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Community News

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Celebrated Florida Author Unveils Eighth Novel In Harlequin Romance Showcase



ORLANDO – Celebrated Florida author Yahrah St. John wraps up the holiday season with a New Year's Day unveiling of *Two to Tango*, her eighth Harlequin/Kimani Press romance novel. This final book of the Orpan Series is being heralded as one that delivers a well packaged story of passion, romance, and excitement. *Two to Tango* is available on bookshelves nationwide at Barnes and Noble, Borders, Walmart, Target, and many other retailers. It can also be purchased at www.amazon.com.

In *Two to Tango*, the sky's the limit for Dante Moore. Thanks to a rave review from a top food critic, the New York restaurateur is poised to become the city's next big celebrity chef. Then he finds out who the reviewer is. Adrianna Wright, the beautiful, loving woman who shared his bed and made him believe in happy endings...right before she vanished from his life. Adrianna believed her passionate romance with Dante would last forever—that she'd finally found her soul mate. Her heart broke when her scandalous secret forced her to leave the man she loved. Now, with things heating up between

them once again, Adrianna isn't ready to sit this one out. It's time to show Dante that business and pleasure can mix, and that passion's even hotter the second time around. "I think my fans who share a love of cooking and good food will enjoy the 'juicy' angle I've added to the storyline," states St. John.

Internationally beloved for bringing a captivating appeal to romantic fiction, St. John was a featured author during the Romance Writers of America 30th Annual Conference in Orlando. She has generated media attention through television news broadcasts, newspapers across the state, and talk show interviews. The author has been awarded 4 and 5 stars from book reviewers including: Romantic Times BOOKReviews, Rawsistaz Reviewers, Romance in Color, and various book clubs. St. John's readers will be able to get an autographed copy of *Two to Tango* during her next book signing January 22, 2011, 2:00-4:00 p.m., at Borders, 600 North Orlando Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32789.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Yahrah St. John, a native of Chicago, Illinois, is a graduate of Hyde Park Career Academy and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Northwestern University. She currently lives in Orlando, Florida where she is employed as a property manager for a commercial real estate company. St. John developed a passion for writing at age 12 and has written more than twenty short stories and plays. She first published with Harlequin in 2004. Her publications can be purchased through www.amazon.com.

Her next novel, *Need You Now*, will begin a new series chronicling the escapades of the president of a cosmetics dynasty and her struggle to maintain the family business. *Need You Now* is scheduled to be released December 1, 2011. St. John is available for book club presentations, book signings, media interviews, and speaking engagements. She can be contacted at yahrah@yahrahstjohn.com or 407.616.9517. To learn more about her complete compilation of novels, visit www.yahrahstjohn.com.

"KING OF KONG" ARCADE OPENS AT ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

ORLANDO – Travelers of all ages at Orlando International Airport have a new amenity and customer service to enjoy. Donkey Kong gaming icon Billy Mitchell officially opened the "King of Kong" arcade in the main terminal near the food court at Orlando International Airport. To kick off the celebration, Twin Galaxies, the globally recognized authority on video game high scores and world records, took the opportunity to



unveil the first ever series of gaming trading cards. The first two cards in the series feature Billy Mitchell and Walter Day for their contributions to the world of video gaming. Mitchell has numerous world records for Donkey Kong and Pac-Man while Day is revered throughout the gaming scene as the founding father of organized video game playing and competitions. The "King of Kong" arcade is home to fan favorites including "Avatar", "Hoop Challenge" and "Air Hockey".

"The year 2011 marks the 40th year since the first teenager dropped the first quarter into the first arcade coin-operated video game and started what has become a global video game sport with leagues, world records and celebrity gamers. But it wasn't until today that video gamers finally got their own set of trading cards", said Walter Day.

For more information contact Carolyn Fennell or Rod Johnson at the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority at 407-825-2055 or call Twin Galaxies at 641-472-1949.

Florida Civil Rights Association To Create New Local Branches In Tallahassee, Palm Beach, Polk, Hardee, And Orange Counties In Recognition Of Black History Month



ORLANDO – The Orlando based Florida Civil Rights Association (FCRA) announced today that it is in the process of creating new local branches of the State Civil Rights Association in Tallahassee, Palm Beach, Polk, Hardee and Orange Counties in recognition of Black History Month.

Over the past five (5) years, the work and demands for assistance from the Florida Civil Rights Association has steadily increased in communities across the state, said J Willie David, III, President of the Florida Civil Rights Association. "We have received complaints from an increasing number of individuals who are dealing with discrimination in job, public accommodations, housing, and in other areas," the State Civil Rights Chief said. "These and the issues of police brutality continue to escalate. They need additional attention at the local level," said David.

In February, Black History Month brings stories of many African American achievements. Those achievements has inspired and energized a new generation of community leaders the Florida Civil Rights Association is looking to recruit, stated David.

In the upcoming weeks and months, the Florida Civil Rights Association

will be leveraging the advantages of social networking to reach new talent and to address new issues. "It's time for the Florida Civil Rights Association expand its reach with new blood of social networking age seeking to be part of a new civil rights generation, stated David. Pointing to Arizona and now, Florida's controversial attempt to stem the tide of illegal immigrants trying to get into that state - said it's a good time to create new local branches because the tough economic times are spawning prejudice and hate against minorities and immigrant groups. In addition, the Florida Civil Rights Association will begin addressing economic issues that are effecting employment numbers and the overall standard of living in the state of Florida and elsewhere.

Other issues will continue to remain a focal point of the Florida Civil Rights Association's activities. The issue of red light cameras continues to be a "hot button issue." The group will be continuing to hold protests, seek and join in legal action against red light cameras and throw its support behind bills in the Florida legislation to ban their use, especially State Senator Rene Garcia's Red Light Camera ban bill SB672.

We plan to involve the new branches in this statewide protest event. The event is tentatively scheduled for February 26, 2011. The fact is, that illegal ticket cameras should never seen the light of day, said David. "Local governments have used these cameras to tax their citizens under the disguise of safety." Having a local civil rights branch will give residents a voice and a seat at the table to address issues proposed by its local elected officials.

Requests for information on the upcoming Statewide Red Light Camera Day of Protest can be directed to Henry Stowe, the Transportation Chairman of the Florida Civil Rights Association at floridamotorist@gmail.com.

The Florida Civil Rights Association State President recently appointed the following community leaders as Chief Organizers to create new local branches their communities: 1) Vincent T. Edwards, Chief Organizer, Tallahassee Branch, 2) Candance Camper, Chief Organizer, Palm Beach County Branch, 3) Renise Chery, Chief Organizer, Polk County Branch, 4) Pastor Jamaal Mobley, Chief Organizer, Hardee County Branch, and 5) the FCRA State Office will be the Chief Organizer for the Orange County Branch.

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