Mayor Corrects the Record
And Highlights Efforts to Fight Crime And Poverty

In response to some media stories about the recent, tragic shooting outside Club Blu that reported an inflated Fort Myers crime rate, Mayor Randall P. Henderson, Jr. corrected the record and provided details of the city's ongoing efforts to fight crime and poverty.

Although one national newspaper reported that Fort Myers' rates of homicide and overall violent crime “are about triple the national average, and significantly higher than those of any of Florida’s large cities except Miami,” Mayor Henderson noted that in 2014, Fort Myers' crime index (total crimes) was, in fact, about 35 percent higher than the national average. As Fort Myers has grown since 2002, the city's crime rate has actually decreased. (see attached graph).

Lee County, the city of Fort Myers had 79,000 residents in 2015. As County Seat, the city welcomes and provides service to many of the 650,000 Lee County residents and almost 5 million annual visitors. The city population swells each day to over 100,000 people who enter the city for work or patronize the hundreds of businesses and eating and entertainment establishments located within the City. The City may be "small" in size but it provides exceptional "big-city" services to a socio-economically, ethnically, and racially diverse community that extends well beyond political borders.

In 2003, the city annexed a large under-served area from the county, since city leaders

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One of the Problems With Taxes

So often I hear comments from people I thought I knew well that simply throw me for a loop, especially when the comments made are insensitive to people of color. I read one such comment just the other day, and I thought, is it me or are some people just that far gone, clouded by their pre-judgments?

“Government got them into this mess; it could get them out. A good start would be legislation that "promotes" marriage and stops rewarding out-of-wedlock babies. Children need a safe haven, a mother, and father to teach them values to live by and to set an example. It goes without saying parents are role models, and all of us are products of our family, for better or worse. Fix the family, and you fix a lot of other stuff too.”

Surely I agree with the whole role model stuff and the family thing, however, some of these people making general comments about a whole ethnic group are simply opinionated or economically obtuse. I refer to course of the personal observation suggest that government somehow is a financial sponsor for people of color. Surely, my white neighbors know the vast majority of people of color are hard-working Americans just like them. In fact, the U.S. Census tells us the majority of welfare recipients are people who identify themselves as white.

Many American corporations receive massive tax breaks and pay little to no taxes at all. This has prompted the Chamber of Commerce propaganda machine to solicit additional incentives for companies to keep business here in the U.S. This argument has laid the foundation for American companies to seek reductions in U.S. workers hourly rates, benefits, and working conditions. Some access the present system as the largest government-sanctioned transfer of income from the working poor to the richest of the rich.

In a new report, published by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP), findings show many of the US largest and most profitable corporations pay insufficiently or no federal income taxes. The report shines a light on multinational corporations who pay higher rates abroad than in the U.S., and despite their protestations to the contrary. There continues to be no outrage mainly from the American public, and certainly not from those who help the working poor for any assistance they may ultimately get from the government.

The calls for real tax reform have gotten a bit louder, with some asking for the top 1% and corporations to pay their fair share. Mainly, it has fallen on deaf ears, as influence peddlers on Capitol Hill incessantly claim the corporate tax rate is too high, uncompetitive. With such high tax rates, we can’t compete with the rest of the world. These claims have been mainly debunked and proven to be false. The largest corporations aren’t paying anywhere close to the 35% of their earned profits. Far too many aren’t paying any taxes in the U.S. at all.

The findings in this report are all the more troubling in consideration of the support and protections elected officials inject into laws siting the need to fund multinationals to be more competitive abroad. This report has found most multinationals have been paying far lower taxes here than they pay abroad. Even as 26 companies, including Boeing, General Electric, PriceLine.com, and Verizon, enjoyed negative income tax rates over an entire five-year period.

Additionally, 111 of the largest US companies enjoyed at least one year in which their federal income tax was zero or less. Research has found that roughly two-thirds of the 125 multinationals’ corporations filed a tax payer less than $1 million, this corporate sibling paid no taxes on its profits overseas. On average, their foreign effective tax rate was 12 percent larger than their U.S. effective rate. Even as reports become known about the pillaging of their home country via no out of the American people or organizations which largely are asked for the working poor. The total amount of federal income tax subsidies enjoyed by the 258 profitable companies over the five years was $362 billion. Think the unpaid tax revenue could help spur job growth and speed up our economy to lift more of the working poor out of the depth of poverty? The most efficient way to answer the question is to show up and vote on November 8th, 2016.

*This information includes data from the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP), which analyzed data from 2008-2012.

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Why Is It So Hard To Stay Healthy?

Have you ever wondered if your parents had to work as hard as you do to maintain their health? Chances are, probably not. While they still had to make good food choices, their lifestyles were probably more active than sedentary. The air they breathed when they were younger was pure; the food they consumed was likely whole foods without the added hormones, pesticides and depleted soils of foods today. They would typically get between 7 to 8 hours of sleep each night. Although the stresses they experienced were challenging, their ability to handle the stresses was likely more effective than today’s people handling the fast-paced world that is filled with social media, internet and cell phones. All of these distractions and diversions can overload our minds and create a sense of imbalance and constant feelings of perpetual searching and seeking.

The truth is, it really DOES take hard work to stay healthy in today’s world. Whether you are struggling to keep quality food in the fridge and bypass the fast food frenzy or you are trying to keep up with all of the new technology and gadgets, if you don’t keep your health as your first priority from the moment you awaken to the timely moment you rest your head on your pillow, then the busyness of life and the chaos of the country will kill any instinct for creating a calm mind and a physically active body.

When you write out your daily to-do lists, do you have exercise as number one on your list each and every day? Is drinking quality, nutrient-filled liquids number two? Do you have real food and real recipes for your daily meals? That means planning and preparing for each meal. Is that on your list? Is it number three? Is getting enough sleep on your daily list? Is spending time with your Lord on your list? If you don’t plan it, it won’t happen. If you don’t plan to keep yourself healthy, then you are by default planning to get sick. If you are tired of taking supplements every day, then just imagine what it would look like if you forgot to fill up your car with gas when it is on empty. It wouldn’t run! If you honestly believe that you can get away with skipping out on your whole food supplements, skipping exercise and fudging on your food choices, then, the only one you have fooled is your mind. You certainly didn’t fool your body—it won’t be long before you see the red flags that will soon turn to much worse.

If you think it is a lot of work to stay healthy, you will be quite shocked at how much work it is to regain your health. And, it is a great deal more work trying to live a normal life while you are sick. Living in this world will take every ounce of energy and strength that you have. It is not Heaven and it is not meant to be easy. As you pray to your Lord for guidance, just remember that He sees you as a fully functional being that must participate in your own life. It is not meant to come with chefs, personal trainers and personal secretaries. This is your one and only chance at life. You must make every effort to get all that you can from it.

What are the consequences of working hard to maintain your health? You will be able to maintain your balance, your flexibility, your independence and your mind. Each of these are gifts that can easily be taken from you if you don’t strive to keep them. Other consequences are less pain, less financial strain from ill health, and more time with family and loved ones enjoying each other and creating memories that will last longer than the frustrations of the labor it took to stay healthy.

When you wake up tomorrow, please, remember to take time to maintain your health.
Karen Watson, MSW grew up in Fort Myers, FL and has two adult daughters and three grandchildren. She is 2008 alumnus of Florida Gulf Coast University, where she acquired a Master’s Degree in Social Work. She also has a Child Development Associate and Directors Credential.

Karen worked 22 years for The School District of Lee County where she taught Head Start, working with pregnant moms and infant and toddlers. For 10 years, she was devoted to teaching moms to be their child’s first best teacher by modeling best practices, providing resources and advocating for moms and children ages 0-3 years. She also found time to provide tutoring and operate a Family Home Child Care.

Fueled by frustration and optimism, she returned to higher education to earn a master’s degree in social work from Florida Gulf Coast University. Through her years of working with the School District of Lee County and regular home visits, she came to believe that poor parenting was the root cause of impoverished students’ social, developmental and nutritional obstacles.

Karen wanted to teach the parents to be the best parent they could be and give children and winning start before entering school. With graduate studies focused on mental illness in women and children, in 2007 she was inspired to join Our Mother’s Home by a former professor who saw the concern and commitment she had for children, women and her community. Karen served one year as Vice President of Our Mother’s Home’s Board of Directors, a year and a half as President. June 2011, became the Executive Director of Our Mother’s Home. In her commitment to the community, she’s served as Health Chairperson for The National Association for Advancement of Colored People, volunteers for Red Cross and is a mentor for Footsteps to the Future for young single mothers. In 2015 she was awarded the Golden Baby Shoe Award for her contribution of Social Services to help give babies a Healthy Start in life and in 2016 recognized as Excellent Administrative Professional. She has been featured in several magazines such as E’Bella, Pennicle of FGCU, Parent and Child and Grandeur.

The mission of Our Mother’s Home is to transition teen mothers and their children from foster care and human trafficking to stable, happy, and productive lives by providing a safe and nurturing home, education, parenting support, and physical, mental and spiritual care.

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Watson, a lifelong resident of Lee County, grew up in a low-income neighborhood; was the eldest of four children and helped her single mother with chores and bills. She became pregnant during her freshman year at Edison Community College and as a single mother, managed work, studies and child-rearing before marrying Frederick Watson.

As Watson shares her life experiences and wisdom with teen moms, urging them to look inside themselves and see their value, she’s paying it forward with thanks to those who helped her along the way. The ultimate goal and passion embraced by Watson is to teach each parent how to be the best parent they can be and give their children a winning start before entering school.

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Photos by Jacquie Matthews Williams.

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The Babcock Adventure was one of the exciting events scheduled to end this year’s camp. The highlight was Premier Night, Friday, July 29th when students showcased their digital technology camps to summer camp youth. Digital U Students learn how to utilize technology to create and express themselves through digital graphics, animation and movie making. Students also learn programming and how to research and create professional power point presentations. For the past three years campers have also participated in annual Entrepreneur Workshops and in-house Shark Tank competitions offered by local Entrepreneur John Gamba.

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The Back To School Edition
Dunbar High School

The PSAT

Students who do well on the PSAT can be eligible for several types of scholarships. With most of today’s high school students taking several high-stakes standardized tests before graduation, a so-called “practice test” might seem insignificant. But is it the case of the PSAT (more formally known as the Preliminary SAT), that would be a mistake.

Doing poorly on the exam, taken most often by sophomores and juniors, won’t hurt your college admissions chances, but doing well on it could mean more money for college — in some cases, a lot more.

That’s because the PSAT also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test for juniors hoping to be National Merit Finalists. The competition is tough. Of the more than 1.5 million 11th graders who took the exam last year, only 15,000 became finalists.

But if you do manage to make the finalist circle, you’ll be eligible for some of the $2 million that’s awarded each year in scholarships. About half of finalists receive either a one-time $2,500 National Merit Scholarship Corp. by May of their senior year.

There are also some special scholarships, sponsored by companies, that go to students who aren’t finalists but still performed well on the exam. Some of the most lucrative scholarships will cover the full cost of tuition and are renewable for four years. In addition to the National Merit Scholarship program, the College Board also announced this year that an additional $180 million in student-institutional money will be awarded based on performance on the PSAT. Five major foundations that work primarily with underrepresented minorities are sponsoring the awards.

Vacancy Football

August 15, Palmcrest 7:30 p.m. Gordon’s Park
August 26, Fort Baker 7:00 p.m. John Baker
September 2, Lehigh 7:00 p.m. Dunbar
September 9, District 7:00 p.m. Dunbar

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The scene at the Riverside Community Center was set for beautiful little girls of different ages, shapes and colors. The “No Girl Left Behind 2016” program was a beautiful event for elementary age young ladies. These young girls learned to see their inner beauty and to feel comfortable just being themselves. The event was well received by the girls as well as their parents, family members and well wishers.

This “No Girl Left Behind 2016” is a project of “Crowning Daughters for Success” organization under the leadership of Tasheekia Perry. It is celebrating “10 Years of Empowerment, Impact and Service to Our Community”.

Photos by Stephanie Stephens.
A hurricane is a type of tropical cyclone or severe tropical storm that forms in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, and in the eastern Pacific Ocean. A typical cyclone is accompanied by thunderstorms, and in the Northern Hemisphere, a counterclockwise circulation of winds near the earth’s surface.

All Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coastal areas are subject to hurricanes. Parts of the Southwest United States and the Pacific Coast also experience heavy rains and floods each year from hurricanes spawned off Mexico. The Atlantic hurricane season lasts from June to November, with the peak season from mid-August to late October. The Eastern Pacific hurricane season begins May 15 and ends November 30.

Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to coastlines and several hundred miles inland. Hurricane can produce winds exceeding 155 miles per hour as well as tornadoes and microbursts. Additionally, hurricanes can create storm surges along the coast and cause extensive damage from heavy rainfall. Floods and flying debris from the excessive winds are often the deadly and destructive results of these weather events.

Before a Hurricane

To prepare for a hurricane, you should take the following measures:

- To begin preparing, you should build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- Learn the level elevation of your property and whether the land is flood-prone. This will help you know how your property will be affected when storm surge or tidal flooding are forecasted. Identify levees and dams in your area and determine whether they pose a hazard to you.
- Learn community hurricane evacuation routes and how to find higher ground. Determine where you would go and how you would get there if you needed to evacuate.
- Make plans to secure your property:
  - Cover all of your home’s windows. Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection for windows. A second option is to board up windows with 5/8” exterior grade or marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install. Another year-round option would be installation of laminated glass with impact-resistant glazing. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
  - Install straps or additional clips to securely fasten your roof to the frame structure. This will reduce roof damage.
  - Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed so they are more wind resistant.
  - Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
  - Reinforce your garage doors; if winds enter a garage it can cause dangerous and expensive structural damage.
- Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.
- Determine how and where to secure your boat.
- Install a generator for emergencies.

If in a high-rise building, when high winds are present, be prepared to take shelter on a lower floor because wind conditions increase with height, and in a small interior room without windows. When flooding may be occurring, be prepared to take shelter on a floor safely above the flooding and wave effects.

Consider building a safe room.

Hurricanes cause heavy rains that can cause extensive flood damage in coastal and inland areas. Everyone is at risk and should consider flood insurance protection. Flood insurance is the only way to financially protect your property or business from flood damage.

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The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County has received a $17,000 grant from Boys & Girls Club of America to implement the UPS Road Code program. As a leading cause of death for U.S. teens, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, motor vehicle accidents account for more than 1 in 3 teenage deaths. This program is designed to educate teens on safe driving techniques. The UPS Road Code program officially kicked-off in July 2016. The program will be offered to teens that will receive the same safety training used for UPS’ own drivers. UPS has approximately 102,000 drivers worldwide and they are among the safest on the roads. UPS employees will be trained as volunteer instructors to teach the selected group of teenagers to learn different safety principles when driving. These safety principles will include a variety of topics ranging from basic instruction to the consequences of risky behaviors such as texting, talking on cell phones or drinking while driving. Teens will practice on driving simulators, which include life-like gas and brake pedals, a steering wheel and a computer screen that serves as a windshield to the program’s interactive animation. “We are extremely excited for the opportunity to kick-off the UPS Road Code program right here in Collier County,” said Theresa Shaw, president and CEO at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. “The safety of our youth is vital to us as an organization and this educational program about the safety of driving will have a positive impact on our teens who are preparing to get behind the wheel for the first time.” The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County (BGCCC) is a non-profit, youth development organization, which annually serves 3,000 of the most at-risk children and teens in Collier County. The Club provides a safe, positive place where local youth can acquire academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. The Boys & Girls Club is dedicated to its mission, which is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. To learn more about the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County or to arrange a tour, call 239-325-1700 or visit bgccc.com.

Event: Pokémon Lure Party (Marco)
August 6, 2016
Marco Island Historical Museum

Beginning July 30, come explore all five Collier County Museums while hunting elusive Pokémon. Each museum branch will provide lure modules from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. along with other Pokémon themed activities, and a scavenger hunt. All trainers are welcome. The Marco Island Historical Museum will host its Lure Party, Saturday, Aug 6. For more information, please call (239) 642-1440. Lure Party Schedule: July 30 - Naples Depot Museum; August 6 - Marco Island Historical Museum; August 13 - Collier County Museum; August 20 - Museum of the Everglades; August 27 - Immokalee Pioneer Museum.
Stroke Patients, Spouses Find Friendship While Healing

A day after his 71st birthday in November 2015, Denny Brown and his wife, Linda, were planning to eat dinner, and then watch a movie at home. While Linda was cooking, Denny collapsed on the bathroom floor.

"His speech was garbled and I knew right away he had a stroke," Mrs. Brown says. "I called 911 immediately." An ambulance arrived quickly and Denny was transported to Gulf Coast Medical Center. His trip began a journey that lasted more than four months, and required hospitalization, followed by care at HealthPark Care & Rehabilitation Center so he could regain his independence.

"He has improved so much," Mrs. Brown says. "Even so, he has limited use of his right arm and he cannot speak."

While at HealthPark Care & Rehabilitation Center, the Browns met Raymond and Gail Hess. Raymond suffered a similar stroke in December 2015. Raymond also went through extensive testing and medical care and needed time to regain function—and like Denny, Raymond’s speech was severely affected. He has maintained a sense of humor but cannot clearly communicate his intentions or requests. "He tries," Mrs. Hess says. "But silly things come out. We can kind of guess what he wants and sometimes he points to the TV if he can’t hear it or if he wants me to turn the channel."

The two men might not have met if not for HealthPark Care & Rehabilitation Center’s Guest Services Coordinator, Linda Paxson, who thought they might make good roommates. "Initially, they were not in a room together but they had a similar diagnosis and I had a gut feeling they would get along well," Ms. Paxson says. When space became available, Linda worked with Sue Gevers, admissions coordinator, to place the two men in a room together.

"It was a great friendship from the beginning," Ms. Paxson says. "Their wives developed a nice friendship and the men, though non-verbal, gave each other a ‘thumbs up’ when they agreed with something. It was great to see encouragement during daily physical therapy time as the families were cheerleaders for both spouses.”

The friendship helped stabilize both men. In the beginning of their experience Raymond went to bed at 5:15 p.m. but Denny stayed up much later, watching television, only to experience fatigue the next day. After they began living together, they found a wake-and-sleep routine that worked for them and their spouses.

Denny was able to return home first, and Linda and Gail stayed in touch. "We are now at the point where both men are at home, but we are a little bit ahead of where they are," Mrs. Brown says. "I still communicate with Gail and we’ve had lunch. When she took Raymond home I was able to tell her what to expect. While it’s not easy, we are learning new ways to improve our lives every day.”

Denny still does not have the use of his right arm and requires assistance when walking. Raymond is weak on his right side. Linda and Gail share their routines, questions and thoughts via texts and emails, and still make time to bring their husbands together, usually over a meal. "We know how lucky we are," Mrs. Hess says. "It’s something I wouldn’t want others to go through, but we have found a good place and we’re happy.”

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Mt. Hermon Community Fun Day
Picture Gallery
The Seventh Day Sabbath
By Halbert L. Crowley

Although Sunday has not yet been enforced as a day of rest yet, the Roman Catholic Church (the first branch of the 11-13-0) along with many other churches and institutions, including trade unions, are resolutely setting Sundays as a day of rest. This is in direct opposition to the seventh day Sabbath that God instituted during creation week. Furthermore, the Sunday law will place the authority of the Roman Catholic Church above the authority of our Heavenly Father. This, of course, is an abomination!

Revelation 12:1 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth: and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.
12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whom also they received for God.
13 And he doth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven upon the earth in the sight of men;
14 And deceiveth them which dwell upon the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast:
15 And causeth them to receive an image in a beast, that they should worship the image which was made to be worshipped; which causeth the worshippers to receive an image in a beast, that they should worship the image which was made to be worshipped.
16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:
17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

The true remnant church observes the Seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday) as the rest of God. (Exod. 20:1-11) And these signs were worth with the woman, and to make men bear the remnant of her sex, which keep the Commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ:

Isaiah (Isaiah) Rev. 12:1-9; Woman (Church) Rev. 12:9, 9:6
Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change (Saturday Sabbath to Sunday) was the act. And the act is a MARK of her rediscovered authority in religious things.

K.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Catholic Bibles.

Question: Which is the Sabbath day?
Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day.

The Sabbath is a day sacred to God. It is a day of rest and worship. On this day, Christians observe the Sabbath by attending church services, reading the Bible, and resting. The Sabbath is a time to reflect on our faith and to spend time with our families. It is a day to remember the creation of the world and the covenant that God made with his people. The Sabbath is a day to remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and to give thanks for the gift of eternal life. The Sabbath is a day to promote justice, peace, and righteousness in our communities. The Sabbath is a day to honor the Lord and to serve others. The Sabbath is a day to remember the king of kings and the shepherd of shepherds. The Sabbath is a day to remember the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Sabbath is a day to remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to give thanks for the gift of eternal life.
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Significant Events In American Black History In August

August 1, 1879 - Mary Eliza Mahoney graduates from the New England Hospital for Women and Children, becoming the first black professional nurse in America.

August 1, 1889 - General Colin Powell is nominated chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the African American to hold the post.


August 2, 1926 - Carter Woodson, historian, author, inaugurated Negro History Week and later producer of the Negro History Bulletin.

August 3, 1800 - Gabriel Prosser leads slave revolt in Richmond, Va.

August 4, 1810 - Abolitionist Robert Purvis born.

August 5, 1962 - Nelson Mandela, South African freedom fighter, imprisoned. He was not released until 1990.

August 6, 1867 - Actor Ira Aldridge dies and is buried in Lodz, Poland.

August 7, 1894 - Joseph Lee patents kneading machine.

August 8, 1865 - Polar explorer Matthew Henson born.

August 8, 1936 - Jesse Owens wins fourth gold medal at Summer Olympics in Berlin.

August 9, 1836 - Jesse Owens named undersecretary of the United Nations.

August 10, 1899 - Granville T. Woods patents electrified railway telegraphy.

August 11, 1921 - Alex Haley, author of Roots, born.

August 12, 1977 - Steven Biko, leader of the Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa, arrested.

August 13, 1981 - The Reagan Administration undertakes its review of 30 federal regulations, including rules of civil rights to prevent job discrimination.

August 14, 1889 - The North Carolina Black Repertory Company hosts the first National Black Theater Festival in Winston-Salem, NC.


August 16, 1922 - Author Louis E. Lomax born.

August 17, 1849 - Lawyer-activist Archibald Henry Grink, who challenged the segregation policies of President Woodrow Wilson, born.

August 18, 1859 - Harriet Wilson's Our Nig is first novel published by a black writer.

August 19, 1954 - Dr. Ralph J. Bunche named national director of the United Nations.

August 20, 1993 - Dr. David Satcher named director of the Centers for Disease Control.

August 21, 1831 - Nat Turner leads slave revolt in Virginia.

August 22, 1843 - Henry Highland Garnet calls for a general strike by slaves.

August 23, 1926 - Carter Woodson, historian, author, inaugurated Negro History Week and later producer of the Negro History Bulletin.


August 26, 1920 - 19th Amendment to the Constitution ratified, giving women the right to vote.

August 27, 1935 - Mary McLeod Bethune founds the National Council of Negro Women.

August 28, 1888 - Granville T. Woods patents railway telegraphy.

August 29, 1920 - Saxophonist Charlie "Bird" Parker born.


August 31, 1836 - Henry Blair patents cotton planter.

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The Haitian-American Democratic Club Hosts District 2 Lee County School Board Debate

On Saturday, July 23rd, 2016 at 3:30pm, the Haitian-American Democratic Club of Lee County hosted a District 2 Lee County School Board debate at New Jerusalem Baptist Church, located at 4040 Princeton St., Fort Myers, Florida. Hundreds of people attended the debate and over ten Haitian pastors were in attendance to represent their congregations along with community members and other school board candidates.

The Haitian-American community represents the second largest minority group of the Lee County School District. Reports show the high school graduation rate for the Haitian student population is less than 50 percent and is declining in Lee County. The HADC and other minority groups have been dealing with that same situation, for many years. The club is also concerned about transportation, textbook adoption, staffing, funding for extracurricular activities, new curriculum standards and construction of new school facilities and adult education with vocational and professional orientation.

Following the debate, the club held its regular monthly meeting at the Quality Life Center of SW, located at 3210 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Dr. Gregory K. Adkins, Superintendent of Lee County School District was the guest speaker for that evening.

Dr. Adkins presented information on the following:
1) Data of Haitian students in Lee County 2) Haitian resources supplies/books 3) Haitian assessment & training 4) How to help teachers with varying levels of Haitian ELL students 5) General resources/information

The Haitian American Democratic Club members expressed their concerns about test scores that are considered unacceptable for Lee County’s Haitian-American children.

Calling All Dunbar High School Class Of 1966 Members

Dear Fellow Classmates,
Time has really passed. We are approaching our 50th year of graduation from high school. The Dunbar High School Class of 1966, will have its 50th class reunion the weekend of August 26-28, 2016.

We will begin our weekend with a picnic on Friday, August 26, 2016 at Centennial Park from 12N to 4:00 P.M., 2000, West First St. On Saturday, August 27, 2016 we will have a banquet and dance at Crowne Plaza Hotel located at the Bell Tower Mall on Bell Tower Drive from 6:30 P.M. to 11:30P.M.

On August 28, 2016, church services will be held starting at 11:00 A.M. at Jesus Christ Outreach Center, 4050 Ballard Rd. Bishop Hasley Watkins, Minister.

We have arranged with Crowne Plaza Hotel for special room rates at $102.12 per night, including tax. If you plan on staying at this hotel, reservations will have to be made by July 26, 2016. The cost of the reunion is $150.00 per classmate this includes one guest free additional, guests will cost $50.00 per person. We need to hear from you as soon as possible no later than, July 30, 2016 if you plan to attend the reunion.

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The Daniels 2016 Family Reunion, under the theme of “Love Is Action” was filled with a weekend that echoed its theme from beginning to end. Aubrey stated, Friday night began with love and ended in love with a day of family worship. Thanking them for coming to "his neck of the woods," Aubrey Daniels summarized the family gathering as a weekend filled with joy, tears, laughter and good food, but most of all, love for each other.

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Of course black lives matter! And before the self-appointed Facebook and social media pontificators rip me to shreds, let me also say that the “Black Lives Do Matter Tenet” is not relevant. But isn’t it time to demonstrate that black lives matter to black people even as we try to convince others that black lives “ought” to matter to them. Isn’t it time to demonstrate that we will not allow a few bad apples to spoil the entire community barrell? Isn’t it time to admit, at least in the City of Fort Myers if not nationally, that the greatest threat to the lives of our children is “not” an encounter with a law enforcement officer, but getting caught in the crossfire of warring young black youths who have internalized that being grown means solving their disputes with guns, without regards to their lives or the lives of others?

Isn’t it time that we demonstrate that we will stand what community is? That we are more than a group of people who live in the same geographical location and share brown and dark skin pigmentation. But that we are neighbors, family, friends, congregations, business, and organizations connected by culture, custom, and values that hold us together and guide our behaviors. Values that “do not include” hiding, protecting, and enabling those who would murder our love ones, hold us hostage, cause us to live in fear and community.

It may not be an easy thing to do, but it is time to demonstrative that black lives matter to black people. It is time to break the silence. It is time to give the murderers over to law enforcement and stand by the witness of what we know until justice is served.

Unity does not happen just because you call for it or highlight the lack of it on Facebook posts. Unity happens when we train for it, plan for it and rehearse for it. Unity happens when we learn a common language and then speak in one voice. Unity happens when we embrace a shared belief or principle that unites us rather than divides us. Unity happens when we embrace and implement a methodology for action that results in social change. In the absence of a common language, a uniting principle and a methodology for action, there will be no unity.

Beginning August 1st through September 26th, on Monday evenings at Mount Hermont Ministries, I am teaching a class and conducting an 8 week training that will result in unifying the community. It is entitled “Justice Ministry and the Bible: The Church, The Community and Social Change.” We will learn a common language. We will learn a principle that unites us and not divides us. We will learn a methodology for sustained action.

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