great town we live in. There's a lot of changes being proposed that can significantly change the landscape of this place we call home. Steppin' Out will continue to provide truthful and accurate information without malice or personal gain. We will only promote stories and individuals that will benefit our community. We ask that you continue to support our advertisers and our distributors because without them we would not be able to be available to you.

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Think Outside of the Box

#SAY HER NAME!



Rough Summer

This summer has not been especially kind to Black women. Aside from Kamala Harris getting the nod as the Democratic candidate for President of the United States, July and August has been unpleasant for women of color.

In July, Sonya Massey was allegedly shot and killed by a white deputy in Woodside Township, Illinois, not far from Springfield, the state capital. The deputy, Sean Patrick Grayson, was charged with three counts of first-degree murder, along with aggravated batter with a fire- arm, and official misconduct. Massey reportedly called 911 about a possible intruder. Grayson and his partner responded and found nothing out of the ordinary after searching the vicinity. They went to Massey's residence and requested her I.D. Massey began searching for it, and while doing so, was asked to remove a pot of boiling water from a stove. At that point, Massey told Grayson and the other deputy, "I rebuke you in the name of Jesus." Things quickly escalated when Grayson threatened to shoot Massey in the face. Massey apologized, but Grayson allegedly fired his weapon three times, fatally wounding Massey.

Grayson had a screwed-up history, to say the least. He was discharged from the Army for serious misconduct and worked for six different Illinois police departments between 2020 and 2024. With a sorry track record such as that, the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, where Grayson worked, should have never touched his application with a 10-foot pole. Grayson had issues at each of the law enforcement agencies where he worked. It should have been enough to raise several red flags. Had the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office took a good look at Grayson's military record and past employment record, there's a strong chance Sonya Massey would still be alive and not a hashtag followed by a name.

Ironically, one of Massey's ancestors, named William Donnegan, was lynched in a 1908 riot in Springfield and died in the same hospital she did. This prompted one of her relatives to say, "The more things change, the more they remain the same."

It's mind-boggling to see how such blasé attitudes in choosing people to be in positions of law enforcement can have such deadly consequences.

It's also mind-boggling how screwed-up judging can dash an Olympian's dreams. Yeah, I'm talking about Jordan Chiles, the gymnast who was screwed out of a moment of glory because of botched officiating.

In case you missed it, there was a hotly contested floor exercise during the Paris Olympics, where Chiles, Brazil's Rebeca Andrade, along with Chiles' American teammate Simone Biles, and Romania's Ana Barbosu and Sabrina Maneca-Voinea were in contention for medals. Andrade won the gold, while Biles won silver. Here, folks, is where things went off the rails. Barbosu was originally declared the bronze medal winner, but Chiles' coach protested, saying the American was given a lower difficulty score than she deserved. After a review, the judges ruled in favor of Chiles, who was originally in fifth, and her revised score gave her the bronze medal.

As such, it led to the iconic photo where Biles and Chiles paid homage to Andrade, who had recently come off her fourth ACL injury to compete. But things were about to take a wicked turn, when the Romanian delegation fired off a protest of its own, claiming Chiles' coaches filed the protest just after the one-minute window. After much back and forth, the judges reversed their decision, stripping Chiles of the bronze and awarding it to Barbosu. It turned out to be a big mess, with Chiles unjustly being dragged on social media, as well as Barbosu and Maneca-Voinea. It was so bad that Chiles decided to go off social media and Barbosu and Maneca-Voinea calling for an end to the bullying. Even Andrade was dismayed, calling the whole thing a mess.

To USA Gymnastics' credit, it had Chiles' back, supporting her during the whole fiasco and filing yet another appeal. As of this writing, Barbosu is technically the bronze medalist even though Chiles hasn't given the original bronze medal back. Many people felt the judging was messed up from the start, and in order to clean up the mess, award Chiles and the two Romanian gymnasts bronze medals. I fall in line with those sentiments. Unfortunately, I don't expect the Olympic judges to do the right thing, simply because it would be an admission they messed up.

Man, seems like sistas can't catch a break!!♣

COVER STORY

Suicide Prevention

"Suicidal Thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. Suicidal Thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues," says the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

September, Suicide Prevention Month, is a time to raise awareness of this urgently important crisis. The agency uses this month to shift public perception, spread hope and share vital information to people affected by suicide. Their goal is to ensure that individuals, friends and family have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention and to seek help. The agency offers the following tips:

- If You or Someone You Know is Experiencing a Mental Health Crisis, **CALL or TEXT 988 IMMEDIATELY!**
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- Read NAMI's Guide, **"NAVIGATING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS"**

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- Talking About Feeling Trapped or in Unbearable Pain
- Increasing the Use of Alcohol or Drugs
- Talking About Feeling Hopeless or Having No Reason to Live
- Sleeping Too Little or Too Much
- Withdrawing or Feeling Isolated
- Showing Rage or talking about Seeking Revenge
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- **BENJAMIN T. MONTGOMERY**, a former slave, bought the plantations of Confederate President Jefferson Davis and **Became One of the Biggest Cotton Planters** in Mississippi.
- **EDWARD ALEXANDER BOUCHET** was the first African American to graduate (1874) from **Yale College** and received his Ph.D. in physics from Yale in 1876, becoming the first African American to **Earn a Doctorate**.
- In 1634, **FRENCH CATHOLICS** provided **Education for all Laborers Regardless of Race** in Louisiana, despite the belief and laws that Blacks should not be educated.

Selma Burke never received credit for her portrait of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which was later featured on the US Dime.





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BLACK LIVES MATTER



Black Family's During Jim Crow

On a hot afternoon in June, some 700 seated attendees of the annual summit of the conservative parents' rights group Moms for Liberty bowed their heads in prayer. The Moms had waited in a security line that spanned two floors of the Philadelphia Marriott to get there, and even during that somber moment, the giddiness in the ballroom was palpable as they geared up for the highlight of the conference: a speech by former President Donald Trump. Up at the dais, wearing a shiny green satin T-shirt that stood out against a row of American flags, Moms for Liberty advisory board member and wife of Rep. Byron Donald (R-Fla.) & Erika Donald offered an invocation. "Lord, you have elevated this organization to do your good work in this country," she said. "We're grateful that the truth is being exposed, that parents are being able to see what's really going on in education in our country." Presumably, the Donalds were referring to the litany of complaints about public schools that had emerged in the conference breakout sessions: how they were corrupting children with lessons about institutional racism, gender diversity, and sex ed. Moms for Liberty launched in January 2021 when frustration with pandemic masking rules had reached a boiling point.

On June 07, 2023, Oddette Yousef, NPR wrote, "Moms for Liberty among conservative groups named 'extremist' by civil rights watchdog. Tiffany Justice, is the co-founder of Moms for Liberty, in Vero Beach, Fla. The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) has added the group to its list of antigovernment extremist entities.

More than two years into a conservative push against teaching about Black history, literature and gender identity in public schools, the Southern Poverty Law Center has concluded that

a dozen so-called "parental rights" groups behind the movement are extremist. The civil rights organization particularly focuses on the largest of these, the nonprofit Moms for Liberty, in its annual Year in Hate & Extremism report for 2022, saying that it advances an anti-student inclusion agenda. The SPLC has put it and similar organizations on its list of anti-government extremist entities, drawing comparisons between them and parent groups that attempted to re-segregate public schools during the civil rights movement."

"They really are seeking to undermine public education holistically and to divide communities," said Rachel Carroll Rivas, deputy director for research, reporting and analysis at the SPLC. Carroll Rivas said her organization has received numerous calls from parents and educators who are concerned about the sudden appearance and tactics of Moms for Liberty activists in their schools."

Brothers and sisters, the Audacity of Cong. Bryon Donald, speaking about the positiveness of Black families during the Jim Crow period, while he is married to Erika Donald, a white woman and a member of Moms for Liberty.

I was born in Marion, AR, and I don't know any Black people who thought that the segregation period was a positive period for Black people. This is a typical mantra of the Republican party, trying to demonize the positiveness of the 1960s and the Civil Rights movement. Black Republicans are going to Black areas disseminating lies about the 1960s. Inform relatives and friends of this negativeness.♣



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THE HIGH LINE AND OTHER RIVERFRONT IDEAS

In previous articles, I've written about the lack of a viable water-front geared toward recreation and tourism and not solely devoted to industrial usage. Recently, an announcement was made about a proposed Mobile Riverwalk complex. While I am happy that something will be coming, I am disappointed that it only encompasses one block along the waterfront just north of the convention center.

Hardly the riverwalk I envision. Since the warehouses and the land owned by the Port of Mobile seems to be so crucial to their operations, I suggested before that utilizing the space above the warehouses and the air space above the railroad to place a High Line-type riverwalk and park could be a solution.

The High Line, a linear park, located in Manhattan and built above abandoned railroad tracks, has been transformative for that section of the city. It has drawn other development to the area and provides a unique pedestrian area over several blocks. Cities across the country and in other parts of the world are covering freeways, brownfields, industrial sites, and other barriers with parkways, walking trails, and greenspaces that make a city more vibrant and more pedestrian friendly.

Developing a raised promenade above the warehouses and railroad would be a way to serve both industrial and recreational purposes. It would help tie recreational use to Water Street and connect with residential properties such as Meridian at the Port and The Gateway. If done properly it could also connect with St. Louis Street and be an entry point to that area as well.

With the new bridge coming (whenever that may eventually occur), the space underneath the bridge should be developed for recreational and entertainment usage. This could be similar to what Birmingham has done with their City Walk BHAM, underneath the I-59/I-20 freeway in the downtown area. Their complex has colorful lighting at night, a skate park, pickleball court, walking trail, amphitheater, space for food trucks, and other things to draw people to that area. If done in Mobile it could connect with existing riverfront facilities such as the Maritime Museum, cruise terminal, proposed Civic Center development and other riverfront facilities to provide a cohesive riverfront destination.

Let's keep pushing our leaders to develop our riverfront in a meaningful way to fulfill Mobile's river heritage.♣

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Seemingly, whenever campaign season arrives, we always hear “this is the most important election of our time”, normally stemming from national influences. People of Mobile, AL, it appears that we have actually reached that mile-marker in history which will define our city for generations to come. Who we allow as City Council Members and Mayor of the City of Mobile, in 2025 will either propel us into a prosperous future or set us back more than 100 years. Safety is the first concern of the public and responsibility of the public official. We are currently witnessing mafia-like tactics from the Stimpson Administration. Recklessly undercutting the Mobile Police Department and personally sabotaging the names and careers of dedicated law enforcement officials with high levels of integrity. The do-nothing Council hasn’t made this issue any better. While they initiated a third-party investigation into Chief Prine’s inquiries, they didn’t do so to right any wrongs...just to “restore the public’s trust,” Not only did the effort fail it ended up having Commander Levy terminated from his post over MPD Cyber Security. Each [of those] gentlemen intend to pursue further legal action against the city. Back to this do-nothing Council...please don’t be fooled with “the new black-tops.” Whenever campaign season arrives here they come paving the streets. Just ask yourself, would you rather have a pretty street or the drainage in your community taken care of? Do you prefer revamped sidewalks or the city not completely flooding after 10-15 minutes of a hard rain? Districts 1-3 are suffering the most and unless we get new leadership in 2025, we should only expect much of the same. Unfortunately, it’s more than policy that has become tainted by our so-called-leaders. Genuine and plain general respect for mankind has been thrown out of the window with this Legislative Branch of our Municipal Government. It began with limiting speakers on time allotted to address the do-nothing Council...fast forward to now and they are weaponizing the police to remove the Taxpayers from the Mobile Government Plaza Auditorium. This has never happened before. Even say the arguments were heated or back and forth, Taxpaying Citizens were never forced out of the building we pay for in this manner, until this do-nothing Council claimed the seats. While I and others have been in the direct hit-path of these attacks, Reggie Hill has suffered terribly from the hands of their targeted stabs at his name, livelihood, and (recently) even his life. [He] has filed an Injunction against the city, regarding the Mobile Civic Center and also is due to receive a hefty settlement after being struck by a Taser 4 times over a premeditated traffic stop. We deserve new leadership. How about now? ♣



Expressions: Right or Wrong!

Lisa Johnson



Have you ever heard the expression, "Give people their flowers while they're alive?" What does that mean? Are we talking about literal flowers? Each person has their interpretation. I had a meaningful conversation with my sister, and what she said struck a chord with me. Her perspective on giving people their flowers while they're alive is to give of yourself, your time, and your energy. I thought, "What an interesting concept!" When someone loses a loved one, they customarily give flowers unless otherwise directed by the family. Flowers are beautiful and serve as an expression of love shown by others. However, the deceased cannot smell the fragrant flowers, they cannot touch the flowers, and they cannot see or appreciate the beauty of each flower. When I was a little girl, I would hear my grandma say, "Give me my flowers while I'm alive because I can't smell them when I'm dead." Therefore, whatever thoughts of appreciation you have for your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and others, show them now. By doing so, you can see their faces light up with joy, feel the warm embrace of their hugs, and hear the gratitude in their voices.

Since every day is not guaranteed, we should seize the opportunity to spend quality time with our loved ones. This can be done by running errands together, cooking meals for or with them, singing with them if they enjoy singing, and dancing with them if they enjoy dancing. As we engage in these endeavors, remember to hold dear the cherished memories created, and shared together. So, whenever the day comes to say goodbye, there will be no need to act a fool because you will have done what you should have done while they were alive. Therefore, it is important to treasure those we love, and expressing your affection without hesitation is paramount (Colossians 3:14; Ecclesiastes 9:11, 12; James 4:13, 14).♣

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All Things Natural
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Far too many times, we as people take for granted the environment in which we thrive. We neglect our sources of life and energy, polluting the air and water; two essentials vital to life as we know it. Unfortunately, we treat our bodies the same way. Being connected to Mother Nature brings awareness to self and the environment.

Think about this, what would you do if food provided no nutritional value, water was a privilege and/or scarcity, and a chance to breathe clean air was far and few between? What would you do? The body needs all these things to function, yet people still create trash, poison water, and pollute the air. Everything stems from something. Global warming is a real thing. Mother Nature has gifted us with everything needed to combat sickness and stress, allowing humans to thrive. Be kind to her, and she will be kind to you.

At least once a day, take a moment to appreciate the air, water, and food. By releasing gratitude, good intentions, and showing respect, and paying attention to the environment, nature will provide for you. Just say...Thank You!♣

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Municipalities need strong revenue streams to feed sustainable budgets. When the revenue is lackluster, fees and taxes increase. The State of Alabama and the City of Mobile are over taxing your income due to historically poor vision, bad decisions and ludicrous systems. The Constituents must share part of the blame for not paying attention to the details: tax incentives and sweetheart deals made with incoming businesses, poor long-term tourism strategy and lack of accountability to name a few. Corporate and Property taxes are a large source of revenue. But there are up to fourteen other generators that can bring revenue to a Municipality thereby reducing the need for larger sales and special taxes. Alabama ranks #1 with the highest average local sales tax rate. The State of Alabama is 5.24% and the City of Mobile is (10%). According to salestaxhandbook.com Mobile tax rate is higher than 92% of the counties in the nation.

Tourism could be a key component for generating revenue. The chart below highlights local southern cities and their annual tourism counts.

	POPULATION (2023)	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ANNUAL TOURISM COUNT
BIRMINGHAM	196,644	\$42,464	3.3 million
HUNTSVILLE	225,564	\$67,874	3.9 million
MOBILE	182,595*	\$48,524	3.4 million
MONTGOMERY	195,287	\$54,166	1.5 million
ATLANTA, GA	510,823	\$77,655	57 million
BILOXI, MS	48,235	\$55,775	16 million
MEMPHIS, TN	618,639	\$48,090	11.1 million
NASHVILLE, TN	687,788	\$71,328	16.8 million
NEW ORLEANS, LA	364,136	\$51,116	18.5 million
PENSACOLA, FL	53,724	\$67,722	2.5 million
SAVANNAH, GA	147,748	\$54,748	17 million
TALLAHASSEE, FL	202,221	\$52,899	2.3 million

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, QuickFacts, City Websites, City Convention/Tourism sites. *Pre-West Mobile Annexation.

Imagine if the City of Mobile had moved the Dock environment to the North or South of Downtown. Imagine further if Mobile over the years made downtown a must-see destination with dining on the water, jazz lounges, biking and walking trails, an amusement park, contemporary buildings. Imagine besides investing in the Gulf Coast Museum, they developed a retail site that would support the Cruise terminal. Additionally, there are cultural tourism opportunities in Africatown that can only be maximized with Private/Public investments and a focused strategy.

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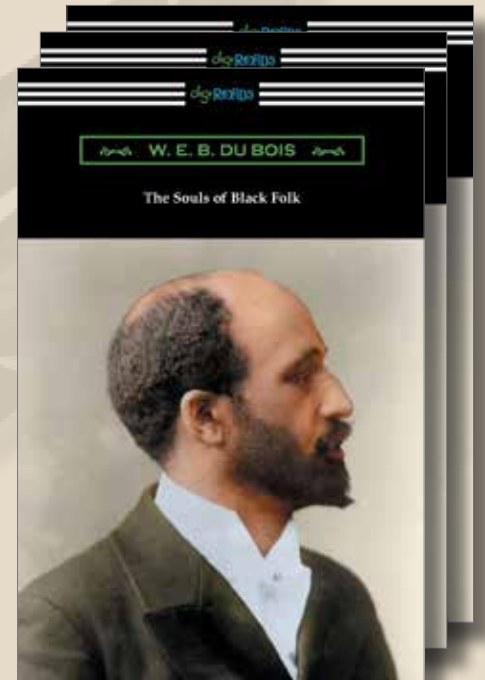
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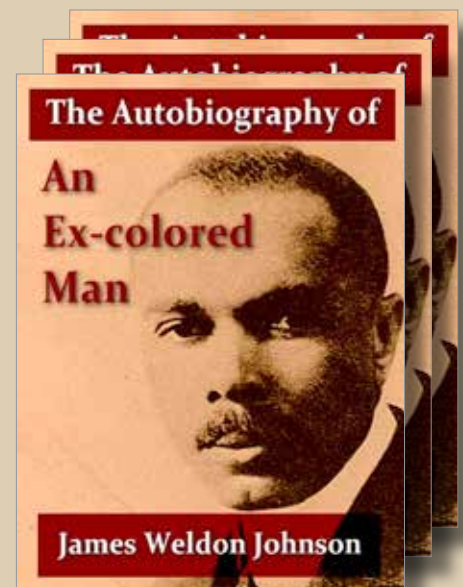
W.E.B. DuBois

This book is essential reading for everyone interested in African-American history and the struggle for civil rights in America. This landmark book is a founding work in the literature of Black Protest. Du Bois played a key role in developing the strategy and program that dominated early 20th century protest by Blacks in America. In this collection of essays, first published together in 1903, he eloquently affirms that it is beneath the dignity of a human being to beg for those rights that belong inherently to all mankind. He also charges that the strategy of accommodation to White supremacy advanced by Booker. T. Washington, then the most influential Black leader in America, would only serve to perpetuate Black oppression. This book was a dramatic event that helped to polarize Black leaders into two groups: the more conservative followers of Washington and the more radical supporters of aggressive protest. ♣



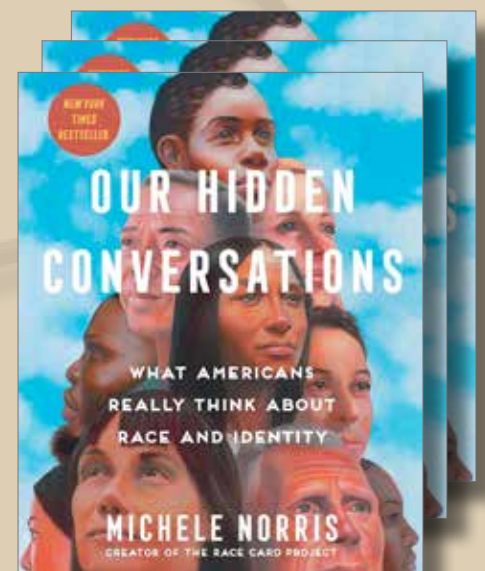
James Weldon Johnson

The writer of the lyrics to the Black National Anthem, Lift Every Voice and Sing, James Weldon Johnson was a leader of the NAACP who established himself as a writer during the Harlem Renaissance. This book is a fictional account of a biracial man looking over his life. The story is told in the first-person though the narrator remains unnamed and is never described physically. He tells of being born in the South and growing up in Connecticut where he learns he is a very light skinned biracial boy who some assume is White. As a young man he sets out on his own and travels to different parts of America and later Europe, recounting his experiences in Black and White society along the way. ♣



Michele Norris

Peabody Award Winning Journalist Michelle Norris offers a transformative dialogue on race and identity in America, unearthed through her decade-long work at the Race Card Project. She asked folks for their thoughts on Race in six words and of course the answers were challenging and complicated with over a half-million respondents. Although just six words can pack a punch, there were stories that were shocking in their depth and candor, spanning the full spectrum of Race, ethnicity, identity, and class. Even the six word responses revealed fear, pain, triumph, and even humor. Some of the respondents submitted backstories, photos, and family heirlooms: a collection much like a scrapbook of American candor you rarely get to see. ♣





Black American Politics

Joseph Mitchell PhD

Citizen Musician & Politician

THEORY ON HOW TO MAKE A BLACK ATOMIC BOMB IN NUCLEAR PHYSICS,

“Critical Mass” is the minimum amount of a given fissile material necessary to achieve a self-sustaining fission chain reaction under stated conditions. In short, and a little over simplified, what is the smallest amount of stuff THAT CAN BLOW UP do you hafta have to BLOW SOMETHING UP? The concept is important in nuclear weapon design. Take into account the properties of the stuff, e.g., its density, shape, enrichment, purity, temperature, and surroundings.

In a loose metaphorical way, we can refer to how to get a social movement going and keep it going. What is the smallest group of actors whose collective behavior is needed to start something?

In social dynamics, critical mass is a sufficient number, i.e., threshold, of adopters of a new idea so that the rate of adoption becomes self-sustaining and creates further growth...a chain reaction. Within social sciences, critical mass has its roots in sociology and is often used to explain the conditions under which reciprocal behavior is started within collective groups, and how it becomes self-sustaining. Critical mass is also influenced by qualitative properties such as reputation, interests, commitments, capabilities, goals, consensuses, and decisions, all of which are crucial in determining whether reciprocal behavior can be started to achieve influence.

Herbert A. Simon's essay, "Bandwagon and underdog effects and the possibility of election predictions", published in 1954 in Public Opinion Quarterly, has been cited as a predecessor to the concept we now know as Social Critical Mass. Social critical mass and the theories behind it help us to understand aspects of humans as they act and interact in a larger social setting. Certain theories, such as Mancur Olson's Logic of Collective Action or Garrett Hardin's Tragedy of the Commons, work to help us understand why humans do or adopt certain things which are beneficial to them, or, more importantly, why they do not. Much of this reasoning has to do with individual interests trumping that which is best for the collective whole, which may not be obvious at the time.

Black "Collective Action" is Black folk in "critical mass" and that small segment of a Black Collective that does the work or action required to BLOW THINGS UP!!♣

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Moments in Time

Paulette Horton



Bobby Larry Buck

1947 – 2024

Cherished Father • Distinguished Navy Veteran
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On December 16, 1988, I began doing research on what was once known as Davis Avenue (now Dr Martin Luther King Avenue). Bobby Buck, a graduate of Most Pure Heart of Mary High School, believed my research could be developed into a book. It took much time and effort to do research of the history of a street that no longer exists. Yet, with his help we were able to do just that. His work and dedication helped produce a book that will be enjoyed by generations for years to come.♣

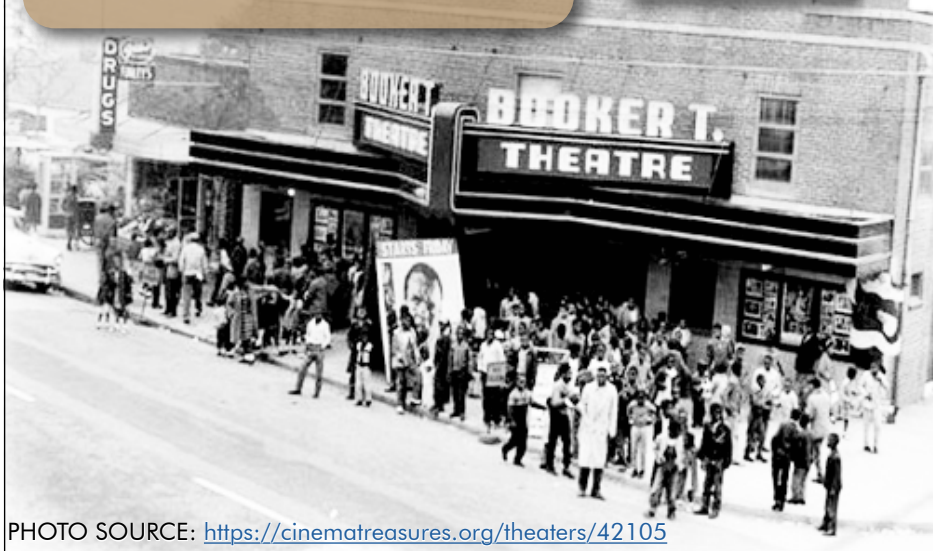
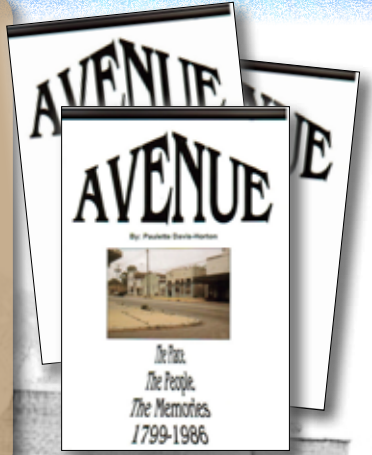


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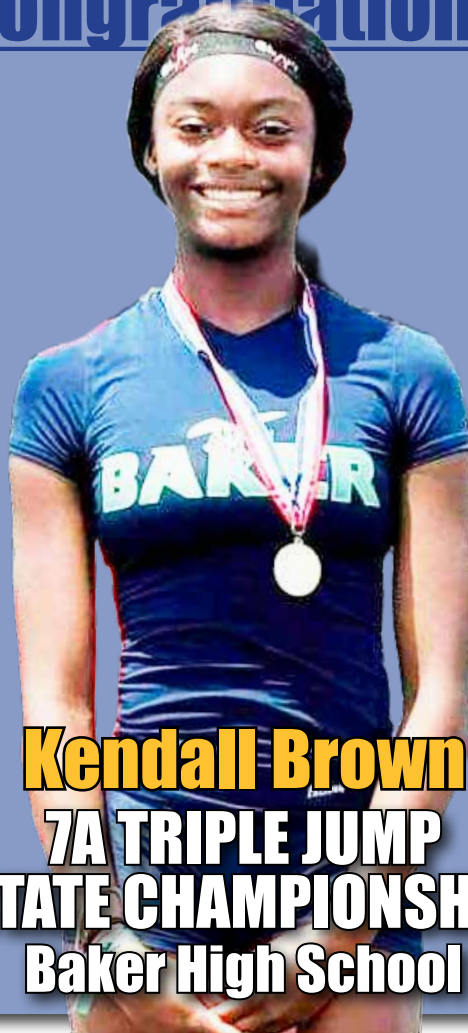
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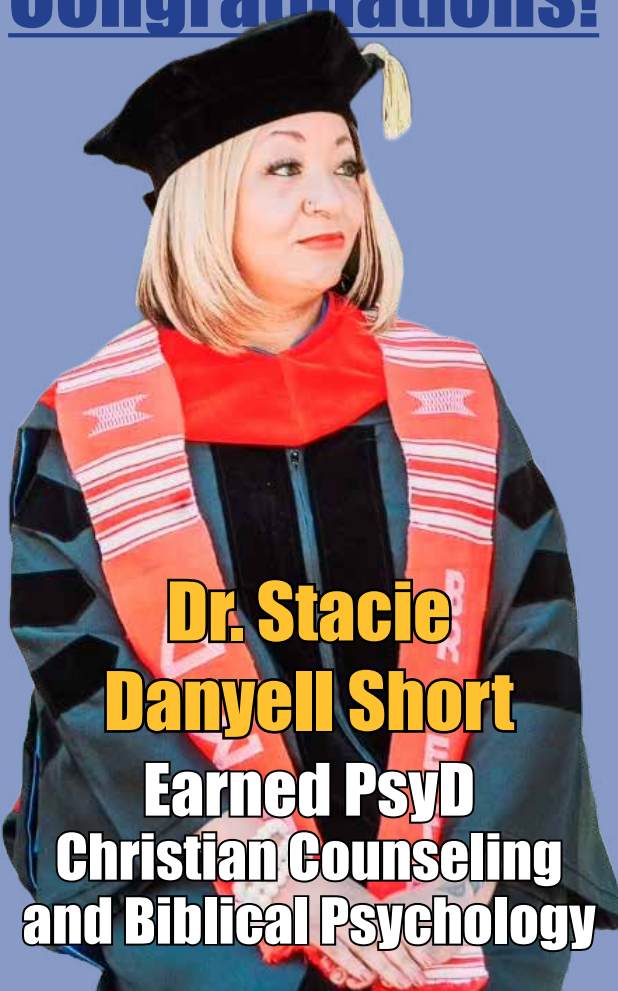


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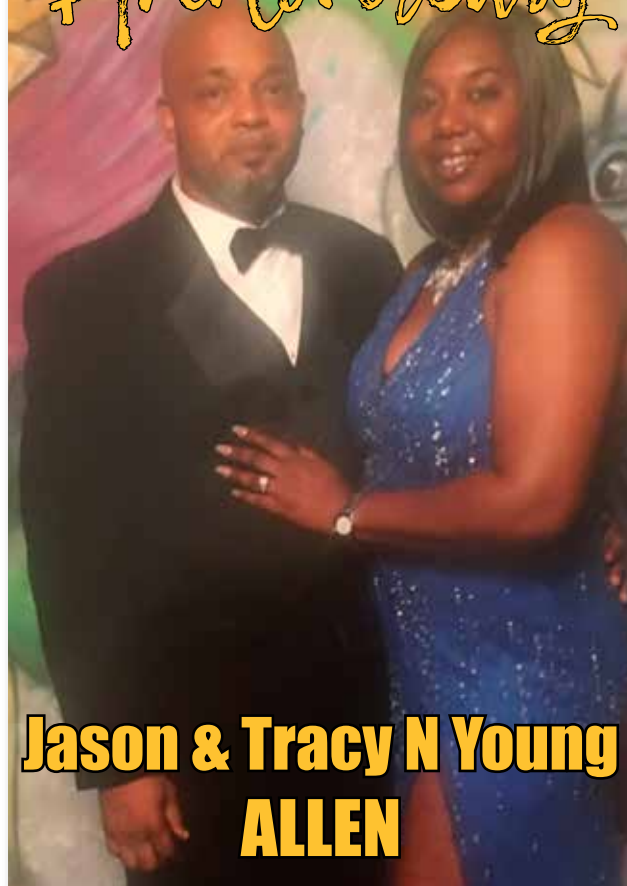
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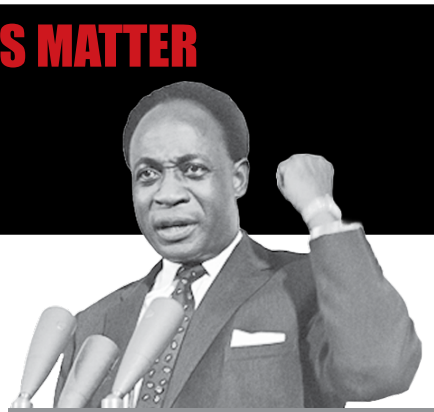




BLACK LIVES MATTER

Tommy Green

Facebook Blogger
Former Editor for
the Mobile Beacon



Kwame Nkrumah

Green Family Traveled to Ghana

Britannica stated, “Kwame Nkrumah (born September 1909, Nkroful, Gold Coast [now Ghana]—died April 27, 1972, Bucharest, Romania) was a Ghanaian nationalist leader who led the Gold Coast’s drive for independence from Britain and presided over its emergence as the new nation of Ghana.

Kwame Nkrumah’s father was a goldsmith and his mother a retail trader. He was baptized as a Roman Catholic. Meanwhile, in the Gold Coast, J.B. Danquah had formed the United Gold Coast Convention (UGCC) to work for self-government. Nkrumah as a general secretary, he addressed meetings throughout the Gold Coast and began to create a mass base for the new movement. When a split developed between the middle-class leaders of the UGCC and the more radical supporters of Nkrumah, he formed in June 1949 the new Convention People’s Party (CPP), a mass-based party that was committed to a program of immediate self-government.

In the ensuing crisis, services throughout the country were disrupted, and Nkrumah was again arrested and sentenced to one year’s imprisonment. But the Gold Coast’s first general election (February 08, 1951) demonstrated the support the CPP had already won. Elected to Parliament, Nkrumah was released from prison to become leader of government business and, in 1952, the prime minister of the Gold Coast.

When the Gold Coast and the British Togoland trust territory became an independent state within the British Commonwealth—as Ghana—in March 1957, Nkrumah became the new nation’s first prime minister. By a plebiscite of 1960 Ghana became a republic and Nkrumah became its president, with wide legislative and executive powers under a new constitution. Nkrumah then concentrated his attention on campaigning for the political unity of Black Africa, and he began to lose touch with realities in Ghana.

On February 24, 1966, while Nkrumah was visiting Beijing, the army and police in Ghana seized power. Returning to West Africa, Nkrumah found asylum in Guinea, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died of cancer in Bucharest in 1972.”

Brothers and sisters, I will be providing the correct information about Africa, so Blacks will value who they are. Whites told lies about Africa being a dark continent without any redeeming values. When these lies were disseminated, Africans were held as slaves, and studies were done to show that they were inferior with animal tendencies. Africans were bankrolling the slave master’s bank accounts. Since we arrived in this land, we have been the burden bearers in this country. So, if you intend to keep a people in a subservient status, you will tell and show them that they are inferior.

It is amazing to me that Black people aren’t inquisitive about Africa, where humanity began and their origin, because they have accepted the conclusions of white people. Why would Black people accept what the slave masters taught about Christianity when they don’t adhere to what they taught Black people.♣

BLACK VOTERS MATTER



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Collection Event

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 | 9AM-1PM

The Grounds, 1035 Cody Rd. N

The City of Mobile will host Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event this month. This free event gives City of Mobile residents a chance to safely and responsibly discard items that aren’t accepted during routine trash and garbage collection services.

Some accepted items include automotive fluids, aerosols, batteries, fluorescent tubes, paint, cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. **Scrap tires, explosives, firearms, electronics, pharmaceuticals, medical waste, appliances and equipment WILL NOT be accepted.**

The event is open to City of Mobile residents only. Contractors and businesses will not be allowed to drop off items. Prior registration is required to participate, as it helps manage the flow of traffic.

For additional information, contact our Environmental Services Department at (251) 208-7151. You can register for the event and find a full list of accepted/unaccepted items at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AEA728A2F8CE9-50511845-fall#/>



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Take Precautions to Avoid the Risk Of Rabies Infection

“Mobile County has seen an increase in animal bites over the past couple of months,” said Dr. Kevin Michaels, Health Office for Mobile County. “Rabies prevention is multifaceted. It involves people taking precautions with wildlife, making sure that their pets are current on rabies vaccinations, and always reporting an animal bite or other exposures to their medical provider and ADPH.

“It is very common for domestic animals and pets to have contact with a wild rabid animal. State law requires that dogs, cats, and ferrets 12 weeks of age and older be current with rabies vaccination.”

World Rabies Day is September 28. Spread the message that Rabies prevention Starts with You. Responsible pet ownership begins with vaccinations. Rabies vaccines are also available for horses and other livestock. Vaccinating animals reduces the risk of rabies infection should exposure occur. Thus, vaccinations protect animals, as well as their owners and caretakers. Mobile County Health Department sponsors vaccination clinics on weekends for dogs, cats, and ferrets. A schedule can be found at <https://mchd.org/events/> or <https://www.facebook.com/ILOVEMCHD/events>.

In addition to vaccination, area residents are advised to take the following precautions to avoid possible exposures to rabies:

- Do not handle bats.
- Do not allow pets to run loose, confine within a fenced-in area or with a leash.
- Do not leave uneaten pet food or scraps near your residence.
- Do not illegally feed or keep wildlife as pets.
- Do not go near wildlife or domestic animals that are acting in a strange or unusual manner.
- Caution children not to go near any stray or wild animal, regardless of its behavior.



Creole History Highlights

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Historic American Buildings Survey, C. (1933) Zeno Chestang House,
U.S. Highway 43, Chestang Landing, Chastang, Mobile County, AL. Chastang
Alabama Mobile County, 1933. Documentation Compiled After. [Photograph]
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THE CHASTANG CHRONICLES: The Old Zeno Chastang House

The house at Chastang Landing was built around 1830. It was a one-story, log-framed cottage with a dogtrot breezeway, a wood shingled roof, and functional shutters. The structure is long gone. The descendants of its inhabitants live elsewhere. The land where it sat is now owned by the Meaher family and devoid of any visual evidence of the house. But there is this photograph taken by E.W. Russell in 1937. Additional details regarding this house are speculative. However, there are two useful clues. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) worker, E. Walter. Burkhardt, an Auburn, Alabama architect with the Historical American Buildings Survey (HABS) calls it the (Old) Zeno Chastang House. And he declares it to have been built approximately 1830. In 1830, there was only one adult who went by the name Zeno Chastang in Mobile County. And that was Pierre Zenon Chastang, son of Dr. John and Louison.

I first encountered this photo about fifteen years ago while stuck at home, itching to research and unable to get to the library. I downloaded it along with the additional images and studied them meticulously, all but trying to dive into the frame, desperately wanting to touch the roughhewn wood and see the handmade shingles up close. I also wondered what was under the house. Houses on piers always have stuff under them. As I traced each board and fence paling along the front of the house, I suddenly noticed a face. To the right of the breezeway entrance, an old man sits in a chair on his gated front porch, looking away from the camera. He is watching and waiting. It is not Old Zeno. Nor is it his son, or grandson of the same name. They all died before the photo was taken. After fifteen years, I have yet to identify him. There are four supplemental photos of the back, side, and an up-close look at the siding. In these, there are four women of varying ages and a toddler. I suspect that this is the last family to inhabit this home. And, that the man peering off the porch is either Pierre Zeno Chastang, the great grandson or his brother-in-law and cousin, William Chastang. Pierre never married and lived with his sister Delores who was married to William. Whoever he is, it is as if he is prognosticating the unfortunate future of his family home.

For additional information regarding this photo and to view the additional photos, please go to <https://www.loc.gov/item/al0380/>
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PORTRAITS in BLACK

Stage Coach Mary

...tough as any Man of her day, Black or White, standing six feet, two hundred pounds, she wore pants under her skirt and carried a gun under her apron. She drank whiskey, smoked her own handmade cigars, cursed liked a sailor, and had a standing bet of \$5 bucks to anyone she couldn't knock on their butt with one punch. Supposedly, she never lost.

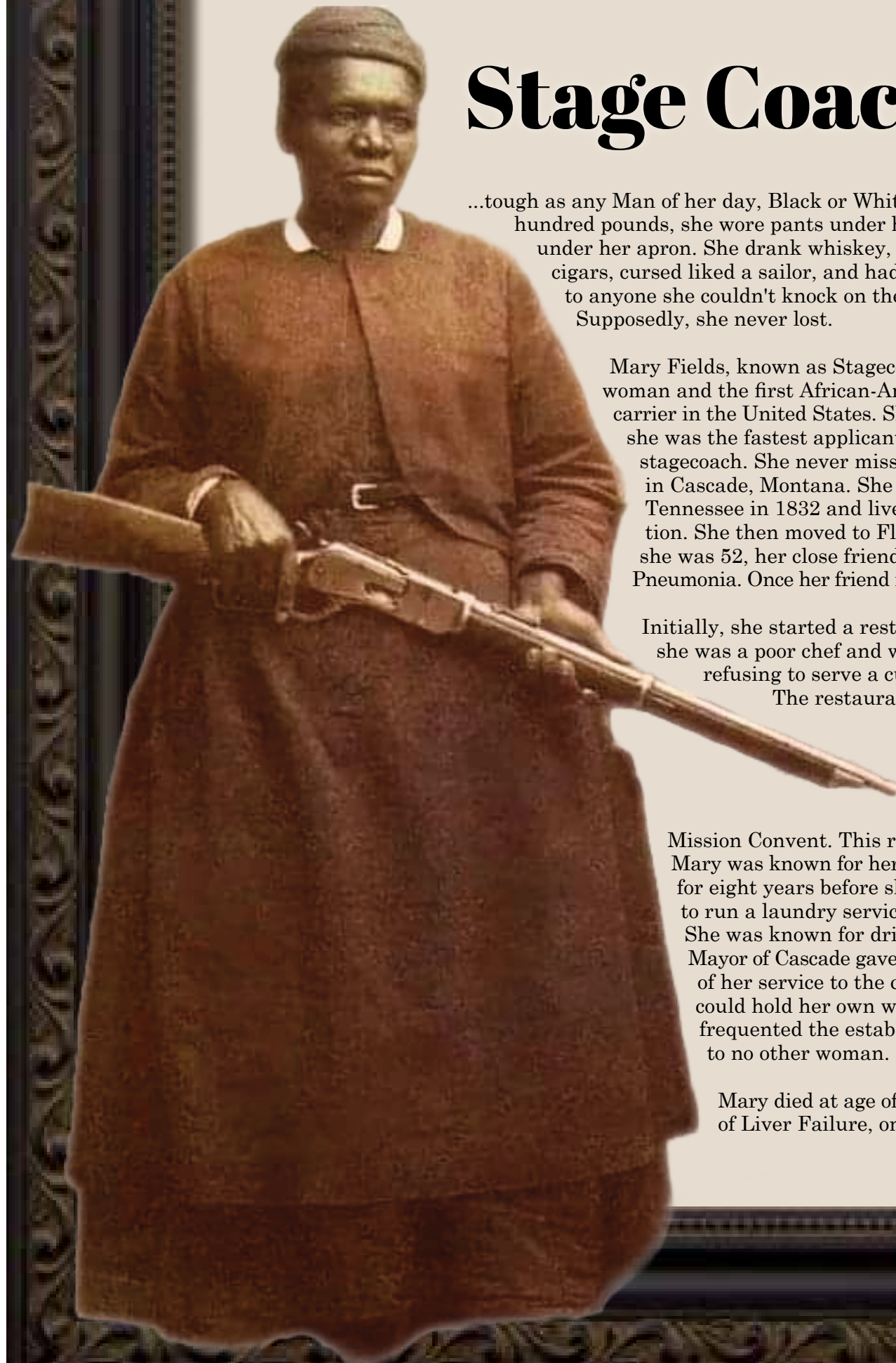
Mary Fields, known as Stagecoach Mary was the second woman and the first African-American to become a mail carrier in the United States. She got the position because she was the fastest applicant to hitch six horses to a stagecoach. She never misses a day of work. She lived in Cascade, Montana. She was born as a slave in Tennessee in 1832 and lived as a slave until emancipation. She then moved to Florida, and then Ohio. When she was 52, her close friend in Montana became ill with Pneumonia. Once her friend recovered she decided to stay.

Initially, she started a restaurant business but she was a poor chef and was too generous, never refusing to serve a customer who couldn't pay. The restaurant failed within a year.

Mary acquired a postal service contract in 1895 for mail delivery between Cascade and St. Peter's

Mission Convent. This route was very dangerous but Mary was known for her reliability. She was a carrier for eight years before she retired. She then began to run a laundry service and she babysat kids. She was known for drinking in the saloon as the Mayor of Cascade gave her the right to do so because of her service to the community and because she could hold her own with the type of men that frequented the establishment; a right granted to no other woman.

Mary died at age of 82, in Great Falls, Montana, of Liver Failure, on December 14, 1914. ♣





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Back in July, the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project got a big boost when Alabama Governor Kay Ivey announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) awarded a \$550 million discretionary grant for the project from the Bridge Investment Program. The grant is believed to be one of the largest federal grants ever received for an Alabama project and is the second largest in the program's history. It marks a significant milestone in the decades-long project to build a new Interstate Bridge and the Eastern Shore of Mobile County. And, it is sorely needed. Imagine driving east on Government Street toward Baldwin County any afternoon and having to deal with backed up traffic that can potentially stretch up to three miles. And the Bayway itself is no cakewalk, especially with 70,000 vehicles using it daily.

"It is a great day in Alabama," Ivey said. "This federal funding will be a game-changer, not just for Mobile and Baldwin Counties, but for our entire state and region. This is exactly how our infrastructure dollars should be spent, and I thank the federal government for their recognition of and support for this critical project."

FOUR INTERCONNECTED COMPONENTS COMPOSE THE ESTIMATED \$3 BILLION PROJECT:

- **Mobile River Bridge:** The bridge will add an alternate route across the Mobile River in addition to the I-10 George Wallace Tunnel (Wallace Tunnel), currently I-10's only route. The project will construct a new six-lane, state-of-the-art cable-stayed bridge with a minimum of 215 feet of Air Draft Clearance (ADC) across the Mobile River channel.
- **Bayway:** The Bayway component of the project will replace the existing four-lane I-10 Bayway bridges with six lanes, built above the 100-year storm maximum wave height.
- **Interchanges:** Seven interchanges along I-10 will be rebuilt, modified, or rehabilitated as part of the project – Broad Street, Virginia Street, Texas Street, Canal/Water Streets, East Tunnel Portal (US 90/98), Midbay (US 90/98), and the Eastern Shore (US 90/98 in Daphne) – to improve the geometrics and local connections to US 90 and US 98, downtown Mobile including

the Convention Center and Civic Center, the Port of Mobile, and the new Mobile International Airport.

- **Other Enhancements:** A new intelligent transportation system (ITS), all electronic tolling facilities, and other enhancements will be included to improve traffic safety and reliability.

THE PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO:

- Increase capacity and traffic flow to alleviate congestion and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Reduce roadway crashes.
- Provide a direct interstate route for the transport of hazardous material away from the central business district and disadvantaged communities.
- Improve resiliency and reduce susceptibility to sea level rise and storm surges.
- Minimize adverse impacts on the maritime industries.
- Reconnect communities by minimizing the diversion of traffic to local street networks, including disadvantaged communities and Areas of Persistent Poverty that have been impacted by past transportation projects.

Amid all of this ballyhoo, there was one interesting note: Congressman Jerry Carl and Senator Katie Britt were also present when the governor made her announcement, and both thanked the Department of Transportation for awarding the grant. But here's the kicker; both were against the Bridge Investment Program; yet they were singing praises about the project. Britt was not even a senator when the Bridge Investment Program passed in 2021, but she said she would have been a firm "no" if she had. In fact, she said she would've still been against the program. It's also interesting to note that only one Alabama federal lawmaker — Democratic Rep. Terri Sewell — voted for it.

Makes you wonder, doesn't it? What if the whole bill had failed? Then what? It would've taken even longer to get funding for the bridge, if at all. Then, there would've still been empty rhetoric about having to do something about Bayway traffic ♣

Living In Bliss

Debra Braggs

VETERAN FASHION COLUMNIST
AND LIFESTYLE REPORTER



HOLD ON TO YOUR BLISS It's Gonna Be A Long Ride

What a time to be alive! I don't know about you guys, but recent current events have me "all in my feelings." It started with the 2024 Olympic Games. The amazing stories of redemption and achievement, (particularly when it came to women and men of color), had me laughing, crying and cheering night after night. I cried and cheered with Simone Biles, Sha'Carri Richardson and Noah Lyles. I could feel the pride of LeBron James, Steph Curry and 16-year-old Quincy Wilson, when they received their Gold medals. Little did I know, just a few weeks later, National events would have me glued to my television once again, wearing my heart on my sleeve.

As I write, my heart is palpitating, I'm giddy and on my toes with excitement about the nomination of Vice-President Kamala Harris for President. Watching the first night of the Democratic National Convention is stirring many of the same emotions I felt as I watched the Olympic Games. But what is life if it isn't filled with emotion? The joys, the pain, the confusion---it's all a part of the human experience. Even the scripture says "for everything there is a season."

In this head-spinning moment in American politics, I love that the Democratic Party has been tagged, sometimes even mocked, for presenting a platform of JOY.

I love that Kamala Harris and her running mate, Tim Walz, have big beautiful smiles that greet the American people as they approach their podiums. They have infectious laughs that are loud and sometimes make it impossible for you not to laugh with them.

So what do we make of this criticism of joy? Does politics have to be painful?

Perhaps we should all take a moment to ponder the words of a brilliant life teacher and poet named Maya Angelou. She once wrote: *Joy is a freedom. It helps a person find his/her own liberation. The person who is joyous takes responsibility for the time he/she takes up and the space that he/she occupies. If you have it, you should share it. That is what joy is!*

Perhaps Kamala Harris has comprehended the perversity of this struggle and that in the struggle lies joy-- those are also the words of Maya Angelou.

When former United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton took the stage at the Democratic Nation Convention, she was jubilant. *"Something is changing in America, you can feel it," she said. "With joy in our hearts, let's elect Kamala Harris as our next President."* Just maybe the Democratic ticket is helping some of us imagine a country where we are all happier together, trying to work through our differences with joyfulness, rather than disdain.

Maya Angelou also wrote: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Hold on to your bliss folks...it's going to be a long ride until election day.



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O. 27	at L.A. Chargers	3:05 pm
N. 03	at Panthers	Noon
N. 10	FALCONS	Noon
N. 17	BROWNS	Noon
N. 24	BYE	
D. 01	L.A. RAMS	3:05 pm
D. 08	at N.Y. Giants	Noon
D. 15	COMMANDERS	Noon
D. 23	at Packers	7:15 pm
D. 29	RAIDERS	Noon
J. 05	at Buccaneers	Noon

COLLEGIATE GAMES

SOUTH ALABAMA

S. 07	at Ohio University	5:00 pm
S. 12	NORTHWESTERN ST.	6:30 pm
S. 19	at Appalachian St.	6:30 pm
S. 28	at LSU	6:45 pm
O. 05	at Arkansas St.	6:00 pm
O. 15	TROY	6:30 pm
O. 26	LOUISIANA-MONROE	TBA
N. 02	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	TBA
N. 16	at Louisiana-Lafayette	TBA
N. 23	at Southern Mississippi	TBA
N. 29	TEXAS ST	2:30 pm

ALABAMA

S. 07	SOUTH FLORIDA	6:00 pm
S. 14	at Wisconsin	11 am
S. 28	GEORGIA	6:30 pm
O. 05	at Vanderbilt	TBA
O. 12	SOUTH CAROLINA	11 am
O. 19	at Tennessee	TBA
O. 26	MISSOURI	TBA
N. 09	at LSU	TBA
N. 16	MERCER	1:00 pm
N. 23	at Oklahoma	TBA
N. 30	AUBURN	TBA

ALABAMA A&M

S. 07	KENTUCKY ST.	6:00 pm
S. 14	GEORGETOWN (KY)	6:00 pm
S. 21	at Austin Peay	6:00 pm
S. 28	at Florida A&M	5:00 pm
O. 05	JACKSON ST. (in Mobile)	4:00 pm
O. 12	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	2:00 pm
O. 26	ALABAMA ST. (in B'Ham)	2:30 pm
N. 02	SOUTHERN	2:00 pm
N. 09	at Ark.-Pine Bluff	7:00 pm
N. 14	GRAMBLING ST	7:00 pm

ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM

S. 07	at Louisiana-Monroe	6:00 pm
S. 14	at Arkansas	3:15 pm
S. 28	NAVY	TBA
O. 05	TULANE	TBA
O. 12	at Army	11 am
O. 19	at South Florida	TBA
N. 02	TULSA	TBA
N. 09	at U. Conn	TBA
N. 16	at Memphis	TBA
N. 23	RICE	TBA
N. 30	at Charlotte	TBA

ALABAMA STATE

S. 01	at N. Carolina Cen. (Miami)	2:00 pm
S. 07	MILES	5:00 pm
S. 14	at Samford	6:00 pm
S. 28	at Bethune-Cookman	2:00 pm
O. 05	FLORIDA A&M	2:00 pm
O. 12	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ST.	2:00 pm
O. 26	ALABAMA A&M (B'Ham)	2:30 pm
N. 02	ALCORN ST. (Mobile)	4:00 pm
N. 09	at Grambling St.	2:00 pm
N. 16	JACKSON ST	2:00 pm
N. 23	PRAIRIE VIEW	2:00 pm
N. 28	TUSKGELEE	1:00 pm

N. 23	SAM HOUSTON	11 am
N. 30	at Western Kentucky	2:30 pm

AUBURN

S. 07	CALIFORNIA	2:30 pm
S. 14	NEW MEXICO	6:30 pm
S. 21	ARKANSAS	2:30 pm
S. 28	OKLAHOMA	2:30 pm
O. 05	at Georgia	2:30 pm
O. 12	OFF	
O. 19	at Missouri	11am
O. 26	at Kentucky	5:00 pm
N. 02	VANDERBILT	11pm
N. 09	OFF	

N. 16	Louisiana-Monroe	11:45 am
N. 23	TEXAS A&M	2:30 pm
N. 30	at Alabama	2:30 pm

JACKSONVILLE STATE

S. 07	at Louisville	2:30 pm
S. 14	at Eastern Michigan	6:00 pm
S. 21	SOUTHERN MISS	2:00 pm
O. 04	at Kennesaw St.	6:00 pm
O. 09	NEW MEXICO ST.	6:30 pm
O. 23	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	6:30 pm
O. 30	at Liberty	6:00 pm
N. 09	at Louisiana Tech	3:30 pm
N. 16	FIU	1:00 pm
N. 23	SAM HOUSTON	11:00 am
N. 30	at Western Kentucky	2:30 pm

MILES

S. 07	at Alabama St.	6:00 pm
S. 21	LANE	4:00 pm
S. 28	at Allen	6:00 pm
O. 05	CENTRAL STATE	4:00 pm
O. 12	ALBANY STATE	2:00 pm
O. 19	at Clark-Atlanta	Noon
O. 26	at Benedict	1:00 pm
N. 02	MOREHOUSE	4:00 pm
N. 09	at Tuskegee	1:00 pm

NORTH ALABAMA

S. 07	at West Alabama	6:00 pm
S. 14	at UT Martin	6:00 pm
S. 21	TARLETON ST.	6:00 pm
S. 28	at West Georgia	1:00 pm
O. 05	UTAH TECH	4:00 pm
O. 12	ABILENE CHRISTIAN	6:00 pm
O. 26	at Central Arkansas	4:00 pm
N. 02	AUSTIN PEAY	4:00 pm
N. 09	at Southern Utah	2:00 pm
N. 23	at Eastern Kentucky	TBD

SAMFORD

S. 07	at Florida	6:00 pm
S. 14	ALABAMA ST.	6:00 pm
S. 28	at Furman	1:00 pm
O. 05	VMI	2:00 pm
O. 12	at ETSU	2:30 pm
O. 19	MERCER	2:00 pm
O. 28	at The Citadel	1:00 pm
N. 02	WOFFORD	2:00 pm
N. 09	TENNESSEE TECH	2:00 pm
N. 16	at Chattanooga	12:30 pm
N. 23	WESTERN CAROLINA	2:00 pm

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

S. 07	SOUTHEASTERN LA.	6:00 pm
S. 14	SOUTH FLORIDA	6:00 pm
S. 21	at Jacksonville St.	TBA
O. 05	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	TBA
O. 12	at Louisiana-Monroe	TBA
O. 19	ARKANSAS ST.	TBA
O. 26	at James Madison	TBA
N. 09	MARSHALL	TBA
N. 16	at Texas State	TBA
N. 23	SOUTH ALABAMA	TBA
N. 30	at Troy St.	TBA

TROY

S. 07	at Memphis	11:00 am
S. 14	at Iowa	3:00 pm
S. 21	FLORIDA A&M	6:00 pm
S. 28	LOUISIANA-MONROE	TBA
O. 03	TEXAS ST.	6:00 pm
O. 15	at South Alabama	6:30 pm
O. 26	at Arkansas St.	TBA
N. 02	COASTAL CAROLINA	TBA
N. 16	at Georgia Southern	TBA
N. 23	at Louisiana-Lafayette	TBA
N. 30	SOUTHERN MISS	TBA

TUSKEGEE

S. 07	at Grambling St.	6:00 pm
S. 21	SAVANNAH ST.	1:00 pm
S. 28	at Edward Waters	7:00 pm
O. 05	MOREHOUSE (C'Bus Ga.)	1:00 pm
O. 12	at Lane	2:00 pm
O. 19	KENTUCKY STATE	1:00 pm
O. 26	at Central State	1:00 pm
N. 02	at Clark Atlanta	Noon
N. 09	MILES	1:00 pm
N. 28	at Alabama St.	2:00 pm

WEST ALABAMA

S. 07	TUSCULUM	6:00 pm
S. 14	LIMESTONE	6:00 pm
S. 21	at West Florida	:00 pm
S. 28	at Valdosta St.	6:00 pm
O. 08	ERSKINE	00 pm
O. 12	at Mississippi	2:00 pm
O. 19	at Delta St.	4:00 pm
O. 26	CHOWAN	2:00 pm
N. 02	NORTH GREENVILLE	2:00 pm
N. 09	at Shorter	11 am

2024 FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

All Home Games Are CAPITALIZED

ALMA BRYANT

S. 06 FAIRHOPE
S. 13 at Springville
S. 20 at Davidson
S. 26 CITRONELLE
O. 04 MARY G. MONTGOMERY
O. 11 DAPHNE
O. 18 at Robertsdale
O. 23 FOLEY

BAKER

S. 06 at Davidson
S. 12 JACKSON
S. 20 at Daphne
O. 04 ROBERTSDALE
O. 11 at Foley
O. 18 MARY G. MONTGOMERY
O. 25 at Fairhope
O. 31 at Vigor

BALDWIN COUNTY

S. 06 at Spanish Fort
S. 12 at Theodore
S. 26 at Mary G. Montgomery
O. 04 at Saraland
O. 11 MURPHY
O. 18 at Blount
O. 25 GULF SHORES
O. 28 MCGILL-TOOLEN

BAYSHORE CHRISTIAN

S. 12 at St. Luke's
S. 26 FLORALA
O. 03 WASHINGTON COUNTY
O. 11 at Central School Hayneville
O. 18 at Chickasaw
O. 24 J.U. BLACKSHER
N. 01 at J.F. Shields

BAYSIDE ACADEMY

S. 06 ORANGE BEACH
S. 13 at Monroe County
S. 20 FLOMATON
O. 04 at Hillcrest
O. 11 COTTAGE HILL CHRISTIAN
O. 18 at Excel
O. 25 T.R. MILLER
N. 01 at Tuscaloosa Academy

B.C. RAIN

S. 06 UMS-WRIGHT
S. 13 at Elberta
S. 20 WILLIAMSON
O. 04 LEFLORE
O. 11 at Citronnelle
O. 18 FAITH ACADEMY
N. 01 DAVIDSON

CHICKASAW

S. 06 J.U. BLACKSHER
S. 13 at Washington County
S. 27 at Fruitdale
O. 04 at Central Hayneville
O. 11 at Clarke County
O. 18 BAYSHORE
O. 25 ST. LUKE'S
N. 01 at Satsuma

CITRONELLE

S. 06 at Faith Academy
S. 13 at Williamson
S. 20 VIGOR
S. 26 at Alma Bryant
O. 04 UMS-WRIGHT
O. 11 B.C. RAIN
O. 18 at LeFlore
O. 25 ELMORE

COTTAGE HILL CHRISTIAN

S. 06 HILLCREST
S. 20 at Excel
S. 27 at Choctaw
O. 04 T.R. Miller
O. 11 at Bayside Academy
O. 18 MONROE COUNTY
O. 25 at Flomaton
N. 01 at St. Luke's

DAPHNE

S. 06 at Mary G. Montgomery
S. 13 at Foley
S. 20 BAKER
S. 27 at Spanish Fort
O. 04 DAVIDSON
O. 11 at Alma Bryant
O. 18 at Fairhope
O. 25 ROBERTSDALE

DAVIDSON

S. 06 BAKER
S. 13 at Fairhope
S. 20 ALMA BRYANT
S. 27 at McGill-Toolen
O. 04 at Daphne
O. 10 ROBERTSDALE
O. 18 at Foley
O. 25 MARY G. MONTGOMERY
N. 01 at B.C. Rain

FAIRHOPE

S. 06 at Alma Bryant
S. 13 DAVIDSON
S. 20 at Robertsdale
S. 27 THEODORE
O. 04 FOLEY
O. 11 at Mary G. Montgomery
O. 18 at Daphne
O. 25 BAKER

FAITH ACADEMY

S. 06 CITRONELLE
S. 13 at LeFlore
S. 20 ELBERTA
S. 27 ST. PAUL'S
O. 04 at Williamson
O. 11 VIGOR
O. 18 at B.C. Rain
O. 25 at UMS-Wright
N. 01 at J.M. Tate

FOLEY

S. 06 at Robertsdale
S. 13 DAPHNE
S. 20 MARY G. MONTGOMERY
O. 04 at Fairhope
O. 11 BAKER
O. 18 DAVIDSON
O. 25 at Alma Bryant
N. 01 at LeFlore

GULF SHORES

S. 06 SARALAND
S. 13 MCGILL-TOOLEN
S. 20 at Blount
O. 04 ST. PAUL'S
O. 11 at Spanish Fort
O. 18 THEODORE
O. 25 at Baldwin County
N. 01 at Murphy

LEFLORE

S. 06 VIGOR
S. 13 FAITH ACADEMY
S. 27 JACKSON
O. 04 at B.C. Rain
O. 11 at Elberta
O. 18 CITRONELLE
O. 25 at Williamson
N. 01 FOLEY

MARY G. MONTGOMERY

S. 06 DAPHNE
S. 13 ROBERTSDALE
S. 20 at Foley
S. 26 BALDWIN COUNTY
O. 04 at Alma Bryant
O. 11 FAIRHOPE
O. 18 at Baker
O. 25 at Davidson

MATTIE T. BLOUNT

S. 06 MURPHY
S. 20 GULF SHORES
O. 04 SPANISH FORT
O. 10 at McGill-Toolen
O. 18 BALDWIN COUNTY
O. 25 at St. Paul's
N. 01 at Theodore

MOBILE TOOLEN

S. 06 THEODORE
S. 13 at Gulf Shores
S. 20 SARALAND
S. 27 DAVIDSON
O. 10 BLOUNT
O. 18 ST. PAUL'S
O. 25 at Spanish Fort
N. 01 at Baldwin County

MCINTOSH

S. 06 at Leroy
S. 13 at Southern Choctaw
S. 20 SWEET WATER
S. 2 CALHOUN
O. 04 MILLRY
O. 11 MARENGO
O. 18 at J.F. Shields
O. 25 FRUITDALE

CHRISTIAN

S. 06 SATSUMA
S. 13 at Escambia County
S. 20 at Jackson
S. 27 at Saint Stanislaus
O. 04 PENSACOLA CATHOLIC
O. 11 ST. MICHAEL
O. 18 ORANGE BEACH
O. 25 at W.S. Neal

MURPHY

S. 06 at Blount
S. 19 ST. PAUL'S
S. 20 at Spanish Fort
S. 27 WILLIAMSON
O. 04 THEODORE
O. 11 at Baldwin County
O. 18 at Saraland
N. 01 GULF SHORES

ORANGE BEACH

S. 06 at Bayside Academy
S. 13 W.S. NEAL
S. 20 at Satsuma
S. 27 ROBERTSDALE
O. 04 ESCAMBIA COUNTY
O. 11 JACKSON
O. 18 at Mobile Christian
O. 25 at St. Michael's

ROBERTSDALE

S. 06 FOLEY
S. 13 at Mary G. Montgomery
S. 20 FAIRHOPE
S. 27 at Orange Beach
O. 04 at Baker
O. 10 at Davidson
O. 18 ALMA BRYANT
O. 25 t Daphne

SARALAND

S. 06 at Gulf Shores
S. 13 SPANISH FORT
S. 20 at McGill-Toolen
S. 27 MONTGOMERY CATHOLIC
O. 04 BALDWIN COUNTY
O. 11 at St. Paul's
O. 18 MURPHY
O. 25 at Theodore

SATSUMA

S. 06 at Mobile Christian
S. 13 ST. MICHAEL
S. 20 ORANGE BEACH
S. 27 at St. Luke's
O. 04 W.S. NEAL
O. 18 at Escambia County
O. 25 at Jackson
N. 01 CHICKASAW

SPANISH FORT

S. 06 BALDWIN COUNTY
S. 13 at Saraland
S. 20 MURPHY
S. 27 DAPHNE
O. 04 at Blount
O. 11 GULF SHORES
O. 25 MCGILL-TOOLEN
N. 11 at St. Paul's

ST. LUKE'S

S. 06 WASHINGTON COUNTY
S. 13 at Central Hayneville
S. 20 BAYSHORE CHRISTIAN
S. 27 SATSUMA
O. 04 at J.U. Blacksher
O. 18 CLARKE COUNTY
O. 25 at Chickasaw

ST. MICHAEL

S. 13 at Satsuma
S. 20 ESCAMBIA COUNTY
O. 04 JACKSON
O. 11 at Mobile Christian
O. 25 ORANGE BEACH
N. 01 at UMS-Wright

ST. PAUL'S

S. 19 at Murphy
S. 20 THEODORE
S. 27 at Faith Academy
O. 04 at Gulf Shores
O. 11 SARALAND
O. 18 at McGill-Toolen
O. 25 BLOUNT
N. 01 at Spanish Fort

THEODORE

S. 06 at McGill-Toolen
S. 12 BALDWIN COUNTY
S. 20 at St. Paul's
S. 27 at Fairhope
O. 04 MURPHY
O. 18 at Gulf Shores
O. 25 SARALAND
N. 01 BLOUNT

UMS-WRIGHT

S. 06 at B.C. Rain
S. 13 at Vigor
S. 27 T.R. MILLER
O. 04 at Citronnelle
O. 11 WILLIAMSON
O. 18 at Elberta
O. 25 FAITH ACADEMY
N. 01 ST. MICHAEL

VIGOR

S. 06 at LeFlore
S. 13 UMS-WRIGHT
S. 20 at Citronnelle
O. 04 ELBERTA
O. 11 at Faith Academy
O. 18 WILLIAMSON
O. 31 BAKER

WILLIAMSON

S. 06 at ELBERTA
S. 13 CITRONELLE
S. 20 at B.C. Rain
S. 27 at Murphy
O. 04 FAITH ACADEMY
O. 11 at UMS-Wright
O. 18 at Vigor
O. 25 LEFLORE

HIGH SCHOOL GAMES

SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



PASTOR CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS YORKTOWN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

At 6-feet-2 and with a booming but calming baritone voice, his mere presence commands attention when he walks in a room. His jovial nature seems to put everyone around him... adults and children... at ease and you might be hard pressed to figure out exactly what this guy does for a living. But make no mistake, Yorktown Missionary Baptist Church Pastor Chris Williams puts his love for God, his wife, his congregation and the Africatown community he's served for 18 years on display every day of his life. "It's important to be there when someone needs you," the 61-year-old Williams told Steppin' Out. "I've been the pastor here for 18 years... it was my first assignment from God. I was 15 years old when He called me, but I ran from Him for 15 years," said the native of Huntsville.

A former Alabama State Trooper, Williams said one night when he was patrolling the Evergreen area "God just called me." "The first thing I did after my shift ended was go to Rev. Norvell Glover," he said about the legendary retired pastor, who served Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Prichard for almost 50 years. Williams and his wife Theresa have been married for 40 years, and said his love for her helped him overcome the imminent danger he appeared to be in when he asked her father if he could marry her. "He was changing a tire and had this tire iron in his hand when I approached him," said Williams with a laugh. "Her father said, 'Well, now, you'd have to ask her... wouldn't you?'"

FAVORITE SERMON: "From Habakkuk 3:17 when it says: That even when the fig tree does not bud, and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls..." "It all means God will STILL provide and take care of you."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "The Green Mile"

FAVORITE BOOK: "The Bible"

VISION FOR FUTURE: "For Yorktown to be the beacon light for not only the community, but to share his word for the world. "Your actions are what make you... do unto that others as you would have them do unto you." If God gave you one power that could affect the entire world, what would you change? "I'd demolish... not abolish, but demolish... racism once and for all."

PASTOR TREMAYNE BENSON FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Tremayne Benson was raised in Coosa County Alabama, where he fell in love with church in his youth; he taught the Men's Sunday School Class at the young age of 17, under the leadership of his father, Pastor Stanford Benson. From his early years he had a passionate love for God and throughout his life he has always found a way to serve God and His kingdom. He draws upon his intuition to help others in areas within the church and beyond. His academic achievements began with matriculation at Auburn University, where he majored in Business Administration. He went on to earn his Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from Troy University. Today at the age of 41, he is a District Manager for the Social Security Administration where he leads a staff of diverse employees. God has blessed him in ways with one of his greatest gifts being the strength to serve those in need. This is the backdrop that Pastor Benson uses as he dedicates his life to helping others.

Over the years, his role as a minister has afforded him the opportunity to serve as the pastor of New Pilgrim Church in River Falls, Alabama and to be a spiritual shepherd to hundreds around the country. As the Senior Pastor, he grew the ministry to become the fastest growing ministry in Covington County. His leadership allowed the church to become debt free within 14 months of his administration, purchase land adjacent to the church, and build one of the largest active youth ministries in the county.

Pastor Benson has always displayed a passion for reaching youth. He is the Founder and Executive Director of the World Youth Association, Inc. His organization has partnered with the Children's Hospital in Birmingham, AL to entertain patients with Disney look-a-like characters. In addition, they help sponsor a yearly conference called the Dreamality Conference, that aims to empower middle and high school students to transform their dreams into reality. These experiences ignited his desire to shepherd God's people, and after much prayer, fasting and Godly council, he accepted the call to become the Senior Pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church with his first sermon in April entitled "Walking on Storms".

Pastor Benson embodies the core principles of what it means to be a Servant Leader. He says that his greatest accomplishments are his beautiful wife, Lady Batina Benson of more than 15 years and their three children.



Mark Your Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2024

MOBILE/BALDWIN

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Total Church Ministries 9th Annual Voices of Gospel Music Awards feat. Darius Paulk, Chris Parker, Danielle Stephens, T.G. Unity, Dhsree Ferguson, Trey Williams, Living Testimony Community Singers, 09/07 @5pm
Legacy Church United Women In Faith USAJeans & Jewels Brunch, Helena Ballroom, 09/14 @11am
St. James Major Catholic Church Junior Knight of St. Peter Clever #172 Casino Trip to Beau Rivage Biloxi, 09/29 @1pm

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY & EVENTS

Ms. B's Production Artist Southern Soul Showcase Hosted by Ms. Mary, Rascals Lounge, every 1st Sunday @6pm
LODA ArtWalk, Downtown Mobile, every 2nd Friday
Spoken Word of Mobile Open Mic Night, Toulminville Branch Library, every 3rd Monday @6pm
New To Medicare Free Monthly Educational Seminar, Area Agency on Aging, GM&O Building First Floor Conference Room, 1st Tuesday Monthly
Africatown 9th Annual Community Day, Hope Community Center, 09/01 @1pm
Mobile Area Mardi Gras Association Labor day Weekend Day Party, Kazoola Eatery and Entertainment, 09/01 @5pm
Strikers Club Presents Free Prostate Screening, Strikers Club, 09/07 @8am
Black Gentlemen of Purpose Flashmob & Mixer, Kazoola Eatery and Entertainment, 09/07 @9am
Piggy Wiggly Taste of the West Flavor Fest, Moffett Road, 09/12 @4pm
Roll Mobile-Skate Nights-Movies, Mobile Parks & Recreation, Bienville Square, 09/13 @6pm
SOCU Southern Kitchen & Oyster Bar Soft Opening, 09/13 @7pm
Operation Clean Sweep, Irvington, 09/14 @7 am
National Voter Registration Day Event, Carliriojae Ballroom, 09/17 @4 pm
Canvass and Phone Bank with Stand Up Mobile for National Voter Registration Day, Central Presbyterian Church, 09/20 @ 5:30pm
City of Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Event, The Grounds, 09/21 @9am
14th Annual United Cerebral Palsy Food and Folly, Fort Whiting, 09/21 @6:30pm
VKV Events Presents South Alabama Comic Con, Mobile Convention Center, 09/21-22
2024 Women's Forum feat. Keynote Speaker Liz Huntley, Hosted by the Community Foundation of South Alabama, Saenger Theatre, 09/25 @8am
Lifelines Counseling Services Bay Area Brunch Fest, Cathedral Plaza, 09/28 @10am

CONCERTS/MUSIC

Celebrity Southern Soul Showcase, Elk's Club on State Street, Every 1st Sunday @7pm
Joe Lewis, Renaissance Hotel, Every Friday - Sunday @8pm
Thirsty Thursdays Live jazz Jam Sessions, Kazoola's, Every Thursday
We Got Soul feat. West Love, Cecily Wilburn, Marcellus, Young Guy, Squirt Kelly, FPI, Saenger Theater, 09/06 @7pm
The Joke King Tour feat. Corey Holcomb, Saenger Theater, 09/14 @8pm
Ginuwine, Wind Creek Casino, Atmore, 09/14 @ 8pm
All White Jazz Extravaganza feat. Kyle Turner, Althea Rene', Shawn Ward, Carliriojae Ballroom, 09/29 @6pm

MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

Africatown Redevelopment Corporation Monthly Meeting, Robert Hope Community Center, 2nd Tuesday Monthly
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Connection Group, Spring Hill Baptist Church Activity Center Room 236, 3rd. Monday Monthly
Wade In The Water Monthly Meeting, All Saints Episcopal Church, last Monday every Month @6 pm
Mobile County Commission Meeting, Government Plaza Assembly Room, 09/9 @10am
Mobile City Council Meeting, Government Plaza Auditorium, 09/10 @10:30am
Mobile Chamber Growth Alliance Task Force, Chamber, 09/10 @Noon
Mobile Chamber Business After Hours, Feeding The Gulf Coast, 09/12 @4pm
Mobile Chamber Executive Roundtable, Chamber, 09/17 @8am
Mobile City Council Meeting, Government Plaza Auditorium, 09/17 @10:30am
Mobile Chamber 2024 Forum Alabama feat. Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth, Battle House Hotel, 09/19 @8am
Mobile County Commission Conference Meeting, Assembly Room, 09/19 @10am
Mobile Chamber Young Professionals of Mobile Social, TBD, 09/19 @5:30pm
Mobile County Commission Meeting, Government Plaza Auditorium, 09/23 @10am
Mobile City Council Meeting, Government Plaza Auditorium, 09/24 @10:30am
Mobile Area Black Chamber of Commerce General Body Meeting with Speaker Chris Curry-Mobile Airport Authority, Spring Hill College Byrne Hall, 09/25 @11:30am
2024 United Way of Southwest Alabama Annual Meeting feat. Bradley Byrne
Mobile Chamber President and CEO, Battle House Hotel, 09/26 @11:30am

MUSEUMS/CULTURAL FACILITIES

Africatown Heritage House Museum-Clotilda: The Exhibition, through 05/31/2028
Exploreum Science Center, FEAR-An Immersive Exhibit, until 10/31
Exploreum Science Center PCI Digital Dome Theater, T.Rex, Antarctica, and D-Day Normandy 1944, through 02/08/2025
Exploreum Science Center, The Amazing Castle Traveling Exhibit/ if opens 09/21
Gulfquest National Maritime Museum, United States Coast Guard Art, Ongoing
Historic Avenue Cultural Center: Remember The Avenue, through 12/31
Mobile History Museum of Mobile SAMURI:Sunrise, Sunset, 09/27 the through 01/12/2025
Mobile Museum of Art Art In Focus, ongoing
Mobile Museum of Art Azalea City Art Quilters, ongoing
Mobile Museum of Art, Dusti Bonge: The Creative Life, through 09/14
Mobile Museum of Art Landscape Design with Missy Patrick, Tuesdays, 09/24-10/15 @1pm
Mobile Museum of Art, Inspiration, Ongoing
Mobile Museum of Art, Contemporary Alabama, Ongoing

SPORTS

• GOLF
27th Annual Franklin Primary Health Center Celebrity Golf Tournament, Robert Trent Jones Magnolia Grove Golf Course, 09/12
• RUNNING
17th Annual USA Health Mitchell Cancer Institute GO Run 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run, 09/21
• SOCCER MEN
Spring Hill vs. Embry-Riddle, Library Field, 09/13 @3:30pm
Spring Hill vs. Rollins, Library Field, 09/15 @1pm
Spring Hill vs. Delta State, Library Field, 09/20 @3:30pm
Spring Hill vs. Mississippi College, Library Field, 09/22 @3:30pm
Spring Hill vs. West Alabama, Library Field, 09/27 @3:30pm
University of Mobile vs. Xavier University N.O., The Jungle, 09/07 @7pm
University of Mobile vs. Florida National, The Jungle, 09/14 @10am
University of Mobile vs. Brewton-Parker, The Jungle, 09/26 @7:30pm
University of Mobile vs. Middle Georgia State, The Jungle, 09/28 @4pm
• SOCCER WOMEN
Bishop State vs. Lurleen B. Wallace, Evans Culture Centre, 09/12 @3pm
Bishop State vs. Jones College, Evans Culture Centre, 09/17 @4pm
Bishop State vs. Wallace Community College-Selma, Evans Culture Centre, 09/19 @5pm
Bishop State vs. Pearl River Community College, Evans Culture Centre, 09/27 @2pm
Spring Hill vs. Faulkner, Library Field, 09/05 @1pm
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University of Mobile vs. Bethel Univ. (Tenn.), The Jungle, 09/2 @11am
University of Mobile vs. Xavier N.O., The Jungle, 09/07 @5pm
University of Mobile vs. Brewton-Parker, The Jungle, 09/26 @5pm
University of Mobile vs. Middle Georgia State, The Jungle, 09/28 @1:30pm
USA vs. Lamar, The Cage, 09/05 @7pm
USA vs. Southern Miss, The Cage, 09/26 @6pm

• TENNIS
2024 National Public Parks Tennis Championships, Mobile Tennis Center, 09/20-22
USA, Lake Charles Hidde
USTA Southern Adult Mixed Tournament, Mobile Tennis Center, 09/27-29
• WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
University of Mobile vs. Life University, Pharr Gymnasium, 09/06 @6pm
University of Mobile vs. Point University, Pharr Gymnasium, 09/7 @1pm
University of Mobile vs. Fisk University, Pharr Gymnasium, 09/14 @3pm
University of Mobile vs. Loyola University, Pharr Gymnasium, 09/21 @1pm
University of Mobile vs. Blue Mountain University, Pharr Gymnasium, 09/27 @6pm
University of Mobile vs. Tennessee Southern, Pharr Gymnasium, 09/28 @1pm

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CONCERTS

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Becky Robinson, IP Casino Resort and Spa, 09/27 @8pm



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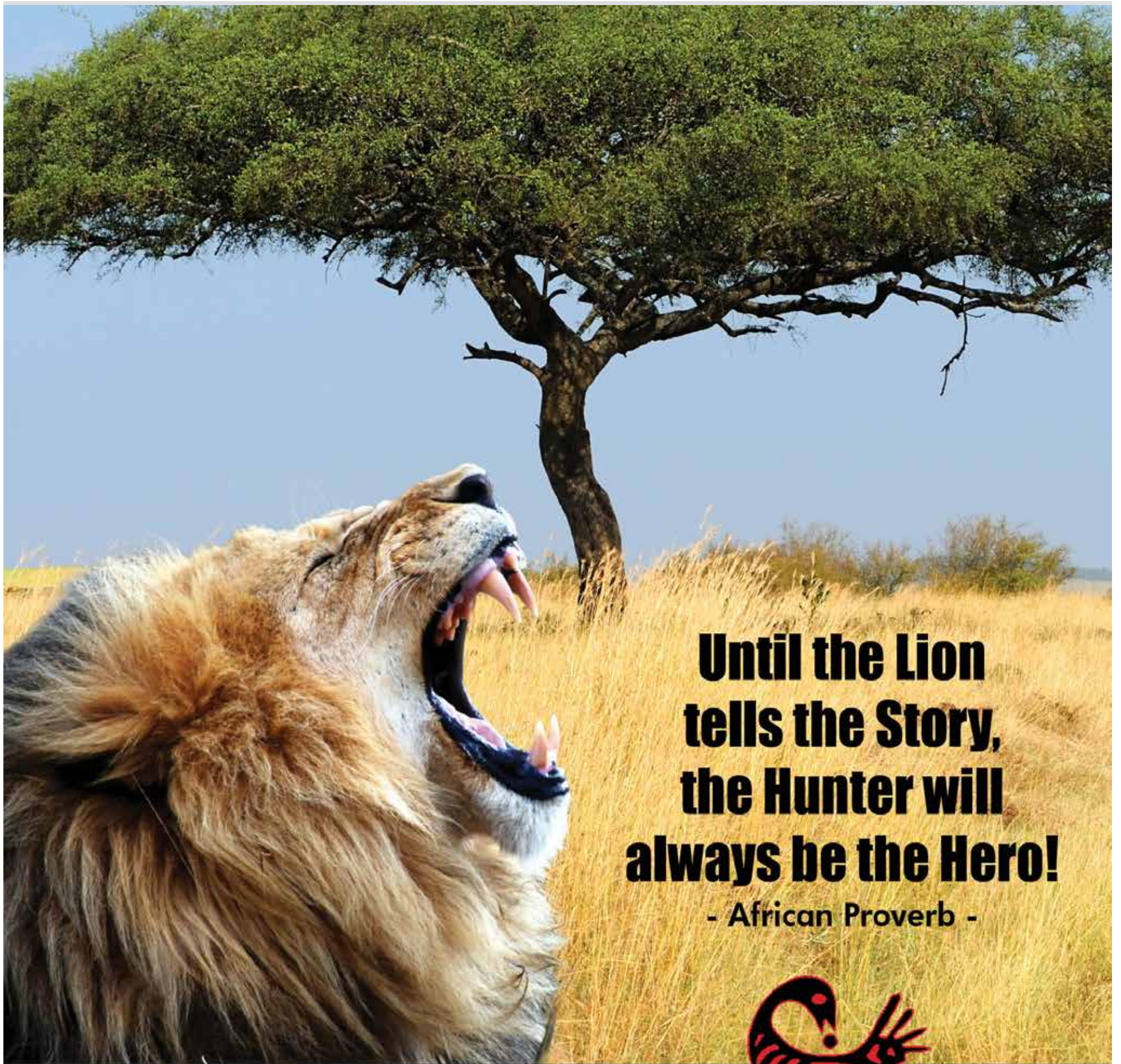
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