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Dallas ISD STEM Department Brings Learning to Life in Schools



From underwater robotics to computer coding, the Dallas ISD STEM Department provides students with hands-on activities and inquiry-based learning.

From underwater robotics to computer coding, the Dallas Independent School District STEM Department briefed trustees on the amazing work happening inside schools.

STEM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, provides students with opportunities to grow through hands-on activities and inquiry-based learning.

Assistant Superintendent Vince Reyes told trustees that he has made it a directive that Dallas ISD become the public school district that sends the most students on to four-year universities for computer science.

"We have the students that can make that happen," Reyes said.

The district has been working to ensure STEM programs seamlessly sequence from elementary to high school. Students have the opportunity to earn high school credit in middle school for STEM courses such as Algebra I, Astronomy, Physics, and in Computer Science.

At the board meeting, students talked about the huge benefits STEM learning has on them.

Here are some notable Dallas ISD STEM facts shared at the board meeting:

- The number of students participating in the District Science Fair grew by 36 percent this year;
- Ten comprehensive high schools and two magnet schools offer the computer science and STEM endorsement;
- Dallas ISD is home to 20 SeaPerch Underwater Robotics teams;
- 35 middle schools teach an Intro to Robotics elective course;
- 5,140 middle school students are enrolled in classes for high school credit.

PRESS ROOM: The National Newspaper Publishers Association Honors Democratic Strategist Donna Brazile and Celebrates the 190th Anniversary of the Black Press During Black Press Week 2017



(L) Donna Brazile will receive the 2017 Torch Award for Outstanding Leadership and Achievement in Political Empowerment during Black Press Week 2017. (Brazile & Associates, LLC/Wikimedia Commons) (R) A display wall showcases the front pages of the nation's Black newspapers. (Travis Riddick/NNPA)



The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) will honor veteran Democratic strategist Donna Brazile with the 2017 Torch Award for Outstanding Leadership and Achievement in Political Empowerment during Black Press Week 2017 (March 22-March 24) in the nation's capital.

Brazile, who is also an author, syndicated columnist and television political commentator, will receive the award at the 2017 NNPA Torch Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 23 at The Dupont Circle Hotel. The NNPA will also honor Wade Henderson, the president and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and the Leadership Conference Education Fund, and Roy Lewis, an award-winning photographer for The Washington Informer.

NNPA members, partners and sponsors from across the country travel to the nation's capital for the annual celebration of the Black Press. This year, the trade group will commemorate the 190th anniversary of the launch of the Black Press. On March 16, 1827, John Russwurm and Reverend Samuel Cornish, published the first edition of the "Freedom's Journal."

Black Press Week 2017 will feature a joint welcome reception hosted by the NNPA and the National Association of Hispanic Publications (NAHP), an enshrinement ceremony honoring the memory of Lenora "Doll" Carter, meetings with members of Congress on Capitol Hill, and a public education workshop on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

The public education workshop will take place on Friday, March 24 from 8am-10am at The Dupont Circle Hotel; the event will also be livestreamed.

The NNPA recently received a media grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to create a public awareness campaign about ESSA, the education law signed by President Barack Obama in December 2015.

Black Press Week attendees will also participate in panel discussions on advertising, brand development, and ethnic media and politics in the age of President Trump.

Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the NNPA, said that the NNPA convenes Black Press Week 2017 with a strong sense of cultural and business pride during the 190th anniversary celebration of the Black Press in America.

"Today, our print and digital businesses continue to be the authentic and trusted voice of Black America," said Chavis. "We publish truth to power. We articulate the aspirations of 47 million African Americans and others who cry out for freedom, justice, equality, and empowerment."

Chavis thanked NNPA partners General Motors-Chevrolet, Ford Motor Company, Reynolds American Inc. (RAI), and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Chavis also recognized NNPA sponsors Volkswagen, Ascension, Coca-Cola, the American Association for Cancer Research, and Honda for supporting the NNPA's mission during 2017 Black Press Week.

Follow Black Press Week 2017 events on social media using the hashtag "#BlackPress190Yrs."

ABOUT THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION (NNPA)

The NNPA is a national trade association of 211 Black and women-owned U.S. media companies with a weekly print and digital readership of over 20.1 million Black Americans. The Black Press of America is 190 years old. The NNPA is known as the Black Press of America and the Voice of Black America, because its member publishers are trusted, respected and embedded in their local communities where they provide significant influence and impact.

Rock 'n' Roll Legend Chuck Berry Dies at 90

(AP) — Chuck Berry, rock 'n' roll's founding guitar hero and storyteller who defined the music's joy and rebellion in such classics as "Johnny B. Goode," "Sweet Little Sixteen" and "Roll Over Beethoven," died Saturday at his home west of St. Louis. He was 90.

Emergency responders summoned to Berry's residence by his caretaker about 12:40 p.m. found him unresponsive, police in Missouri's St. Charles County said in a statement. Attempts to revive Berry failed, and he was pronounced dead shortly before 1:30 p.m., police said.

Berry's core repertoire was some three dozen songs, his influence incalculable, from the Beatles and the Rolling Stones to virtually any group from garage band to arena act

that called itself rock 'n' roll.

"Just let me hear some of that rock 'n' roll music any old way you use it I am playing I'm talking about you. God bless Chuck Berry Chuck," Beatles drummer Ringo Starr tweeted, quoting some lyrics from a Berry hit.

While Elvis Presley gave rock its libidinous, hip-shaking image, Berry was the auteur, setting the template for a new sound and way of life.

"Chuck Berry was a rock and roll original. A gifted guitar player, an amazing live performer, and a skilled songwriter whose music and lyrics captured the essence of 1950s teenage life," The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame said in a statement.



(Lionel Cironneau/Associated Press Archives)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

THINK HAPPY.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK



IntentionalByGrace
{Making it impossible to not think about God}

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own.
But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward
to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the
upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

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Rev. Johnny C. Smith
Editorial Columnist

As you recall, Psalms 116 and 117 are a part of the Hallel psalms (Psalms 113-118). The Hallel psalms were sung at three important feasts of Israel: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacle. Psalm 116 is praising God for His mighty deliverance; and Psalm 117 is praising Him for His awesome mercy. What are you praising Him for right now? God is worthy of all of our adoration and praise, and we should praise Him continually, for Psalm 113:2 says:

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised."

In verses 1-2 of Psalm 116, the psalmist expresses his love for the Lord because the Lord answers his prayer and he resolves to call on Him for as long as he lives – "I love the LORD, because He hath heard

my voice and my supplications. Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live." The psalmist tells us of his experiences in trouble in verse 3 – "The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow."

As trouble erupts in our lives, we need to know that the Lord is our only source of help, for Psalm 115:9 states: "O Israel, trust thou in the Lord: He is their help and their shield."

Experiencing God's great deliverance in prayer (v. 4), the psalmist speaks of God's goodness in verses 5-6 that read:

"Gracious is the Lord, and righteous, yea, our God is merciful. The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and He helped me."

As a result of God's deliverance in verses 7-11, the psalmist declares that one can experience a life of complete rest in the Lord when one places his or her confidence in the Lord. Even confronted with death, the psalmist's confidence was in God; therefore, he cried out to Him in complete confidence.

Because of God's deliverance,

the psalmist was determined to

praise the Lord in the congrega-

tion (v. 12). As a way of repay-

ment (vv. 13-14), the psalmist said:

"I will take the cup of sal-

vation and call upon the name

of the Lord." I will pay my vows

unto the Lord now in the pres-

ence of all His people."

The psalmist declares that

the Lord cares greatly for His

saints (v. 15). The psalmist was

a servant of the Lord and he

declares that he would praise

the Lord publicly (vv. 16-19).

He vows in verses 17-18 as fol-

lows: "I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people." This great psalm ends with a wonderful expression – "Praise ye the Lord."

With Psalm 117:1-2, we are summoned to praise the Lord for two tremendous reasons: for His awesome love; and for His awesome faithfulness toward us. These verses read – "O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD."

The Lord is indeed good unto us, and we should praise His name.

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AGDAY U.S. Department of Agriculture's USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Northeastern Regional Field Office Director King Whetstone, (right) meets with attendees on Jan. 15, 2016 at the 2016 Pennsylvania Farm Show, the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the U.S. (USDA)

farms and ranches and the people who operate them," said Whetstone, a Greenville, Texas native who has spent more than 20 years at the USDA in various locations including in New York, Oklahoma, Hawaii, Arkansas and Washington, D.C.

He now lives in Pennsylvania with his wife of 15 years, April, and daughter, Shalyn.

Whetstone said even small plots of land—whether rural or urban—growing fruit, vegetables or some food animals count during the census if \$1,000 or more of those products have been raised and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year.

NASS has created a new web form for the census to make it easier for respondents to participate.

Also, mailings, telephone calls and other forms of contacting farmers are planned for the census, taken every five years.

It looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures.

"Our goal is to make sure that we have a complete count," Whetstone said. "The census [data] is used to help shape the future of agriculture now and in the years to come, so farmers are helping themselves by participating."

Through the census, producers can show the nation the value and importance of agriculture, and they can help influence the decisions that will shape the future of American agriculture for years to come, according to the USDA.

By responding, producers are helping themselves, their communities, and all agriculture across the country and they're also in line to receive various grants and other benefits that might be available for farmers. Officials stress that accuracy in reporting is key.

African-American and other minority farmers are of interest to Whetstone, an African-American who oversees a diverse department of about 45 individuals.

Whetstone said that it's historically been a tough task getting Blacks and other minority groups to respond, but stresses that it's a priority.

"Part of my job includes making sure farmers want to respond to our surveys and censuses and that researchers choose to use our data because it is the most accurate and unbiased," Whetstone said.

In 2012, the census revealed that the number of Black farmers in the U.S. stood at 44,269, a 12 percent increase over the previous survey five years earlier.

Nationally, Black farmers made up 1.4 percent of the country's 3.2 million farmers; while 33,371 African-Americans counted as principal operators—the individual in charge of the farm's day-to-day operations, a nine percent increase over the previous census while principal operators of all farms declined by four percent.

Although farms with Black operators tend to be smaller than others and with fewer acres and lower sales, Black

principal operators sold \$846 million of agriculture products in 2012, including \$502 million in crop sales and \$344 million in livestock while operating 3.6 million acres of farmland.

Still, getting farmers, especially minorities, to respond to the census is important to Whetstone who, despite his hardwork success, has farming in his blood.

Recently, he discovered a World War I draft card of ancestor Neal Whetstone, which listed his occupation as "farmer."

Whetstone's paternal grandfather also farmed in Lincoln, Texas and a maternal grandfather, Lafayette Garrett, raised cattle in the south.

"I'm the grandson of a cattle rancher, so intrepid that even after my then seventy-something year-old grandfather was kicked by a horse, he continued to ranch," Whetstone said in a posting on the USDA website. "I like to think I've inherited that tenacious nature and apply it to everything I do, even building awareness of the relevance of agricultural statistics."

Whetstone continued: "I have found that farmers respond to my agency's requests for information when they understand how official government statistics help them manage risks, conserve natural resources and promote a healthy agricultural production and marketing system in which they benefit."

To sign up for the agricultural census, visit <https://www.agcensus.usda.gov>.

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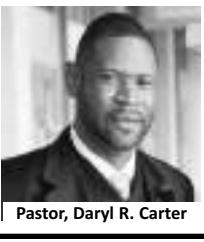
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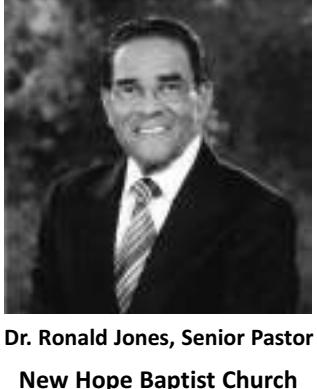
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10:45 a.m.
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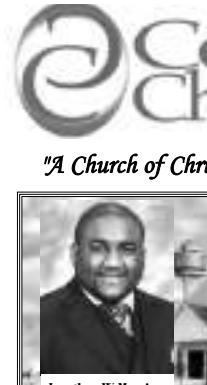
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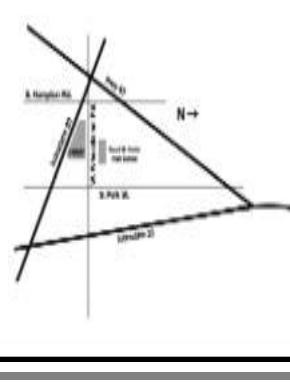
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Tuesday, March 28

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Warriors Set NBA Record In Win At Dallas

(AP) — Klay Thompson had 23 points with five 3-pointers and the Golden State Warriors earned their 28th road win this season, beating the Dallas Mavericks 112-87 on Tuesday night in a matchup of the Curry brothers.

Stephen Curry, two-time MVP and the older of the brothers, had 17 points and nine assists for the defending NBA champion Warriors.

The Warriors, who have a league-high 57 wins overall this season, are the first team ever with 28 road wins in three consecutive seasons. They have a record 90 wins away from home during that span.

Seth Curry, who was undrafted in 2013 and just this year became a starter with the Mavericks, had 10 points on 4-of-12 shooting. He is now 0-6 in NBA games against his brother, half of those losses coming as Golden State swept the season series.

Golden State went ahead to stay after Ian Clark, who finished with 18 points, had bookend baskets in a 9-0 run in the second quarter. A 3 by Thompson tied the game before Shaun Livingston drove for the go-ahead layup.

Dirk Nowitzki had 16 points to lead Dallas, while Nerlens Noel had 14 and Yogi Ferrell 12.

LITTLE GOES FIRST

Seth was the first Curry to score, making a 3-pointer for the first basket 1:45 into the game. Big brother Stephen had consecutive baskets less than 2 minutes later.

BACK TO BACK

Golden State, which won at Oklahoma City on Monday night, is 11-4 in the second game of back-to-backs this season. The Warriors are 45-9 in such games since 2014-15.

TIP-INS

Warriors: Golden State (57-14) has a five-game winning streak since a three-game losing streak that was its longest of the season. ... The Warriors, who entered averaging an NBA-best 30.3 assists per game, had 34 helpers on 43 baskets. ... They have won six in a row,



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and 13 of the last 14, against Dallas. This was their only trip to Dallas this season.

Mavericks: Since winning four in a row to match their longest winning streak of the season, the Mavericks (30-40) have gone 2-4.

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MATCH PLAY IN TEXAS, AND THE LPGA GEARS UP FOR A MAJOR

(AP) - Put together the top 64 players available from the world ranking, have them play 112 matches over five days, and anything can happen.

That's the beauty of the Dell Technologies Match Play.

Last year, Jason Day seemed to cruise at Austin Country Club, winning all seven of his matches - only his semifinal match against Rory McIlroy went to the 18th hole. Easy as he made it look, Day tweaked his back in the opening match and nearly didn't show up the next day. Of course, he drove the first green, and off he went.

McIlroy won all seven of his matches the previous year, only he twice had to go to extra holes.

All that matters is winning, and sometimes even that doesn't matter.

Byeong Hun An and Patton Kizzire last year won only one match in the round-robin play, halved two others, and still advanced out of their group. It can get complicated, though Sergio Garcia brought some simplicity to the most fickle of formats.

"You have to be very calm and just be a little bit better than your opponent," Garcia said.

The Match Play is the featured attraction this week, mainly because golf doesn't get very much match play except for the Dell Match Play, the Paul Lawrie Match Play on the European Tour and the Lorena Ochoa Match Play on the LPGA Tour, plus the Presidents Cup and Solheim Cup this year.

The LPGA Tour is at the Kia Classic in Carlsbad, California, a strong field that will be warming up for the first major of the year at next week's ANA Inspiration in the California desert. And while the top PGA Tour players are in Austin, the rest are at the Puerto Rico Open.

Also back in action this week is the Web.com Tour in

Louisiana.

Two tournaments will be without defending champions. Tony Finau won in Puerto Rico last year, but he's the first alternate in Match Play and is taking his chances by waiting around in Texas. Wesley Bryan won in Louisiana last year, and now he's in Puerto Rico trying to win to get into the top 50 and receive a Masters invitation.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PGA TOURS

The early days of the Match Play brought out the unpredictable nature of the format, especially when it was single elimination. The seeds of the first four champions were No. 24 (Jeff Maggert), No. 19 (Darren Clarke), No. 55 (Steve Stricker) and No. 62 (Kevin Sutherland).

Since then, only one player beyond the No. 21 seed has won. That was Geoff Ogilvy (No. 52) at La Costa in 2006. Ogilvy went on to win the U.S. Open that summer.

Tiger Woods won three times, but he hasn't been eligible the last three years and last played in 2013 when he lost to Charles Howell III in the opening round. Day will try to join Woods as a three-time winner. Along with winning a year ago, he outlasted the French magician, Victor Dubuisson, in a most wild affair in the Arizona desert even as Dubuisson was getting up-and-down from the cactus.

The No. 1 seed is Dustin Johnson, who won in Mexico three weeks ago and will try to become the first player to sweep all four World Golf Championships.

Television: Wednesday-Friday, 2-8 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Golf Channel), 2-6 p.m. (NBC). Sunday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Golf Channel), 3-7 p.m. (NBC).

LPGA TOUR

It was only three years ago that Stacy Lewis swept all the LPGA Tour awards, starting with player of the year.

Now she can't seem to win.

Lewis was runner-up last week for the 12th time since her last victory in Arkansas in June 2014. She's back to try again this week at the Kia Classic, which boasts another strong field with the first major of the year the following week.

Lydia Ko won the first of her four LPGA titles last year at Aviara Golf Club north of San Diego. No one has won the tournament more than once since it began in 2010.

Television: Thursday-Friday, 8:30-10:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 5:30-9 p.m. (Golf Channel); Sunday, 6-9 p.m. (Golf Channel).

PGA TOUR

Wesley Bryan's latest trick might be his most difficult - getting into the Masters.

The South Carolina native famous for his trick-shot videos that made him a YouTube sensation will have to win the Puerto Rico to have any chance to get into the top 50 in the world. That's critical because this is the last week to get into the top 50 and earn a spot in the Masters.

Bryan now lives in Augusta, Georgia, so the motivation is plenty strong.

Puerto Rico has produced first-time PGA Tour winners each of the last five years. The last two were in playoffs won by Finau and Alex Cejka.

Television: Thursday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 2-5:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Sunday, 2:30-6 p.m. (Golf Channel).

Registration Deadline Approaches for the 16th Annual BuzzFree PROMises Dress & Tux Giveaway

Registration for the 16th Annual BuzzFree PROMises Dress & Tux Giveaway is scheduled to close at noon on Thursday, March 23, 2017. Sponsored by the Alliance on Underage Drinking (ALOUD) and The Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, this FREE event (for high school juniors and seniors only) will be held on Saturday, March 25, at the Kathryn Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy, 1700 E. Camp Wisdom Road, Dallas, Texas 75241. Pre-registration is REQUIRED at www.surveymonkey.com/r/buzzfree2017. Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. and the event will last from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants must attend the entire event to receive prom attire. Adult volunteers are needed as well and can register here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/buzzfreevolunteer2017

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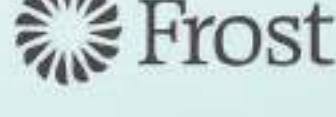
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In Commissioner's Court, Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia presented a resolution to Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) and AIDS Walk South Dallas (AWSD), a

program with the goal to empower persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS through prevention, advocacy, education, peer support and emergency financial assistance.

The theme for this year "Engage, Educate, Empower" aims to inspire and educate the community of South Dallas and surrounding areas to continue to curb the spread of HIV/AIDS and assist those impacted.

AIDS Walk South Dallas 2017 is celebrating its seventh annual walk Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2922 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Dallas, Texas 75215.

Registration can be done at the walk beginning at 8 a.m. or in advance online at:

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My Day

By Dr. J. Ester Davis

On Saturday, March 18, 2017, around 10AM, I was walking into the entertainment section of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture, and there under prosperity brilliance with proper lighting was a candy apple red convertible Cadillac Eldorado on a leaning pedestal for an absolute view. As I approached this stunningly beautiful automobile, the signage simply said "Chuck Berry's 1973 Cadillac". The word convertible was omitted probably because you could readily see it was without a top. My immediate thought was this vehicle looks so new, when in actuality it is thirty-eight(38)years old.

Returning to the hotel for a much needed nap around 3PM, the news announced that Charles ("Chuck") Edward Anderson, the much beloved Chuck Berry was dead at 90 years old. Somehow I guess we thought

he was going to dance with the guitar forever. Chuck Berry loved what he did. He loved Cadillacs and owned a fleet of them. This car in the museum in Washington, D.C., was donated in December, 2011. It truly dominates its own space and place. And I am sure the beauty of this time is he lived to see his place in history for all the world's future generations to witness.

I never saw Chuck Berry in concert, but I was in love with many of his songs, especially "Roll Over Beethoven". I heard that he could really steal your heart and soul at a concert. At 6'2" tall, his one legged hop routine and duck walk became famous, while picking away on a guitar. There is much dispute about who started rock'n'rock, who was the greatest guitarist, but few can argue that Chuck Berry was there, was a master musician, writer with unmatched showmanship. With Chuck Berry being a part of the Jim Crow era, so many of the comin' along white

musicians copied his style and rendered claim to his music. The still living and in high def color, Little Richard, has told us some of the stories over the years.

Chuck Berry had a candy apple red life. He was married to the same woman for 68 years. Time Magazine ranked him 7th among the Ten Best Electric Guitar Players. Writers have repeatedly called him the 'greatest pure rock'n'roll writer who ever lived. He performed at the White House in 1979 by invitation from President Jimmy Carter. There is a documentary and he bought "The Southern Air", a restaurant in Wentzville, Missouri. In the 80's, Chuck Berry played 70-to-100 one-nighters per year, and recently before his death announced a new album. Can't wait to get a copy. Thanks, Mr. Charles, for the memories. Long live rock'n'roll.

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