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MARENKAE



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REFLECTIONS

BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN

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It's your birthday up in heaven,
and I'm wondering what you'll do.

Will there be a celebration
And a cake to honor you?

Are the kitchen angels busy
Breaking eggs and sifting flour?

Is the angel choir practicing
As it gets close to the hour?

Is there ice cream made from snowflakes
And some candy made from clouds?

Will it be just you and Jesus,
Or all the happy crowds?

I won't be there to hug you
Or to count and pull your ears,

And I'm sure I'll feel lonely
As I shed some birthday tears,

But I know your heavenly birthday
Will be your best one ever!

Just remember, I still love you —
On your birthday, and forever!

—Connie Faust



GulfQuest Grand Opening



On September 26, 2015, the world's only maritime museum dedicated to the historical, cultural and economic significance of the Gulf of Mexico will open to the public. Located on the Mobile River, this hands-on museum will become only the second interactive maritime museum in the United States.

With 90 exhibits, a museum store, a museum café and event space, GulfQuest is a 90,000 square foot museum designed to as if it were a ship headed into Mobile Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Six years after the building's groundbreaking in April 2009, GulfQuest will become a major educational attraction for Mobile, the Gulf Coast and the state of Alabama. Early projections indicate GulfQuest will draw more than 300,000 visitors per year.

"Beyond its focus on the Gulf of Mexico, GulfQuest will be unique among maritime museums in that it features interactive exhibits, simulators and theaters, complemented by artifacts and memorabilia," Tony Zodrow, GulfQuest executive director said. "We have taken extra measures, every step of the way, to design an immersive experience for our visitors. The exhibits are both (continued on Page 14... see **GULFQUEST**)

Daphne Library to Offer a Certified First Aid Class

The Daphne Public Library will provide a certified first aid class on July 10. Participants will learn what supplies they should have at home. Instructions for administering first aid for a variety of emergency situations will be presented. The workshop will be conducted by Lieutenant Adam Byrd from the Daphne Fire Department.

This class is highly recommended for teens, parents, babysitters and teachers. The class will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will take three hours to complete. Snacks will be provided.

The library encourages the community to register for this no cost offering. Each participant/family will receive a First Aid Kit and receive a certification card from the Red Cross. The information provided during the event is not intended as a substitute for professional medical advice. To register call Daphne Library at 621-2818 ext. 211 or email request to lyoungblood@daphneal.com. ♣

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Fashion hot spot

Christmas in July

Christmas is coming early for a lot of makeup enthusiastic women. The all-time famous Kat Von D is releasing fifteen new shades of liquid lipstick to be in her everlasting collection this July. As always, the lip products will be exclusive to Sephora (the stand alone shops and the mini stores within JcPenny's). The new shades of lipstick are expected to be a major sell out once they hit shelves. The competition is going to be fierce so it's important that consumers have their desired colors on standby days in advance. The buying process won't be easy breezy if you're looming Sephora's website and cherry picking on takeoff day. Once certain colors sell out there's no telling when it will be available again, especially if it's a cult favorite. "Lolita" was once sold out for months at a time and it was nearly impossible to obtain. People were driving themselves crazy because they couldn't get their hands on the overly popular shade.

Kat Von D is no stranger to excellent makeup, she is said to be one of the few brands that maintains consistently high ratings time and time again. Her most recent cosmetics release had some mind blowing reviews; about 95% of buyers were in love. The artistry on her packaging is like no other. Kat's passion and drive shines through her high quality merchandise. Her entire line of makeup is amazing, but the lipsticks have people over the moon and singing to the angels. Even with the humongous amount of companies coming out with liquid lipstick, Kat Von D remains a top favorite.

Decisions are tougher than tough when you have 15 gorgeous lipsticks to choose from. In a perfect world everyone would be able to buy them all at once, but in the real world where unicorns cease to exist, 300 dollars' for a tube of lipstick is a far stretch. A lot of people just buy 2 or 3 colors, not the entire line at once. Even the ones who are super serious about makeup buy things sparingly for the sake of being economically smart.

There will be a good variation of light and dark shades in the new set of liquid lipsticks. There's going to be about four different lipsticks that resemble Lolita, the mauve pink goodness. Exorcism is most likely going to be another cult favorite, it's an intense deep red. Exorcism is on the dark end of the spectrum, it could probably pass as "Vampira's" twin sister. "Echo" is a very unique shade but not as wearable as some others in the line, it's described as a navy blue lipstick. If you're feeling adventurous take "Echo" along for the ride. Fair skinned girls will adore "Bow & Arrow" it's a light and romantic shade of pink that sucks you in at first glance. Kat Von D loves her gothic looks so it's no surprise that "damned" would be included in the new collection, damned is a lipstick that's so dark it can almost look black, although it's not quite there yet. For an edgy and mysterious look you can't go wrong with damned. ❖

AFTER HOURS



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JULY IS HOT... So Why Not Make Plans that Will Get You Out of the Heat?

The Crescent Theater has I'll See You In My Dreams, the story of a widowed, former songstress who, through the help and support of three loyal friends, learns that life can begin again at any age. They will also be showing the much talked about Train Wreck, starring comedians Amy Schumer and Bill Hadler, which tells the story of a woman who's dad has her believing monogamy is impossible, but after dating a local sports guy, she wonders if maybe the rest of the world is on to something. For more info on all of their movies, go to their website, www.crescenttheater.com.

On the 18th at 7:30, enjoy the second of the Jazz 'n Juice Music Series as they present Althea Rene with special guest Nigerian native singer/song writer, Marenikae. The show is at the Battlehouse and for more info, go to www.legacy166.com or call 251-533-5726.

Inside the Saenger this month, only the A/C and the beverages will be cold as they have a fabulous July planned. First, they are bringing us classic movies with Casablanca on the 12th, Easy Rider on the 19th, and Caddy Shack on the 26th. In between, Jerry Seinfeld will perform live on the 23rd. For more info, go to www.mobilesaenger.com.

Soul Kitchen is bringing the most heat with an amazing line up for the month beginning with Hip Hop Summer Jam at 7 p.m. on the 11th, Delta Rae and Liz Longley at 7 p.m. on the 14th presented by 92ZEW. On the 17th Col. Bruce Hampton and the Madrid Express will perform at 9 p.m., followed on the 18th by Tyler, the Creator with special guest Taco at 9 p.m., and finishing off the weekend on the 19th with the 92ZEW Free Concert series at 6:30 p.m. with KALEO. They end the month on the 25th with Jamell Richardson and Infant Richard & Delta Stones performing at 7:30 p.m. For more info, go to their website, www.soulkitchenmobile.com

Don't forget to go to the Bluegill on the Causeway early July 21, like at 5 p.m., because starting at 6:30 you can enjoy the sounds of the Mobile Big Band. Sit out on their big back deck overlooking the water, and soak in the music and atmosphere of the Mobile Delta. For more info, go to www.bluegillrestaurant.com. ❖

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LEGACY 166 presents...Flutist **ALTHEA RENE**

Soul Artist **MARENKAE** Makes Her Mobile Debut



National Recording Artist Althea Rene will perform in Mobile at the Battle House Hotel and Spa on Saturday, July 18 at 7:30 PM. Also appearing will be Soul Artist Marenikae. Legacy 166, a local non-profit arts organization is presenting the Jazz N' Juice Music Series along with non-profit partners Mobile BayKeeper, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, and Penelope House. Proceeds from the series will go to all four organizations to continue their charitable works.

Althea Rene was born December 25th in Detroit, Michigan and began her musical journey at the tender age four. She studied classical music while attending Howard University in Washington D.C. and later gained further musical inspiration from the accomplishments of Yusef Lateef, Ian Anderson, and her father, one of Motown's original Funk Brothers, Dezie McCullers. She has since developed her own creative style.

For more than 10 years she was employed as a Wayne County Deputy Sheriff (Detroit, Michigan). Today, she is a full-time performing/recording artist and some regard her as a "master of her craft" and one of the world's most exciting solo improvisational flutists.

In May 2013, she released her fifth project "In The Flow." Collaborating with Grammy award winning producer Michael Broening, (producer for legendary icons George Benson and Paul McCartney) she co-wrote the title track. That single became her biggest hit and reached number one ranking on both the Billboard Chart and the Smooth Jazz Chart. Althea Rene made history by becoming the first flute player in the history of Billboard Chart to reach the number one spot.

In April 2015, Althea Rene recorded her first live project. She and her rhythm section annihilated the stage of the beautiful Detroit Public Library with a free concert. Music fans from all over Michigan enjoyed a scorching hot performance. A compilation of some of her greatest hits, "Live in Detroit" is arguably her strongest work to date.

Marenikae is a 21 year old Nigerian singer song writer who has been writing songs since the age of 14. Ever the perfectionist she spent time listening to spoken word poetry, attending poetry writing workshops and listening to great orators in an attempt to perfect her song writing skills. She remains completely enthralled by the works of Alysia Harris, Jasmine Mans and many other young fiery poets.

Sonically, Marenikae continues to be inspired by the works of many different artists ranging from Aaliyah to Paramore. What She enjoys the most about making music is the way one can combine honest story telling, fluid lyricism and amazing sounds to create something memorable. Marenikae's musical style is a combination of R&B, Pop and Soul with strong roots in AC; her hobbies include reading, writing and the Cartoon Network.

This show will mark the second presentation in the Jazz N' Juice Music Series. The "Juice" represents the proceeds from ticket sales that will benefit programs offered by four area non-profits; Legacy 166 that will fund an after-school arts enrichment program, Mobile BayKeeper that will fund environmental programs, Ozanam Pharmacy that provides free medication to the uninsured patients of Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia Counties, and Penelope House that provides support to the victims of Domestic Violence and their children. Tickets are \$25 and are available at Penelope's Closet at 63 N. Florida Street; Mobile BayKeeper at 450 Government Street Suite C; and Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy at 571 Dauphin Street. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.legacy166.com. For more information call 251-533-5726. ♣



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LEGACY 166

The Jazz N' Juice Music Series: An Evening with Althea Rene with Special Guest Marenike; July 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Battle House Hotel, 26 N. Royal Street; Tickets \$25. For more information... www.legacy166.com or call 251-533-5726

MOBILE LIBRARY NEWS

MOVIE OF THE WEEK—Wednesdays, July 1, 8 & 15, 10 a.m., Toulminville Branch, 601 Stanton Rd. For a complete list of film titles and more information, please call 438-7075.

SUPER HEROES SUMMER FLIX—Wednesdays, July 1, 8 & 15, 2 p.m., Semmes Branch, 9150 Moffett Road. All ages welcome. For a complete list of film titles and more information, call 645-6840.

CHESS CLUB

—**MONDAYS**, July 6 & 13, 4 - 5 p.m., Ages 9 - 17 Years, West Regional Branch, 5555 Grelot Road. Come enjoy the fun! Learn to play chess or improve your skills. For more information, call the Children's Department at 340-8571.

—**TUESDAYS**, July 7 & 14, 4 p.m., Ages 6 and Above, Ben May Main Library, 701 Government Street. Beginners and experienced players are welcome. Registration is not required, but encouraged. For more information, call the Ben May Main Library Children's Department at 208-7086.

—**WEDNESDAYS**, July 8 & 15, 3:30 p.m., Ages 8 and Above, Toulminville Branch, 601 Stanton Rd. Mr. Ronald Reece will instruct children on how to play the game of chess. For more information, call 438-7075.

SUMMER MOVIES WITH MR. BUTCH—Thursdays, July 2, 9 & 16, 1:30 p.m., Moorer/Spring Hill Branch, 4 South McGregor Ave. For a complete listing of film titles, please call 470-7770 or email ftigner@mplonline.org.

PIZZA & A MOVIE TEEN BOOK CLUB—Thursday, July 2, 4 p.m., Moorer/Spring Hill Branch, 4 South McGregor Ave. Enjoy some pizza while watching the movie, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Following the film showing, we will discuss the book written by Harper Lee. For more information, please call 470-7770 or email eenglish@mplonline.org.

MATINEES: WHO'S YOUR HERO?—Mondays, July 6 & 13, 1:30 p.m., Bernheim Hall at the Ben May Main Library, 701 Government Street. Registration is required for groups. For a complete listing of film titles or to register, please call 208-7074.

BOOK & MOVIE CLUB—Tuesdays, July 7 & 14, 10:30 a.m., Saraland Public Library, 111 Saraland Loop. See the Movie: *Check Out the Book*. For a complete list of film titles and more information, please call 675-2879.

AMERICAN GIRL BOOK CLUB—Tuesday, July 7, 3 - 4 p.m., Ages 7 - 12 Years, West Regional Branch, 5555 Grelot Road. Explore America through the eyes of a different American Girl from the popular book series. In addition to the book discussions, there will be activities, crafts, and snacks. Lots to learn and opportunities to make new friends! Registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Children's Department at 340-8571.

SLP WEDNESDAYS—July 8, 3 p.m., West Regional Branch, 5555 Grelot Rd. Teen Movie - *It's Kind of a Funny Story*-In this New York City-set comedy-drama, 16-year-old Craig, stressed out from the demands of being a teenager, checks himself into a mental health clinic. There he learns that the youth ward is closed -- and finds himself stuck in the adult ward. The film runs 101 minutes and is rated PG-13. For more information, please call 340-8571.

EBONY MOMENTS BOOK CLUB—Thursday, July 9, 6 p.m., West Regional Branch, 5555 Grelot Rd. *Ebony Moments* is a book discussion designed to increase the awareness of African-American authors, both past and present, and to promote the love of reading for all. This month's topic of discussion is *The Joneses* by Sheila M. Goss. For more information, contact Betty Kidd at 470-7766.

EXTRAVAGANT READERS BOOK CLUB—Saturday, July 11, 3 p.m., Toulminville Branch, 601 Stanton Rd. Topics of discussion are *Pastor Needs a Boo* by Michele Andrea Bowen and *Pegasus* by Danielle Steel. For more information, please call 438-7075.

FAMILY FEATURE FILM—Monday, July 13, 5:30 p.m., Toulminville Branch, 601 Stanton Rd. *Annie*; *Annie* is a young, happy foster kid who's also tough enough to make her way on the streets of New York in 2014. Originally left by her parents as a baby with the promise that they'd be back for her someday, it's been a hard knock life ever since with her mean foster mom Miss Hannigan. The film runs 118 minutes and is rated PG. For more information, please call 438-7075.

MOVIE TIME FOR HEROES—Tuesday, July 14, 3 p.m., West Regional Branch, 5555 Grelot Road. Today's feature is *The Lego Movie*. The film runs 101 minutes and is rated PG. For more information, please call 340-8571.

A PAGE IN TIME-HISTORICAL FICTION—Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 p.m., West Regional Branch, 5555 Grelot Rd. If you love Historical Fiction this book club is for you. This month's topic of discussion is *The Daring Ladies of Lowell* by Kate Alcott. For more information, please call Michele at 340-8561.

MATINEE @ THE MAIN—Thursday, July 16, 1 p.m. Bernheim Hall at the Ben May Main Library, 701 Government Street. *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*; As the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel has only a single remaining vacancy - posing a rooming predicament for two fresh arrivals - Sonny pursues his expansionist dream of opening a second hotel. The film runs 122 minutes and is rated PG. For more information, call 208-7097.

BAYSIDE BOOK CLUB—Thursday, July 16, 6 p.m. Parkway Branch, 1924-B Dauphin Island Parkway. This month's topic of discussion is *Jerry Lee Lewis: His Own Story* by Rick Bragg. For more information, please call Betty Fowler at 476-2600 or 208-7097.

SATURDAY MATINEE—Saturday July 18, 2 p.m., Saraland Public Library, 111 Saraland Loop. *The Seventh Son*; A powerful knight trains his young apprentice to do battle against a diabolical witch who is gathering an army to wage supernatural war on all of mankind in this adaptation of author Joseph Delaney's young-adult novel *The Spook's Apprentice*. The film runs 102 minutes and is rated PG-13. For more information, please call 675-2879.

POETRY ENTHUSIASTS—Monday, July 20, 6 - 7:45 p.m., Toulminville Branch, 601 Stanton Rd. Join members of Spoken Word of Mobile for an evening of poetry readings. Students and adults are encouraged to share readings of their own works or works from their favorite poets. For more information, call 438-7075.

BOOK CLUB - THE READER'S CHOICE—Tuesday, July 21, 1 p.m., West Regional Branch, 5555 Grelot Rd. *American Wife*; Join us every third Tuesday for some lively book discussions and tips on what's hot and what's not in the world of books. This month's topic of discussion is *American Wife* by Curtis Sittenfeld. For more information, please call 208-7097.

CLASSICS REVISITED BOOK CLUB—Monday, July 27, 6:30 p.m., Ben May Main Library, 701 Government Street. Join us the last Monday of the month for some lively book discussions on some of our favorite classics. For more information, please call 208-7902.

For information on these and other events, visit the web site at www.mplonline.org.
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North Mobile County Food Park and Market

The Emerging ChangeMakers Network, a leader in building local economies and strengthening entrepreneurship, is the fiscal sponsor of the North Mobile County Food Park and Market (NoMoCo). The organization is pleased to bring healthy food options as well as provide a family friendly destination to the City of Prichard. NoMoCo is designed to spark community engagement and stimulate commerce in North Mobile County.

The North Mobile County Food Park and Market, located in the heart of Downtown Prichard, AL, is an exciting venue that will feature live music, food trucks from a variety of local favorites, arts and crafts made by local residents and seasonal food from local farmers. Health screenings and cooking demonstrations that showcase local foods being sold will also be available. This market, beginning the summer of 2015, will be a signature destination for families and a traffic boost for North Mobile County.

Barriers to healthy food occur because families do not have access to grocery stores and farmers markets within close proximity to their home which are referred to as 'food deserts'. The City of Prichard has areas that, based on definition, are considered food deserts. This makes a farmers market a ripe opportunity for the City. With public support, the organization will re-brand the City from a food desert to a food destination.

The City of Prichard, with emphasis in Downtown Prichard, has the opportunity to market and position itself as the premiere experience for healthy foods, diverse entertainment and an atmosphere of ultimate play. MoMoCo will encourage opportunities for additional foot traffic and business engagement.

Driving forces for establishing the North Mobile County Food Park & Market:

- Making fresh produce available to residents. More quality grocery stores and farmers markets are needed the area. With the rising number of farmers' markets, both in the state and the country as a whole, data shows that people will patronize alternative sources for produce and local goods.
- Providing a compelling reason for people to come to Prichard on a weekly basis. The intent of the Food Park and farmers' market is to give the residents of Prichard and North Mobile County a reason to come to Prichard. To accomplish this, NoMoCo plans to attract a critical mass of vendors and customers and to eventually incorporate entertainment and educational events into the market that will be a draw for all ages. If successful, the farmers market will be a tool for economic development and improve quality of life in the area by functioning as a community-gathering place.
- Grow more local micro-entrepreneurs. The market is envisioned as an incubator for pop-up businesses whereby NoMoCo will help business owners overcome the barriers that stop micro-businesses from growing such as foot traffic, operating space, access to capital, marketing and good business management. Vendors will have an opportunity to participate in business planning; credit counseling and other services that can help them maintain their business and increase their income.

For information please contact Anitra Henderson at 251-289-9097/ anitra@smgapr.com or Jessica Norwood at 202-247-1760/ emergechange@gmail.com. Additional information is located at www.nomocofoodie.org. See you at the market! ♣



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Tanene Jackson—Owner of Locs of Soul (www.locsofsoul.com), a natural hair salon and barber shop in Mobile, Al. She is also the organizer to the Mobile Natural Hair and Wellness Expo. You can reach Tanene via Facebook... Locs of Soul and/or email... curiosity4_u@yahoo.com.

Protecting Your Strands During the Summer Months

Time and time again I hear, “I don’t know what I’m going to do with my hair! It’s so hot.” Well for all those that are having an “issue” with their tresses, I have a few suggestions.

The summer is about soaking up the sun, enjoying ourselves, lots and lots of water fun, andsun!

Obviously the last thing you want to worry with is hair.....

Protecting the hair from the sun means coating the hair with oils and butters that will allow for moisture retention; especially at the beach and the pool. The UV rays from the sun can render havoc on your hair, alongside its loving friends sea water/salt water, chlorine, and wind. Just remember oil and water do not mix! In hair terms, this means if you coat the hair with oils or butters and contain the hair in twisted/braided ponytails, buns, or braids this will protect your hair from extreme damage. The oil serves as a barrier so water will not be able to completely penetrate the strand.

The style allows the hair to be contained, making it easier to comb out and detangle when it is time to shampoo.

Remember to rinse your hair when you get out of the pool or leave the beach. This gets rid of any “excess” debris that may be on your skin and hair. If you’re one who exercises, the same rules apply.

The salt from sweating crystallizes, allowing your strands to become dry and brittle. So rinse that sweat out of your hair!

Make sure you are regularly shampooing and deep conditioning. Deep condition at least twice per month. The object is to keep those strands in optimum condition and **MOISTURIZED**.

Keeping your hair protected from the environment is a little easier than you think. Frankly it is all about choices. Hairstyles are abundant and allow for creativity as well. Try a bold and daring cut that will accentuate your features and accommodate your lifestyle.

Braids and twist styles (natural or extension hair) of all types, can be made short or long. “Bed hair” / wash and go” (a somewhat messy unkept look) is an option as well.

Enjoy your summer without a lot of fuss. It’s all about making life simple. Stay cool, drink plenty of water, eat lots of fruits and vegetables, and protect your skin and hair,and enjoy your summer! ❖

The LUV Club

“Living Up to Values” for girls is a program designed to empower and encourage all girls through a variety of activities that include - crafts, games, music and special guests. Registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, please call 438-7075. Girls ages 7 – 18, Mondays, July 6 & 13, 3 - 4:30 p.m. Toulminville Branch Library, 601 Stanton Rd. ❖

Games & Things

Games to challenge your mind and body - Xbox, Wii, Scrabble, Monopoly and many, many, more! For more information. Mondays, July 6, 13 & 20, 1 p.m., Ages 6 and Up. Toulminville Branch Library, 601 Stanton Rd. Please call 438-7075. ❖



Tanene Jackson
LOCS OF SOUL

Mobile United Proudly Announces THE LEADERSHIP MOBILE CLASS OF 2015

The Leadership Mobile (LM) Class of 2015 graduated on June 05 after a nine month program that culminated in six unique projects undertaken by members of the class to improve the quality of life for all citizens of the Mobile Bay Area. Each project was selected by the group to fit the needs and challenges that the community faces and is designed to fulfill the LM mission to seek, train and empower leaders who are committed to supporting and leading community growth and progress through networking and collaborative problem solving.

The first of two Downtown Redevelopment Groups has formed the Downtown Parks Conservancy whose purpose is to restore, manage and enhance Mobile Downtown Parks, in partnership with the public and local government for the enjoyment of present & future generations. They held a public kick-off event on Thursday, June 18th in Bienville Square.

The Youth Entrepreneurship Group presented their plans to create an engaging entry-level training program to be held at Williamson High School; to coordinate events to enhance participation in the Young Entrepreneurs Academy at ASMS; and to encourage and work with professionals in business, secondary & higher education to secure mentors to build an introductory entrepreneurship program.

The Leadership Mobile Health Group focused on the Orange Grove Community by helping to build a shed for their community garden as well as facilitate cooking classes for the food that is grown there. The group addressed the public health problems that contribute to unhealthy communities including the prevalence of food deserts, lack of information on healthy food preparation and lack of time for working families with an eye on sustainability for the project’s continuation.

In collaboration with the Mobile Area Education Foundation, the 2015 Leadership Mobile Education Project Team embarked on a project to identify and collect data from faith-based organizations, community-based organizations and non-profits on out-of-school opportunities provided to children in the City of Mobile. The data collected will serve as a means to identify and implement a strategy to help connect children with those opportunities.

The Environment Team assisted local communities and organizations by facilitating outreach meetings to gather data related to a comprehensive trail system for the City of Mobile. The trail will interconnect pedestrian, biking, canoeing and kayaking paths under one “brand” and will include a cohesive identification and signage scheme that promotes our trails system as a regional asset; connecting neighborhoods, communities and visitors to Mobile’s parks and abundant natural resources.

The second Downtown Redevelopment Group has created a monitoring system called MyMOB- My Mobile Opinion Blog- which seeks the public’s input on issues affecting downtown on a monthly basis to create a sustainable positive instrument for improvement and potentially achieve a continuum of new ideas and community ownership. The information will be housed and utilized by One Mobile in an effort to help make downtown the best place to live, work and play.

Information about a number of these projects will be forthcoming as they unfold beginning with MyMOB’s second online survey about the I-10 bridge and the Downtown Parks Conservancy kickoff event and can be found on Mobile United’s Facebook page. Questions may be directed to Leadership Mobile Administrator Chris Barraza at cbarraza@leadershipmobile.org.

Leadership Mobile Class of 2015

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Jazz Festival Launches Marcus Johnson Scholarship Fund

The Gulf Coast Ethnic & Heritage Jazz Festival is launching the Marcus Johnson Scholarship Fund at a fundraiser to be held at The Temple Downtown on July 09, 2015 at 6:30PM. The scholarship fund is for the children of Marcus Johnson, Markel and Markes Johnson who are 11th graders at Murphy High School and musicians also.

Marcus Johnson died December 20, 2014 at the age of forty-four. He was the director of Bay City Brass Band and played throughout the City of Mobile, especially during the Mardi Gras Season.

Various brass bands will play for the event and the public is invited.

Please make checks payable to: Marcus Johnson Scholarship Fund, Commonwealth National Bank; PO Box 2326; Mobile, Alabama 36652-2326.

For more information call 478-4027. ♣



3V3 Live Soccer Coming to Mobile

The Mobile Sports Authority and 3v3 Live Soccer are excited to partner together for the 2015 3v3 Live Gulf Regional Soccer Tournament, December 05-06, 2015, in Mobile. The two-day tournament is set to be held at Herndon (Sage) Park and the University of South Alabama intramural fields and will attract teams from throughout the Southeast.

"3v3 Live is very excited to be coming to Mobile in December," Mike Tew, 3v3 Live President, said. "This location will offer our teams a chance to play in the winter and then go to the beach."

The unique aspect of this event is the Mobile tournament will be the final regional held that allows teams to qualify for the Disney 3v3 Soccer World Championship, January 16-18, 2016, in Orlando. Teams ranging from ages 6 to adult and all skill levels will compete for one last chance to qualify for the World Championship.

"Mainly due to the investment which the City and County of Mobile have recently made to upgrade the soccer fields at Sage Park along with the strong partnership with the University of South Alabama, the Mobile Sports Authority was able to attract 3v3 Live to Mobile," Danny Corte, Executive Director of the MSA, said. "The younger age group generally makes up 3v3 teams and helps to attract several family members per player, thereby making for a fun experience for all involved."

Regional tournaments average between 85-180 six-person teams with up to 75% of teams coming from outside the area. For more information about 3v3 Live and/or to register for the Mobile tournament, visit www.3v3live.com/gulf.

ABOUT 3V3 LIVE SOCCER

Based out of Utah, 3v3 Live has existed since 1996 and is a major soccer tour in the United States with tournaments being played all over the country. Each team may only have three players on the field at a time and is commonly referred to as a "small-sided" game played on a field smaller than a regulation soccer pitch. With fewer players on the field, each player has more opportunities to touch the ball, using and improving their soccer skills. Small-sided games can develop player's decision-making, technical attributes, tactical knowledge and physical conditioning through functional movements. ♣



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Mass Transit – Let's Get Moving

On a recent weeklong trip across country on Amtrak with stopovers in cities such as Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Portland and San Francisco, I had the opportunity to experience a variety of transportation modes. During this trip, my family and I rode the cross-country train, used mass transit in each city, rented a car to sightsee and when our vacation was over, we returned home by plane. We literally got a chance to partake of "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" to borrow the title of the movie; but with far less comical incidents.

The cities mentioned above are significantly larger than Mobile and they have a greater demand for mass transit especially in the form of heavy rail, light rail, trolleys, streetcars and buses. But, it's not too soon for Mobile to be examining the viability of light rail and trolleys as a supplement to the existing bus systems. As the city aims for greater growth and improvement, being proactive and developing mass transit will be critical to our success. Light rail and trolley are viable options that can help alleviate congestion, allow movement around the city and serve as ways to spur tourism. Having mass transit also serves as a catalyst for residential and commercial development around stations and near transit lines.

The Airport Blvd./Government St. corridor would be a great route for light rail. A light rail line could connect downtown with historic midtown neighborhoods, prime shopping areas, suburban neighborhoods and the airport. It could help alleviate the traffic nightmare on Airport Boulevard. Yes, it will take a major investment of funds but the future of the city will depend on whether we have adequate transportation to support its growth.

Secondly, I strongly urge city, state and national leadership to restore Amtrak's Sunset Limited rail line, which ran between New Orleans and Jacksonville. Our segment was not restored after service was disrupted by Hurricane Katrina. Restoring Amtrak provides another travel alternative along the Gulf Coast and links us to the rest of the country. It would enhance the communities along the coast in their efforts to attract visitors and businesses.

Finally, another mode of transportation that is often thought of as a leisure activity is biking. The cities we visited and many others across the country strongly support biking by providing adequate bike lanes, trails, and means to accommodate bikes on public transportation and in public spaces. Mobile should put more emphasis on bike lanes and trails around the city to encourage bike use for commuting in addition to leisure use. Biking offers a variety of benefits... health, economic, environmental and enjoyment. If we are going to succeed with Airbus and attracting other global businesses, Mobile will have to improve its infrastructure for biking to meet the expectations that newcomers have when they move to the city.

Mobile needs the transportation modes that I mentioned to be competitive and thriving. The emphasis on downtown development and urban living means that trolleys, light rail, Amtrak and bike lanes will need to be a part of this equation. Let's get moving and encourage our leadership to make this happen. ❖

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Free Lunch Program
Monday, July 20th, to Friday, July 24th
@ 12:00 pm-2:00 pm each day @ St. Joseph Parish

Youth Summit
Wednesday, July 22nd @ 5:30 pm-7:00 pm @ St. Joseph Parish
Parish Refreshment will be served.

Visit to the Little Sisters of the Poor
Resident's Day Event - Thursday, July 23rd
@ 12:00 pm

Youth Retreat
Friday, July 24th @ Our Lady of the Bay, Grand Bay (Bus leaves parish ground at 9 am) @ 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Youth Maysville Community Clean-up
Saturday, July 25th @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Brady Quiz Bowl
Sunday, July 26th
@ 3:00 pm @ St. Joseph Parish

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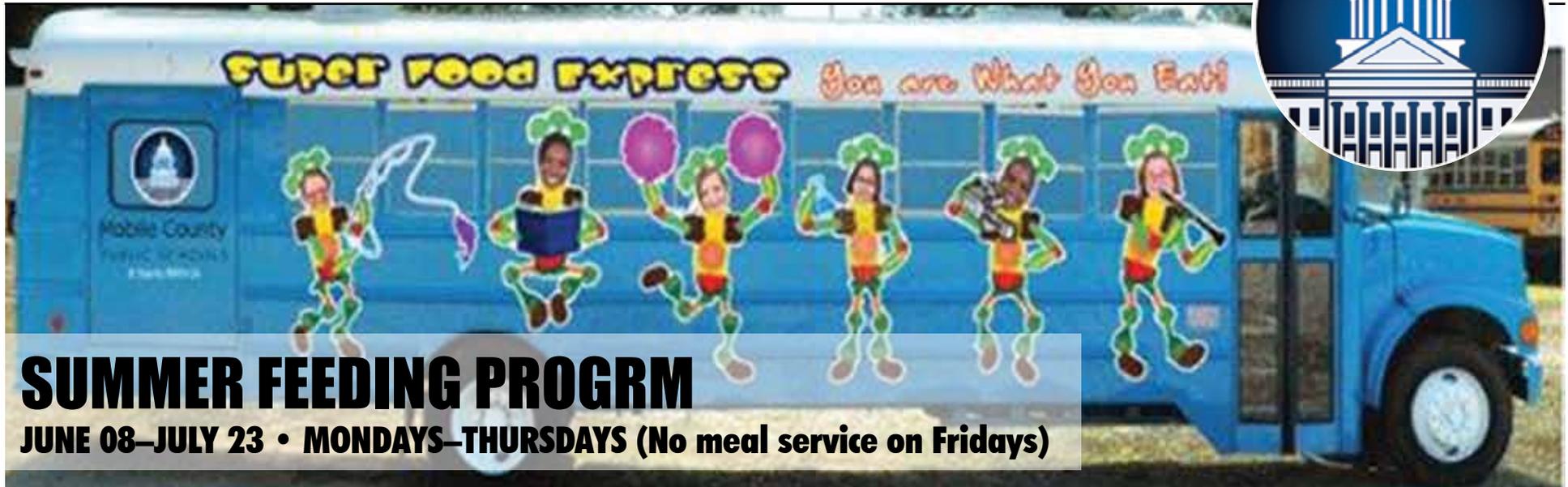
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SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

JUNE 08–JULY 23 • MONDAYS–THURSDAYS (No meal service on Fridays)

The Mobile County Public Schools Child Nutrition Program is holding a summer feeding program that will benefit the whole community. Funded through a federal grant, the program allows the school system to continue a normal lunch service over the summer to any child 18 years and younger completely free of charge--even if they aren't enrolled in any Mobile County Public Schools summer programs. Children can choose a meal from one of the fourteen locations or through any of the SuperFood Express buses. The free nutritious meals will continue to consist of healthy ingredients. Adult meals are available for \$3.25.

SUMMER FEEDING LOCATIONS

Bryant High School.....	10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Baker High School.....	10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Blount High School.....	10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Denton Middle School.....	10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Davidson High School.....	10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Leflore High School.....	10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Montgomery High School.....	10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Theodore High School.....	10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Williamson High School.....	10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
BC Rain High School.....	10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Citronelle High School.....	10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Evans Special School.....	10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Vigor High School.....	10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Calcedaveer Elementary.....	11:20 a.m. — 12:20 p.m.

SUPER FOOD EXPRESS BUS OR VAN LOCATIONS

Causey Middle School.....	10:00 a.m. — 10:20 a.m.
Clark-Shaw Magnet School.....	10:35 a.m. — 10:55 a.m.
Chastang Middle School.....	11:35 a.m. — 11:55 a.m.
Collins-Rhodes Middle School.....	12:15 p.m. — 12:35 p.m.
Craighead Elementary School.....	10:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.
Dixon Elementary School.....	10:00 a.m. — 10:20 a.m.
Dodge Elementary School.....	11:45 a.m. — 12:05 p.m.
Eichold Mertz Magnet School.....	12:15 p.m. — 12:45 p.m.
ER Dickson Elementary School.....	11:10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Free Water Church.....	10:30 a.m. — 10:50 a.m.
Grand Bay Middle School.....	12:40 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.



Grant Elementary School.....	11:00 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
Griggs Elementary School.....	12:20 p.m. — 12:40 p.m.
Hankins Middle School.....	11:55 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.
Holloway Elementary School.....	1:00 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Indian Springs Elementary School.....	12:55 p.m. — 1:15 p.m.
Meadowlake Elementary School.....	1:00 p.m. — 1:20 p.m.
Murphy High School.....	11:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Spencer-Westlawn Elementary School.....	10:45 a.m. — 11:15 a.m.
St Elmo Elementary School.....	11:05 a.m. — 11:25 a.m.
Whitley Elementary School.....	10:30 a.m. — 10:50 a.m.



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HANGOUT MUSIC FESTIVAL 2015 • Gulf Shores • May 15-17

Written and photographed by: Beth Childs



Around 40,000 festival-goers flocked to Gulf Shores, Alabama for Hangout Music Festival 2015. Held on sugar white sand beaches, Hangout Fest is one of a kind. Now in its sixth year, Hangout Fest is holding its own and standing tall next to festivals like Coachella and Bonnaroo. There has been a tremendous amount of growth since the first year that hosted only 15,000. Logistical improvements like shuttle routes, security teams, vendors and general layout improvements have made the festival run like a fine oiled machine. Festival organizers along with the City of Gulf Shores work tirelessly throughout the year to make Hangout Fest a memorable experience for ticket holders without too much disruption of the small coastal community. The festival is strategically placed in a time after the spring break rush but before the summer

tourist season. There is usually somewhat of a lull between the two but the festival gives the city quite an economic boost. Gulf Shores business owners are pleased with the rush and local realtors are happy to team up with organizers to offer affordable travel packages for ticket holders. A 10 year contract extension was put into place with a unanimous vote by Gulf Shores city officials back in January, thus further solidifying that the festival is here for the long haul...something that's been up in the air for quite some time. Also partnering up with Goldenvoice Entertainment, Hangout Fest has officially staked its claim as a front runner in the festival scene. Bringing Goldenvoice Entertainment on board will open new doors for Hangout

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HANGOUT MUSIC FESTIVAL (continued)

Fest giving them access to the highest quality musical acts, one of many perks the established entertainment company brings to the table. Goldenvoice is responsible for some of the country's largest, most successful festivals like Coachella and Jazz Fest.

Every year, Hangout Fest organizers go above and beyond to give the ticket holder the most bang for their buck. Offers like early bird ticket purchases and affordable travel packages are ways to trim expenses making it affordable for any budget. VIP passes are a hit despite the hefty price tag ranging from \$1,000-\$1,500. The accommodations offered to VIPs are first class to say the least: meals, an open bar, private restrooms, platform or side stage viewing areas, two swimming pools, a jacuzzi, hammocks and cozy pods under shady palms for napping, to name a few. General admission tickets aren't too shabby either; the picturesque setting and world class musical lineup alone make the \$250 ticket price money well spent.

With continued improvements throughout its 6 year span, Hangout Fest keeps pulling out all the stops and this year was no different. A top shelf line up to suit anyone's music tastes included acts like Hangout veterans Foo Fighters. Front man Dave Grohl proclaimed Hangout Fest "The best fu**ing music festival there is". Zac
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Just Another Saturday Night In Mobile • May 23

Just another Saturday night in Mobile brought Jams Plus Media founders, Dale Taylor and Clayton Roberts, out on the town. Specifically we went downtown to see Dale's son Carson Taylor's newest musical installment, SNAK, performing at the Garage. With band mates Jonathan Ashley on Drums, Julian "Frankenstein" Truxillo on bass, and Carson on Guitar, this trio played two great sets of covers and originals. This trio's impressive ability to segue in and out of songs was delightful to the music lovers' ears. They also excelled at throwing in the originals at good moments to keep the crowd entertained.

Dale and I, at set break of SNAK, strolled down Dauphin St, only to come across Noel Broughton's birthday bash at The Brickyard with HIGHLY KIND reunion show on the stage. Albert Simpson always delivers and it was a great treat to stop in and see Albert, John Milham, and the Chris and Christopher Spies duo.

We returned back to the Garage to catch the second set of SNAK and found their improvisational skills coming out to play, jamming out to tunes by the Clash, Talking Heads, and Oysterhead. Make sure to catch these bands when they are around your area and always support Local Music and the venues that bring it to you! ♣



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entertaining and educational, and will truly encourage visitors to explore every maritime aspect of the Gulf of Mexico."

GulfQuest is a public/private partnership between the City of Mobile and the non-profit organization overseen by the National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico Board of Trustees. The city, through bond issues and federal grants, constructed the building, while the non-profit, through private and corporate donations and federal grants, is underwriting the exhibits, infrastructure and operating expenses. The total project cost is \$62.3 million.

"We believe GulfQuest will become the hub of activity for Mobile Landing, the City of Mobile's downtown waterfront development," E.B. Peebles, chairman of the Board of Trustees said. "Mobile Landing is already home to the Convention Center and Cooper Riverside Park and Amphitheater. For Mobile residents and visitors, having this sort of access to our riverfront, in a museum that chronicles all of the maritime activity, offers Mobile something new and exciting and boosts Mobile's profile in regional tourism. Every member of our Board is incredibly proud and is looking forward to sharing the museum with hundreds of thousands of people."

Within the building, GulfQuest's exhibits are housed inside the stern of a full-sized container ship, displayed as if dockside. Water, kept at the same level as the Mobile River outside, surrounds the hull of the container vessel.

"We spared no effort in the details," Zodrow said. "From the rampways on either side of the ship, to the sounds of the ship's engines humming, to the lighting effects, visitors will feel very much like they are inside a life-size vessel, exploring every aspect of the maritime world."

In the building's north side lobby, an exhibit appropriately titled "America's Sea" contains four interactive stations—Exploration,

Commerce, Conflict and Nature—that provide ports of entry for visitors to explore the Gulf. Visitors will trace exploration routes, see where pirates ruled the waves, spot early settlements and forts, locate sunken Spanish galleons and a German U-boat, relive important naval battles, and locate lighthouses in the Gulf.

From the north side lobby to the ship's bridge on the south side, exhibits will introduce visitors to an array of maritime topics including marine archeology, weather and hurricanes (in a hurricane simulator), deep-sea exploration, ports and maritime commerce, offshore oil/gas drilling, and more.

In addition, GulfQuest will offer a wide range of traveling exhibitions for visitors, educational programs for school groups, programs on weekends, holidays and summers for families, and special offerings for educators.

The "Take the Helm" theater may prove to be the most popular attraction for all ages and groups. This state-of-the-art simulator allows visitors to pilot a variety of ships through Mobile Bay into the Port of Mobile and on the Mobile and Tombigbee rivers.

"If I had to use one word to describe the experience of a GulfQuest visit, I would have to say 'immersive,'" Zodrow said. "Like any fine museum, GulfQuest will be very educational. But it will also provide hours and hours of immersive activities. We think people from all over the country will understand just why the Gulf of Mexico is truly 'America's Sea'." ❖

Stay Active: Move to the Beat!

Staying active is fun when you meet new friends and learn basic dance steps and movement by way of Wii dance games. For more information, please call 470-7766. Boys & Girls Ages 6 to 16, Thursday, July 9, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Parkway Branch Library, 1924-B Dauphin Island Parkway. ❖

Saving for Retirement

Adrienne Cross, Financial Education Coordinator for Regions Bank in the South Alabama/Florida Panhandle area, will discuss when you should start saving for retirement and how to develop a savings plan. Registration is not required, but is strongly encouraged. For more information or to register, email jsigler@mplonline.org or call 208-7078 or 208-7085. Tuesday, July 14, 12 – 1 p.m.; Armbrrecht/Briskman Meeting Room-Ben May Main Library, 701 Government Street. ❖

Brown Band and My Morning Jacket (also veterans) were both headliners and both came sporting new album releases. The New Orleans based Preservation Hall Brass Band is no stranger to Hangout Fest either. This time they had four, that's right, 4 time slots and were named the un-official crowd favorite. Beck made his debut appearance at Hangout Fest with a fresh Grammy under his belt. Arriving 10 minutes late he expressed regret: "Sh** nobody told us it would be like this. The kind of festivals we're used to there's a bunch of mud, a bunch of rain and a bunch of port-o-potties. This is paradise right here!"

Reggae Royalty, Damian Marley (Bob Marley's youngest son) was also a first timer. The crowd erupted when Damian "Jr Gong" Marley took to the stage. With dreads that nearly sweep the floor, he seems larger than life. When Marley opens his mouth it's there... the gift passed on to him by his father. His energy is magnetic and contagious. Marley is rooted in traditional reggae but his style possesses a rhythmic pattern that sets him apart from the rest. Marley covered his father's song "Could You Be Loved" and the crowd seemed to be in some type of trance as they sang along. Another crowd favorite was "Welcome to Jamrock", the title track from the album that landed him a Grammy. Traditional tunes mixed with bass heavy hip-hop beats, sweet soulful harmonies from two lovely backup singers, and some solid rock'n roll guitar licks and you got yourself some serious "Phunky Reggae". Damian Marley is definitely Reggae Royalty, a nice addition to this year's lineup.

The BMI stage hosted quite a few newcomers. The Districts, a four piece Indie-Rock band all under the age of 21 and Americana all-stars The Lone Bellow were personal favorites. Other acts included Drive By Truckers, Skrillex, Future Islands, Foster The People, Jack U, Galactic, Paramore, Trampled by Turtles, Umphrey's McGee, Vance Joy, TV on the Radio, Father John Misty and many more.

Drive-By Truckers, the boys from Muscle Shoals, are right at home on the festival circuit. With strong Southern Rock roots, these guys can hold their own. Nearly 20 years of touring has resulted in a devoted fan base and 10 records under their belt. DBT owned the Hangout stage Saturday, mixing both old and new into their set list. They too are Hangout Fest veterans, but this was the first time they've been granted the main stage with a prime time slot. DBT seem to still be gaining momentum despite major changes in the bands' entire dynamic. The Truckers came back from their hiatus last year recharged and gaining speed. Saturday's set was everything I expected and more. Songs like "Where the Devil Don't Stay" and "Marry Me" were DBT staples while others like "Girls that Smoke" and closing song "Grand Canyon" are tracks off their 2014 album English Oceans. "Grand Canyon" is a song honoring longtime crew member, Craig Lieske, who passed away in 2013.

I admit, when I saw Zac Brown's name on the bill as a headliner I was somewhat baffled. This is not ZBB's first Hangout Fest gig but with this year's line-up I wasn't sure how they would fit. My anticipation was building as was the crowd size. The lights went down and the hair on my arms raised. Man I love that feelin'! I was pumped! ZBB hit the stage and launched into "Homegrown" from their new album Jekyll and Hyde. Others from the album included "Beautiful Drug", a pop oriented tune; and "Castaway" gave off an island aire that was appropriate for the setting. One of my favorites was "Heavy is the Head" a gritty alternative rock song with ringing guitar solos that leave you jonesing for more...WOW! "Loving You Easy" has that sweet southern sound that comes oh so easy for ZBB. "Tomorrow Never Comes" was another of my favorites. It has the steady climb of a modern Americana song...Good Stuff! They also played some early hits like "Knee Deep", "Toes", and "Colder Weather". The crowd sang along verbatim and sounded a lot like a Baptist church choir on Sunday morning. Amongst ZBB's originals, they threw in some clever cover choices allowing his band to really stretch out! And man did they stretch! I was beyond impressed! Led Zeppelin's "Kashmir" blew me away and "Enter Sandman" by Metallica had the crowd literally vibrating. A rendition of Charlie Daniels' "Devil Went Down to Georgia" was the talk of the festival the rest of the weekend. I don't think Charlie himself could play it that fast. However, I think he'd be impressed too! Xavier Rudd joined ZBB on stage for "Three Little Birds", a Bob Marley favorite. Sexy renditions of John Mayer's "Neon" and Stevie Wonder's "Isn't She Lovely" had the ladies swooning. I'm pretty sure one tried to jump the rail with no luck. "Bohemian Rhapsody" sealed the deal...so well done that Freddy Mercury himself would've been proud. Closing the show with hit song "Chicken Fried" ZBB paid respects to our troops by inviting what appeared to be two Navy officers to the stage. They stood high on the drum riser and gave a slow salute. I felt the sting of tears in my eyes. (I have a soft spot for our military because my father is a Vietnam Vet.) I forced myself to think of something funny to keep from turning into a blubbing mess...Woody in the stupid squid hat came to mind and I was all good. I stood there and did my best to absorb what I'd just witnessed. The crowd applauded for what seemed like eternity and it was beautiful. Any preconceived notions I had about Zac Brown went out the window. This show was proof that Zac Brown will not be put in any genre box. He will dip a toe in all of them then unapologetically erase the boundary lines. An all-around STELLAR performance; well done, gentlemen!

The 2015 Hangout Fest proved once again they are one of the best music festivals in the country. From the beautiful scenery to the Southern Hospitality, from the incredible lineup to the amazing musical performances, Gulf Shores is definitely THE place to "Hangout" in mid-May! ❖



Lifelines Appoints New Marketing Manager



Family Counseling Center of Mobile (dba Lifelines Counseling Services), a United Way agency, is proud to announce that Sarah Bumgarner has been appointed Marketing Manager.

Mrs. Bumgarner, previously Social Media Manager for Hummingbird Ideas, brings an expertise of marketing both traditionally and non-traditionally to Lifelines Counseling Services and its divisions of Family Counseling Center, Consumer Credit Counseling and Rape Crisis Center.

Bumgarner's appointment as Marketing Manager is part of a broader initiative by Lifelines Counseling Services to bring awareness for the center and its divisions. Her diverse experience in advertising and non-profit marketing will be an asset to implementing the marketing program and expanding Lifelines Counseling Services position in the community. ❖

Reference USA for JOB SEEKERS

Bill Carlson, Senior Account Executive with Reference USA, will present a workshop on how to use the database when looking for jobs. Registration is not required, but is strongly encouraged. For more information or to register, email jsigler@mplonline.org or call 208-7078 or 208-7085. Monday, July 13, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Armbrrecht/Briskman Meeting Room-Ben May Main Library, 701 Government Street. ❖

THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE BOX



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The More Things Change... The More they Remain the Same

In the aftermath of the murders of nine people at Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, South Carolina, I've asked myself time and time again: Are we reliving the past again?

The alleged Charleston shooter, Dylann Storm Roof—who reportedly espoused racist ties and in one picture was shown wearing a jacket with patches of the old flags of South Africa and Rhodesia—is being held in jail under \$1 million dollars bond.

The crime was in itself heinous, but the fact that it was a white man shooting and killing nine people in a house of worship brought up very bad memories for many during the civil rights era, when black churches were targeted for violence—the most notable being the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing of 1963 in Birmingham which killed four little girls.

My initial reactions to the shootings—which took the life of the church's pastor, Rev Clementa Pinckney (who was also a state senator) along with eight other people who were going about their business participating in a Bible study class—were those of sickness, sadness and anger.

I have to admit, the crime put me in a very dark place, because I was concerned about things that have happened over the past few months—especially in McKinney, Texas, where a police officer named Eric Casebolt decided to play tough guy and manhandle a 15-year-old girl who was wearing a bikini and was trying to comply with his orders.

Between that, as well as police shooting unarmed Black suspects, people being falsely arrested, and so forth—I had to wonder if Black people's lives were worth a plugged nickel. After some soul searching, it appears that they are not.

That is why I believe that we have to start a brand new Civil Rights Movement. You heard me right, a brand new Civil Rights Movement.

True, there have been talks about a meaningful dialogue about race relations in America and what can be done to solve the problem of seemingly deteriorating race relations in America, but it's going to take more than talk—it's going to take action.

There are those of you who say that the time for marching and demonstrations are in the past. I strongly disagree for two reasons.

First, there has been such complacency in America, particularly Black America, about these problems that now, with all of the things that were mentioned above in the column, the situation has gotten to the point where action is required.

Second, we as Black people have to look inward and realize for us to be taken seriously, we have to stop hurting ourselves. That includes robbing and killing each other. It's going to be difficult for us to be taken seriously by the establishment if you are too busy killing each other to demand equal rights.

For a second Civil Rights Movement to be successful, it will demand commitment and hard work. No sound bites or catchy slogans. Whether it's by economic boycotts or coalitions of citizens regardless of races, removal of polarizing symbols such as the Confederate Battle Flag, or whatever, something has to be done.

The question is this: Are we up to the challenge? ♣

Tinker Session for Teens

Create your own Comic Book Magnets and Buttons. Registration is required for groups. For more information or to register, please call 470-7770. Wednesday, July 15, 3 p.m., Moorers/Spring Hill Branch, 4 South McGregor Ave. ♣

Women's Business Center of Rural Alabama Welcomes New Project Director

The Women's Business Center of Rural Alabama (WBCRAL) is proud to announce Susan Rhodes as the new Project Director.

WBCRAL provides networking opportunities, training and counseling for entrepreneurs seeking to start and grow their small businesses. The program serves a five county area in south central Alabama. These counties include: Monroe, Clarke, Washington, Conecuh and Escambia.

Rhodes graduated from Huntingdon College with a Bachelor in Business Management. She has worked with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and USDA Farm Service Agency. She was involved with the Greater Brewton Area Chamber of Commerce and continues to help with various community events. She specializes in retail marketing, promotional events and design display. Susan has owned and operated her own small business, a florist and gift shop in Brewton, AL. She continues to consult for retail businesses in a variety of ways, including event coordination and design.

"I am excited to be a part of the Women's Business Center and Alliance. My heart is in rural south Alabama and small business" Rhodes stated. "I am looking forward for the opportunity to meet and network with a variety of business owners but to also help them exceed their goals. Through individual counseling and workshops, it is my passion to help provide tools to improve small business in the rural setting" she added.

The office for the WBCRAL is located at 616 Douglas Avenue in Brewton, Alabama. You may learn more about the Women's Business Center of Rural Alabama online at www.wbcral.com. If you have additional questions, please call (251)867-5600. ♣



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Take Extra Precautions to Avoid Heat Illnesses

The Alabama Department of Public Health advises the public to be alert to the warning signs of heat illnesses. National Weather Service offices have issued heat advisories for large portions of the state because of high temperatures and high heat indices.

Heat-related illnesses occur when the body's temperature control system is overloaded. The Alabama Department of Public Health cautions everyone to be alert to the warnings that may signal help is needed.

Heat stroke, sometimes called sunstroke, is the most serious heat-related illness. It occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature. The body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. Body temperature may rise to 106 degrees F or higher within 10 to 15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not provided.

People should drink plenty of water, stay in an air-conditioned room, and keep out of the sun. The public should also check on the elderly and ensure pets have plenty of water to drink and shade to cool off.

Warning Signs of Heat Stroke Vary, but Include the Following:

- Red, hot and dry skin (no sweating)
- Rapid, strong pulse
- Throbbing headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Unconsciousness
- An extremely high body temperature (above 103 degrees F)

First aid recommendations are to get the person to a shady area, cool rapidly in a tub of cool water, place in a cool shower, spray with cool water from a garden hose, splash with cool water, or, if the humidity is low, place in a cool, wet sheet and fan vigorously. Monitor body temperature and continue cooling efforts until the person's body temperature drops to 101 to 102 degrees F. If emergency medical personnel are delayed, call a hospital emergency room for further instructions.

"Heat stroke is a life-threatening emergency," said Dr. Jim McVay, director of the Bureau of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease. "A person with heat stroke is likely to be unconscious or unresponsive, so he or she cannot safely consume any liquids. Under no circumstances should you give any alcohol to a person with heat stroke or any heat illness."

FOLLOW THESE PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO AVOID HEAT ILLNESSES:

- Drink more fluids, and avoid beverages containing alcohol or caffeine.
- When temperatures are extreme, stay indoors, ideally in an air-conditioned place.
- Take a cool shower or bath, and reduce or eliminate strenuous activities during the hottest times of the day.
- Protect yourself from the sun with a wide-brimmed hat, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and use of a sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher.
- Never leave pets or people in a parked vehicle.

Individuals with heart problems, poor circulation, diabetes, a previous stroke or obesity are at greater risk of becoming sick in hot weather. The risk of heat-related illness may increase among people using medications for high blood pressure, nervousness or depression.

For more information, visit... adph.org/injuryprevention. ♣



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Mobile Fire-Rescue Announces Promotions

Assistant Chief Billy Pappas announced the promotion of two District Chiefs to the position of Deputy Chief. District Chief Myron E. King, 56, has been with the department for over 25 years. A licensed Paramedic, he was most recently Chief of the Emergency Medical Services Division. King attended Williamson High School and has a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Medical Services Administration and Management. In 2009 he graduated from Leadership Mobile and he is a graduate of the Executive Development Institute at Dillard University in New Orleans, LA. He also completed course work in Fire Science Administration through Bishop State Community College.

District Chief Kenneth "Ken" H. Keller, 43, has been with the department for 17 years. A registered EMT Intermediate he was most recently the chief of the Training Division. Keller spent 13 years in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve where he was first introduced to firefighting. He has received numerous professional certifications from the National and State Fire Academies. Keller has a Bachelor of Science in Fire Science and a Masters in Executive Leadership. Keller serves on the Alabama State Fire College Technical Review Committee and has helped train over 800 firefighters throughout the Southeast.

These are the first promotions made from the new testing system by the Booth Research Group, Inc. Deputy Chief is the third highest position, behind the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief within the department. ♣



District Chief Myron E. King



District Chief Kenneth "Ken" H. Keller

The Two of Us

The University of South Alabama Marx Library is pleased to present a new exhibit featuring paintings by southern Mobile County husband and wife art team Benno Kollegger and Regina Doi-Kollegger. "The Two of Us" will be on display from July 01- August 31, 2015 in the Mary Elizabeth and Charles Bernard Rodning Gallery of Art on the third floor of the Library.

The show features beautiful, large-scale paintings by the Kolleggers. The exhibit showcases two unique series created by the talented couple. Benno Kollegger's series, "The 10," depicts his understanding of the commandments using the power of the human form. Regina Doi-Kollegger's series, "Uma (the horse)," portrays the emotion behind the movement and spirit of horses.

Benno was born, raised, and educated in Austria before moving to the United States in 1962. He has always loved to paint and is an accomplished sculptor. He is an internationally known artist who has had numerous shows in Europe and in the United States. His wife, Regina, who was born in Tokyo, Japan, is also a gifted painter and sculptor. Her fine art is influenced by her Eurasian heritage.

When the Kolleggers moved from upstate New York to southern Alabama in 2013, they quickly became part of the Mobile art scene. The couple brought a fresh, unique perspective to the traditional artistic themes of our area. They are now well established as popular, vital members of the local art community.

A reception to showcase the Kollegger's exhibit will be held on Friday, July 17 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Rodning Gallery on the third floor of the Library. The reception is free and open to the public. Everyone is invited to attend the reception and have the opportunity to meet the artists and view their beautiful artwork.

Also on display at the Marx Library is "War and Medicine," an exhibit presented by the Mobile Medical Museum. The exhibit, which features a collection of rare medical artifacts and documents, will remain on display through October 2, 2015. All exhibits are free and open to the public during regular Marx Library hours. For more information, please visit <http://www.southalabama.edu/librarygalleries/>. ♣

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Andy Citrin-Moe's, 7/11
Round Eye-The Blind Mule, 7/13
Delta Rae, Liz Longley-Soul Kitchen, 7/14
Keith Anderson-Midnight Rodeo, 7/15
Water Liars-Alchemy Tavern, 7/17
Scotch Hollow-Moe's, 7/17
Althea Rene, Marenikae-The Battle House Hotel, 7/18
Mitch Johnston-Moe's, 7/18
Tyler, The Creator-Soul Kitchen, 7/18
Andrew Combs, Humming House-Callaghan's, 7/23

Jerry Seinfeld-Saenger Theater, 7/23
PHILO-The Brickyard, 7/25
Brittany Grimes-Moe's, 7/25
Will Kimbrough, Brigitte DeMeyer-Callaghan's, 7/25
Psychostick, Wolfborne-Alchemy Tavern, 7/30
John Law-Moe's, 7/31

MUSEUMS

—Explorem

Hands on Hall; ON-GOING
Minds on Hall; ON-GOING
Science Lab (Ciba Lab); ON-GOING
Wharf Wonder; ON-GOING

—Fort Conde

Historic Fort Founded in 1702, Moved to Mobile in 1711; ON-GOING

—Museum of Art

Material Imaginings, ON-GOING

—Museum of Mobile

Old Ways, New Days Part I and II, ON-GOING
Walls and Halls, ON-GOING
CSS Alabama Cannon, ON-GOING

—Phoenix Fire Museum

Steam Engines, Motorized Vehicles, Gallery; ON-GOING

ATLANTA

CONCERTS

Daryl Hall & John Oates-Chastain Park Amphitheater, 7/10
Brian Simpson, Kim Waters, Peabo Bryson-Mable House Barnes Amphitheatre, 7/11
Anthony Bourdain-Fox Theatre, 7/11
KC & The Sunshine Band-Brown Amphitheater, 7/11
Fantasia, Musiq Soulchild, Dru Hill-Wolf Creek Amphitheater, 7/11
Floetry, Janine and the Mixtape-Center Stage Theater, 7/11
Barenaked Ladies-Verizon Amphitheater, 7/12
Imagine Dragons, Metric, Halsey-Phillips Arena, 7/14
Rod Stewart, Richard Marx-Verizon Amphitheater, 7/15
Fall Out Boy, Wiz Khalifa, Hoodie Allen-Lakewood Amphitheater, 7/17
Tedeschi Trucks Band, Sharon Jones & The Dap-Kings, Doyle Bramhall II-Verizon Amphitheater, 7/17
Lady Antebellum, Hunter Hayes, Sam Hunt-Lakewood Amphitheater, 7/18
Cameo, Midnight Starr, Brick, Double D-Wolf Creek Amphitheater, 7/18
Kid Rock, Foreigner, Packway Handle Band-Lakewood Amphitheater, 7/19
Leon Russell-Variety Playhouse, 7/19
Rob Thomas-Chastain Park Amphitheater, 7/21
Kem-Wolf Creek Amphitheater, 7/24
Jeezy-Fox Theatre, 7/25
Keith Sweat, After 7, Troop, Shai-Chastain Park Amphitheater, 7/25
Smashing Pumpkins, Marilyn Manson-Lakewood Amphitheater, 7/25
Tony Bennett, Lady Gaga-Chastain Park Amphitheater, 7/29
Toby Keith, Colt Ford-Lakewood Amphitheater, 7/30
Phish-Lakewood Amphitheater, 7/31

ATMORE

CONCERTS

MissUsed-Windcreek, 7/10-11
Big & Rich-Windcreek, 7/25

BILOXI

CONCERTS

Merle Haggard-IP Casino, Resort & Spa, 7/2
Colt Ford-IP Casino, Resort & Spa, 7/3
Lee Greenwood-Harrah's, 7/3
Sinbad-IP Casino, Resort & Spa, 7/10
Stereohype, Fall From Grace-Kress Live, 7/10
Judas Priest-Hard Rock Live, 7/11
Lady Antebellum, Hunter Hayes, Sam Hunt-Coast Coliseum, 7/17
Fabian/Frankie Avalon/Bobby Rydell-IP Casino, Resort & Spa, 7/18
Air Supply-Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 7/24
Liza Minnelli-IP Casino, Resort and Spa, 7/24
Tanya Tucker-Golden Nugget, 7/25
Plan B-Kress Live, 7/25-26
Peter Cetera-IP Casino, Resort & Spa, 7/31
Bret Michaels-Beau Rivage, 7/31

BIRMINGHAM

CONCERTS

Floetry, Janine & The Mixtape-Iron City, 7/8
Fantasia-BJCC Arena, 7/10
Dierks Bentley-Oak Mountain Amphitheater, 7/18
The Molly Ringwalds-Iron City, 7/31
Toby Keith, Colt Ford-Oak Mountain Amphitheater, 7/31

FESTIVALS

SLOSS MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL: Modest Mouse, Cage The Elephant, Band of Horses, Young The Giant, First Aid Kit, Lord Huron, Big Gigantic, Robert Delong, Noah Gundersen, Kaleo, Cathedrals, Jessican Hernandez & The Deltas, Gabriel Garzon-Montano, Paul Thorn, T. Hardy Morris, Lany-Sloss Furnace, 7/18

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DAPHNE

CONCERTS

Cat and the Truth-Moe's, 7/10
Category 4-Moe's, 7/24
Mango Fish Band-Moe's, 7/31

FOLEY

CONCERTS

Ryan Baltrop-Moe's, 7/11
Chris Bryant-Moe's, 7/12
Lee Yankie-Moe's, 7/18
Jon Cowart-Moe's, 7/19
Kristen Long-Moe's, 7/26
Lee Yankie-Moe's, 7/31

GULF SHORES

FESTIVALS

Sugarcane Jane-Lulu's, 7/5
Sugarcane Jane-Lulu's, 7/25

NEW ORLEANS

CONCERTS

Sugarcane Jane-Lulu's, 7/5
Sugarcane Jane-Lulu's, 7/25

OCEAN SPRINGS

CONCERTS

Chico and Chris-Castaway's, 7/10-11
Big Al & The Heavyweights-The Shed BBQ, 7/11
Chico and Chris-Castaway's, 7/17
Voo Davis-The Julep Room, 7/17
Big Al & The Heavyweights-Murky Waters, 7/31

ORANGE BEACH

CONCERTS

Hundred Dollar Car, Thomas Jenkins-Happy Harbor, 7/3
Smoke n' Guns-Toby Keith's, 7/3-4
MissUsed-Live Bait Too, 7/3-5
Willie Stradlin-Ginny Lane, 7/5
Sugarcane Jane-Lulu's, 7/7
Ryan Baltrop-Moe's, 7/10

Ask Flo!



Q

DEAR FLO,

I am so dismayed by the current affairs of church and state. How can I keep my faith and continue to believe when it seems that the world is turning on God. How can someone shoot people at bible study?

—James

A

DEAR JAMES,

I am dismayed, frustrated and hurt also. I think I'm in totally shock. However, I believe. I believe that we have been here before and we will make it through this transition in faith. Every generation has a cross burning situation and we must stand strong on our faith and our love for each other. It is impossible to not be scared or even doubtful at times like these but I would like to make a suggestion. When I feel weary, I seek out a warrior. A warrior is someone who has been through test and trails and has the war scares to show but they also have a story of victory (how they got over). Find a warrior and allow them to pour words or wisdom and perseverance into your spirit. Now is not the time to retreat but the time to stand next to warriors and hold on. I am sure the ride to liberty, freedom and love is going to get harder before it gets better but I declare with you "I have faith". May your days seem brighter. Hug your love ones, speak a kind word, and share your struggles with others. You may just be the warrior others are looking for. ❀

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Charitable Pharmacy Moving After 18 Years On Same Block

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy will be moving during the coming months to its new location in downtown Mobile. The new location is 109 South Cedar St. is just a few blocks from the current location.

"We are both happy and sad to report that Ozanam will be moving to a new location. The Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County has granted us space in the Old Talent Building in between Government and Church Streets." Shearie Archer, Executive Director of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy recently said. "We have been blessed to have had 18 years next to our wonderful partner, The Service Center of Catholic Social Services. Even though we are moving, our partnership is still strong."

In order to help make the move as efficient as possible, Ozanam is asking for the community's help through a crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo. The funds raised by the campaign will help cover the cost of converting the space to a pharmacy as well renovating the waiting area of the building. The campaign will run through July 22 with a goal of \$16,000. Please visit Ozanam's Facebook page for more information about the campaign.

The new facility is over 4,000 square feet and will give the volunteers and staff adequate space to handle the 10,000 visits to the pharmacy every year. Patients of the pharmacy will be alerted of the moving date by the pharmacy.

Established in 1998, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy serves people between the ages of 19 and 65, many of whom have been diagnosed with acute illnesses. In 2014, the organization provided more than 34,000 prescriptions to 1,668 unduplicated, uninsured, underinsured, and indigent patients.

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, Inc. is funded, in part, by the Mobile County Commission, Baldwin County Commission, Alabama Public Health Department, HUD, Catholic Charities, United Way of Southwest Alabama, the City of Mobile, and the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission, local foundation and individuals.

If you would like to volunteer or donate funds call (251) 366-0713 or email sarcher@ozanampharmacy.org. For more information, please visit our Facebook page and like us or visit our website at www.ozanampharmacy.org. ❀

FLAVA (continued from Page 06)

PRICHARD LIBRARY NEWS

FRIDAY VIDEOS • 12:00-1:00 PM • AGES 3-13 YEARS OLD

JULY 10—Activity includes a video: "Little Bill Me and My Family; Little Bill keeps the family smiling during a trip to Super Family Fun Land.

JULY 17—Activity includes a video: "Little Bill in Big Little Bill; Little Bill discovers that he doesn't have to be a big kid to act like one! With the guidance of his great-grandmother, Alice the Great, Little Bill begins to do things like a big kid would.

JULY 24—Activity includes a video: "Pokemon Thunder Shock!" When Pokemon evolve, they are almost always stronger than before, and for Ash to win a Thunderbadge, Pikachu must defeat its evolved form Raichu!

JULY 31—Toddler Times ages 3-13 years old. Activity includes a video: Kidnapped: A young boy is sent to sea in a ship full of notorious villains and must return alive to claim his rightful inheritance, in this adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's adventure tale.

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Pancreatic Cancer



MEL WAITERS-58
SOUL SINGER
Cancer



MORRIS WILKINS-89
INVENTOR OF THE
HEART SHAPED TUB
Heart Failure

EXPRESSIONS: RIGHT OR WRONG

Lisa Johnson — A Poet and Writer who lives in Mobile



There comes a time when physical growth ceases. However, wisdom and spiritual growth can be unending. People learn and grow in different stages. For instance you might have a child that doesn't have to pick up a book or study because they get it. Perhaps they have the ability to listen well and grasp the concept of the lesson being taught. On the other hand, you have a child that needs to study around the clock so to speak because he or she just can't seem to grasp the point.

When parents/teachers consult together and take time to nurture a child's abilities, growth results (Proverbs 15:22). I feel like a child will learn to get what you're teaching if you come up with something creative that gets them involved. They might not get $1+1=2$ whereas if you placed 1 can of whole kernel corn next to 1 can of cream corn and ask how many cans of corn they see, they'll grasp the concept more easily. This results not only in them learning arithmetic but also in knowing that there are varieties of corn. So if you've had the habit of fussing and yelling at your child for not getting it, come up with some creative ideas to help them grasp what you're teaching. For the child that gets it, that's great but eventually in life they'll have to learn the concept of study especially when it comes to spiritual growth. Although you can listen to a minister from a platform or pulpit, each person must still read and study God's Word for themselves. As a person studies, meditates, and applies Bible truth, he/she begins to make spiritual progress (1 Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:12-14).

Encouragement goes a long way with a child or anyone for that matter that is struggling; whether the struggle is in the form of learning, personal problems, or whatever (Proverbs 15:23). Don't let them give up or give in to despair! With struggle comes progress. Sometimes the progress is slow and sometimes it's fast. It all depends upon the person, their ability to comprehend, and follow through. After it's all said and done, the individual that has persevered gains joy and satisfaction in knowing that they made it through. As a result they've learned patience, humility, endurance, and most importantly confidence in themselves. ❖

Jason Justice-Moe's, 7/11
Hundred Dollar Car, Thomas Jenkins-Happy Harbor, 7/17
Kristen Long-Moe's, 7/17
Ryan Baltrop-Moe's, 7/24
Lee Yankie-Moe's, 7/25
Whyte Caps-Cobalt, 7/30
Hundred Dollar Car, Thomas Jenkins-Ginny Lane, 7/30

PASCAGOULA CONCERTS

Sugarcane Jane-Jack's, 7/30

PENSACOLA CONCERTS

Sugarcane Jane-Seville Square, 7/2
The Molly Ringwalds-Seville Square, 7/3
Willie Stradlin-Chans Nightclub, 7/5
Backtrack, Harm's Way, Expire, Downpresser, Freedom, Iron Mind, Suburban Scum-The Handlebar, 7/8
Samson-The Handlebar, 7/9
Big Deal Burlesque-Vinyl Music Hall, 7/10
Mike McCarthy-Seville Square, 7/13
Morgan Heritage-Vinyl Music Hall, 7/15
Two State Nation, Whyte Caps-The Handlebar, 7/18
Brit Floyd-Saenger, 7/20

Leon Russell, Greg Hester-Vinyl Music Hall, 7/21
Unknown Hinson-Vinyl Music Hall, 7/23
Child Bite, King Parrot-Vinyl Music Hall, 7/24
Daryle Singletary-Civic Center, 7/25
Josh Garrett-Paradise Grill, 7/26
Calabrese-The Handlebar, 7/26
Dirty Heads-Vinyl Music Hall, 7/28

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The Widely Known Secret that Few Speak Of

One of my favorite sayings is, "This is not your parents' economy". To gain access to businesses whether you are an intrapreneur or entrepreneur, you will need some paperwork besides a degree. Allow me to explain in 350 words or less.

PERSONAL EMPLOYMENT

Businesses want academic degrees but they value certifications from recognized professional organizations. Let's briefly look at two industries, Human Resources and Information Technology (IT).

The Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) bestows two certifications SHRM-CP (Certified Professional) and SHRM-SCP (Senior Certified Professional). These certifications assure that you meet minimum knowledge qualifications. Some businesses will hire you with a clause that you obtain one of these within a specific time period. Others will not hire anyone without the certification. So if you are entering this profession understand you may need a certification to get hired or advance.

Information Technology (IT) has become a very specialized industry from Computer Networking to Data Center to Help Desk to System Administrators (and many more titles). Employers seek the certifications as an assurance that you understand your industry position. At times industry certifications may have more pull than degrees.

SMALL BUSINESS MARKETING

With over 18 million businesses in the United States and nearly 85% under twenty employees, how do you position your company for success? You start with contacting your local Chamber of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), Small Business Administration (SBA) and/or Small Business Development Center for assistance. Depending on your industry, programs and services you may want to obtain certifications to increase your opportunities.

Disabled Veteran Businesses (DVBE). U.S. military personnel, disabled by 10% and owns 51% of company.

Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) or Small Disadvantage Business (SDB) – Federal requirements must be owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantage persons.

HUBZone Business Enterprises. HUB means Historically Underutilized Business. For small biz seeking contracting programs and 35% of employees reside in HUBZone.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) – 51% owned by a Minority Individuals.

SBA 8(a) Program – Federal mentoring program for disadvantage businesses.

Women-Owned Minority Business Enterprise – 51% women-owned, managed and controlled.

Whew! I made it...355 words. Contact me for more information. ❖

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LAUGHTER

I'M NOT HUNGRY!!!

Willie Mae asks her husband Leroy, if he'd like some breakfast; "Bacon and eggs, perhaps a slice of toast? Maybe a nice sectioned grapefruit, and a cup of fresh coffee?" Leroy declines. "It's this Viagra," he says, "It's really taken the edge off my appetite." At lunch time, Willie Mae asks if he would like something; "A bowl of home made soup, maybe, with a cheese sandwich? Again Leroy declines. "No thanks. It's this Viagra," he says, "It's really taken the edge off my appetite." At dinner time, Willie Mae asks if he wants anything to eat, offering to go to the cafe and buy him a burger supper. "Or would you rather I make you a pizza from scratch? Or, how about a tasty stir fry? That'll only take a couple of minutes." Once more, Leroy declines. "Again, thanks, but it's this Viagra. It's really taken the edge off my appetite." "Well, then", Willie Mae says, "Would you mind getting the hell off me? I'm STARVING!!!"

STARTIN' ALL OVER!!!

Two old men, Leroy and Bubba, were sitting in the yard outside the old people's home one day when Leroy turned to Bubba and said "Bubba, I'm really feeling my age today I just hurt all over, how are you feeling?" Bubba replied "I feel just like a new born baby!" Leroy looked at him startled "A new born baby, really?" "Yep", said Bubba, "I have no hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants!!!"

I GOT THIS!!!

While cruising at 40,000 feet, the airplane shuddered and a passenger looked out the window. "Good lord!" he screamed, "one of the engines just blew up!" Other passengers left their seats and came running over; suddenly the aircraft was rocked by a second blast as yet another engine exploded on the other side. The passengers were in a panic now, and even the stewardesses couldn't maintain order. Just then, standing tall and smiling confidently, Leroy, the pilot, strode from the cockpit and assured everyone that there was nothing to worry about. His words and his demeanor made most of the passengers feel better, and they sat down as the pilot calmly walked to the door of the aircraft. There, he grabbed several packages from under the seats and began handing them to the flight attendants; each crew member attached the package to their backs. "Say," spoke up an alert passenger, "aren't those parachutes?" Leroy said they were. The passenger went on, "But I thought you said there was nothing to worry about?" "There isn't," replied Leroy as a third engine exploded. "We're going to get help!!!"

MEMORIES!!!

A cop pulls a car over. He begins to speak to the driver, Willie Mae, but she has a bit of a hearing problem. The officer notifies her that she was doing 38 in a 25 zone. The wife turns to Leroy, her husband, and asks "What'd he say?" Leroy replies "He says you were speeding!" Willie Mae turns back to the officer and says "Oh, sorry officer." The officer goes on; "License and registration please." Willie Mae again turns to Leroy. "What'd he say!?" Leroy, growing irritated, says "He wants to see your LICENSE." Willie Mae replies, "Oh, sorry officer. Here you go." The officer inspects her license and comments, "Ah, you're from New Orleans. I'll never forget that city.. I had the worst sexual experience of my entire life in New Orleans!" Willie Mae once more turns to her right and yells "What'd he say!!?" Leroy replies "He says he knows you!!!"

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