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Greetings Steppin' Out Readers,

Thank you for continuing to support Steppin' Out over all these Twenty-four plus years. I'd like to welcome our many new readers and would ask that you continue to spread the word that we're here and we're here for you.



We've stayed around all these years because our original goals have not changed; to report positive Black information and news in our community that other media sources ignore, and to be a inexpensive source for small businesses to advertise and promote their services to a key segment of the population.

Over the last eighteen months we have shifted significantly away from the entertainment side of our reporting and have become more Afrocentric with our articles given the contributions that our culture has made since the beginning of this country and, because of the efforts of many to return this country to the Jim Crow Era. It is incumbent for all of us to remain aware and educated on the political and economic moves that are shaping our society and our communities. We must be vigilant about the things going on in our community and who is actually orchestrating what we see. There are many false narratives beginning to manifest themselves.

We will be making a few changes next month to the paper and will be adding additional platforms to keep you better informed. Some of those changes are the results of suggestions made by you, our readers. We encourage you to continue to communicate your thoughts. We promise to treat all of your positive suggestions and criticisms with the respect they deserve.

We'd also like to acknowledge our contributors who work so hard to provide valuable content and opinion that provide opportunities to inform and to give you food for thought. We have a lot of issues, both positive and negative, going on in Mobile and we all need to be aware of the issues going on around us.

Issues like how our neighborhoods are changing and how those changes can and will affect us (Were you informed about the changes coming to your neighborhood during the planning stages or was it already a done deal)? How the political climate is changing and how citizens are expecting more from the folks that they did or did not put in office (Do those elected officials keep you informed about what's going on and are they truly representing you)? How the educational landscape needs to change and what we can do to support our educators to facilitate those changes (Is your child truly learning and have you seen positive changes at your school)? Our contributors will and have touched on a number of subjects and issues based on their fields of expertise. When they are giving opinion, it will clearly be stated as such.

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## COVER STORY 1



**Michael Pierce**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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# Housing Board on Cusp of Getting Off the Recovery Agreement

Mobile Housing Authority Executive Director Michael Pierce said recently that the agency is on the verge of getting off a recovery agreement that MHA was placed under in 2018 because of several operational deficiencies, including failure to reduce the number of vacancies in current housing developments.

“We’re looking at possibly 8-12 months of getting out from under the agreement,” Pierce said. “We’re looking forward to getting out from under the agreement.”

Pierce said with the changing of the landscape of public housing in the city of Mobile, the plan is to refurbish existing housing properties and work more with the private sector to provide additional housing.

“Typically, when you’re looking at multi-family housing, you’re talking about medium to large-sized apartment complexes,” he said. “You can have smaller multi-family developments where people may have duplexes or triplexes, but typically when you’re looking at multi-family developments, it’s usually about 20, 30, 40 to maybe 100 units that are built on a piece of property that house that number of folks.

“What we’re doing right now is partnering with developers, and substantially renovate the developments that are in our portfolio that are coming up for substantial renovations.”

Pierce said several current MHA properties are in line for massive renovations. The first one is the Central Plaza Towers, where the carpets will be replaced, the facade will be repainted, and flooring and tile will be replaced. In addition, there will be new appliances. In addition, another one of the items under

the recovery agreement is strengthening the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

“What will happen is those units will be done, the roofs will be replaced, and that’ll give us the opportunity to move that property up to today’s code and also give us a roughly 20-year life span for the fixtures and everything we’re replacing in those units, which will make living experiences for our clients much better,” Pierce said. “As projects are coming on line, our housing choice voucher program, commonly known as Section 8, will provide our clients with vouchers to move into those newer developments that we don’t own.

“That is primarily the way we’re going in the future. The Mobile Housing Authority will be involved in providing safe, decent, and affordable housing. We won’t be building public housing and then housing our residents; the private sector will. Then, we will be utilizing the vouchers with our clients to move into those units. That ultimately lowers our cost of operations because we don’t have to maintain or manage them.”

Pierce said beside Central Plaza Towers, the other housing properties owned by the Housing Board slated for renovation include Oaklawn, Emerson Gardens and Orange Grove. MHA is also looking at doing renovations at Gulf Village, which is located in Prichard.

“Everything will be updated and refurbished and really substantially improved,” he said. “It’s going to be a better living environment for our clients and ensuring that the units are livable and a pleasurable experience as well.” ♣





**Daphne Pierce**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
MLK Redevelopment Assoc.



## Help with Building New Homes

If you ever see construction of new homes being built in the downtown Mobile area, particularly in the area known as “The Bottom,” near Dr. Martin Luther King Avenue, it’s because of the efforts of Daphne Pierce and the MLK Redevelopment Association.

Pierce, along with others, is on a mission to provide new housing for residents, and at the same time, revitalize certain areas in downtown Mobile. Construction of some of the homes was scheduled to begin at the end of June and will be funded via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

“County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood contacted me four months ago about building some houses,” Pierce said. “She provided us with \$733,000 in funding. We didn’t have too many obstacles in getting the program started. The county did its part, and we also had to deal with the federal government.”

Pierce said it's simple... “Our goal at the MLK Redevelopment Corporation is that low to moderate income clients can own homes,” she said. “We’re very excited, because we haven’t built houses in a year and a half. Right now, we’re building a house on Dublin Street (in Maysville). We also built a house on Hickory Street during COVID.

“We’re trying to revitalize the area and at the same time, help prospective homebuyers on the road to home ownership. We have a tenant who is leasing a home. After the lease period is up, the family has the option to buy the house.”

Pierce said the project is special because her husband, Michael, grew up off Pecan Street in downtown Mobile. She said help with the project came from the Fuze Project, New Life Ministries, Hancock-Whitney and Servis1st Bank, which collaborated with the Mobile Housing Authority. Four new houses will be built. Two of them are on St. Meadar Street, one on Pine Street, and another on Calhoun Street. They will basically be rental houses, and when the lease period is over, clients have the option to buy the home. The houses themselves are 1,400 square feet single family homes with either two or three bathrooms.

Pierce said her group is going to try and use a historic style to fit the surrounding neighborhood, and at the same time, help people get on the road to home ownership. “We’re trying to help people help themselves, and get a piece of the pie,” she said.

“We have some credit-ready individuals who we’re trying to help as well.” The rewards of trying to help people on the road to home ownership are very rewarding.

Pierce said she received a text from a tenant about how she and her husband are revered in the community because of their help in getting new housing, particularly in the MLK area. “It gives you a good feeling to help someone,” Pierce said. “There’s already a waiting list for new houses, and hopefully we can keep building as we get more people interested in the program.” ♣





## Truth , Facts & Justice

### Sabrina Mass

RETIRED NURSE • CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZER  
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER



## Downtown Clowns

As a taxpayer and citizen of Mobile, Alabama these last few months, Government has been very disturbing to say the least. The city has been so upside down with transparency and honesty, it is as though every week new facts come out about corrupt politics at Government Plaza. LORD we are in a detrimental phase. Can anyone in an elected seat be trusted? From what I know...I THINK NOT!

As Mobile City Council and citizens across Mobile witnessed myself and Rena Chapa express our feelings that our local elected officials are presrnting a clown show and it is no JOKE. We were seriously sending out a message to stop the clowning around with the taxpayer dollars, the taxpayers concerns, and the taxpayers voices.

WE ARE TIRED!!! We will not be silenced, we will not be suppressed we will not be oppressed. WE THE PEOPLE are not backing down. We will all stand up for what is right and true, and the saddest part of all of this is the question, why don't the elected care about the people that are depending on their leadership. The people that they thought they could trust them to make decisions to help move the city forward, not backwards.

Elections are not far away, as August of 2025 is surely coming, once again the people will decide who leads us. I will push the people to go to the polls and request that this election cycle citizens really, really know who they are voting for, as this is a critical time for Our City. There is no more room for Foolery and Errors. We, the citizens of Mobile, must vote on ethics and history of the candidates in the race and not based on friendships, longevity, or loyalty to party.

WE THE PEOPLE are the voice of Our City and we will decide who represents us. They work for us and we are the CEO's. Let's remind them of that fact!♣

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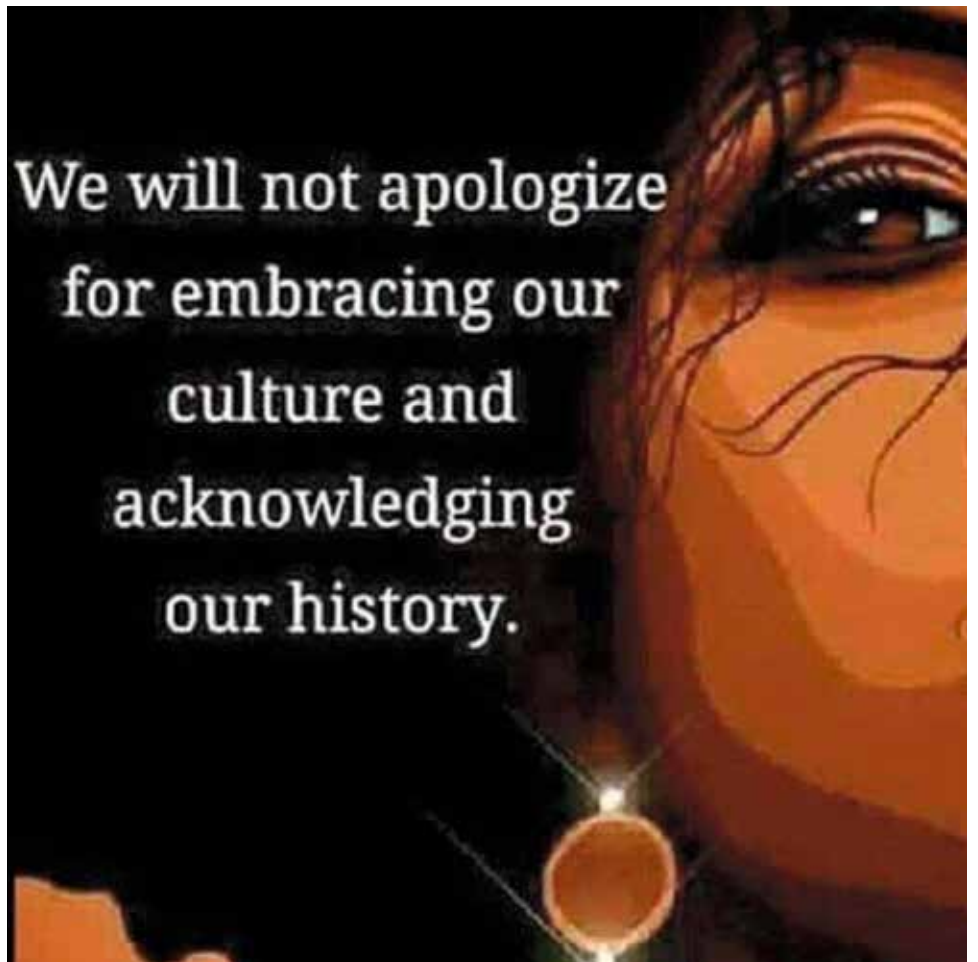
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culture and  
acknowledging  
our history.





**Tommy Green**  
Facebook Blogger  
Former Editor for Mobile Beacon

# BLACK LIVES MATTER

# PROJECT 2025

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On July 11, 2024, Ariana C. Long, Amsterdam News, reported, “What does that look like in the real world?” Last week, award-winning actress Taraji P. Henson spotlighted the Republican playbook in an impassioned speech at the BET awards, and suddenly everyone wants to know what Project 2025 is all about and how it affects them. In short, Project 2025—now being rebranded as Project 47—is a collection of far-right, racist policies aimed at overhauling the presidency and governmental infrastructure that has been in place for years.

“Project 2025 will spell the end of America as we know it and make this nation a hostile state for Black people,” said the Rev. Al Sharpton, founder and president of the National Action Network (NAN), in a statement. Project 2025 has many fraught ideas, but here is a summary of the most important economic proposals. The project would roll back overtime protections for employees, cut Social Security benefits by raising the retirement age, break up union contracts with employers and undermine negotiations, make it harder to form unions by installing an anti-worker council at the National Labor Relations Board, and allow minors to work in dangerous jobs, Seeberger said.

The project proposes to close preschools, eliminate the U.S. Department of Education, end affordable student loan repayment plans, and eliminate state school funding for immigrant students. It would also make it more expensive to own a home by increasing mortgage insurance premiums on Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loans, which is a good lending option for first-time homebuyers, with terms of longer than 20 years, said Seeberger. It also calls for slashing the corporate tax rate, putting a new tax on health insurance for people covered through employers, rollbacks to financial regulations put in place after the Great Recession in the early 2000s, and restrictions on the Federal Reserve’s “lender-of-last-resort” function that allows troubled banks to borrow money quickly—which helped the country survive severe economic downturns like the COVID-19 crisis.

A CAP analysis found that a similar financial shock and recession now would result in 8.7 million people losing their jobs by 2026 and that employment would not recover to current levels until 2031. “If far-right extremists are successful in enacting Project 2025, the likelihood of a 2007-scale financial crisis would be greater, and this

risks economic losses to workers and households that could exceed those in the Great Recession,” said Marc Jarsulic, senior fellow and chief economist at CAP and co-author of the analysis, in a statement. “The proposals in Project 2025 makes things crystal clear: Far-right extremists care more about bolstering Wall Street’s bottom line than protecting American families.”

Many of the policies concerning civil, women’s, and LGBTQ rights are already playing out on the state level or co-signed by U.S. Supreme Court rulings, namely the overturning of Roe v. Wade and the right to federally legalized abortion, as well as outlawing affirmative action in college admissions and rollbacks to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives. There also has been a rash of book bans in libraries and classrooms across the country in the last two or three years.

Rachel Noerdlinger, an equity partner at Actum LLC, said in a statement, “You can count on Black women, who power the federal workforce, to be the first casualties of this realignment of our government. Our access to reproductive and maternal health will be chipped away to nothing, as our rights will be so restricted [that] they’ll make the pre-Civil Rights Era seem like a Golden Age. That’s why we need to channel the collective power of Black women to shine a light on the negative impacts of Project 2025 and fight at the polls to ensure it dies on the vine.” She added that, on a personal note, Black women like her would be erased from the workforce Project 2025 were implemented. “Think about what we have done. Sisters from across the nation banded together to help propel the first Black woman into the vice presidency, saw Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson make history on the Supreme Court, and stood with organizations like the Fearless Fund as they’ve been under relentless attack,” Noerdlinger said. “Yet all of our collective accomplishments, and personal ones like [my] being the first and only Black female equity partner at a global consulting firm, will be erased if Project 2025 comes to fruition.”

Sisters and brothers, I will be posting relevant information concerning Project 2025 often, so we can make a decision, which supports Black people rights to freedom, justice, and equality. You can go online and goggle, which political party is passing laws to make it more difficult for Black people to vote. ♣





# Mobile County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood Receives **NATIONAL PUBLIC LEADERSHIP in the ARTS** Award

Mobile County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood received the prestigious, national, 2024 Public Leadership in the Arts Award for County Arts Leadership from the National Association of Counties (NACo) and Americans for the Arts (AFTA).

The award was presented to her twice at the NACo annual conference in Tampa, Florida, where she was formally recognized by the NACo Commission on Arts & Culture, Americans for the Arts, and the National Association of Counties.

The Mobile County Commission proudly supports the arts in Mobile County because, according to Americans for the Arts, investing in the arts as a public good can significantly boost local economies, enhance community well-being, and increase civic engagement, as evidenced by studies showing that cultural activities generate substantial economic returns and foster social cohesion.

In the award presentations, Commissioner Ludgood was commended for her conscientious efforts to share Mobile County's diverse history through arts, entertainment, information, and experiences because those efforts are making an impact in the lives of residents by building a foundation of cultural assets for our community as well as for culture and heritage tourism.

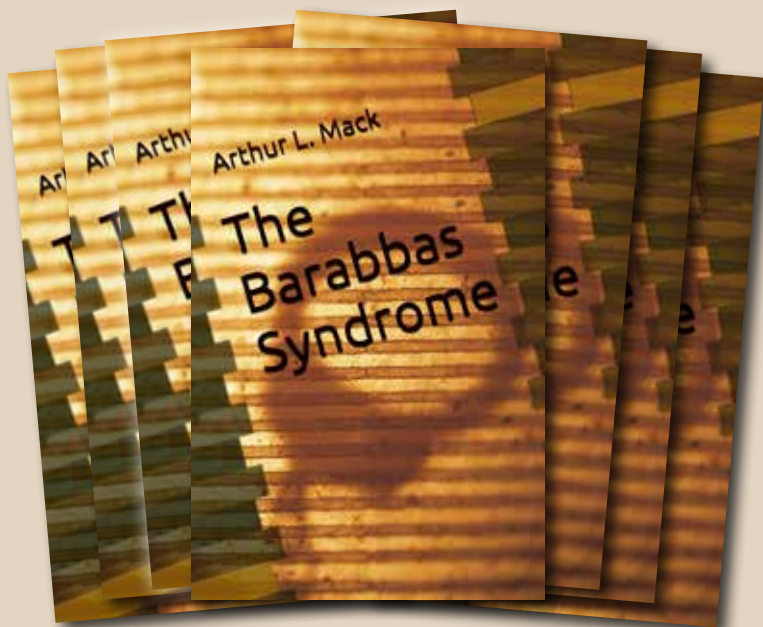
While the award presenters publicly lauded her recent work in Africatown, including Clotilda: The Exhibition at Africatown Heritage House, Africatown Hall's dramatic exterior, and impacts on that community anchored by Mobile County Commission investments, the selection committee noted her longstanding commitments to the arts in all forms. In addition to annual Mobile County Commission appropriations, Commissioner Ludgood's support for the arts includes programs for artists in residence, music education, performing arts, festivals, exhibitions, and activities through multiple museums and exhibition spaces.

In her acceptance speeches, Commissioner Ludgood thanked the awarding organizations, nominators, and expressed appreciation for her many collaborators, her commission colleagues, and the Mobile County team. Her guiding principles were evident in her acceptance remarks, which touted the arts' ability to help people feel understood and to encourage perspective-taking through creative storytelling that encourages empathy and is interwoven with hope.♣



*Merceria Ludgood*  
**MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

## Yes, It's the Latest Novel by Steppin' Out's Own Arthur L. Mack... The Barabbas Syndrome



### Jealousy and Narrow-Mindedness!

That is what Malachi Turner faces as he tries to make Malachi, an idealistic young man who wants a better life for his fellow citizens, is challenged by Horace Fleming, the town council president whose forefathers founded Fleming's Crossing, because his views differ sharply from his own.

As Malachi gains popularity and respect from the town's disadvantaged citizens, Horace enlists the aid of Nate Carter, a shady character who makes his living by questionable means, to destroy Malachi's reputation by any means necessary. Trouble arises when Malachi is wrongly accused and found guilty of an unspeakable crime. A battle ensues to clear his name, but will it be enough?



## Expressions: Right or Wrong! Lisa Johnson

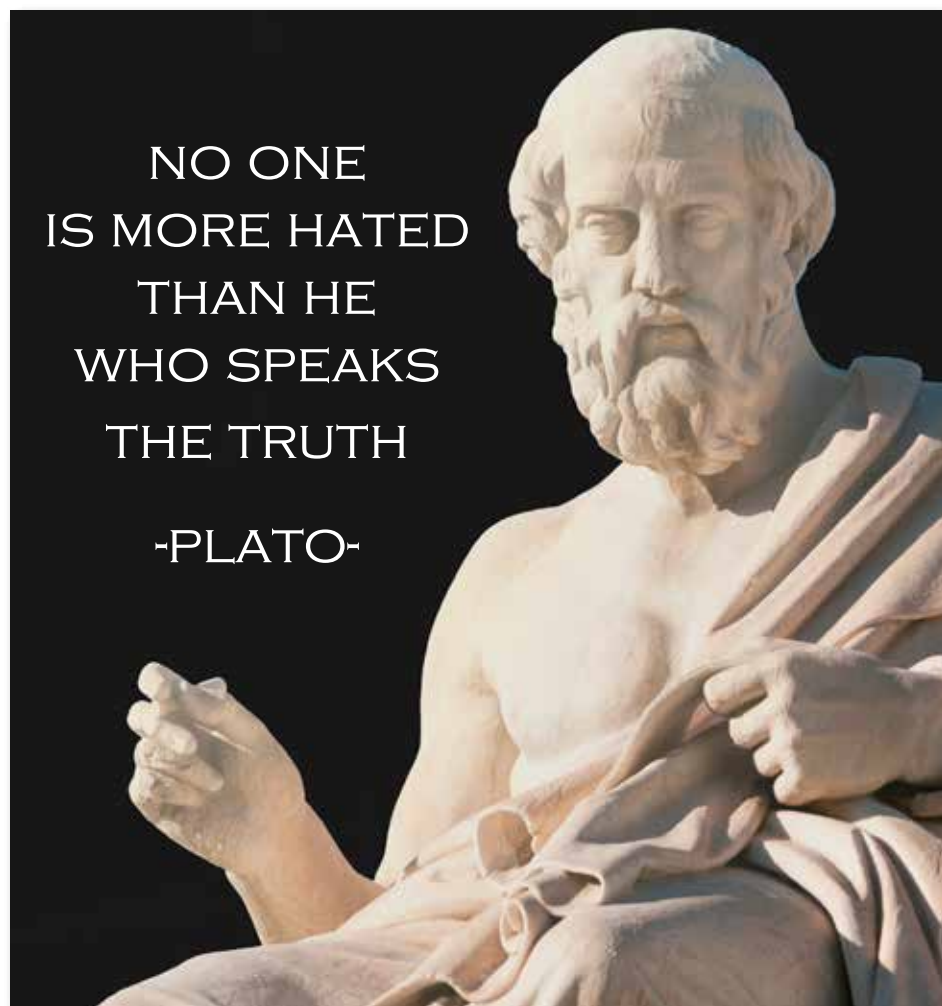
## What is LOVE?

Have you ever heard the saying, "Love is what love does? If a person abuses you, is that love? People often use that word without fully considering the true meaning of love. There are varying degrees of love displayed depending on the relationship. For example, the love you display towards your neighbor isn't the same love you express towards your husband or wife. The love a parent has for their child is different from the love they have for their friends. The love a child has for their parents is different from the love they have for their marriage mates.

An ancient book I was reading, has four types of love found in it that are Greek: Agape, Storge, Philia, and Eros. Did you know that out of the four listed Agape is the greatest? One online definition for Agape (Uh-GAH-pay): "Is the love of all humans; charitable; it is the highest form The Agape form is the love given whether or not it is returned." Agape isn't sentimentality, based on mere personal attachment, but is a moral love that seeks to do good according to what is right. It doesn't abandon right principles nor seek to retaliate in kind. This ancient book also gives the true definition of love for it says, "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous. It does not brag, does not get puffed up, does not behave indecently, does not look for its own interests, does not become provoked It does not keep account of the injury. It does not rejoice over unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

A lot of things are easier said than done, but will you remember to display love when provoked?♣

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## All Things Natural

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## Rooted in "BLACKNESS"

Black, blackness, carbon-being, melanin-being, afrocentric, black awareness, black consciousness, black magic.....I remember when being natural was just that and folks would laugh at you for having knotty hair, still denying themselves the freedom to see themselves unaltered, unbothered, and fly. The great debate was whether or not an afro was considered to be "fixed" or not. Meanwhile, professional Braiders were going to jail or being fined for practicing their craft, and dread/locs were so radical, you could barely find someone to consult with you or maintain them. The natural hair industry was in its infancy. Deemed a mere hustle, a million dollar industry that couldn't get a second look by the multi-billion dollar beauty industry.

Almost 20 yrs later, relaxer sales have gone down, more women of color have been embracing their natural hair and inspiring a generation of youth to be more excepting of self; while the powers that be take a second look at the now billion dollar natural hair industry. Although natural hair has been interwoven with social constructs and cross cultural trends, the one thing you have to acknowledge is, the "movement" of natural hair is being redefined with the spirit of "Blackness", and more importantly, Black awareness. If self-awareness has become a movement that is steady setting the standard, I'm here for it! People of color have enough problems socially, politically, economically,.....

Our hair has been a social symbol for centuries. Since early 2000 black hair has had policies rewritten, silent protests in schools have taken place and trends have been initiated. A dialogue has started to take place questioning the standard of beauty. Natural Black women on television are being seen more, and for many women their socio-economics have evolved....and I am here for it!

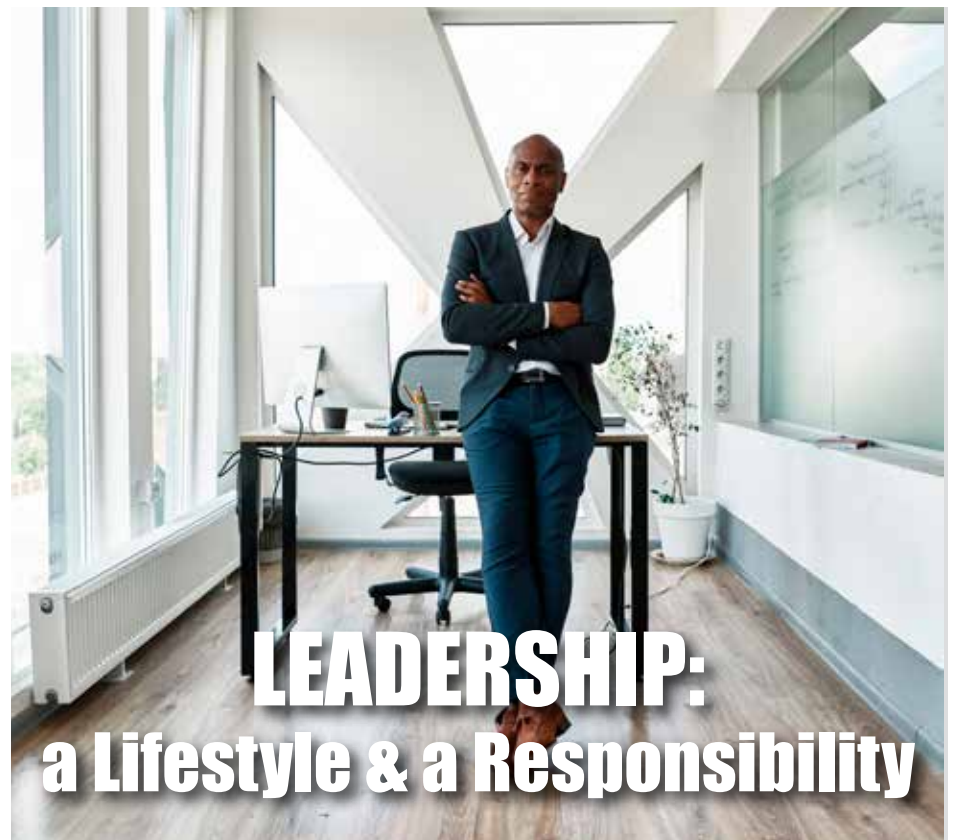
It is imperative that people of color don't squander this moment. People of color are powerful, and the world IS taking notice. No matter what country you come from, you are still demonstrating strength, tenacity, determination, and cultural style. Blackness, Black pride, Black look, Black trends, Black history, Black hair, Black style....Rooted!! ♣

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## LEADERSHIP: a Lifestyle & a Responsibility

As a young lad growing up on the waterfront, better known as the Down-The-Bay community, I perched on a stump and watched the waterfront activity. My head was full of the books I read, wanting to learn more about business acumen, leadership and developing synergy.

The approach of the sixties was not working for me and I did not see a future in it. I knew management and leadership had to transition from intimidation and barking orders to being more people oriented. I identified the core skillset while working at Kmart during my college years as first a Department Manager and then Assistant Store Manager. At 20 years old, I had a responsibility for up to 300 people. That word – RESPONSIBILITY had many branches. The basic premise was to exceed the revenue projections of corporate so that my team members jobs were protected and to create an investment system that churn out not only skilled, but promotable people.

In the early years, I was often told I was too soft, too much communication, and too much training. My District Manager told me to just keep a big list of recruits and fire anyone who did not produce. But I had a different idea: I needed to sell them on hope, skillsets and potential career path.

I lost quite a few team members to promotions and other businesses. My bosses in Michigan saw the success and I was promoted several times. My leadership skills transitioned to multiple industries – Concert Promotions, HMO, Publishing, Small Business, Software. There is not a month that goes by that I do not receive a few communications from former team members updating me on themselves and their families.

Leadership is not all glitz but it is more than a title. It is a lifestyle of responsibility. It is an earned trust and the greatest salesmanship of hope. Though I practice transformational leadership as my default, I do allow situational leadership to guide me through the market. It does not matter what industry you represent, nor job title. We are all in the people business first. ♣

**Let's Be Greater in 2024! ♣**

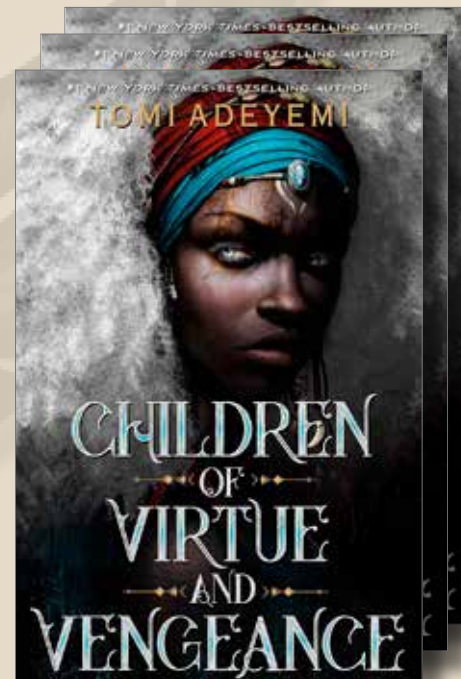


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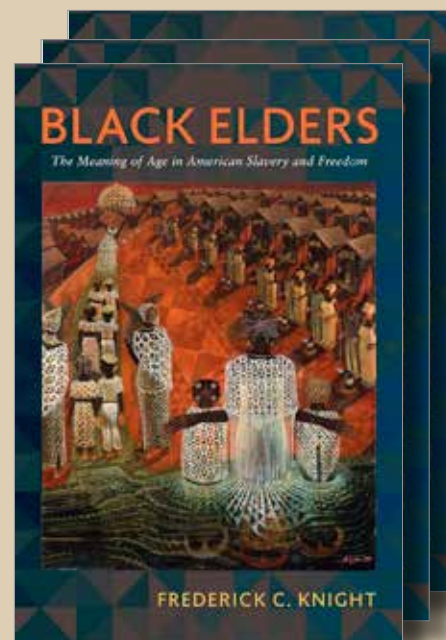
## Tomi Adeyemi

This book is the sequel to Adeyemi's worldwide best seller *Children of Blood and Bone*. This science fiction story follows Zelig and Amari who brought back magic to the Land of Orisha. This book is part of a trilogy. Named one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people, Tomi is award winning Nigerian-American writer, model, and teacher based in New York. After graduating from Harvard University with an honors degree in English literature, she studied West African mythology, religion, and culture in Salvador, Brazil. Her first novel, as well as this one, debuted at #1 on the Times Bestseller list and remained on the list for over 120 weeks. Her trilogy is being developed into a feature film. She can be found teaching creative writing at The Writer's Roadmap. She has been named one of Forbes 30 Under 30 in Media and her website has been named one of the 101 best websites for writers in *Writer's Digest*. ♣



## Dr. Frederick C. Knight

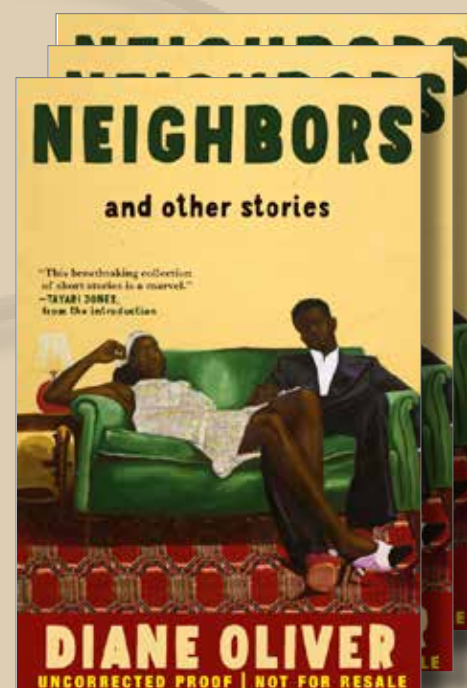
This book explores the experiences of African American with aging and in old age during the eras of slavery and emancipation. Elders worked as caregivers, domestics, cooks or midwives and performed other tasks in Southern and Northern economies. Looking at Black families, churches, mutual aid societies, and homes for the aged, Knight demonstrates the pivotal roles of elders in the history of African American community formation through reconstruction. ♣



## Diane Oliver

Author Diane Oliver died in 1966 at the age of 22, having written tales about Jim Crow in the 50's and 60's.

Her insightful stories about race and racism and reverberate into the present day. The book contains stories about interracial and extramarital relationships, school desegregation, and parents protecting their children. This social and historical collection gives an insightful and intimate portrait of African American families in everyday moments of anxiety and crisis and how they navigate their predicaments. ♣







**Black American Education**  
**Joseph Mitchell PhD**  
 Citizen Musician & Politician

# A Few Things You Did Not Know About JOSEPH MITCHELL

Born, Joseph Clovis, in Mobile, Alabama, the second son of Joseph Christopher Mitchell (of Albany, Georgia) and Julia Louisa Craig Mitchell (of Mobile). His younger brother, Craig, and his parents lived with his grandparents: Charles Craig and Julia Alberta Land Craig on St. Meader Street; across from aunt, Lorraine, Craig McCreary and uncle Albert McCreary, Sr., and their children, his first cousins: Delores, Jacquelyn, Albert, Jr., Bernard, Deborah and Alvin.

On the corner of Davidson and St. Meader where second cousins Sidney Howard, Sr., and Artis Pearl with children: Roslyn, Brenda and Sidney, Jr.

Midway of the block on the south side of St. Meader was the Brown Family with big brother Louis, big sister, Beverly, baby brother, Donald and age-mate, Gloria "Bay-Who."

Joseph Clovis learned to walk on the campus of Mobile County Training School where his parents met as teachers under the administration of Dr. Benjamin Baker.

Joseph Clovis learned his ABC's while attending kindergarten in Orange Grove projects. He began learning to write cursive in the first grade at the Josephine Allen School.

In about 1950 or '51, The Mitchell family of four moved to Fort Valley, Georgia, where the father taught biology and coached football at Fort Valley State College. After one year in Fort Valley, the family moved to Albany, Georgia where they would live for ten years and where Joseph would attend elementary school, junior high school, and one year of senior high school.

He attended Hazzard, Elementary School - a public, segregated school from grades two through six. Hazzard was laboratory school certified by the state of Georgia and operated by the college of education at Albany State College. With thanks, recognition and appreciation for Orange Grove, Josephine Allen, his mother and his grandmother and grandfather, Joseph entered Hazzard Elementary School highly proficient in reading, writing, speech and mathematical computation.

His music education began at Hazzard, under the tutelage of his third grade teacher, Miss Beatrice Benson who told him that he could sing so he did. He won numerous soprano solo vocalist awards in Georgia.

He graduated from Hazzard and would audition for a Junior High School choir the following Fall.

TO BE CONTINUED♣

**"Anyone who has the power to make your believe absurdities has he power to make you committ Injustices"**

**-Voltaire-**



**Moments in Time**  
**Paulette Horton**



# Ellie Cooper Johnson

Born in Mobile, Alabama on December 15, 1925, Johnson attended Allen Institute and Dunbar High School.

At age sixteen, Johnson had a national press card and was a reporter for the Pittsburgh Courier, one of the nation's premier Black newspapers and was valedictorian of her class at Bishop State Junior College.

As a writer, Johnson had a desire to create a magazine that reflected the positive aspects of life in Mobile's African-American community. As such, she published and was editor of Mobile's first Black magazines... The Mobile Review and The Circuit.

The Mobile Review, which was one of Mobile's first magazines and published in 1947, focused on healthcare, Mobile's history, science, religion, politics, and school news. Thanks to the Mobile Review, most of Mobile's Black history was salvaged for future generations.

Johnson was a member of the State Street AME Zion Church and a member of Jack and Jill of America. She died on December 13, 2014 and was buried in Magnolia Cemetery.♣

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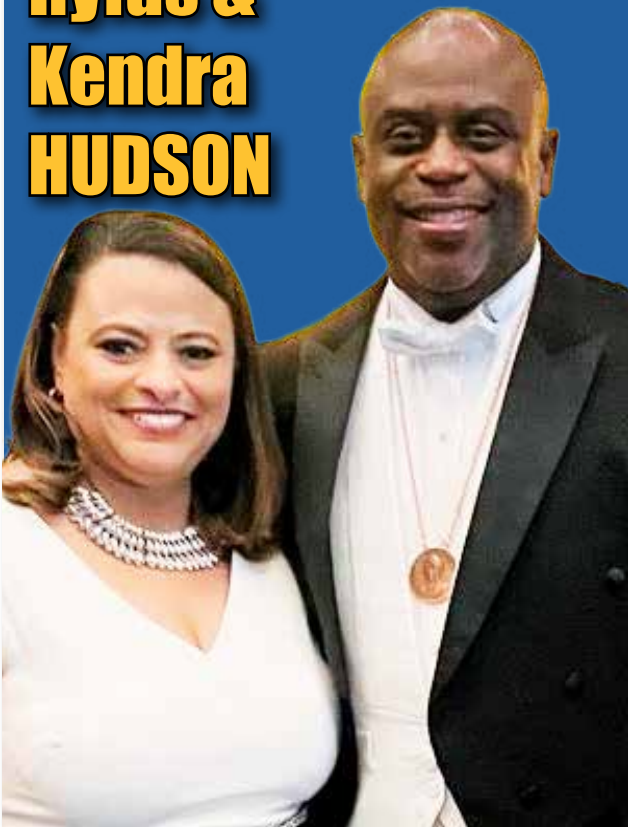
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# What Do We Do With Big Mama's House

## Realtors/Estate Planners

### Bring Advice to Africatown



When the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB) held its ‘Community Wealth Building Day’ in Africatown in June, local chapter president Andreda Randelson wasn’t sure what to expect. She knew, like in so many other underserved minority communities across America, a lack of information directly contributes to many other problems in the black community that could’ve been avoided. But what she saw that Saturday morning at the Robert Hope Community Center far exceeded her expectations.

“We had over 105 people come out, and 26 vendor partners participate,” said Randelson, in a most upbeat tone, it was wonderful.”

Founded in 1947, NAREB’s goal is bringing together the country’s minority real estate professionals to promote a meaningful exchange of ideas about the business and how best to serve its clientele. It is governed by a board of directors and an executive committee made up of members and leaders in the industry from across America, and each local chapter continuously accepts new members to join, as well as actively become community real estate leaders.

“We’re a civil rights advocacy group,” said Randelson, stressing that NAREB believes in democratic housing philosophy and is designed to “help many. We have to stress estate planning in the Black community,” she continued. We had several attorneys participate on our panel, because people need to know what to do with ‘Big Mama’s house’ when she’s gone.”

There was free information on how to, for instance, put assets in a trust and the importance of having a will so assets don’t turn into Heir property... something that could become a lengthy court process when everybody in the family comes forward to stake a claim. “Many families simply don’t have a will,” she said.

Randleson, who along with partner Shiela Coleman are principals in The Vine Realty Group in Mobile, knows NAREB is providing a vital service. Will she and her group be back in Africatown and other communities throughout Mobile? “Absolutely!,” she said, we’ll be doing it again.”♣

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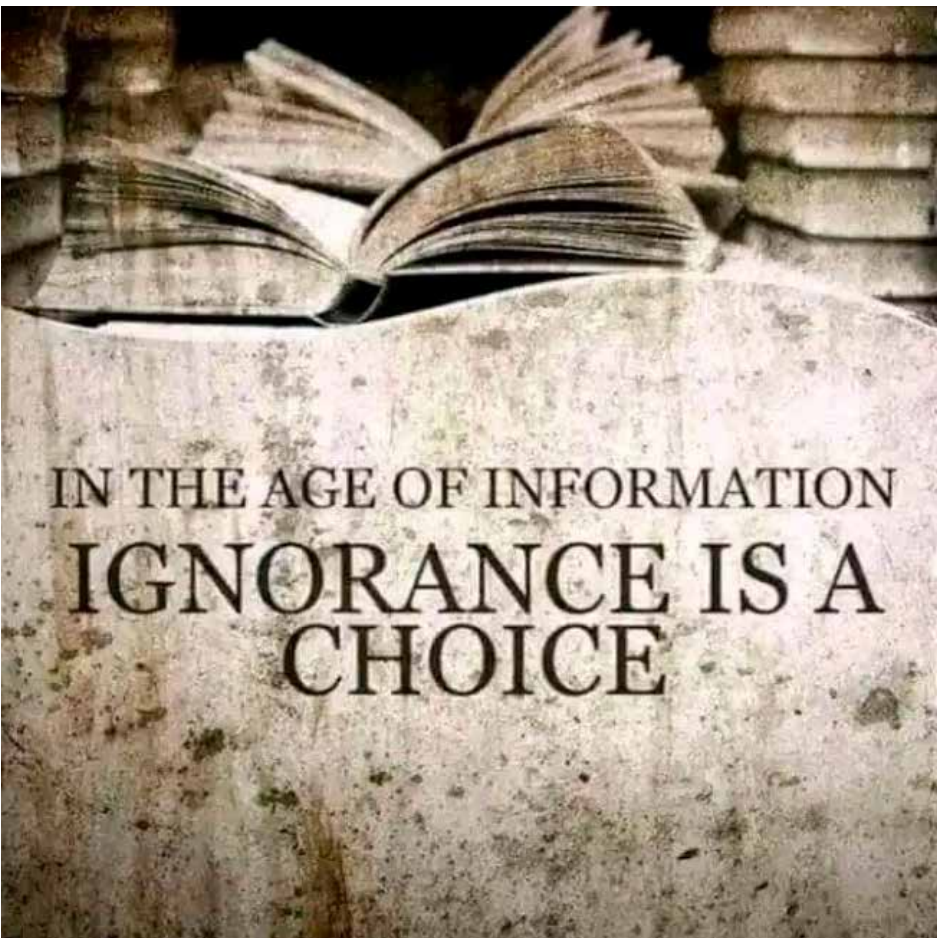
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## Take Precautions to Avoid the Risk of Rabies Infection

"Mobile County has seen an increase in animal bites over the past couple of months" said Dr. Kevin Michael s, 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/> 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.
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## Taking Mobile to the Next Level Memphis Vaughan Jr.

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## ESCAPING CLICKBAIT: Tips for Smarter Reading

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In the current political climate, I find myself getting drawn in by clickbait articles or videos. I am spending more time online than necessary when I should be doing other things or reading my backlog of books. But lately I have made a conscience effort to ignore many of the clickbait articles I come across. This is because they pose as news or factual information but are often just the author's opinion, lacking solid facts and useful content. In some instances, clickbait is propaganda, misleading, or completely incorrect information.

When clicking on articles, ensure you verify whether they come from reputable news sources or credible writers, especially if you are going to use the information as fact. Today, anyone can start a site and post something that many readers will believe is based on facts and accurate information. Checking other reputable sources will ensure that you have the best information.

Instead of spending so much time on clickbait, we should turn to alternative ways to read smarter and to keep us abreast of the facts. These alternatives can be: books, mainstream news sites an podcasts that are created by industry experts and reliable sources. At least with a book and other offline sources, you have a better chance to read the content without being bombarded with ads.

I realize that clickbait is more entertaining than the aforementioned alternatives and there are times when you aren't looking for an in-depth article. That is okay if you treat the information that you get from these articles and sites as entertainment.

Just remember even then, it is more about selling products via the ads than providing the actual content.♣





## Creole History Highlights

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## The Chastang Chronicles: Francoise Chastang (1765-1838)

The oldest child of Dr. John Chastang, Francoise was born no earlier than 1765 in Spanish Louisiana to a Woman of Color named Catherine. It is possible Dr. John had children by other women, if so, their names are not known. Francoise is his only child not born to his wife, Louison, and who survived to adulthood to be counted among his children in his will, dated 1812.

Francoise married Alexis Trouillet and they had three children, Antoine, Gertrude, and Marguerite. But by the time Francoise was at the end of her life, only her son, Antoine, was left of her immediate family, her husband and daughters all dead years before. Her only other remaining family was her teenage granddaughter, Emeline, and her elderly mother, Catherine. Her family was slowly dying out and her own end was on the horizon

Those early years of the 19th century were dangerous ones for citizens of Mobile. Yellow Fever was an enormous concern. It was not yet known that mosquitoes were the cause for transmission. But people did seem to understand that distance from the water and elevation improved their chances of staying well. Some families had residences at Cottage Hill and others removed themselves to Spring Hill when the fever hit.

According to J. M. Toner M.D. in his publication, *Contributions to the Study of Yellow Fever* in 1874, Mobile has documented Yellow Fever cases since 1705. He notes that in 1837, Yellow Fever in Mobile had caused 350 deaths between September and November. With a population of about 12,000, approx, three percent of the population deceased in just under three months. Who knows how many people were sick and recovered or had lingering health problems?

This was the context in which Francoise found herself writing her will on September 02, 1838. In her mid-sixties, in delicate health, and on the heels of a crushing epidemic, she was certainly impacted by the disease. Sandwiched between caring for her teenage granddaughter, Emeline, left orphaned by the death of Francoise's daughter, Marguerite, in 1830, and her elderly mother, Catherine, Francoise clearly states she wants her estate to be charged with the comfortable maintenance of her mother. The rest of her will is made up of property declarations

Francoise owned parts of several tracts of land in Baldwin County, one called Antony Place, near Sibley's Mill, along with the house she lived in in Mobile. Another tract of land was in Bay Minette. She provides Antoine with two enslaved persons and Emeline with one. However, she never provided their names, and it is unclear if the three-year-old she mentions is one of these three enslaved people or a fourth one. A bitterness seeps into her words when she mentions she has not yet received her inheritance from her father because Louison, her stepmother, is still living.

Francoise died 23 days later on September 25, 1838. Her burial is unknown. After her death, only her son, Antoine, remained. Emeline's and Catherine's story faded away and hopefully will one day be rediscovered. Antoine never married and it is unknown if he had any children. He died on May 3, 1849 and is buried in Church Street Graveyard. His headstone is still visible. It is possible his mother is with him.

NOTE: Whatever the weather in those years, it was conducive to mosquito breeding. The year after Francoise died, the known deaths in Mobile from Yellow Fever between August and October 20 rose to 650. This inspired the formation of the Can't Get Away Club, which provided support and services for those Mobilians impacted by Yellow Fever, regardless of race, gender, or class who could not leave during outbreaks of the disease. By 1843, the deaths had begun to peak again so much so that the Mobile City Directory made a point to compare the deaths of the years 1839 and 1843 in the 1844 edition. It is one of the most detailed death records we have of that time.♣

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### Sanderson Named Mobile County Engineer



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# PORTRAITS in BLACK

## YORK

As school children, we were taught the history and exploration that came with the "discovery" of America. We all know the names of Lewis and Clark but how many know the name of a Man of Color who was a key component on that journey known as York.

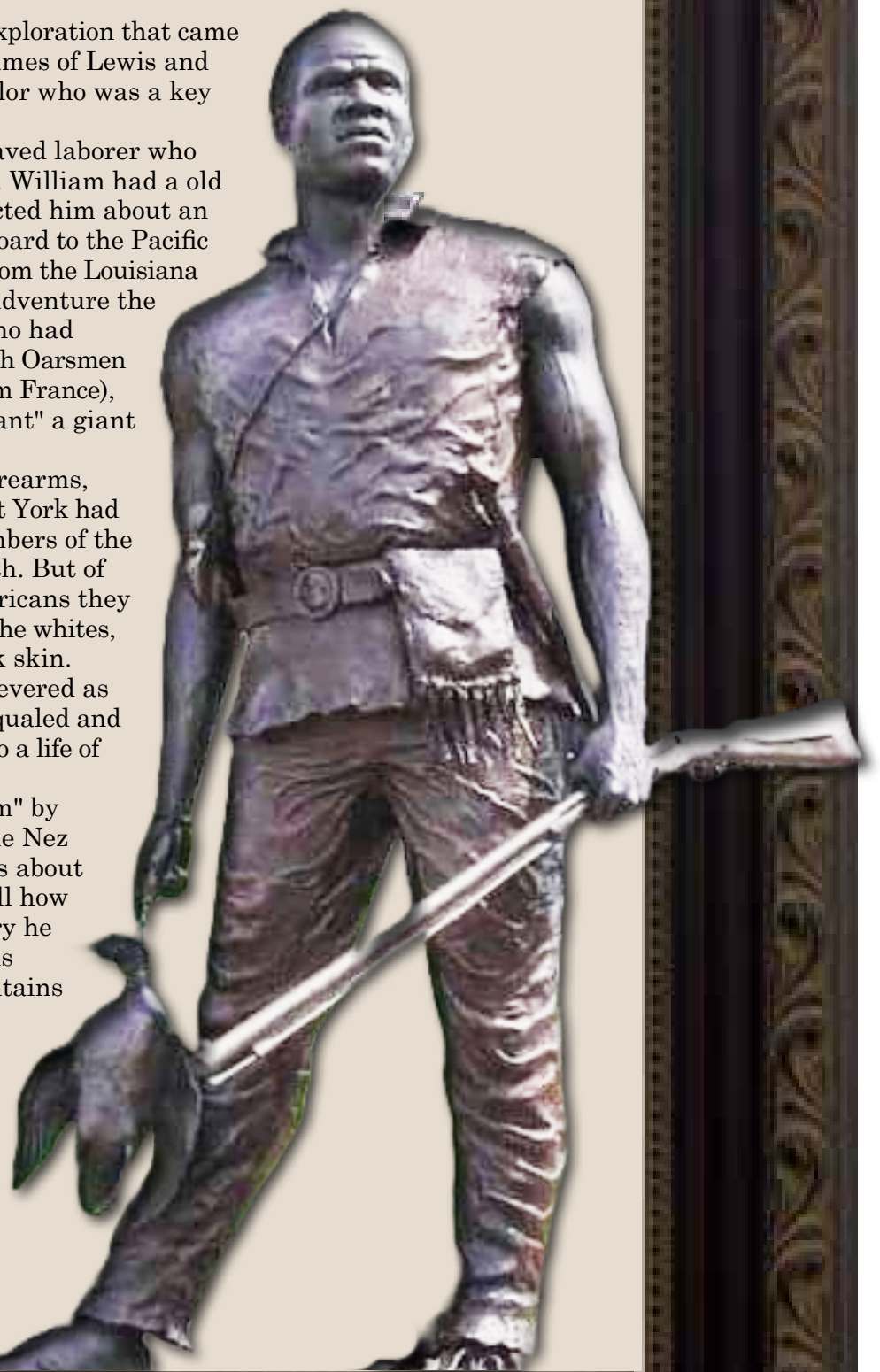
Born on the farm of John Clark, York was an enslaved laborer who grew up side-by-side with the son of Clark, William. William had a old army buddy named Merriweather Lewis who contacted him about an expedition to travel over land from the Eastern Seaboard to the Pacific Ocean. The trip was due to the newly acquired land from the Louisiana Purchase Territory in 1803 and decided to call the adventure the Corps of Discovery. They decided to take soldiers who had demonstrated bravery in battle, interpreters and French Oarsmen who knew the territory (Louisiana was purchased from France), and York who was Clark's 6-foot, 200 lb. "body servant" a giant physical specimen for the times.

The journey lasted 28 months and York handled firearms, killed game, and navigated trails and water-ways. But York had many issues to deal with, especially with other members of the group who were all white, and mostly from the South. But of course he was valued, especially by the Native Americans they encountered, who in some cases wanted to slaughter the whites, but at the same time were intrigued by York's Black skin. When they returned to the East all but York were revered as legends and heroes. Although York's contributions equaled and surpassed many of his companions, he was returned to a life of slavery by Clark.

Clark also humiliated York by having him "perform" by dancing for his comrades and Native Americans. The Nez Perce Tribe in the Northwest tell oral history stories about York to this day. They called him Raven Son and tell how they tried to wash the Black off his skin, the mystery he embodied, and how he prevented the slaughter of his group when they emerged from the Bitterroot Mountains but the tribe feared retaliation from the Black man.

There's not much information about York and his eventual passing. Clark leased him out to a Louisville slave owner 3 years after they returned. It was said he was freed sometime between 1811 and 1815. There was a story told by a Trapper about meeting an old Black man living among the Crow in Wyoming who claimed he had first come to the territory with Lewis and Clark.

Today there is a statue of York with Lewis and Clark in Great Falls, Montana.♣







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## Think Outside of the Box



Not too long ago, I read about an incident that took place at a high school graduation in Baraboo, Wisconsin, located 45 miles from the Wisconsin capital of Madison.

This incident involved a young lady who was about to mark a very special milestone in her life — getting her high school diploma. Numerous Baraboo School District officials were on the stage to congratulate the students during the ceremony on May 31, including District Superintendent Rainey Briggs.

When the young lady was called to receive her diploma, she shook hands with the principal along with school district officials. But as she approached Briggs, her father rushed onto the stage and shoved Briggs out of the way. The parent was promptly arrested by local law enforcement officials and is now awaiting a court appearance in August.

Oh, did I mention the parent was White and Briggs was Black?

The father of the student, who was not identified, said he had had issues with the Baraboo school board before. He was quoted as saying he didn't like Briggs. In fact, the parent told police he didn't want Briggs having the satisfaction of shaking his daughter's hand.

As for the Baraboo School Board, it, along with board president Kevin Vodak, has come under fire, according to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel. Vodak himself is facing a recall effort after misusing taxpayer dollars. Specifically, it included salary increases for Briggs and business services director Vivian Updyke.

It's interesting to note the man had no issues with his daughter shaking Vodak's hand. Makes you wonder, doesn't it? Understandably, Briggs was shaken up about the whole matter. In fact, he told several news sources that he felt unsafe after the incident

and went as far as taking up a restraining order against the man. Speculation has arisen as to why the man pushed Briggs out of the way. Some say it was because of his issues with the school board; others blamed racism. But it's not the first time Baraboo High School has been at the center of controversy. In 2018, some students were pictured giving the Nazi salute during a high school prom. No action was taken against the students, citing First Amendment rights.

Here's my take on this whole matter. My word to the guy who took it upon himself to put his hands on a public official is this — shame on you, because Briggs did nothing, at least from what I can tell, to hurt you or your daughter.

Shame on you for making a total fool of yourself and getting 15 minutes of unwanted fame. Shame on you for embarrassing your daughter on what was the most special day of her young life. Shame on you for disturbing the peace, and shame on you for showing why decorum is requested at events such as high school graduations.

Beyond that, if it was racism that motivated you to do something that stupid, perhaps you should take a good, long look in the mirror. In a sense, you got off very lucky when you were simply apprehended by security. I can tell you this — had the situation been reversed, it could've or would've been very tragic.

But this is the world which we live in, folks. There are people just like this misguided parent who are all too willing to take matters into their hands and are willing to hurt others in the process. It takes a brave soul to stand down, but it takes a fool to lay his hand on a public figure.

**GOD HELP US ALL!!✝**



## Living In Bliss

Debra Braggs

VETERAN FASHION COLUMNIST  
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# Learning to PRACTICE WHAT I PREACH

I started writing this column with the hopes of helping readers live happier lives.

I wanted us all to be intentional about our joy and learn how to put those words into action on a daily basis. Well, I must admit that in the last few weeks I have been challenged-- confronted by life to 'practice what I preach.' A few weeks ago, my mother passed away. I have never felt more out of control of my emotions. I wanted to be happy, imagining her walking healthy and healed, painting the streets of Heaven with her prettiest hats and dressed in her Sunday's best. Little did I know, grief had other plans for me.

Invading my body were uncontrollable waves of sorrow. Tears flowed endlessly at any moment, without warning. There were many, many sleepless nights. "Stop it already," I constantly told myself. This is NOT how it's supposed to be. I have since learned that fighting grief is futile. As Tyler Perry once said in an interview with Oprah, "grief is real and it's alive. Do not fight it when it shows up, because it's just gonna wait until you're not busy, and show up again."

The mental health experts say we should make space for grief, however finding a path back to ourselves can start with identifying and reconnecting with our values. For me, of course, that means focusing on joy-creating a blissful life for myself and others. What better time than now, to practice what I preach.

These days, I just acknowledge grief's presence -- give it a moment -- and then focus again on getting my happy back. I reminded myself that "joy is a muscle. You have to work it."

I went back to meditating on joy, taking time for selfcare and holding on tight to the people that matter in my life. One specialist says we should go back to looking at life through kids' eyes. We often forget how much fun it is to have a pillow fight, jump rope or play video games. As for me, I went to Disney! Orlando is indeed a happy place. While I prefer to skip the roller coasters, I love to see all the animals in their various habitats. Seeing the penguins at play in their cold climate (and loving it) was an inspiration. The carefree little penguins jumped in and out of the freezing water like they were having a day at the beach. Meanwhile, we shivered from the 32- degree temps inside the exhibit. But the animals at play demonstrated how we were all created to adapt and make the best of any environment. I loved getting lost in the large aquariums, seeing all the exquisite colors of the species of fish and even watching the movements of the large sharks and manatees. Seeing things that leave you in awe and wonder about this great big world we live in, can also heal wounded spirits.

The National Institute on Aging say studies prove that older adults who explore and seek out fun activities regain a zeal for life and in turn live longer. This month I am determined to get back to happy. I will do the small things daily to bring joy into my life. I will seek out joy and share it with others. Even those we have lost would want us to keep on living our best lives.

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### PRE-SEASON

A. 10	Cardinals	7:00 pm
A. 18	49'ers	7:00 pm
A. 25	TITANS	1:00 pm

### REGULAR SEASON

S. 08	PANTHERS	Noon
S. 15	at Cowboys	Noon
S. 22	EAGLES	Noon
S. 29	at Falcons	Noon
O. 07	at Chiefs	8:15 pm
O. 13	BUCCANEERS	Noon
O. 17	BRONCOS	8:15 pm
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 pmNoon
D. 29	RAIDERS	Noon
J. 05	at Buccaneers	Noon

# COLLEGIATE GAMES

### SOUTH ALABAMA

A. 31	NORTH TEXAS	4:00 pm
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

A. 31	WESTERN KENTUCKY	6:00 pm
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

A. 31	at Auburn	6:30 pm
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

### ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM

A. 29	ALCORN ST	7:00 pm
S. 07	at Louisiana-Monroe	6:00 pm
S. 14	at Arkansa	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	ULSA	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 Samfor	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	TUSKEGEE	1:00 pm
N. 23	SAM HOUSTON	11 am
N. 30	at Western Kentucky	2:30 pm

### AUBURN

A. 31	ALABAMA A&M	6:30 pm
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

A. 29	COASTAL CAROLINA	7:00 pm
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

A. 31	at West Alabama	6:00 pm
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

A. 24	SOUTHEAST MO.	6:00 pm
A. 31	at Memphis	6:00 pm
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 PFEA	4:00 pm
N. 09	at Southern Utah	2:00 pm
N. 23	at Eastern Kentucky	TBD

### SAMFORD

A. 31	at West Georgia	5:00 pm
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

A. 31	at Kentucky	6:45 pm
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

A. 31	TROY	6:00 pm
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

J. C. SMITH (Montg)	6:00 pm
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

A. 31	MILES	6:00 pm
S. 07	TUSCOLUM	6:00 pm
S. 14	LIMESTONE	6:00 pm
S. 21	at West Florida	1:00 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**

A. 16 at St. Michael  
A. 30 at Baker  
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**

A. 23 at Theodore  
A. 30 ALMA BRYANT  
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**

A. 23 FOLEY  
A. 30 ST. PAUL'S  
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**

A. 23 at Fruitdale  
A. 30 at McIntosh  
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**

A. 23 ST. MICHAEL  
A. 30 at Marbury  
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**

A. 23 at Hillcrest  
A. 30 at Foley  
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**

A. 23 at Robertsdale  
A. 30 FLOMATON  
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**

A. 23 MILLRY  
A. 30 at Orange Beach  
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**

A. 23 WASHINGTON COUNTY  
A. 30 SATSUMA  
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**

A. 23 MCGILL-TOOLEN  
A. 30 at Pine Forrest  
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**

A. 23 at Murphy  
A. 30 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**

A. 22 SPANISH FORT  
A. 30 at Faith Academy  
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**

A. 30 FAIRHOPE  
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**

A. 23 at Baldwin County  
A. 30 B.C. RAIN  
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**

A. 23 CHOCTAWHATCHEE  
A. 30 at Mary G. Montgomery  
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**

A. 23 at Fairfield  
A. 30 at UMS-Wright  
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**

A. 23 at Pace  
A. 30 GULF SHORES  
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**

A. 23 VIGOR  
A. 30 at Saraland  
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**

A. 23 at Daphne  
A. 30 at Murphy  
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**

A. 23 at Satsuma  
A. 30 BAYSHORE CHRISTIAN  
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**

A. 23 at Chelsea  
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**

A. 23 at Davidson  
A. 30 MCGILL-TOOLEN  
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**

A. 23 at ELBERTA  
A. 30 CITRONELLE  
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**

A. 23 CHICKASAW  
A. 30 ELBERTA  
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**

A. 23 JACKSON  
A. 30 BLOUNT  
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**

A. 16 TBD  
A. 23 MCINTOSH  
A. 30 at Cottage Hill  
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**

A. 22 at Fairhope  
A. 30 at Theodore  
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**

A. 30 at Marengo  
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 ChickasawS. 15

**ST. MICHAEL**

A. 09 TBD  
A. 16 ALMA BRYANT  
A. 23 at Bayside Academy  
A. 30 JOHN CARROLL ..  
CATHOLIC  
S. 13 at Satsuma  
S. 20 ESCAMBIA CTY  
O. 04 JACKSON  
O. 11 at Mobile Christian  
O. 25 ORANGE BEACH  
N. 01 at UMS-Wright

**ST. PAUL'S**

A. 23 UMS-WRIGHT  
A. 30 at Baldwin County  
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**

A. 23 BAKER  
A. 30 SPANISH FORT  
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**

A. 23 at St. Paul's  
A. 30 LEFLORE  
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**

A. 30 TUSCALOOSA CTY  
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**

A. 23 BOOKER T. WASHINGTON  
A. 30 at Wayne County  
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



# Mark Your Calendar

## July/August 2024

## MOBILE/BALDWIN

### 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

**City of Creole Fireworks Show**, Creole City Park, 7/4 @5pm

**City of Mobile Fireworks Show**, USS Alabama Battleship Park, 7/4 @6pm

**Clotilda Descendants Association Landing Event Weekend**, 7/5-7

**An Evening of Spoken Word with Huggy Bear Da Poet and Friends**, Central

Presbyterian Church, 7/25 @ 6pm

**Coastal Tailgate Cook-Off Challenge**, The Wharf, Orange Beach, 8/24

### 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 @8pm

**Blue Mother**, Tupelo, The Book Cellar, 7/12 @6:30pm

**Air Supply**, Saenger Theatre, 7/18 @7pm

**Buddy Guy**, Saenger Theatre, 7/23 @7:30pm

**Jazz Gala & Hosea D. London Sr. Music Education Awards** feat. The Andrews Ayers

Trio and The Marcus Johnson Summer Jazz Camp Band, Via Community

Center, 7/26 @7pm

**Asia**, Saenger Theatre, 7/26 @7pm

**Excelsior Band with Secondline Performance**, Historic Elks Lodge, 7/28

**The Coral Reef Band**, Wharf Amphitheater, Orange Beach, 8/1

**Sidewalk Prophets**, Poarch Cultural Arena, Atmore, 8/4 @8pm

**Christopher Cross**, Saenger Theatre, 8/8 @8pm

**Three Dog Night**, Saenger Theatre, 8/10 @8pm

**Foreigner, Styx, John Waite**, Orange Beach Amphitheater, 8/16

**Train, REO Speedwagon**, Orange Beach Amphitheater, 8/23 Y2K,

Saenger Theatre, 8/24 @8pm

**Gabby Barrett**, Wind Creek Casino and Hotel, 8/31

### FESTIVALS

**MobFest**, Cathedral Square, 7/12 @5pm, 7/13 @ 5 pm, 7/14 @3pm

**Gulf Coast Ethnic & Heritage Jazz Festival** Presents Delfeayo Marsalis and

The Uptown Jazz Orchestra, Gino Rosario, Saenger Theatre, 7/27

### 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 @6pm

**Mobile City Council Meeting** Government Plaza Auditorium, 7/2 @10:30am

**Mobile County Commission Conference Meeting**, Government Plaza Auditorium, 7/8 @10am

**Mobile County Commission Meeting**, Government Plaza Assembly Room, 7/8 @10am

**Mobile City Council Meeting** Government Plaza Auditorium, 7/9 @10:30am

**Mobile Chamber Business Expo Exhibitor Training**, Chamber, 7/10 @8:30am

**YP of MOB Social**, Battleship Memorial Park, 7/11 @5:30pm

**Mobile Chamber Executive Roundtable**, Chamber, 7/16 @8am

**Mobile City Council Meeting**, Government Plaza Auditorium, 7/16 @10:30am

**YP of Mobile Lunch and Learn**, Chamber, 7/17 @ 11:30am

**Mobile County Commission Conference Meeting**, Assembly Room, 7/18 @10am

**Mobile Chamber Business After Hours**, Hancock Whitney Stadium, 7/18 @4pm

**Mobile County Commission Meeting**, Government Plaza Auditorium, 7/22 @10am

**Mobile City Council Meeting**, Government Plaza Auditorium, 7/23 @10:30am

**Mobile Area Black Chamber of Commerce General Body Meeting** with Speaker Joe Bonner-Univ. of South Alabama, Spring Hill College Byrne Hall, 7/24 @11:30am

**Mobile City Council Meeting**, Government Plaza Auditorium, 7/31 @10:30am

### MUSEUMS/CULTURAL FACILITIES

**Clotilda: The Exhibition**, Africatown Heritage House Museum - Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm

**Now Playing: T-Rex**, Tiny Giants and Backyard Wilderness, PGI Digital Dome, Exploreum Science Center, 6/22-7/27 - Ongoing

**United States Coast Guard Art**, GulfQuest National Maritime Museum - Ongoing

**Remember The Avenue**, Historic Avenue Cultural Center - Through 12/31

**Hubble Space Telescope: New Views from the Universe Exhibit**, History Museum of Mobile - Until

**Art In Focus**, Mobile Museum of Art - Ongoing

**Contemporary Alabama**, Mobile Museum of Art - Ongoing

**Government Plaza Gallery**, Mobile Museum of Art - 6/1-9/2

**Spotlight: American South Consortium, Thomas Day**, Mobile Museum of Art Through 8/11

**Dusti Bonge: The Creative Life**, Mobile Museum of Art Through 9/14

**Companions, American Still Life, American Prints, American Glass, and Childhood**, Mobile Museum of Art - Ongoing

**Contemporary Alabama**, Mobile Museum of Art - Ongoing

**FEAR-An Immersive Exhibit**, Exploreum Science Center, until 10/31

**Art Talk on Thomas Day**, Mobile Museum of Art - 7/11 @6:30pm

**Lecture Series feat. Karlos Finley** Executive Director Africatown Redevelopment Corporation, Africatown Heritage House Museum- 7/18 @5:30 pm

**Tours Behind the Scenes**, History Museum of Mobile - 7/25 @10:30am & 5:30pm

### SPORTS

**2024 Babe Ruth 16U & 18U Southwest Regional Tournament**, Theodore High School Baseball Field, 7/10-15

**Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo**, Dauphin Island, 7/19-21

**2024 Game Time National Sports Alabama Sugar Bowl Football Tournament**, Herndon-Sage Park, 7/26-28

**2024 Mobile 5v5 Soccer Tournament**, Mobile County Sportsplex, 7/13

**USTA Alabama Junior Team Tennis 2024 State Championship** Mobile Tennis Center, 7/18-21

**2024 Dauphin Street Vault**, Downtown Mobile, 7/20

**USTA National Championships for Boys 12s and 14s**, Mobile Tennis Center, 8/3-10

**USTA Southern JTT Championships**, Mobile Tennis Center, 8/31-9/2

Track & Field

**2024 Mobile Challenge of Champions Cross Country Meet**, Langan Municipal Park, 8/29-31

## BILOXI

### CONCERTS

**Independence Blues & Southern Soul Concert**, Ground Zero Blues Club Biloxi, 7/7

**Chevelle**, Beau Rivage, 7/27



**Bruce Bruce**  
COMEDIAN • ACTOR • AUTHOR

**Beau Rivage**  
RESORT & CASINO • BILOXI

**AUGUST 03 @8PM**

**Marc Martel**, Hard Rock Live, 8/8 @ 8 pm

**Martin Lawrence, Gary Owen, B. Simone**, Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 8/10-11 @ 8pm

**Kem**, Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, 8/16 @ 8pm

**Jeffrey Osborne**, IP Casino Resort and Spa, 8/16 @ 8pm

**Lunchbox Comedy Presents Carrey Bee**, Ground Zero Blues Club, 8/23 @7pm





## BLACK LIVES MATTER

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# Black People Don't Know History

Brothers and sisters, after your ancestors marched, filed court cases, boycotted white businesses, refused to ride on segregated city buses, and other actions, so they could receive equal rights in the 1950s and the 1960s.

The Democratic party passed the 1964 Civil Rights Bill, the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the 1968 Fair Housing Act, and President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed those legislations. After those Progressive actions were taken, the Southern/Dixiecrat, white politicians joined the Republican party. In 1968, Richard Nixon, deceased, was the Republican candidate, and he ran as a law-and-order candidate. His other slogan was supporting the "Silent Majority," which he was targeting white people who were tired of all of those marchers disrupting them. Nixon became the President, but he resigned on August 8, 1974, because of the Watergate scandal.

History.com wrote, "On August 3, 1980, presidential candidate Ronald Reagan appeared at the Neshoba County Fair in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to give a speech on states' rights. The location, which was near the site of the 1964 murders of Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner was, according to critics, evidence of racial bias. During the 1988 presidential election, Horton became a central figure in George H. W. Bush's campaign and a way for the candidate to imply that his opponent, Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis, was soft on crime.

Republican strategist Lee Atwater in the 1981 interview, he explained, "In American politics, the Southern strategy was a Republican Party electoral strategy to increase political support among white voters in the South by appealing to racism against African Americans. By 1968 you can't say '[n-word]'—that hurts you, [it] backfires, so you say stuff like, uh, 'forced busing,' 'states' rights,'" Atwater explained. "And you're getting so abstract. Now you're talking about 'cutting taxes.'"

Republicans have initiated the following actions: (1) In 2013, SCOTUS amended part of the Voting rights Act, so states with pass history of discrimination against Blacks had to get approval from the Department of Justice (DOJ); (2) When those restrictions were lifted, there were floods of bills approving voting restrictions by southern states; (3) Although trump/Republicans have been trying to restrict voting rights, there are still Blacks in Mobile & Prichard still voting for them and (4) On September 29, 2023, In a historic decision, the U.S. Supreme Court effectively ended race-conscious admission programs at colleges and universities.

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# BLACK VOTERS MATTER

## Financial Tips

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# Let's Talk Vacation!!

Yes, that time of the year you have been waiting for has arrived. Hopefully and prayerfully, you have been putting a little bit of funds away for this magical time or paying for that dream vacation ahead of travel time. If you have, good for you! If you have not, here are a few tips you may want to check out.

### 1. VACATION or STAYCATION

- Look for a reasonable trip and consider the cost.
- Book your flights and hotel/Airbnb/camp/etc. early. The earlier you book the better in most cases.
- Consider staying at home and taking a day trip locally. There are a lot of exciting things to do within your home radius.
- Think about the time of the year when traveling. Although the beach is so inviting during the summer, this may be the time to go on an educational trip to some historical sites with the kids.
- If possible, avoid holidays and the weekend. Traveling during the week will save money.

### 2. SPEND WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD.

- Determine your budget for the trip and stay within it.
- Look for travel discounts.
- Travel with snacks and other refreshments as they can get costly on the trip.
- If you have points on credit cards or other discounts, this may be the time to use them.

### 3. CONSIDER GROUP TRIPS

- One option is to reduce costs to go on a group trip.
- A second option is to go with family and/or friends.
- Combining costs may save and increase your level of fun.

- Whatever you decide to do for vacation, make it fun and exciting. You are making memories, and you want to enjoy it. Remember to stay vigilant with your plans. Plan early, take advantage of discounts that may be available to get the best bang for your money! While vacationing, remember to watch and secure your personal belongings. Always watch your surroundings. Pay in advance if you can and only travel with secure funds!

**RELAX AND ENJOY!♣**



**JUNE**

# Passings



**Angela Bofill - 70**

**SINGER**

Tonight I Give In • I'm On Your Side  
This Time I'll Be Sweeter



**Bill Cobbs - 90**

**ACTOR**

The Bodyguard • New Jack  
CityDemolition Man



**Willie Mays - 93**

**MLB PLAYER • HALL OF FAMER**

Giants • Mets  
Heart Failure



**LARRY ALLEN - 52**

**NFL PLAYER • HALL OF FAMER**  
Cowboys • 49'ers



**JOHN BARBATA - 79**

**ROCK DRUMMER**  
The Turtles  
Jefferson Airplane • Jefferson Starship



**JEWEL BROWN - 86**

**BLUES SINGER**



**MIKE BRUMLEY 61**

**MLB PLAYER**  
Tigers • Red Sox • Mariners  
**Traffic Accident**



**ENCHANTING, 26**

**RAPPER**  
**Drug Overdose**



**JULIO FOOLIO, 26**

**RAPPER**  
**Shot**



**BUTCH JOHNSON, 68**

**ARCHER**  
1996 OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDALIST



**JIMMY JOHNSON, 86**

**NFL HALL OF FAMER**  
49'ers



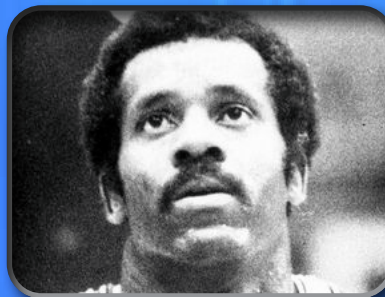
**PARNELLI JONES, 90**

**CAR RACE DRIVER**  
**HALL OF FAMER**



**BROTHER MARQUIS, 58**

**RAPPER**  
2 Live Crew  
**Heart Attack**



**CHET WALKER, 84**

**NBA PLAYER**  
76'ers • Bulls  
**HALL OF FAME**



**JERRY WEST, 86**

**NBA-Los Angeles Lakers**  
**HALL OF FAME PLAYER/COACH/**  
**GM**  
**OLYMPIC CHAMPION**



**JULY**

# Passings



**Bernice Johnson Reagon- 81**

**VOCALIST & ACTIVITIST**  
Sweet Honey in the Rock



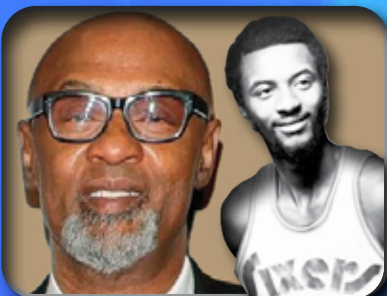
**Richard Simmons - 76**

**FITNESS PERSONALITY**  
New Orleans Native



**Dr. Ruth Westheimer - 94**

**MLB PLAYER • HALL OF FAMER**  
Giants • Mets  
**Heart Failure**



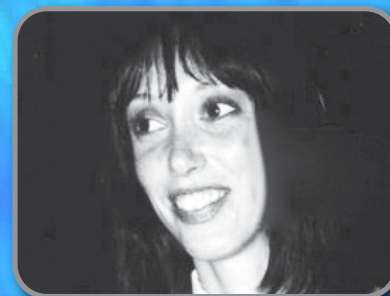
**JOE BRYANT - 69**  
FATHER OF KOBE  
NBA PLAYER  
76'ers • Rockets  
**STROKE**



**IAN CAMERSON - 74**  
BRITISH CAR DESIGNER  
Rolls-Royce  
**STABBED**



**LOU DOBBS - 78**  
TV COMMENTATOR/WRITER



**SHELLEY DUVALL - 75**  
ACTRESS  
Popeye • The Shinning • Nashville  
**DIABETES**



**SHANNON DOHERTY - 53**  
ACTRESS  
Beverly Hills 90210 • Charmed  
**BREAST CANCER**



**ABNER HAYNES - 86**  
AFL PLAYER  
Broncos • Chiefs



**KHYREE JACKSON**  
NFL PLAYER: Vikings  
NCAA PLAYER: Alabama; Oregon  
**TRAFFIC ACCIDENT**



**JACOBY JONES - 40**  
NFL PLAYER  
SUPER BOWL CHAMPION  
Ravens; Texans; Charger  
NEW ORLEANS NATIVE



**JON LANDAU - 63**  
FILM DIRECTOR/OSCAR WINNER  
Titanic • Avatar  
**CANCER**



**DAVE LOGGINS - 76**  
MUSICIAN  
Please Come to Boston

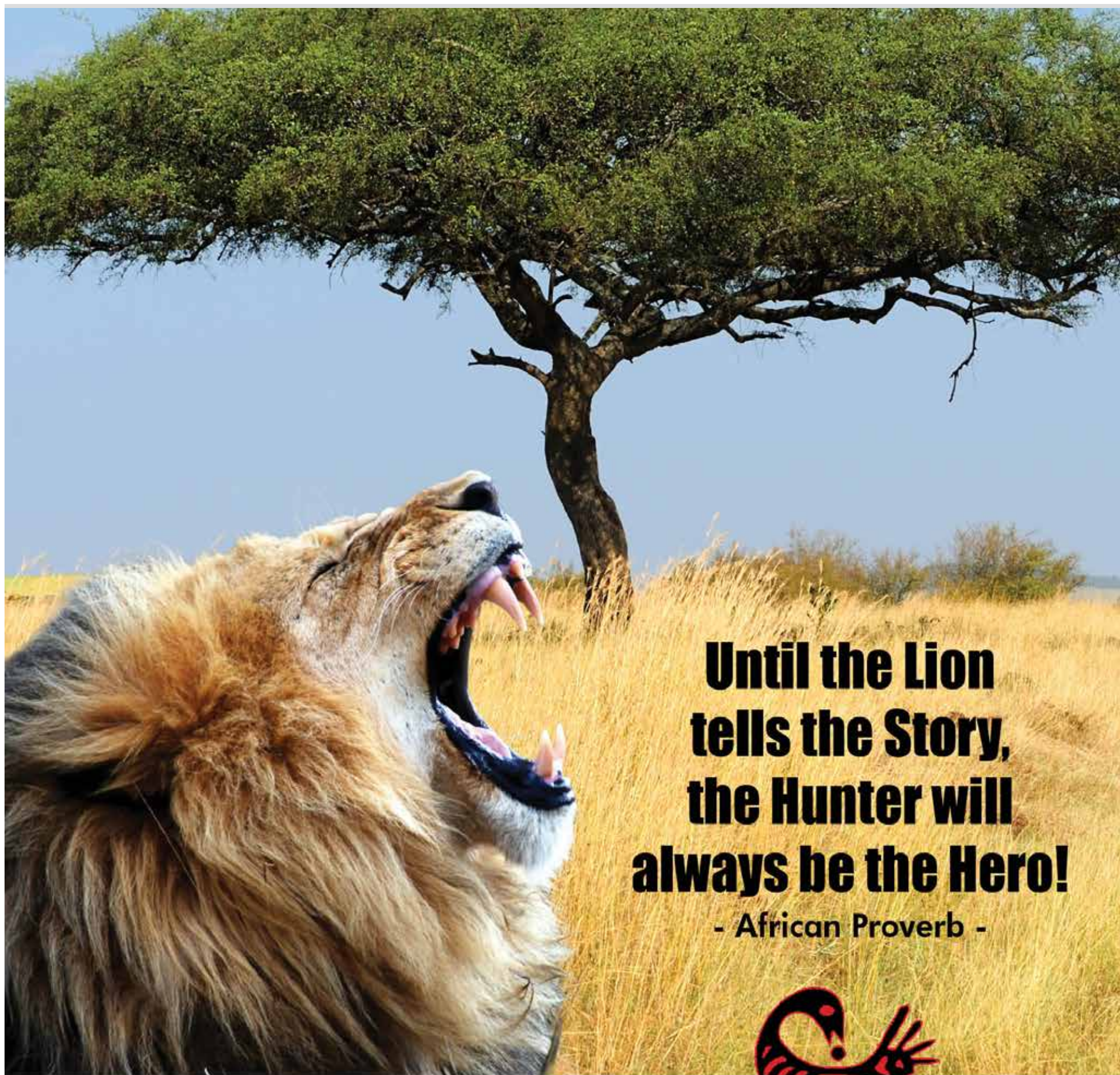


**BOB NEWHART - 94**  
COMEDIAN/ACTOR  
The Bob Newhart Show  
Newhart



**JAMES B. SICKING - 90**  
ACTOR  
Hill Street Blues • The Pelican Brief  
Doogie Howser MD  
**DEMENTIA**





**Until the Lion  
tells the Story,  
the Hunter will  
always be the Hero!**

- African Proverb -



**It is Our Duty  
to Share the Stories  
About Our Ancestors!**

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