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## Obituaries

### John H. Barnes

**John H. Barnes**, 70, of Urbana, passed away at 4:31 p.m., Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at his home.



Celebration of Life memorial services will be held at a later date.

Mr. Barnes was born December 7, 1939, in Wilson, Arkansas, a son of Willie J. Barnes, Sr. and Mildred (Tolliver) Barnes.

He married Theresa Holt in 1964 in Saginaw, Michigan. She preceded him in death. He married Yvonda Tinsley on November 14, 2008, in Urbana. She survives.

Also surviving is a daughter, Ezella Glenn, of Springfield; two brothers, Kenneth Barnes, of Rockford, and Willie Barnes, Jr., of Decatur; a sister, Jimmie Lee Mitchell, of Decatur; four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Barnes was employed for 38 years by General Motors as an electrician in the Defiance, Ohio plant. He retired on February 1, 1997. He served his country in the U.S. Army, receiving an honorable discharge on April 14, 1962.

Mr. Barnes was a member of Jericho Missionary Baptist Church and a member of Local Union 211. He took great pride in working with his yard and vegetable garden. He was known for keeping up on current events.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jericho Missionary Baptist Church, 801 West Killarney Street, Urbana, IL 61801.

The Barnes family has entrusted the care of their loved one with Heath and Vaughn Funeral Home, 201 N. Elm, Champaign.



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## City council backs CommUnity Matters

Tue, 04/12/2011 - 9:49pm | Patrick Wade

CHAMPAIGN -- The city council on Monday night unanimously supported the continuation of the CommUnity Matters program, which city officials say has been improving conditions in lower-income neighborhoods while encouraging students to pursue college.

The program began in the Garden Hills neighborhood in 2007 as a way to provide activities and educational opportunities for at-risk youths. It has since expanded to the Douglass Park, Bristol Park and Beardsley Park neighborhoods, and in prior years has received enthusiastic support from the city council.

Since the program's creation, city officials say arrest rates in the Garden Hills neighborhood have gone down at a pace faster than the totals citywide. And its participants are pursuing college, something they may not have done without the program's guidance, organizers say.

"I hope that we will be able to continue the program and continue to see these numbers improve," council member Karen Foster said.

City officials budgeted \$300,000 for the program during this fiscal year, much of which was supported by a federal community development block grant. According to city documents, about 62 percent of the funding remains for the program year, which ends June 30.

The CommUnity Matters program has supported many activities in the past: a summer camp at Douglass Park, the Garden Hills "lighted schoolhouse" and Operation Hope, among others.

With three years under their belt, city officials say they have momentum.

"We had an impact from the outset, but you can imagine the position we're in now after three years to have an impact on the community," Neighborhood Services Director Kevin Jackson said.

Several council members said they hope the program not only continues, but also expands.

"It's time to start thinking about that next project as well," council member Deborah Frank Feinen said.

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### **Minnie Lou Clark**

**Minnie Lou (Aker) Clark**, 83, of Urbana, Ill., passed peacefully, surrounded by loving family, at 9:50 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.



Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ, 1500 East Pierce St., Macomb, Ill. Pastor Wilbert Cole will officiate.

Visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Macomb.

Viewing without the family present will also be held Sunday, February 27, 2011, from 3 to 4 p.m. at Heath and Vaughn Funeral Home, 201 N. Elm, Champaign.

Minnie, 83, was born June 13, 1927, in Charleston, Mo., a daughter of Robert and Gussie (Clark) Aker. She wed Charles James Clark on January 8, 1945, in Joliet, Ill. He preceded her in death on December 12, 1991. Also preceding her in death were four brothers and one sister.

After 57 years in Macomb, Mother Clark moved to Champaign-Urbana in 2001, where she became a member of Powerhouse Church of God in Christ, 1302 N. Hickory, Champaign, where a memorial service will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, March 4, 2011. Supt. Isarel Hunter will officiate.

Left to cherish her memory are three children, Oliver (OJ) and Dorlene Clark of Champaign, Ill., Betty Zane Clark-Taylor of Moline, Ill., and Mariann Clark-Haley of Urbana, Ill.; one brother, William A. Aker, of Savoy; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made in Mother Clark's name to the Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ in Macomb or the Powerhouse Church of God in Christ in Champaign.

Condolences to the family may be offered online at [www.HeathandVaughn.com](http://www.HeathandVaughn.com).

## ***Condolences***

Our prayers and love to the Clark family from Joe Daniels and family

To The Family of Minnie Clark,

I am truly sorry for your loss. I first met Minnie when Betty and I were in grade school together. She was a very nice person.

With deepest sympathy,

Sandy (Rhea) Blue  
Carthage Illinois

May the Holy Spirit comfort your family during this difficult time.

Rev. Margo & Bro. Joe Swift  
Alton, IL. 62002

O.J. & Family:  
Dear Ones,

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Please accept our deepest sympathy.

I just found out of Minnie's passing this morning as I needed to visit the nursing home and went to see your Dear Mother.

I am saddened by her passing but am also glad to know that her trials and sufferings are now past and she is at rest.

We were privileged to know Minnie and it brings a smile as I remember how many times she asked me to heat up her soup.(most every week night)

I am happy that I was able to meet you O.J., your sweet wife, and lovely daughter. I appreciated seeing all of your loving concern and care showered upon your mother and my friend Minnie.

We share what all mankind shares ie. the death of our loved ones.

We are rejoicing at the prospect of being with our loved ones again in the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

My prayers are with you all and trust the God of all Comfort will bring you peace and rest in your hour of sorrow.

Your friend,  
Jim McClughen  
Mahomet, IL

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### Culver ready to move on after nearly nine years running Champaign schools

Sun, 04/10/2011 - 10:00am | [Jodi Heckel](#)

CHAMPAIGN -- Champaign school Superintendent Arthur Culver was brought here in 2002 from a superintendent job in Longview, Texas, with the mandate to close the achievement gap between black and white students and shepherd the district through a federal consent decree aimed at eliminating inequities in the education of black and white students.



Photo by: Darrell Hoemann/The News-Gazette

He brought in educators from Texas for his administrative team and reassigned many principals -- moves that ruffled feathers.

He's worked with 20 different school board members in his nearly nine years in the district.

The consent decree ended in 2009.

And now Culver is a finalist for a superintendent job in the DeKalb County School System, in metropolitan Atlanta, a district with more than 100,000 students and 143 schools and centers.

He talked with The News-Gazette recently about his search for a new job and his tenure in the Champaign school district.

#### NG: What can you tell us about the Georgia job?

AC: It (the interview process) was a wonderful experience. It gave me a chance to think about a lot of things I haven't reflected on recently. It allowed me to reflect on the last nine years where we were back in 2002 and where we've come in the last nine years.

I'm a very confident person. Confident in my abilities and skills, and in my expertise and my knowledge. Some people see that confidence as arrogance. ... (In Georgia) I didn't want to come across as being too aggressive, too confident, too arrogant. (If I had it to do again), I would have been more relaxed in who I am. If I come across as arrogant, so be it.

I'm looking for opportunities right now. I came here with the goal of completing the consent decree. I'm at the point now, I need another challenge. I'm one of those guys driven by challenge. I feel it's a golden opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children.

NG: When you came here, the expectation was that you would close the

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**achievement gap and get the district through the consent decree. How long did you expect to be here, and did you expect to be looking for another position once the consent decree ended?**

**AC:** I didn't come here with the idea that I'd retire here and this is where I'd spend the rest of my life. I didn't have a time frame (for moving on). I knew I was committed to be here until the consent decree was lifted. ...

When I look at DeKalb, there are challenges. Student achievement is one of those. Their test scores are below the state average, and below the regional average. I've looked at their finances. Finances were a big challenge here too.

I know I have the background to successfully guide them out of the challenges they're faced with right now student achievement, finances, public mistrust, restructuring the schools.

What was really intriguing to me was the opportunity to help so many students. The opportunity to have an impact on so many students is really exhilarating and exciting.

**NG: Now that you're looking for another position, the expectation is you won't be here after this school year.**

**AC:** I'm just looking for a new challenge. I'm not sure when that's going to take place. As long as I'm here, I'll give the community and the district 100 percent effort. I feel some time in the near future I'll be exploring a new challenge.

The average tenure for a superintendent in a district with 5,000 or more students is 2.8 years. I'm in my ninth year. I know for sure this district is in much better shape than when I came, in a lot of areas.

**NG: What type of situation best suits your style a district with a lot of challenges or one where things are running fairly smoothly?**

**AC:** My style is more in line with districts that have problems. My whole career has been spent with districts in difficult situations high populations of minority kids and low-income students. My teaching experience that spans 10 years was with emotionally disturbed children. I was certified to teach regular education, but I liked the challenge.

**NG: The school district in Georgia is facing a lot of issues, including a superintendent indicted for racketeering and theft, a recent controversial redistricting, and public mistrust. How do you feel about going into a school district with those sorts of issues?**

**AC:** I feel extremely confident. My whole career has been beating the odds, taking on big challenges. I'm not intimidated by a challenge. I see a challenge as an opportunity.

I'm not worried about whether I can make a positive difference in DeKalb. I know I can.

It will take a board and a superintendent having a united front one voice, one message. I'm going in with my eyes wide open. But I'm not worried about any of those challenges. The only thing I'm concerned about is who's going to be on the bus when we achieve success.

**NG: You've had your share of mistrust or resistance from the public here.**

**AC:** Yes. This is something I've experienced here and other places. As an area superintendent (in Fort Bend, Texas), I changed a lot of building principals. I did the same thing in Longview. It's just part of the process. I have the wherewithal to do it.

**NG: How has your perspective about the district and the community changed during your tenure?**

**AC:** I think people seem to be more engaged now than when I first got here. Now, all aspects of the community want to be part of decision-making. They want their voices to be heard. I didn't sense that when I first got here.

Also, there was more skepticism as to whether our lower-achieving students could perform much better. When I first came, folks would blame the families and the kids. I don't hear that nearly as much as I used to. I think people believe, whether there is parental involvement or not, if we work together, we can make a profound difference and kids can

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achieve at a higher level. I see a community that seems to care more.

**NG: In what areas has the district been successful during your tenure?**

**AC:** We've been successful in student achievement, strategic planning. Certainly our facilities are in much better shape. We have a 10-year capital improvement plan. This summer we'll finish a long-range facilities plan. In the area of finance, we're in much better shape than we were.

Also, I think we've changed the culture of the district. The climate is a lot more positive for our students.

Our community partnerships are much stronger and we have many more of them. We have partnerships with the city, with the university, with the park district, with United Way.

**NG: In what areas did things not work as well as you would have liked?**

**AC:** Discipline would be the one area where I wish we could be further along. It pains me to have to have a meeting to expel kids. That has been the biggest challenge.

**NG: What about the confidence of the community in you?**

**AC:** There will always be some criticism. That's part of being a superintendent. You get credit for some of the good things, but you get the blame for all the bad things. But data can tell a different story. ...

I've learned to put those kinds of criticisms in the right perspective. I think there are a lot more staff members and community members that are satisfied than are displeased. But that's what happens when you have to come in and make a lot of changes.

I didn't get in this business to be popular and make a lot of friends. At the end of the day, I'll be held accountable for how I've impacted the lives of kids.

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**Commonsenseman** wrote 11 hours 11 min ago **#1**

Please move on and take your cronies with you. You addressed the achievement gap by chasing white students out of the public school system, the inequities and lack of discipline created the racial tension that generated the Polar Bear hunters and you solved the building issues by getting the taxes here raised even higher.

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**RetiringTeacherUnit4** wrote 7 hours 49 min ago **#2**

I agree with much of what Mr. Culver has to say in the article--especially those

comments about people being resistant to change. As one who has watched this administration up close for the past nine years, I observed both the good and not-so-good. There have been some changes that have been helpful to all, like more accountability on the part of teachers and administrators, but there have been other changes, like this administration's failure to really get to know this community, that have not necessarily benefited all.

I think that the thing that is probably most frustrating to those of us who work within the system is this administration's "failure" to take what was working and try to improve upon that instead of coming in and making such wholesale changes without any input from those of us who have been with the district for years. I agree with Commensenseman that many whites have moved out of the public schools and much of it is due to the failure with discipline in the schools, which Mr. Culver acknowledged. Although the schools could have done more, this is also a societal problem and we see a decline in social norms in every setting across the board. Parents need to be more supportive of teachers and we need school administrators who know what they're doing!

After nine years at the helm of any job, especially in a town that is as political as Champaign, it is probably time to move on, whether Mr. Culver is offered the job in DeKalb or not. Tensions are running high in this town and in this district and I think one of the reasons is because we're putting band-aids on problems that require major surgery. And, until we're ready to acknowledge that it takes "an entire village," anyone taking over the system will continue to experience similar reactions. I wish Mr. Culver well in his future job search, but more importantly, I think that anyone coming in to tackle the problems of Unit 4 had better come in with some "thick skin" because he/she will need it. I'm glad that my days (in the district--hopefully, not life) are numbered!

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**IU1977** wrote 5 hours 47 min ago

#3

Always interesting to see the exponential growth in Tolono, Fisher, Mahomet and St. Joe while Champaign remains stagnant in terms of school population. Countyside adds on to its building and its bursting at the seams, as are the other private schools,. Champaign had better not get school vouchers or else there will be NO ONE but the poor in the schools. yes Mr. Culver, it is time for you and the "texas mafia" to move on and wreck havoc someplace else.

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## Events celebrate St. Luke CME Church's centennial

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CHAMPAIGN – St. Luke Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will continue to celebrate its centennial anniversary with an anniversary reception and banquet starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 1001 Killarney Drive, U.

The event will feature former St. Luke pastor the Rev. John Deron Johnson of Phillips Temple CME Church in Los Angeles.

For ticket information call 352-4479.

The centennial services at St. Luke CME, 809 N. Fifth St., C, will be at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, with the Rev. Johnson at the morning service and Bishop Paul A. Stewart of the Third Episcopal District at the afternoon service.

At 4 p.m. July 12, the Centennial Anniversary Choir Reunion will take place at the I Hotel and Conference Center, 1900 S. First St., C.

In 1909, when the church was founded, there was no Christian Methodist church in Champaign or Urbana.

A Kentucky family made up of Mother Hopkins, Sister Pickens, Sister Tisdale, Brother Tisdale and others started St. Luke, first holding services in a storefront in Urbana.

Their first pastor was the Rev. W.M. Townsend.

In 1913, members of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church board of trustees purchased the property at 809 N. Fifth St.

The church moved to its present location under the leadership of the Rev. W.T. Whitsitt (circa 1912).

Over the years the church has had 34 pastors, among them the Rev. A.W. Bishop, a community activist and civil rights leader who ran for mayor of Champaign in 1966. As a master carpenter, Bishop not only initiated major building restoration projects following a couple of church fires but also put in many hours on the work.

Under the tenure of the Rev. H.J. Thornton, a member of the Human Relations Committee of Champaign, the church's youth choir thrived.

Under his and music director Willie T. Summerville's leadership, the choir grew to 55 members and recorded two albums, "Hold the Light" and "We've Come to Praise His Name."



Photo by: provided

St. Luke Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will be holding an anniversary reception and banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 1001 Killarney Drive, U, to celebrate 100 years of the congregation in the community. The church moved to its present location at 809 N. Fifth St., C, seen above, around 1912.

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Following Thornton was the Rev. Earl Kennedy (1974-1989), who broke ground by appointing women to traditionally all-male boards.

They included Dorothy Jordan Luckey and Patricia McKinney Lewis, who still serves as chair of the steward board.

From 1989-1993, the Rev. John Deron Johnson brought his youthful energy to the congregation, introducing a radio ministry and the increased use of technology.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Roland Brown (1993-2000), the C.M.E. One Church One School volunteer program thrived and St. Luke became partners with Stratton Elementary School.

St. Luke's current pastor, the Rev. Clarence C. Buchanan, took over in 2004.

Known for his teaching and organizational skills, Buchanan was appointed episcopal director of program planning for the Third Episcopal District.

His wife, Christine Buchanan, is the annual conference women's missionary president for the Southeast Missouri, Illinois and Wisconsin Region.

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# Excavation work at 5th and Hill site sparks outrage from health care group

AMEREN, FIFTH AND HILL, NEIGHBORHOODS, TOXIC SITE - By CU Citizen Access on Friday, June 10, 2011 - 14:58

By Sean Powers/Illinois Public Media - Excavation work continues at the site that once housed a manufactured gas plant in Champaign.

Ameren Illinois is working on the corner of 5th and Hill Streets to clear soil that is suspected of having traces of the pollutant coal tar.

Most of the work to remove the soil has taken place underneath a large protective tent, but on Thursday workers dug about three feet of dirt outside of the tent. That sparked concerns from the health care advocacy group, Champaign County Health Care Consumers.

The group said a monitoring device that checks for dangerous chemicals went off, raising the possibility that nearby communities might be at risk.

"The vapors and the dust that comes up from this type of excavation are highly toxic and this is a highly irresponsible activity to do," the group's executive director, Claudia Lennhoff, said.

But Ameren spokesperson Leigh Morris dismissed that claim, saying no air monitoring equipment recorded anything that would have raised health or safety concerns.

Morris said both Ameren and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency were checking the excavation area Thursday with air monitoring equipment, which did not identify any red flags.

"There was never any type of a health concern," Morris explained. "There was some dust. The dust was caused from gravel. We did receive one complaint about that, and we watered the gravel down to end the dust problem."

The excavation happened on the edge of a gate, near two buildings used by the Center for Women in Transition.

Site supervisor Jacob Blanton said there was no way the tent could have been moved with nearby power lines and a narrow alley in the way.

Morris said some additional digging outside of the protective tent will likely be performed in July.

Back in April, Champaign agreed to plug a pipe suspected of having dangerous chemicals near the Boneyard Creek, which extends to the site where the gas plant once stood.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has said there is no evidence to suggest coal tar has made its way from the plant into the pipeline.

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Picture by Sean Powers/Illinois Public Media/A bulldozer removes soil that is suspected of having traces of the pollutant coal tar on the corner of 5th and Hill Streets in Champaign on Thursday, June 9, 2011.

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



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
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## Gerard assembles transition team

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CHAMPAIGN -- Incoming mayor Don Gerard has assembled a "transition team" of local business leaders, politicians and social experts as he prepares to take office on May 3, an approach somewhat different than the city manager has seen in the past.

Gerard did not return several cell phone messages this week, but the team will be assisting the mayor-elect "by asking questions and making suggestions to the overall structure and efficiency of city government," according to a press release.

City Manager Steve Carter, who has overseen two mayoral changes in his 25 years as Champaign's top city administrator, said the transition team is "a little bit different." Past council members or mayors-elect may have informally used campaign advisers in such a manner as they get ready to take their post, but this seems to be a larger, more formal group.

"The impression I got (in a discussion with Gerard) is that this will be a relatively short-range effort geared toward helping him get up to speed quickly," Carter said.

Some of the team members on Tuesday said they were unsure of what exactly their roles will be the team has an initial meeting on Thursday but each member likely will be focusing on a certain area of the City Building.

The team members include:

Laurie Bonnett, chief of staff to Democratic state Sen. Michael Frerichs.

Paul Faraci, an economic development specialist for the state who was recently elected to the city council's District 5 seat. Faraci also served as a Democratic county board member from 2000 to 2002.

Peter Fox, a Champaign developer and a political fundraiser for both Republicans and Democrats.

Rochelle Funderburg, a Champaign Public Library board member and an attorney who specializes in labor and employment issues. Funderburg is a former assistant city attorney in Champaign.

Jeff Kibler, community manager for Infobright.

Doug Larson, president of the campus bar Joe's Brewery. The bar contributed \$12,000 of the nearly \$24,000 that Gerard received from campaign donors.

Donte Lotts, a behavior specialist for Champaign's READY school.

Jim McGuire, a stores and receiving manager at the University of Illinois who recently lost a bid for a Champaign City Council seat. McGuire and Gerard work for different departments under the Facilities and Services division at the UI.

William Patterson, an associate director at the African-American Cultural Center at the UI.

Jim Turner, president of O'Brien Auto Park in Urbana and a Champaign resident. Turner donated \$500 to Gerard's campaign, according to the state board of elections.

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Scott Whitsitt, founder and CEO of Champaign-based One-to-One Service.com.

Lotts said he will not know until Thursday's team meeting what exactly he will be asked to do, but "it'll be good to just try to help build any type of relationship with the community."

Lotts said he has been working with area youth in different capacities since 1997: at the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club, Urbana High School, the Urban League and most recently with the READY program, which accepts students with behavior problems from school districts in Champaign and Ford counties.

"I know that I have some insight," Lotts said. "But most importantly, I know that people are very comfortable in approaching me with different issues."

Lotts said he has observed that city reactions to community youth issues tends to be reactive, not proactive.

"It seems as though when there's something tragic or not so good happening, that's when the gathering tends to take place," Lotts said. "I think we need to think outside the box."

Fox said he brings a business development-leaning mind to the transition table. If Champaign-Urbana is going to be an effective competitor in the national marketplace, he said, the city needs to attract and retain businesses that can offer good wages. He cited Abbott Laboratories, saying it took seven years to attract the firm to the UI's Research Park, of which he is co-developer with Clint Atkins.

"We had to make a business case for them to want to be in Champaign," Fox said. "In this case, the business case was a professor that had research based on what was interesting to them."

Fox said the city operates "reasonably well," but he will be happy to offer any insight.

"I think it'll take a lot of persistence and a lot of singular focus," Fox said.

Whitsitt said Gerard has asked him to evaluate the city's information technologies infrastructure and make sure the incoming mayor is up to speed as he takes office.

"I think basically he just wants to get an understanding of what's in place, what are some of the IT issues they're having right now," Whitsitt said.

The city employs a "pretty extensive" orientation program to familiarize newly elected officials with city operations, Carter said.

"Obviously, each mayor and city council is a little bit different, so whenever you have one new person ... it kind of changes the dynamics of the team," Carter said. "So it's something we try to be sensitive to."

Carter said there is always some anxiety among city staff when leadership transfers hands, and this transfer is no different. That is particularly the case with Gerard's entry, he said, because the incoming mayor articulated a need for change in city operations throughout the campaign.

"What kind of change?' is a reasonable question for some city staff to be worrying about," Carter said. "But I think that's normal in these types of situations."

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## [ACCESS-ALL] R.E.S.T. = Calling ALL Parents

1 message

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Melissa R. Neely <neely.melissa@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 13, 2011 at 1:10 PM

Reply-To: neely.melissa@gmail.com

To: access-all <ACCESS-ALL@googlegroups.com>

Greetings ALL,

It is time again for our R.E.S.T. (Resources, Empowerment, Support, and Training) Please pass this one to ANY and EVERY parent that you know.

When: Tuesday, June 14th @ 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Where: Family Advocacy, 310 W. Church Street, Champaign, IL

Please call and RSVP so that we have enough everything for everyone.

We look forward to hearing from you.

See you soon!

\*I apologize if you get this email more than once, please delete ALL but ONE!!\* SMILE

Thank you for your time and attention!

Melissa

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## [Discuss] Teen pleads guilty in weapon case

1 message

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Brian Dolinar <briandolinar@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 20, 2011 at 12:15 PM

To: discuss list <discuss@communitycourtwatch.org>

### Teen pleads guilty in weapon case

Wed, 04/20/2011 - 11:38am | [Mary Schenk](#)

URBANA -- A Champaign teen has pleaded guilty to unlawful use of weapons for having a stun gun at a place where he should not have.

Jeshaun Manning-Carter, 17, who listed an address in the 2400 block of North Neil Street, faces penalties ranging from probation to 364 days in juvenile prison when he is sentenced June 3.

Manning-Carter admitted in juvenile court Wednesday morning before Judge Harry Clem that he is a delinquent by virtue of having possessed a stun gun on April 6. After the admission, he was released from the Juvenile Detention Center.

Because the crime is a misdemeanor, Manning-Carter was prosecuted in juvenile court. If a 17-year-old is accused of a felony, he or she is prosecuted as an adult.

Manning-Carter and two other young men were found in a yard in the 0-100 block of Leichner Drive, Champaign, about 12:30 a.m. that day. The resident called police to report prowlers in her yard.

When police arrived, the other two boys cooperated with them, but Manning-Carter kept his hands in his pockets and walked away from the officers, according to Assistant State's Attorney Stephanie Weber. Police found the stun gun on him.

Weber said Manning-Carter has no previous juvenile adjudications.

Manning-Carter was present Oct. 9, 2009, when his friend, Kiwane Carrington, 15, was accidentally shot and killed in the back yard of a home in the 900 block of West Vine Street by Champaign police officer Daniel Norbits.

Urbana attorney Alfred Ivy has filed suit against Norbits, Police Chief R.T. Finney, and the city of Champaign, seeking damages for the emotional distress Manning-Carter suffered.

In the criminal case, Manning-Carter was represented by Public Defender Randy Rosenbaum.

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## Champaign Urbana Area Meetings/Events this week

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Carletta <cjdonald713@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: Carletta <cjdonald713@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jun 13, 2011 at 8:02 AM

If you missed St. Luke C.M.E. Church's Choir Day yesterday - you missed it! Thanks to Choir President Pat (Ann) Walker, her committee, choir members, Director Maestro Deacon Summerville and EVERYONE who made it a spirit filled day! Rev. Kerwin Utley's message was clear: God is the only Source! Thanks Rev. Utley! But remember - "Don't ask God to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet." Here are the events/meetings in the area for the week:

### **Champaign Urbana Area Meetings/Events This Week**

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Wed, Jun 8, 2011 at 9:55 AM

### **Wednesday, June 8**

2 pm SURS Representative answering Health Alliance questions  
(Hays Center 1311 W. Church St. , Champaign )  
5:30pm – Urbana Human Relations Commission Meeting

### **Thursday, June 9**

1:00pm Administrative Parking Hearings  
3:00pm-7:00pm North 1<sup>st</sup> St. Farmers' Market  
5:30pm Neighborhood Services Advisory Board

### **Friday, June 10**

11am – 12noon Line Dancing (Exercising) Classes - \$5.00/person  
Douglass Center Annex 804 N. Fifth St. , Champaign

### **Saturday, June 11**

8 am – 12noon Douglass Center Senior Citizens Pancake Breakfast ( Douglass Center Annex 804 N. Fifth St. , Champaign )  
9am – 12noon – Healthy Kids, Healthy Community  
( Savoy Recreation Center 402 W. Graham Dr., Savoy )

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3:30pm St. Luke C.M.E. Church Choir Day

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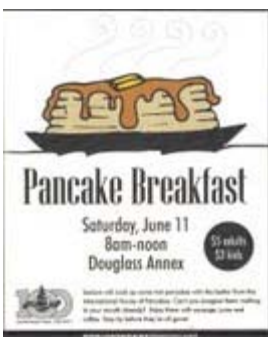
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# News from The Glory Center

1 message

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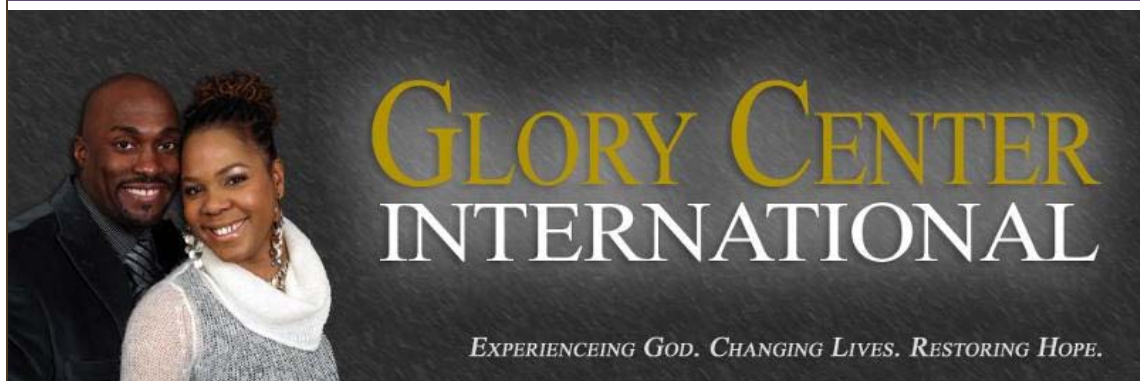
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June 13, 2011



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## Daily Devotionals

June 13 - Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness. The Weapon of Righteousness causes an overflow of blessings as you continue to seek the Lord. (Matthew 5:6)

June 14 - "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou will." Submission to the perfect will of God insures security and completion of the God Plan regarding your life. (Matthew 26:39)

## How May We Serve You?

Community Lawn Care Day  
Saturday, June 18th

As a service to women, the Men of GCI are offering to tend to your lawn. Mowing, hedges, weeds...it's all under control! Sign up today, as slots are limited and filling up quickly.

For more information, call 217-355-5008.



June 15 - The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. In order to watch and pray successfully, crucify your flesh and feed your spirit. (Matthew 26:41)



## Let's Hear It For Our Men!

Sunday, June 19th  
10:00am

This June, we are celebrating our men and fathers in a big way! Father's Day is designated Men's Emphasis Sunday - as the Men of GCI will be leading our service. Let's show extra love for the men in our lives.

*Invite at least 3 MEN to Sunday Morning Celebration. You don't want them to miss this special service in their honor.*

June 16 - What is your Godly desire? Whatsoever you Desire, when **you** pray, believe that you shall receive them, and you shall have them. (Mark 11:24)

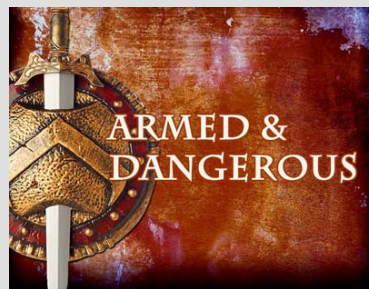
June 17 - The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their cry. Be encouraged: He is close to the brokenhearted and those of a contrite spirit. (Psalm 34:15-18)

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June 18 - Confess your faults one to another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. Remember, the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much. (James 5:13,16)

June 19 - When you have been marred in the Potter's hand, stay on the wheel; God is about to make you again another vessel as it seems good unto Him. (Jeremiah 18:1-4)



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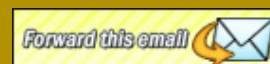
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## Reasons for BOE overpayment of School Exec Connect fees?

1 message

Melodye Rosales <melodye@nitrogenlabs.com>

Thu, Jun 9, 2011 at 2:42 PM

To: Melodye Rosales <melodye@nitrogenlabs.com>

Bcc: nlenstr2@gmail.com

Comparing two School Districts that School Exec Connect consulted for (Champaign's Unit #4 and Parkway School District-- Chesterfield, Mo) I do not understand why we were charged a more expensive fee and still do not know what the additional expenses will amount to. Parkway is twice the size of our district and farther away from School Exec Connect's headquarters.

- Why are we paying this consulting firm \$19,000?
- Is this with or without expenses?
- Is this a flat fee?
- What are the total anticipated costs?
- What are these costs based on?

<http://www.news-gazette.com/news/education/2011-06-07/champaign-school-board-picks-firm-superintendent-search.html>

*"In the end, board members felt the consultants from School Exec Connect were a good match for them, Lanesskog said.*

*"I think they were the type of people we could have a good working relationship with, which was really important because we'll be spending a lot of time with them and we're relying on them," he said.*

***The firm will be paid about \$19,000 — a fee that was consistent with many other search firms the district looked at, Lanesskog said."***

Champaign Unit #4 school population is approximately 8,700 (give or take). This figure represents:

- (2) High Schools
- (1) Alternative High School
- (3) Middle Schools
- (11) Elementary Schools
- (1) Early Childhood Center
- (16) schools not meeting AYP

School Exec Connect is located in the Highland Park, IL and Champaign, IL is approximately 160 miles (approx 3hrs) to the south

School Exec Connect charged Parkway School District (suburb of St. Louis, MO) \$13,900 plus expenses. This school District is located 455 N. Woods Mill Road Chesterfield, MO 63017 and approximately 360 miles (6hrs) to the south (over twice the distance School Exec Connect must travel)

Parkway School District has 17,467 Student population (over twice the student population of Unit# 4)

- (18) Elementary Schools (nearly twice the schools of Unit #4)

- (5) Middle Schools (nearly twice the schools of Unit #4)
  - (4) High Schools (twice the schools of Unit #4)
  - (1) non-traditional high school
  - (1) early childhood center
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- (14) U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence
  - (17) Missouri Gold Star Schools

Press Release From Parkway School District sounded as if they had a completely different approach to negotiating terms than we did:

#### News Release

Parkway school board selects superintendent search firm

Search process and timeline being developed

Chesterfield, Mo. – The Parkway Board of Education has selected School Exec Connect, Inc. to conduct the search for a new superintendent, Board President Bruce Major announced today. Based in Chicago, School Exec Connect is one of the leading independent search firms in the Midwest. They will be paid \$13,900 plus expenses for the duration of the search.

“We received several excellent proposals from search firms,” said Major. “But School Exec Connect’s modest cost combined with their superior track record and personalized approach was clearly the best fit and value for Parkway. They combine an exceptionally strong nationwide network with an ability to provide the level of focus and attention our superintendent search deserves.”

In addition to submitting the most competitive bid for services, factors that distinguished School Exec Connect among the firms interviewed by the board include:

School Exec Connect’s record of success with similar school districts;

The firm’s clear understanding of Parkway’s mission and unique needs;

The experience and knowledge of the individuals selected to lead Parkway’s search. This includes: Dr. Linda Hanson, president of School Exec Connect and retired superintendent of Township High School District 113 (Highland Park, Ill.); Dr. Craig Larson, retired superintendent of the Rockwood School District; and Dr. John Lawrence, retired superintendent of the Troy (Mo.) School District; and

The value School Exec Connect places on community input in the search process.

In the coming weeks, the school board and consultants will establish the process, scope and timeline of the search. Initially, their focus will be on developing a leadership profile outlining the characteristics, skills and attributes the Parkway community desires in its next superintendent. This will be developed by seeking input from a wide variety of parents, staff and other community members. Once approved by the school board, the leadership profile will be used to identify and evaluate potential candidates.

A detailed timeline is currently being developed, but the consultants will begin screening candidates by this fall and plan to have a list of finalists developed before the end of the calendar year.

Dr. Don Senti is currently serving as interim superintendent of Parkway, replacing Dr. Bob Malito who retired on June 30, 2010, after six years at the helm of the district.



## Remaining Events/Meetings this week

1 message

Carletta <cjdonald713@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: Carletta <cjdonald713@yahoo.com>

Wed, Jun 15, 2011 at 12:05 PM

Mo'Betta Music will perform at the North 1st St. Farmers' Market at 5 p.m. this Thursday June 16th. Let's support our youth and the wonderful music they perform! AND remember businesses are still needed to accomodate youth for the Summer Yo

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### **SAVE THE DATES:**

**Thursday June 23 - 5:30 pm** Champaign Boneyard Celebration on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between

University and Springfield Avenues) – **FREE** (Nathaniel Banks & Ronnie Bridgewater will be performing)

**Jettie Rhodes Day – Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> 12noon – 5pm** at King Park ( Urbana ) - **FREE**

Carletta J. Donaldson

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to noon**



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- Photo opportunities with Superman
- Basketball shootout
- Face painting
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# Local elementary school joins the Backpack Program

BACKPACK PROGRAM, CARRIE BUSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CHAMPAIGN, EDUCATION, FOOD INSECURITY - By CU Citizen Access on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - 16:13

By Rubina Ali/For CU-CitizenAccess/ Food insecurity – not knowing where your next meal will come from – is a problem that more and more people face every day. Even children.

But a program right in Champaign County is providing relief to kids from families who experience food insecurity.

The Backpack Program sends in-need children home on Friday afternoons with backpacks full of food to make sure there's enough to eat over the weekend. According to a 2009 report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, nearly 50 million people, including one in four children, struggle to get enough food to eat.

Carrie Busey Elementary School in Champaign is one of the schools participating in the program. Mary Bragg, the social worker at Carrie Busey, piles up a cart filled with bags of food and rolls it from classroom to classroom to hand out the bags.

A typical bag includes all of the following: two individual servings of cereal, two individual servings of milk, a jar of peanut butter, a juice box, a can of beef ravioli, a can of pears, a snack size pudding, a can of chicken noodle soup, two granola bars, a fruit-by-the-foot and a chewy fruit bar.

Third-graders Tyrone Fulwiley and Tapeeka Chatman say they like getting the food to take home. Tyrone says his favorite foods are the snacks. When asked if either of them like to share their snacks, the answer was a loud "No!"

Raytreonna Lewis, also from the third grade, says her favorite snack is the fruit-roll-ups and she shares the contents of the bag with her brother.

This is the first year of the Backpack Program at Carrie Busey, but Bragg and other educators at the school found ways to help out students in need before the program started. Teachers would donate a couple of dollars and Bragg would use the money to buy food to send home with a few children.

The Backpack program has made it possible to help out 25 students, and next year 35 students will be able to participate. But more students could be helped if the program were expanded. According to Carrie Busey's 2010 Illinois School Report Card, 62.5 percent of its 400 students come from low-income families.

The Backpack Program is run by the Eastern Illinois Foodbank and was initiated in the 2005-06 school year as a collaborative project between the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana and the foodbank.

Schools participating in the Backpack Program include Garden Hills and Carrie Busey Elementary Schools in Champaign, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Prairie and Thomas Paine Elementary Schools in Urbana, Regional Office of Education No. 9 in Rantoul, North Ward Elementary in Tuscola, Unity West Elementary School in Tolono, East Park Elementary School in Danville, and Sangamon Elementary in Mahomet.

Andrea Rundell, Director of Programs and Agency Relations at the Eastern Illinois Foodbank, says the program started in 2006 with 50 kids each week at Garden Hills elementary in Champaign. It now reaches more than 400 kids each year.

Rundell says food for the program comes from different sources. Some of the food is donated product through manufacturers and distributors, locally and across the nation. The rest of it is purchased, which helps control the nutritional value of the products. Last year, a local nonprofit 4Osprey, funded the



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program to be able to put real fruit into the sacks.

Different sponsors make it possible for the foodbank to provide the BackPack Program at no cost to Carrie Busey Elementary School. Those sponsors include the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana, several Rotary clubs in Champaign and Urbana, and individuals sponsors. This year, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois provided enough funding to cover 10 sites in several counties.

As the problem of hunger persists, the program continues to grow. Next year Foodbank anticipates adding another five sites to the program, in Charleston, Ashmore, Humboldt, Monticello and Kansas, Ill. The foodbank particularly interested in getting this program out to rural areas where there are so few resources for people in need.

"We are growing it carefully, knowing that we will have to sustain it over the years," Rundell says. "Hunger is not going away."

According to Rundell, both students and their parents have expressed appreciation for the program. Many have said that it fillsw a gap in their ability to feed their kids.

As Bragg rolls her cart of food down the hallways of Carrie Busey Elementary School, kids come up to her and hug her and ask if they could have a bag, too.

"A few of the older kids get embarrassed and they'll ask if I can give the bag to a younger sibling, but only one or two," Bragg says. "Sometimes the kids even fight over who gets to take the bag home."

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### Lillie Mae Myers

Memorial Services for **Lillie Mae Myers**, 92, of Urbana, will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, January 8, 2011, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2602 Bloomington Rd., Champaign. The repass will follow at 6 p.m. at the Urbana Civic Center, 108 East Water St.



Mrs. Myers passed at 9:52 p.m., Sunday, December 26, 2010, at Provena Covenant Medical Center, Urbana.

Heath and Vaughn Funeral Home, 201 N. Elm, Champaign, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Lillie Mae, who is known as Mudear, was born September 22, 1918, to Manuel and Myrtle Baskin in Carroll County, Miss. She was the eldest of ten children. She attended Vaiden High School and later married Willie B. Myers (preceeded in death) in 1940 then later moved to Oaxaca, La. She later moved to Money, Miss. and then settled in Chicago in 1944.



At the age of 74, Lillie dedicated her life in 1992 to Jehovah God and symbolized it by water immersion. Lillie believed in the promise of a righteous new world where those who have fallen asleep in death will return to a better life right here on earth.

Lillie is preceeded in death by her siblings: Jessie Frazier (Thomas); Emma Deloney (Ernest Sr.); Ceola Baskin; Manuel Baskin; Odell and Otis Baskin; and Edgar Baskin (Mary); her children: Emanuel Myers (Marie); Claudell Myers; Shirley Myers, and Linda Myers.

She is survived by her siblings: William Baskin (Doris), and Virginia Baker (Paul), and many cousins, nieces, and nephews, who will miss her dearly.



She leaves her remaining children who await her resurrection to a life sound in health: Adolph Myers; Betty J. Ortega (Anthony); Alice F. Myers; June Cammon (John), and Doreen Garrett (Bradley Sr.).

Also, awaiting her resurrection is a grandson she reared, Bradley N. Garrett Jr. (Dottie), along with 28 other grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren whom she had a chance to enjoy during her life of longevity. In addition, Lillie has a brotherhood of brothers, sisters and friends who look forward to seeing her again.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

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CHAMPAIGN — The Farmers Market on Historic North First Street kicks off its third season this week.

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The market will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays from June 9 through Sept. 1.

It is located at 201 N. First St., just two blocks north of the Champaign police station on University Avenue.

Manager Wendy Langacker said the market will feature about 12 to 15 vendors, including a few new ones this year.

Besides fresh vegetables and fruit for sale, there will also be fresh flowers, meat from local farmers, dog biscuits, cupcakes and barbecue prepared for eating on the spot.

Link card holders may use their cards to get double value on fruits and vegetables, up to \$10 per week.

There will also be family activities, music, craft vendors, and even cooking demonstrations beginning in July.

Langacker said she had vendors seeking her out this year instead of the other way around, a sign that the market may be coming into its own.

"I think each year we've done it, we have found the number of vendors who are interested has increased as have the number of customers," she said.

New this year is a business called Heavenly Delight Cakes, which features specialty cupcakes and all-occasion cakes. It has a kiosk at Market Place Mall.

Langacker said the North First Street area has a rich history for the African-American community.

"It was the site of the Goose Pond Church and Abraham Lincoln's anti-slavery speeches. It was also a district known for thriving African-American businesses that have traditionally catered to providing various services and fresh produce to low-income families within the twin cities of Champaign-Urbana," she wrote in a release.

"One such business was the Cooperative Store in 1905, which dealt mainly with providing groceries to people of color and was supported by black well-to-do farmers and stockmen in the area," the release said.

Returning this year is the "prosperity garden," a raised garden at the north end of the market area planted and maintained by children from the Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club. Langacker said they'll also plant sweet corn on an empty lot that the city has provided along First Street not far from the market. All their items will be for sale.

And the popular water mister supplied by Illinois American Water will also be back.

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"It's like a human car wash. We hook it up to a fire hydrant. It's a really good attraction for the kids. The one thing people like about our market is they realize it's OK to let their kids run through the mister while they do their shopping," Langacker said.

Unlike the popular and longer-running Market at the Square, held on Saturdays in Urbana, the North First Street market allows owners to bring their pets.

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Double the groceries with a Link Card? How about triple value for cold hard cash that we've earned?

**ConeyPayton** wrote on June 07, 2011 at 4:06 pm #2  
So you want poor people, that have less money, to pay more for things than people who are well off? Clearly you don't understand that some people do not choose to be poor.

**Sid Saltfork** wrote on June 07, 2011 at 5:06 pm #3  
I think that I will stick with the Urbana Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market store south of Arthur has great organic produce, and other products also. The produce is grown on the Amish family farm behind the market. I have to agree with Ronaldo. I do not oppose the use of Link Cards, except I think that there should be a picture I.D. on them; and they should only be used in the State of Illinois. If you give deals to Link Card users, it means that you are charging more to those who use cash. My empathy goes to the Working Poor. The family who has both parents working even if their jobs are low paying. Those are the ones that need a discount. Generations of Public Aid users do not get my empathy.

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**Instructors:** Willie T. Summerville taught choral music in Urbana schools for over 35 years. During his tenure with the Urbana Schools, his choirs sang at many venues, including Carnegie Hall, the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, D. C., the Lobby of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Willie received many honors throughout his teaching career, including being named Hometown Hero in Education by President Clinton in 1999. His passion for music is contagious!

Assisting Willie in the class are:

Clarence Todd Taylor, at the keyboard. Todd is a choral teacher at Urbana High School, organist and choir director for Salem Baptist Church and the Church of the Living God, and director of the ML King Community Choir.

Darren Louis Warren, on drums. Darren is percussion music major at Parkland College. He is the lead drummer for the St. Luke CME Church of Champaign and plays drums for Canaan Baptist Church, Urbana. He has served as the lead drummer for the U of I's Black Sacred Music Symposium and the Indiana Baptist Workshop Choir of Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Mark McKnight, playing drums & bass guitar. Mark has played with many jazz greats, including Dave Brubeck, and Ellis and Wynton Marsalis. He was a featured artist at a Jacksonville Super Bowl sanctioned event honoring Bob Hayes and The World of Nations Celebration.

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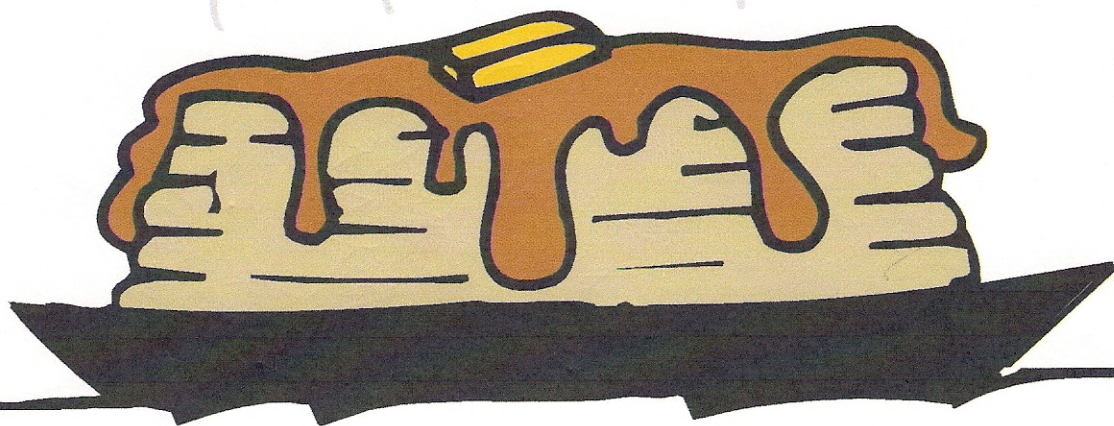
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## Obituaries

### Willis Thomas Pelmore

**Willis Thomas Pelmore**, 73, of Champaign departed this life at 4:54 a.m., Monday, January 31, 2011, at Provena Covenant Medical Center, Urbana.



Mr. Pelmore was born July 10, 1937, in Hollandale, Mississippi, a son of Olevia and Willis Pelmore. He married the love of his life, Mildred L. Carter. She preceded him in death in 2006.

He attended public schools in Mississippi. He was employed at the Clinton Power Plant for ten years and moved on to Champaign Asphalt Company, from which he retired. He was a Teamster truck driver for Local 26, Champaign.

He loved his garden and grew the best greens in town. He enjoyed doing odd jobs and spending lots of time with his great-grandchildren.

Mr. Pelmore is survived by one daughter, Melissa Monroe (Andre), Champaign; two step-daughters, Bobby Jean McNeal, Champaign, and Melanie A. Donalson, Peoria; god-daughter, Shelia Harvey, Champaign; two step-sons, Eddie Earl Carter, Urbana, and Johnnie Carter, Champaign; eight grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren; four brothers, Eddie Pelmore, Sr. (Arlene), John Pelmore (JoAnn), James Pelmore (Udora), Thomas Pelmore (Joanne), all of Champaign; one sister, Louvenia Matthews, of Houston, Texas, a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Homegoing services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, at Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, 1310 N. Sixth St., Champaign, with Pastor Rickey E. Parks officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Urbana.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Monday, at the church.

Willis Thomas Pelmore is now in the presence of the Almighty God, his parents, wife, one brother, and one sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church.

Heath and Vaughn Funeral Home, 201 N. Elm, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences to the family may be offered at [www.HeathandVaughn.com](http://www.HeathandVaughn.com).

### ***Condolences***

To the Pelmore family, in general, and to Willie Thomas Pelmore's ("WT") immediate family, in particular: Earth knows no sorrow that Heaven cannot bear. Please know that I grieve with you, and you all are in my prayers!

My friend, my brother, "WT", as I have always called him and known him, since the early '50's, has passed into the "great beyond" — into which we all shall pass, sooner or later. It is imperative that we decide and choose NOW to which one of only two destinations we want to pass... The Lord Jesus Christ has returned to Heaven to prepare "room" for ALL that choose Him as Savior. However, there is a default destination for ALL others not choosing Jesus as the way to an eternal dwelling with him and His Father. As "WT" had to choose, make sure your choice is made "while blood runs warm in your veins"!

May the blessings and favor of the Almighty God be with you all!

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### Kathryn Brown Sayles

**Kathryn Brown Sayles**, age 87, of Centralia, passed away at 10:31 p.m., Sunday, March 20, 2011, at St. Mary's Hospital, Centralia.



Kathryn was born September 6, 1923, in Granada, Mississippi, the daughter of Ernest Brown, Sr. and Myrtle Baines.

Mrs. Sayles is survived by a son, David R. Sayles and wife Victoria of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a daughter, Victoria Sayles of Centralia; a sister, Irma Payne of Champaign; seven grandchildren, Jonathon Monteiro, Joel Monteiro, Jason Monteiro, Jamia Monteiro, Jerica Monteiro, David O. Sayles, and Aisha Sayles, and one great-grandchild, Christin Williams.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Donna Sayles Monteiro, and two brothers, Ernest Brown and Theodore Payne.

Kathryn was a cook for the University of Illinois and for the State of Illinois Dept. of Corrections. She lived two years in Centralia and prior to that in Champaign. She was a member of The Church of the Living God in Champaign.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Saturday, March 26, 2011, at The Church of the Living God, 1109 N. 4th St., Champaign. Celebration of Life services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, with Bishop Lloyd E. Gwin officiating. Burial will be at Grandview Memorial Gardens, Champaign.

Heath and Vaughn Funeral Home, 201 N. Elm, Champaign, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Friends may also call Thursday, March 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Irvin Funeral Home in Centralia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home in Centralia or at the church in Champaign.

Condolences to the family may be offered online at [www.HeathandVaughn.com](http://www.HeathandVaughn.com).


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### Michael Andrew Scantlebury

Celebration of Life services for **Michael Andrew Scantlebury**, 41, of Champaign, will be at 9 a.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church, 1303 Lincolnshire Drive, Champaign.



Monsignor Mark Merdian will officiate. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Champaign.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, May 24, 2010, at Heath and Vaughn Funeral Home, 201 N. Elm, Champaign.

Mr. Scantlebury passed away at 8:34 p.m., Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at Carle Hospital, Urbana.

He was born April 13, 1969, in Champaign, a son of Frank and Miriam Beatrice (Taylor) Scantlebury. He married Hollie Kane on July 23, 2008, at Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mikah S. Scantlebury and Mariah T. Scantlebury, both of Champaign; his father, Frank, of Champaign; two sisters, Marie V. Scantlebury, of Peoria, and Marcia E. Scantlebury-Hall, of Melbourne, Fla.; three aunts, and three uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother and one brother, Christopher J. Scantlebury.

Michael graduated from Centennial High School and Parkland College. He attended the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where he studied Political Science. He was a security operations supervisor at Exelon's Nuclear Dresden Generating Station. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for eleven years, obtaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Michael had a long history of leadership experience. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served for eleven years as a non-commissioned officer in various duty assignments. During his military tenure, he honed his leadership skills and exemplified the high standards of professionalism that are commonly associated with "The Corps."

In June 2002, Mike began his career with Wackenhut Nuclear Services, where he quickly progressed through the Clinton Power Station Security Organization. In June 2006, Mike transferred to Braidwood Station Security Organization and was promoted to WNS Operations Coordinator. He obtained an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration from Parkland Community College in 2001. He pursued his Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science while attending the University of Illinois and was 7 credits short of graduation. He was promoted to Project Manager at Wackenhut in 2007 and joined Exelon in that position in 2008.

Michael was a proud father and husband, devoted son, brother, and friend to many, excelling at all. He was very proud to be a Marine, in which he also excelled.

He was a member of St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church, Champaign.

Michael was a co-founder of the "Paig" City Motorcycle Club and a member from 2001 to 2006.

His hobbies included physical fitness, yard work, video games, motorcycle riding and spending quality time with family.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Research Hospital, <http://www.stjude.org>, and Crisis Nursery of Urbana-Champaign, 1309 W. Hill, Urbana, IL 61801, <http://www.crisisnursery.net>.

Condolences to the family may be offered online at [www.HeathandVaughn.com](http://www.HeathandVaughn.com).



### ***Condolences***

Marie and Family

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother.  
I would hear you speak of your family often and your nieces.  
You all will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Delores Madrigal  
Baton Rouge, LA

Hollie and family,

Although I don't know you all, I knew Mike from working with him at Exelon, Dresden Station. I just wanted to express my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. We lost a great man that day. Mike was someone who was looked up to as a leader and as a peer. As a Marine myself, I understand the commitment Mike had to

himself, family and his work. He will be greatly missed and his memory and my memories working with him will last forever.

Don Horton  
Leathernecks MC  
Blacksheep Chapter  
Illinois

Dear Holly and girls,

I am so sorry to hear about Mike. You have my condolences, and you are in my thoughts and prayers. Mike was a great guy with a wonderful smile, awesome zest for life, and truly cared about people. He will be truly missed by many. His death is definitely a tragic loss to those who knew him and the human race.

Jeralyn LeMay  
Security Officer, Braidwood Station

To the family of Mike Scantlebury,

As the site nurse at Dresden, I had the privilege to work with Mike. He always made me smile. Mike would go out of his way to help me if there was an issue in his department. In fact, many times he would drop what ever he was doing, just to help me. Not many people do that at Exelon. I will never forget his smile, his positive attitude. He will be greatly missed at Dresden. Mrs. Scantlebury, I have had many officers come and talk to me about how much they will miss Mike. It was a great loss to many of them. That is how much Mike was liked at work.

I have no words to ease your pain, but Mike will be remembered in my prayers and thoughts.

With deepest sympathy,

Jan RN  
Dresden Site Nurse

Dear Marie and family,

Very sorry to hear of your great loss. I will be thinking of you and lifting you up in prayer. Marie spoke highly of him.

Charlotte Harelson, Baton Rouge, LA

Dear Scantlebury Family,

I just learned of Mike's arraignments this morning and I am sorry to say I cannot be there with you to celebrate Mike's life. Mike and I were friends when he was here at Clinton. Mike worked with me as a Clinton Power Station Medical First Responder. I had the honor of being Mike's First Responder instructor.

Mike cared about those around him. He always greeted you in passing and asked how things were. Many people ask those things with shallow meaning, but Mike truly cared. This world is a dimmer place without his beaming smile, positive attitude and slap on the shoulder.

I am saddened with Mike's sudden passing, but my spirit is better for having the privilege for not just knowing Mike, but being able to call him friend.

My prayers are with Mike and all of you.

Sincerely,  
Kevin J. Page  
Supervisor, Instrument Maintenance  
Exelon Nuclear - Clinton Power Station

Mike was a pleasure to work with and I do not think I ever saw him that he was not smiling. He will be missed by all of us.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your time of sorrow.

God bless you all!

Margie Justic  
Maintance Work Planner  
Exelon Dresden Station

Hollie, Mikah, and Mariah,

I was shocked and devastated to learn of Mike's passing. Mike was a great co-worker and friend. He had a wonderful smile and laugh that could always brighten your day. Mike was always willing to help someone else. My thoughts and prayers

are with you and the girls in this time of sorrow.

My deepest sympathies,

Michelle Smith

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

With deepest sympathy,

from: Hosea Washington and Family  
Peoria, IL

To Our Dear Soror Marie Scantlebury and the Scantlebury Family:

We are praying for you at this difficult time. Our thoughts reach out in hopes that you will know the strength and comfort that we pray for will sustain you. "In the hardest things we do ... loves sees us through."

With Deepest Sympathy,  
Your Sisters In Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
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Florese Bright, President

Marcia,

I'm sorry that I never had the privilege of meeting your brother, but he had to be a wonderful person considering all of the love that others are showing the family now.

Nat and I are with you and your family in spirit. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need ANYTHING!

Peace & Blessings to you and yours.

Much Love,

Nat and Gloria Thornton  
Atlanta, GA

Cousin Hollie, Mikah, and Mariah,

We are so very sorry for your loss. We wish we could be there for the services. Please know that your family is in our prayers.

Much Love,

Robert and Amy (Cornett) Jackson Family

To our Linesister Marie V. Scantlebury and family at the death of your beloved Michael A. Scantlebury:

May God comfort you and surround you in your time of bereavement. Always remember that those who live in the hearts of others never die. Praise GOD from whom all blessings flow. Praise him Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Our thoughts are with you and your loved ones during this difficult time.

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Dear Scantlebury Family,

I would like to send my condolences to all of Mike's loved ones. I used to work with him at Braidwood and I missed him ever since. He is in my prayers and will not be forgotten. RIP Scant

Aaron Skiotes

I am so sorry for your loss.

I also worked with Mike at Braidwood; he was a breath of fresh air in this world. I am also a Marine Corps Veteran and Mike was the real deal when it came to being a leader. There are those that I knew in the corp that I served with that would give their life for you, and even though I did not serve with Mike I know that he was the type of Marine that put in the situation would give his last breath for his fellow man. It was a pleasure to know Mike, and I am Praying for those he left behind.

Simpler Fi,  
Dennis B. Barwegen

To the family of Michael Scantlebury: Words are difficult to come by as I heard of the untimely death of your dear son, brother, and father, Michael. We do not determine our time in this world, only know that God has a place for all of us in heaven. May you take comfort in the fact that Michael was beloved by many. May his soul rest in perfect peace, and may you find the courage and strength to find peace at some time.

God Bless, Victor Uchendu Jr.

Dear Hollie and Girls,

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Lorie Clark Masterhan

To the family of Mike Scantlebury,

The night Mike passed away was the night a shining star left us. He was such an inspiration to all around him. Mike will never be forgotten. He will always be looking down at his beautiful family and friends from heaven. May God be with his family through this difficult time.

Cheryl Kakuska  
Security Supervisor  
Braidwood Station



Hollie,

I would like to tell you how sorry I am to hear about Mike. I was completely shocked when Ron told me. I immediately felt terribly sad for you and your girls. I know I have not seen you or Mike for years, but I remember Mike's goofiness and laugh. He was hilarious and so funny!

Again, I'm so very sorry that you've lost him, and my heart goes out to you and your girls.

Take care.

Rachael Koshinski (used to be Condie)

Marie,

I was so sorry to hear about the sudden loss of your brother. Please know that you will be in my prayers. Nothing said, right now, will ease the pain you are feeling. However, as time goes on, you will be able to reflect on the happy times you shared with your brother.

With deepest sympathy,

Soror E. Cowling

Marie,

I am so sorry about your brother. He is the same age as my elder son, who taught and rides a motorcycle.

My prayers are with you and your family.

Love you,  
Mollye

It is with deep sorrow that we mark the passing of our dear cousin Michael. Our deepest condolences go out to Hollie, daughters and the Scantlebury family.

Michael will be forever lovingly remembered.

Sandra Gomez and family.

# Shadow Wood: Longtime residents happy with their neighborhood

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By [Dan Petrella](#) /CU-CitizenAccess - M.L. Ledent doesn't like it when people ask if she still lives in her trailer.

"I don't live in a trailer," the 83-year-old retired nanny and housekeeper tells them. "I live in a mobile home."

Ledent has lived in the Shadow Wood mobile home park nearly as long as it has existed.

In 1968, a year after the park opened, she and her husband, who died nearly 20 years ago, moved into a three-bedroom mobile home.

"Bought it spankin' brand new," she said. "Nobody ever slept in it but us."

Over the past four decades, Ledent has seen the neighborhood around her home on Raintree Drive go through many changes. "Over the years, everything changes, just like we do," she said. "We don't stay the same."

Ledent, who attends Mount Olive Baptist Church, has been at Shadow Wood through three ownership changes. She stayed on through the '80s and '90s, when it gained the reputation of being a rough place to live.

"It didn't get too rough up here," she said. "It wasn't enough to think about leaving. Every neighborhood has its bumps."

She's also seen the park's racial and ethnic makeup shift several times over the years.

When she and her husband moved in, they were one of only a handful of black families in the predominantly white park, she said. By 1990, more than one-third of Shadow Wood area residents were black, according to census data.

Today, there are more black residents than whites, but Hispanic residents vastly outnumber both groups.

Catherine Hobb, 77, who is white, first lived in Shadow Wood in the 1960s and moved back in the late '70s after suffering paralysis that left her reliant on a walker.

"I feel like I was born in this trailer park," she said.

While she acknowledges the neighborhood had its troubles in the past, Hobbs said she has always been comfortable there.

"I've never had a bit of problems living here," she said.

Likewise, Ledent said she can't imagine living anywhere else.

Her son lived with her, and when he died a few years ago, her sister tried convincing her to move into a retirement home, but she wasn't about to give up her home or her freedom, she said.

"Here, in the summertime, I can go sit out on my deck. I can go in my yard," she said. "I still enjoy living here."

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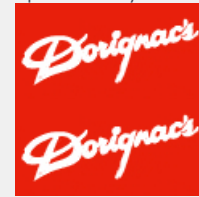
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The **New Orleans Council for Community and Justice** will present its 54th annual Weiss Awards on June 21, honoring six people for "exceptional civic and humanitarian contributions" to the New Orleans area.



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The recipients are Arnold Baker, upper left; the late Emmett Bashful, top center; Donna Brazile, upper right; Dr. Juan Gershanik, lower left; Dr. Benjamin Sachs, lower center; and David Voelker, lower right.

The recipients are Arnold Baker, president of Baker Ready Mix and Building Materials; Donna Brazile, activist and veteran Democratic political strategist; Dr. Juan Gershanik, physician and humanitarian; Dr. Benjamin Sachs, senior vice president and dean of Tulane University School of Medicine; David Voelker, chairman of the Louisiana Recovery Authority; and the late Emmett Bashful, chancellor emeritus of Southern University at New Orleans.

The council, formerly known as the National Conference of Christian and Jews, is a nonprofit human relations organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism, and promoting understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures through advocacy, conflict resolution and education. The awards presentation will take place at the theater of Harrah's New Orleans Casino. Money raised at the event will support community programs, including Anytown Institute, which brings together students of diverse backgrounds, and the Youth Renewal Initiative, which seeks to help youths who lack supervision. Charles Rice Jr., president and CEO of Entergy New Orleans, is chairman of the event.

Baker, a graduate of Texas State University, is chairman of the National Black Chamber of Commerce, vice chairman of the New Orleans Business Council and a director on several local boards including the New Orleans Board of Trade and the Greater New Orleans Construction Task Force.

He joined then Mayor Marc Morial's Cabinet in several capacities including assistant to the mayor for policy,

planning and development, where he worked on developments such as The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, the New Orleans Arena, and Jazzland Theme Park.

Brazile, a New Orleans native, is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, author, syndicated columnist, television political commentator, vice chairwoman of Voter Registration and Participation at the Democratic National Committee, and former chairperson of the DNC's Voting Rights Institute.

Brazile has worked on every presidential campaign from 1976 through 2000, when she served as campaign manager for former Vice President Al Gore, becoming the first African-American woman to manage a presidential campaign.

Gershanik, a native of Argentina, received his medical degree from the school of medicine in Rosario, Argentina. He did his training in pediatrics and neonatology in the United States and came to Louisiana in 1971 to head the neonatology section at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport, where he developed the first neonatal intensive-care unit with an organized transport system for sick newborns.

In 1979 he moved to New Orleans to serve as director of neonatology at Southern Baptist Hospital. He practiced there until Katrina struck, and he helped evacuate premature babies to Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge. He is the medical director of the neonatal intensive care unit at West Jefferson Medical Center and a clinical professor of pediatrics at Tulane University School of Medicine. He received international media attention in 1982 for his research on the toxicity of benzyl alcohol.

Sachs is a native of London and, after 29 years at Harvard University, joined Tulane in November 2007 to help the university and city following Hurricane Katrina. He held several senior administrative positions at Harvard Medical School and helped create the research team that discovered the probable cause of preeclampsia, one of the leading causes of maternal and infant mortality and morbidity worldwide.

Sachs graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London. He received a degree in public health from the University of Toronto. He has been involved in the development of women's and children's health centers in Philippines, Armenia and Ukraine. A result of his efforts, the center in Dnieperpetrovsk, Ukraine, provides free care to 20,000 women and children each year.

Voelker, a business executive, has served on the Louisiana Recovery Authority board since its inception in the weeks after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. In July 2008, he assumed the role of chairman of the LRA board.

He is the founder and former board chairman of the Legacy Donor Foundation, past chairman of the boards of directors of the National D-Day Museum and WYES Television. He serves on the board of Touro Infirmary, Tulane University Health Science Center and the UNO Foundation and is a Louisiana Speaks champion. He is the owner of Voelker and Conway Investments LLC.

Bashful became the first chancellor at SUNO in 1959 and, after his retirement in 1987, served as chancellor emeritus. He died in February in Baton Rouge, where he relocated after his Gentilly home was destroyed in Hurricane Katrina.

Bashful was born in Pointe Coupee Parish and reared in Baton Rouge. He graduated from Southern University in 1940. In 1947 he became one of the first African-Americans to receive a graduate degree in political science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he also earned a doctorate. While Bashful was SUNO's chancellor, the university grew from one building and 158 students to a campus offering 1,000 courses and serving more than 3,000 students per semester.

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### Teen with stun gun arrested after prowling call

Sat, 04/09/2011 - 9:00am | **Mary Schenk**

URBANA -- A Champaign teen who was present when his friend was fatally shot by a Champaign police officer 18 months ago is in jail for carrying an operational stun gun.

Champaign County Judge Harry Clem on Thursday found that it was a matter of "immediate and urgent necessity" that Jashaun Manning-Carter, 17, who listed an address in the 2400 block of North Neil Street, be held in the Juvenile Detention Center on a charge of unlawful use of a weapon.

Manning-Carter was arrested early Wednesday by Champaign police after a woman living in the 0-100 block of Leichner Drive reported prowlers in her yard about 12:30 a.m.

When police arrived, they found three teen-age boys.

State's Attorney Julia Rietz said two of the teens stopped when told to by police, but Manning-Carter tried to walk away. Police found a working stun gun on him and arrested him. The other youths were not arrested.

A stun gun is a nonlethal weapon that delivers a high-voltage shock when it comes in contact with the body. Unlike a Taser, it does not have probes that can be shot from a distance.

Rietz said the teens said they were knocking on the window to wake the woman's son, who was not home. Because she didn't recognize them, she called police.

Rietz said because Manning-Carter is 17 and the offense is a misdemeanor, his case is being kept in juvenile court. Clem appointed the public defender's office to represent him and set his next court date for April 20.

It was a year ago, on April 13, 2010, that Rietz dismissed charges that had been lodged against Manning-Carter in connection with the Oct. 9, 2009, incident on West Vine Street in Champaign that resulted in Kiwane Carrington, 15, being accidentally shot to death by Officer Daniel Norbits.

Manning-Carter, then 16, had been charged with aggravated resisting a peace officer for resisting the efforts of Police Chief R.T. Finney to take him into custody in connection with what Finney and Norbits thought was a burglary to the home where the boys were in the back yard.

Rietz dismissed the charges after Manning-Carter and his mother went through the Parenting With Love and Limits program and he maintained regular attendance at the READY school in Champaign. He is still a student there.

Rietz said in Wednesday's incident, Manning-Carter offered no reason to police for having the stun gun but said he found it.

The prosecutor said the woman who called police was the same one who lived in the home on West Vine Street where Mr. Carrington was shot. She had moved since then, Rietz said.

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Last month, another Champaign County judge dismissed a civil suit that Manning-Carter had filed in October against the city, Finney and Norbits, alleging the youth suffered emotional distress from the incident. However, Manning-Carter's attorney, Alfred Ivy, has until April 18 to amend the complaint and refile. Ivy could not be reached for comment on whether he will do that.

And last week, the arbitrator hearing Norbits' appeal of his 30-day suspension over the shooting held his first session with representatives of Norbits and the city. City Attorney Fred Stavins said because of the volume of material the arbitrator has to review and his own schedule, the next session won't be until August.

Norbits remains off the job but is receiving workman's compensation, Stavins confirmed.



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## Urbana apartment buildings condemned

Sat, 03/26/2011 - 8:00am | Patrick Wade

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URBANA -- A handful of residents of Urbana Townhomes in the 1000 block of South Lierman Avenue have until April 18 to find new housing until two of the buildings in the complex can be renovated to meet city codes.

The city has condemned the buildings, which Aegis Properties oversees locally, and has deemed them uninhabitable until the owner makes necessary improvements.

"There are general property maintenance issues that have gotten to the point where the place is basically not livable anymore," said Stephen Chrisman, a city housing inspector.

The buildings have no fire alarm systems, and some of the smoke detectors do not function, Chrisman said. Fixtures have been removed or are missing, and glass is broken, he added.

The current owners took possession of the property about 1 years ago, Chrisman said, and the city has been working with the managers to correct problems up to this point.

The owners had been planning to make the upgrades, said Kris Gerischer, who manages the property. They were going to renovate one building at a time, but the city felt the improvements were not happening quickly enough.

"It'll be a good thing in the end," Gerischer said.

In the meantime, Curtia Summers feels like she has no options. She said she received notice of the situation on March 21, which gave her less than a month to find a new home.

"We don't know where we're going yet," Summers said.

Summers says the building looks abandoned. Gerischer said some areas have been boarded up since he joined the company about two months ago. But Summers never felt in danger; she would rather stay in her home.

"We just don't have no options, and I don't think that's right," Summers said.

She and her two children, ages 18 and 13, will have to find a place to go for an undetermined amount of time.

Gerischer deferred most questions to a California-based representative of the corporate owner, who could not be reached on Friday afternoon. He said the decision of whether to provide options for displaced tenants will be left for that office. The corporate office will also determine how the renovations will play out.



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This Urbana Townhomes apartment building, at 1003 S. Lierman Ave., U., was recently condemned by the city, and residents have until April 18 to find new places to live.

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Just because the buildings have been condemned does not necessarily mean they will be torn down, Chrisman said.

"We give them time to make the repairs and get it back to a livable condition again," Chrisman said.

That could take months, assuming the owners do not decide to just demolish the buildings, Gerischer said.

"So we're just going to move the tenants out and board them up," Gerischer said.

Summers will start looking for a new home on Monday, she said.

"I have to pray about it," Summers said. "That's all I've been doing is praying about it."

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## WJBC Forum – Celebrating Juneteenth

By: Mike Williams | Yesterday



Ten-year-old Rashida McGee rips through some riffs as her band, 'Visionz of Tomorrow' play at the Juneteenth, Black Independence Day. The holiday is celebrated in June because slaves in Texas and several other states did not learn of their freedom until June of 1865. (Photo by David Paul Morris/Getty Images)

Juneteenth is the oldest know celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was 2 ½ years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation – which had become law January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of union troops to enforce the Executive order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

Juneteenth today celebrates African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures. As Juneteenth take on a more national and even global presence, the events of 1865 in Texas will not be forgotten. The future of Juneteenth looks bright as the number of cities and states come on board and form local committees and organizations to coordinate the activities.

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The Annual Juneteenth celebration will take place this Saturday June 18th at Forest Park Bloomington Illinois. I'm proud to live in a community that recognizes and celebrates Juneteenth. There will be free food, fun, and activities for the entire family to enjoy. Juneteenth is a community and family day to reflection, a day of renewal, and a day of pride. It's a moment in time take to appreciate the African American experience. Juneteenth is an inclusive celebration for all to attend.

In the Struggle this is Mike Williams for WJBC's Forum.

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*Mike Williams hales from Presque Isle, Maine. He has lived throughout the United States, the Carolinas, Alaska, and Hawaii. After a number of years traveling with his Military family, they finally settled in Champaign, Illinois. Mike's a graduate from Champaign Central High School. After graduating from Champaign Central, Mike attended Eastern Illinois University. After two years at Eastern, Mike joined the United States Air Force, following in his father's footsteps.*

*While in the military, he completed his Bachelors of Science Degree in Management and Information Systems. After graduating from Park College in North Kansas City, Missouri, he took employment in a Kansas City computer firm. After a year, Mike began working as a Data Processing Supervisor with State Farm Insurance in Columbia, Missouri.*

*During Mike's travels he's been exposed to many cultures, people, and places; his destiny was to become a humanitarian/civil rights activist. While in Missouri, Mike held many leadership positions with Columbia's NAACP Branch, and was a recipient of the NAACP's Roy Wilkins Jr. Award. He was also a member of Columbia's Human Rights Commission.*

*Mike's work for social and civil rights continues...he's was recently re-elected for his tenth term as President of the Bloomington/Normal NAACP Branch. He also sits on many Boards for other organizations (American Red Cross, Family Community Resource Center, African-American Forum, Bloomington/Normal Achievement Gap Taskforce, McLean County Diversity Project, Partners in Recovery, Illinois People's Action, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.).*

*In addition to Mike's humanitarian efforts, he's a Systems Manager at State Farm Insurance. Mike's also a family man; his wife Lottie and son Stephen are Mike's encouragers. Mike's work requires him to be away from his family more often than he likes; nevertheless his family understands that sacrifices have to be made for the greater cause "CIVIL RIGHTS". Lastly, he's a member of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church and Bloomington/Normal's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Human Relations Award and the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for Human and Civil Rights, 2010 Roy Wilkins Jr. Award.*

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