



# People, Places, & Things

by Gwen DeRu



MAGGIE BLUE with K.B., Geoff, John, Rich and Casey at Old Car Heaven



JAMES GREGORY at the StarDome Comedy Club



MIKE EPPS, coming soon, to StarDome Comedy Club

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY...to all mothers, and all nurturers!!!

**People, Places and Things** by Gwen DeRu is your Weekend planner for events, nightlife, wining and dining, and plenty of what's happening in and around the Southeast of the country. Don't miss getting and keeping up with all the latest, right here.

**Here is 'The Weekender'!**  
**PLAN your weekend with good health in mind!!**  
**Promote nature's perfect drink - WATER! AND, promote seasonal eating!!!**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TAMIA BRYANT-DeRU and LeBOISE DeRU....Many, many more!!

THIS WEEKEND.....

DON'T MISS..... TODAY...\*\*JAZZ ON THE PORCH with BLUEGRASS ON THE PORCH today and every 1st Thursday at Rucker Place.

\*\*TERRANCE SIMION AND THE ZYDECO EXPERIENCE, 6 - 9- p.m. at the Alys Stephens Center.

\*\*LARRY "PAPA" HARRIS with NEO JAZZ and Fashion Week Birmingham at Old Car Heaven.

FRIDAY...., MAGGIE BLUE AND THE GROOVE with K.B., GEOFF, JOHN, RICH and CASEY, 9 p.m. at Old Car Heaven.

\*\*FREE MONEY, a debut exhibition from the students of Alabama Charcoal opening reception, May 7, 5 - 7 p.m. Exhibition is held at the Space One Eleven Gallery from May 7 - June 4th. Call (205) 328-0553, ext. 26 for more.

SATURDAY... \*\*BACK IN THE DAY 'OLD SCHOOL JAM' 8 p.m. at Old Car Heaven.

SUNDAY... \*\*HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all mothers or mothering women (and men). This is your day...ENJOY!!!

Check out the LAZY SUNDAY BRUNCH at Rucker Place, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. every 2nd Sunday and look for JAZZ ON THE PORCH with BLUEGRASS ON THE PORCH every 1st Thursday, starting in May.

FOR OUTDOOR LOVERS, this weekend...

\*\*DAYHIKE - Saturday, 9 a.m., at the Alabama Nature Center in Millbrook Alabama. The Center contains 350 acres of striking forests, fields, streams, wetlands and parks that are traversed by five miles of boardwalks and trails in three regions. Supervised children age 7 and over that are able to walk two miles are welcome. Optional dinner after the hike. Reservations required. Call Dexter Duren for more at (205) 393-0927. Call (205) 631-4680 for more about the trip and the Southeastern Outings (SEO). Tell them Gwen sent you.

FOR BLUES LOVERS, this weekend.....

\*\*BLUES NIGHT, Saturday, at 'H' Bar in Hotel Highland at Five Points South.

\*\*COSMICSNAKE HANDLERS with ROSCOE ROBINSON and LEFTY COLLINS on Friday at Moe's Original BBQ in Lakeview and on Saturday FAT MOUTH BLUES BAND.

\*\*Check out WELLINGTON'S BISTRO.... this coming Monday, with BLUES AND SOUL Open Mic. Call (205) 324-2345.

FOR ART LOVERS....Check out...

\*\*PAUL JONES COLLECTION at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute through June 21st.

\*\*Still showing...PAUL JONES COLLECTION - P.H. POLK, Tuskegee Photographer, at the Birmingham Museum of Art until May. Paul R. Jones was the legendary art collector nationally renowned for accumulating one of the largest and most comprehensive private holdings of works by African American artists.

\*\*FROM FACTORY TO FIELD - THE DREAM OF BASEBALL IN BIRMINGHAM through October 3rd at the Linn-Henley Gallery in the Vulcan Park and Museum.

\*\*DON'T FORGET....FOR ART LOVERS.... ARTISTS WANTED - Artists interested in a future event 'for artists', whether you make candles, draw wildlife, make jewelry from seashells, fruit arrangements, leather, wood, paper, paint on coffee cups, paint on chairs, or you just love to see, take in the art work, if you think you can draw, or purchase some....whatever you do, this is

for you. Coming soon. Look for more right here in People, Places and Things by Gwen. (Sounds interesting doesn't it?) Email me if you are interested in getting more details at telewisgroup@birminghamtimes.com or gwenderu@yahoo.com.

IN BIRMINGHAM - The PAUL JONES COLLECTION - Art lovers...we will miss a great art collector in PAUL JONES. He was the best. He collected African-American Art and made a lot of the artists more known as artists of worthy note. He helped the African American Art be recognized as 'ART' that is collectible and worthy of recognition. He has an exhibition at the Birmingham Museum of Art that will run

through May. (Look for more about PAUL JONES).

COMING SOON.....

\*\*HANGOUT MUSIC FESTIVAL, May 14 - 16 in Gulf Shores. Rock to the rhythm of the waves at the first ever Hangout Music Festival right on the beautiful beaches.

\*\*JOSHUA BELL, young violin sensation performs May 15, 8 p.m. at the Alys Stephens Center, Jemison Concert Hall.

FOR CHESS LOVERS or those interested - Summer Chess Camp: Caesar Chess will hold a Summer Chess Camp at several Shelby County

Schools from June 7th thru August 6th. Cost is \$70 per student. To register: Info@CaesarChess.com or pick up an enrollment form from your Shelby County School ASCP Office. For more call (205) 663-3441, (334) 868-0271, Email: Info@CaesarChess.com, Web: www.CaesarChess.com Tell them Gwen sent you.

Hey...read From the Desk of Jo Hooks 'In Their Own Words' section of the Birmingham Times, each week.

NOW.... For those of you that might be interested....Here are some of 'my' special things happening 'this' weekend....In Birmingham, ...Check out what's happening at The Old Car Heaven. Call (205) 324-4545 for more and tell them Gwen sent you.

NOW.....on to the rest of the happenings around town.....but, first, Birmingham.....Get your laugh on at the StarDome Comedy Club every weekend. There is always laughter going on there. Get your laugh on!! Call (205) 444-0008 for more.

AND.....JACK AND JAZZ every Tuesday and Thursday (today), 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the 'H' Bar in the Hotel Highland.

JAZZIN ON THE PORCH, with GLEN AND LIBBA, 6 - 9 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday at Old Car Heaven.

ALSO, at 'H' Bar on Wednesdays and Fridays, Birmingham's own ACOUSTICS PLAYERS featuring 'special' guests 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. BLUES NIGHT on Saturday 8 - 11 p.m. Tell Jeff that Gwen sent you. It's all FREE.

Today....

\*\*JEFF WARD at Marty's on Southside.

Friday....

\*\*PURE FRIDAYS at Martinis. Ladies FREE before 10 p.m.

\*\*Get your LAUGH on, Friday and Saturday, with JAMES GREGORY at the StarDome Comedy Club. Laughter is good for the spirit.

\*\*TONAL VISION, 7-10 p.m. (early) and LITTLE MEMPHIS BLUES ORCHESTRA (later) at Marty's on Southside.

\*\*MIDDLE EASTERN NIGHT at Chris Z's every first Friday of the month, 5 - 8 p.m. Check it out.

Saturday....

\*\*This and every Saturday...FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRUITS at Pepper Place Market, 7 a.m. -noon, on Second Avenue South.

\*\*SMOOTH SATURDAYS at Martinis. Ladies FREE before 10 p.m.

\*\*DAN FARMER AND FRIENDS (early) and HEATH GREEN (later), at Marty's on Southside.

\*\*Sunday Brunch every Sunday with CLEVE EATON and THE ALABAMA ALL STARS, 11 a.m. - 2:30

p.m. at Open Door Cafe. This Sunday features Cleve Eaton, Jeff Lopez, Joe Carnaggio and John Nackels.

\*\*ELNORA SPENCER at H- Bar in Pickwick Hotel /Highland Conference Center every other Saturday.

Sunday....

\*\*JASON BAILEY and ARRON BRANSON PROJECT 10 p.m. at Marty's on Southside.

Monday....

\*\*MARTINI MONDAYS at H Bar in Highland Hotel, 6 - 10 p.m. with GLEN AND LIBBA, every Monday.

Hey...the Birmingham Zoo always has something for the children. Take the kids out!!

Now, on to the rest of the happenings around town....TODAY....in the 'HAM'....some of our favorite places and people.....as always....Check out.....

\*\*ONX near Birmingham-Southern College and across from the Fire Station on Eighth Avenue.

\*\*JEFF LOPEZ AND KEN TALLEY at Michael's Steak and Seafood today and tomorrow.

\*\*OLD SCHOOL PARTY at Steel, right after work. See you there.

FRIDAY....

\*\*Every Friday Night...MAHOGANY IN THE MIX at Mahogany, 8 p.m. For the Ladies 'FREE MOSCATOS.' Call (205) 478-1911 for more.

SATURDAY....

\*\*SMOOTH SATURDAYS, 9:30 p.m. at Martinis Ultra Lounge and Nightclub in Hoover.

SUNDAY....

\*\*JAZZ BRUNCH w/the ERIN MITCHELL BAND at Billy's on Overton Road. Call (205) 956-2323.

\*\*JAZZ BRUNCH w/live jazz at Billy's on Cahaba Road. Call (205) 879-2238.

\*\*LIVE MUSIC BRUNCH at Crestwood Coffee Company. Call (205) 595-0300.

DON'T MISS.... this weekend...the hottest, newest spot....IN ATLANTA, the place to get Louisiana style cuisine, classic fare, live jazz and blues entertainment, the FAN CLUB BAR AND GRILL, located at 3259 Dogwood Drive, (near the airport) in Hapeville. Call (404) 761-7947 for more. (Tell Carla I said 'I will be back soon!!')

AROUND AND ABOUT TOWN....If you are grown, sexy, love music, play cards (some nights) love lunch and dinner, head to Charlotte's place - Wellington's Bistro, the place to be these days....or Ona's Music Room....then, there is always Marty's on the Southside. There is Tasty Tuesday and Old School Friday at Platinum of Birmingham. Open Door Cafe has Jazz Brunch every Sunday and Jam Sessions every Wednesday with jazz great Cleve Eaton, Tommy Stewart, John Nackels and others. Tell them Gwen sent you. (Hey, send all your live music/entertainment calendars to Gwen DeRu at telewisgroup@birminghamtimes.com).

MOVIES....There are so many good ones to see. It is that time of the year to hang out at the movies. Take the family this weekend!! There are matinees and discounted times...Starting tomorrow.... Babies, and Iron Man 2...., Coming Soon...., May 14 - Just Wright, Letters to Juliet, and Robin Hood.

FOR LAUGHTER - Laughing is what I love to do and hopefully, you love to laugh, too, so check out what is happening at the StarDome Comedy Club....THIS MAY... May 69 - STEVE MINGOLIA, May 68 - JAMES GREGORY, May 11-12 - KELLY TERRANOVA, May 13 - CRAIG

SHOEMASTER: THE LOVEMASTER, May 14-15 - JAY PHILLIPS, May 16 - SPIKE DAVIS, May 6-22 - JAMES GREGORY, and May 28 - 29 - MIKE EPPS. Get 'your rest' in time to laugh at the StarDome Comedy Club. See you there!

TIPS FOR YOU!!

Each week, I would like to give you useful tips. (If you should have any, please pass them on to me. Thanks). TIPS ON 'ANY AND EVERYTHING'....(and some are not for everyone) ...so... Tip: GREENER CLEANING - Make your Spring Spruce-up healthier this year with a eco-friendly cleaning guide from Readers' Digest. You will find surprising uses for vinegar, ways to allergy-proof your home, a shopping list of healthy household products, and more. Go to: readersdigest.com/greencleaning. (Taken from ReadersDigest.com)

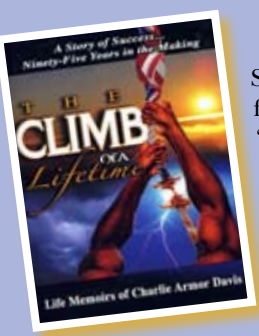
RECIPE/FOOD - (If you have recipes you would like to share, send them to me). CREAMY CHICKEN ENCHILADAS - Prep time: 10 min. Total time: 35 min. Makes 6 servings. What You Need: 2-1/2 cups chopped cooked chicken, 1 can (10-3/4 oz.) condensed cream of chicken soup, 1 pkg. (8 oz.) KRAFT Shredded Colby & Monterey Jack Cheese, divided, 1 cup BREAKSTONE'S or KNUDSEN Sour Cream, divided, 1/4 cup chopped cilantro, divided, 12 flour tortillas (8 inch), 1-1/2 cups TACO BELL® HOME ORIGINALS® Thick 'N Chunky Salsa. Make It! HEAT oven to 350°F. MIX chicken, soup, 1 cup cheese, 1/2 cup sour cream and 3 Tbsp. cilantro until well blended. Spoon down centers of tortillas, adding about 1/4 cup to each; roll up. PLACE, seam-sides down, in 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray; top with salsa and remaining cheese. BAKE 25 min. or until heated through. Top with remaining sour cream and cilantro. Kraft Kitchens Tips and Serving Suggestion: Serve with a mixed green salad and your favorite fresh fruit to round out the meal. Shortcut: Substitute 2 pkg. (6 oz. each) OSCAR MAYER Deli Fresh Oven Roasted Chicken Breast Cuts for the chopped cooked fresh chicken. Or, use 2 pkg. (6 oz. each) OSCAR MAYER Southwestern Seasoned or Grilled Chicken Breast Strips, cut into bite-sized pieces. Note: Tortillas can be warmed before use for easier handling. Just stack tortillas, then wrap in foil. Bake at 350°F for 10 to 15 min. or just until warmed. Or, wrap tortillas loosely in wax paper and microwave on HIGH 1 min. or just until warmed. (This is a Kraft Recipe, taken from Kraft Foods) Enjoy!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all celebrating.... This means YOU... TAMIA BRYANT-DeRU and LeBOISE DeRU!!! Many, many more Happy Birthdays!! Here's wishing 'you' all the best!!

Well, that's it....don't forget to listen to 900 GOLD WATV, Bringing Back the Memories and the Good Times, Birmingham's Only Old School Station, where you can hear People, Places and Things with Gwen DeRu each Thursday at 10:20 a.m. and 6:50 p.m. This will help keep you up on the latest happenings in and around town. Check it out. And, don't forget to inform and invite me to your latest.

Until next time....We at The Birmingham Times are very excited to bring you People, Places and Things by Gwen DeRu. Look for more next time....until then....People, Places and Things by Gwen DeRu will run weekly. Charitable events, parties, restaurants and clubs make news that your friends, neighbors in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama and the southeast want to read. Future, just completed social events, and happenings should be emailed to: telewisgroup@birminghamtimes.com, or mail to Gwen DeRu, P.O. Box 39355, Birmingham, AL 35202-0503.

## BOOK NEWS By Esther Callens • "The Climb of a Lifetime"



A story of Success ... ninety-five years making "The Climb of a Lifetime." Mr. Charlie Armor Davis, made a name for himself in the community as husband, father, community leader and businessman. This is a portrait of an African American man, his self-awareness and struggles. A clearly written biography, illuminating improvement regarding with himself, his family and community. Making the best of an intolerable job situation, always striving for the best for his family. Mr. Charlie Armor Davis made his decisions based on what would ben-

efit others, self and family. He always used sound knowledge and good judgment regarding his life and family. "Just put God in front and everything will be all-right" was his motto. His ideas of living was broad, always looking to find his niche, starting at a young age. He was a plant worker, on the tracks as a Pullman Porter, an inventor, owning convenience stores with ice cream parlors; vegetables delivery; laundromats, nothing was impossible for Mr. Charlie Armor Davis, an African American entrepreneur. Mr. Davis has had many ventures in his life and still looking for more adventures. This book is definitely worth reading.



## The Latest Trend for Tweens and Teens

Have you ever heard of LiLivi. Lu.Lu "Graphic Gift Sets"? They're perfect for birthdays, sleepovers or any gifting occasion.

Livi.Lu.Lu knows everything a girl wants and packs it all in a funky, reusable grab bag that includes Sparkling

Fab and Fruity Lotion, Shimmering Shower Gel, Glittery Lip Balm, and fun nail polish. Spa flippies are also included so painted piggies dry perfectly. And since Livi.Lu.Lu lives in Texas where girls are just a little bit ornery, the set also includes colorful

little rubber balls perfect for tossing with your BFF. Oh, and don't forget the shimmery "LOL", "Wow" or "Whatever" ornament and peace and love stickers also packaged in because, really, that's what Livi.Lu.Lu is all about. Just \$14.95 atwww.herbanrenewalinc.

com. They're perfect for birthdays sleepovers or any gifting occasion.

Oh, and don't forget the shimmery ornament and peace and love stickers packaged in because, really, that's what Livi is all about. Order online at www.HerbanRenewalInc.com



## BOOK NEWS By Esther Callens • "Walk In My Shoes"

Did you know that Andrew Young was a prominent figure in the civil rights movement? Fact is, he was a top aide to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This information and many other historical facts can be found in Walk In My Shoes - Conversations Between A Civil Rights Legend And His Godson On The Journey Ahead by Andrew Young and Kabir Sehgal with a foreword by President Bill Clinton. It is a fascinating glimpse into the life of one of America's most important activists.

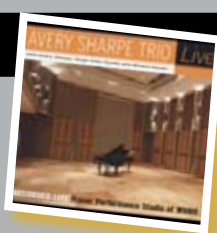
Walk In My Shoes details the turbulent past, the constant present and hopeful future. The shared dialogue between Young and his godson Sehgal is lively and passionate. It is a meeting of the past with the future - as Young offers his wisdom to a new generation in hopes to encourage a bright future. It is inviting.

Told in a fireside manner, Walk In My Shoes encapsulates all that Sehgal was told by his Uncle Andy (Young). It is divided into three

sections that address such issues as civil rights, race, faith, love and finally leadership. The sections include subsections with titles like Slide Over Rosa - We Youngsters Can Help, Cupid Learns The Rule Of 4 P's and The Outer Voice. As a father speaks to his son, so will Walk In My Shoes speak to the youth of our nation.

Andrew young is a politician, diplomat and pastor from Georgia. He has served as a United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Congressman and Mayor. He was a friend of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and he is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees and awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He is the author of A Way Out Of No Way and he resides in Atlanta.

Kabir Sehgal studied at Dartmouth College and the London School of Economics. He was also a special assistant to Senator Max Cleland on the John Kerry presidential campaign. He works for JP Morgan. He is the author of Jazzocracy: Jazz, Democracy, and the Creation of a New American Mythology. He lives in New York.



## MUSICAL NOTES • "Recorded Live"

The Avery Sharpe Trio has just released a new live recording. Avery Sharpe Trio Recorded Live - Fraser Performance Studio at WGBH is the title of this extraordinary musical compilation.

It encapsulates a diverse style and matchless range, all that and more. This is what Sharpe has become known for, which is nothing short of awesome.

Recorded Live features Onaje Alla Gumbs on piano, Winard Harper on percussion, with Sharpe on acoustic bass. The selections include Blues On The Corner - which is a marvelous opener that swings; the somewhat somber sound of Morning and the driving, rhythmic Dragon Fly. There is also a marvelous interpretation of My Favorite Things. All of these are wonderful.

Although Sharpe studied economics at the University of Massachusetts, his heart was in music. Forever a bass player, he eventually learned acoustic and began performing with Archie Shepp and Art Blakey. He is an accomplished composer that has written numerous soundtracks including the music for An Unremarkable

Life. Beat Kaestli has just released a new CD. Invitation is the apt moniker given this exceptional recording, which by the way is a debut released for Chesky Records. Invitation is an acoustic masterpiece with impeccable vocals and flawless music. It is impressive.

Urbane describe Kaestli perfectly and Invitation is a replica of him. Day In Day Out, My Foolish Heart, and My Romance are some of the presented tracks. With rich vocals, Invitation was recorded at historic St. Peter's Church in New York City. Using a single point microphone, Chesky records deliver a most pure recording capturing the full 360-degree acoustic of the church, which makes this a very special, one of a kind recording.

Kaestli is a unique vocalist, songwriter, producer and arranger. Originally from Switzerland, he moved to New York and now frequently entertains audiences at some of New York's finest nightspots. He is a seasoned performer that continually amazes his fans.

