

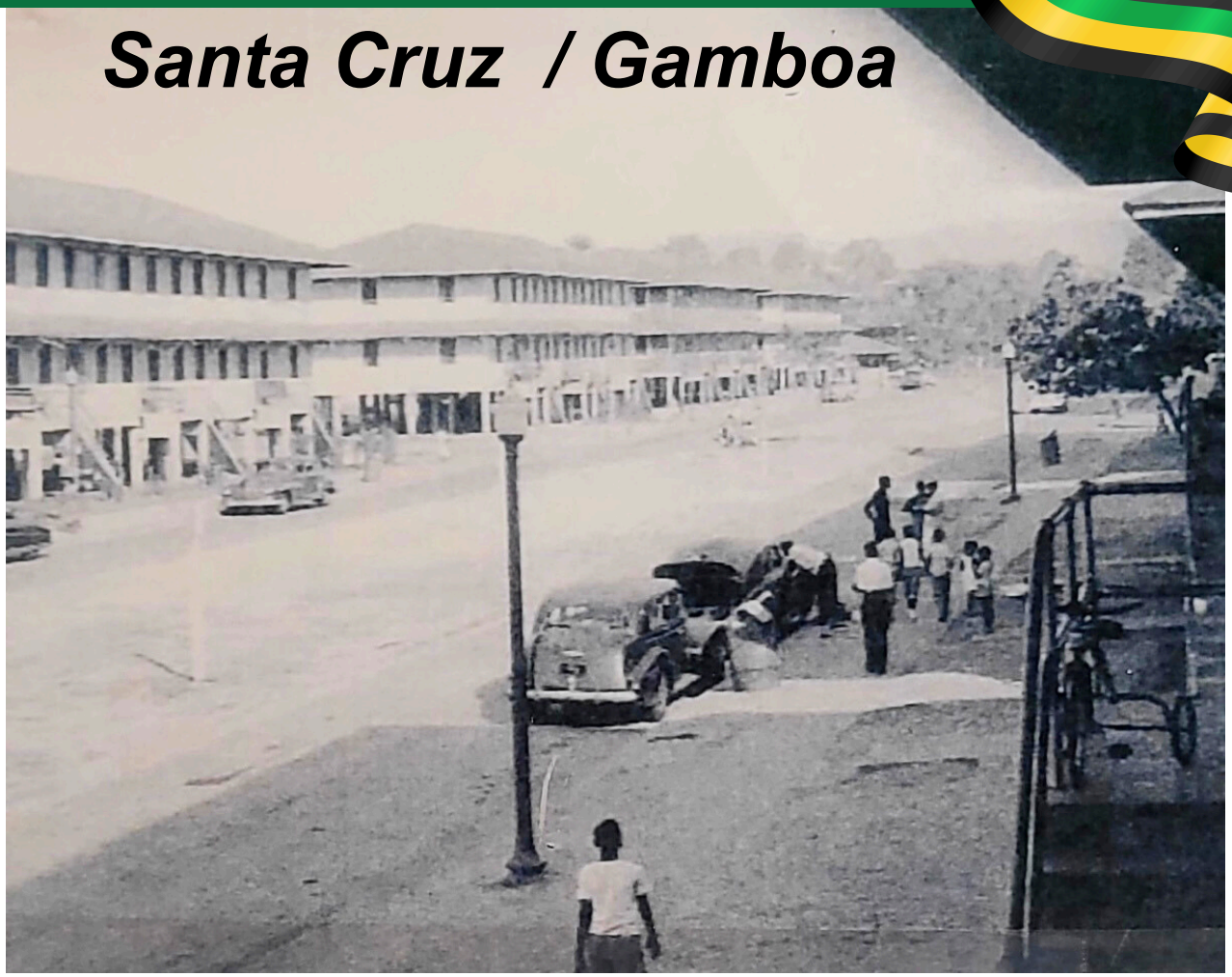
2026-2027

The Golden Times of our lives may not come back, but the good relations and the memories will stay forever in our hearts.

Dedication

This project is dedicated to the memory of all the parents, teachers, pastors and community members who set the moral, intellectual, and spiritual compass for the younger generation of Caribbean descendants who resided in the silver township of Santa Cruz / Gamboa Canal Zone.

Santa Cruz / Gamboa



Hello friend!

You hold in your hands the 2026-2027 Santa Cruz/ Gamboa Calendar Project. Its introductory statement paraphrases the words of the late Dr. Ricardo "Butch" Millett written to welcome website visitors to gamboareunion.com. or gamboa.domains.uflib.ufl.edu (please visit at your convenience).The images contained herein were lived by those who formed a village that raised all of its children to attain life opportunities that were only dreamed of. Each photograph carries a sentence or two of their stories. String those sentences together through your memories in order to capture and share the narratives of Santa Cruz / Gamboa Canal Zone.

"Some say that community is based on blood ties, sometimes dictated by choice, sometimes by necessity. And while this is quite true, the immeasurably stronger gravitational field that holds a group together are their stories. It is the experiences you share with others and the stories that you tell about those experiences afterwards, and the tales you bring from the past that create the ultimate bond. Coax out the introverts. Ask each person and you will see that everyone will be warmed and sustained by the circle of stories you create together. Though none of us will live forever, the stories can."

Most of these classic photographs were donated by the late Mr. Edgar Guillette and Mr. Clarence B. Wilson Jr..

01 JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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18	19 MLK Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Dredging Division of The Panama Canal Company

2026 marks 90 years since The U.S. Government's Panama Canal Company moved its Dredging Division from the Canal Zone townsite of Paraiso Canal Zone to The Canal Zone townsite of Gamboa Canal Zone. Although dredging was necessary from the start of The Panama Canal's construction, this strategic relocation proved to be most effective for quick access to the canal's slide areas as well as to the dumpsites for excavated debris. The Dredging Division was the largest employer of the residents of Gamboa Canal Zone. Respect and remembrance are due the families affected by the loss of or injury to their loved ones during the performance of their duties as Dredging Division employees. To the best of our memory, we honor Mr. Augustus George, Mr. Oscar Jones, Mr. James Joshua, Mr. Charles Mussa, Mr. Easton Thousand, Mr. Leroy Alleyne Sr., Mr. Alvin Burnett, Mr. Clyde Richards (Injured) and Mr. Lester Joshua (Injured).

02 FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day	17	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



The Gamboa Bridge

To the former residents of Gamboa/Santa Cruz Canal Zone, this landmark signaled the arrival to or the departure from home. Although a new two-lane bridge was more recently constructed, this structure still serves The Panama Railroad for crossing The Chagres River. The following poem entitled The Gamboa Bridge, aptly describes the significance of this bridge to those who grew up in Santa Cruz.

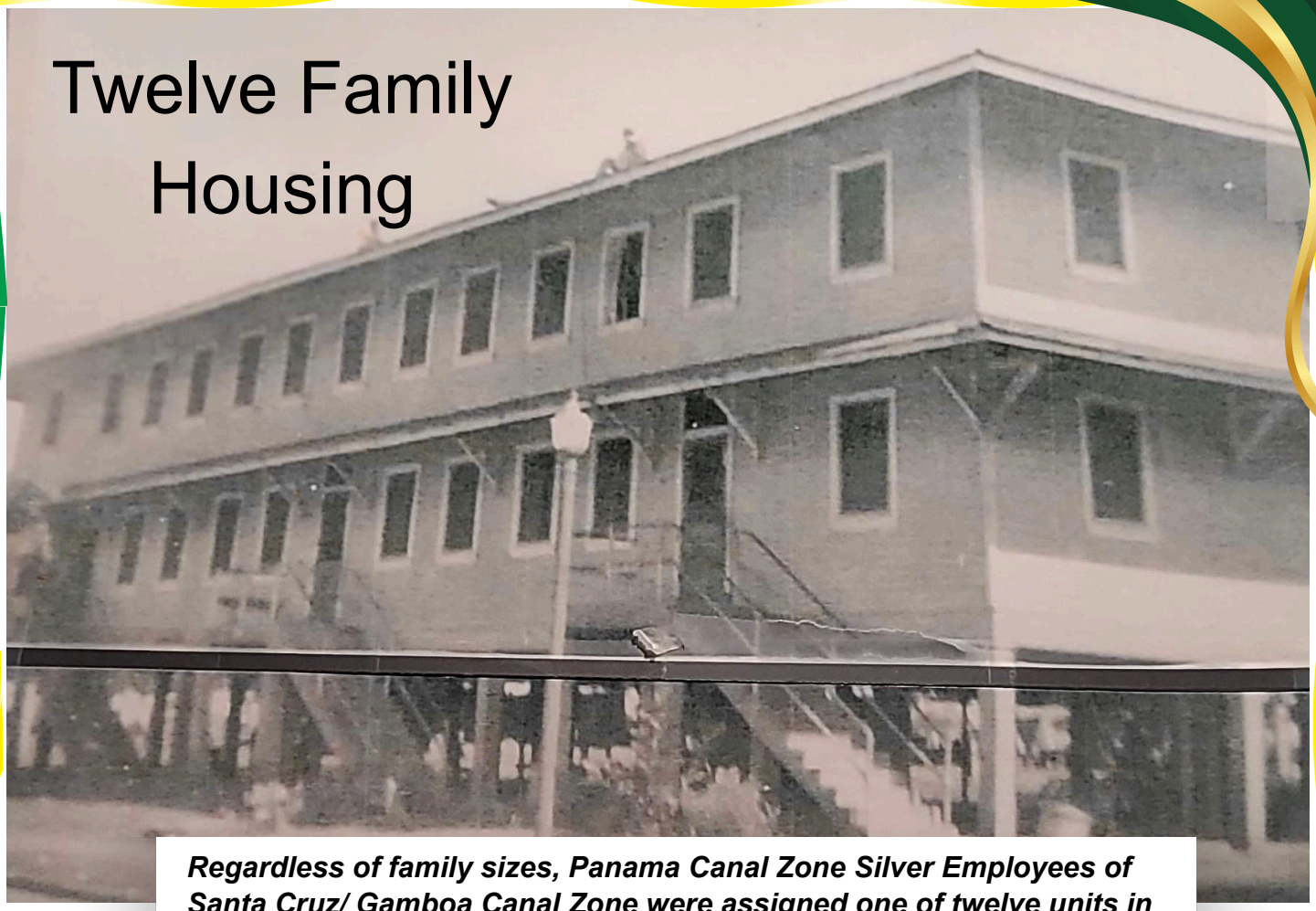
As we left to find our fortunes, we clearly heard you say
Don't forget the lessons you've been taught and don't forget to pray
Your red light in the distance then we saw it turn to green
Quickly you were out of sight, but this is what you've come to mean
Fun-filled walks with childhood friends stepping across your trestles
Young men wearing tailored slacks and girls in frilly dresses
Singing to our hearts' content, delighting every ear.
Tho the Chagres flowed beneath us there was no hint of fear
We learned from you quite early that if we remain in our lane
We need not fear life's traffic or run away from pain
After many years away from you with stops in distant places
We're trying to retrace our steps to appreciate your graces
Upon our return we'll find you there like Lady Liberty
Saying "Welcome home, I'm glad you're here in all sincerity."



03 MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8 Daylight Saving Time	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday	30	31				

Twelve Family Housing



Regardless of family sizes, Panama Canal Zone Silver Employees of Santa Cruz/ Gamboa Canal Zone were assigned one of twelve units in either of these types of buildings. The Panama Canal Zone Government deducted rents from employee's earnings.



04 APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Passover	2	3 Good Friday	4
5 Easter	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25
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Students of Santa Cruz Elementary School are forever grateful to Mr. Morgan for his unwavering dedication and vision for our success.

To the 1940 La Boca Class

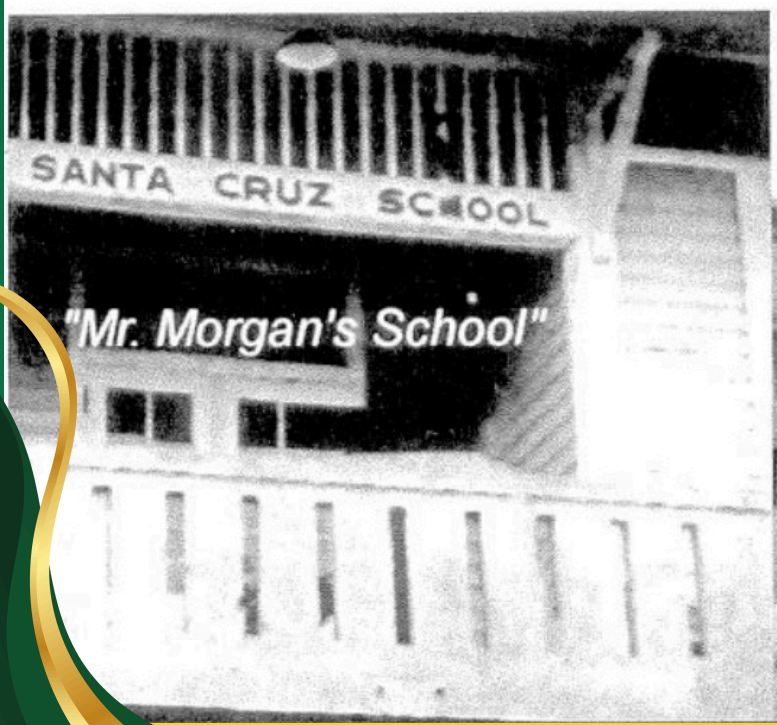


... Indeed, boys and girls, you deserve all the credit for this fine work. The experience you have gained to make this a reality is worth a fortune to you. Hold this treasure sacred, and when you are despaired as you go through life, take a retrospect of the days in which your greater forces were brought into play and you will get rid of all obstacles of dismay.

And now that you say farewell to school and teachers, you should enter the community with a determination to improve the conditions prevailing there. Everyone of you can be a power for good. Spread the sunshine of good in your community, using the most powerful rays to make it a better place.

The consciousness that success is the outcome of hard work should be your motto. Dignity is the ally of every kind of labor, so be the labor easy or hard, remember there is dignity attached to it. That you may realize this and forge ahead, no matter how great the obstacles, till you achieve those heights to which you aspire, is my sincere wish.

A. L. B. Morgan (Principal)



"Mr. Morgan's School"



Santa Cruz School
&
Grandstand
"Field Of Dreams"

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MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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Santa Cruz / Gamboa Canal Zone US Army Volunteers

On March 26, 1942, The Silver Employees of the Panama Canal Zone, comprised primarily of the first generation of the Caribbean black workers who were instrumental in the building of the Panama Canal, submitted a letter to then Governor, Brigadier General Glen E. Edgerton, which solicited induction into the Armed Forces of the United States to assist in the defeat of the Axis powers. The petition, which was signed by three hundred and sixty-two employees, was forwarded to the War Department in Washinton DC for consideration. However, the concept never bore fruit. Because of the U.S. / Korean conflict In the early 1950's, non-U.S. citizen young men from Canal Zone townships, facing scarce employment as well as travel opportunities, were allowed to volunteer for induction into The US Army. Among them, just under fifty young men from Santa Cruz / Gamboa answered the call.



6.

U.S Korean Conflict Inductees from Santa Cruz

Gilbert Amantine, Carlos Arieta, Robert Blades, Patrick Burns, Terry Burns, Leslie Campbell, Clarence Eversley, Ralph Eversley, Armand George, Arthur George, Anthony Gibbs, George Gibbs, Donald Goode, Calvin Gooding, Calvin Gran, Olson Grant, Prince Grant, Joseph Griffith, Charles Jarvis, Conrad Jarvis, Eddie Jones, Henry Jones, Carlton Josiah, Ralph MacFarlane, Peter Moore, Frederick Myrie, Alvin Powell, Orlando Rollocks, Winston Rollocks, Carlos Romero, Daniel Rowe, Eric Sainten,Delano Samuels, Orlando Scott, Thomas Scott, Vernon Sealey, Reinell Smith, Horace Stevenson, Wilburt Stevenson, Clifford Stewart, Leslie Thomas, Frederick Thomas, Gilbert Thorne, Roy Truick, Mankin Wade, Darnley Waithe and Fitz Waithe.

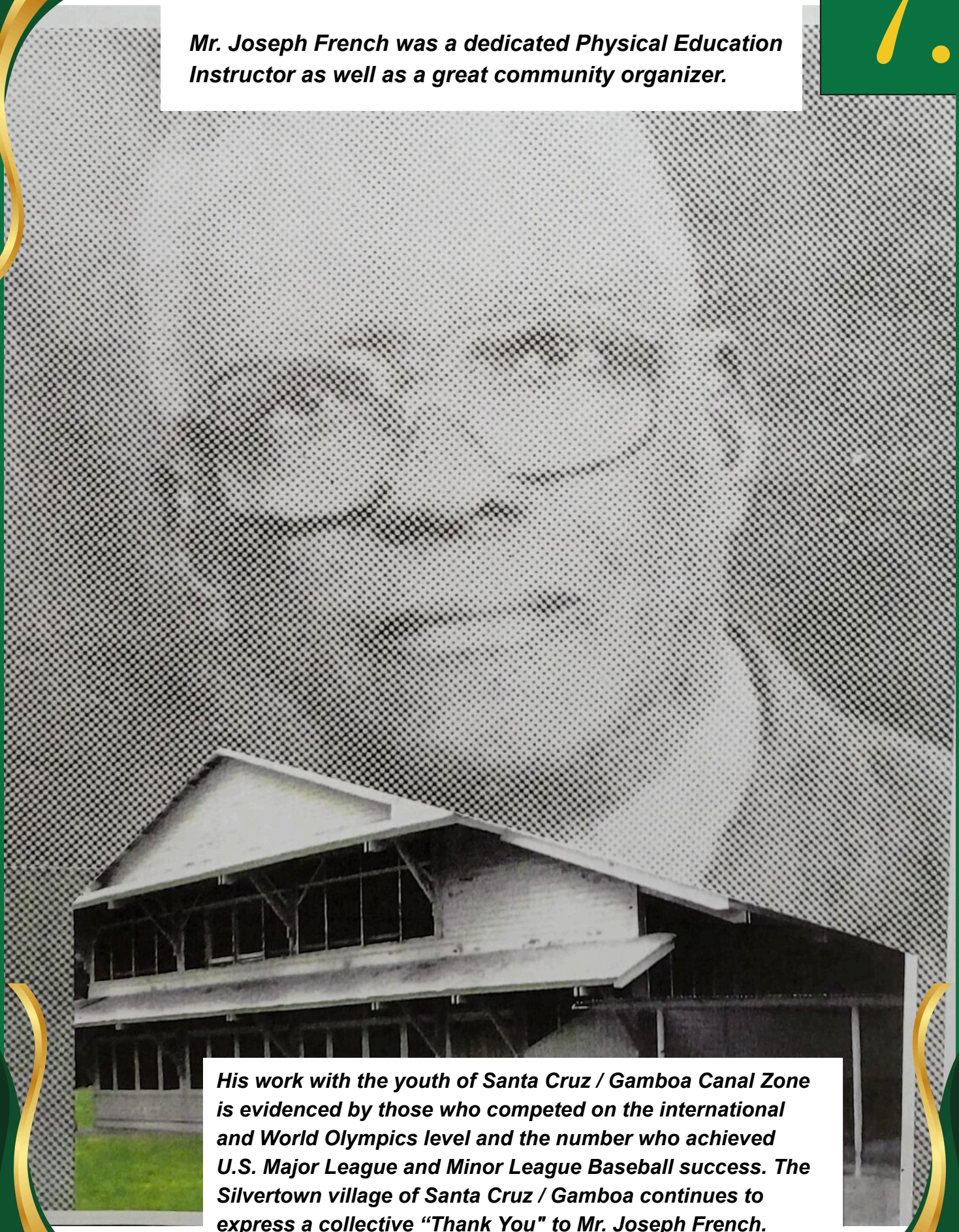
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JUNE 2026

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14	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27 Flag Day
28	29	30				

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Mr. Joseph French was a dedicated Physical Education Instructor as well as a great community organizer.

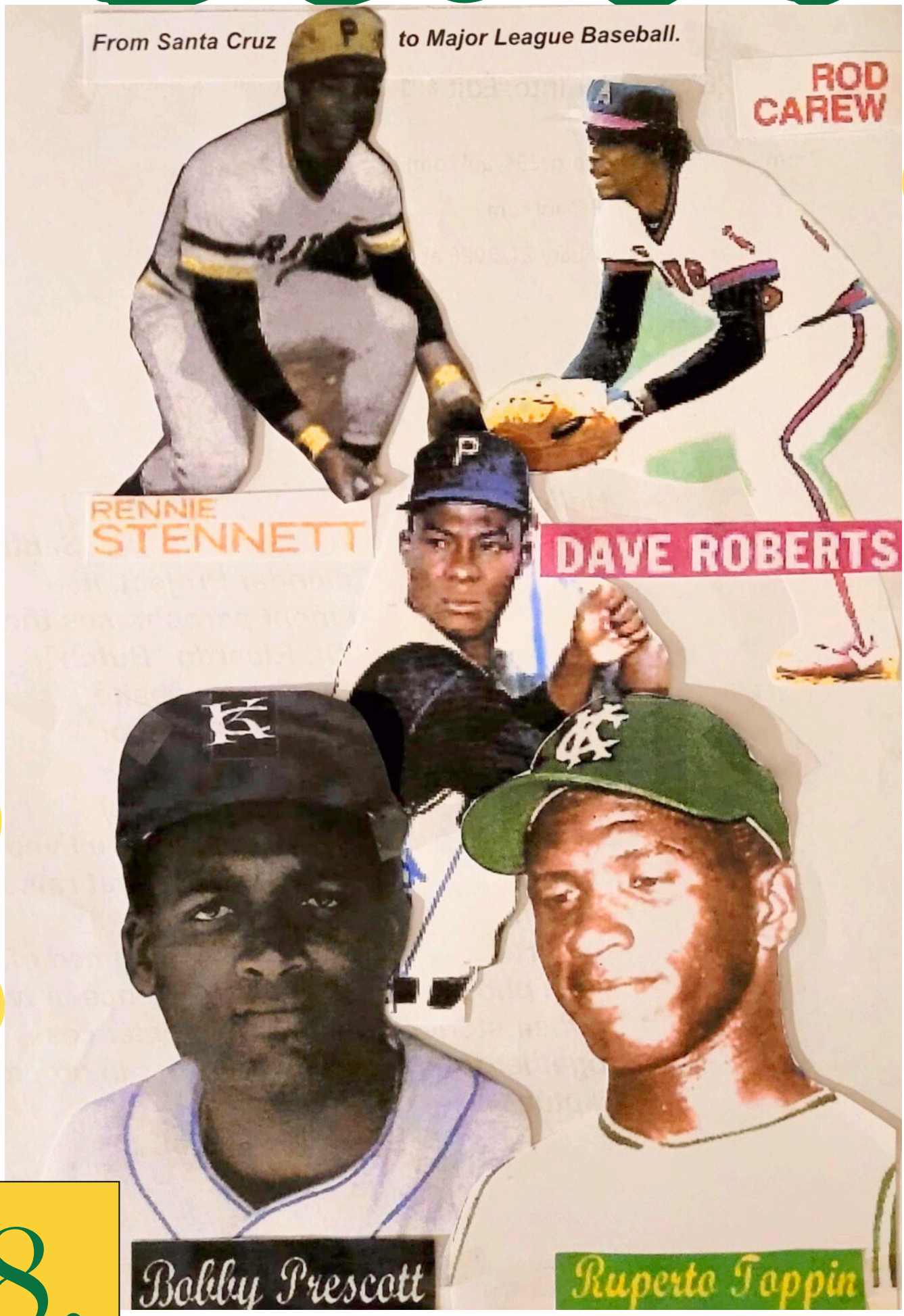


His work with the youth of Santa Cruz / Gamboa Canal Zone is evidenced by those who competed on the international and World Olympics level and the number who achieved U.S. Major League and Minor League Baseball success. The Silvertown village of Santa Cruz / Gamboa continues to express a collective “Thank You" to Mr. Joseph French.

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JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
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From Santa Cruz to Major League Baseball.
ROD CAREW
RENNIE STENNETT
DAVE ROBERTS
Bobby Prescott
Ruperto Toppin

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08 AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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“Malta Vigor” Santa Cruz’s Women’s Basketball Team
Linda, Sarah, Joyce, Alicia, Agnes, Jeanette, Joyce W., Teresa, Delores, and Joan

09 SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

10.



This historic Santa Cruz photograph was taken approximately seventy-three years ago. Get together with older friends and families and try to see how many of these baseball players they can identify. ... Have Fun !!!

10 OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Indigenous Peoples' Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween



Mr. George Joseph was a well-respected music instructor and director of The Centro Isthmian Band of Santa Cruz / Gamboa Canal Zone. Young musicians, influenced by his tutelage, went on to play in various orchestras throughout the Republic of Panama.



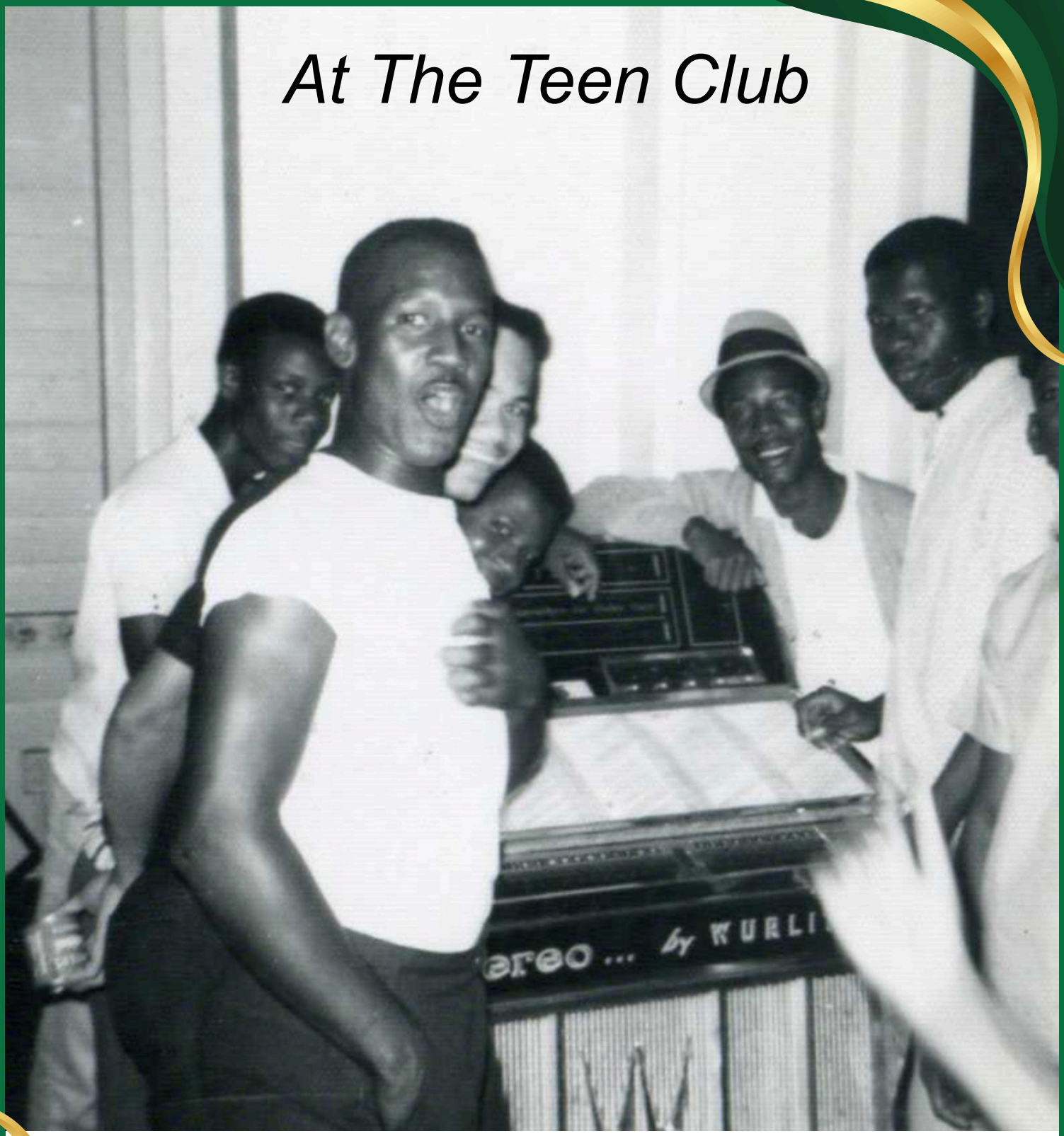
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11 NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time	2 Day of the Dead	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 Black Friday	28
29	30					

At The Teen Club





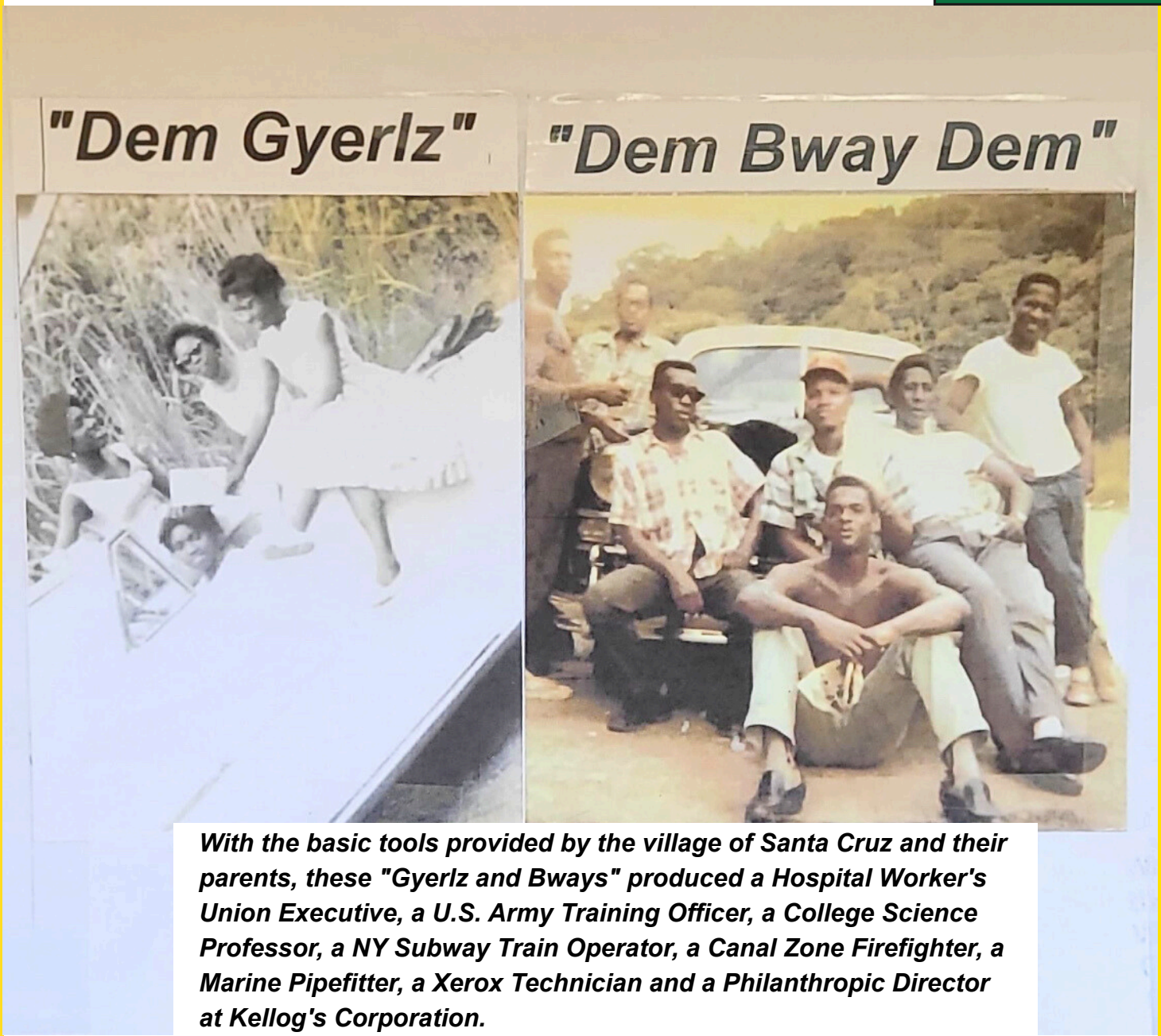
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12 DECEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Hanukkah	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

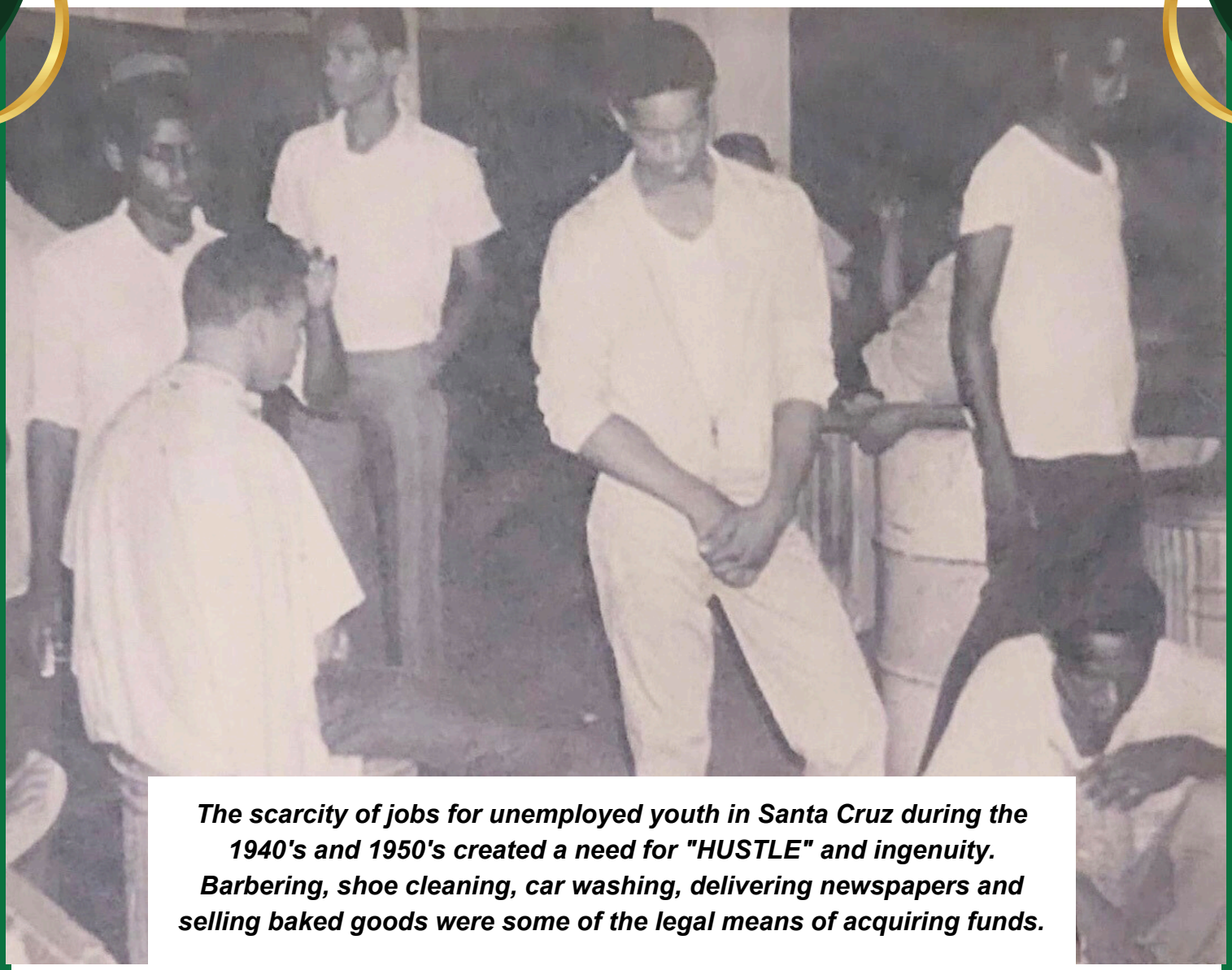
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With the basic tools provided by the village of Santa Cruz and their parents, these "Gyerlz and Bways" produced a Hospital Worker's Union Executive, a U.S. Army Training Officer, a College Science Professor, a NY Subway Train Operator, a Canal Zone Firefighter, a Marine Pipefitter, a Xerox Technician and a Philanthropic Director at Kellog's Corporation.

01 JANUARY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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17	18 MLK Day	19	20	21	22	23
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The scarcity of jobs for unemployed youth in Santa Cruz during the 1940's and 1950's created a need for "HUSTLE" and ingenuity. Barbering, shoe cleaning, car washing, delivering newspapers and selling baked goods were some of the legal means of acquiring funds.

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02 FEBRUARY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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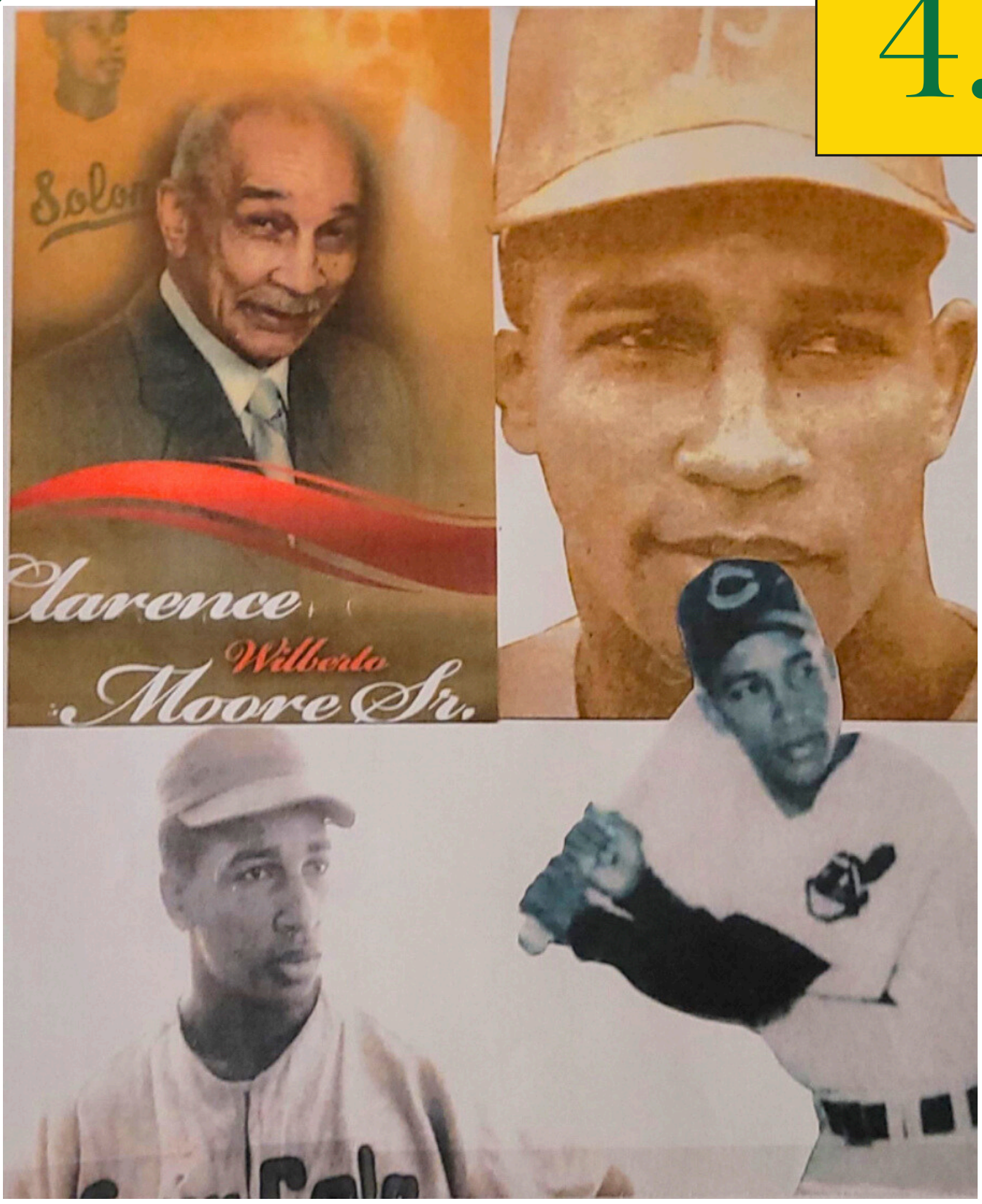
Rule number one: Always be on the look-out for job offers.
Rule number two: Always dress like your next stop will be at a job interview



03 MARCH 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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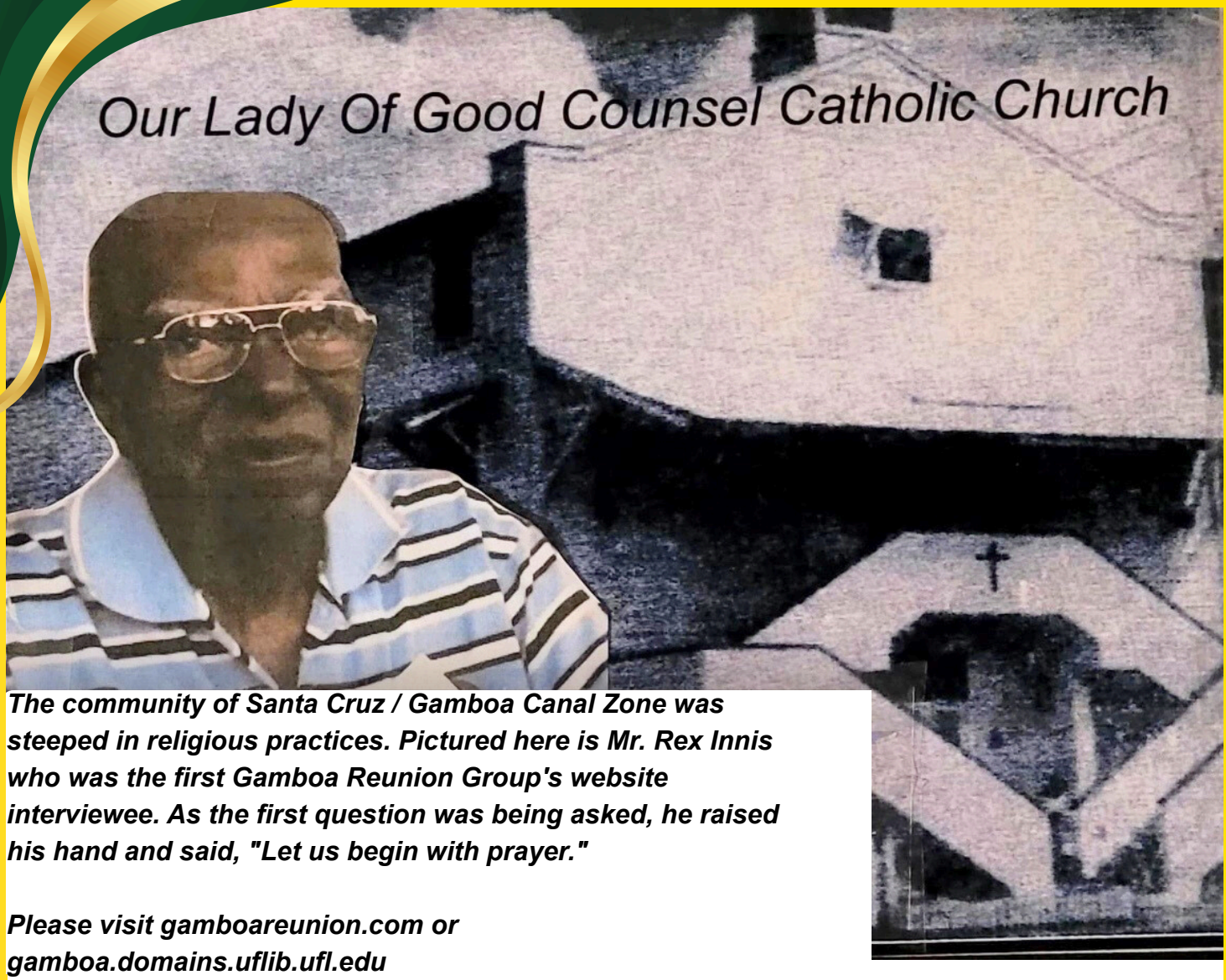
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Throughout the 1950's Wilbert Holder was known as "Scooter" and thought of as Gyambo's Mr. Baseball. His dedication to honing his fielding skills made it obvious that he was aiming for greater success. Wilbert later adopted the name Clarence Moore, migrated to the U.S., and played in the Minor League for fifteen years. He was able to realize his boyhood dream of meeting his baseball idol, the great Jackie Robinson. The village of Santa Cruz / Gamboa salutes the late Clarence Moore for many years of entertaining baseball.

04 APRIL 2027

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18	19	20	21 Passover	22 Earth Day	23	24
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The community of Santa Cruz / Gamboa Canal Zone was steeped in religious practices. Pictured here is Mr. Rex Innis who was the first Gamboa Reunion Group's website interviewee. As the first question was being asked, he raised his hand and said, "Let us begin with prayer."

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MAY 2027

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2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8
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30	31 Memorial Day					



This Seventh Day Adventist Church was constructed mostly by a crew of skilled tradesmen who volunteered their time and talent. Clear evidence of The Community Spirit that characterized the township of Santa Cruz / Gamboa.

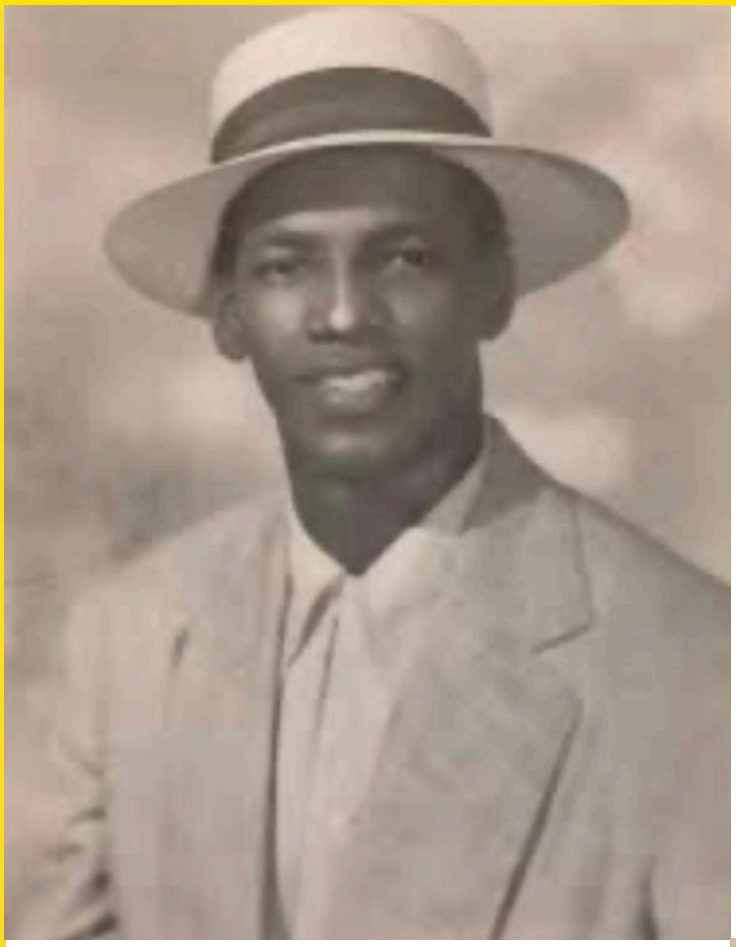
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JUNE
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13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
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7.





Earl Holder grew up in Santa Cruz/Gamboa Canal Zone. He was a multi-talented athlete and an exceptional "A-Student". He advanced throughout the ranks of The Panama Canal Company and became the first black Panamanian Panama Canal Pilot. Although he received very little training and assistance from other white American pilots, Captain Earl Holder went on to open doors for many talented Panamanians. He passed away in 2024 at the age of 101. During an interview with The Gamboa Reunion Group, Mr. Holder declared that he patterned his life by the example set by his father who was a Barbadian immigrant to Panama.



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JULY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Acknowledgments

Hopefully, the collection of snippets presented herein have helped you to see why your relatives and acquaintances with even a trace of Santa Cruz / Gamboa DNA may seem to be DIFFERENT!

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GYAMBO

On the lower side of Gamboa stood a town that was named Santa Cruz
Although most of us grew up there, that's a name we would seldom use
The "decision makers" all convened in the year nineteen forty eight
They must have thought we were all asleep, we weren't asked to participate

Our unspoken rebellion continues as we always try to show
We favor our ancestors dialect when we say "we're from Gyambo"
Historians' works will never tell stories about "the lower side"
No mention about the bonds we've formed that nourish our souls with pride

We must tell of our parents' hopes for us and the hardships they had to endure
Of our teachers, our pastors and leaders who envisioned for us so much more
We've become our brother's keeper and we lift him whenever he's down
It's the greatest lesson we were taught on "the lower side of town"

We embrace every chance we get to meet with all of our friends face to face
We share laughter and sometimes sorrow, as we remember that wonderful place
If we choose to say Santa Cruz", "Gamboa" or "Gyambo", we always will agree
That the dreams from our side of town have been fulfilled in you and me

Gyambo Boy

