

# An African-American Newsletter



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It all started with Alan Freed in 1954, Cleveland Ohio. Jocko Henderson and Tommy 'Dr Jive' Smalls, in Harlem, NY, a few of the worlds best DJ's on air for all to hear. There were also the music arenas, where the music was played by these legendary on-air radio personalities: "The Apollo Theater", 'The Brooklyn Fox', 'The Brooklyn Paramount' and 'Freedom land' in the heart and soul of New York's inner city boroughs. At this time and during these 'going-on's', Mike Boone was just a 'twinkle' in his mother's eye. To everyone's amazement, Mike captivated

## MIKE BOONE

### " The Chancellor of Soul "

<http://www.chancellorofsoul.com/index2.html>

and mesmerized the attention of those who were exposed to him, having researched, studied and memorized the history of some of the all time Soul and Pop greats at a young age. His vast knowledge and the history of their music and recording careers have stumped many engaged in a conversation with him.

In a recent interview, Mike recalled his Mother exposing him to music and taking him to the World Famous Apollo Theater, where in amazement he would sit on her lap watching such performers as the late great entertainer Jackie Wilson at the tender age of five. Once in a chance meeting, Muhammad Ali gravitated towards a young Mike, picking him up, warmly embracing him and asking him 'Who's going to be the champ?' Those prophetic words would mark the future endeavors of that young and knowledge thirsty mind.

As destiny would have it, Mike would become a champion

fighter, not as a prize fighter in a boxing ring, but an disc jockey, advocate, journalist and speaker, keeping alive the history and legacies of music's greatest soul artists. He provides recognition for those who have graced the public with their unique talents, whose contributions to the world of music might otherwise go unnoticed.

From a warm summer of 1968, a knowledge and thirst for music was instilled in his soul. Mike Boone became entranced, obsessed and engulfed with the love of music... the future leading him to be exposed to many concert performances and musical artists, and eventually to a conversation with a legendary Northern Soul great and dear friend Tony Drake of 'Let's Play House' fame,...suggesting: 'with your vast knowledge of music and history, you should have a title in front of your name'...from that day he was deemed: "THE CHANCELLOR OF SOUL".



# Sidney Poitier

Sir Sidney Poitier (born February 20, 1927), is a Bahamian American Academy Award-winning actor (film and stage), film director, and activist. He has been hailed as a breakthrough star thanks to acclaimed performances, which, by consciously defying racial stereotyping, gave a new dramatic credibility for black actors to mainstream film audiences in the Western world.

Poitier was born on the high seas en route to Miami, Florida, where his farmer parents, a Bahamian father of Haitian descent and a Bahamian mother, travelled to sell tomatoes and other produce from their farm on tiny Cat Island in The Bahamas. Poitier was born prematurely and was not expected to survive the boat ride but

he did and his birth was recorded in Miami as the vessel was already en route to and closer to Florida. He spent his early years on the remote island, which had a population of 1,500 and no electricity. During his early teenage years, Poitier was sent to Nassau to live with relatives and find a job but he displayed an increasing inclination toward juvenile delinquency. At the age of 16 his parents shipped him off to Miami to live with his older brother. At age 18, Poitier moved to New York City and after a brief stint in the U.S. Army, a string of menial jobs he tried his hand at the Theater where he was handily rejected by audiences. Determined to refine his acting skills and rid himself of his noticeable Bahamian accent, he spent the next 6 months dedicat-

ing himself to achieving theatrical success. On his second attempt at the Theater, he was noticed and given a leading role in the Broadway production "Lysistrata" for which he got excellent reviews. By the end of 1949, he was having to choose between leading roles on stage and an offer to work for Darryl F. Zanuck in the film No Way Out (1950). His performance in No Way Out as a Doctor treating a white bigot got him plenty of notice and led to more roles, each considerably more interesting and prominent than most black actors of the time were getting. Nevertheless, the roles were still less interesting and prominent than those white actors routinely obtained.



**Fame is a vapor,  
popularity an accident,  
riches take wing,  
and only character endures.**

**Horace Greeley**

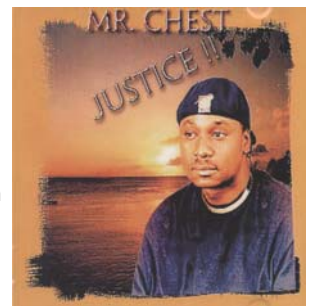
# Alton "Chicken Chest" Thomas

Alton Orielly Thomas aka Mr. Chest or "Chicken Chest" is known as one of Jamaica's most conscious and inspirational entertainers. His lyrical content and energetic performances have taken him all over the world performing for all different types of audiences. He is best known for his smash hits "Raggamuffin Selector" and "Nowhere Negative". Mr. Chest has toured and performed all over the world with some of Reggae Music's most popular and successful entertainers.

Mr. Chest first hit single, Raggamuffin Selector, produced by Jimmy Cliff's Sun Power Production and released in 1986 went to number one on the Jamaican Chart; it also charted in the top ten for Reggae music in both the US and England. His second hit, "Nowhere Negative", produced by King Jammy's Label went to number one on the European Black Echo Chart, a chart that gives recognition to reggae music in Europe.

Mr. Chest was voted 1987 Jamaican National Gleaner most

conscious entertainer along with Brigadier Jerry and Lieutenant Starchie. He released his first album, "Action Packed", in 1988 on the Roir International Label. He received the Canadian Reggae Award in 1989 for most conscious lyrics for the song (Nowhere Negative). He is Co-owner of their label: Jafrika Records and co-produced their latest CD: JUSTICE.



**The discipline of  
writing something  
down is the first  
step toward making  
it happen.**

**Lee Iacocca**

## Married? Handle attraction to another person

Even though you are happily married, there are times when you find someone other than our spouse very attractive. What now?

\* Normalize attraction. It's OK to be attracted to another person, but don't act on it. This relates to your concept of marriage. Those who have determined they would not be open to

that sort of thing have an easier time putting attraction to another person aside.

\* If you want your partner to be faithful, don't stray yourself. Many affairs are sparked by revenge.

\* Don't share your marital problems with people at work. They will become bored with you

and could respect you less. Sharing knowledge about a troubled marriage could also attract a person in the same situation.

\* Stay off the love lines on the computer. If you connect intimately over the Internet, it's a sign that your marriage is in trouble. Pay more attention to the intimacy in your own relationship at home.





**PROMISE LAND  
CHURCH OUTREACH**

After serving in ministry for twelve years in the office of an evangelist, Wm. Di'Mon Brown surrendered to the pastoral calling that had been prophesied to him by his leadership. In 1997, Pastor Brown established Joshua and Caleb Ministries, Inc. and held JCMI's first service in the living room of his family's home in Queens, New York. His beloved wife, Angela, and their children, Talima, Marcel, and Di'Mon T. (who is now with the Lord) were among the first JCMI parishioners.

Then in 1999, with Angela at his side, he began a Bible study fellowship at St. John's University. JCMI grew out of these meetings and has continued building the legacy of becoming a united family of worshipers

seeking the truth of God's Word. Now, predominantly attended by a vibrant and youthful congregation, JCMI is on the cusp of becoming a worldwide ministry for the glory of God!

JCMI's vision is to raise up a mighty army of God, thoroughly prepared to endure and overcome in these end times. Functioning under a strong prophetic mantle, Pastor Brown not only encourages his spiritual children to live with purity and excellence according to the scriptures, he sets a living example. The end result being a holy people, empowered and equipped with the desire and ability to help set free those who have been wounded and broken in spirit.

Every week, in obedience to the Holy Spirit, Pastor Brown nurtures

and feeds his congregation with sound scriptural truths, constantly reminding them of God's great love. Full-time in the pastorate, he spends his days tending the flock of believers God has entrusted to his care. Added to his pastoral duties, he travels across the country sharing an uncompromising word that God has instructed him to tell the faithful.

Pastor Brown and his family live in the Pocono region of northeastern Pennsylvania. They faithfully commute four hours every Sunday to minister to their congregation at the JCMI New York ministry facility.

## What's Going On In The Month Of November 2006



### Great American Smokeout

On November 16, The Great American Smokeout, you can commit to quit! Abraham Lincoln said, "Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality."

According to the Mayo Clinic, cigarette smoke delivers over 40 known cancer-causing chemicals, poisons such as arsenic and cyanide, and 4,000 other substances, many of them confirmed carcinogens.

Most smokers want to quit, and Nov. 16 is a great time to do it.

## For December issues: A question to ask my readers

The wonderful chaos of Christmas is soon followed by another celebration: New Year's Eve. More people are skipping parties with alcoholic drinks and giving First Night activities a try.

Parents are pleased

to know they can take the children along for the entertainment. Our question this month:

What do you think about First Night celebrations? Have you attended one?



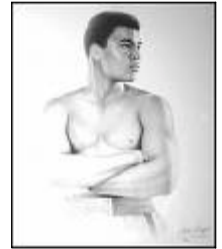
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## Muhammad Ali

Muhammad Ali (born Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr. on January 17, 1942) is a retired American boxer. In 1999, Ali was crowned "Sportsman of the Century" by Sports Illustrated. He is widely regarded to be the greatest heavyweight champion of all time and is one of the most heavily promoted athletes ever. Ali was born in Louisville, Kentucky. He was named after his father, Cassius Marcellus Clay, Sr., (who was named for the 19th century abolitionist and politician Cassius Clay). Ali later changed his name after joining the Nation of Islam and subsequently converted to orthodox Sunni Islam in 1975.

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## Oprah Winfrey



Winfrey was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi, to a Baptist family. Her parents were unmarried teenagers. She was originally named Orpah Gail Winfrey, after one of the people in the Bible's Book of Ruth. Winfrey has said that because of problems spelling or pronouncing Orpah, the "r" and the "p" were reversed. Her mother, Vernita Lee, was a housemaid, and her father, Vernon Winfrey, was a coal miner and later worked as a barber before becoming a city councilman. Winfrey's father was in the Armed Forces when she was born. After her birth, Winfrey's mother travelled north and Winfrey spent her first six years living in rural poverty with her Grandma Hattie Mae. Winfrey's grandmother taught her to read before the age of three and took her to the local church, where she was nicknamed "The Preacher" for her ability to recite Bible verses. When Winfrey was a child, her grandmother would take a switch and would hit her with it when she didn't do chores or if she misbehaved in any way.

Oprah Winfrey (born January 29, 1954) is a multiple-Emmy Award winning host of The Oprah Winfrey Show, the highest rated talk show in television history.[1] She is also an influential book critic, an Academy Award-nominated actress, and a magazine publisher. According to Forbes magazine, she was the richest African American of the 20th century and the world's only Black billionaire for three straight years[2][3][4]. Life magazine has ranked her as the most influential woman of her generation[5] and Time magazine has ranked her as one of only four people in history to have shaped both the 20th century and the early 21st. In 2005, Business Week ranked her as the greatest Black philanthropist in American history

The best educated human being is the one who understands most about the life in which he is placed.

Helen Keller

In reading the lives of great men and women, I found that the first victory they won was over themselves.

Self-discipline with all of them came first.

Harry S. Truman

