

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Machinery... *Continued from page 12*

Country team with a new spirit of innovation as we reaffirm our commitment to excellent customer service. Low Country has experienced and talented people and we represent premier brands, principally the JCB line of equipment. It's a winning combination and we are poised to grow into one of the real leaders in this market," says Piper.

"Rick has always had a strong focus responding to the needs of the business and identifying ways of enhanc-

ing the customer experience." John Patterson, CEO of JCB Inc., said upon the announcement of the change. "His direct experience with the industry and specifically with the JCB product, coupled with his business acumen and commercial experience will make him a tremendous asset to customers in this region."

Piper grew up in the construction industry becoming involved in his family's construction business at a young age. His professional

career began with a rental company in Buffalo NY. He then spent 11 years with the hydraulic hammer division of Sandvik departing as General Manager for North America. He joined JCB in 2001 and his experience comprises of a number of functions in the commercial, sales and marketing areas. Piper holds a bachelors degree in Business from the University of Akron. He resides in Richmond Hill with his wife Candace, and two children, Alexandra and Cameron.

Big Brother/Big Sister... *Continued from page 10*

- 52 percent less likely to skip school
- 37 percent less likely to skip a class
- More confident of their performance in schoolwork
- Getting along better with their families.

The committee (consisting of juvenile judges, social service providers, and other community leaders) contacted United Way and requested they investigate the possibility of opening a Big Brothers Big Sisters office here in Savannah. The Big Brothers Big Sisters' national office was elated to learn of the community's desire as they had considered Savannah as a possible market because of the many "inquiries" (nearly 3500 in a three-year period) they had received via their website. Kendrick explained that inquiries are individuals looking to volunteer (Bigs) or children (Littles) looking for mentors. Kendrick stated that three prominent citizens contacted United Way and volunteered to help

launch the organization and bring the program back to Savannah.

The agency made its very first match on Tuesday, September 16th, matching Big Sister Felicia Padgett with Little Sister Daijsha, a seventh grader at Myers Middle School. Big Sister Felicia, a caseworker with Kidsnet Savannah and mother of two boys, stated that she was thrilled to get her new Little Sister! Felicia stated she has been looking forward to this day for a very long time. Not to be outdone, Daijsha has been just as excited about her new Big Sister! Sandra, Daijsha's mother, stated that Daijsha has been anxious since they received the call that informed them that a Big Sister had been found. Sandra stated she was so thankful and grateful for the program and wished that it had been here sooner because she believes it can really change the life of so many children.

The response from the

public has been fantastic with over 100 individuals volunteering. Kendrick was especially pleased when he received an email from Martin Walsh who was serving with the Army in Kuwait. Walsh related to Kendrick that he would be returning to Fort Stewart soon and wanted to volunteer. Kendrick stated when he met Walsh, he asked him why he wanted to become a Big. Walsh related that he saw how the program changed the lives of several friends who had been "Littles" and he wanted to do the same for a child the way the program did for his friends. Kendrick stated he spoke to another volunteer who is an instructor at SCAD and she related she had wanted to be a "Big" for a long time but there had been no program here in Savannah. The volunteer said she could not wait to volunteer after hearing about the new office and she was delighted at the possibility of finally becoming a "Big."

DreamMakers... *Continued from page 13*

DreamMakers also provides hands on Apprenticeship training to the local workforce. Their programs are registered with the Department of Labor Apprenticeship Programs and as a Workforce Investment Act Provider.

The current semester commenced the first week of August and will continue through December. The most recent addition to DreamMakers program is flexible, affordable payment plans to meet the needs of the labor force. The primary goal for the remainder of the year is to increase the enrollment for the existing courses.

Barton Malow is actively pursuing work in the local Savannah market and currently partnering with local businessman Roy Jackson in pursuit of work with Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools. With the intent to open a Savannah office in the immediate future, the company is committed to seeking out local firms to partner with and develop mentoring relationships as part of its outreach culture.

Barton Malow Company provides construction management, design/build, program management, general contracting, technology and rigging services throughout North America. The ISO (quality) certified company has LEED Accredited Professionals on staff and is an industry Building Information

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Southfield, Michigan. The Southern Region office is located in Roswell, Georgia. Annual firm revenues exceed \$1 billion.

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Telfair Museum of Art Presents Freedom's March: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement in Savannah by Frederick C. Baldwin

Extensive series of related educational programs and events free to the public

This fall, the Telfair will present Freedom's March: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement in Savannah by Frederick C. Baldwin, on view at the Jepson Center for the Arts from September 24, 2008-January 11, 2009. Organized by the Telfair Museum of Art, Freedom's March will feature approximately fifty black-and-white photographs on long-term loan to the museum, courtesy of the artist. The public is invited to view the exhibition free of charge during the first week of its showing.

"On the eve of perhaps the most decisive and racially-significant presidential election in our nation's history, we are reminded of the volatile struggle for freedom and equality that set the stage for this momentous event," said the Telfair's director, Steven High. "Nearly a half century after the civil rights movement of 1963-64, Freedom's March revisits a pivotal period in America's past, reprising the Telfair's historically-relevant 1983 show We ain't what we used to be: Photographs by Frederick C. Baldwin."

Baldwin's imagery, which chronicled events in Savannah during this critical time, is especially notable in



Freedom's March - Photo by Frederick C. Baldwin

that it documented the city's largely non-violent desegregation in 1963, before it was mandated on a federal level. Serving as a national role model for the era, Savannah became a training ground for many of the future leaders of the movement.

Frederick Baldwin was born in Lausanne, Switzerland, where his father served as a United States diplomat. After receiving his B.A. from Columbia College in New York, Baldwin launched a career as a freelance photojournalist. He moved to Europe and became involved in a series of groundbreaking Arctic expeditions and was the first to film polar bears from underwater. He has photographed for LIFE, National Geographic, Esquire, Sports

Illustrated, Smithsonian Magazine, Newsweek and the New York Times among others.

In 1963, Baldwin returned to Savannah, where he had lived intermittently as a youth and where his mother still resided. He soon became engaged in the burgeoning local civil rights movement, volunteering his services as a photographer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Baldwin depicted the local Ballot Bus; the exhaustive efforts to convince potential voters to register and the resulting long lines of African Americans at the courthouse; protest marches and prayer meetings; and finally, the transcendent moment of Dr.

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Pipeline Markers

Pipeline markers, like the one pictured indicate the general area of the pipeline and right-of-way, but not its exact location or depth. They aren't present in all areas, so it's important to always call before you dig. If you detect an emergency,

call the phone number on the pipeline marker to contact us. If a right-of-way is adjacent to your property, it's your responsibility to ensure no new installations of landscaping or physical structures interfere with Atlanta Gas Light's access to the pipeline, and with our ability to keep the pipeline safe through routine monitoring and maintenance as required by federal or state safety regulations.

Know What's Below. Call Before You Dig.

Excavation work, including digging or plowing around a home or business, is the most common cause of natural gas emergencies.

Before digging around your property, state law requires you to call 8-1-1, a statewide, toll-free number, to have your utility lines professionally marked. You must call at least three business days before digging, excluding holidays, so underground utility lines can be located and marked—free of charge—before you begin your project.



Know what's below. Call before you dig.

Act quickly if you smell gas.

Although natural gas pipeline incidents are extremely rare, these tips will help you identify a possible gas leak and know what to do.

- LOOK** for blowing dirt or continued bubbling of standing water.
- LISTEN** for a hissing or roaring sound near a natural gas appliance or line.
- SMELL** for the distinctive rotten-egg scent of natural gas. Take action if you detect even a small amount of this odor.
- LEAVE** the area IMMEDIATELY if you detect a natural gas leak. Do not try to identify the source or stop the leak.
- CALL** Atlanta Gas Light at 877-427-4321 or 911 once you are safely away from the possible leak site. Stay away from the area until an Atlanta Gas Light representative or emergency personnel indicate it is safe to return.
- REMEMBER** while near a possible natural gas leak, do not touch or use anything that may cause a spark. This includes lighters, matches, cigarettes, flashlights, light switches and telephones. Wait until you have left the area to use a cell phone.

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