

Eastside action center set to honor late activist

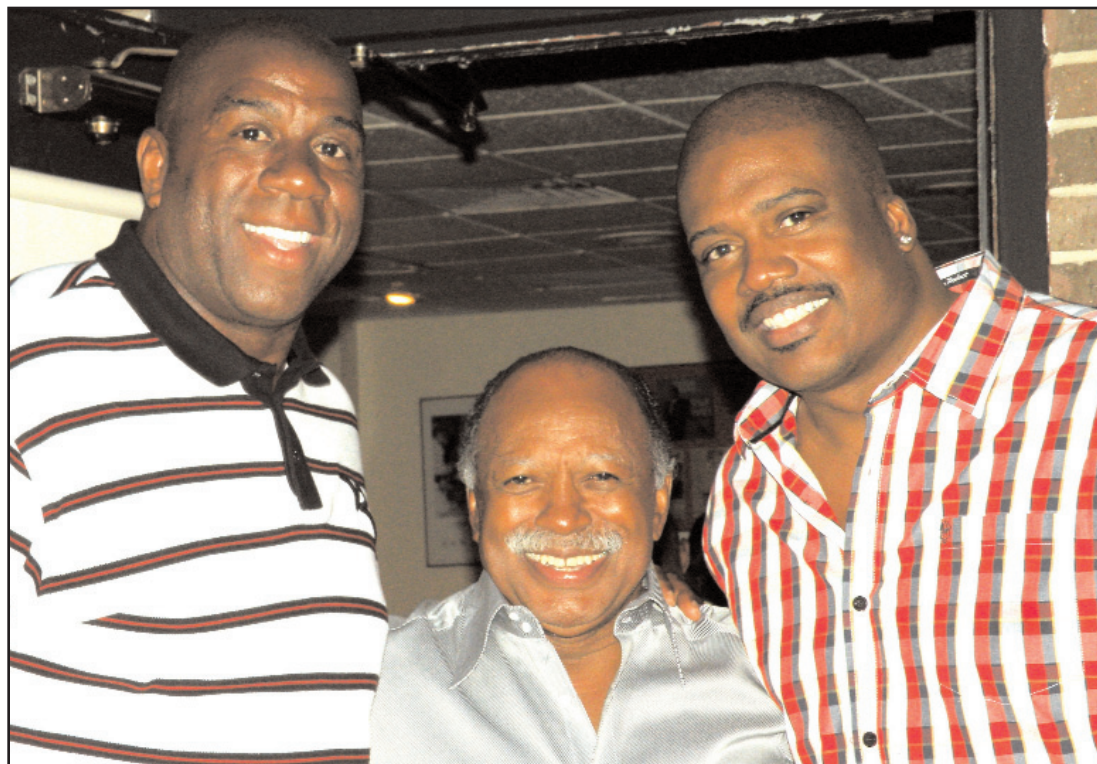
Community activist, Mrs. Juanita Chapman, will be honored at the Eastside Community Action Center (ECAC) first annual Community Involvement Awards Banquet on September 19, 2009 from 6:00 pm - 8:00PM. The event will be held at the Eastside Community Action Center located inside Faith Fellowship Baptist Church at 1001 Dakin Street in Lansing, Michigan. The banquet will honor the good works, friendships and memory of the late Mrs. Juanita Chapman for her extensive community

involvement while also serving as a fundraiser for the ECAC community activities. Mrs. Chapman served for many years as the President of the Potter-Walsh Neighborhood Association and past President of the Lansing Neighborhood Council. She was also a Bea Christy Award nominee. In addition to her family responsibilities, she has served in many administrative capacities with Capitol Area Community Services and has received numerous awards for her involvement with various city and state organizations.

The ECAC provides after school programs, food and clothing assistance, organizes and assists community events, support groups and classes. Want to attend the banquet or need additional information? e-mail: ECAClansing@hotmail.com or call: 517-853-0414. Please include in your message the names of those attending and the organization or business that they represent. Send donations to Eastside Community Action Center, 1001 Dakin Street, Lansing, Michigan 48912.

Ms. Dee's African-American History answers - 1. March 18, 1877; 2. June 12, 1963; 3. Lillies of the Fields; 4. Huey Newton; 5. James Brown; 6. Sam Greenlee; 7. January 23, 1977, Yes; 8. 1984; 9. Yes 10. February 11, 1990.

Magic celebrates his BIG 50th BIRTHDAY at Gregory's Ice & Smoke



More than 200 friends and family gathered at Gregory's Ice and Smoke on Thursday evening, August 27, 2009 to celebrate Magic Johnson's 50th birthday and to play some serious Biz Whiz. Pictured (l-r) Eavin "Magic" Johnson, Gregory Eaton and former NBA Star Jay Vincent. photo by Marcus Jefferson

Remarks by President Obama to America's schoolchildren from Wakefield High School, Arlington, VA Sept. 8, 2009

"When I was young, my family lived overseas. I lived in Indonesia for a few years. And my mother, she didn't have the money to send me where all the American kids went to school, but she thought it was important for me to keep up with an American education. So she decided to teach me extra lessons herself, Monday through Friday. But because she had to go to work, the only time she could do it was at 4:30 in the morning. Now, as you might imagine, I wasn't too happy about getting up that early. And a lot of times, I'd fall asleep right there at the kitchen table. But whenever I'd complain, my mother would just give me one of those looks and she'd say, "This is no picnic for me either, buster." At the end of the day, we can have the most dedicated teachers, the most supportive parents, the best schools in the world -- and none of it will make a difference, none of it will matter unless all of you fulfill your responsibilities, unless you show up to those schools, unless you pay attention to those teachers, unless you listen to your parents and grandparents and other adults and put in the hard work it takes to succeed. I want to start with the responsibility you have to yourself. Every single one of you has something that you're good at. Every single one of you has something to offer. And you have a responsibility to yourself to discover what that is. That's the opportunity an education can provide. Maybe you could be a great writer -- maybe even good

enough to write a book or articles in a newspaper -- but you might not know it until you write that English paper -- that English class paper that's assigned to you. Maybe you could be an innovator or an inventor -- maybe even good enough to come up with the next iPhone or the new vaccine or vaccine -- but you might not know it until you do your project for your science class. Maybe you could be a mayor or a senator or a Supreme Court justice -- but you might not know that until you join student government or the debate team. And no matter what you want to do with your life, I guarantee that you'll need an education to do it. You want to be a doctor, or a teacher, or a police officer? You want to be a nurse or an architect, a lawyer or a member of our military? You're going to need a good education for every single one of those careers. You cannot drop out of school and just drop into a good job. You've got to train for it and work for it and learn for it. And this isn't just important for your own life and your own future. What you make of your education will decide nothing less than the future of this country. The future of America depends on you. What you're learning in school today will determine whether we as a nation can meet our greatest challenges in the future. You'll need the knowledge and problem-solving skills you learn in science and math to cure diseases like cancer and AIDS, and to develop new energy technologies and protect our environment. You'll need the

insights and critical-thinking skills you gain in history and social studies to fight poverty and homelessness, crime and discrimination, and make our nation more fair and more free. You'll need the creativity and ingenuity you develop in all your classes to build new companies that will create new jobs and boost our economy. We need every single one of you to develop your talents and your skills and your intellect so you can help us old folks solve our most difficult problems. If you don't do that -- if you quit on school -- you're not just quitting on yourself, you're quitting on your country. Now, I know it's not always easy to do well in school. I know a lot of you have challenges in your lives right now that can make it hard to focus on your schoolwork. I get it. I know what it's like. My father left my family when I was two years old, and I was raised by a single mom who had to work and who struggled at times to pay the bills and wasn't always able to give us the things that other kids had. There were times when I missed having a father in my life. There were times when I was lonely and I felt like I didn't fit in. So I wasn't always as focused as I should have been on school, and I did some things I'm not proud of, and I got in more trouble than I should have. And my life could have easily taken a turn for the worse. But I was -- I was lucky. I got a lot of second chances, and I had the opportunity to go to college and law school and follow my dreams..."

R & B singer to get physical with labor, no community service for girl friend beat down

LOS ANGELES — The judge who sentenced Chris Brown to five years' probation and six months' community labor for the beat down of Rihanna and issued a stern warning to the R&B singer. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Patricia Schnegg told Brown that he could be sent to state prison if he violated any terms of his sentence, including an order to stay away from Rihanna for the next five years. Brown will serve his sentence in his home state — Virginia — and his community labor will be overseen by the chief of police in Richmond. The judge said she wanted to ensure that Brown, 20, performs physical labor instead of community service, such as mentoring young people. At one point, Brown, who was accompanied by his mother, agreed to the terms of the sentence before Schnegg had finished going through them all. A previous attempt to sentence Brown was postponed when Schnegg said she hadn't received adequate assurances that Brown would perform physical labor if allowed to serve probation in Virginia. The judge said she was satisfied with a letter presented by Geragos that Richmond Police Chief Bryan T. Norwood will directly oversee Brown's labor program. After Brown pleaded guilty to felony assault in June, Schnegg ordered the pair to stay away from each other and to not contact one another. Her order essentially extended that for the next five years. Donald Etra, Rihanna's attorney, has said he didn't think the strict rules were necessary, but that he and Rihanna favored a less-stringent ruling.



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