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Doc's special messages

Physician Extraordinaire and Master Mentor

In the Context of Spirituality By Dr. R. Marie Horne MD

When you are afforded the spiritual reassurance that God Deity hath anointed your paths in life for your Divine destiny, to His Glory and for His gift of the abundant life and the enhancement of life for others, your spiritual enlightenment, professional service and personal growth become confluent; and when this confluence further propagates professional superlativeness, compassion, sensitivity and humility, your life preparation becomes particularly suited to service careers such as a Physician's career. An admixture of the aforementioned attributes exemplifies the exemplary

character of one such Physician, whom I have the privilege and distinct pleasure of introducing to my newspaper column readership and my mentoring video-channel audience, Dr. Joseph Webster, MD, my Colleague and Physician Extraordinaire, who not only has demonstrated phenomenal professional expertise as a superlative Pharmacy Graduate and a distinguished Doctor of Internal Medicine with exceptional proficiency in his Subspecialty of Gastroenterology but is also a Master Mentor, who reaches back to provide sage advice, insightful perspective and avails the upcoming generation of prag-

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matic principles and potential foresight in equipping themselves for life - in its diversity. Attendant to his recent videotaping for the *HorneHouseHour* Session, Dr. Webster renders practical admonitions and reminds young Millennial Mentees to enjoy the diversity of participating in multiple positive extracurricular school activities and assume avocational interests, in addition to honing academic skills and acquiring stellar achievements in school - combining the balance of academia with positive extracurricular enjoyment. Dr. Webster shared,

in the kaleidoscopic view of his own life scenario, the importance of versatility- such that he wrote in and edited his school newspaper as a youth, sang in the school choir, played in the school band, participated in competitive school public speaking contests on the state and national levels, and played a year of varsity basketball in high school - enjoying the friendship and positive advantages of peer mentor experiences in his youth -as he emphasizes, he realized that studying and achieving A and B status in fortifying his academic performance, si-

multaneously, was germane to accomplishing whatever academic goals he might formulate or set in the future for himself as a youth. Dr. Webster shares the essence of the impact of his parents in the strengthening of his familial foundations through their immensely supportive parental mentoring, as evidenced by the career success that Dr. Webster and his siblings have achieved - he and his sister are Physicians and his three other siblings have PhD's. Dr. Webster also gives young Mentees, the exhortation that spirituality is comforting and serves to give the ultimate

balance to one's life! Entrusted with the leadership mantle as a former National Alumni President for myriad thousands of Florida A & M University Alumni, Dr. Webster served to create innovative and positive impetus in achieving growth and impactful productive change during his tenure among the diverse FAMU Alumni Family. Dr. Webster is a phenomenal physician practitioner, entrepreneur, proprietor, and CEO of Webster Wellness Complex, an eight thousand square foot ultramodern, multi-specialty surgical center complex in the State Cap-

ital of Florida in Tallahassee. Dr. Joe Webster, MD and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, who both matriculated as Florida A&M University Pharmacy Graduates before they both embarked upon careers as Practicing Physicians, conferred during the Interview, as captured in the Accompanying Photo, under the illustrative artistic rendering that depicts aspects that are emblematic of Dr. LaSalle Lefalle, Jr. MD's iconic career, within Dr. Webster's Executive Office Suite. Dr. LaSalle Lefalle Jr. MD, an American iconic surgeon, who was a past President of the American Cancer

Society and a past President of the American College of Surgeons and a Fellow of both The American College of Surgeons and The American Board of Gastroenterology, was also a distinguished Florida A & M University Alumnus and Mentor to Dr. Webster. In culmination, Dr. Joseph Webster MD, is a Physician Extraordinaire and remarkable Master Mentor, and was a Mentee of the internationally reputed historical icon, Dr. LaSalle Lefalle, and Dr. Joseph Webster MD continues to perpetuate the Legacy!

Sibling Splendor

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By: Dr. R. Marie Horne MD

My small wonder of a godchild in "BabyAthena" realizes even at her tender age of two years old that her new sibling, "BabyAnikha" is simply sibling splendor!

My first generational godchild and Internal Medicine Physician Colleague, Dr. Ariel's recent parturition culminating in the introduction to the world of newborn Anikha gives my second generational godchild Athena the familial splendor of a sibling. This sibling bond continues in emulation of the sisterly bond forged between my first generational godchildren, Dr. Ariel and future Juris Doctor Raquel.

The PhotoCollages emphasize and reflect the significance and importance of incorporating instances and events surrounding the older sibling's involvement in welcoming a newborn into the family fold.

PHOTOCOLLAGE

ONE: Counterclockwise Photo One shows Dr. Harry, Internal Medicine Physician husband of Dr. Ariel, fatherly ushering in Anikha's entrance to the outside world. Dr. Harry nurtures Athena while simultaneously involving her early in the interest of sibling bonding with her newborn baby sister as they enter hospital to bring Dr. Ariel and Anikha home. Photo Two Counterclockwise shows Athena gaining nurturing skills with



her "doll baby" in anticipation of sharing her with newborn sister, Anikha. Photo



Three shows Athena sharing her "doll baby" with her newborn baby sister, Anikha. Photo Four shows Dr. Harry nurturing both sisters concomitantly while enhancing bonding between father and

his precious girls and engendering a bonding atmosphere between the two siblings as well. PHOTO: Athena AKA "dr. Athena" is dressed in physician regalia at home - readying for her Montessori

school's "Community Helper Day." PHOTO COLLAGE shows two views of Athena, "dr. Athena," in physician/stethoscope apparel in her driveway on her way to her Montessori school.

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Hometown homeroom homage

In the Context of Spirituality

By Dr. R. Marie Horne MD

Our Hometown of Quitman and its populace was interestingly busy and phenomenal with a uniqueness for its time—a changing and dynamic sociocultural era during 1960 to 1970. Our Homes and domestic life, our Churches and spiritual life and our Schools and academic life were uppermost in our thoughts. Our active participation in a plethora of busy activities shaped our immediate world and the formulation of our future goals. America was sociologically changing. In 1960, Washing-



ton Street High School commenced its instruction, initiating a new era for local scholarly pursuit following the old era of academic proficiency, in building upon an already strong foundational focus, in intellectual pursuit and extracurricular achievement - it just expanded exponentially. Dr. R. Marie Horne MD is pictured with Mrs. Harriette Carr Moore during recent Reunion Festivities. My brother Hilton Jr., entered WSHS in 1960, graduated in 1961, entered Pre-Med studies at Howard University in 1961, and auditioning, became a member of the internationally famous Howard University Choir; he performed alongside fellow Howard University Choir Comrades, Robert Flack, Donny Hathaway and Jesse Norman, who became well-known, Famous Singers; my brother's focus was revisited, in conjunction with my father's, Mr. Hilton Horne, who gave stern but loving admonition-opt for the eventual Doctor of Medicine Degree, instead of the "temporary fame, Son." A famous career was almost assured, when you performed with stellar musical genre distinction, beside a Flack, Hathaway or Norman as a Howard University Bison! At WSHS, my brother, regarded for his intellectual superlativeness (Salutato-

rian), his suave, gregarious personality, his mellifluous voice, his blessing of charm, and his handsome physical comport, showed sophistication appeal and humility. (One thing that my Dad and Mother, demanded from their children, was gratefulness and humility unto God. Divinity is foremost in the Horne Family life orientation dynamic; healthy self-esteem and positive self-assurance were encouraged but must be accompanied by humility-because of the scriptural validation, "But by the grace of God, I am, "... KJV 1 Corinthians 15:10. In 1961, the Horne Family accompanied my brother, who later became one-half of the first sister-brother siblings as Doctors of Internal Medicine from Quitman, to Washington D.C. This constituted a momentous time for the Horne Family - in the Tour at the White House, Smithsonian, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Catholic Monastery, etc. My brother, Dr. Hilton Horne Jr. MD, would have a distinguished career as a research Microbiologist at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and Bethesda Naval Hospital and outstanding histopathology proficiency and linguistic fluency begun at Howard University and maximized in military assignment in Germany along with acquisition

of Aswan (Germany) Shriner status -eventually becoming a Doctor. Additionally, in the mid-Sixties, my sister, Barbara Horne became the first African American Head Nurse at Pineview General Hospital in Valdosta. In 1964, my family moved from our Spanish-Styled- Stucco house, built and designed in 1947, and owned by my parents; they added to their local real estate holdings with the contractual commissioning of the 1600 South Washington Street domicile. I had been impressed that my Mother's Duncan Phyfe, Victorian, French Provincial and Chippendale furnishings and decor had similarity to the 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue White House decor-knowledge gained before my White House Tour; classic, neoclassical and traditional motifs were being incorporated at 1600 South Washington Street with the accoutrements of modernist accent and the best of eclectic style, just across from Washington Street High School-then a recent architectural modernist construction. In the Sixties, My Mom, owner of Horne Cosmetology Salon (initiated in the late Forties), Mrs. E. J. Horne, was the President of the Beauty & Culture League and Ms. Floree McIntosh (cookbook Author) and Mrs. Rosa Malloy would fashion formal dinner

parties for some of us "Washington Street Girls," one of which was hosted at WSHS. Mrs. Horne, Ms. McIntosh and Mrs. Malloy would also be among the first invited guests for a societal tea function at the North Court Street Home of Quitman's Premier Pharmacist in the Sixties ("Dr." Lee of Lee Drugstore) and Mrs. Grace Lee, as gracious as her name designated, and who was socially innovative before social inclusion became widely popularized. The Sixties were changing the social and societal dynamic in numerous ways! Living directly across from the school meant close physical proximity but the school rules still applied rigorously. I could not just dash home for one of my Mother's palatable lunches; the Horne siblings purchased lunch at school like their schoolmates and permission had to be granted to leave school for any reason in those days. The aforementioned scenarios set the tone for just some of the sociocultural dynamics of the Horne Family that lived just across from WSHS. Thus the subject of Hometown Homeroom Homage, emphasizes the significance of the Homeroom teacher of one of those siblings in that family, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and the impact that her WSHS Homeroom Teacher had on her and her

amazing WSHS classmates! This positive academic and professional nurture from Mrs. Harriette Carr Moore, is articulated by Mr. William Hill, a WSHS Homeroom Classmate who was a superb school athlete, and who asserts "our Homeroom teacher, Ms. Carr back then, was a 'Mother-figure' to us during our long school day; that's why our Class Reunion last year was so great; she traveled from Alabama, with her family to greet her students, and to see them as grown-ups and to see how they are doing and what they accomplished; she even came back this year to the WSHS 1960 to 1970 Class Reunion." Mrs. Doris Morrow Fulks and all of our classmates feel that Ms. Carr's youthful vibrancy, beauty and inspirational teaching are remembered by all of her students. I further note that for four years, Ms. Carr, gave us professional nurture, gave each of us that heart-warming greeting each morning, and in the interim, for ninth grade English instruction, taught us the intricacies of gerunds, sentence structure, dangling participles, infinitives, noun apposition, syntax, etc. Prior to dismissing her Hometown Homeroom class each day, Ms. Carr would astutely surmise each student's situation-addressing any potential problematic issues; she taught

us life skills amidst formal instruction. The culmination of Ms. Carr's four-year professional stint as our academic and life skills mentor was analogous to a four-year collegiate culmination - important culmination phases. We pay homage to Mrs. Harriette Carr Moore for her dedication, academic nurture and mentorial presence in a very impressive chronological phase in our lives and we reciprocate her positive vision for our collective multifaceted success and accomplishment. At the culmination of our high school graduation, Ms. Carr's small Homeroom class (from a total of 132 WSHS graduates that year), under her tutelage, produced the Valedictorian who received 17 of 20 senior awards (certificates, medals, trophies), became 1st Place State Essayist and Read Magazine Awardee and who eventually became a Doctor of Medicine, Pharmacy Graduate & Published Author; US Military Men; the Salutatorian, an educator who received a PhD; other Educators; Insurance Agent; Ministers; Government Executive; Entrepreneurs, Etc. We Cherish and Give Homage to our Hometown Homeroom Mentor, Mrs. Harriette Carr Moore for the inestimable blessings of esteem, respect, and life skills that you gave us! Doc

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Pinetop Cottage's Natural Splendor

By Dr. R. Marie Horne MD

In 1925, the eminent Valdosta Architect Lloyd Greer, made a stunning departure from his famed traditional-style house designs which are inclusive of Neoclassical, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Classical Revival, Bungalow/Craftsman, Art Deco, International, Late Gothic Revival, Collegiate Gothic, Etcetera. The architectural construct of "PINETOP," is unique and has been historically designated as the Daniel-Shealy House. In a Quitman brochure of local historic houses, the description of this home's natural opulence, reflects its uniqueness in architectural style and reads, "...designed by Lloyd Greer, the rather rustic style of this cottage is unusual for the architect. The gardens are lovely and extensive. Edna Cain Daniel, publisher of the Quitman Free Press for many years, resided here and had as a frequent guest Margaret Mitchell, famed author of *Gone With the Wind*." In touring this splendid abode, one is reminded of the conceptualization of the architectural philosophy of another famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, who coined the term and developed the concept of "organic architecture" - which embodies designs wherein the building/home has a "relationship to the natural surroundings." Lloyd Greer seemingly invoked this architectural principle in designing the Daniel-Shealy historic house as Nurse Nancibeth Shealy explains that Architect Greer sought to elicit the concept that "Pinetop" would be constructed "as if it rises from the ground upward" and the garden grounds definitely emphasize the house's harmony with nature as the visit and tour unveiled the varied beautiful nearly five hundred Camellia varieties cultivated by Nurse Nancibeth alone - which complements the ubiquitous array of camellias grown and hybridized by her father, Dr. Luther Mack Shealy MD, a legendary Quitman physician and her mother, Mrs. Iris Morris Shealy, who are reknown locally for their legacy in perpetuating the foregoing legacy of the extensive and prolific work of Mrs. Betty Sheffield. Mrs. Sheffield, of German origin, whose father, Dr. Otto Pannkoke was also a physician, received her horticultural finesse from the camellia cultivating tutelage of another local horticulturalist, Ms. Rena (Lorena) Campbell, an African American lady in Quitman and thus camellia prop-

agation was initiated on a broad scale in Quitman - with dispersal of varieties to citizens across the Quitman township and with beautification maneuvers downtown! The eventuation of Quitman becoming the heralded, "Camellia City," is derived from the widespread distribution and the immense demand for its cultivated varieties beyond this small but special township! A bronze statue commemorating Mrs. Betty Sheffield stands on the memorial ground of the Historical Museum that surrounds the "old library" designed by Lloyd Greer. The International Camellia Registry credits and attributes Ms. Rena Campbell's provision of camellia cultivation expertise to Mrs. Betty Sheffield, and a camellia is reportedly registered in her name as well.

The Photo Collage shows the natural elegance of the Daniel-Shealy Cottage with its strikingly unique eye brow roofline and the chimney duplication of the original rustic beauty of the near-identical chimney on the side elevation in Photo One. Nurse Nancibeth Shealy is situated on the brick steps at the entrance of the illustrious home surrounded by beautiful flowering plants and dual stone sculpture "lions at guard" flanking the steps to the entrance in the Second Photo. Dr. R. Marie Horne MD readies for a visit and tour of the Daniel-Shealy Historic Home at the entrance reflected in the The Third Photo. The Fourth Photo showcases the generational ornate antique claw-foot side chairs, the carrara marble-topped lyre side tables and coffee table which coordinate well with the antique claw-foot sofa acquisition by the Shealy parents to create a traditional setting and which underscores the elegance of the living room that is replete with collectibles such as a "Georgia" Greensboro Clock made around 1835 and spectacular paintings by Nurse Nancibeth's maternal Grandmother Iris (a generational first name). The Fifth Photo shows the Primary Bedroom with traditional furnishings and a floral painting with a conspicuous cardinal bird - which red cardinal palette is noticeable in the painting that adorns the bedroom wall. In the Sixth Photo, the red cardinal motif is replicated in an artistic rendering acquired by Nurse Nancibeth, who holds the recent painting, procured in remembrance of her mother, Mrs. Iris, who also loved red cardinals - Mrs. Iris having admired the paintings of

her own mother that featured the cardinal. This elicited some understandable emotionality for Nurse Nancibeth whose obvious endearment, love and respect for her mother, is profound - and she endeavors to perpetuate both her parents' legacy in her propagation of camellia cultivation as is evidenced in the two-plus adjoining garden acreage to the historic home! The Ninth Photo shows Nurse Nancibeth standing at her locally-acquired antique gate and the Eighth Photo evidences the replica garden pond that she and her niece fashioned for her mother when she would admire it from the home's sunroom! In the Seventh Photo, Nurse Nancibeth shows Dr. Horne the early Camellias in bloom and in Photo Eleven, Dr. & Mrs. Shealy, in earlier times spent joyful moments in the garden surround. Dr. & Mrs. Shealy acquired "Pinetop" in the Sixties and Photo Ten shows the cottage splendor from a yesteryear perspective. Photo Twelve shows the Author of "Gone With the Wind" which, in its height of associated cinema popularity, garnered international acclaim. The Alliance between College President, Dr. Benjamin Mays of Morehouse College and Author, Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, forged scholarship donations by the Pulitzer Award Author that educated African American Physicians during her lifetime. A notably-large donation from her estate via her nephew promulgated a huge contribution toward educating African American physicians. There is a plethora of accounts and books that unfold the documentation of her support of Black Scholars, Black Physicians, in particular. This was a heretofore uncovered fact that was arbitrarily concealed during much of her lifetime because of the sociocultural conservatism of the times! Nurse Nancibeth offers her personal life philosophy and goal orientation as a Historic Preservation Commission Member: "I think the general purpose in life is to live it to your fullness and your best; don't worry about what is going to happen but live in time...I think that we can get Quitman back to a beautiful little town and I think the beautification of it is going to be great; keeping up what historical things we have is our focus!" Ms. Nancibeth Shealy, RN serves alongside HPC President, Mr. Chuck Ramsey, Recorder, Ms. Jacqueline Harper, Ms. Stella Butler and Vice President, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD.

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Seasonal Scenes

Whether Celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza or any fall and winter season festivities, our hometown and countywide populace is sure to reflect aesthetic style and festive flair in their home environs! Myriad Southerners appreciate Southern culinary delicacies in food and prevailing relatively temperate weather with environmentally-conducive climatic temperatures during fall and winter in comparison to the rest of our country. South Georgians also relish their Celebratory events whatever the occasion or season!

The Photo Collage shows Photo Four of Mr. Daniel Hanifan, the gentleman in dapper attire and suave posture, ready for any festive occasion that he hosts, standing beside the ornate piano. The piano is embossed with gold neoclassical/classical embellishments in the resplendent interior of Mr. Hanifan's home with illumination provided by the bespoke luminescent chandelier above the piano and classic sculpture collectible atop

it.

The Third Photo shows the scenic and beautiful exterior facade of Mr. Daniel Hanifan's Home in its stately traditional architectural essence.

Photo Two shows the spectacular Mediterranean Flair of The Home of Mr. Charles and Mrs. Demecia Hunter Smith, Millennials who manifest distinctive individual style and cultivated appreciation for unique Mediterranean-styled architectural magnificence.

The entrance gateway promenade to the splendid home celebrates the season with festive holiday garlands and glistening pristine reindeer occupying bilateral placement on either side of the entranceway.

Photo One reflects a magnified view of the elegant Smith Family Home. The decorative garlands blend with the array of palm trees and natural foliage residual to the home's grounds. Mr. Charles Sr., Mrs. Demecia and young Charles Smith Jr. display their seasonal flair to reflect their opulent style.



I, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, am thankful of the blessed privilege to continue to share some of the special Southern lifestyle features and flair of Quitman/Brooks

Countians with the amazing Quitman Free Press audience, which is not only local but transcends the country as myriad individuals are admiring this South



Georgia kaleidoscopic lifestyle view and have expressed that sentiment to me.

To the Brooks Countians who have expressed interest in

having their homes covered as well, it is continued with great appreciation for the privilege of sharing positive aspects of your lives!

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been fantastic but added, "No one showed me more luxurious tour finesse than Dr. Horne. (Dr. Horne had arranged a Limousine concierge entourage which she supervised in accompanying escort and concierge personnel to Atlanta during and after Dr. Victoria Rowell's Atlanta National Book Tour Venue Event, escorting Dr. Rowell to Quitman, arranging her National Book Tour/Quitman Venue at the Quitman/Brooks County Museum and Horne House. In the culmination, Dr. Horne accompanied the Limousine concierge party in escort of Dr. Victoria Rowell back to Atlanta). No one on Dr. Rowell's National Book Tour traversed that much millage in ensuring the level of luxuriant concierge care of Dr. Rowell on her historic National Book Tour and Dr. Rowell had graciously expressed her sentiment of gratitude for Dr. Horne's graciousness to Ms. Karla Winfrey during the movie set encounter.

Another hallmark Visit to Quitman by Dr. Ronald Scott McDowell, a globally-acclaimed sculptor, muralist and artist marked a historic occasion. Former Quitman Free Press Editor and Journalist, Mrs. Bonnell Hunter Holmes toured the legendary artist at the QFP (Dr. McDowell has had his paintings adorning the White House walls, visited the White House representing the

State of Alabama Artists, upon invitation by former First Lady Laura Bush, and has a list of iconic patrons in the Celeb world, famous political icons and museum sculptures en masse in sculptural presentations across different regions of the country as well as erecting a huge and immense mural in California. Dr. Ronald Scott McDowell was accompanied in Quitman by Dr. Jaehneth Ewell Taylor MD, who has a cameo presence in her famous Hollywood son's upcoming directorial cinema debut and her progeny, Hollywood cinema star, Juel "JuJu" Taylor, has already received acclaim for his Screenwriter success in "Creed II" and the "Space Jam Sequel."

The Photo Collage shows Dr. Victoria Rowell at the Quitman/Brooks County Historical Museum in Photo One and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, Dr. Victoria Rowell and Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller just outside of their Physician Practice @ 50 Peabody Place and contiguous to famed Beale Street in Memphis in Photo Two. Photo Three and Photo Five show Dr.

Horne @ a Celeb Event in Atlanta with Daytime Stars, Bradley Cole, Robert Newman and Gina Tognoni, and Photo Four shows Dr. Victoria Rowell @ Horne House with the concierge escort (on behalf of the Rowell National Book Tour/Quitman Venue mediated and supervised by Dr. R. Marie Horne MD).

The aforementioned Charitable venues and numerous other events have been mediated with Dr. Horne's iconic charitable co-mentors and charity protégés whose cultural, educational and mentorship import is felt around the world. Quitman/Brooks Countians have been afforded these "up close" experiences with global icons and have been enriched by these historical events!.

All of the mentors/protégés/charity collaborators are constantly addressing their individual life pursuits but with longstanding comaraderie, mutual respect, and the propensity for making positive contributions to others lives, the bond of commonality in humanitarian service among this corps, is palpable, evident and significant.

We can all make significant contributions whether one is born in a small principality or a great metropolis because accomplishment directed by Divinity, service to one's fellow human and actualization of extending true humanity should guide our earthly presence and assure our spiritual legacies!

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Salute to TikTok BoykinZ Sensation

Generation Z's Boykin Sisters ("BoykinZ") with 64 MILLION TikTok VIEWS of their Single, "Girls Night" are SOUTHERN SISTERS literally. The phenomenal quartet of sisters from their family of seven siblings, hail from Snellville, a suburb of Atlanta, and now reside near Nashville, Tennessee where their SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER, MS. KARLA WINFREY resides. South Georgians are very familiar with MS. KARLA WINFREY who has visited and collaborated in charitable production of a Children's Book and an Etiquette & Mentoring DVD Media Production (Filmed @ the Quitman/Brooks County Historical Museum in 2008) along with Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller. The PHOTO shows the BoykinZ: Alona, Kylan, Anale, Nytere.

Kicking off the Black History Month Observance in February 2023 on the "KELLY CLARKSON SHOW," MS. CLARKSON will be featuring notable African American music contributors and highlights of African

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American contributions for the full month of February 2023. MS. KELLY CLARKSON, a Lady country music icon, has reportedly sold over 25 Million Albums and 45 Million Single Records Worldwide.

"KELLYOKE," a professional "Karaoke version" of MS. KELLY CLARKSON'S Singing Rendition on her syndicated Television Show, featured MS. CLARKSON on February 1, 2023, singing the "DESTINY CHILD'S Hit (recorded/performed originally by BEYONCE, KELLY, & MICHELLE), "Survivor." This Rendition initiated The KELLY CLARKSON SHOW'S Salute to Black History Month (throughout Black History Month of February 2023 each "KELLYOKE" song that starts her show reflects A Salute to Black History Month). Actor, JAY ELLIS was Guest Celeb on February 1, 2023. "Somebody I Used To Know" represents a new upcoming movie - which movie role is played by JAY ELLIS.

The Oscar nominated "Top Gun Maverick" sequel movie denotes the character in which JAY ELLIS played the role of a naval aviator, "Lieutenant Reuben Fitch." The aforementioned two movie credits showcase two notable roles of JAY ELLIS.

"KELLYOKE" on February 2, 2023 marked the second day of MS. KELLY CLARKSON'S celebratory musicality honoring Black History Month (February 2023) with her Singing Rendition of "Return of the Mack" by MARK MORRISON (a Singer with a global Hit released in 1996). MS. CLARKSON chose the classic "because it transcends all generations." KELLY CLARKSON'S Salute to Black History Month featured the iconic MS. SHANIA TWAIN on February 2, 2023 as the Guest Celeb and debuted the "TikTok" Sensation "BOYKINZ."

The illustrious SHANIA TWAIN has captured the hearts of a



global populace selling over 100 Million Albums. SHANIA TWAIN'S new Album Release "Queen of Me" also headlines her "Queen of Me Tour" (Tour launch set around April 2023). MS. KELLY CLARKSON indicated in her introduction of MS. SHANIA TWAIN, "She is the Bestselling Female Country Music Artist in History." MS. TWAIN has also garnered recognition as "among the Bestselling Music Artists of all time." SHANIA TWAIN has sold over 100 Million Records Worldwide and won myriad music awards ("totaling 222 Awards Including 5 Grammy Awards").

MS. SHANIA TWAIN surprised the "TikTok" Sister Singing Sensation, "BOYKINZ" during their KELLY

CLARKSON SHOW DEBUT (reportedly their first National Talk Show) on the February 2, 2023 show reveal. An amazing component of the show's feature for the "BOYKINZ" was the extemporaneity of MS. TWAIN'S Invitation of "BOYKINZ" to sing onstage with her on the TWAIN upcoming Nashville Show. The quartet of the BOYKINZ'S release Hit, "GIRLS NIGHT" and accompanying LINE DANCE in their repertoire (recent 64 Million Views) heralds their sensational niche as the phenomenal and prolific "Black Girls of Country Music." The "BoykinZ" musical trajectory and catapulting success and stardom is receiving rave reviews and

transcendent reception among a global populace in which the country music quartet invokes rock, pop, soul, hip hop and line dancing in their stellar performance repertoire and are referred to also as "The Black Girls of Country "TikTok." The "BoykinZ" new Single, "GIRLS NIGHT" has over 64 MILLION VIEWS on "TikTok."

We Salute and Congratulate this amazing and phenomenal Quartet of Lady Multimedia Artists, "BOYKINZ" and anticipate their future potential Appearances to "Wow" their South Georgia Fans. The "BOYKINZ" are Four of our Favorite Southern Daughters!

Seasonal Scenes and Reflections

Hometown Heroine and Tennis icon, Ms. Cori Dionne "Coco" Gauff served as Grand Marshal of the "Downtown Delray Beach Florida Holiday Parade" which was held on December 9, 2023 in grand fashion as 70 floats, invitational marching bands, dance teams and parade participants reflected flair and as mesmerized spectators witnessed the spectacular parade.

Recent Reflections of Ms. Coco Gauff's phenomenal tennis trajectory were celebrated in Dr. Horne's coverage for the Quitman Free Press Readership on October 4, 2023, entitled, "Coco's Connection to our County," in which this first PhotoCollage reiterates and highlights the celebration of the Tennis Phenom's US Tennis Open Championship, her Brooks County family connections, Ms. Mahalia Howard Horne, Ms. Ruthie Howard, Ms. Kellinda Brown, Dr. Prince Brown and Deacon Edward Lamons who celebrated his famous cousin with Coco's parents, Mrs. Candi Gauff and Mr. Corey Gauff (viewed in PhotoCollage One). The Photo of Ms. Coco Gauff's sharing of a jubilant moment with her young cousin, Malayah, Deacon Edward Lamons' grand-daughter, exemplifies her admirable affability and connection to her family. (Photo surrounding the eventide culmination of her Holiday Parade official duties in

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which Ms. Coco had served as Grand Marshal). In fact, Ms. Coco Gauff, with such extraordinary humility and Christian comport, has amassed numerous coveted honors, accolades and distinctions this year inclusive of the list of "People Magazine's 25 Most Intriguing People of 2023," among exemplary other honorees such as Ms. Taylor Swift, Ms. Beyoncé, Ms. Adele, Ms. Halle Bailey, Ms. Britney Spears, Ms. Margot Robbie, Prince Harry, Mr. David Beckham, Mr. Ryan Gosling, etcetera, who share concomitant coveted honor with the amazing Ms. Coco Gauff in 2023. Another pinnacle in Nineteen year old Coco's career accomplishments encompasses a blessed and stunning garnered achievement as "Sportico" has named Atlanta-born, Ms. Coco Gauff as the "2023 Highest Paid Female Athlete", earning 23 Million Dollars this year alone from tennis play and endorsements and solidifying Coco's number one niche in female sports earning capacity. A devout Christian with superb athleticism and sports competitiveness, Ms. Gauff attributes her accomplishments to God's blessings in her life and family supportiveness and she attends Saint John Missionary Baptist Church in Boynton

Beach Florida (where her maternal great grandfather, an educator, Reverend R.M. Lee pastored during a 40 year tenure).

PhotoCollage Two shows Photo One of Mrs. Yvonne Lee Odum, Ms. Coco Gauff's maternal grandmother, who is a retired educator, a civic and community leader who gained prominent trailblazer status in Florida during the Sixties school desegregation era - which won her historical acclaim and respect in Delray Beach and Florida civil rights history and who was recently honored for her exemplary service to Delray Beach Florida on August 8, 2023 by the Delray Beach Florida Mayor and City Commissioners. Photo Two shows Mrs. Yvonne Lee Odum and Mr. Eddie "Red" Odum, described by West Palm Beach Florida WPTV NewsChannel 5's Chris Gilmore as "a legendary Delray Beach baseball player...played football for Bethune-Cookman University before dedicating himself to baseball...played for many winter and minor league baseball teams before eventually returning to Delray Beach with a mission...Odum and the Delray Beach American Little League will be holding a special season opening ceremony



Beautiful moments



next month to celebrate 50 years of baseball." (Posted on February 27th, 2020 by Gilmore). Mr. Eddie "Red" Odum has significant ancestral lineage in Brooks County.

Photo Two of PhotoCollage Two shows Coco's grandmother and grandfather (The Odums) flanking the Delray Beach sign espousing their and the City's pride in the Tennis icon: "HOME OF THE 2023 US OPEN TENNIS CHAMPION COCO GAUFF."

PhotoCollage Three captures the seasonal reflection of the Christmas Season in Dr. Harry

Brooks and Dr. Ariel Elizabeth Brooks MD's (VSU Honor Grad) tradition of sharing Christmas light festivities and Santa excursion with three year old Athena Elizabeth and one year old Anikha Delci. In PhotoCollage Four, one year old Anikha reflects and epitomizes the joyous treasure and represents the marvelous innocence which we find in the wonder of all children in embracing the "Reason for the Season" - observance of the celebration and Spiritual treasure of Christ's Holy Nativity and creating an environ

of festive and safe holiday joy for all of our children. Anikha delights in participating in decorating her holiday stocking.

I, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, am appreciative of the pleasure and privilege of sharing myriad touching, heartfelt moments of our South Georgia citizenry, both young and old and citizens across America. May we reflect upon our myriad blessings that God hath bestowed upon us and continue in the spirit of manifesting humanity to all mankind during all Seasons!



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Mr. Timothy's mother was employed essentially as a caretaker to the Shumate children. Does that name strike remembrance to Quitman/Brooks Counties. It should because the Shumate developer "baron" who came to Quitman many decades ago, has his name ascribed to significant Property interests. For example, my "Horne House" parcel designation is referable to the "Shumate Subdivision" location and is contiguous to my significant two-acre parcel and the adjacent four-lot parcel. But when the Shumate Family opted for relocation, they were so enamored with the care rendered by Mr. Timothy's mother, Mrs. Lillie Morrow Sutton, she relocated with the Shumate Family. According to Morrow Family history rendered by Mrs. Fulks, her sister, Mr. Timothy's mother, decided on a later career-change in life, in similarity to her son going from city worker to actor; his Mom, remarkably, entered college at Clark University after all those years of care-taking of the Shumate children! When he was in his "twenties," Mr. White had a "deep-seated, deep-rooted" desire to act and had his initiating "real break" in The Spike Lee, "School Daze" movie classic, in which he was initially hired as an extra but pioneering famed filmmaker, Mr. Spike Lee, placed Timothy as an extra in one of the significant scenes, near one of the Movie "principals," Mr. Bill Nunn, whom fans came to know and love; Mr. Nunn left a commemorative acting legacy. Mr. Timothy expresses appreciation that Mr. Spike Lee placed him near the movie "principal" giving him visibility and teaching him the importance of obtaining perfection in set scenes- thus ensuring that "set takes" were optimally "perfect." This sparked the early interest in Mr. Timothy White in the world of acting which progressively eventuated into his securing of various roles in television and film projects. Mr. White's persona in film casting ranges from roles as "policeman/detective/FBI Agent" to "bad boy images such as mobster."

The Photo Collage shows Mr. Tim White in a dapper yellow suit in Clockwise Photo Five with Actor/Comedian, Mr. Faison Love, in "The Prince of Detroit." "The Prince of Detroit" Film project, a "damedashstudios" Film production starring ladies'

heartthrob, Columbus Short (Mr. Short, had a touching persona in the beginning seasons of the Award-winning mega televised series, "Scandal"), and "Young and Restless," Daytime Star, Ms. Britney Sarpy who currently assumes the Soap Opera character of Dr. Elena Dawson. The film project, "The Prince of Detroit" encompasses a biopic perspective based on the real life of FAMUAN Alum, Mr. Tommy Duncan, who obtained an MBA from FAMU, attended Harvard Business School and was founder and CEO of a large-scale African-American -owned Healthcare Maintenance Organization and is currently the CEO of a major Telehealth network.

Photo Six shows Actor, Mr. Tim White on the set of Master Mentor and Master Media Mogul, the Iconic Mr. Tyler Perry's upcoming Season 4 "Ruthless," a BET Original Series, as the FBI Agent (center in the Photo). Mr. Timothy White is honing his acting skills under the cinema tutelage and Movie Set guidance of Mr. Tyler Perry who has garnered meteoric Cinema and Television acclamation and tremendous fiscal prowess!

Photos Four, Seven & Eight show Mr. White with his Aunt, Mrs. Doris Fulk, and Mr. Samuel Fulk at the Fulks' Classic Southern-style manse in the Atlanta Area.

Photo One shows Actor Timothy as the handsome security guard, Photo Two shows Tim as the "Detective Ricks" character and Photo Three shows Tim's unique genetic unibrow facial feature and reflects his "mean guy" persona which he has cultivated for his roles,

highlighting the "bad guy image," although in real life, he is a soulful and heart-warming gentleman - the antithesis of the "tough, bad guy image" he masters for the characters in the movie roles that he portrays!

Living in the Atlanta area, which has captured a huge share of the Movie-making real estate, allows Mr. Timothy White immediate accessibility to numerous talented icons like Hollywood blockbuster Movie-maker/ Director/ Mega-Producer, Mr. Will Packer who, as historic Producer of the 2022 94th Oscar/Academy Awards Show is legendary, and Hollywood Director/ Producer, Mr. Robert "Bob" Hardy, who are both FAMUAN Alums and who founded the "Rainforest Production" company during their early conjoint successes. I had the privilege to converse and share remembrances with Hollywood Director and Producer Bob Hardy of his father, Dr. Robert Hardy, Sr. MD with Dr. Jaehneth Ewell Taylor MD as I, Dr. Horne, a FAMUAN Alum, myself, and Dr. Taylor were mentored in Med College by Dr. Hardy Sr. MD. The former heralded Georgia Dome Luxury Sky Box Suite (Quitman Free Press Coverage, April 21, 2021) invitation as VIP guests of successful Cinema Director & Producer, Mr. Robert Hardy Jr. during FAMU's Rivalry with TSU in the Annual Atlantic Classic on September 29, 2007), is memorable for a second hallmark reason - the same occasion provided current Hollywood Screenwriter of "Creed II" and "Space Jam Sequel" success, now Hollywood Director, Mr. Juel "JuJu" Taylor, to meet Hollywood Director Hardy for the first time before he, too, ascended to substantial Hollywood Box Office success and fame!

In retrospective reflection, Mr. Timothy White, attributes his

initiative in re-igniting the flame for his current acting career, which he re-initiated in his ripe "fifties," to an amazing lady who used to be his neighbor, Ms. Sandra Dunson-Franks, who herself was an actress, assuming roles during the "In the Heat of the Night" television series and various other supportive characters in film and television and her son, Walter Franks, an actor/producer played the character "Blab" on "The Jamie Fox Show." This fantastic lady, Ms. Dunson- Franks kept on encouraging Mr. Timothy White and never let him give up - Ms. Sandra Dunson Franks never let him default in his acting dreams. When this charismatic, soulful, passionate Actor shares his soul-stirring reveal of her longstanding supportive encouragement, you sense that he is filled with that choked-up emotion that reveals his real reverence for this special lady that showed such supportiveness for his acting career goals. We know for sure that the gentle-hearted man behind the cultivated "bad guy" images that Mr. Timothy White portrays on the Movie Screen, is special and that he is the real deal, in real life, and in real contemporary time!

We congratulate Mr. Timothy White for giving Generation X, Millennials and Generation Z, an exemplary example to emulate in holding tenaciously on to your dream. Your dream might originate in your "twenties" or earlier and which just might eventuate later in your life. Like Mr. Timothy White, you may find yourself one day on the set of "Cinema Czar," Mr. Tyler Perry!

Remember the name, Timothy White, as we take a front seat to a favorite Soulful Southern Son's rising acting career!

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Lifelong Mentoring Lessons

Mentorship/Mentoring has significance and is important whether it pertains to academic/educational enrichment, cultural enhancement or spiritual inculcation in teaching lifelong lessons.

I have been fortunate to have extraordinary mentoring from my parental nurturers who gifted me with love, affection, sense of spirituality, positive self-esteem, exceptional educational opportunity, cultural refinement, humanitarian awareness and orientation toward service to humanity.

I have been blessed to attain superlative academic and clinical tutelage by superb mentors in developmental aspects of my training as a physician.

I have the blessings of spiritual enlightenment with spiritual peers in my lifelong spiritual maturation.

In turn, I am thankful to God Almighty for giving me a compassionate heart, an astute sharing mind and the service passion to mentor, teach, share spiritual strengths and to give plethorically of compassion, empathy, talent, skill and service.

This coverage is a mere representative semblance of my Brooks Countian experience in "teach one, mentor one and the mentee becomes an eventual mentor."

The Photo Collages exemplify the historical progressive decades of chronicling these wonderful mentees who eventually become mentors themselves!

Photo Collage One: Photo One shows Dr. R. Marie Horne MD with young Mentor, Ms. Candice Clemmons, who remarkably gifted her (in "The Circle," Quitman) young mentees - giving them after school academic tutoring in the academic basics, inspiration, and hope (QFP Coverage in Column Article entitled, "Effervescent and Exuberant Tutelage," October 2019). Photo Two (Circa 2014 QFP

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coverage) shows Dr. R. Marie Horne MD at Horne House with Ariel while she was matriculating during the course of her Med School University matriculation and who has contemporaneously joined her Mentor, Dr. Horne in the field of Internal Medicine. Dr. Ariel Brooks MD is now a Hospitalist and she and her husband, Dr. Harry Brooks MD are both Doctors of Internal Medicine as well. Dr. Ariel herself is now a Mentor to physicians-in-training.

Photo Collage Two: Photo One shows my god-daughter, Dr. Ariel Brooks MD & her young daughter, Athena Elizabeth who already receives mentoring at home while amplifying her Montessori tutelage at school. The new infant addition to the family, Anikha Delci will no doubt receive mentoring from "Dr. Mom" as well. Photo Two shows my Niece, Mrs. Rene' Lei with young Zara Olivia, who receives mentoring and tutelage at home with her Mom (along with young Aria Tobitha and infant, Ayla Moran) which is reflected in her academic prowess at school (QFP coverage in Column, "Millennial Moms Mentor" (Circa August 2021).

Photo Collage Three: Photo One shows young mentees, Markel and Matthew, in their church sanctuary in tutelage activity with Dr. R. Marie Horne MD in preparation for a "Medical Knowledge Bowl" activity sponsored by Dr. Horne. Both adolescent scholars won as contestants (QFP Coverage Circa October 2018 Edition). Photo Two shows my god-daughter, future Juris Doctor Raquel with Niece, Athena in her early infancy as she is set to give mentoring to Athena and Anikha as her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller (MamaE) mentors her and her Sister, Dr. Ariel.

Photo Collage Four:

Photo One is an illustrious artistic rendering by famous Artist, Sculptor, Muralist, Dr. Ronald Scott McDowell of godchildren, nieces, nephews and other children mentored by Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller, and Ms. Karla Winfrey (Horne, Tiller, Winfrey's published Children's Book entitled, "ABC's of Etiquette With Ariel, Raquel and Friends (also featuring Karli Winfrey, Reed Winfrey, Colin Orange & Cody Orange) as a published companion Edition to the Winfrey, Horne, Tiller Media Production, Etiquette and Educational Mentoring Product, "Basic Dining Etiquette for Teens." Photo Two shows Nieces of Dr. Horne and Cousins to each other, Nyla Lilliana and Zara Olivia who both remarkably share the exact same birthday and they both play soccer, both are multitasking and both are already savvy young ladies. (QFP Coverage, Circa July 2021)

Photo Collage Five: Photo One shows photos of Dr. Horne's Nieces and Nephews (Dr. Hilton Horne Jr. MD's descendants) in photo displays in the Horne House Drawing Room.

Photo Two shows the children stars and support cast of children participants in the DVD Media Production (by Winfrey, Horne, Tiller).

Photo Collage Six: Photo One shows prodigious Lei'Ani with Dr. Horne. Mentoring begins early and Lei' Ani is surrounded by a multiplicity of family mentors. Photo Two shows Christian, with Dr. Horne. Christian is a Math Whiz and has multidimensional talent inclusive of musicality prowess. (QFP coverage, Circa July 22, 2020 QFP Edition & June 2022 QFP Coverage).

Photo Collage Seven: Photo One shows Skylar, a scholar and the granddaughter of Dr.

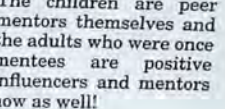
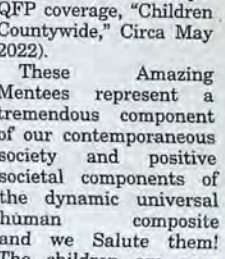
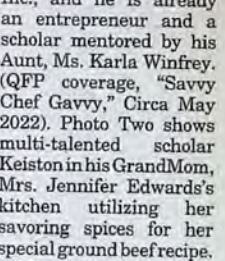
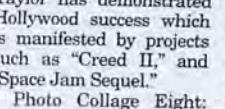
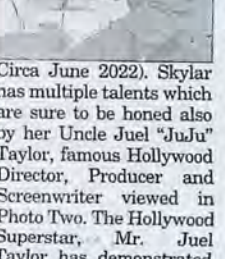
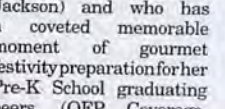


Photo One shows famous Chef Gavy, child prodigy, who in his young age, is the Brand Ambassador for Winfrey Family Foods, Inc., and he is already an entrepreneur and a scholar mentored by his Aunt, Ms. Karla Winfrey. (QFP coverage, "Savvy Chef Gavy," Circa May 2022). Photo Two shows multi-talented scholar Keiston in his GrandMom, Mrs. Jennifer Edwards's kitchen utilizing her savoring spices for her special ground beef recipe. (QFP coverage, "Children Countywide," Circa May 2022).

These Amazing Mentees represent a tremendous component of our contemporaneous society and positive societal components of the dynamic universal human composite and we Salute them! The children are peer mentors themselves and the adults who were once mentees are positive influencers and mentors now as well!

Photo Collage Eight:

FAMUANs celebrate

When I was four years old, with stethoscope, Doctor's kit, "babydoll patient," my own heart to auscultate and my siblings to emulate (my brother became a physician also and my eldest sister became a Registered Nurse & Internal Medicine Nurse-Practitioner), I was already an accelerated learner/scholar and I was geared towards a career as a future doctor.

As I grew older, my interest in the field of medicine expanded to interest in the field of pharmacy as well which perplexed some individuals affably, in "head-scratching mode" to wonder, "Is she really going to major in pharmacy AND medicine?" Of course, this then-future goal did not pose a complexity to me - rather my future professional projections were consistent with my eventual professional actualities.

Fast forward decades later, my fellow FAMUAN Pharmacy Classmates and I are commemorating our golden year as Florida A&M University Pharmacy College Alumni in 2022. I, Dr. Horne, sponsored an auspicious dinner evening "Meet & Greet" event for Brooks County High School Students (numerous years ago) and their parents at Brooks County High Schools - in fostering interest and potential scholarship potential for prospective students to study pharmacy at Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

I, Dr. Horne, was blessed to achieve

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academic/clinical acceleration as a Pharmacy College Graduate which accentuated my career as a an Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Physician Graduate and Doctor of Internal Medicine.

Another major feat regarding FAMUAN celebrations is the 2021-2022 NFL Miami Dolphin's hiring of former Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl Cornerback Coach Sam Madison Jr. as the current 2022-23 Season NFL Cornerback Coach and Pass Game Specialist of the Miami Dolphins.

Photo Collage One: Photo shows some of the 125 Circa 1968 Washington Street High School Graduates (future Dr. R. Marie Horne MD shown with gold honor rope as Valedictorian) @ left and as Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Doctor of Medicine graduate @ right on the first row).

The second row shows Valdosta State Scholars around Circa 1970 as members of the then academically-prestigious Sigma Alpha Chi Honor Society Photo-Op (as a then Pre-Pharmacy Deans List Scholar future Dr. R. Marie Horne MD is shown in college photo.

Photo Collage Two: Photo on first row shows Dr. R. Marie Horne MD interviewing her Florida A&M University Pharmacy Classmate and former President of Florida

A&M University, Dr. Henry Lewis III @ Horne House. Photo on second row shows Dr. R. Marie Horne MD at Horne House with Dr. Henry Lewis III @ left and former NFL New York Giants Super Bowl Cornerback, former Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl Cornerback Coach and current Miami Dolphins' Cornerback Coach and Pass Game Specialist, Samuel Madison Jr. with Dr. R. Marie Horne MD in the VIP Staff/Players/VIP Guests Section during a Kansas City Chiefs victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars, Circa September 8, 2019 post-game celebration @ right.

Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and NFL Cornerback Coach Sam Madison Jr., his spouse Mrs. Saskia Madison (Pharmacist) and his mother, Mrs. Mary Madison (retired educator) of Madison Avenue4Kids collaborated for decades in mentoring youths from Brooks County and Jefferson County Florida. Coach Sam Madison Jr. matriculated at Florida A&M University Developmental School and shares that Rattler Alumni pride!

FAMUAN celebrations and commemorations perpetuate the strong Florida A & M University Alumni tradition of excellence and societal impact!

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The American Iconic Family

In recapitulating the achievements of African Americans during the Annual February Black History Month Observance, we are all reminded of the hallmark contributions of such genius personages such as American surgeon, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, who was born in 1836 and who reputedly accomplished the first documented successful heart surgery (pericardium repair) by an African American in 1893. Sagacious American surgeon and medical researcher, Dr. Charles Drew who became a Doctor in 1933, is credited with perfecting collection and preservation of blood which hugely impacted the World War II medical scenarios of wounded soldiers. The military's severe need for mammoth transfusion therapy for his troops prompted logistic and pragmatic collection, safe storage and transport of blood. Dr. Charles Drew is credited with the initiation of the bloodmobiles and as the Director of the first American Red Cross Blood Bank in 1941 as he was the forerunner in processing and preserving blood plasma. In the area of human rights and civil liberties history, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Thurgood Marshall and Dr. Charles Goode Gomillion, a mentor to the Horne children, were legendary historical figures. Dr. Gomillion kept progress for the Horne Family and was noted for writing encouragement letters to the Horne Family over decades. (Covered in QFP Edition on February 17, 2021).

Now any aspect of the broad spectrum of history is most interestingly significant when it is relatable to each of us. Relatability! Let us count some of the ways: Perhaps, you know someone who has benefitted by heart surgery or needed a blood transfusion but never thought about who pioneered these early advances. Perhaps you have a plethora of friends-one someone had to advance human rights efforts so that now you can break bread over dinner in a restaurant and share camaraderie with those friends.

There are closer examples of history relatability to QFP readers in South Georgia and beyond whom you have come to know that have had positive impact in our regional area and

abroad that are tied to national historical figures of note. For instance, Dr. Jaehneth Ewell Taylor MD is the second generation physician daughter of Dr. Cleve Winfield Ewell MD, a 1943 Yale undergraduate, who was also a 1947 Meharry Medical College graduate and who was noted as eventual Director of the Division of Hematology at Meharry Medical College and having organized the Meharry Blood Bank, one of the first in metropolitan Nashville. (QFP Edition June 16, 2021). Consider the generational history when Dr. Ewell's grandson was selected by Hollywood mogul, Mr. Sylvester Stallone to the role of writer/screenwriter for the blockbuster hit "Creed II" in which Mr. Juel "JuJu" Taylor, autonomously, had the opportunity to immortalize his grandfather, Dr. Ewell in naming the physician character in "Creed II," after his physician grandfather in a Hollywood movie that grossed \$214 Million Dollars world-wide and who enjoys cinema peer camaraderie with Mr. Ryan Coogler (QFP Edition March 3, 2021) whose "Black Panther" Hollywood Cinema hit has grossed 1.344 Billion Dollars to date. These two young real Hollywood Stars are just beginning to emblazon history!

More relatability - Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society was established in 1902 and still represents the premier prestigious society for physician graduates and physician trailblazers. Physicians who have academic and clinical distinctions are accorded this highest accolade. Dr. Charles Drew MD and Dr. Cleve Ewell MD were inductees and Dr. Jaehneth Ewell Taylor MD and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD are Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society physician graduate inductees - in the case of Dr. Taylor, it represents generational history.

Another instance involves another familiar figure to our QFP readership, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller, a South Georgia, North Florida philanthropist and charity mentor, propagates her father and mother's legacy - Esquire Fred Ashley Howell and Mrs. Tilda Culp Howell have a State of Tennessee Memorial Bridge named in their honor as documented by Tennessee General Assembly Senate Bill 2276 and were



historical trailblazers in their native County. (QFP Edition on June 16, 2021). Esquire Howell, a County Magistrate, was noted for myriad historical feats in his Middle Tennessee County, one of which was ensuring that African American students in the 1940's there could be transported to another county to receive a high school education because of the limitations inherent locally that were prohibitive allowing only grade school completion.

This was the prevailing dynamic but Esquire Howell extraordinarily circumvented that plight on behalf of the African American students in their locality in the 1940's. Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller, his daughter, became the County's first and only elected female Superintendent of Schools from 1976 to 1984 propagating her father's legacy of human rights advancement in establishing the leadership initiative that led to the hiring of the first African American principal and the first African American coach in their native county. Mrs. Tiller's mother, Mrs. Tilda Hildren Culp Howell, born in 1901, was an educator and legendary principal in their County, and her relatives and friends still give accolades to Dr. R. Marie Horne MD for extending Mrs. Howell's joyful longevity years to Age 99 to which Mrs. Tilda was much appreciative and endeared to Dr. Horne.

Local history records

indicate that Dr. Rose Marie Horne MD is the first female Doctor of Medicine born and reared in Quitman and Dr. Horne and her brother Dr. Hilton Horne Jr. MD as the first sister/brother duo born and reared in Quitman to become Doctors of Internal Medicine who are the children of Quitman historic trailblazers, Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Horne Sr. (QFP Editions on February 26, 2020 and January 27, 2021).

The Winfrey Family represents a fascinating hallmark American Family who is also an African American Family. The Winfrey Family's relatability to most all American families is stalwart and their influence is far-reaching and global in just about every aspect of American life. Ms. Karla Winfrey is a familiar visitor to South Georgia (QFP Edition on May 21, 2008, QFP on June 24, 2009, Valdosta Daily Times on June 17, 2009, QFP Edition on May 5, 2021) etc. Relatability: Ms. Karla Winfrey, Children's Book Co-Author and DVD Media Production at the Quitman Brooks County Historical Museums in 2008 along with Mrs. Elizabeth Tiller and Dr. Horne. Ms. Karla Winfrey has replete accolades as a Multimedia Specialist in television and film productions and is an Emmy Award Investigative Reporter/Journalist and Documentary Producer as well. Ms. Karla Winfrey is the Cousin of the Iconic Billionaire Media Icon and Philanthropist, Ms.

Oprah Winfrey having had the "highest ranked television show of its kind ever" for 25 years and Ms. Oprah Winfrey still contemporarily draws immense global media attention in spotlighting features related to high profile issues! Mrs. Judy Winfrey, Ms. Karla Winfrey's mother, and Dr. Horne's godmother, was a historical trailblazer as a Nurse in the Vanderbilt University Hospital system and is the gourmet culinary inspirer of her children's gourmet Winfrey Foods, LLC - which features their signature "Royal Relish Chow Chow," and which received formal acclamation on the December 2020's List of the heralded "Oprah's Favorite Things" in escalation of it's already successful market dynamism! In fact Ms. Oprah Winfrey enjoyed the delectable chow chow at times around Mrs. Judy Winfrey's dining table in Nashville. Mr. Vernon Winfrey, Ms. Oprah Winfrey's father, known in his own right dined at Mrs. Judy Winfrey's table as well. Mr. Vernon Winfrey's Barbershop is a part of historic Nashville notability. (QFP Edition January 1, 2020).

This week's coverage pays homage to the remarkable historical import of the American iconic family represented by the generational accomplishments of the Winfrey Family and other African American Families - relatable to South Georgians and the world! The positive African American experience represents a very eloquent and essential quality to the totality of American life with global dimension! The Historical Photo

Collage shows Clockwise: Photo One taken by Dr. R. Marie Horne MD of Mrs. Judy Winfrey and Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller at the MTSU College of Mass Communications Wall of Fame Induction Festivities in honor of Ms. Karla Winfrey during the same Weekend that Ms. Karla Winfrey served as Speaker for Middle Tennessee State University's 100th Commencement in 2011. Photo Two shows Dr. R. Marie Horne MD in the exquisite dining room of the Winfrey home with her godmother Mrs. Judy Winfrey. Photo Three shows Dr. Jaehneth Ewell Taylor MD, International renown Artist & Sculptor, Dr. Ronald Scott McDowell, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD & Ms. Karla Winfrey with Dr. McDowell's artistic rendering of historical African American icons. Photo Four shows Mrs. Kristin Taylor Jackson, Hollywood Screenwriter Mr. Juel "JuJu" Taylor (now Hollywood Director, Producer, Screenwriter for his upcoming movie), Actress, Ms. Megan Sousa & Dr. Jaehneth Ewell Taylor MD at the "Creed II" Premier. Photo Five shows Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, Mr. Vernon Winfrey & Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller @ the famous Winfrey Barbershop in Nashville (QFP Edition January 1, 2020). The Sixth Photo was taken at the Comprehensive Internal Medicine Wellness Practice Launch of Dr. R. Marie Horne MD shown with Dr. Jaehneth Ewell Taylor MD, Ms. Karla Winfrey, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller, Practice Management Proprietor & Commodore Walter "Clyde" Orange in Valdosta.

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Historic Preservationists

I, Dr. Horne, chronicle my days of being a history buff which origination began from my early interest in Biblical History accounts even as a child, Horne, Gomillion and Glee Family Histories, interactions with phenomenal personages throughout my societal experiential living, academic World and American History studies, multiple encyclopedic historical references assimilations and early exposure to children's classics - myriad of which were nurtured by my parents even before I became of age to commensurate formalized early school education. The protracted history education for me, personally, was initiated at home, cultivated in Sunday School, enriched at Booker T. Washington Elementary and Junior High Schools, hugely accentuated at Washington Street High School, highlighted during Pre-Pharmacy matriculation curriculums at Valdosta State, reiterated at Florida A & M University College of Pharmacy in interactive learning and illuminated in Doctoral, Post-Doctoral theoretical and pragmatic Physician training by prestigious pioneers and historical "Movers and Shakers" in the field of medicine. These blessed exposures in historical discovery encompass my own personal and professional historical and educational sojourn.

For each and everyone, your history as you know, begins from your emanation from birth, begins in a family setting and is accentuated and developed as you course through life - whether in experiential living, primary school, secondary school, technical or collegiate training and even in your individualized daily living and societal socialization dynamic. We live history and learn history individually and collectively - which embraces us all even in the ever-changing dynamic of contemporary history!

As a history preservationist, I have aligned my conjoint effort with other community history preservationists to document credible sources of historically-significant persons, events, sites, and historical accounts, not only for posterity but to provide a contemporary focal point for emphasizing progress and potential formulation of productive conjoint efforts in creating optimistic and positive perspectives for societal progression and contemporary enhancement of the Brooks County Citizenry - comprehensively at home and beyond.

To this end, the Column this week, "Historic Preservationists," chronicles a significant part of the com-

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prehensive totality of Brooks County History - the History surrounding Washington Street High School during what is ascribed as the "Golden Era of Education at Washington Street High School from 1960 to 1970." The chroniclers of this WSHS History for contemporaries and for posterity, comprise an illustrious group of your neighbors, family members, friends, co-workers, fellow peers, mentors, and compatriot historical trailblazers! Through their conjoint insight and their words, the illuminative documentation of an enriched part of Brooks County History is revealed. Enjoy the contributions of your contemporary peers' thoughts and reflections upon which they base some of their beginning success, sociocultural significance and socio-societal development of their lives!

As the Class Representatives of various Years in the decade long "Golden Era of Education at Washington Street High School" reveal their memories and experiential social development, perhaps the QFP readership is enlightened as to just why the WSHS Alumni show such endearment for their significant WSHS history!

Even on-lookers of our WSHS History marvel that outstanding WSHS 1960 to 1970 Era! Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller, a philanthropic contributor to the FAMU College of Pharmacy and South Georgia youth mentorial events and activities, observes in conversation, "As a former Superintendent of Schools for eight years in my own native County in Tennessee, the one strong phenomenal bond that I see among all of you, both students and teachers, who were high school affiliates, is the passion, enthusiasm and reverence that you all STILL embrace for your school and the impact that it had on both the students and teachers' lives! And the level of accomplishment that so many of the Washington Street High School graduates achieved and the support of parents and educators were astounding for those times or for any time period for that matter!"

The commentary shared with the QFP readership serves to illuminate the positive forum for representative factions of the WSHS Grads' positive perspectives in memorializing their memories and experiences at Washington Street High School. These historic trail-

blazers were selected from the community to represent the WSHS Class Graduates spanning the 1960 to 1970 decade - which represents WSHS graduates who comprise an impressive list among which six Doctors of Medicine, a Doctor of Dentistry, three Pharmacist Graduates, a Juris Doctorate Lawyer, a Brooks County Commission Chairman, twelve Doctors of Philosophy, scores of educators, three franchise entrepreneurs, numerous other entrepreneurs, several ministers, healthcare/nutrition specialists, military officers, governmental and intergovernmental agents, a Quitman City Chief of Police, two sibling journalists of notable Florida newspaper publications and a replete corps of productive citizens across the country who graduated from this outstanding Washington Street High School. Imagine this degree of superlative accomplishment from these graduates during an era of societal socio-conservatism. This documented history of accomplishment has astounded personages from the Hollywood elite to distinguished individuals across the country who are Phenoms themselves. This Month is Women's History Month. Some of the Alumni who represent the heralded 1960 to 1970 WSHS Era and who give their reflections in the commentary forum are ladies!

• **Class of 1960 - 1961:** Retiree from Roweway Trucking, Mr. Charlie Milton Jackson Jr. reflects, "My Education at Washington Street prepared me to believe that I could accomplish any dream I could dream. I became one of the first truckers in this region to drive an 18-wheel-er."

• **Class of 1961:** Retired educator, Mr. Oglesby Lee Jackson Jr., asserts, "Under the tutelage of Dr. Ira Hicks, a vocational teacher at WSHS, and as I was a member of The New Farmers of America for African Americans, I won a trip to Washington D.C." (Nation's Capital).

• **Class of 1962:** Retiree, exercise enthusiast, social justice activist, and family mentor, current Californian, Mr. Willie Joe Jackson, who hails from Brooks County and stays in touch with the BC Community as an avid QFP reader, reveals, "At Washington Street High School, I learned to stand up for justice and my fellowman," (breaking harri-



ers toward local restaurant and tennis court play equality).

• **Class of 1964:** Retiree and 1964 WSHS Class Valedictorian, Mrs. Sarah Wilson Jackson, wife of retired educator, Mr. Oglesby Lee Jackson Jr. discloses, "My educational training at Washington Street High School prepared me to enjoy a highly successful, rewarding career as a Licensed Clinical Dietician in America."

• **Class of 1965:** Retiree from the Atlanta Police Department, Mr. Calvin L. Scott comments, "My most memorable event was playing football with Mr. Minnis Hollis Sr. as my football coach."

• **Class of 1965:** Retiree from the GA Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Charles Moss recounts, "I remember being in 10th Grade and was one of five students selected to work with the Brooks County Agriculture Service to survey field crops for the local farmers. It was the first time students from WSHS were selected. I got my first car because of that job."

• **Class of 1966:** Vice Chairman and former Chairman of Brooks County Alumni Liaison, Mrs. Cynthia Gosier Huewitt recounts her memories, "In Mrs. Abrams Home Economics Class, we prepared a smorgasbord for the faculty; I was selected to go shopping for food and the entire school lit with smashing aromas. Rose Horne (now Dr. Rose Horne MD) and I were selected to teach Mr. Terrell Hollis' Chemistry and Physics classes during the week when the Student Council was allowed to replace the teachers...Mrs. R.T. Adams chose me to work at the Quitman Free Press on Tuesdays...which was my first job other than farm work."

• **Class of 1968:** Retiree from the GA Dept of

Revenue, Mrs. Doris Morrow Fulks quotes, "I am thankful and appreciative as a graduate of WSHS - Class of 1968. Mrs. Harriett Carr, my Homeroom teacher made a grave impact on her students, having parental capabilities, being young and vibrant like our age yet with so much knowledge, skill and professionalism, as well as her beauty. Mr. Minnis Hollis Sr. was my American history teacher, my hero and a father figure. My best friend at WSHS, currently serves in the community and cross-country. You know her as Dr. Rose Marie Horne MD. As our Class Valedictorian Dr. Horne was the most influential student during my school years, showed a spirit of humility yet very brilliant and she excelled in everything! She did not exalt herself due to her spirituality and upbringing. Thank God for giving me this opportunity and experience. The successes that came from this school have made an impact not only on our lives but have made a way for future generations."

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and Psychology Technician, Mrs. Von Patricia Jackson Vance offers this reflection, "Throughout my life, I have been thankful for the academic, social and well-rounded education I received as a Wildcat at Washington Street High School."

• **Class of 1969:** Retired Senior Network Vice President Bellsouth, Mr. Rudolph Christian offers, "Washington Street High was a major part of the foundation for our young men and women lead by God fearing, caring, and inspiring teachers and administrators."

• **Class of 1970:** Dr. Prince Brown, a university advancement vice president quotes, "In many ways Washington Street High School was an incubator for undeveloped talent. Most of its graduates went on to become very productive citizens in this nation."

The Photo Collage show Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Al Williams conferring before Dr. Horne's Interview with him, in the Board of Education lobby (QFP coverage in February 2021) in Photo One. Photo Two shows Dr. Al Williams, Ms. Jacqueline Harper and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD on recent March 3 perusing Brooks County Board of Education minutes (Circa 1964 Minutes) to evaluate and note the historical data surrounding the initial construction and occupation of the Washington Street High School Gymnasium. (Photo Three shows WSHS Gym). In Dr. Horne's previous Interview of Ms. Harper (QFP Coverage), she gave a salient response that encompasses her propensity to serve and I, Dr. Horne, reiterate our ennobled mission as historic preservationists to emphasize our conjoint legacy to give input and service to the significant history of all Brooks Countyans!

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Millennial Mediterranean Flair

The Mayoral Initiative, in implementing the resurgent Historic Preservation Commission's goal orientation toward restoring and maintaining historic properties, is one that HPC Members embrace. The composite HPC Membership, Mr. Chuck Ramsey, President, Recorder, Ms. Jacqueline Harper, Ms. Stella Butler, Ms. Nancibeth Shealy, RN and Vice-President, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD's combined impetus to enhance the beautification of our lovely Camellia City is of paramount importance to achieving our community's betterment.

Art/Artistry is ubiquitous in our city and county! We may appreciate art as a spectator or an artist. Art takes form in so many differentiated and diversified aspects. When an art enthusiast's eyes are affixed upon a painting, portraiture, or sculpture, the art object can elicit appreciation for the artistic expression and effort of the artist.

We appreciate art in so many ways, in enjoying a play or theatrical performance, in a dance troupe's performance, in a cinema production, and even in the spontaneity of an urban child/teen crowd-pleasing street dancing or the contemporary paradigm of public wall art renderings - usually observed in metropolitan areas.

Art can be enjoyed as curated artistic works in a museum or erected by the homeowner in personal design concepts at home- in both interior and exterior spaces, including garden and grounds art. We, HPC members celebrate the traditional beauty of our historic homes and accord

splendid jewel of a home piqued courteous curiosity and artistic interest in the stunning domicile and its homeowners who invoke such domestic bliss and cultivated taste in fashioning their home environ.

I could immediately admire their obvious finesse in the selection of the home's architectural style and their penchant for invoking such timeless style and Mediterranean flair in their home environment.

Within the span of my childhood and adolescent rearing, one of our favorite family pastimes was planting roses, boxwoods, caladiums, hibiscus, camellias, azaleas, junipers, hydrangeas etcetera, and fashioning the water/rock garden during that time at our home, as both my mother and father were hobbyist horticulturalists - so I know first-hand, the level of care and the time expended when homeowners participate in "architecting" their yards - placing beds of flowers and deciding the kinds of foliage and trees to create a distinctive style. When one sees our contemporary generations in that developmental mode, it is especially pleasing as well. Mr. Charles Smith, Sr. and Mrs. Demecia Hunter Smith have fashioned a bespoke home with much zeal and manifest care and continue to exhibit exquisite horticultural "metamorphosis" in developing the grounds.

At the front entrance there is welcome signage and decorative printed engravings on bench pillows that reflect Christian values exhibited in the lettering and indicating, "We are grateful, thankful,



propensity as Mr. Smith is a grateful consummate provider for the Smith Family! Mr. Charles Smith Sr.'s ancestor, the legendary Mr. Jodie Smith, was a phenomenal trailblazer in his day as was my father.

As a contemporary savvy entrepreneur/proprietor, Mr. Charles Smith Sr. is capably carrying the mantle of familial responsibility honorably well! Very well done, Mr. Charles Smith Sr.!

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While driving leisurely down a highway a short distance from downtown Quitman, I came upon an exquisitely spectacular home, beckoning it's visitors with a palm tree-lined stone and concrete drive.

The Mediterranean flair evident in this home and the architectural elements and traditional motifs reflect design finesse in the selection of both its interior and exterior embellishments. The well-manicured lawn with bespoke palms preceded this spectacular home.

The architectural style is reminiscent of posh domiciles in Southern Florida, California or the Mediterranean itself. As I coursed the driveway, I was greeted by a cordial and gracious millennial thirty-seven year old young man. I gave apologeticisms for the extemporaneity of the visit, not desiring to forgo my rearing by my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Horne, Sr., to not be intrusive - but this

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This lovely Smith Family - inclusive of Mr, Charles Smith Sr., Mrs. Demecia Hunter Smith, and Brooks County High School Scholar, Charles Smith, Jr., - truly is blessed! The Smith Family's spiritual testimonial to God's Grace in affording them their affluent grateful lifestyle and living, rendered in thankful reverence, is testimonial to their character and positive endeavor!

The Photo Collage shows the beauteous Smith Family Domicile in Photo One, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD in Photo Two observing this splendid home environment and the Entrance gateway/ driveway to the opulent home in Photo Three.

My (Dr. R. Marie Horne MD's) father, Mr. Hilton Horne Sr., was noted as a grateful consummate provider for the Horne Family. Family life was paramount to Mr. Horne as he mentored young men regarding responsibilities to their families.

My Dad would be proud of Mr. Charles Smith Sr.'s

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Scenes of the Christmas Season

The Christmas Season and its inherent scenes of merriment and goodwill represent the highlight of humanity in one of its best features.

The Holy Nativity scenes and Biblical recollections should perpetually remind us of our Precious Savior and the purity, splendor and wonder of our precious children!

During the year, numerous of our precious children have been featured and we again highlight some of them in seasonal merriment and their natural splendor!

Enjoy their inimitable sense of innocence in these photo images which should prompt a renewed essence in the adult populace that the world's best in humanity is imbued within the souls of our children!

Photo Collage One shows Athena sharing a pictorial Christmas page with her infant sibling Anikha in Photo One and Athena has placed a cloth book that teaches numbers and objects to "teach" her infant sister when she awakens in Photo Two below.

Photo Three shows

a happy Athena in Christmas-motif pajamas.

Photo Four shows Anikha in Christmas-motif sleepware bedecked with a gorgeous smile not quite two months old.

Photo Five shows Dr. Ariel's surprise Christmas lawn display for her two daughters with a modern-themed seasonal touch.

Photo Six shows a very contented and thankful Skylar at home surveying replete gifts - pondering, "now this 'Barbie' gift is just marvelous."

Photo Seven shows radiant Lei'Ani in merriment mode and very impressive array.

Photo Eight shows a very joyous Keiston in happy disposition at home.

Photo Nine shows Keiston keeping the tradition of Santa still uppermost in holiday merriment.

As we engage in a plethora of seasonal time and holiday festivities, May we continue to embrace the best of human sensitivity and goodwill towards all mankind and most of all reverence to Deity!

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Pageanty and Celebrations

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The holiday seasonal celebrations highlight the best in our societal traditions. Replete holiday events and activities reflect abundant traditional festivities.

In addition to the traditional holiday events this Year of 2022 during this seasonal time of festivity, there were several other social events including Sorority functions and Pageants - a few of which are highlighted in this week's coverage.

The PhotoCollage in "Delta Red" shows kaleidoscopic presentations of the recent December Weekend Centennial Celebration of the oldest Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in the Southern Region.

During the Centennial Celebration the festivities were inclusive of a day set aside to herald the Charter Day Luncheon and a day for the Centennial Gala - held on the Auburn University campus surrounding a chief celebrant and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Soror, Dr. Jaehneth Ewell Taylor MD. Delta Sigma Theta Soror, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, renders congratulations to Dr. Taylor and the plethora of attendees to this notable auspicious Centennial Celebration. Globally-iconic Artist, Muralist, and Sculptor, Dr. Ronald Scott McDowell accompanied Dr. Jaehneth Ewell Taylor MD to the Centennial Celebration Events and is visualized in the PhotoCollage as well.

The PhotoCollage in "Links Green" captures the essence of yet another elegant event @ the Tuskegee University campus in December - in which Dr. Jaehneth Ewell Taylor MD and Dr. Ronald Scott McDowell partook of palatable cuisine in the exquisite atmosphere and aura of the opulent Oaks Venue during the Links, Inc. Celebratory Event (embracing Charter Day festivities



and commemoration of honorary Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Soror Margaret Murray

Washington). The dual Photo Set in "Royal Blue" depicts the Pageant repertoire

of my poised young Niece Nyla in formal regalia and again in sports attire in her



talent presentation before Pageant Competition Judges. Congratulations to young Miss Nyla as runner-up in her recent Junior Miss Pageant Category, recipient of both the Leadership and "People's Choice"

selection, and "Most Add Sales" Awardee among Pageant participants. Diversified celebrations abound! We salute these amazing Event celebrants and Pageant participants!

QFP Front Page Reflections

Over several decades, the Quitman Free Press Front Page coverage of South Georgia community socio-cultural, societal, educational, and historical events has reflected and provided positive and progressive newsworthy chronicling for the contemporaneous peruser as well as posterity. This week's coverage highlights just some of those historical glimpses of past QFP Front Page coverage - which reflects a positive sampling and kaleidoscopic view of South Georgia socio-cultural enhancement.

Photo One: One QFP Front Page Article on Wednesday March 1, 1978 read, "Dr. Horne Address Senior Citizens," in which Quitman's first native-born female physician, Dr. Horne, dispensed sagacious messages of health information to a broad swath of Brooks County senior citizen participants in a hallmark presentation for their understanding in order to facilitate better health perspectives for their quality of living.

Photo Two: A QFP Front Page Spotlight Article on March 1, 2006 entitled, "Horne Foundation honors deserving seniors," which celebrated, honored, and gave homage to South Georgia heroines from septuagenarian, octogenarian, nonagenarian and centenarian age gradations. Photo Three: A February 21, 2007 QFP Spotlight Front Page Article, "An hour with Dr. Henry Lewis," Florida A. & M. University Emeritus President and former Dean of FAMU College of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD who hosted a dinner for Brooks County High School students and their parents in discussion of \$50,000 pharmacy college entrant scholarships for interested and qualified BCHS students.

Photo Four: An August 8, 2007 QFP Spotlight Front Page Article, entitled "Celebrity comes to town featuring Hollywood Actress

Victoria Rowell (Honorary Doctorate) in front of Horne House and whose Quitman Venue of Dr. Victoria Rowell's International Book Tour was promulgated and mediated through Dr. R. Marie Horne MD.

Photo Five: A September 26, 2007 QFP Front Page Spotlight Article, entitled, "World renown artist visits Quitman," featured international iconic artist/muralist/sculptor, Dr. Ronald Scott McDowell. (viewed in front of Horne House). Dr. McDowell's works have appeared in collections from the White House, the Smithsonian Museum, Celebrity Homes, Halls of Fame, and sculpture galleries, Metropolitan edifices, museums and gardens. Photo Six: A December 26, 2007 QFP Front Page Spotlight Article, entitled, "Celebrity honored in Quitman" featuring Grammy Artist and Commodores great Music Icon Walter "Clyde" Orange who is viewed in front of Horne House before his Celebrity Charity Concert for South Georgians and North Floridians. Photo Seven: A May 21, 2008 QFP Front Page Article entitled, "TV Royalty comes to Quitman," which highlighted the upcoming visit of Ms. Karla Winfrey, Award Winner Multimedia Specialist and Cousin of global icon, Lady Oprah Winfrey, whose inaugural visit to Quitman for charity collaboration with Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and Doctoral Candidate, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller for their VideoMedia project at the Quitman/Brooks County Museum with Ariel, Raquel, Karli, Reed and South Georgia children, is historical.

Photo Eight: A Front Page QFP Spotlight of Dr. Horne and Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller with Children stars, Anna & Raquel of the DVD Media Production, "Party Patrol Basic Dining Etiquette for Teens" and WTCV News Anchor, Ms. Shonda Knight- then featured on Channel Six WTVU

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World renown artist visits Quitman

World-renowned artist and sculptor, Dr. Ronald Scott McDowell, visited the historic Horne House in Quitman, Georgia, for a special event. McDowell's works have been displayed in prestigious locations including the White House and the Smithsonian Museum. The event celebrated his art and his connection to the community.

Spotlight

Celebrity honored in Quitman

A Grammy Award-winning artist, Walter "Clyde" Orange, was honored during a special event in Quitman. The event celebrated his contributions to music and his status as a cultural icon. The celebration was held at the historic Horne House.

TV Royalty comes to Quitman

Ms. Karla Winfrey, a multimedia specialist and cousin of global icon Lady Oprah Winfrey, visited the community for a charity collaboration. The event was a significant moment for the town, highlighting the connection between local and global celebrities.

Spotlight

DVD filmed in Quitman - shown on Channel 6

A DVD production featuring local celebrities and community members was filmed in Quitman. The production, titled "Party Patrol Basic Dining Etiquette for Teens," was shown on Channel 6, celebrating local talent and community spirit.

Spotlight

Dr. R. Marie Horne opens new medical clinic

Dr. R. Marie Horne MD has opened a new medical clinic in the community. The clinic provides essential healthcare services to the residents of Quitman and surrounding areas, marking a significant milestone for the town's medical care.

24, 2009 Front Page QFP Spotlight Article entitled, "Dr. R. Marie Horne Opens new medical clinic." Photo Ten: Featured Coverage of former President Jimmy Carter's Hometown Celebration Event (Circa November 2009). Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and the countywide and cross-country QFP Readership appreciate the historical import of the plethora of featured frontpage coverages of positive and phenomenal socio-cultural and historic events in Quitman/Brooks County and

Dr. Horne Addresses Senior Citizens

Dr. Horne addressed a group of senior citizens at a community event. She provided health advice and listened to their concerns. The event was held at the Horne House and was a success.



Dr. R. Marie Horne

Spotlight

Horne Foundation honors deserving seniors

The Horne Foundation held a special event to honor and celebrate the lives of deserving senior citizens. The event featured a meal, entertainment, and recognition of the seniors' contributions to the community.

Spotlight

An hour with Dr. Henry Lewis

An hour-long event featuring Dr. Henry Lewis, a prominent figure in the community. The event provided an opportunity for the public to engage with the doctor and learn more about his work and the foundation he supports.

Spotlight


Celebrity comes to town

A celebrity visit to the town brought excitement and joy to the residents. The event was a highlight of the community calendar and showcased the town's ability to attract national attention.

Thank You To Brooks County Community!

It is with heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation that I extend my thanks to my constituents that voted for my continued service to the Brooks County community which I love. All Brooks Countians can count on my enduring and continuing efforts and renewed commitment to give my best service as I have given over the decades since 1993. As a decorated veteran, farm owner, father, Sunday School teacher, humanitarian and Vice Chairman of the Brooks County Commission, I know that I am blessed to serve all of my beloved Brooks Countians and humanity. May God bless America!

Commissioner James Henry Maxwell



Reflection Upon a Joyful Journalist

In homage to the illustrious career of Mrs. Bonnell Hunter Holmes, I, Dr. Rose Marie Horne MD reiterate aspects of the interview and coverage of her life and career dynamic (which former Quitman Free Press Editor Holmes indicated to me that she laminated and gifted to her progeny for posterity). It is my honor to recapitulate some of her expansive life dynamic in quoted aspects of my coverage interview of her / in a previous QFP Article, which I titled, "Joyful Journalist." I wrote:

"Journalism is a superbly special profession that some perceive as tantamount to a career 'calling,' because a journalist's efficacy must be based upon essential journalistic passion for fairness and balanced reporting which dictates optimum display of integrity and honesty. Mrs. Bonnell Hunter Holmes, in front of the backdrop of the Quitman Free Press Building and pictured with Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, manifests journalistic passion, professional zeal and an extraordinarily compassionate approach, sensitivity and egalitarian emphasis in invoking the principle of impartiality. As an intermittent guest columnist in the earlier 2000's and a weekly contributing Quitman Free Press writer, contemporaneously, I have had the immense privilege and opportunity to share professional camaraderie with Mrs. Bonnell - whose weekly editorials transcend the gamut of significant coverage inclusive of pragmatic advice, nostalgic reflections of eras and times revisited, "hard" and "soft" history, altruisms, wisdom, and even the positivity of jocularity and humor in her yearly predictions. Mrs. Bonnell believes in the uplifting of the human spirit - choosing to avoid pejorative, deprecatory and disparaging writing but rather in her own words, "I try to treat everyone fairly and make everyone feel good about themselves." This tendency of Mrs. Bonnell is intrinsically esteem-building and is an inherent part of her character composite with the impetus to "build people up" instead of "pulling them down." I have personally been privy to Mrs. Bonnell's predilection to give equal coverage to opposite and opposing divergent opinions - again opting for balanced reporting in her news segments. Interestingly, Mrs. Bonnell has drawn from the strengths of her progenitors and mentors, who have exerted impact

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and influence upon her lifelong positive ideologies and life philosophies. In illuminating Mrs. Bonnell's attributes and her propensity for accomplishment and productive living, a review of her life history is reflective... Mrs. Bonnell attended Quitman Grammar School and graduated from Quitman High School where she was mentored by her teacher, Mrs. Connie Cunningham. Mrs. Bonnell received mentoring from her father, Mr. Russel Hunter of Hunter Motors (a Ford Dealership) and her mother, Mrs. Sarah Coachman Hunter, from whom the "Bonnell" Name and lineage originated. Mrs. Bonnell attributes much of her mentorship and affinity for industrious work ethic and emulated strength of character from her grandmother, Mrs. Freddie Hunter, who reared eight children and promulgated their care maternally and economically - working to provide for her children during an American era when it was relatively non-traditional for a woman to earn a living. It was difficult rearing eight children and providing for them with occasional assistance from Mrs. Bonnell's father, who, as an industrious youth, made deliveries on his bicycle for a local bread company to assist his mother; Mrs. Freddie was vigilant in provision of religious instruction for her eight children. Most of us realize the long hours and exemplary effort that is encompassed in Mrs. Bonnell's exceptional editorial performance and exhaustive professional pace; her grandmother and father provided the predecessorial work ethic model that she emulates as well as her grandmother's affinity for assimilation of Christian principles. When queried regarding three of the most memorable events and unforgettable memories in Mrs. Bonnell's life, she relates her wedding, the birth of her three children and the four-year Military Tour of Duty with her husband in Germany wherein they traveled the picturesque sites and tourist countries of Europe in close geographical proximity to Germany. Beforehand, at age 22, a young, vibrant and attractive Miss Bonnell with Bachelor of Science Degree Major in Speech Pathology and Minor in

Journalism from Florida State University, reported for initiation of a professional career in teaching at the Speech and Hearing Clinic in Moultrie. Thereafter, she met the dashing, handsome, uniformed Army Aviator Holmes, who was stationed at Spence Air Force Base in Moultrie, and with whom Mrs. Bonnell would eventually share 48 years of marital bliss, and procreate their three wonderful children subsequent to the Military Tour in Germany - following the initial six years subsequent to their nuptials. In 1988, Mrs. Bonnell became a QFP guest columnist and launched the Brooks County Line Column which created much heightened interest from locals; already assuming the responsibility of multitasking which involved numerous pragmatic internal operations and implementing provision of multifaceted staff functions, prompted Mrs. Bonnell to officially become the Editor of the QFP in the 1990's. In addition to dispensing her Editorial Expertise, Mrs. Bonnell is active in diversified club memberships and activities, chief of which is the Baptist Women of Mission. She is a mentor to her children and grandchildren and she conveys that the most special time of day is her time of morning meditation and prayer which fortifies her spiritually for the rest of her day. She enjoys the inter-office colleague professional mentoring¹¹ among her QFP¹² professional peers. Mrs. Bonnell's hobby interests include shopping, gardening and horticultural pursuits. I have observed Mrs. Bonnell in her professional model covering local governmental entity meetings and her attendance at various functions, and I have witnessed her sociocultural camaraderie several times - three of the several, which are memorable to me: Observing as Mrs. Bonnell and "Ms. T" (former Superintendent Elizabeth Howell Tiller), were adorned in Industrial safety helmets/hard hats at a private industry function attended by then Governor Perdue, whose helicopter was dispatched from the helipad later, as they conferred with a well-known lumber industry baron/business magnate at

the time (QFP covered "hard hat" event); Mrs. Bonnell and her gentleman guest, my granddaughter (now Dr. Ariel MD), "Ms. T," (Elizabeth Howell Tiller), the Macco Hornes, Mr. & Mrs. Lester Rentz, and other friends and invited guests, enjoying one of my VIP Wellness Gala Events with featured musician guest, Commodore Walter Clyde Orange of "Brick House" Fame - a celebrated event with tuxedoed servers and world-class cuisine wherein congeniality and cordiality abounded (covered in Sunday Business Section of the Valdosta Daily Times, page 12, April 17, 2011); Mrs. Bonnell and her gentleman guest and I surveying the aesthetics of the sponsored Tour of Homes at an industry billionaire's equestrian retreat and Mansion near the Brooks County/Thomasville line; and Mrs. Bonnell dining at the table at Horne House with me as Hostess, with Hollywood Producer and Music Manager James Womack, who was instrumental in music management help to "Jo Jo" (Billboard # 1 single in 2004), and Asaph Womack, "breaking bread" during the seven-course palatable culinary feast - enjoying great conversation; James Womack related his experience of "talking with Spielberg at a popular Hollywood Humidor;" we discussed Hollywood, world affairs and numerous other topics (James and Asaph Womack's visit to Quitman at a tablescap at Horne House was covered in QFP). The salient point references the fact that Mrs. Bonnell Hunter Holmes shows intellect, graciousness, humility, and sensitivity; she represents the embodiment of a "universal soul," a personage that is socioculturally comfortable in relating to people, self-assured with humility, and growing exponentially by



the day in terms of sociological global awareness; she is assiduous in her work ethic but is imbued with a sense and appreciation for the simple joys of life in its complexity. Mrs. Bonnell is the joyful journalist, the exemplary QFP editor, and an extraordinary student of life, reflecting the philosophical tenet that part of our mission in life is to inspire others and to be receptive to positive inspiration from others, within the broad context of positive and productive human endeavor. I have been privileged in witnessing the diversely positive aspects of Mrs. Bonnell Hunter Holmes' character"

My foregoing Column Coverage of the extraordinary life and career dynamic of Editor Bonnell Hunter Holmes reflects some of the positive developmental aspects of her interactions as a Brooks Countian and "universal soul" among us who had memorable instances of personal and professional interaction with her.

The PhotoCollage shows a pensive Editor Holmes and a moment of camaraderie with



Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller and Mrs. Bonnell Hunter Holmes' gentleman friend at the Valdosta launch of my Comprehensive Wellness Center, and Photos of Columnist, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD inside and outside the historic Quitman Free Press headquarters in Quitman.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Baghdad native
- 5 "Get lost!"
- 10 Morse code bit
- 14 Scowl
- 15 Weather, to a poet
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- 17 Airborne force
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- 20 Drunk as a skunk
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Doc's special messages

Phenoms Give Nostalgic Reflections

In the Context of Spirituality
By Dr. R. Marie Horne MD

When we pause to acknowledge just how blessed we were collectively in the Sixties- amidst the seemingly ubiquitous dynamic changes during those phenomenal times and despite

some evident sociological compromises and challenges of that era-we are compelled to give comparative nostalgic reflection upon the positive influences surrounding our neighborhood living and our Washington Street High School attendance. The

Photo-Op shows Ms. Opal Tillman, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, Mrs. Rita Small Simon and Mrs. Jacquelyn Hollis Shelton during a nostalgic event. Among the several families who habitated on

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The veritably gracious Mr. Winfrey

**In the Context of Spirituality
By Dr. R. Marie Horne MD**

I, along with Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller, experienced the esteemed privilege of visiting with Mr. Vernon Winfrey in Nashville during the time surrounding the recent Holiday Season. Our visit with Mr. Winfrey occurred subsequent to a previous trip to Manhattan, New York, where I had again enjoyed the distinct professional comradere promulgated by conferring on behalf of a patient with a famed Physician whose cutting-edge international clinical research and acumen is highly regarded in our profession of Medicine and with whom I met eight years ago. A tranquil aura surrounds Mr. Vernon Winfrey who is the consummate gentleman, who exudes a gentle spirit, and whose ease of conversation, personable nature, sincerity, and respect for positivity of the human spirit were immediately evident and sustained throughout the course of our visit with Mr. Winfrey, who is pictured with Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller. "Mr. Hollywood," a fellow barber comrade in the legendary, contemporaneously well-regarded, and historic Winfrey Barbershop enterprise, steered both of us to seats in



proximity to Mr. Winfrey's Station in the iconic establishment erected in 1965, to witness first-hand, Mr. Winfrey's still-masterful artistry and display of barber skill as his acumen and finesse showed in his patron's haircut while he intermittently expounded in sage commentary and as the three of us recounted knowledge of prominent Nashville institutions and personages which we held in common recognition such as Meharry where I matriculated and iconic Meharry Physician trailblazers such as Dr. E. Perry Crump who was a Meharry Departmental

Chairman (under which I received Departmental Honors accolades) and eventual induction into the academically and clinically prestigious Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society during his Departmental Chairmanship and tutelage and Dr. Lloyd C. Elam's illustrious Presidency of Meharry, and which we both regarded. Mrs. Tiller and Mr. Vernon Winfrey both shared their regard and respect for the notable Dr. Otis Floyd, former State of Tennessee Commissioner of Education and a past President of Tennessee State University, whom Mrs. Tiller

had professional affiliation with during her eight years as the only female elected Superintendent of Schools in her native Tennessee County. Mr. Winfrey and Mrs. Tiller's conversation gravitated toward both their political service to their various local communities as Mr. Winfrey was a Nashville Tennessee councilman for sixteen years. Mr. Winfrey and Mrs. Tiller could both also espouse their experience of the joy of agrarian family farm estate living and the raising of Angus cattle as Mr. Winfrey

Fourteen Years in Review

When Ms. Karla Winfrey, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD catalyzed two major multicultural projects which encompassed peer tutelage/peer mentoring, they tapped the talent of four amazing youth who already had blessed life trajectories to inspire and assist in tutoring other peer youth in the art of "manners matter" and developing appropriate etiquette as a significant socialization skill. The educational, instructional and entertaining DVD was filmed at the local Historical Museum fourteen years ago.

Ariel, Raquel, Karli and Reed served as peer tutors and mentors in the DVD Media Production - instructing their peers via an entertaining party format on principles of etiquette, entertaining and basic behavioral and dining civilities. The companion brochure to the DVD featured teens Ariel, Raquel, Cody and Colin.

The published Children's book, entitled "The ABC's of Etiquette With Ariel, Raquel and Friends" was penned by Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller and Ms. Karla Winfrey and features paintings of Ariel, Raquel, Karli, Reed, Cody, Colin, Alona, Alexis and other Children as multicultural models for positive manners and culinary prowess reflected in the artistic vignettes. The Children's Book also highlights a painting of Karli and Reed with their Grandmother, Mrs. Judy Winfrey, who is Ms. Karla Winfrey's mother and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD's

godmother.

Fourteen Years have elapsed and these amazing childhood peer tutors/mentors have eventuated into highly-productive adults who continue to amaze!

The PhotoOp collage recaps the lofty project and reflects its initiators, and some of the peer participants. Photo One Clockwise shows Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller, Mrs. Karla Winfrey, Reed Winfrey and Karli Winfrey @ Horne House after the Historic Production filming at the Historical Museum. Photo Two represents one of the instructional photo pages in the accompanying brochure to the Etiquette DVD/Media Film Production featuring Raquel, Mrs. Tiller (MamaE) and Ariel with a representative Dessert Vignette.

Photo Four shows Ms. Sheila Self, Manager of the Historical Museum, holding the donated "Party Patrol Basic Dining Etiquette for Teens" DVD/Brochure Unit and "The ABC's of Etiquette With Ariel, Raquel and Friends" Children's Book (Authored by Horne, Tiller and Winfrey and presented to Ms. Sheila Self by Dr. R. Marie Horne MD for permanent historical display in the local Historical Museum as one of the three Film Producers & Authors, Dr. Horne, is a native of Quitman/Brooks County. Coverage of the DVD/ brochure and Children's Book donations to the local historical museum occurred in the Quitman Free Press Edition, October 7, 2020.

Photo Three shows Dr. Ariel flanked by Mrs.



Doc's Special Messages By: Dr. R. Marie Horne MD

Elizabeth Howell Tiller, her Grandmother/Mentor & Dr. R. Marie Horne, her Physician Mentor & godmother during culminating graduation ceremonies conducted in the conferring of Dr. Ariel's Doctor of Medicine Degree (MD Degree) in 2017. (A) Photo Six shows Ms. Karli Winfrey surrounding her Baccalaureate

ceremonious Loyola University Graduation Degree conferral in the discipline of Public Relations in May 2022. Ms. Karli Winfrey, niece of Ms. Karla Winfrey is already emulating her Aunt Karla in leading causes of social justice. While matriculating at Loyola University in New Orleans, Ms. Karli's published Letter to the Editor of the "New Orleans Advocate," on March 14, 2021, entitled "Covid landscape improves but let's not get eager, reckless," reflected sagacious insight and journalistic savvy. (The "New Orleans

Advocate" is Louisiana largest circulating daily newspaper with Separate Editions for New Orleans and had a reputed circulation of 98,000 on weekdays and 125,000 on Sundays according to reported data). Ms. Karli Winfrey's father is Mr. Carlton Winfrey, sibling of Ms. Karla Winfrey, and he is the Political Editor of the "Seattle Times" Newspaper. ("The Seattle Times" is Seattle's major daily newspaper and is a reported Winner of 11 Pulitzer's and reportedly "reaches 566,900 readers daily and 717,700 on Sundays," having the "largest newspaper circulation in the State of Washington and the Pacific Northwest Region.") Photo Five shows future Juris Doctorate Raquel who has advanced to

her second year in Law School and is currently gaining law office and courtroom expertise during her Summer Internship/ Clerkship.

Photo Seven shows Dr. Ariel, who is a Board Certified Internal Medicine Specialist and Hospitalist. Photo Eight shows Dr. R. Marie Horne MD with goddaughters Raquel & Ariel.

As amazing youths, these peers, Karli, Raquel & Ariel served as tutors/mentors in their formative years themselves and they are still amazing, even more accomplished and retain the humility of appreciation for the tutelage and mentorship of Ms. Karla Winfrey, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD. We salute their superlativeness and continuing societal service!

Quitman Police Department

Below are reports from the Quitman Police Department between June 7-June 13.

Arrests:

- Erica Rue, 35, 721

Quitman, was arrested for obstructing law enforcement officers, drugs-synthetic narcotic possession, and violation of probation.

- Dennis Jones, 53, 405 East Roundtree Street, Quitman, was arrested for

Thomasville, was arrested for driving while licenses suspended or revoked.

Citations:

- Affray: 1
- Disorderly conduct: 1
- Expired registration: 1
- Drivine while license

The Camellia Unifies Humanity

History teaches us and reminds us of the paramount significance of historical circumstance and just how transformative our local heroines and heroes are to the advancing philosophy of humanity, productive life circumstance, one's totality of productive life work, and progressive work ethic in the ultimate human endeavor and life continuum! Three local personages embody this lofty but true ideology.

Mrs. Betty Sheffield and Mrs. Rena (Lorena) Campbell are inextricably tied to the Quitman and International ubiquity of the Camellia! Responsible for the consummate propagation and distribution of camellias in Quitman, which led to widespread propagation of camellia varieties locally and beyond Quitman, Mrs. Betty Sheffield honed her skill and knowledge of Camellias via developing horticultural expertise - even later in formalized collegiate study of the camellia after its propagation became her passionate life undertaking! Mrs. Sheffield credited African American, Mrs. Rena Campbell, her neighbor, with the "Rena Campbell" camellia progenitor - which was reportedly harvested from a seed in 1920 and which its camellia progeny eventuated into the wondrous and myriad ensuing varieties in Quitman and beyond!

According to a historical interview conducted with Mrs. Sheffield herself, during her lifetime, another beloved Quitman hero and educator locally known to Brooks Countians, Mr. Ferris Stevens, helped in attending her yard/garden as a youngster and Mrs. Betty would lend him sagacious insight to local and life matters.

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In another interesting revelatory account by Mr. Bruce Green, a camellia historian, Mrs. Rena, was instrumental in formulating an herbal remedy for the same Stevens youth that Mrs. Sheffield regarded with fond recollection in her interview. Mrs. Rena gave her herbal formulation "to a ten-year old Ferris Stevens' mother for her child" when she apparently sought Mrs. Rena's care. Mrs. Rena reportedly "worked in a local doctor's office." Mrs. Rena apparently instructed the young Stevens' mother to render a tea from the vegetative species which she gathered. The medicinal/herbal concoction's apparent efficacy remedied the youth's severe life-threatening febrile illness.

Thus it seems that there would have been rapport with Mrs. Betty and Mrs. Rena not only on the subject of camellias - but both ladies had some degree of familiarity with the field of medicine to some significant extent as Mrs. Betty was the daughter of a physician, and lived in proximity to her brother, also a physician who translocated to Quitman after Mrs. Betty's sister moved to Quitman.

These and other historical details, according to the remarkable in-depth scenario by Mrs. Carol Selph, "The Story of Betty Sheffield and Her Contributions to the History of Quitman, Georgia" and the compelling and awesome video presentation, entitled the, "Rena Campbell and Betty Sheffield Story with Bruce Green," comprise

riveting anecdotal evidence of the two heroines' lives - which includes the scenario of the reported medicinal help of Mrs. Rena in skillfully ameliorating a young Ferris Stevens' apparent febrile illness - utilizing her knowledge of pharmacognosy concepts.

Mr. Ferris Stevens was a consummate gentleman and beloved educator and mentor to generations of Quitman/Brooks County youth, a community/civic leader and a most gracious personage in our community. As one of my amazing academic mentors, Mr. Stevens and his beloved spouse, retired Educator, Mrs. Mary Stevens, hold coveted places of honor in Quitman/Brooks County and abroad!

One of my most cherished memories of the Nonagenarian wonder of a man, Mr. Ferris Stevens, encompasses the nostalgic time when he conveyed his pride in me as his student and godchild and when he brought to remembrance my Grandfather, Mr. Finners Horne Sr., as his own mentor (while in conversational interchange that memorable day), and again when Mrs. Mary Stevens showed me the stack of Quitman Free Press Editions with every Entry and Article that I have written over the years beside Mr. Stevens' desk in their home - Mr. Ferris Stevens had collected them all!

To me, this was testimonial of his exceeding mentorial support - what measure of man we were Divinely-favored with having given such positive impact upon so many lives! The Photo Op Collage captures the



stately Stevens home and the mentorial and sorority bond of Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and Mrs. Ferris (Mrs. Mary) Stevens at her lovely home).

The Celebration of the Camellia in Quitman and its global import which emanated greatly from the horticultural zeal of two local heroines, Mrs. Betty Sheffield and Mrs. Rena Campbell, gave rise to the 2018 official acclamation of naming Quitman, "The Camellia City of Georgia." In its quest for continuation of the significant work of the Garden Club of Quitman, the Club's Secretary, Ms. Julie Swann indicates in a statement, "The Garden Club of Quitman has been active and participating in the beautification of Quitman and Brooks County for 69 years."

"The Garden Club has initiated, assisted and sponsored many beautification and educational projects over the years. Such projects include assistance with the maintenance of the gardens at the Historic Brooks County Courthouse, assistance with maintenance of the gardens at the Quitman-Brooks County Museum and Cultural Center... These projects have occasionally involved students and clubs from Brooks County Schools. When possible students are involved in our projects in efforts to educate, encourage, and inspire gardening among our youth... The Garden



Club's largest project each year is sponsorship of the Quitman Camellia Show. This show is a two-day event and attracts camellia growers and propagators from all across Georgia as well as neighboring states in the region. Each year, in conjunction with the Camellia Show, flags highlighting the camellia adorn the downtown streetlight poles. These flags were purchased by The Garden Club of Quitman."

"Quitman is also on the Camellia Trail and will be visited in the Fall of 2024 by the International Camellia Society."

The leadership of the Garden Club of Quitman is composed of Co-President, Ms. Marian Jones and Co-President, Ms. Christy Pridgen, Secretary, Ms.

Julie Swann, Treasurer, Mr. Arthur Morin and Liaison, Ms. Nancibeth Shealy, RN., who are busily engaged in the planning and implementation of the Quitman Camellia Show to be held in February 2022 and a proposed "Camellia Hall of Fame" as its forthcoming projects which are vital to Tourism and advancing the Quitman/Brooks County populace's pride in its place of global recognition regarding the Camellia.

Its magnificence has not only created a unique horticultural niche in the world but it has unified humanity in a fashion that has transcended culture, ethnicity, religion, gender, and geographical demarcations - a floral essence to be celebrated!

Hometown Hero honored

Doc's Special Messages

By: Dr. R. Marie Horne MD

On September 14, 2022, the "Maceo A. Horne Learning Center's" Principal, Dr. Virginia B. Crowell, Toured and received the Mr. Maceo Antonio Horne Family Legacy representatives at the Valdosta Board of Education supervised public education learning center.

Dr. Rose Marie Horne MD, cousin and god-daughter of Quitman and Ms. JaNelle Latney, Niece of Washington D.C. represented the Horne Family. Mr. Maceo Antonio Horne, Jr. was a Quitman/Brooks County Hometown Hero and reknown historic trailblazer in the Brooks and Lowndes County School Systems who served on the Valdosta Board of Education for seventeen years and who culminated his longtime career as an Educational Administrator and Principal of Valdosta Junior High School.

Mr. Maceo A. Horne, a native of Quitman, Georgia who graduated from Brooks High School in 1944 is celebrated in both Quitman/Brooks County and Valdosta/Lowndes history.

PHOTO COLLAGE ONE (on the right, above): Photo One shows

Dr. Virginia Crowell, Principal and Doctor of Education, Dr. Rose Marie Horne MD, Physician, and Ms. JaNelle Latney, retiree from the federal employment sector. Photo Two @ left shows the Principal, Dr. Crowell in front of the School during the September 14, 2022 Tour and Photo Three of Dr. Horne @ right during the initial dedication day ceremony. Photo Four @ left shows Mrs. Cherry Horne, wife of Mr. Maceo Horne surrounded by Valdosta City & Valdosta Board of Education officials during the initial dedication of The "Maceo A. Horne Learning Center." Photo Five @ right shows a view inside the modernized school.

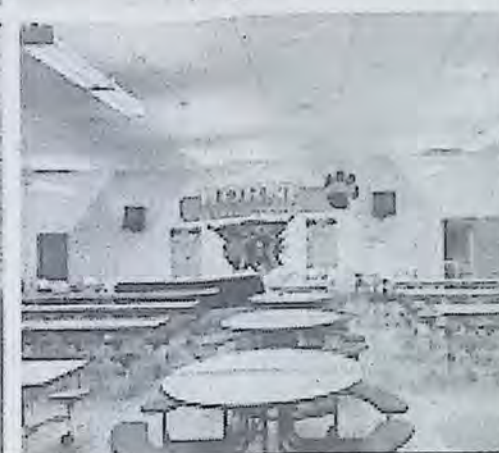
PHOTO COLLAGE TWO (above) shows the various "Maceo A. Horne Jr. Learning Center" Staff & Principal, Dr. Virginia B. Crowell.

Dr. Virginia B. Crowell, a trailblazer herself, pays tribute to the legacy of Mr. Maceo Antonio Horne Jr., in her sagacious, compassionate and erudite leadership

of the Valdosta "Maceo A. Horne Jr. Learning Center."

Dr. Crowell, highly credentialed with an exemplary repertoire of educational expertise as a Doctor of Education, combines an equally impressive service profile as she is also a community leader and my Soror of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Dr. Virginia Crowell has exemplified much administrative finesse in formulating phenomenal academic curriculum pathways and pragmatic life skill perspectives on behalf of students in the alternative educational sector.

A young Maceo Antonio Horne Jr., who grew up in Quitman in the 1940s, created a special niche in the history of education in Brooks and Lowndes Counties and Mr. Maceo Antonio Horne, Jr. has the unique honor of having a school named in his honor, the "Maceo A. Horne, Jr. Learning Center located at 930 Old Statenville Road, Valdosta, Georgia 31601.



Mr. Horne's heralded and continues inspired and humbled multiplicity of positive attributes and his unwavering dedication to the community is still to reverberate positivity that his impact has been realized in the positive life dynamic of innumerable others!

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

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Historic Extant WSHS Gymnasium

The history of Washington Street High School and its extant Washington Street High School Gymnasium is unquestionably significant to Brooks County's diverse, multidimensional and multicultural global influences through its talented Alumni who matriculated during the interim between 1960-1970 and whose prolific impact has been local, statewide, national and international in a multiplicity of disciplines and epicenters of productive human endeavor.

On February 5, 2024, a public hearing was conducted by the Brooks County Historical Board which is chaired by Dr. Rose Marie Horne MD for deliberation of a request for approval of a proposed Brooks County ordinance to designate the extant WSHS Gymnasium as a Brooks County Landmark. The public hearing proceedings were directed by Brooks County Commission Chairman, Mr. Patrick Folsom. The proposed ordinance for designation of the extant WSHS Gymnasium was supported subsequently, in near-unanimity by the Chairman, Mr. Patrick Folsom, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. James Maxwell, Commissioner, Mr. Willie Cody, and Commissioner, Mr. Lee Larko during BCC's deliberation with Attorney Jason Kemp rendering the official attorney posture on

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National Register nomination for the WSHS Gymnasium. Dr. Horne acknowledged the public hearing attendees, numerous of which present were WSHS Alumni/ Alumni Affiliates in support of the proposed ordinance- their various commentary regarding their commemoration, school passion and fervent respect for the WSHS tradition and its impact on their success in life was truly heartwarming, evident and profound.

WSHS Wildcats exemplified scholarly diligence, sportsman distinction, leadership character, civic/ community service and huge potential in the then-student populace's future life and career aspirations- numerous WSHS Alumni becoming transcendent historic trailblazers in Quitman/Brooks Countywide, Statewide, and Cross-Country!

The Brooks County Historical Board Composite Membership:
Dr. R. Marie Horne MD

President, Brooks County Historical Board, Vice Chairman, Brooks County Board of Health, Member, Brooks County Development Authority Board, Former Vice Chairman, Quitman Historic Preservation Commission

*First Quitman-born/ reared Female Physician since Quitman's

County Board of Health, Parliamentarian / Liaison, Brooks County Historical Board

*Alumnus, Washington Street High

Mrs. Jennifer Edwards, Treasurer, Brooks County Historical Board, Former Advertising Agent, Quitman Free Press

*Attended School @ Washington Street High Site during Post-Transition Era

Mrs. Cynthia Gosier Huewitt, Secretary, Brooks County Historical Board

President, Brooks County Retired Educators Association

Coordinator: Washington Street High

School Alumni Reunion Celebrations

*Alumnus, Washington Street High

PhotoCollage One shows the Washington Street High School Gymnasium, Mrs. Cynthia Huewitt, Ms. Jacqueline Harper and Mrs. Jennifer Edwards.

PhotoCollage Two shows Brooks County Commission Vice-Chairman, Mr. James Maxwell @ his home and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD in front of Horne House which annexation to her parents' original domicile @ 1600 S Washington Street is comprised of myriad thousands of bricks from non-extant Washington Street



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Washington Street High
Quitman Georgia**



Larko during BCC's deliberation with Attorney Jason Kemp rendering the official attorney posture on the ordinance matter within the monthly meeting agenda proceedings.

A prior Letter from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs under auspices of State of Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and Commissioner Christopher Nunn which was dated May 24, 2021 and addressed to Co-Applicants Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, contemporaneous President of The Brooks County Historical Board and Ms. Jessica McKinney, the Brooks County Administrator had already documented a review from The Historic Preservation Division's National Register staff in support of its preliminary assessment of eligibility for

Preservation Commission
***First Quitman-born/reared Female Physician since Quitman's Establishment Originally in 1859 (117 years before 1st Female Physician born/reared in Quitman)**
***Alumnus, Washington Street High (Valedictorian) Ms. Jacqueline Harper**
Vice President, Brooks County Historical Board, Chair, Ward Chambers Scholarship Committee, Former President, Brooks County Retired Educators Association, Former Member, Quitman Historic Preservation Commission
***Former Washington Street High Staff Commissioner, Mr. James Maxwell, Vice Chairman of Brooks County Board of Commissioners, Chairman, Brooks**

Washington Street is comprised of myriad thousands of bricks from non-extant Washington Street High School and which residual bricks are in historic repurposing. commemoration of the inimitable Washington Street High School, its phenomenal tradition and its impressive history. Dr. Horne's 1600 South Washington Street domicile is immediately juxtaposed and adjacent to her two-acre property (Physician Consultation Services Property) acquisition which Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Horne, Sr. acquired for their daughter, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and their son, Dr. Hilton Horne Jr. MD's eventual professional property developmental aspects. The Horne Family inclusive of Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Horne, Sr. and the Horne siblings were huge supporters of the Washington Street High School students and staff/faculty. We celebrate the proposed future ordinance to designate the Washington Street High School Gymnasium as a Brooks County Landmark which epitomizes the excellence of our historically-stellar school! The extant WSHS Gymnasium is across from Horne House.

We salute all of our amazing Washington Street High School Wildcat Alumni at home and across the world! The historic import of this proposed ordinance designating the extant Washington Street High School as a Brooks County Landmark is particularly touching in its occurrence during African American History Month.



The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Dundee native
- 5 Scene with stuntmen
- 10 Traveler's aids
- 14 Use a whetstone
- 15 Skating sites
- 16 Equipped
- 17 Not real-world
- 19 Eastwood film, "___ Torino"
- 20 Footnote word
- 21 Motionless
- 23 One of the Brontë sisters
- 25 Pot pie tidbits
- 26 Wind instrument
- 29 Small boater's woe
- 32 WWII female
- 33 Busch Gardens locale
- 35 Not at any time
- 36 "This is Us" network
- 37 Calgary's province
- 39 Ostrich's cousin
- 40 Campaign word
- 42 Cut and ___
- 43 Slice (off)
- 44 Close copy
- 46 Wall Street worker
- 48 Handyman's need
- 49 Martin or McQueen
- 50 80s Soviet policy
- 53 Winter hand warmer
- 57 Piercing place
- 58 Stubble-free cut
- 60 Night fliers
- 61 Singing Carpenter
- 62 Top spot
- 63 Actress Amanda
- 64 Perspiration

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27 Monthly bill

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28 Satisfactory

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30 Addition tapes

51 Rob who hosts

31 Fly off the

52 Picnic dish

handle

54 Scotch ___

34 Part of w.p.m.

55 Roulette bet

38 Slum dwelling

56 Counter call

41 Like a best

59 Mermaid's home

friend

45 Time machines?

DOWN

- 1 Ocean liner
- 2 Musical ending
- 3 Washington bills
- 4 Movie promo
- 5 Jackson hit, "Smooth ___"
- 6 That guy's
- 7 On pins and needles
- 8 "Laugh-In" segment
- 9 Make a run for it
- 10 Business bigwig
- 11 In a rude way
- 12 Something to hatch
- 13 Mailed out
- 18 Handicap
- 22 "The Accidental Tourist" Oscar winner
- 24 Sorority letter
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Answers to Previous Crossword:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Housing Authority of the City of Quitman announces that on February 15th, 2024 the Public Housing Authority shall make available for public review a draft copy of components of its Five-Year and Annual Agency Plan per the guidelines of 24 CFR 903, a requirement of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

We will also have for review the plans to demolish five (5) scattered sites located at: 709 Meadow Road, 709 Morris Avenue, 1102 W Bay Street, 1106 W Bay Street, 1107 W Railroad St., which also included in our Five-Year and Annual Agency Plan.

These documents will be available for review at the PHA Administration Office located at 601 N Highland Circle Quitman GA 31643.

The Quitman Housing Authority has scheduled a public hearing to be held on March 7th, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at the PHA Administration Office. At this time, the Public Housing Authority shall receive and consider any and all comments prior to finalization of their Agency Plan.

Historical Preservation Board holds first meeting

The Brooks County Historical Preservation Board held their first meeting this week. On Monday, August 29, the newly-established Historical Preservation Board met where they elected officers and established a regular meeting time. Commissioner James Maxwell will serve as the parliamentarian and liaison to the Brooks County Board of Commissioners, Dr. R. Marie Horne is president, Jacqueline Harper is vice president, Cynthia Huewitt is secretary, and Jennifer Edwards is the treasurer. The board will meet monthly on the last Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Brooks County Board of Commissioners Room in the Administration Building at 610 South Highland Road in Quitman. Pictured at left are, from left, top, James Maxwell, Jennifer Edwards and Cynthia Huewitt. Bottom, from left, Dr. R. Marie Horne and Jacqueline Harper.



Trusted Treasure in TV Reportage

Ms. Brittanye Blake, a third generation Valdosta State University Alum, exemplifies professional comport and discerning acumen in highlighting contemporary community issues of import.

Ms. Brittanye

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Blake's multimedia skill evokes journalistic precision infused with interviewing finesse and effective rapport with interviewees in

chronicling significant community issues.

I, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and multimedia specialist and Events Manager for BoykinZ's introduction to South Georgians, Ms. Karla Winfrey, both immediately recognized the multimedia savvy of Ms. Brittanye Blake during our 2023 Juneteenth interim as Ms. Blake rendered superb reportage of BoykinZ's historic reception festivities at Valdosta State University.

Ms. Brittanye Blake is currently a Multimedia Journalist at WALB News 10 and served previously as a reporter for the Valdosta Daily Times and Editor of Valdosta Scene Magazine. Ms. Blake is owner of BB Media Services LLC.

Ms. Brittanye Blake's interview repertoire is extensive and her evident capability is broad and inclusive of interviews with Mandy Price, co-founder of Kanarys, United States Senator Raphael G. Warnock, and the Honorable Justice Verda

Colvin, Supreme Court of Georgia among other notably distinguished citizens. Ms. Brittanye Blake is a graduate of Valdosta State University and holds the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Mass Media with a focus in Broadcasting (2019) and is a graduate of the University of South Florida with a Master's Degree in Digital Journalism in December 2020. Ms. Blake holds memberships in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the National Association of Black Journalists, and the Valdosta-Lowndes County Martin Luther King Commemorative Committee. Native to Valdosta, Ms. Brittanye Blake is the only child of Dr. Beverley Richardson-Blake and the late Dr. Bobby Blake.

PhotoCollage One shows Ms. Brittanye Blake in Photos with Country Music Sensation, BoykinZ at Valdosta State University.

Photo Collage Two Shows Ms. Brittanye Blake and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD in front of historic Washington Street High School Gymnasium in the first photo and Ms.



Blake, Dr. Horne and Commissioner James Maxwell in the second Photo @ the WSHS Gym.

I, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, the Brooks County and Cross-Country QFP Readership, the Brooks County Commissioners and Brooks Countians, Salute Ms. Brittanye Blake, our Trusted Treasure in Television

Journalism, for her erudite accomplishments and her salient, poignant and significant Television coverage/ journalistic reportage on the essence of the ongoing conjoined efforts of Brooks Countians to preserve the extant Washington Street High School Gymnasium.



Scenes of Celebration

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By: Dr. R. Marie Horne MD

In keeping with the daily demands and pragmatics of purposeful living, we must continue to remember to give thanks for God's Grace and His myriad blessings upon us!

During this Thanksgiving Season when the connectivity between family and friends is enhanced and Americans celebrate, we are mindful of the importance to pause to appreciate life's enriching moments!

We are thankful of our expansive Quitman Free Press readership which encompasses Brooks Countians as well as our consistent readers across the country!

Celebrations are diverse across America and whether you celebrate in formalized flair or informal gathering, the importance of the Thanksgiving Season



is the same!

Photo Collage One and Two: Scenes of



festive presentations @ Horne House Photo Collage Three



and Four: Festive Presentations @ the Tennessee RiverPlace

and the Picturesque Setting on the Tennessee River

PhotoCollage Five: Festive Office Celebratory Settings

Children Health Habits

The moment a mother knows of conception, she is encouraged by the supportive network of healthcare providers, family and friends to enhance her own health - which inevitably impacts her child's health even in utero.

Our physical health begins with our mother's health. A mother's healthy practices and positive health perspectives provide the initial maternal nurture which is significant to her future progeny's health dynamic - which underscores the reasoning and methodology for enhancement of an expectant mother's appropriate nutrition, proper exercise, mental wellness, optimal spiritual enrichment, and a careful medical oversight gestational course.

Health is important in the pre-gestational phase, the gestational phase and during every aspect of parturition with respect to maternal wellness.

A positive health dynamic is important to optimal childhood development and maturation. Parents and healthcare providers have the major responsibilities for healthy outcomes of our children specifically and tutors/teachers, mentors, and other integral persons in our community and societal order should be supportive in the health of our children's physical, mental and emotional health perspectives.

Traditionally, and oftentimes in American culture, the "holiday habits of over-indulgence in eating and imbibing" contribute to the "post-holiday" lifestyle dynamic which culminates in some of the following:

- 1) scheduling an Annual Physical, 2) harnessing eating habits 3) sometimes giving fastidious attention to "overnight health routines" but 4) ultimately becoming more vigilant about opting for a healthier exercise regimen/ daily physical

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activity model and 5) generally formulating individualized health plan perspectives -beginning usually in JANUARY or the initial months of the New Year.

This week's coverage highlights the avidity of a contemporary child's parents in trying to ensure their child's health in a number of supervised health perspectives. There are ubiquitous childcare models to emulate because of the diverse childcare dynamics that parents, surrogate parental nurturers, etcetera decide for their particular children. Emphasis should optimally be centered around sound health, a protective environment and an age-appropriate, productive developmental/ maturative approach for each PRECIOUS child-as children reassure us every day that they represent the best among humanity!

PHOTO ONE shows Athena ("Thenes") who happens to attend Montessori school which provides a sound learning pathway. Athena is simulating 'obstacle-course'/ climbing physical activity in her playroom -which she has seen her parents, Dr. Ariel and Dr. Harry, perform

in adult health club/ gym activity in her parents' own health plan dynamic. Parents are inherently reinforcing healthy practices when their children can emulate their parents' or other adult health practices in a safe, supervised productive way.

February 2023 marks the celebration by the ADA as "National Children's Dental Health Month" and Athena's parents are conforming to that dental health awareness practice. PHOTO TWO shows Athena in preventive dental care.

PHOTO THREE shows Athena learning the proper technique to brushing teeth in her Dentist's Care Setting.

PHOTO FOUR shows the culmination of Athena's preventative dental care in-office



experience on the day of her dental visit with obvious ebullient smile and "coveted" gift of child dental care 'goodies' inside.

I have the privilege to observe the development of a plethora of children! Athena happens to be my god-daughter, and her Mom, Dr. Ariel, is my god-daughter also and now Physician colleague. I have the unique pleasure of observing Athena's maturation as well.

PHOTO FIVE shows

Dr. R. Marie Horne in a simulated setting for the electrocardiographic analyses that were conducted during a health awareness symposium for the Brooks County Community in 2018. A 2023 forthcoming Health Symposium is being planned.

PHOTO SIX shows Ariel, now Dr. Ariel, as a young girl bedecked with stethoscope around her neck in "physician" motif in the 50 Peabody PlacePhysician Practice

where Dr. R. Marie Horne MD managed her Internal Medicine patient clientele and Ariel, now Internal Medicine Physician, Dr. Ariel Brooks MD's grandmother, Elizabeth Howell Tiller (MamaE) served as Medical Management Proprietor to Dr. Horne's Practice in Memphis (50 Peabody Place overlooks famed auspicious Beale Street juxtaposed close to the Memphis Bluff on the Mississippi River).

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 6 Listening devices
- 10 Remote button
- 14 Fraze highly
- 15 Stuff to the gills
- 16 "Heat of the Moment" band
- 17 Sacrifice

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BC Board of Health installation of officers

The Brooks County Board of Health Meeting on February 28, 2024 encompassed installation of officers, a video presentation and elucidated overview of the ramifications of what constitutes Board membership, the operational dynamics, and the requisite regulations of each County's Board of Health in our thirteen-county South Health District headed by Dr. Mark Eanes, MD, MBA.

In addition, the South Health District's By-laws revision was addressed, updated and approved.

Dr. Mark J. Eanes MD, MBA elaborated on the contemporaneous rising incidence of prevalent disease entities being monitored by the public health systems nationally and statewide which pose current risks and he also addressed some of the demographic factors related to those clinical entities.

Palatable cuisine was served during the Noon February 28, 2024 Brooks County Board of Health Meeting.

Commissioner James



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Maxwell continues his service as Chairman and Dr. Rose Marie Horne MD continues her service as Vice-Chairman of the Brooks County Board of

Health. Brooks County Commission Executive Director, Mrs. Jessica McKinney was invited to the open Brooks County Board of Health Meeting

to hear a proposal on tentative perspectives from a community organization whose impetus is trying to promulgate positive impact on the current opioid dynamic and who seeks potential collaboration with intergovernmental

sectors in potential amelioration of the opioid crises pervading the state and the nation.

The Photo shows Brooks County Board of Health members Ms. Toni Brinson and Mr. Shawn Tatham, Brooks County Commissioner, Mr. James

Maxwell, Chairman of Brooks County Board of Health, Dr. Rose Marie Horne MD, Vice Chairman of Brooks County Board of Health, Mr. Dwain Butler, District Program Manager of South Health District and Dr. Mark Eanes MD, MBA, Director of South Health District.

Toddler celebrations

Two three-year olds are featured in this week's coverage. They are in their chronological developmental phase between toddler and preschooler.

Aria Lei is the daughter of Mrs. Clarinda and Mr. Nick Lei, the granddaughter of Mr. Sol Moran, the great granddaughter of Ms. Toby Moran and the great granddaughter of Dr. Hilton Horne Jr. MD, a Quitman historic trailblazer.

Athena Elizabeth Brooks is the daughter of Dr. Ariel Elizabeth

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Brooks MD and Dr. Harry Brooks and bears the name of her MamaE, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller.

PhotoCollage One: Photo One of PhotoCollage One shows three year old Aria Lei celebrating her recent January birthday at home and surveying her decorative delicious birthday cake with her sisters Ayla Lei and Zara Lei. Photo Two of PhotoCollage One

shows Ayla, Aria and Zara in jubilation mode during Aria's birthday celebration.

PhotoCollage Two & PhotoCollage Three: Photo One of PhotoCollage Two shows Zara supervising distribution of her younger sister Aria's birthday gifts as Aria and Ayla are viewed in Photo One and Photo Two of PhotoCollage Two while Aria's birthday celebration continues into the evening. PhotoCollage Three shows Aria and Ayla enjoying the birthday festivities and reflecting interest in Aria's birthday gifts.

PhotoCollage Four: Photo One shows three year old Athena Elizabeth Brooks deliberating whether she is ready to brave the skating rink in Photo One and enjoying culinary cupcake favorites during her friend's party celebration in Photo Two of PhotoCollage Four.

PhotoCollage Five: Photo One and Photo Two show Athena's agility in play mode during her friend's party celebration.

I, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and the QFP Readership congratulate Aria (Dr. Horne's niece) and Athena (Dr. Horne's goddaughter) who represent all of the wonderful young three year olds who are all precious and require our conjoint supportiveness, love and nurture!





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BC Historical Board organizes

On September 21, 2022, The Brooks County Historical Board Composite Membership established goals and initiated the Historical Board's business which encompasses its organizational dynamics.

The Brooks County Historical Board represents a newly-appointed consortium of community leaders whose impetus will be to cultivate, generate and maintain interest in Brooks County's multiplicity of historical aspects.

The Brooks County Historical Board Appointees are enthusiastic and passionate regarding their community service as well as their prospective service in celebrating, commemorating, recording, and preserving Brooks County history in its multifaceted perspectives with a county-wide outreach and inclusion.

The Brooks County Historical Board entity was established under the authority and auspices of the Brooks County Commission and the recently-launched Brooks County Historical Board welcomes the

guidance of Brooks County Commission Chairman, Mr. Patrick Folsom, Vice-Chairman, Mr. James Maxwell, Commissioner, Mrs. Myra Exum, Commissioner, Mr. Willie Cody, Commissioner, Mr. Lee Larko, County Administrator, Mrs. Jessica McKinney, and County Clerk, Ms. Patricia Williams in ensuring its service to Brooks Countians.

The PhotoCollage chronicles photos from the initial meeting of this historic board on September 21, 2022. Photo One shows The Historical Board Members: Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, Mrs. Cynthia Huewitt, Mrs. Jennifer Edwards, Commissioner, Mr. James Maxwell, Ms. Jacqueline Harper. Photo Two shows Dr. Horne and Brooks County Clerk, Ms. Patricia Williams, who was on hand to give clerical insight and lend her expertise in rendering organizational support to the Historical Board Membership.

The Brooks County Historical Board Members plan to embrace their new appointments with significant service to Brooks Countians!





WSHS Alumni Speak

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Monday March 4, 2024 heralds a historic moment for Washington Street High School Alumni and Staff countywide and cross-country in reflection of the Brooks County Commission's conferring of historic landmark status - which was preceded by an earlier application notice addressed to Dr. Horne and Ms. McKinney dated May 24, 2021 from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs chronicling the announcement by the Historic Preservation Division's National Register Staff's review in support of a preliminary assessment of eligibility for National Registration nomination for the extant Washington Street High School.

I, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, as an Alumnus and President of the Brooks County Historical Board, realize that Washington Street High School sentiments and passion for our school, - which defined our remote past achievements and yet still positively impacts our unfolding current and future accomplishments - solidifies our stellar academic and personal achievements, our positive familial

dynamics, and our citizenship legacies.

I, present to the QFP Readership both countywide and cross-country, excerpts of some WSHS Wildcats passionate remembrances of their school spirit and their accounts of the impact of the inimitable Washington Street High School's encompassing academic and socio-cultural milieu.

Ms. Jaqueline Harper, Vice-President of the Brooks County Historical Board, in representation of the accomplished and awesome Washington Street Administrative Staff states, "Washington Street High School was a Mecca for the African American community which nurtured students who became giants in the world."

Mr. Charlie Milton Jackson Jr. states, "As the oldest child of Charlie Jackson Sr., Brooks County's 'Greatest Trojan,' I speak for my family and my community. The educational foundations we gained at WSH taught us to seek excellence in all life's endeavors. There was something special about that whole environment that propelled us to work hard and strive

for excellence. We were a family. The bonds we made at WSH have lasted to this day and we're blessed to share and carry that legacy to future generations."

Mrs. Voncell Patricia Jackson Vance states, "I am so thankful of the education I received at Washington Street High School. The teachers' timeless work and dedication inspired me to pursue a life and career which has enriched my entire life. Not only the academic work but the extracurricular activities prepared me for and enriched my involvement in life paths that I never imagined possible. I am a Wildcat for life."

Mrs. Cynthia Gosier Huewitt, Secretary of the Brooks Historical Board, states, "Attending WSH was one of the most memorable times for me. The teachers were genuine and appeared to care about your whole being. I truly enjoyed being a student there. It influenced me to become an educator. I wanted to give back by helping young people become educated and better citizens."

Reverend James Huewitt states, "It prepared me to be a productive citizen in the society. It paved the way

to who I am today."

Mrs. Merita Turner Tucker states, "Attending Washington Street High School represented four of my most interesting years. It was a time that I figured out what I wanted my place in the world to be. I gained many good friends with similar beliefs and interests. All the teachers seemed genuinely committed to educating every student. WSH was a great school where all were loved and respected."

Mrs. Doris Morrow Fulks states, "Washington Street High School's philosophy entailed genuine care about learning and shaping students lives in a comprehensive positive fashion."

Mrs. Annie Gosier-Anderson states, "Washington Street High School was a place that represented safety and knowledge and I have great memories and experience from that wonderful school."

Mrs. Jennifer Edwards, Treasurer of the Brooks County Historical Board states,

"During my Middle School educational experience at the Washington Street High School site, I was privileged to be in a

school environment where teachers and administrators cared about each individual student."

Brooks County Commissioner Chairman, Commissioner Patrick Folsom, reminisces that his Middle School experience at the Washington Street High School site was positively life-changing and Commissioner Folsom is most appreciative of the mentorial and educationally-enriching teachers, in particular, Mrs. Ruby Hollis, who instilled much learning and life lessons to him which helped prepare him for the privileged responsibilities in governing Brooks County."

Brooks County Commission Vice-Chairman, Commissioner James Maxwell, indicates that Washington Street High School provided him with "security, knowledge, and happy times." "WSHS instilled confidence in me and prepared me for my eventual life challenges including my military tour around the world and my eventual service to Brooks Countians. I developed great citizenship skills which

I now utilize to serve the great people of Brooks County." Washington Street High School is historic and will forever represent an exceptional learning environment that shaped the lives of so many Brooks Countians."

Brooks County Commissioner, Commissioner Willie Cody states, "I attended Washington Street High School until 1970 and this marvelous school taught me great sportsmanship as a football player as well as provided me a great academic education. Washington Street High School should be preserved as a great example of our legacies to our children and grandchildren."

The PhotoCollage shows Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and Commissioner Willie Cody admiring the residual interior of the Washington Street Gymnasium at left and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, Commissioner Maxwell speaking with the Architect about preservation and pragmatic restoration/preservations regarding the extant Washington Street High School Gymnasium at right.

Memorializing our Majestic Mothers

My own Mother's nascent birth in the Year of 1922 in Quitman occurred in a societally conservative but still wondrous era in American history in terms of the Supreme Court's upholding of the United States Constitution's Nineteenth Amendment - rendering women's beginning solidification of hallmark political franchise rights in general but not totally inclusive in 1922 for the American female populace.

One of our Horne Family's mentors,

Dr. Charles Goode Gomillion, an American hero, would later impact national civil and political liberties in his 1960 Supreme Court victory of Gomillion versus Lightfoot - positively giving historic national import and impact to the protection of political franchise rights and civil liberties.

Imagine my Mother's immediate world in 1922 Quitman/Brooks County during a time of societal conservatism yet her nurturing Mother, Mrs. W. M. Gomillion Glee, my grandmother,

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an accomplished lady herself, would translocate my precious Mother to Tallahassee in the late 1920s. In the early 1930s, my visionary Grandmother Gomillion, enrolled her daughter, my Mother, Mrs. E. J. Horne (Mrs. Hilton Horne Sr.) in private school education and tutelage at Lucy Moten School - which later became known as the current Florida A & M University Developmental Research School. As a child, my Mother had the unique educational privilege and sociocultural enhancement of after school study at the home of her then-Lucy Moten schoolmate, the daughter of historic trailblazer, Dr. L.H.B. Foote MD (Dr. Leonard Hobson Buchanan Foote MD), Circa Florida A & M College Physician, Director of Student Health, Medical Director and Administrator of FAMU Hospital whose iconic posture and mentorial influence certainly nurtured my Mother. This early mentorship surely served preamble significance to the future nurture and developmental influence of my mother's eventual impact and mentorial nurture of community children and her own children's future historic influence on Quitman/Brooks County as Quitman-born trailblazer Physicians of Internal Medicine (Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and Dr. Hilton Horne Jr. MD as well as Barbara Horne-Miller RN, Medical Nurse Practitioner, and Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Horne Sr. as Brooks

Countian historic trailblazers themselves, noted in Quitman Free Press coverage, Circa February 2020 & January 2021).

Photo One shows historic Dr. LHB Foote MD, Circa 1930s. Photo Two notes Quitman/Brooks County Historical and Cultural Museum former manager, Ms. Sheila Self showing Dr. Horne a page from Ms. Self's then on-going collation of some Brooks County Families' history, Circa, September 25, 2020. Photo Three shows former Editor Mrs. Bonnell's QFP "Back When" feature of Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Horne Sr.

PhotoCollage One shows Dr. Horne's Grandmother, Mrs. W.M. Gomillion Glee, Dr. Horne's Grand Uncle, Mr. Dewey Gomillion, American Icon, Dr. Charles Gomillion, and Dr. R. Marie Horne, MD featured in Quitman Free Press Coverage, Circa February 2021). PhotoCollage Two shows Dr. Hilton Horne Jr. MD, Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Horne Sr. & Nurse Barbara Horne, RN, MNP, Circa February 2020 in "Horne History-Makers in Review," QFP Coverage, February 2020. PhotoCollage Three shows Dr. R. Marie Horne MD's godmother, noted personage, Mrs. Judy Winfrey RN, Entrepreneur, Civic Leader, famed Winfrey Family Matriarch with Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller, former Superintendent of Schools, Mentor, Medical Management Proprietor for Dr. Horne's Physician



BACK WHEN

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Horne, Circa 1940



Practice & Mrs. Tiller surrounding the honoring festivities for Ms. Karla Winfrey's Commencement Address @ Middle Tennessee State University, Circa 2011. Photo Two of PhotoCollage Three shows Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller during global Grammy Artist Commodore Walter Orange's Invitation Tour of Dr. Horne & Mrs. Tiller in Hollywood California, Circa 1989. I, Dr. Horne, celebrated the majesty of motherhood in my Mothers Day Coverage, entitled "Cherishing Celestial & Current Mothers," in which

I celebrated in word and photographic representation over fifty mothers, maternal nurturers and mentors, Circa May 2023. I, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, again Salute these maternal human jewels and all of the global mothers, mentors and maternal nurturers countywide and cross-country in 2024. May we continue to celebrate and cherish these phenomenal ladies not only May 12, 2024 but render our sincere gratitude and appreciation for their daily amazing contributions to humanity!



Historic Medical School Memories

Nostalgia and memories of historic Meharry Medical College were especially prominent during the interim between May 15 through May 19, 2024. The Annual Dr. Cleve Ewell Jr. Heritage Medical Grand Rounds Lecture was observed on the Wednesday preceding the MMC graduation ceremonies which were held on the subsequent Saturday. Long before Delta Sigma Theta Sorors, Dr. Jaehneth Ewell "Tookie" Taylor MD and Dr. R. Marie "Doc" Horne MD became Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Physician Graduates in the Class of 1976, Dr. Taylor's father, Dr. Cleve Winfield Ewell Jr. MD had become a Yale University graduate in 1943 and a Meharry Medical College graduate in 1947, a member of the most prestigious and distinguished national academic and clinical honor medical society, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Director of the Division of Hematology, and Director of the Hematology Laboratory and Blood Bank at Meharry. Dr. Ewell's daughter, Dr. Jaehneth "Tookie" Taylor MD, a graduate in the Centennial Class of 1976, represented her father, Dr. Cleve W.

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Ewell MD at the coveted event along with the other accomplished Ewell Family Members during the surrounding festivities of the Annual Ewell Lecture.

The first PhotoCollage shows the historic trailblazer, Dr. Cleve Winfield Ewell Jr. MD and excerpts of his impressive scenario in Photo One, Dr. Jaehneth "Tookie" Taylor MD (MMC Class of 1976) visualized in Photo Two and well-known as a significant mentor and charity collaborator on several occasions alongside Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller, Doctoral Candidate, and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD (MMC Class of 1976), who is the first female physician from her native Quitman since its inception in 1859, and who is visualized in Photo Three.

PhotoCollage Two: Photo One shows historic Dr. Cleve W. Ewell Jr. MD's progeny and grand-progeny in attendance during the Wednesday festivities honoring the Meharry & Nashville physician icon: April Olivia Ewell, MS, Johnetta Ewell, Cleve W. Ewell III MD '84, Jaehneth "Tookie" Ewell MD '76, Sydne' L. Ewell, Esq. in Photo One and Dr.

Cleve Ewell Jr. MD's three progeny in front of the Meharry display honoring the trailblazer, Dr. Ewell Jr. PhotoCollage Three: Photo One shows Dr. Taylor with Meharry Alumni celebrants, Otis Cosby MD '89, Jackie Wheeler-Coleman MD '90, Gabrielle Placide MD '89, Jaehneth "Tookie" Taylor MD '76 @ the Germantown Pub and @ MMC reunion welcome site in Photo Three. Photo Two shows MMC Alumni, Randell Flowers, Martha Flowers MD '74, Elizabeth Taylor, Jaehneth "Tookie" Taylor MD '76, Rebera Foston MD '74 and Will Foston MD '74.

PhotoCollage Four: Photo One shows Dr. Taylor @ Rooftop Mixer with MMC Alumnum, George White MD '64 in Photo One and at the MMC Gala with Henry Moses, PhD in Photo Two. PhotoCollage Five: Photo One shows Thomas Scott MD '82, President of Meharry Alumni Association, his wife Fannett Thornhill-Scott MD '82 and Jaehneth "Tookie" Taylor MD '76 @ Sunday Farewell Champagne Brunch. Photo Two shows Latonja Robinson Brown



MD'97, Jaehneth "Tookie" Taylor MD'76, and Gabrielle Placide MD'89 @ the Saturday MMC Picnic. PhotoCollage Six: Photo One shows Jaehneth "Tookie" Taylor MD'76 with Eleanor Nicholas Metz MD'69, and Gertrude

Nicholas Brooks @ MMC Champagne Brunch in Photo One and with Martha Flowers MD'74 and Gertrude Nicholas Brooks @ MMC Gala. Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and the Quitman Free Press Readership Countywide and Cross-

country salute the impactful State of Georgia, National and International MMC Physician Alumni whose great import in the physician care domain and medical leadership corps have exhibited historic global import!



Youth mastering Martial Arts

Young Brooks Countian Kieston Phillips, a fifth grader at North Brooks Elementary School, aspires to an eventual future career as a computer programmer.

Being a scholar at school, spending time learning life skills from his loving grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Edwards, traveling with his family, and mastering the skills afforded by his vigorous martial arts training are important to Kieston's well-rounded development.

Kieston's Martial Arts training and expertise afford him a multiplicity of advantages as

he develops in his youth -attaining triple advantageous development in enhancing physical fitness, acquiring greater mental prowess and in strengthening his spiritual enlightenment.

Considered art, science and now extending even into Olympic sports competition strata in some forms, Martial Arts also has its inherent entertainment value as well as discipline qualities.

Mastering martial arts training is providing enjoyable positive life-enhancing experiences for young Kieston.

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Photo One shows a cheerful ebullient Kieston enjoying life. Photo Two shows Kieston in Martial Arts form. Photo Three indicates Kieston's "Black Belt Spirit Award" Congratulations and Photo Four highlights recognition of Kieston's "Overall Class Performance" as noted by his highly-skilled Master Martial Arts instructors.

Kieston's grandmother, Mrs. Jennifer "Jay Jay"

Edwards is very supportive of Kieston and is proud to continue to mentor him along with his grandfather, Mr. Doug Edwards.

I, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and the QFP Readership salute young Kieston Phillips in his accomplishments as a scholarly Brooks Countian in elementary school and as an accomplished Martial Arts student in his continued evolving quest to heighten his comprehensive development.



Riverfront Natural Splendor

Nature and the natural environment that God affords us should never be taken for granted - rather we should pause to admire the splendid essence of a sunset, a moon glow, especially in full lunar phase, the natural harmony of birds chirping, the graceful movement of deer across grounds, and even taking the time to visualize a stream, lake, creek, or river flowing! One of the most memorable of the myriad precious recollections of my Dear Mother is the reminiscence of her sitting on her portico thanking God in prayerful praise and spiritual reverie while watching the sunset!

Taught spiritually by my precious parents and growing in reverent praise to our Omniscent, Omnipotent and Omnipresent Lord for His Grace in a sometimes turbulent world, I have learned to exact inner peace and tranquility despite circumstance and to oftentimes "Be meditatively still" and to perpetually reflect upon my blessings during intermittent times each day!

Those who are blessed to live on a riverfront, have the opportune circumstance of appreciating that special element of nature that natural water resources bring. Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller, Southern-born and reared is a landed personage and loves the agrarian wonder of raising pedigreed angus cattle, supervising a one thousand acre Century Farm Estate which is enriched with red oak, white oak, walnut, cherry, cedar and maple trees and other abundant natural elements such as creeks and streams - which she is sole proprietor of her farm estate that is generational. Her farm is prized with roaming deer and unspoiled natural habitats for wild turkeys, various other avian species and other animal species.

The blessings which she praises go further in terms of having another home on the riverfront. She wakes up to the wonder of living on a peaceful Tennessee Riverfront. Mrs. T., as her friends call her, is a familiar face in Quitman/Brooks County, Valdosta/Lowndes County, Monticello, and Tallahassee (As a philanthropist, she has been a Donor to Florida A. & M. University College of Pharmacy for which she was accorded Honorary FAMU Alumni status by Dr. Henry Lewis, former

Dean of FAMU and former President of FAMU). Many of South Georgia children and adults know her from the Charity functions, Celeb Events and mentorship sponsorship activities in conjunction with Dr. Jaehneith Ewell Taylor MD, Commodore Walter "Clyde" Orange, Ms. Karla Winfrey, Dr. Ronald Scott McDowell, Ms. Jacqueline Harper, and myself, Dr. Horne. In addition, patients in South Georgia would be greeted with Mrs. Tiller's Southern charm on the medical management proprietorship side to our Valdosta Physician medical practice - as Mrs. T is a Lady of multifaceted and credentialed professional insight who shows compassion and sensitivity to her fellowman - a svelte and sophisticated lady with an admirable attribute of real humility, earthiness and generosity to others.

Native to Tennessee, Mrs. Tiller is at home in South Georgia as well. Mrs. Tiller, Mrs. Sandy Rentz, and I co-sponsored the recent South Georgia Fanfare Cinema Event, "Hometown Premiere of Hollywood's 'Space Jam Sequel'" at the Valdosta Cinema in honor of South Georgia Fanfare for Hollywood Director, Producer, Screenwriter, Mr. Juel "JuJu" Taylor and his mother Dr. Jaehneith Ewell Taylor MD who has frequented Quitman and Valdosta in Co-sponsorship of cultural events for the local community! (QFP Edition July 28, 2021).

Aside from giving charitable import and impact to our corps of charity and mentorship protégés, Mrs. Tiller has been the mentor and benefactor for the Valdosta State University Pre-med baccalaureate education, medical school, and law school matriculation of her two granddaughters and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD's god-daughters, Dr. Ariel and future Juris Doctor Raquel.

Nature abounds on Mrs. Tiller's properties and she is cognizant that she is blessed and extends blessings to others, not only in terms of monetary generosity but lends her insight, work ethic and the actuality of pragmatic help!

Photos One and Three show partial views of the front and side elevations of her Riverfront home. Photo Two shows a popular commercial steamship crossing on the Tennessee River just in

front of her Riverhome. The fourth Photo shows Mrs. T. and Photo Five shows a picturesque view through the window of the living room that reveals the beauty of the riverfront view landscape. Photo Six shows a view into the kitchen and preparatory culinary ware for entertaining. Mrs. Tiller has sponsored culinary festivities and reunions for several of her

celebrated event. The unique photojournal which composes magnificent pictorials and descriptive detail spawned the inspiration for a few subsequent businesses in the Valdosta area - both an event-planning/catering business and a store with fashionable entertaining merchandise in particular. Mrs. Tiller sponsored the celebrated event which was Co-Hostessed by Ms.

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Century Farm Estate. The Seventh Photo shows a limited view of the marble-appointed bath and Photo Eight shows a view of one of the dining areas. The marble-appointed solarium, not shown, is frequently used for culinary festivity.

Whether you are fortunate enough to live on a riverfront, or enjoy

lakeside living, or pause beside a pond or creek - taking the time to be thankful and grateful for the wonder of water just might lend an element of rejuvenation to your soul that particular day in reiteration of appreciation for those priceless natural universal entities that may be frequently taken for granted!



relatives and friends via their intranational and transnational travel for her events. Mrs. Tiller and Dr. Horne authored an exquisite published entertaining tablescape photojournal that several South Georgians received during its formal launch at an auspicious formal soirée at the former Quitman Garden Center in 1998. The bevy of culinary offerings even featured chateaubriand and other savored culinary delicacies. Tuxedoed gentlemen and formally-attired ladies from South Georgia and Northern Florida nostalgically reflect upon

Jacqueline Harper and Dr. R. Marie Horne MD. Dr. Horne, Dr. Ariel and Raquel have served as Co-Hostesses with Mrs. T for several of those celebrated events over the years in Tennessee and South Georgia. Mrs. T's Cousin, Mrs. Debbie Floyd (Educator) and Mr. Charlie Floyd (Engineer) intermittently travel to the various South Georgia Events as well as attend family events on the Riverfront and Twin Oakes

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Women's History Homage

As the culmination of the celebration of Women's History Month of March is upon us, I, Dr. Horne pay homage to the myriad women upon this universe who give of their spirited service, their humane sensitivities, their amazing brain trust power, their political consciences, their propensities for human harmony, their predilections for optimistic life perspectives and most of all for their reverence of Deity and their inestimable nurturing qualities in the family dynamic!

Women form the ultimate biological human link to parturition of wondrous babygirls and baby boys in the miraculous life process of procreation. As physicians we studied every aspect of that embryologic, biochemical, endocrine/hormonal, psychologic, and intricate physiological intrauterine fetal/maternal bond which influences so much of our very being from inception!

In brief, women are an astounding marvel among humankind and we celebrate them for being the literal bearers for the perpetuation of Deity's gift of our life force and for their untiring, oftentimes unheralded place in the significant plethora of human accomplishments and solutionists in the solving of the universal conundrums of social ills that besaunders society.

The ideological conception that society recognize the historical contributions of women occurred significantly in the early 1900s with the recognition of "International Women's Day" in 1911, the subsequent endorsement by Dr. Gerda Lerner, a noted American historian, the Smithsonian and "The Women's Action Alliance" of prestigious Sarah Lawrence College in 1979 and the culminating formulation of ceremonial and official recognition of "National Women's Week" by President Jimmy Carter (known in Georgia for area and universal humanitarian goodwill as well as his universal legacy in advocacy of human rights, humanitarian import and consummate Presidential statesmanship).

I, Dr. Horne, have been privileged to have significant interaction with President Carter when, as Governor of Georgia, he congratulated me, Dr. Horne, and my brother, Dr. Hilton Horne Jr. MD in being Georgia medical scholarship recipients when we were yet matriculating young physicians-to-be scholars among the other 20+ recipients during a ceremonial State luncheon in which he was the central State of Georgia gubernatorial dignitary at the hallmark function in the Seventies, and again when I was a guest on November 7th and 8th, 2009 along

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with nationally-noted Artist & Sculptor, Dr. Ronald Scott McDowell, Philanthropist and former Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller, Dr. Jaehneth Ewell Taylor MD (a Future Cameo Appearance in her Son's, Hollywood Screenwriter and Director, Mr. Joel "Juju" Taylor's upcoming Movie) and I, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD were invited to the "Hometown Celebration" at the President Carter Former Residence Evening Reception and at his invitation to the subsequent Biblical Sunday School tutelage at Maranatha Baptist Church, the following Sunday morning (Initial Coverage in QFP Edition by Editor Bonnell Hunter Holmes, 2009).

Particularly poignant to me, Dr. Horne, is the historical relevance of President Jimmy Carter's historic issuance of the presidential proclamation of March 8, 1980 as "National Women's History Week." The essence of this historical moment is etched in the quotation of historic Georgian and former President Jimmy Carter's exact proclamation: "From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well. As Dr. Gerda Lerner has noted, 'Women's History is Women's Right.' It is an essential and indispensable heritage from which we can draw pride, comfort, courage and long-range vision. I ask my fellow Americans to recognize this heritage with appropriate activities during National Women's History Week, March 2-8, 1980. I urge libraries, schools, and community organizations to focus their observances on the leaders who struggled for equality-Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman and Alice Paul. Understanding the true nature of our country will help us to comprehend the need for full equality under the law for all our people. This goal can be achieved by ratifying the 27th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which states that 'Equality of Rights' under the Law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." The aforementioned exact

words of President Carter did set precedent but only in 1981 did congressional bipartisanship establish the first conjoint Congressional Resolution for Annual National Women's Week and in 1987 the United States Congress enacted legislation to designate March 1987 as "National Women's History Month."

Because of stalwart advocacy from historic advocates, the positive political and sociological forums and contemporaneous promulgation, accentuation and implementation of egalitarian status, women are being celebrated for their significant capabilities, prominence and impact upon our Nation and the universal dynamic of productive human endeavor.

Consider that reportedly from 114 United Supreme Court Justice nominations and confirmations, four women, namely, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Justice Elena Kagan have historic appointments to our highest court. Also in the political arena, Vice President Kamala Harris is the first female to serve in her capacity. In the world of Mega-Influencer, media talk show history Ecotera, Billionaire, Ms. Oprah Winfrey has universal influence and global impact. Entrepreneurs such as Ms. Sheryl Sandberg and Ms. Beyoncé Knowles garner gigantic entrepreneurial and influential presence in the universal order. In the World of Sports and Athleticism, Greatest-of-All-Time Tennis Icon, Ms. Serena and Gymnastics Olympic Gold Prodigy, Ms. Simone Biles have captured the hearts of innumerable fans across the world! In the field of Medicine, Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell MD and Dr. Rebecca Crumpler MD pioneered the Doctor of Medicine pathways in the 1800s and contemporary female Doctors of Medicine are highly regarded in their various Specialties. Numerous Millennials are following exemplarily in the physician paths as their mentors such as Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, Mentor and as Dr. Ardi Elizabeth Brooks MD, God-daughter and Mentee and now Mentor. I applaud the career proficiency of former QFP Editor Mrs. Bonnell Hunter Holmes and the stellar Quitman Free Press Reporting and journalism proficiency of Ms. Reilly Robbins! Much progress has been made by myriad distinguished women in each field of every career and professional graduation of



service in human endeavor - in terms of enormous female capabilities and consequent impact!

As each of us pay respect to the evident ubiquity of female superlativeness and women's history in the overall nation and universal society, may we also render homage to the amazing women among our peers, extra-familial mentors and family historical and ancestral mentors as we appreciate our pedigree and our forebears' fashioning of our lives and their positive legacies upon which we perpetuate!

The Photo Collage shows Photo Four of Plains, GA Councilwoman, Mrs. Jackson, Future Jurist Doctor Raquel, Century Farm Estate Proprietor, Medical Management Entrepreneur & Philanthropist, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller, Dr. Jaehneth Ewell Taylor MD, Artist/Sculptor, Dr. Ronald Scott McDowell, Former United States President Jimmy Carter, Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and Plains, Georgia Community Leader, Mrs. Chenault.

My Grandmother, Mrs. W.M. Gomillion in Photo One transitioned celestially when I was almost four years old. I remember her endearing love and affection! Local personages such as educator/librarian and Delta Sigma Theta Soror, Mrs. Reesie Hart Rutherford, enlarged upon recollections of my Grandmother Gomillion through her eyes and in her estimation while visiting Horne House over Tea Service. Many of our precious Millennials and Generation Z youth deem silver tea service and

pristine fine china as "relics" but there is contemporary resurgent interest in re-acquainting our mentees with certain elements of social art and socialization skills to expand our young charges social fortes. Suppose, hypothetically, that you become a diplomat to a foreign culture where you are forging that all-important entrepreneurial rapport in a culture where tea service is part of the socialization etiquette, "social form and grace" familiarity optimizes your stance, far better, conjecturally, than bewildering unfamiliarity of "social form." The pragmatism and practicality of "proper social form" is oftentimes essential to the "success" dynamic. Mrs. Rutherford recounted to me that day that she remembered my Grandmother Gomillion being regarded in the community as "very polite, sophisticated, a beauty and educated." My Grandmother Gomillion's birthday was Christmas 1900. Dr. Victoria Rowell (Hollywood Actress) observed the three foot by four foot enlargement photograph of my Grandmother Gomillion at Horne House in 2007 (during the time of her New York Bestseller World Book Tour Event Venue in Quitman, QFP Edition Coverage by Editor Bonnell Hunter Holmes, August 8, 2007). Dr. Rowell spoke as if enraptured by that photograph of my grandmother! My Grandmother Gomillion translocated to Tallahassee to enroll my precious Mother, Mrs. E.J. Horne (Mrs. Hilton Horne Sr.) phenomenally and remarkably around

the para-depression era, in Private School at Lucy Moten (now Florida A & M University Developmental Research School where my Mother studied with her schoolmates, the daughters of Dr. L.B.H. Foote MD, then Florida A & M College Physician & Medical Director, each day after school). Oftentimes I reflect back on God placing my Dear Mother in that cultivated milieu and the eventual influence upon my having my own stethoscope at age four and just knowing within myself that I would become a Doctor. Photo Two of Mrs. E.J. Horne in later years (Photo Three shows Mrs. E.J. Horne, Circa 1940. My Mother moved back to Quitman in the Forties when she married my Dad, Mr. Hilton Horne Sr. My Mom and Dad had two children to become Doctors of Internal Medicine and a daughter to become a Nurse Practitioner of Internal Medicine. We cultivate seeds of accomplishment and ideology for our children long before they accomplish their goals!

In summation, my precious Grandmother Gomillion, and both my precious parents, Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Horne Sr., created exemplary legacies for all of their progeny and contributed much trailblazer-community, civic, and church service toward the positive history of City of Quitman and Brooks County. I pay homage to their humility, their service, their visionary insight, their principles of inheritance foresight and their legacy of love for family, The Holy Trinity and their fellowman! (QFP Edition February 28, 2020)

Historic Milestones

October 7, 2022

marked the Centennial Celebration of my Dear Mother's parturition. Mrs. E.J. Horne (Mrs. Hilton Horne Sr.) was a Quitman historical trailblazer, community/civic leader, church matron, consummate parent/spouse, societal and parental mentor and business entrepreneur.

Mrs. Horne was blessed to have the benefit of astute mentorship and sagacious tutelage from her own mother, Mrs. W.M. Gomillion-Glee who translocated my mother in early childhood from Quitman to Tallahassee to enroll my Mother in private university school (Lucy Moten now Florida A.& M. University Demonstration School) for her early childhood and adolescent academic tutelage and enrichment in the paraGreat Depression Era around the latter 1920s and 1930s.

My Mother returned to Quitman around Circa early 1940s upon the matrimonial union of my mother and father, who served the Brooks County community admirably, amassing real estate - and both becoming church deacons, both become community leaders and both manifesting phenomenal accomplishment and vast community leadership and service.

My Mother started Horne Beauty Salon in 1947 in Quitman, Georgia and while manifesting vast hair care and styling acumen -having gained expertise via training as a certified Master Cosmetologist and annual participation in the reputable and

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nationally-rekown Bronner Brothers workshops and conferences - Mrs. Horne also served as the Tri-City (Quitman, Valdosta & Thomasville) President of the Beauty Culturists League.

Mrs. Horne served as the Chairman of her local church's Deacon Board, societal matron for charity/civic work in securing and garnering funds utilized for obtaining "extras" for the then "colored" hospital waiting room and Booker T. Washington and Washington Street High Schools. Mrs. Horne conjointly managed Horne rental properties with her husband, Mr. Hilton Horne Sr.

Mrs. Horne always found the time to mentor her children, community children and even young adults in sharing/teaching practical life skills, the "Art of Gracious Living" concepts and conveying spiritual tenets and principles.

Mrs. Horne taught each of her five children, in particular, and scores of children and young adults who were fortunate to experience the benefit of her sagacity - that if one remembers to observe God first, honor family, give spiritual and humanitarian service, treat others within the context of the "golden rule philosophy" and strive to "be and do the best that one can be and do," one's life will be lived and geared toward positive thinking, practical pursuits, lofty purpose and blessed

accomplishments.

Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Horne, Sr. left the rich legacy of purposeful living to their natural children and mentorial charges.

I, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, have been fortunate to experience the maternal nurturing of my Grandmother Gomillion, my mother, Mrs. E. J. Horne, my business/professional colleague & physician practice management proprietor, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Tiller and Mrs. Judy Winfrey, my professional colleague, mentor and godmother. These phenomenal ladies contributed and have exhibited great nurture and supportive caring to me. I salute all four of them as I commemorate what would be my Mother's 100th year! These amazing and phenomenal ladies are exemplary and accomplished maternal icons!

PHOTO COLLAGE ONE: Photo One shows Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and Mrs. E.J. Horne just during a consummate coveted Christmas Celebration on December 26, 1993 @ Horne House (chronicled afterwards in Quitman Free Press coverage) honoring community leaders. Photo Two shows Dr. Horne's Grandmother Gomillion, Photo Three shows Dr. Horne and Mrs. Horne at Dr. Horne Memphis Internal Medicine Practice in the 1990s.

PHOTO COLLAGE TWO: Photo One shows Dr. Horne's



godmother, Mrs. Judy Winfrey @ her recent Birthday Celebration cutting a culinary designer chocolate cake commissioned by her daughter, Ms. Karla Winfrey. Photo Two shows Mrs. Elizabeth

Howell Tiller, Physician Practice Management Proprietor for Dr. Horne's Practice in the Memphis/Germantown Area in the 1990s. Photo Three shows Dr. Horne's godmother, Mrs. Judy @ the Winfrey home where

she has entertained friends, family and the famous!

These historic Lady trailblazers have touched our local principality of Quitman/Brooks County and beyond in remarkable ways!

Culture and Contemporary Collectibles

The history of American cultures and subcultures is as diversified as the fabric of humanity itself. Cultural observances and essences can strengthen a society reminding us that cultural differences serve to highlight and honor history and various traditions.

Most Americans are familiar with commonplace collectibles such as follows:

- 1)Coins, 2)Cards 3) Classic Cars, 4)Currency 5)Toys 6)Stamps 7) Catalogs & Magazines 8)Porcelain Figures/ Figurines 9) Plates/ Culinary Serveware/ Crockery 10)Sports Memorabilia 11)Old Photographs/Fine Art 12)Signed Posters, 13) Silver, Pewter, Gold Items, 14)Watches/ Jewelry 15)Books/ Records/Trophies Memorabilia and 16) Antiques (Furniture, Quilts, Etcetera) 17) Historic Properties (e.g. land, personal possession, Etcetera).

We mentors oftentimes remind Millennials, Generation Z, and even Generation X of the importance of retaining family collectibles to give connectivity to their family lineages and to honor some of the traditions of their forebears. For instance, a four year old young girl is old enough to understand the gift of a favorite doll which has been kept and passed down from her grandmother to her mother in cultural tradition while a five year old boy might treasure a wagon that belonged to his grandfather and passed down to his father before him.

My parents, grandparents and great grandparents were diversified collectors. I, Dr. Horne feel blessed to be the contemporary caretaker of numerous items that my forebears touched and utilized during special occasions and even used in their

daily life activities - which gives me a sense of perpetual connectivity to them.

I can identify with enthusiasts whose replete examples of collectibles reflect their sense of regarding historical reference and import among their families, friends, and acquaintances. Family Collectibles are sometimes acquired via rite of passage events. My Mother, Mrs. Hilton Horne (Mrs. E. J. Horne) gave me and my siblings, strong spiritual inculcation but also intellectual and cultural enrichment - ingratiating charitable concepts and humanitarian principles and teaching us the honor of positive family tradition. Both my parents guided us in the family ideologies dynamic. Collecting was a collective and individual activity in my intermittent upbringing - The utilization of Family collectibles was invoked in Family dining, culinary activities in hosting guests and in various other family and sociocultural functions, events, and activities.

Mr. & Mrs. Chip Stephenson, formerly of Stephenson Jewelers in Valdosta, have reminiscences of my parents and our family's penchant for fine China, silver, fine accessories, Etcetera (myriad collectibles purchased decades ago). The Stephensons remind me still intermittently that they remember our family's Classic collections from their Store, emphasizing that productive family and cultural traditions can be perpetuated.

Photo One shows Dr. R. Marie Horne MD and her Mother, Mrs. Hilton Horne, Sr. whose entertainment finesse and espousal of "Art of Gracious Living" tutelage to her progeny and mentees was well-regarded in the Quitman/Brooks County Community as

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well as the surrounding communities in Valdosta, Thomasville, and Tallahassee.

Photo Two shows some of the Horne House Collectibles.

PhotoCollage (Three) shows Horne House Collectibles in dual photos (Antiques, Silver, Pewter etcetera & Arthur Court Collectibles).

PhotoCollage (Four) shows Grammy Artist Commodores Walter "Clyde" Orange ("Brick House" & "Nightshift") in dual photos: Photo One shows Maestro Clyde Orange's classic

customize motorcycle in upper Photo and Commodore Orange Collectibles in Mr. Orange's Studio.

No doubt Collectibles represent a part of our cultural living, our avocational interests, our familial traditions, reflections of family legacy dynamics and a multiplicity of other productive societal preoccupations!



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by Margie E. Burke

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Family vacations honor family legacy

In the Context of Spirituality **By Dr. R. Marie Horne MD**

Various descriptions and ascriptions define and elucidate the construct of family. The family dynamic is often-times perceived in terms of the traditional nuclear family structure but contemporaneously, there are variations in parenting structure and parenting models.

Family vacations may afford family members the opportunity to assume a slower pace, to bond, to review their family history/legacy, and to enjoy cohesive interaction during vacation jaunts. I remember vividly, so many memorable family vacations spent during my maturative years and beyond such as the Washington DC trip to our Nation's Capital-The impressive and unforgettable White

House Tour; my precious Mother's insistence that our experiences be inclusive of admiring the architectural features of the exquisite mosaic patterns at the beautiful Catholic Monastery; my Dad gave practical mention of the power dynamic that money plays in influencing opportunity as we viewed The US Treasury building site, in our tourism ventures; our family delivered my brother to the academically-empowering Howard University in his Pre-Med academic era; my eldest sister gave him sisterly pragmatic admonitions about collegiate perspectives (before my brother fulfilled his destiny of becoming a Physician and my sister received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and later becoming a Nurse Practitioner).

I savored the explorations of "history at hand" in sightseeing of the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, and Smithsonian Institute. The sheer joy of experiencing the vacation ventures together as a family unit during those phenomenal experiences amidst the backdrop of conservative socio-societal Times, reinforced the conceptualization that my

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parents were splendid in their parental perspectives and provision of positive comprehensive nurture of their children. As an avid history buff, I knew that though history can be exciting through the written words and colorful images of a book, there was no comparison to what I read of Washington DC history, to what my parents afforded me, through the unique opportunity of exploring firsthand with the family. I shall be eternally reverent to God for the abundance of His Blessings upon my life and one of those is His giving me phenomenal parents!

I am also appreciative that I have bonded as a god-child to other family nucleuses, and as a god-parent, myself. To mention, one bond in particular, that has engendered protracted and constant “family ties” for decades, is the bond with my god-daughters, Physician, Dr. Ariel and Baccalaureate Nursing Student, Raquel. They learned



the ideology of Family Legacy in relation my Horne lineage and societal progressiveness and they have experienced strong tutelage from their maternal nurturer and trailblazer grandmother, former Superintendent Elizabeth Howell Tiller, who,

as Management Proprietor for my Physician Practice In Memphis, provided an educative and comprehensive socio-cultural environment, in which my god-daughters flourished - also apprised of their own amazing pedigree and lineage. The accompa-

nying Photo-Op of Elizabeth Howell Tiller, Dr. Ariel Stearnes Brooks MD, Dr. R. Marie Horne MD, and Raquel Rosalyn Stearnes, evidences a vocational pre-ceremonial remembrance of the impact that the three's forbears had on their County's Tennessee History, pictured in front of the Esquire Fred Ashley Howell (born, August 10, 1898) and Tilda Hildren Culp Howell (born, May 27, 1901) Memorial Bridge. Their grandmother, “MamaE” was the first and only elected female School Superintendent for eight years in their Tennessee County and the Tennessee State bridge, named for both her parents, the “Esquire Fred Ashley Howell and Tilda Hildren Culp Howell Memorial Bridge,” by The State of Tennessee Legislature's Commemoration, honors Esquire Howell, an astounding County Court Magistrate & savvy Chevrolet Dealership Owner and Mrs. Tilda Culp Howell,

an innovative teacher/principal. As Dr. Ariel and Raquel traverse the highway along their grandmother's thousand-acre Tennessee Century Farm Estate, their crossing of the Tennessee State Bridge that memorializes their great grandparents, reminds them that contributing to the positives of their Family Legacy is a privilege, honor and responsibility.

Whether children are reared in a traditional nuclear family, single-parent family, extended family, blended family, foster family, adoptive family, etcetera, we should collectively, as a community and society be supportive, encouraging and protective of all of our precious children and deem it important to honor the positivity of their heritage - to express and to acknowledge to them, recognition of the positive traits that they may have or have learned from their ancestors, their parents, grandparents, other family

members, godparents, foster parents, adoptive parents, step-parents and even mentors - which enhances their self-esteem and helps to create in them daily positive mindsets. These efforts are contributory to establishing their self-confidence, so that they can forge their paths, accomplish their dreams and become productive citizens of their communities amid the global spectrum. My god-parentage and mentorship of Dr. Ariel and Raquel and the astoundingly phenomenal role model of their prolific and extraordinarily accomplished, mentoring, and nurturing grandmother, Elizabeth Howell Tiller, have provided visionary focus and optimal opportunity for their productive living. As the magnanimous and munificent benefactor for their matriculation, their “MamaE” respects their reciprocal service in return to the universal order and their beneficence toward society!

Maceo Antonio Horne



Mr. Maceo Antonio Horne Jr.'s nascent advent upon the global spectrum of humanity commenced on August 10, 1926. Mr. Maceo Antonio Horne, Sr. and Mrs. Avery Horne reared their progeny, inclusive of Mrs. Katherine Lainey (Joseph), Ms. Annie Jo Horne (decedent), Ms. Rosa Lee Horne (decedent), Mrs. Mary Lee (Rudolph) and Mrs. Betty Andrews, in their family home - nurturing them with love and affection and creating a model for positive work ethic and community and church service. Emanating from Quitman, Ga., young Maceo was taught his ancestral history of the remarkable Seven Horne Brothers who were born in the late 1800's in Brooks County and whose parents were uniquely landowners during the 1870's-a period of dynamic social change in our country. As a descendant of this lineage, Maceo assimilated eight core principles as most of his fellow descendants from the same genial line emulated: The first was learning the importance of acquiring spirituality. The second was attaining educational enrichment. The third was developing cultural enhancement. The fourth was formulating a philosophy for personal responsibility for stellar performance as regards positive work ethic. The fifth involved rendering positive community service. The sixth encompassed the principle of reaching forth to mentor the next person as one is blessed with personal successful endeavor during life's sojourn. The seventh reflects the ancestral penchant for esteem-building and the social dynamic of affability and even the pragmatic penchant for preference of dignified attire with flair. The eighth was appreciating the significance of owning a piece of the earth upon which one treads-hence, the value of real estate acquisition to the positive family dynamic. Mr. Maceo's life reflected that he learned the essence of the principles propagated by the Horne Heritage & Legacy.. Mr. Maceo graduated from Brooks County High School in May 1944; he was immediately drafted into service of his country in the United States Army and stationed in Germany for the final 17 months of the Second World War. The Valdosta Daily Times, in an Article entitled, "WWII Changed Many Lives," by Joe Dunlop, recounted that "Horne learned seven different dialects of the German language in the first four months he was stationed there...."When you understand the language, you understand the people." Mr. Maceo Horne conversed with pride and camaraderie oftentimes with his cousin, Dr. Hilton Horne, Jr., MD, who shared equal dialectal prowess for the German language.. Mr. Horne graduated from Savannah State College in 1951 and married his college Sweetheart, Mrs. Cherry Williams Horne, sharing numerous years of blissful marriage; he attained his Masters Degree in Education Administration from Butler University in Indiana. Mr. Horne's lengthy career as a Principal spanned many decades-his administrative finesse and expertise benefited Wetherington-Robinson in Brooks, County, South Street School, Leila Ellis and Southeast Elementary School. Mr. Horne culminated his remarkable education administration career as the Principal of Valdosta Junior High School upon retirement. Mr. Horne served the citizenry on the Valdosta Board of Education for 17 years. Mr. Horne served inspiringly in several community organizations holding position as Deacon at Macedonia First Baptist Church. Mr. Horne demonstrated much charitable largesse via philanthropic donations and contributions to national, state, and local charities. Mr. Horne's beloved spouse, Mrs. Cherry Williams Horne mourns him as does his extensive family and the CO-descendants of the Seven Horne Brothers, his friends, his professional colleagues, students and acquaintances; his loving siblings are aforementioned; his loving nieces and nephews; Janelle Latney, Sonya Lee, Deborah Colding, Sharon Tope, Jacqueline Horne, Tara Wheeler, Dr. Cherry Early, Fern Harmond, Joseph W. Latney, Stephen Latney, David Latney, Maceo Latney, LeGrand Latney, Craig Lee; cousin and god daughter, Dr. R. Marie Horne, MD; and god daughter, Ariel Elizabeth Stearnes; education comrades and friends, Elizabeth H. Tiller, Ruth Council, John Everett Price and myriad other professional colleague friends;, Robin Carter Yorke, Financial Advisor and friend' The Biographical Scenario developed by Dr. R. Marie Horne, MD recapitulates salient aspects of Maceo Antonio Horne, Jr.'s sojourn and may the Blessed splendor that God's Grace afforded his life be testimonial to the significance of his life and the impact of that life in inimitable service to humanity.. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 at Macedonia First Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. Willie J. Harris will officiate. Entombment will follow in the Riverview Memorial Cemetery. - Harrington Funeral Home

**No Events Scheduled At This
Time**

Miracle Man

Good medicine instigates local man's miraculous recovery from stroke

BY DEAN POLING
The Valdosta Daily Times

VALDOSTA

"I'm a miracle man," says Maceo Horne with his trademark smile and a friendly greeting.

If not for the quick action of his wife, Cherry Horne, and local doctors recently that smile may have never passed his lips again and his greetings would have likely been those of mute paralysis.

It is hard to imagine such a life for Maceo Horne, who sat on the Valdosta Board of Education for 17 years, served on the credit union board, served as a principal at Leila Ellis, as well as worked in other city schools. Horne is known as a great conversationalist, a witty educator who engaged his students. He's known for the quick snap in his stride.

On Sept. 28, all of those characteristics nearly vanished. Maceo Horne suffered a serious stroke in his home. The stroke could have left him paralyzed on his right side, unable to speak, and unable to swallow which would have required the placement of a feeding tube in his stomach. It is possible that he would have kept his mental faculties despite the stroke's debilitating effects on his body, but would have been unable to speak, eat or move.

Dr. William Grow, Mr. Horne's long-time physician and former fellow school-board colleague, administered a procedure which had Horne talking, eating and walking again in days. Had Mr. Horne arrived at the hospital a couple hours later, such a reversal of the stroke's effects would not have been possible. It would have been too late.

Maceo Horne awoke Sept. 28, rose from bed and went about his morning routine at his Bunche Street home. Mr. Horne usually watches television, commenting on the morning news, while Mrs. Horne makes breakfast in the nearby kitchen. He eats breakfast and then often visits the YMCA for a work out.

The morning was progressing as usual, though Mrs. Horne noticed Mr. Horne was not moving at his usual rate of speed for a trip to the Y. He was all so quiet.

"It was a little after 9, and I told him he needed to get a move on if he was going to the Y," Mrs. Horne says. "He would just say, 'mum-hmmmm.' He's usually very talkative but he was quiet that morning."

Walking into the TV room, Mrs. Horne noticed a "confused look" on Mr. Horne's face. He stood there unable to say anything. It looked like he was trying to speak but couldn't. Mrs. Horne says Mr. Horne says he recalls arising that morning—he felt good, no hint of what awaited—but it's like the lights went out at some point. He has no recollection of what happened next until hours later in the hospital.

Standing in the television room, Mr. Horne's confused look transformed into a seizure. Given that he is a diabetic, Mrs. Horne thought he may be having a diabetic seizure. She called 911.

An ambulance arrived within a few minutes of the call. They took Mr. Horne's sugar and transported him to South Georgia Medical Center. There, he was diagnosed as having suffered a stroke.

From this diagnosis, events happened swiftly. Life-changing decisions had to be made in minutes. They had to be. A narrow window of three hours was the only chance Maceo Horne had to return to the man he'd been.

"A significant stroke" is how Dr. William Grow describes what Maceo Horne suffered that morning a month ago. Horne was paralyzed on the right side. He was unable to speak. Though Horne does not recall these early minutes in the hospital, Grow says Horne responded by blinking his eyes.

Maceo Horne had suffered a thrombotic stroke, with a clot blocking the free circulation of blood to his brain. Given that the stroke had occurred about an hour earlier, there remained time to initiate a process of dissolving the clot.



MIRACLE: Maceo Horne and Cherry Horne in their Valdosta home. Last month, he suffered a stroke that paralyzed his right side. A quickly administered procedure reversed the stroke's effects.

Grow explained the risks to Mrs. Horne. The process could cause internal bleeding among other potential risks. The procedure also isn't conducive to all types of strokes, but it has a high rate of success with thrombotic stroke sufferers.

That is, if the clot dissolver is administered intravenously in time.

"Maceo arrived in the hospital within the three-hour window," Grow says. There are risks, even a slight potential of not surviving the procedure, but the alternative is spending the rest of your life in the condition that a stroke patient arrives in the hospital.

But a decision had to be made and it needed to be made immediately.

Cherry Horne made one of the quickest decisions in her 52 years of marriage, and she had to make it without him. "I had to act quickly," she says. She opted for the procedure.

Something after 11 a.m., about two hours after the stroke, the clot dissolver was administered.

Mrs. Horne waited to see if she had made the right choice.

Her answer came shortly. A former student recognized Mr. Horne. Not knowing the situation, she said, "Hello, Mr. Horne." He responded, "Hey, baby."

"Hey, baby?" That was her husband talking. That

was the voice of Maceo Horne. "Once he said that 'hey, baby,' I knew everything was going to be OK," Mrs. Horne says.

Mr. Horne laughs. He doesn't recall the student speaking to him. "I said that? I said, 'hey, baby?' That's the first thing I said coming out of it, huh?" "Yes," Mrs. Horne says. "It was the most beautiful sound I've ever heard."

He remained on the clot-dissolver IVs for two days. By the time he left, Mr. Horne could talk, eat and walk.

He's had to take it easy since coming home. There are new medicines he must take. He feels that he is unable to walk as fast as he has in the past. He tires a little easier, but he's able to drive his prized Thunderbird.

Dr. Grow says this procedure has allowed for similar results for patients for the past decade. There are no absolutes that the procedure will work, but it is an alternative that is recovering lives. It is similar to the public-service commercial that often airs about a stroke victim going back in time to the moment she first experiences symptoms of a stroke: had she acted then, she possibly wouldn't be trapped in a paralyzed body. Fast action at the warning signs of stroke or the immediate onset of stroke can possibly halt and reverse the effects.

It is modern science and medicine, but to Maceo and Cherry Horne, it is a miracle.

Moves

Anthony C's

Where: 14075 Cornto Road
Matt Flamerfelt, a Valdosta musician, plays piano selections.

Bayou Bill's North

Where: 1811 Jerry Jones Drive
DJ spins hits.

Bayou Bill's South

Where: Lakes Boulevard, Lake Park
When: Starts 7:30 p.m.
Brad Barrett, a Valdosta-based musician, plays country.

The Bistro

Where: 132 N. Ashley St.
When: 6:30-11 p.m.
Lillian Lucky, a Valdosta musician, sings, plays piano.

Bungalow's

Where: 1919 Baytree Place, Remerton
Sax Man Ran and Webstarr, etc., perform. See related story on this page.

China Doll, China Garden

Where: 2535 N. Ashley St.
Karaoke. No cover charge.

Giulio's Greek & Italian Restaurant

Where: 105 E. Ann St.
Nephtali Santiago, a Valdosta-based musician, plays classical guitar, etc.

Grand Central Station

Where: 402 Northside Drive
Charlie Luther, a Pensacola, Fla.-based musician, plays piano.

Hooter's

Where: 1854 Clubhouse Drive
Karaoke with prizes.

JP's

Where: 1833 Norman Drive
DJ spins hits.

Ladies In Retirement

Where: The Dosta Playhouse, 122 N. Ashley St.
When: Starts 8 p.m.

Ticket: \$12.

More information: Call 24-STAGE. Theatre Guild mystery-drama continues for second week.

Mellow Mushroom

Where: 1905 Baytree Place, Remerton
Karaoke with Mad Jim Hall.

Mikki's

Where: 402A Northside Drive
When: Starts 10:30 p.m.
Andy & Justin, Valdosta-based musician, perform.

Quality Inn

Where: 1902 W. Hill Ave.
When: Starts 8 p.m.
Karaoke, with DJ Adam.

Rascal's

Where: 4875 U.S. Highway 41, Lake Park
When: Starts 8 p.m.
Karaoke with DJ Vera. No cover.

Recital

Where: Whitehead Auditorium, Valdosta State University Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brockwood
When: Concert starts 7:30 p.m.
Admission: Free.

VSU Music hosts guest musician Bradly, a Valdosta-based musician, Thomas, a Valdosta-based musician, performs.

THE 4'S

Where: 3920
T-shirt contest.

Season's

Where: Van
North Florida
Madison, Fla.

When:

More:

1953.

North Florida Community College and the Chamber Orchestra of Northwest Florida present "Seasons and More," featuring works from Vivaldi's "Four Seasons."

Shadows in the Pursuit

of Happiness

Where: Theatre/lecture room
Lowndes High School, off St. Aug. Ave.
Tara Road.

When: Show starts 7 p.m.

Ticket: \$6, at the door.

More information: Call 245-2262.