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## BB&T: A Community Bank



Linda Pearson, Branch Manager, BB&T Bank, and Sandy Libertore, Abilities PWI Coordinator

by Tracie Reddick

Challenger Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG – BB&T.

You've seen the signs around town and wondered what they meant.

The mystery is over.

It stands for Branch Banking & Trust and its moniker - BB&T - is now displayed where the Republic Bank signs once hung, thus marking the latest corporate takeover in the banking industry.

"This was a very smooth transition, and we were able to retain the majority of our employees," said Linda Pearson, branch manager at the south St. Petersburg location in the Albertsons Shopping Center at the intersection of 31st St. and 54th Ave.

"We're a new bank in the area, but we will still operate as a community bank," added Pearson, who has been at the south St. Pete location for the past seven years.

Founded in 1872, BB&T is headquartered in Winston-Salem, N.C. However, its new downtown St. Petersburg facility will provide a hometown

banking flavor for local customers.

"We won't have to go to Winston-Salem for local decision making," Pearson told folks gathered at a recent Business Advisory Council meeting.

"Republic was very involved in community activities and BB&T will continue that relationship." For example, BB&T will continue to operate as a full service bank that is committed to finding ways to help their customers' money grow and providing programs that assist first-time home buyers purchase a place to call their own.

In addition, the bank will continue to partner with Maximo Elementary and Bay Point Middle schools in an attempt to help future generations become more money savvy.

BB&T is a financial institution any one - including swashbucklers - can bank on.

"We will continue our relationship as the official bank of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers," Pearson concluded.

## Another Trailblazer: First African American Female President Of The American Student Association Of Community Colleges

by Linda Young

Challenger Correspondent

ST. PETERSBURG – Her high-paying job wasn't out sourced, she just moved to Florida where the laws required her to have an Opticianary degree or take a 50 percent pay cut.

So, last year Deneen Phillips, a 40-year-old single mother of two, returned to college as a non-traditional student under a combination of state and federal grants and work-study.

The alternative?

Work for \$7 an hour in the optical eyewear field versus the \$28,000 to \$32,000 she earned as an optician at a Pearle Vision Center in Memphis dispensing prescription eyewear.

For now, she earns \$2,500 a semester as a Student Assistant while she earns an associate degree of Opticianary at the Dale Mabry campus of Hillsborough Community College. Knowing the course material gave the civic-minded



Deneen Phillips

maven time to also hone her political skills at elect office.

She began school last year and "was encouraged to run for student government senate." She won that and went on to serve as treasurer and vice president before becoming the first African American female president of student government on that campus of approximately 30,000 students.

But there are things she "wants to see changed for students." Thus, in May

easy being president of student government and on the phone constantly to other presidents in other time zones." The most important issue for now is getting the Higher Education Act bill, H.R. 422, passed through Congress when it convenes this fall. The bill would lower the age of an independent student from 24 to 21 and increase the amount of Pell grants by about \$1,000 for underprivileged students, Phillips said.

This is important, because many students have parents who earn too much for their child to qualify for a full Pell grant, but the parent can't afford to give their child enough money to stay in school. Phillips has first-hand knowledge of that problem. She originally started college in 1982 at the University of Tennessee and dropped out the next year because she

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## BET Poll Shows Broad But Muted Black Support For Kerry



Democrats say they are happy with the margin of black support the poll found for Kerry.

by Joe Davidson

African American voters overwhelmingly support Sen. John Kerry for president, but a lack of enthusiasm for his candidacy could be costly if it translates into a smaller Black voter turnout on Election Day than a zealous electorate would generate. A BET/CBS News poll of Black voters shows that

Kerry, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, is leading President Bush by an 8-to-1 margin. But that strong level of support has a weak underbelly.

Fifty-eight percent of African Americans polled are only "satisfied" with

Kerry as a candidate; just 27 percent say they are "enthusiastic" about him. African American voters have this message for Kerry: Don't take us for granted. The poll shows that 35 percent of African Americans believe the Democratic Party does.

The July 6-15 telephone poll of nearly 1,000 African Americans is the most comprehensive survey of registered African-American voters this year. Among the other notable findings:

• Jobs/economy is the "most important issue" to get Black voters to the polls in November, with education a distant second



Key Democrats, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, say they have discussed with Kerry the importance of jobs in the black community.

and the war in Iraq and health care tied for third.

• Eighty-five percent of voters disapprove of President Bush's job performance, and 92 percent say the country is "headed in the wrong direction."

• Only eight percent of African Americans believe the war in Iraq is worth the cost.

Corrine Alderman, a 62-year-old licensed practical nurse in St. Mary's, Ga., is typical of those who like Kerry more than Bush, but whose support for the Massachusetts senator is less than passionate. During a telephone interview, she declares herself "just kind of satisfied, not enthu-

siastic," about Kerry. "He just doesn't seem like he has that go out and get it about him."

Kerry, however, can take some solace because African Americans are far more engaged in this election than they were four years ago. Now, more than three-fourths say they are paying "a lot" or "some" attention to the campaign.

Furthermore, 83 percent of those polled say they will vote in November. But, as the poll summary cautions, what potential voters say "they will do in July may not reflect what actually happens in November." For example, in 2000, 51 percent of registered voters cast ballots on Election Day, according to the Federal Election Commission. In a CBS News poll conducted three months earlier, 81 percent of registered voters said they planned to turn out.

Democrats say they are happy with the margin of Black support the poll found for Kerry. Devona Dolliole, a Kerry spokeswoman, said that as more black people learn about

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## Voices Of The Harlem Renaissance



Three of the leading voices of the Harlem Renaissance - James Weldon Johnson (LeRoy Mitchell, Jr.); Zora Neale Hurston (Phyllis McEwen); and Langston Hughes (Bob Devin Jones).

by Tracie Reddick

Challenger Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG – Langston Hughes was waxing philosophically about his poetry, while James Weldon Johnson was pontificating about the state of black America.

And Zora Neale Hurston was, well, being her bodacious self during a recent gathering at the James Weldon Johnson Branch Library titled "Voices of the Harlem Renaissance."

Sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council, the event was an example of art imitating life as the three leading voices of the movement discussed

their impact on an era that changed the cultural landscape of America.

"Harlem was not a place of burden, but a state of grace," said USF Africana Studies Professor Deborah Plant about the African American artists, writers, and musicians who were drawn to New York during a period stretching from World War I and the Great Depression.

The migration of blacks from the south to the north included Hurston, who hailed from Eatonville and took a fancy to 'pokin' and proddin' in other black

**Renaissance**  
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## Interlocal Agreements Between County-Wide Public Housing Agencies

ST. PETERSBURG –

On July 1, Interlocal Agreements were entered into between the St. Petersburg Housing Authority (SPHA) and the Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) for the sharing of resources and staff services in the areas of Executive Management and Human Resources Administration.

These are the first in a series of anticipated interlocal agreements between county-wide public housing agencies designed to thwart some of the negative financial impacts caused by continuous funding cuts and to increase the likelihood that public housing agencies located within Pinellas County may eventually gain financial independence from the federal government. All of the five (5) housing authorities located within the county have agreed to participate in this "economies of scale" initiative in order to reduce costs and save the taxpayers' money. Darrell Irions, the executive director of the St. Petersburg Housing Authority will direct the operations of both agencies, and Jacquelyn Roberson, Human Resources Officer with St. Petersburg Housing Authority will oversee human resources for both agencies. The SPHA and the PCHA were

collectively able to save in excess of \$150,000.

The respective county-wide boards of Commissioners are looking to expand this economies of scale approach to include areas such as Management Information Systems (M.I.S.); Compliance; Contracting; Public Housing Management; Training and Public Relations.

According to Walt Smyth, Chairman of the Board of the St. Petersburg Housing Authority, "this Economies of Scale approach definitely makes sense in Pinellas County, the second smallest and most densely populated county in the state of Florida. With just under a million residents and 24 municipalities, it is inefficient and a costly duplication of management and services for our local housing authorities not to cooperate."

Housing Authorities across the country are feeling the bite of budget cuts and are realizing that funding shortages for the delivery of federal assisted housing programs will likely continue, thereby affecting their ability to individually operate fully all service areas efficiently and effectively.

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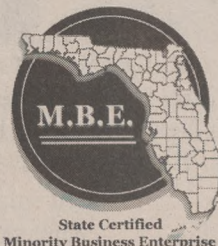
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## The Weekly Challenger Newspaper

### We Value Diversity. We Value Education. We Value History.

A knowledge of  
history brings a feel-  
ing of fellowship that  
runs through the ages

- be it a territory, a  
village, a district, or a  
nation. To live without  
history is likened to

living without a form  
of memory. To be  
without history is to  
live without roots or a

past, with the present  
having no real founda-  
tion, and very little  
meaning for the

future.

The *Weekly Chal-  
lenger* is committed to  
featuring articles of

all ethnic culture for  
the reading enjoyment  
of both the young and  
old generations.

## The Gantt Report

by **Lucius Gantt**

I write during political  
campaign seasons but I  
don't write much about  
specific races or candi-  
dates. And, the reason I  
don't is you!

My love for my readers  
will not allow me to use my  
column to endorse or deni-  
grate any candidate for  
public office. Why? Be-  
cause I write editorial col-  
umns for little or nothing  
and I do political consult-  
ing to make a living.

I do not want my views  
distorted and having people  
say that I used "The Gantt  
Report" for my own benefit  
or for my client's benefit.

Don't get me wrong, a

friend of mine is a friend of  
mine, whether they are run-  
ning for office or not and  
oftentimes I do try to help  
my friends who are elected  
officials.

But I try to stay away  
from criticizing political  
platforms and political pro-  
mises during election time.  
I want people to make their  
own decisions regarding  
who they should vote for.

In other words, Lucius  
Gantt may endorse but  
"The Gantt Report" never  
will!

In these days and  
times, you have to be care-  
ful about believing what  
you read in the paper, hear  
on the radio or watch on

your television set.

The Spin Doctors are  
in control. In a 30-second  
or 60-second sound bite,  
everybody sounds like the  
best candidate since Abe  
Lincoln or John Kennedy.  
In reality, people like me  
are paid to embellish, exag-  
gerate and stretch the truth.

We professional vote  
generators do all we can to  
get our candidates elected.  
We are Paladins, hired guns  
if you will. No one is per-  
fect. No candidate is per-  
fect but we put the best  
look we can on the candi-  
dates that hire us.

Why do I work as a  
political professional? I  
work in politics because

there is a lot of money in  
politics.

People want to tell you  
to vote but they don't want  
to tell you how you can get  
paid by political candi-  
dates.

African-Americans  
want to stand up and cheer  
when candidates say they  
will spend a million dollars  
in African-American com-  
munities with Black entre-  
preneurs. I say that is  
chicken feed if the candi-  
date has 100 or 200 million  
dollars.

No matter how much  
money is raised and spent,  
Black newspapers will get  
less ads than white papers,  
Black radio stations will

get fewer ads than white  
owned stations, Black  
caterers will cook less  
chicken, Black printers will  
do less printing and on and  
on.

What disturbs me most  
about election time is how  
Black professionals will  
sell each other down the  
drain for a very small a-  
mount. When Black ven-  
dors should charge Presi-  
dential and Congressional  
candidates more, the tra-  
itors in our community will  
charge them less, especial-  
ly if the candidates refuse  
to patronize other minority  
businesses.

So vote for whom you  
want to. Political parties

don't deserve respect, indi-  
vidual candidates do! I'm  
going to vote for the candi-  
dates that do things for me  
before the election. I know  
a false promise when I hear  
one. I know the difference  
between a dream and a  
nightmare!

Just because I may  
write more about love and  
hate and less about politics  
during an election period,  
don't ever think I'm not  
keeping a list and checking  
it twice!

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## Whoopi Goldberg's Despicable Performance

by **Mychal Massie**

A New Visions  
Commentary

"Values are not part of  
a political slogan. Values  
are what's inside you." With  
that comment, presi-  
dential hopeful John Kerry  
launched into another dia-  
tribe about what sets him  
apart from President  
George W. Bush.

No one's ever accused  
Kerry of being the brightest  
bulb in the box, but one  
would think him politically  
savvy enough to reconsider  
his values in the aftermath  
of his recent Radio City  
Music Hall fundraiser fea-  
turing comedienne Whoopi  
Goldberg. In that case, it  
seemed to be hubris before  
intelligence.

In front of an ardently  
liberal crowd, Goldberg  
spewed forth vulgar, sexu-  
ally-explicit comparisons  
between the President and  
female genitalia. While she  
was by no means the only  
maniac from Hollywood  
bent on besting one another's  
obscenities, hers were



Whoopi's comments raised more than a few eyebrows at a recent Democratic fundraiser

the most deplorable.

At the conclusion of  
the sewage-filled evening,  
Kerry told the audience it  
had been "an extraordinary  
evening" and "every per-  
former... [had] conveyed...  
the heart and soul of our  
country." Kerry's foolish  
and base support of such  
filth is profoundly offen-  
sive.

What type of future  
does Kerry envision for  
America if he applauds the

rawest of trash as "the heart  
and soul of our country?"  
How does he view voters,  
his church, the family and  
education if he postulates  
those things as "values in-  
side you?" To laughingly  
support an extraordinarily  
tasteless and vulgar public  
display such as Goldberg's,  
one must ask not only how  
Kerry views the office of  
the president, but exactly  
what respect has he for  
himself.

It's one thing to attack  
President Bush based on  
his ideas, but Kerry [is]  
seemingly void of any. He  
accuses, but he never sup-  
ports his accusations with  
facts. Nor does he offer  
viable alternatives.

It is perfectly accept-  
able for the liberal elites to  
attack the President with  
facts and valid objections.  
But it is base and immoral  
to do so with lies, filth and  
empty promises. It's insult-  
ing that their best reason to  
remove President Bush is  
their visceral hatred of him.  
Where is the substance in  
that platform? Where is the  
substance in comments by  
actress Jessica Lange, who  
called the Bush Admini-  
stration, "a self-serving re-  
gime of deceit, hypocrisy  
and belligerence?"

It's amazing that Lange  
see's nothing wrong with  
former president Bill Clin-  
ton's sexual abuse and the  
abuse of authority pursuant  
to the Monica Lewinsky  
investigation. They saw  
nothing wrong with Clin-

ton's blatant finger-wag-  
ging or having lawmakers  
blindly - and foolishly -  
support him in lying to the  
country. They saw nothing  
wrong with the way he dis-  
respected and shamed his  
child, his wife and another  
human being. Yet they see  
everything wrong with  
President Bush protecting  
us from the terror that  
Clinton should have con-  
fronted.

Paul Newman claimed  
the President's tax cuts are  
"borderline criminal." Based  
on what, pray tell? Not  
everyone is as filthy rich  
as he is - many warm to  
the idea of government  
giving back their money.

Kerry's running mate,  
John Edwards, also lauded  
Goldberg's debauchery. He  
said the fall campaign "will  
be a celebration of real  
American values." America  
should be asking: On what  
level?

What's most offensive  
about that night, however,  
is the liberal elites' tacit use  
of a foolish black woman.

Of all the people to behave  
so unrepresentative of  
American values, Gold-  
berg's actions are a dis-  
grace to the black commu-  
nity. With the support of  
that audience, she shamed  
an entire class of Ameri-  
cans who fought to over-  
come Jim Crowism and its  
overt hatred.

Is Whoopi Goldberg's  
performance what MLK  
died for? Is it representa-  
tive of the spirit of Fred-  
erick Douglas or George  
Washington Carver or  
black performers who were  
sometimes forbidden to  
perform and usually not  
allowed to stay where they  
performed? Is Goldberg's  
ugliness what they suffered  
for?

Is Goldberg's monkey  
show before the liberal or-  
gan grinders why people  
suffered beatings, fire  
hoses and dogs for?

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## Maybe a Win on Tobacco

by **Bernice Powell Jackson**

It was 40 years ago that  
the U.S. Surgeon General  
released a report that o-  
pened the eyes of Ameri-  
cans to the horrors of to-  
bacco addiction. But more  
than a generation later  
smoking is still our nation's  
leading preventable cause  
of death, killing nearly half  
a million Americans every  
year and costing \$75 Bil-  
lion in health care costs  
for us all. Indeed, every day  
4,000 children try their first  
cigarette and another 2,000  
children become daily  
smokers. Because of that,  
one in every three of those  
children will die prema-

turally.

Now it seems that the  
U.S. Congress is close to  
passing a bill giving the  
U.S. Food and Drug Ad-  
ministration (FDA) the  
authority to regulate tobac-  
co products in exchange for  
a \$12 billion buy-out for  
tobacco farmers, some of  
whom are in dire financial  
straits because of falling  
tobacco prices. While the  
Senate bill ties the FDA  
regulation with the buy-out  
of farmers, the earlier  
House bill had resisted giv-  
ing the FDA that power and  
had funded the buy-out  
with taxpayer dollars,  
including the present feder-

al tobacco tax, which had  
been allocated for the  
national Children's Health  
Insurance Program. The  
two versions will have to be  
reconciled, but the Senate  
version was negotiated  
between legislators repre-  
senting tobacco-growing  
states, Senate advocates for  
the new FDA regulatory  
authority, growers and cig-  
arette manufacturers and  
thus stands a good chance  
of passing.

Under this new legisla-  
tion, the FDA would gain  
the power to regulate the  
sale, distribution and, per-  
haps most importantly, the  
advertising of tobacco pro-

ducts. Many children's  
health advocates have  
argued for years that chil-  
dren and teenagers have  
been targeted by the tobac-  
co marketing through many  
advertising campaigns, in-  
cluding the highly success-  
ful Joe Camel. It also  
would give the FDA power  
to require better labeling  
and disclosures concerning  
their products and their im-  
pact on health.

Many leaders in the  
faith community have been  
especially aware of the im-  
pact of smoking on their  
members, as clergy persons  
have made pastoral visits to  
the 8.6 million people who

suffer from at least one  
serious tobacco-related dis-  
ease. Indeed, tobacco is  
related to one in three can-  
cer deaths, one in five heart  
disease deaths and 90% of  
lung cancer cases.

Thus, twenty national  
leaders of the faith commu-  
nity recently sent letters to  
both President Bush and  
Senator John Kerry, calling  
on them to support national  
measures to reduce smok-  
ing by Americans, particu-  
larly American children.

Senator Mitch McCon-  
nell of Kentucky called the  
Senate bill, tying the tobac-  
co farmer buy-out with the  
FDA authority, a "marriage

of convenience." For many  
years such legislation has  
stalled in Congress because  
of the power of the tobacco  
lobby and farmers. But vot-  
ers must watch carefully  
over the next few weeks as  
the two bills go through a  
joint committee. The health  
of our children must not be  
compromised. It makes  
moral sense and it makes  
financial sense.

Bernice Powell Jackson is  
the executive minister of the  
Justice and Witness Ministries  
of the United Church of Christ  
and serves as one of the five  
officers of the denomination.  
She has been an activist on  
behalf of civil rights, women's  
rights and human rights is-  
sues around the world for  
more than a quarter of a cen-  
tury.

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# SARASOTA / MANATEE AREA

## Sarasota County Neighborhood Office Has 2004 Neighborhoods Conference Info

Registration information booklets for the 8th Annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference in Jacksonville this fall are available at the Sarasota County Neighborhood Office in the County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, or online at [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net). For more information, contact the county's Neighborhood Office at (941) 861-5415.

The conference is scheduled Sept. 16-18 at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Last year Sarasota was the meeting site, attracting more than 1,300 neighborhood leaders from across Florida who are interested in improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

This year's theme is "Building Super Neighborhoods," which captures the growing excitement as Jacksonville prepares to host the Super Bowl

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Workshops will focus on issues facing every neighborhood, such as achieving compliance with code enforcement, a neighborhood's role in crime prevention, and challenges of problem properties. In addition, the conference features tours of the residential, environmental preservation and community development areas.

## County Program Targets Roadway Litter

Keep Sarasota County Beautiful's litter prevention program "Bag It in Your Car Day" is set for Saturday, July 31 (rain date, August 7). The program's goals are to raise awareness of the problem of littering from vehicles and to encourage motorists to use a litterbag. Participating car washes will offer free car litterbags, free food coupons and give-aways (while they last) and \$2 off any car wash package.

Evie's Car Wash, 4735 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota will host a live remote broadcast by Oldies 108 from 10 a.m. until noon, with prize drawings and give-aways. Additional

participating car washes include four Eager Beaver locations at 1555 N. Washington Blvd., 6449 S. Tamiami Trail, 201 S. Beneva Rd., Sarasota and 1791 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, Banana Bob's, 8403 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota and Johnny's at 3825 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

Keep Sarasota County Beautiful litter bags will also be offered at the following businesses: Crest Cadillac Oldsmobile, Sunset Chevrolet, Ed Howard Lincoln Mercury, Chick-Fil-A, McDonald's, First National Bank of Florida, Wachovia Bank, and Provident Bank. Additional sponsors and donors include Alpine Steak House,

Arby's, Bangkok Restaurant, Bee Ridge Florist, Beneva Flowers and Gifts, Blue Dolphin Car Wash, Boston Market, Buchanan Automotive Group, Café Baci, Chili's, Clear Channel of Sarasota, Einstein Brothers, Filippo's Pizzeria and Ristorante, Gold's Gym, Jays Vending, Jiffy Lube, Karl Ehmer's Meats, Mobil Lube Express, Mom's Amish Country Cooking, Mrs. Chen's, Obee's, Papa John's Pizza, Royal Oldsmobile-GMC Trucks, Sarasota Ale House, Sarasota Ford, Sugar and Spice Restaurant, Suncoast Kia, TCBY, The Bank of Venice, The Oaks, Venice Dodge/Nissan and Wilde Sun Honda.

## State Rep. Jerry Paul Ends Re-Election Bid

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) - State Rep. Jerry Paul is dropping his re-election bid, citing uncertainty over his pending appointment to the National Nuclear Security Administration.

Paul, R-Port Charlotte, was appointed to the federal post earlier this year by President Bush. He still needs confirmation by the United States Senate, and is unsure when that vote may occur.

"I would like to run and continue representing my community until the confirmation is complete," Paul said in a statement Monday. "But my loyalty must first be to the people of District 71. They need

the certainty of a definite field as the elections quickly approach."

Paul qualified for the ballot last Friday, creating a situation where he could have drawn votes in either the primary or general election even following his nomination to the federal post.

A pair of Republicans, Michael Grant and Christopher King, will vie for Paul's House seat.

Paul, 38, is an attorney and holds degrees in both marine and nuclear engineering. He served a pair of two-year terms in the state House, and was Deputy Majority Whip for 2001's legislative session.

## Sarasota County Measures Its Ecological Footprint

If everyone on earth consumed resources at the pace of Sarasota County, we would need four more planets to maintain everyone at this level of consumption. While an analysis of Sarasota County's impact on nature reveals that on average, Sarasota County residents use more of the earth's resources than the earth can provide, we are doing slightly better than the U.S. as a whole.

Sarasota County's ecological footprint reveals that the county's citizens rely on resources produced by land 10 and 1/2 times larger than Sarasota Coun-

ty, or 22.2 acres per capita. The average U.S. footprint is 23.7 acres per person, the largest on earth; comparatively, Germany's footprint size is 10.5 acres per person.

The ecological footprint calculation measures the amount of natural resources consumed and the waste produced by a specific population. Factors in the measurement include energy, land, food, goods and services, transportation and recycling. Sarasota County is one of the first local governments in the U.S. to measure its environmental impact on the

planet. The Ecological Footprint calculations are conducted by Redefining Progress, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that develops [SCI]tools to shift the economy and public policy toward sustainability.

Sarasota County will use the ecological footprint analysis as baseline information to guide its programs and policies toward sustainability. "Calculating our Ecological Footprint is an important step in moving Sarasota County towards sustainability," noted Board of County Commission Chair Jon Thaxton,

"While it is reassuring that we are doing somewhat better than the national average, the news that we would need four more planets if everyone on the planet lived like an average Sarasotan, should serve as a wake-up call that we can do better in the area of sustainable living."

Sarasota County has placed sustainability at the center of its operations by initiating sustainable policies and internal practices. Through its Sustainable Sarasota program, the

county encourages other organizations, businesses and individuals to do the same. In practicing what it preaches, the county is expanding its hybrid vehicle fleet, promoting ecotourism, designing and constructing "green" buildings and purchasing environmentally-friendly products for the workplace among other things.

People can reduce their individual ecological footprints through simple lifestyle changes such as replacing incandescent

light bulbs with energy-saving compact fluorescent lamps, eating organic food, buying locally-produced goods and driving fuel-efficient cars. Individuals may calculate their personal eco-footprints online at [www.myfootprint.org](http://www.myfootprint.org). Visit Sustainable Sarasota on the web for more information on sustainable county programs and for additional ways you can reduce your own impact on nature, [www.sarasota.extension.ufl.edu/ss/ss.html](http://www.sarasota.extension.ufl.edu/ss/ss.html).

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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Local Activist to Receive Distinguished Citizen Award at USF Commencement

TAMPA - Chloe Coney will receive the Distinguished Citizen Award at the University of South Florida's commencement Aug. 7 at the Sun Dome. Established in 1974, the award is presented to a person who has rendered distinguished public service to the people of Florida, particularly to the people of the USF service area.

"Chloe is truly an asset to our community," USF President Judy Genshaft said. "It is my honor to present this award so that others may know and recognize the outstanding service and leadership she has provided through the years."

For the past 26 years, Coney has championed the cause of the underserved, the homeless, the oppressed and the dispossessed in the community. She has been an advocate for community building and revitalization. As President and CEO of the Corporation to Develop Communities (CDC) of Tampa, her efforts have had a positive, on-going impact on significant segments of the Tampa Bay community.

The CDC Of Tampa, Inc. is a non-profit community based; community owned development corporation whose mission is to raise the economic, educa-



Chloe Coney

tional and social levels of the residents of economically depressed areas of Hillsborough County. The CDC's Nehemiah Project Community Building "Brick by Brick" has spent a decade of providing community and economic development services to East Tampa, bringing \$20 million in public/private ventures to the community. Coney is responsible for all program and project management, financial management, fundraising, leadership development, organizational development and coordination of public/private partnerships. Under Coney's leadership, the CDC has successfully

built a 2,700 square foot laundromat and ice cream shop run by the area's youth; she rehabilitated an old bar into a 5,000 square foot Youth and Family Center and she created an East Tampa Business Center which houses six small business incubator storefronts.

Coney's services to USF have been outstanding. Her work with the Institute on Black Life has included creating and chairing the first USF Community Outreach Day and making her facilities and resources available for the university's use.

Her lifelong dedication and service to the commu-

nity has not gone unnoticed. She has served on several important local, regional and national organizations, including the Florida Affordable Housing Student Commission, the Tampa Bay Area Faith-Based Alliance, the National Center of Neighborhood Enterprise Board of Directors, the National Congress for Community Economic Development Board of Directors and the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Leadership Tampa. She has been selected to the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame and has received the Hillsborough County Chamber of Commerce H.L. Culbreath Award for Leadership. Coney is also a frequent speaker on community building and revitalizing of neighborhoods, often conducting or attending workshops at women's retreats and churches across the country.

Coney has a bachelor's in sociology/corrections from Florida A & M University and a master's in biblical counseling from Florida Beacon Bible College. She received an honorary doctorate degree from Blessed Hope Bible College. Coney is married to Pastor Ernest Coney, Sr. and is the proud mother of three.

## Memory Mobile Brings Free Services

PINELLAS PARK - The Alzheimer's Association - Florida Gulf Coast Chapter invites the public to visit their mobile office, the Memory Mobile. Free services through a fully equipped mobile office will be available at the following locations, Aug. 2 - 6, in the St. Petersburg area.

- Monday, Aug. 2, 1 - 4 p.m., Gulfport Senior Center, 5501- 27th Ave. S., Gulfport.
- Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2 - 4 p.m., Apollo Health and Rehab., 1000 - 24th St. N., St. Petersburg.
- Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1 - 4:30 p.m., Johnnie Ruth Clark Health Center, 1344 - 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg.
- Friday, Aug. 6, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Walmart Super Center, 8001 U.S. Hwy. 19, Pinellas Park.
- Tuesday, Aug. 3, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Enoch Davis

Center, 1111 - 18th Ave. S., St. Petersburg.

Wednesday, Aug. 4, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth St. N., St. Petersburg.

Thursday, Aug. 5, 12 - 4:30 p.m., Jordan Park Apts., 1245 Jordan Park St. S., St. Petersburg.

Services available to visitors include: memory screenings, information and referral services, family care planning assistance,

safe return for wanderers, and a variety of literature related to Alzheimer's disease and caregiver concerns. They can also view caregiver training videos or talk with an Alzheimer's Association Program Specialist about their families' specific needs.

The Memory Mobile is made possible through funding provided by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

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# TAMPA BAY AREA

## SECME National Teacher of the Year —



Rose Mack

**PINELLAS COUNTY**—For the first time ever, Pinellas County has the National SECME Teacher of the Year. On June 28, Rose Mack, one of four national finalists, was selected as the 2004 SECME National Teacher of the Year. The awards dinner was held in Houston, Texas as part of the SECME summer institute hosted by the University of Houston. She received this honor be-

cause of her commitment to providing enriching opportunities to the students of Pinellas County involved in Youth Engineering Society (YES) and her legacy of transforming the lives of young people by making them comfortable and confident in their academic pursuits.

YES-SECME is a Saturday morning enrichment program designed to prepare and encourage the underrepresented students to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Mack, a mathematics teacher at the Center for Advanced Technologies at Lakewood High School hopes to use the proceeds to introduce to the Tampa Bay area, the school-based model that has research based data showing significant annual yearly progress for those students enrolled.

## This Week's "Best" Photo



Black males are getting involved! Two youths go door to door, in the Midtown community, in an attempt to register potential voters for this year's election.

photo by Shedrick Rhodes

## Local Soldier Heads to Middle East



LTC William Sanders

LTC William Sanders, son of Herbert and the late Phyllis Sanders was deployed July 16, 2004 to the country of Qatar, located on a small peninsula off Saudi Arabia. Sanders is a 1982 graduate of Lakewood Senior High School.

Before being deployed, Sanders served as the Chief of the Field Operations Division at the United States Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa. He has held numerous command and staff positions in Acquisition, Logistics, and Personnel management. Prior to his current duties, he served as a Branch Chief in the Defense Contracting Command-Washington.

Sanders was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1987 upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor of Science degree. He also holds a Masters of Science degree from Central Michigan University and a Masters of Business in Information Systems from the University of Maryland at College Park. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Command and General Staff College and the basic and advanced officer course of the U.S. Army Quartermaster School.

He also served in command staff position in combat service support units in Korea and at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was assigned the aide-de-camp to the Commander of the Defense Supply Cen-

ter-Philadelphia and later as a contracting officer within the organization. He was later assigned to the Pentagon and served the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics as the action officer for Army Prepositioning in Southwest Asia. Specifically he initiated efforts to establish a forward presence in Kuwait, Qatar, and Oman. He was later assigned to Project Manager Night Vision at Fort Belvoir, Va. as the Assistant Product Manager (APM) Forward Looking Infra-Red (FLIR) and as the APM for the Long Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System. After deploying as a Joint Contracting Chief in support of Operation Joint Forge (Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary), LTC Sanders was again assigned as a branch chief within Defense Contracting Command-Washington. In his current position at the USSOCOM he was deployed to Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

LTC Sanders' awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), the Joint Commendation Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal. He is also authorized to wear the Senior Parachutist, Army Rigger, and the Canadian and Korean Jumpmaster badges. He is certified in Contracting (level III) and Product Management (Level II) and is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps.

## North Greenwood Holds Back to School Bash

**CLEARWATER**—Jack Russell Stadium will be the site of a Back to School celebration on Saturday, July 31 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The purpose of the event is to inspire and prepare the youth for the new school year, as well as pro-

vide a fun, informative and entertaining event.

A collaborative effort by the NAACP Youth Council, Boys and Girls Club of Clearwater, African-American Leadership Council, Cherish the Children Foundation, Mt.

Carmel Community Development Corporation, Winning Inning, Smart Fighter Institute and A Spiritual Change will provide the children with free backpacks and school supplies. Backpacks are available to the first 200 kids

only. Food, games and entertainment will enhance the festive atmosphere. Jack Russell Stadium is located in Clearwater, at the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Palmetto.

For organizations that desire to promote their educational or health care services. Financial and product donations are still being accepted for the Back to School Bash.

For additional information, contact: Reginald

Sherman, NAACP Clearwater/Upper Pinellas Youth Council Advisor, at (727)215-4393, or Aaron McGlon, Boys and Girls Club Clearwater Area Director at (727) 647-0793.

## Local Women Take on Bold New Look to Fight Cancer

**TAMPA**— "STAGES, A Beauty Makeover Event For Women Diagnosed With Cancer," will be held on Monday, August 2 at the Shear Excellence Academy at Without Walls International Church, located at 2511 N. Grady St. in Tampa.

The event begins with a meet and greet reception and then rolls into a comprehensive program chock full of information from experts and professionals, beauty and skin care tips and finally the beauty makeover. After shaving their heads, participating women will be adorned with wigs, hats, scarves or head wraps prior to getting

skin care instruction and the application of makeup. The culminating activity will be a short catwalk for those that wish to present us in bold fashion with their new look. The event starts at 1 p.m. and is FREE to women in care, their family and friends.

This event is designed to give emotional, psychological and spiritual support to women who are experiencing the difficult side-effects of losing one's hair due to chemotherapy treatments and changes in skin color and texture. The supportive environment provides information and encouragement as they look to maintain their fem-

inity and reestablish a level of normalcy in their daily lives after shaving their heads. Join us as experts and professionals specifically trained to counsel them, their family & friends through this ordeal, volunteer their services to help them feel good and look good with a special beauty makeover! April Sloan, an ARNP with over extensive experience working with cancer patients will discuss the stages of care and the subsequent physical changes that take place. Tanal Gardner, a licensed esthetician who specializes in skin care for cancer patients will share daily

care and beauty tips for participants. Nancy Drouin, Breast Program Outreach and FACTors Coordinator at Moffitt Cancer Center, discusses the successes of peer support as they journey through the care process. Research has suggested that next to the primary care physician, talking with women who have had similar experiences is found to be a greater support than talking to spouses, family and friends.

Sponsors and donations are needed. For more information, please call (813) 814-1600.

## National-Louis University Launches Master of Arts in Teaching Program

**TAMPA**—The Department of Elementary and Middle Level Teacher Education of National-Louis University has launched the Master of Arts in Teaching Program at the Florida Regional Campus in Tampa. Recruiting of students has begun for the first M.A.T. cohort group to start this September. National-Louis, founded in 1886 in Chicago, is a regionally accredited university with nationally recognized programs in education. The M.A.T. program, approved by the Florida Commission on Independent Education, is designed for adults who have completed a bachelor's degree in a field other than education and are interested in a new career as a professional teacher. Upon completion of the part-time, 24-month program, graduates will earn a master's degree and also meet requirements for initial

teacher certification in Florida.

National-Louis' partnership agreement with Pinellas County Schools ensures that Pinellas students receive a 5% tuition discount. They may also qualify for a Rising Leader scholarship offered by the university, as well as other financial aid programs. Instruction takes place in a cohort group of 16 students who receive personal attention and support, and classes are conveniently located in Pinellas County.

The Tampa Campus, established in 1988, has well-established programs leading to M.Ed. and Ed.S. Degrees. Several highly successful educators in Pinellas County are National-Louis alumni. Furthermore, Black Issues in Higher Education (www.blackissues.com) ranks National-Louis in the top 10 for the number of African-American graduates

awarded master's degrees in education and in business. National-Louis University celebrates diversity.

For more information and to apply, prospective students should contact: Carol Burg, (813) 491-6109, cburg@nl.edu, Assistant Director of Enrollment, or Dr. Joyce Salvage, (813) 491-6133, jsalvage@nl.edu, Florida Regional Coordinator, M.A.T. Program

## Road Patrol Volunteers Sought

**ST. PETERSBURG**—Applications are now being offered to become a volunteer with the St. Petersburg Police, Volunteer Road Patrol and Disabled Parking Enforcement Specialist Unit. For detailed information and application appointment, contact the St. Petersburg Police Volunteer Road Patrol at (727) 893-7063.

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## Khana's in Japan!

by Khana Riley

*This is me, as happy as I can be, my LORD Jesus, made me free, what more do I need.*

I just spent the past week with an amazing family. This family was a lot of fun. It turns out that my host father is a civil engineer, and he built a dock that we took our dog for a walk on. He's very talented. He doesn't speak much English but the fact that he tries to all the time is cool. It turns out that my host mother is an English teacher for a company that teaches English to interested students. She has classes in her home every night, and I was able to help teach her students. She said that I have a real knack for teaching, and that I do it very well. I had a lot of fun, and I didn't mind sacrificing my nights to help.

During my stay, I attended baseball games for the high school that I attended the first week. They won, probably because I was the..... just kidding. I went to many firework displays with my friends here. Even though they know me already, they treat me as if I'm still a celebrity; and they make it seem like all the time that we spend together is our last time together. They always want to take pictures, and exchange information. I think it's awesome.

I went shopping in the many shopping centers. It's kind of funny, because the clothes that most Americans wouldn't wear are like high fashion in Japan. I find it pretty interesting. Its nothing drastic, it's just things that don't match, and they don't have a problem with that - which is pretty cool.

I visited an elementary school, and I got a chance to play with little kids. There was this one time, where I said "hello" to this Japanese student and his response was, "I'm fine thank you." I started cracking up, mainly because it was so cute, and partly because it was so unexpected. I tried to get a Japanese phone, and it turns out that I have two. They are really cool, and they were the main things that I wanted when I got here. I just think that they are so cool, and they can do a lot of stuff, which makes it even better.

I went to visit a soy sauce factory, and a sugar factory. At the soy sauce



Khana Riley

factory I had...brace yourselves... soy sauce ice cream. It turned out to not taste so much like soy sauce, but you could still tell that was what it was made from. It was actually pretty good. I should admit that I had my doubts, because soy sauce ice cream doesn't necessarily sound too appetizing, but it was.

My family and I went to sing in a Karaoke Booth, and it was so much fun. The really good part was that some of the songs were in English, the music was really loud so I couldn't hear myself, and the songs that they had covered a wide range. It was amazing. The really cool part was that while I was singing, people were looking through the door, and they saw me dancing. So when I went to the bathroom, people were clapping for me. I realized that the music entertainment business is one of the lives for me. So any talent agencies, if you're looking, I'm interested. Just kidding, well not really.

Anyway, I played bowling, and I came in second place. Then we decided to go and see the sun set on a mountain. It was beautiful, except for the fact that the mountain was a little cloudy; the view was wonderful, and I had a great time. My initial reaction, when I heard that we were going to see the sunset on Yashima mountain, was a little scared. I was thinking that we were actually going to be climbing the mountain. You have no idea how relieved I was when I heard that we were taking a bus. Do you realize how long it would have taken us to climb the mountain, that by the way was huge? That was my second time being on a mountain, and my little fear of heights didn't help much either. There's just something about being on the side of a bumpy moun-

tain, and all that's separating you from the edge is a rope. Like that's really gonna do anything. Luckily, I always have the Lord with me so a quick prayer to Him, easily eased my fears. It feels good to have a friend like that. Thanks God!

I also took a Calligraphy class. Calligraphy is a type of writing that is actually more intense, and more traditional than I thought. It was quite funny seeing the writings that my teacher did, and then see what I tried to do. My discard pile was higher than their "Don't open mail pile." It was hilarious. By the end of the practice, I got a lot better, and was able to make some very authentic work.

Well, I have had a great time. I'm actually about to go to my third host family in a matter of hours. I really am going to miss this family. I want to stay, but duty calls. In a matter of minutes, my family will be taking me to a church service. I'm really excited. It's gonna feel good to be able to congregate in a room filled with God-filled people. I have to read my Bible and prayer books every night, to stay right, so this ought to be a double dose. By the way the church that I'm going to is Protestant.

Hope everything is well in St. Pete. Please continue to give God the praise for all he is doing, all He's done and all that He will do. We owe God everything. Continue to thank Him for His mercy, grace and peace. Remember, WITHOUT GOD, WE ARE NOTHING! Continue to please pray for my family and for myself. God Bless!

*Khana Riley is a seventeen-year-old City of St. Petersburg teen ambassador in Takamatsu, Japan. Over the next month, she will continue to contribute columns to the Challenger remarking on her adventures.*

Hughes, who wrote "I've Known Rivers," helped define the degrees of blackness as he talked about the "new Negroes" who must overcome a battle with their souls desires and society dictates.

"Some are born Negro, some achieve Negro and some have Negro thrust upon them," remarked Hughes, who was portrayed by Bob Devin Jones.

Pigmentation should not color one's perception about how far they can go in life, explained Johnson.

In a spiel reminiscent of recent rantings regarding the state of black America by comedienne Bill Cosby,

Johnson concluded that it is imperative for future generations of artists to master their craft.

"In order for the Negro to be great as a people, they must produce great art and literature," explained Johnson, a Jacksonville native who penned what has become dubbed the black Negro anthem, "Lift Every Voice & Sing."

"That is the standard that other people are judged by. It's OK to write about what you know, but don't forget you need to also have the basic tools to tell the story. I met the standards first, then I played a little bit with the prose."

## Hands on Tampa Bay Needs Volunteers

TAMPA — Hands on Tampa Bay (HOT) is a volunteer service of United Way that provides volunteer opportunities for busy people. HOT needs volunteers to help disabled riders as a side walker and assist with grooming and tackling of horses, light gardening and barn maintenance at Quantum Leap on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 8 a.m. to noon. HOT also needs volunteers to help tag items, straighten the sales floor, and greet customers at the Pinellas Association for Retarded Children (PARC) thrift store on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds from sales at the thrift store go to fund programs at PARC. Project times include a brief 30 minute orientation. Please contact Lorena Rivas by phone at (727) 535-2898 in Pinellas County or (813) 274-0969 in Hillsborough County or email at hot@uwfb.org to register for the project.

Hands on Tampa Bay is designed for those who need to balance a busy lifestyle with their interest in volunteering. HOT offers a flexible and fun approach to volunteering by scheduling short-term projects outside of normal business hours. New volunteers attend a one-time, 30 minute orientation and then receive a monthly calendar of volunteer opportunities through the mail. Volunteers sign up for projects by going online at [www.handsontampabay.org](http://www.handsontampabay.org) or by calling the project coordinator listed on the calendar. A total of 60 to 70 volunteer projects are scheduled monthly in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. HOT's corporate services also can coordinate convenient onsite volunteer education, training and orientation for companies and organizations in the area.

Volunteers are needed throughout the year for various projects throughout the Tampa Bay area to benefit agencies such as Ronald McDonald House, Shriner's Hospital, The Spring, America's Second Harvest, Tampa Bay AIDS Network, Salvation Army, SHARE, Horses for the Handicapped, Pinellas Association for Retarded Children (PARC), and Center Against Spouse Abuse (CASA). New volunteers are required to attend a one-time, 30 minute orientation prior to participating in their first project.

For additional information regarding orientations, available projects, or Hands on Tampa Bay, contact Lorena Rivas, program manager, at (727) 535-2898 in Pinellas County or (813) 274-0969 in Hillsborough County.

Hands on Tampa Bay volunteers donated 11,824 hours to the Tampa Bay area in 2003.

**There Is A Reason To Read The Weekly Challenger!**

## Take the Tax Dollars and Run

**Incoming Senate Democratic Leader Says Company Shirks Responsibility to Community**

TAMPA — Last week, State Sen. Les Miller (D-Tampa) sharply criticized the announcement by Capital One to close its Tampa credit card call center, and called on the financial services giant to seriously rethink its decision.

"More than 1,000 Tampa employees helped build this company from the ground up," said Miller. "They not only gave Capital One their dedication and their hard work — transforming the company into one of the industry's leaders — but their tax dollars as well, almost \$3 million at last count. To repay them by outsourcing their jobs, likely to India or other third world countries, is appalling."

Miller said that Capital



Sen. Les Miller

One's decision to outsource the Tampa operations was not only a devastating blow to the employees, but the community and its struggling economy.

"In its rush to serve the

bottom line, Capital One appears to have forgotten its pledge to take its "role as a corporate citizen seriously," Miller said. "I would remind Capital One that its 'Commitment' as

published on its website publicly declares that 'true corporate success is measured not simply in the ledger but rather in a company's positive impact, both in the community and in the workplace.'"

"Capital One walks away with the tax incentives, the jobs, and the new federal tax breaks it may collect from any move of those jobs away from Florida's shores," he added. "It's time we saw a commitment to this community as strong as this community has committed to the company."

## Scholarships for the College-Bound!

It's never too early to start researching what scholarships are available for your kids! Below are just a few to look into:

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- Student Video Competition (<http://www.christophers.org/vidcon2k.html>)
- The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation (<https://www.coca-colascholars.org/cokeWeb/jsp/scholars/Index.jsp>)
- Holocaust Remembrance Project is a national essay contest for high school students (<http://holocaust.hklaw.com>)
- Ayn Rand Essay Scholarships (<http://www.aynrand.org/contests>)
- Gates Millennium Scholarships (<http://www.gmmp.org/nominationmaterials/read.dbm?ID=12>)
- NCAA Scholarships and Internships (<http://www.ncaa.org/about/scholarships.html>)
- National Assoc. of Black Journalists' Student Education Enrichment & Development Programs (<http://www.nabj.org/studentsvcs.html>)
- Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund ([http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org/sk\\_v6.cfm](http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org/sk_v6.cfm))
- FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid scholarships (<http://www.finaid.com>)
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## PINELLAS COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS CANVASSING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

**Primary Election  
August 31, 2004**

DATE	HOURS	ACTIVITY
August 10	9 a.m.	Pre-election test of in-office touch screen voting units First test of absentee ballot tabulation equipment and pre-election test of polling place touch screen voting units Canvassing Board Orientation Meeting
August 27	9 a.m.	Second test of absentee ballot tabulation equipment Canvass and process absentee ballots
August 28	9 a.m.	Continue canvass of absentee ballots Continue processing absentee ballots
August 29	9 a.m.	Continue canvass of absentee ballots Continue processing absentee ballots
August 30	9 a.m.	Continue canvass of absentee ballots Continue processing absentee ballots
August 31	9 a.m. 7 p.m.	Continue canvass of absentee ballots Continue processing absentee ballots Begin processing results cartridges Release unofficial results Test absentee ballot tabulation equipment
September 1	2 p.m.	Canvass provisional ballots and certify election results
September 2	2 p.m.	Canvass provisional ballots and certify election results

**All meetings will take place at the Election Service Center, 14255 49th St. N., Suite 202, Clearwater, Florida**

NOTE: Persons are advised that if they wish to appeal any decision made at these meetings, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based, per Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in these proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within two (2) working days of the publication of this notice, please contact the Office of Human Rights, 400 S. Ft. Harrison Ave., Ste. 500, Clearwater, FL 33756; (727) 464-4062 (VTDD).

Deborah Clark  
Supervisor of Elections  
Pinellas County, Florida

## Renaissance from front page folks business.

"Some Negroes have a problem with the way I collect these wonderful folktales. But, you know I know this is very rich water," said Hurston, who was portrayed by Phyllis McEwen.

Although her southern dialect and country ways was a bone of contention among her contemporaries, the author of "Their Eyes Were Watching God" was comfortable in her own skin.

"I'm a bonafied colored woman," Hurston proclaimed.



# WOMAN'S WORLD

## A Breast Cancer Awareness Reminder

(NAPSM) — In an effort to promote breast cancer awareness year-round, an innovative reminder program that helps women practice the three steps to better breast health has been initiated. The three steps include breast self-examination, clinical breast exams and mammograms. The campaign, initiated by Personal Products Company, a division of McNeil-PPC, Inc., is especially aimed at ethnic women.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in African American women, whose death rate from the disease is higher than that of women of any other racial or ethnic population. Although their breast cancer incidence tends to be lower, their mortality rates are approximately 28 percent higher than that of Caucasian women. Studies consistently show that lack of awareness of breast can-



cer risk and screening methods are among the factors responsible for the lower rates of screening utilization by African-American women, which results in late-stage diagnosis.

The results of a recent *Essence* magazine survey found that one-third of the magazine's readers have a family member diagnosed with breast cancer. Forty-one percent don't have regular breast exams because they haven't been advised to and 26 percent have not had exams because they don't have health insurance. For information on how to

find low-cost or free mammograms, call The Susan G. Komen foundation at 1-800-IMAWARE (1-800-462-9273).

Studies also show that even though Hispanic/Latina women have lower breast cancer rates than Caucasian women, they are as likely to die from the disease. This contradiction is due to the fact that women of this ethnicity are less likely to have mammograms and as likely to be diagnosed at later stages.

A recent Roper ASW survey found that 60 percent of Hispanic women have talked to a doctor

about breast cancer; 40 percent have not. Of those who didn't talk to their doctor, 49 percent cited a lack of concern; 40 percent believed there were no early signs of breast cancer and 61 percent believe it is hereditary.

To help reverse these trends and to encourage Latina and African-American women to actively participate in safeguarding their breast health, the innovative Step Up To Breast Health program will be launched.

Women are invited to sign up for free e-mail and/or telephone reminders ([www.justforwomen.net](http://www.justforwomen.net) or 1-888-STAYFREE/1-888-782-9373) designed to spark action in one or more of the three steps. Online users will receive e-mail messages and telephone users will receive pre-recorded messages.

## Trailblazer from front page

couldn't afford both food and tuition, she said.

Now as a single mother of two she said she qualifies for a full Pell grant of \$4,500 a year, plus she is "lucky enough" to qualify for an additional \$584 grant from the state of Florida. However, many of the younger students on campus who call her "mama" do not qualify for these amounts of aid and struggle to stay in school.

ASACC is politically savvy and has had many politicians give them tips. "Bob Dole taught us how to speak to the powers that be, to speak to congressmen and senators and get our point across. He was really

funny," she said.

The group has a \$200 a plate fundraiser next month and uses money to hire lobbyists. Ralph Nader was a lobbyist, before running for president again, and worked on persuading publishers to reduce textbook costs.

With so many jobs requiring more education and the cost of obtaining that education soaring, Phillips said, "why should you have to fight to get an education? When I went back to school I got a full Pell grant and I have never needed assistance. I could be on welfare. I refused it."

Phillips works as a student assistant to Kenneth Turley, the advisor of student activities. She said Turley also graduated from

HCC.

As far as her running for office, she said, "I can give back. If the taxpayers are paying me to go to school I can at least pass out a soda, that's how I got into it as a senator and I just loved it."

She loves elected office so much she said she is considering running for county school board eventually. She said it bothers her that her children are unable to attend a neighborhood school.

But first she plans to open her own optical boutique with an already registered name "These Eyes." Her boutique won't sell "your grandma's glasses or your grandpa's contact lenses. Upbeat eyewear, that's my dream," Phillips

said.

In the meantime: "My biggest thing is we need to educate these young people about voting," Phillips said. "I want to get more people out. I don't push a party I just push use your voice and count."

"You gotta want to do it you got to want to make a change," she said.

Of the Higher Education Act bill, H.R. 422, sitting in Congress awaiting a vote she urged everyone to contact Congress and ask that they pass the legislation.

"Just think you have your next dentist, next nurse," Phillips said, "my podium is that everyone should be educated, has a right to be educated. It only feeds America."

## Living with Uterine Fibroids



by Catherine Tomeo Ryan

Not many women think of a hysterectomy as a gift to themselves, but that's what Joy had in mind for her 40th birthday. For years, she'd been suffering from massive growths in her uterus (called uterine fibroids) that were causing her excruciating pain, frequent trips to the bathroom, and long, heavy periods. She tried everything she could to get relief - from changing her diet to taking pain medication to having the fibroids surgically removed. Some of the treatments offered her temporary relief, but the fibroids and their symptoms just kept coming back.

"It's been a long struggle," Joy says. "It's totally derailed my plans for having children and for the life I had fantasized about. At some point, you just ask yourself, 'How much is too much? When is it emotionally acceptable to have a hysterectomy?'"

Joy hasn't had a hysterectomy and, like many other black women, continues to struggle with her fibroids. Researchers aren't sure why these growths develop or why they're so common in black women. Most likely, they're related to estrogen and progesterone, since they seem to be linked with risk factors that are hormonally driven. For example, women are more likely to develop fibroids if

they started their periods at a very young age, never had children or are very overweight. When women reach menopause and their hormone levels shift, their fibroids usually shrink or stop growing, and their symptoms disappear.

Although we don't know enough about fibroids yet to prevent them, there are several important steps that you can take if you're concerned about fibroids: Be familiar with the symptoms; demand good care; and be informed about all of the possible treatment options.

**Recognize the symptoms.**

Fibroid symptoms can be very mild, but they can also be severe enough to disrupt daily life. Some of the most common symptoms are:

• **Abnormal bleeding.** Some women experience such heavy menstrual periods that they need to change their tampon or pad every hour. Others have unusually long periods (lasting seven or more days), and some have bleeding or spotting between periods.

• **Pain or pressure in the abdomen.** As fibroids grow, they put pressure on the uterus and surrounding organs. This can cause a feeling of fullness in the abdomen (called pelvic pressure) and can also lead to constipation and frequent urination.

• **Pregnancy problems.** Women with fibroids may have difficulty getting pregnant and also tend to have a higher rate of miscarriage.

If you have any of these symptoms, talk to your doctor. Even though fibroids aren't life-threatening, the symptoms are similar to other, more serious conditions, and so it's important to get an accurate diagnosis.

**Demand good care.** Fibroids are usually diagnosed in two steps: a pelvic exam and then an ultrasound. During a pelvic exam, the doctor feels the uterus for any abnormal growths. If you're having symptoms and nothing is found in your pelvic exam, you should have an ultrasound. This is a painless procedure that uses sound waves to get a detailed picture of the uterus. Sometimes an MRI, which is also painless, will be done instead of an ultrasound, depending on the doctor's preference.

Getting good care for fibroids is a must, but it's something that women might have to actively seek. Sometimes women with symptoms are not given a full exam, and their doctors simply prescribe aspirin to ease their discomfort. If this happens to you and you continue to have symptoms, ask your doctor for an ultrasound or MRI.

## Singer Erykah Badu Births Baby Girl



Erykah Badu

by Chuck 'Jigsaw' Creekmur

Eclectic singer Erykah Badu gave birth to a baby girl, named Puma, on July 5 in her hometown of Dallas, according to sources close to her.

Reps also declined to release the identity of the child's father even though it has been speculated that it's The D.O.C., a rapper who once wrote lyrics for Dr. Dre. D.O.C. is also a native of Texas even though he is often associated with South Central California.

This 9-pound baby is Badu's second child; she also has a 6-year-old boy, named Seven. The father is Andre 3000 of OutKast.

Badu is a Grammy Award winner; her World-wide Underground was released in 2003 to critical acclaim.

## Drive for Diversity Launches 2005 Recruiting Efforts

PRNewswire — "Drive for Diversity" is now formally accepting resumes and information from experienced minority and female drivers and interested minority and female pit crew candidates to be part of its development program for 2005. Interested candidates can submit materials to Access Marketing & Communications from now through Aug. 31, 2004.

Selected applicants will be invited to participate in a testing and evaluation combine this fall at a location to-be-determined. Drivers will showcase their skills in hopes of receiving an opportunity to compete for an established team in the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series next season. Meanwhile, qualified potential crew members selected at the combine will receive "over-the-wall" pit crew training and instruction from 5 OFF 5 ON Race Team Perfor-

mance, with placement opportunities to various NASCAR Series teams.

Access President/CEO Greg Calhoun says that the crew member opportunity is one which should not be missed by minority and female race fans who have dreamed of going "over the wall." He adds, "If you have ever wanted to be a part of NASCAR, we're offering the opportunity to be a member of one of the most vital positions in racing: a race-day pit crew member. And the great part is that previous pit crew experience is not necessary. We are trying to find talent from all walks of life - athletes, mechanics, anyone."

"Drive for Diversity" is a long-term initiative aimed at developing a steady pipeline of well-trained and supported minority and female drivers and crew members. In 2004, five drivers competed in the NASCAR Dodge Weekly

Series, while six crew members participated in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and NASCAR Busch Series. Program partners for 2004 include Centrix Financial, Domino's Pizza, Kodak, Husqvarna, Lowe's Home Improvement, MBNA, Miller Brewing Co., the National Guard, Nextel and Sunoco.

Interested drivers should send resumes, videotapes, on-track photos, race results, references and other supporting materials to: "Drive for Diversity"; Access Marketing & Communications; 401 N. Tryon St., 10th Floor; Charlotte, N.C. 28202. Interested

crew members may also send their information to the address above. Resumes and supporting materials can also be e-mailed to [driver@drivefordiversity.com](mailto:driver@drivefordiversity.com) or [crew@drivefordiversity.com](mailto:crew@drivefordiversity.com).

All resumes and supporting materials need to be postmarked no later than Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004. Please note that applicant resumes and supporting materials will not be returned.

For more information on the program, please visit [www.drivefordiversity.com](http://www.drivefordiversity.com).

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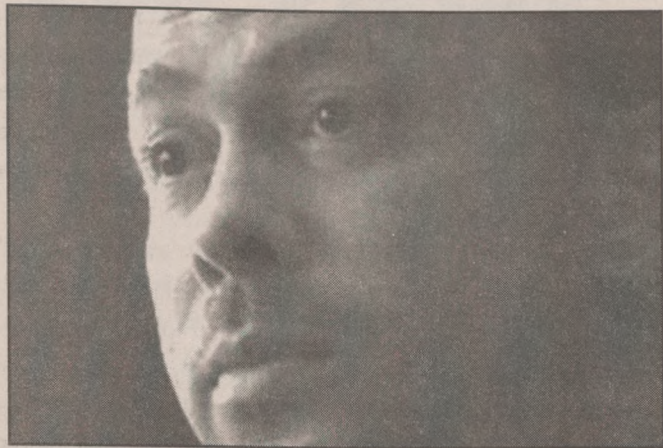
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# LEGAL ISSUES

## Tyson Fight Promoter Has Troubled Legal Past



Webb, who said he has staged more than 10 fights in three years as a promoter at venues that include Louisville Gardens, Caesars and Broadbent Arena, acknowledged he has had "problems in the past."

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The man who promoted boxer Mike Tyson's heavyweight fight tomorrow at Freedom Hall has had a history of legal problems.

Chris A. Webb, 33, is scheduled to appear in court on Monday, Aug. 2, three days after the Tyson bout for allegedly violating a domestic-violence order and threatening the mother of his child. According to a warrant filed in Jefferson County District Court, Webb called her and her family repeatedly last December to say he was in a state of mind that he could "kill someone or hurt someone really bad."

Webb has pleaded not guilty. Webb acknowledges that the Internal Revenue Service has been interview-

ing acquaintances about his finances. He has been charged four times with theft in the past three years in cases that were dismissed — three of them when he paid last-minute restitution — and he has been named as a defendant in more than a dozen lawsuits.

Webb also was convicted of felony cocaine possession in 1994, which has barred him from getting a liquor license but did not stop the Kentucky Athletic Commission from licensing him as a promoter.

Webb, who said he has staged more than 10 fights in three years as a promoter at venues that include Louisville Gardens, Caesars and Broadbent Arena, acknowledged he has had "problems in the past." But



Mike Tyson

he said: "I don't understand what any of my past mistakes have to do with this event. This is about bringing boxing back to Louisville."

The background, reported by The Courier-Journal in Louisville, is not deterring Webb's backers in the fight, who describe the former boxer as a hard worker and persistent.

"He has a lot of heart," said Ward Plauche, owner of five nightclubs at O'Malley's Corner, including Coyote's, where Webb staged his first fight.

Plauche discounted questions about Tyson's background — and Webb's. "This is boxing," Plauche said, "not cheerleaders' camp."

Tyson's New York manager, Shelly Finkel,

said he initially was wary that Webb had so little promotion experience but found Webb to be persistent. "He's got a lot of aggression, in a positive way," Finkel said. "He kept calling and doing and running and getting it done."

Doug Hogan, a spokesman for Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who previously distanced himself from the Tyson fight, said the disclosure of Webb's background "reinforces the governor's decision not to embrace the event and to re-evaluate the athletic commission ... so that we can have an aggressive agency that secures sporting events all Kentuckians can be proud of."

## Candidate Uses U.S. Supreme Court Ruling to Campaign on Faith

BEMIDJI, Minn. (AP) — Tim Tingelstad has made his faith the cornerstone of his campaign for the state Supreme Court, showing a new level of openness in a campaign season changed by a 2002 U.S. Supreme Court decision on Minnesota election law.

Tingelstad is a devout Christian who believes government would benefit from the influence of biblical principles. He is against abortion, quotes the Bible in his campaign literature and favors using state dollars for religiously based schools.

He can say all that thanks to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that struck down Minnesota's election rules barring judicial candidates from sharing their views on hot-button issues, such as abortion, the death penalty and tort reform.

"If it weren't for that opinion, I wouldn't have a platform. I couldn't say anything," he said. "This is the way I can distinguish myself."

A magistrate judge who hears family court cases in 17 counties in northern Minnesota, Tingelstad hasn't run for elect-

ed office before.

The 44-year-old Bemidji resident is among a handful of judicial candidates seeking to unseat incumbents this November, and he is one of the first to openly declare his personal opinions. He is running against Associate Justice Alan Page.

Tingelstad said he decided to run for the state's highest court in December while taking a walk.

"I know our Supreme Court will be making decisions on many important things and I don't see my world view on the court. I believe in God, and I believe that our heritage is based on biblical principles," he said.

The U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling was a victory for the Republican Party of Minnesota and Golden Valley lawyer Greg Wersal, who believed Minnesota was thwarting free speech when it barred judicial candidates from expressing views on "disputed legal or political issues."

Wersal, who has run previous unsuccessful bids for a seat on the Minnesota Supreme Court, has said

the decision created "free and open judicial elections" and made it easier for voters to decide in these kinds of races.

Even so, many in the state legal community, locally and nationally, have been slow to embrace the change.

"Just because the (U.S.) Supreme Court says it's OK doesn't mean it should be done," said Thomas Kayser, campaign manager to Page. "We expect judges — whether they are at the trial court level or the appellate court level — to take a set of facts in the cases before them and apply the law that exists to those set of facts. We don't expect them to ignore the law and simply decide cases based on their own personal predilections. That would be judicial tyranny."

The election of a judge, Kayser added, should be based on qualifications for the post.

Page, a 58-year-old former Minnesota Vikings star, has sat on the state's highest court for 12 years.

"Inquire of lawyers in the legal community about the thoughtfulness (Page)

brings to the cases before him. He argued cases before this bench before he came onto the court. He was in a large prestigious law firm ... and worked in the attorney general's office. Page has the demonstrated qualifications to do this. What are (Tingelstad's) demonstrated qualifications other than he is a lawyer?" Kayser said.

Tingelstad, a former assistant Beltrami County attorney and former administrative law judge, has not argued a case before the Minnesota Supreme Court. Nevertheless, he said, his decision to run is not based on personal ambition.

"My decision to seek election to the Minnesota Supreme Court is an act of obedience to the word and spirit of God. ... Everyone has a world view — even judges, and there's nothing wrong with acknowledging that you have a certain set of glasses that you look through," he said. "But when it comes to deciding on a case, I have to uphold the Constitution and the laws of this land. Any decision I would make would be based on those things — not my world view."

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# STATE NEWS

## Retired Congresswoman Meek to Deliver FAMU Summer Commencement Address

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Former Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek, the first African American elected to Congress from Florida since the Reconstruction, is scheduled to deliver the 2004 Summer Commencement address at Florida A&M University.

The ceremony will be held at 6 p.m., Friday, August 6 at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center. The University is expected to award more than 590 degrees.

Meek, known for her successes as a public servant, college administrator and educator, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992 from Florida's 17th Congressional District. She



Carrie Meek

was a member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, which funds all executive branch programs and independent agencies. Meek also served

on the Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, and the Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies.

Meek, a Tallahassee native, earned a bachelor's degree in biology and physical education from FAMU and a master's in public health and physical education from the University of Michigan.

Upon retirement, Meek founded the Carrie Meek Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation designed to improve the charitable educational, cultural, community and economic development pursuits focusing on the Miami-Dade community.

## State Knew of Problems with Felons List Since 1998

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — State election officials have known since at least 1998 that using race on a recently scrapped suspected felons list could mean Hispanics wouldn't be included in the efforts to clear convicted felons from voter rolls, according to a company that helped create the list.

Private company DBT helped build the felons list for the 2000 election. DBT, which was later bought by ChoicePoint, discussed the difficulties involving Hispanic felons with experts in the secretary of state's office in late 1997 or early 1998, ChoicePoint spokesman Chuck Jones said Monday.

ChoicePoint and state officials analyzed the data together and realized that using race would create an inaccurate list because of the problems with Hispanic or Latinos, he said.

"We determined jointly that it was not reliable," Jones told the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* last week.

Secretary of State

Glenda Hood scrapped the list July 10 after it was reported that it contained few people identified as Hispanic. That was because when voters register in Florida, they can identify themselves as Hispanic. But the FDLE database has no Hispanic category, excluding people from the list if that race is listed. The FDLE list was compared to the voter rolls to determine who should be barred from voting.

Hood spokeswoman Nicole de Lara, reached last Tuesday by The Associated Press, said she could not confirm or deny Jones' remarks. But elections officials and Gov. Jeb Bush have insisted that the error was an oversight, and not intentional.

"The secretary of state had absolutely no knowledge before recalling the list," de Lara said.

De Lara pointed out that Hood was not in office when the list was designed and that she has called for an audit of what led to the Hispanic flaw.

Although Hood took office after the list was designed, many of her employees worked on the current list and the one used in 2000, the newspaper reported.

Jones cited Janet Modrow as one of the state employees who would have known about the race problem. Modrow, who also played a central role in developing the latest felons list, told the newspaper that she couldn't comment, saying she first needed permission Hood's office before she could answer questions.

Department of State records show that the issue of race came up again in an October 2001 meeting. Technical advisers concluded that Hispanic could not be used as a separate race category in creating the match, meeting minutes show.

Paul Craft, voting systems chief with the Division of Elections, said he recalled discussing concerns over relying on race to match felons and voters.

But Craft said he forgot to mention those concerns to Clay Roberts, the elections chief in 2002.

In May 2002, just days before the voter database was unveiled, Roberts ordered a rewrite of the matching procedures.

He insisted that a registered voter's race match exactly with someone in the FDLE database. Because the FDLE classifies Hispanics as white, Roberts' decision meant voters who registered as Hispanics would be excluded from the felons list.

Roberts, who now works in the state attorney general's office, said last Monday that he did not remember being at a meeting where the issue was addressed, but that he "vaguely" remembers there being some concerns about how race was kept in voter registration records.

Florida is one of a handful of states that does not automatically restore voting rights to convicted felons once they have completed their sentences.

## Junior Florida Senator Says He's Worried About Voting Technology

by Brent Kallestad

Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson asked the federal government last Monday to audit touchscreen voting machines that are to be used in 15 Florida counties in statewide elections next month and in November.

In a letter sent to U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, the Democrat asked for an independent Department of Justice audit of the touchscreen machines.

"We need to act now while there's still time to ensure this fall's ballots will be counted accurately and fairly," he said later in his Tallahassee office. "The public clearly has doubt that their votes are [going to] be accurately recorded by these touch screen machines."

Nelson also sent a letter to Florida Secretary of State Glenda Hood, asking her to reconsider an earlier decision rejecting a request to re-examine the voting technology being used in the 15 counties, including Florida's most populous.

In a terse response, the Republican secretary of

state suggested the Democratic senator no grandstand on the issue and take a firsthand look at the voting machines.

"I believe it is crucially important that our senior elected officials understand vital elections issues,"

Hood responded, noting Nelson has declined several

## Hispanic Growth to Outpace White and Black Growth

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Hispanic population growth in Florida will outpace the growth of the state's white and black populations, according to projections released last week by the University of Florida.

Hispanics, who made up about 17 percent of Florida's population in 2000 according to the U.S. Census, are projected to account for about 23 percent of the state's population in 2030, said Stan Smith, director of the

University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

The share of Florida's population designated non-Hispanic, nonwhite - a category that includes blacks, Asians, American Indians and others - is expected to rise from 17 percent to 19 percent during that period. The percentage of non-Hispanic whites in Florida is expected to go from 66 percent to 59 percent during that time, Smith said.

"Florida will continue to experience strong

growth as it has in the past three decades, but the Hispanic population will grow much more rapidly than the state's total population," Smith said.

Miami-Dade County will experience the largest jump in sheer numbers with an increase of 900,000 Hispanics by 2030, according to the University of Florida projections. Other counties expected to have large numerical increases are Broward, Orange, Hillsborough and Palm Beach counties.

Percentage-wise, smaller Florida counties such as Flagler and Lake counties will experience the largest increases, Smith said.

Smith said Cubans' share of the Hispanic population in Florida will continue to decline. Twenty years ago, Cubans accounted for half of the state's Hispanics, but now represent under a third of the Hispanic population.

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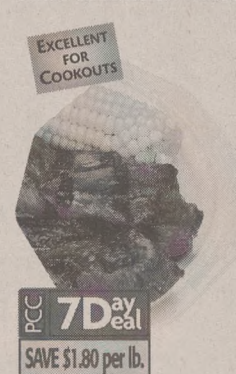
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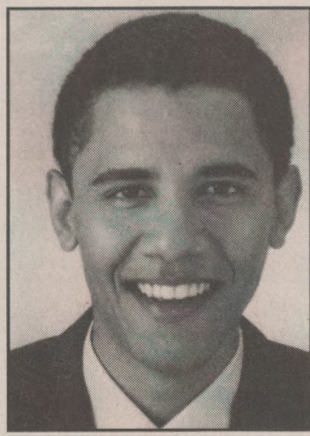
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# NATIONAL NEWS

## Black Legislator Riding Wave to Keynote Speech and Star Status

*If there's a child on the south side of Chicago who can't read, that matters to me, even if it's not my child. If there's a senior citizen somewhere who can't pay for her prescription and has to choose between medicine and the rent, that makes my life poorer, even if it's not my grandmother. If there's an Arab American family being rounded up without benefit of an attorney or due process, that threatens my civil liberties. It's that fundamental belief -- I am my brother's keeper, I am my sisters' keeper -- that makes this country work. It's what allows us to pursue our individual dreams, yet still come together as a single American family. "E pluribus unum." Out of many, one. (excerpt from Tuesday's keynote speech by Barack Obama at the Convention).*



Barack Obama

by Christopher Willis  
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — A few months ago, Barack Obama was just an underdog candidate for the U.S. Senate, unknown even to many people in his home state of Illinois.

Now he's the newest star in his party, the

keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convention on Tuesday, a black candidate with a strong following among white voters.

But Obama, whose father was Kenyan and mother American, grew up in Hawaii and knows something about waves — like the wave of attention he is

enjoying now.

"I love to body surf. If you're on a wave, you ride it. You figure at some point you're going to get a mouthful of sand," he said. "It doesn't last forever."

If elected this fall, Obama, 42, would become the Senate's only black member, and only the fifth

in history. His chances are good, especially since Illinois Republicans have not yet come up with someone to run against him after their nominee dropped out amid a sex scandal.

Tuesday's speech wasn't shown by the broadcast networks, but it still has the potential to help Kerry and to make Obama a more important figure in the party. He admitted to some nerves.

"If you're not a little nervous before the big game, you're not going to have a good game," he said. Obama, a state senator from a Chicago district, lagged in early polls for the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination. But he won the primary election with huge

support among black voters and a strong showing among whites, even in areas where he had done little campaigning.

That snapped people to attention.

They learned his story — a community activist who became the first black president of the Harvard Law Review and then returned to registering voters on Chicago's south side.

Obama later became a civil rights attorney and then began teaching constitutional law at the University of Chicago. He was elected to the state Senate in 1996.

His family background is even more unusual.

Obama's father, also named Barack, was a

Kenyan who studied for several years in the United States. His mother was a white woman from Kansas who moved to Hawaii, where the couple met.

They divorced while Obama was an infant, and he met his father — who went on to become a senior economist in Kenya's Ministry of Finance — only once after that. The son wrote a book, "Dreams From My Father," about their broken relationship and about growing up half-white and half-black in America.

The book describes a confused teenager who went through a period of rebellion and dabbled in drugs — including cocaine — "when you could afford it."

Obama was raised in Hawaii by his mother and her parents and in Indonesia, where he lived for several years with his mother and her second husband.

Now married and the father of two girls, Obama has developed a reputation in the state Capitol as a legislator with liberal goals and a practical approach to achieving them.

Sen. Dale Righter, a Republican who works with Obama on the state Senate's health committee, calls him a fair and intelligent lawmaker. But he also says Obama can sound moderate but isn't.

"Senator Obama has strong beliefs. He's well to the left of center on most of

those issues," said Righter, noting Obama's support for expanding health care for the working poor.

Obama rejects the "liberal" label. He supports the death penalty and favors civil unions for gay couples instead of marriage.

He talks of following the example of the late Illinois Sen. Paul Simon and working with people of different beliefs.

The Rev. Alvin Love said the young man was always willing to look for common ground.

"He would never let you say no," Love said. "He would just keep working at it and plugging at it until it got resolved."

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black people learn about him, "they will respond more and more positively to the Kerry/Edwards ticket and it will result in a record turnout in November." Ronald Walters, a University of Maryland political scientist, believes the lack of enthusiasm for Kerry probably will not hurt Black turnout for him. "The election is not about Kerry, but about Bush," he said.

The black animus against Bush is so strong, that being "satisfied" with Kerry "is sufficient to drive turnout," added Walters, who advised the Jesse Jackson presidential campaigns. But Tara Wall, spokeswoman for the Republican National Committee, said she is not convinced Black Americans have written the president off. "The Democrats talk a good game, but President Bush is a doer," Wall said, adding that the president has increased minority homeownership, funding for historically black colleges and incentives for minority small businesses. "Democrats have just been more vehement with their smoke-and-mirrors campaign," she added.

One thing that could fire up the black electorate for Kerry is a clear indication that he would improve the dour job picture for African Americans, the poll shows. During a Republican "African American Economic Empowerment Tour," in Cleveland on July 8, Ed Gillespie, chairman of the Republican National Committee, boasted that unemployment among African Americans dropped to 10.1 percent in June, from 11.6 percent a year earlier. But the black rate was 8.2 per-

cent when Bush took office.

"I ain't heard Bush say anything about jobs," complained Charles Williams, 48, a West Point, Miss. maintenance man. Williams says he's undecided about a presidential candidate, yet he adds: "Kerry, he's speaking about creating jobs. I don't think either candidate has said enough, to tell you the truth." The degree of worry about the economy is demonstrated by the finding that almost three-fourths of the respondents are concerned that someone in their household may be out of work in the next year.

Key Democrats, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, say they have discussed with Kerry the importance of jobs in the black community. William Lynch, the former New York deputy mayor under David Dinkins who recently joined the Kerry campaign, said his candidate is making jobs a priority.

Walters said Kerry could really energize the black community with a job training program specifically targeted to the high black unemployment rate. "He'd get people's attention," Walters said.

While the economy is the main issue for Williams and other African Americans, the war in Iraq also generates lots of complaints. Williams' son has been in the Air Force for one year, but being in a military family doesn't make Williams, or the vast majority of other black military family members, any more supportive of Bush's Iraq policy, the poll shows.

"I don't think it's a just war," he said. "I think it's something that Bush wanted to do, I guess."

Fully 90 percent of

African Americans oppose the war. That includes Alice Scott, 57, a retired DaimlerChrysler administrative assistant in Detroit. She's livid about the war, fumes about Bush and is enthusiastic about Kerry. "I wonder how many innocent people have died over his [Bush'] hand, because of what he thought was a justified war, but it was not," she said. "At this point I don't rate him too much over Saddam."

Opposition to the war is far stronger in the black community than among all voters. A CBS News/New York Times poll earlier this month indicated 59 percent of all voters say the war is not worth it.

Other findings show that African Americans are more religious than most Americans and more conservative on one current hot-button issue: Fifty-three percent of black voters say same-sex couples should have no legal recognition, compared to 39 percent of all voters.

The survey also found that:

- Three-quarters of African Americans believe affirmative action should be continued for the foreseeable future, yet only 4 percent said college spaces should be set aside for black students; two-thirds said better preparation in elementary and high school is the best way to get more African Americans into college.

- Two-thirds also said the United States should intervene when crisis occurs in Africa.

- Jesse Jackson is still the "most important African American leader" among blacks. Just four percent named Al Sharpton as most important, despite his national campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## New U.N. Envoy to Haiti Visits Towns Hard Hit by Rebellion

by Amy Bracken

Associated Press Writer

GONAIVES, Haiti (AP) — The new U.N. envoy to Haiti met Canadian and Chilean peacekeepers Sunday as he visited areas recovering from a bloody rebellion that led to the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Juan Gabriel Valdes, a former Chilean foreign minister, held a private meeting in west-coast Gonaives with Canadian and Chilean military officials. He also met with Brazilian Lt. Gen. Augusto Heleno, the commander of the U.N. force in Haiti, and the ambassadors from Canada and Chile.

"A very important part of my job (is) to keep alive the interest and the support of the international community for Haiti," Valdes said.

He was scheduled to meet with Chilean troops in north-coast Cap-Haitien later Sunday.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan appointed Valdes on July 12 to be his special representative in Haiti and to head the U.N. mission in the country. Valdes formally takes over in late August.

The mission includes a peacekeeping force expected to expand to 6,700 troops and more than 1,600



Juan Gabriel Valdes is the special U.N. representative in Haiti

international police.

The force members started arriving June 1 to replace a 3,600-strong U.S.-led multinational force sent after the three-week rebellion culminated in Aristide's ouster on Feb. 29.

The rebellion began in Gonaives, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) northwest of Port-au-Prince, and later spread to Cap-Haitien and other areas in the Caribbean country of 8 million. Canadian troops assigned to Gonaives say there they still hear sporadic gunfire at night but that the level of gang violence has decreased.

The Canadian soldiers, who depart Gonaives by the end of this month, are

handing over the city's jurisdiction to Argentine troops, 70 of whom arrived Saturday. A total of 450 Argentines will be here by next month, officials said.

The U.N. force formally took over June 25, and currently includes 2,300 troops from Brazil, Chile, Canada, Uruguay and Argentina. There are also 205 police officers from China, Chad, Portugal, France, Niger, Burkina

Faso, Senegal, Jordan, Canada, Turkey and Cameroon.

Valdes served as Chile's foreign minister from June 1999 until March 2000, then as Chile's ambassador to the United Nations from May 2000 until June 2003, and most recently as Chile's ambassador to Argentina.

Exiled during Chile's military rule which began in 1973, he worked at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington. He then moved to Mexico, where he became a professor of international relations at the Economic Research and Development Center of Mexico.

Valdes arrived in Port-au-Prince Saturday for a five-day trip to visit troops on the ground as well as political and leaders from private sectors. His top priorities include ensuring security and trying to boost the economy in the poorest nation of the Western Hemisphere.

## Five Months After Rebellion, Haitian Rebels Still Armed and Active

by Amy Bracken

Associated Press Writer

MIREBALAIS, Haiti (AP) — Nightly, camouflage-clad rebels patrol this central Haitian town, still armed and active five months after the rebellion that led to the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Under international pressure, the new government has ordered factions to give up their guns in less than two months, but it has shown little willingness to confront ex-soldiers controlling parts of the countryside despite the presence of U.N. peacekeepers.

The rebels, for their part, say no one can force them to disarm.

"We have no problem with [the peacekeepers], but they have no right to take our arms," said Fritz Pierre, who leads rebel foot patrols in this town of 10,000 people, 25 miles northeast of the capital.

Rebels have largely ignored a letter this month from the interim government saying armed groups have until Sept. 15 to turn in illegal weapons, after which police will make arrests.

The police force - trying to rebuild after the revolt that led to Aristide's Feb. 29 ouster - has been

reluctant to confront rebels, as have leaders. Interim Prime Minister Gerard Lartout praised rebels as "freedom fighters" after taking office in March.

Some police cooperate with rebels in patrolling and making arrests. About 50 rebels patrol Mirebalais. Similar squads have been reported in at least 11 central and northern towns.

Many rebels say they were once part of the army that ousted Aristide in 1991 and was disbanded after U.S. troops returned him to power in 1994. Now militants hope to become soldiers again if they can persuade leaders to reconstitute the army.

"The military is always the military. The president can dissolve it, but the constitution is still there, guaranteeing its presence," said Pierre, who patrols with other commandos clutching Uzi submachine guns. The former sergeant says he relies on residents for handouts of food.

Maj. Joseph Lesly Sanz, a member of a government panel that is trying to determine which men are truly ex-soldiers and entitled to pensions and benefits, said many of the militants were not ex-soldiers. He said those men were using stolen uniforms

and guns.

Brazilian-led U.N. peacekeepers are armed, but it's unclear what role they may play in trying to rein in the few hundred rebels still in the island nation after the uprising, which killed an estimated 300 people.

Arriving for a five-day visit to Haiti last week, the new U.N. mission chief, Juan Gabriel Valdes, said security would be a priority but made no mention of rebels or disarmament.

Col. Rodrigo Carrasco, commander of Chilean U.N. troops in northern Haiti said the peacekeepers were discussing disarming rebels but would not use force unnecessarily.

The rebels aren't supposed to be in uniform or bearing arms - "but they're doing it," Carrasco said. "Our role is to not use force unnecessarily, and they are doing nothing bad."

Others disagreed, accusing rebels of threats and attacks against supporters of Aristide, now in exile in South Africa.

Jeanty Andre Omillert, a Mirebalais radio journalist, went into hiding fearing for his life in June after being briefly detained by rebels who he said falsely accused him of robbery. He told an Associated Press

reporter that he was in danger, because "I wasn't on their side."

The National Coalition of Haitian Rights reports other abuses, including the beating death of a man in central Thomonde in March. Rebel commando Manel Valerus was arrested in the killing but escaped to neighboring Dominican Republic, said Viles Alizar, a monitor for the rights group.

While police and rebels often cooperate, relations are strained, Carrasco said. Police and rebels in Mirebalais shared a police station until several days ago, when rebels abruptly moved to another building. Worried about rebels' intentions, police also left, allowing about 10 inmates to escape, police Chief Fog Petit Maitre said.

Rebels left because police seemed "ill-at-ease" with their presence, rebel commander Remissaint Ravix said.

Militants say they help keep security because police, understaffed and outgunned by criminals, can't do it alone in the impoverished country. Critics say rebels have bloody pasts and seek a return to rule by intimidation and violence.

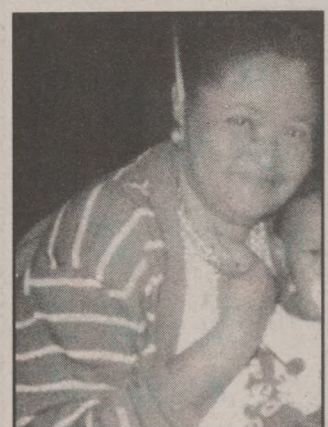
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9, 2004. Survivors include her husband, Alonzo Colquitt, Jr.; two sons, Alonzo Colquitt III and Charlie W. (Vonda Jackson) Colquitt; two sisters, Charlie Mae Donaldson, Rochester Hills, Mich., and Darlene Harris, St. Petersburg; two nephews; four nieces; one aunt; two grandchildren, Alicia C. Colquitt, Clearwater, and Alonzo P. Colquitt, Tallahassee; and several other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



COLQUITT, BARBARA JEAN WALLER, 72, died July

JONES, EDNA E., 86, died July 13, 2004. Survivors include two sons, Ronald (Loretta) Snow, St. Petersburg, and Michael (Angela) Jefferson, Columbus, Ohio; two daughters, Christine (Richard) Grant, Powell, Ohio, and Sarah (Vincent) Ferguson, Augusta, Ga.; 12 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one brother, Eugene (Anna) Jones, Philadelphia, Penn.; and several other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home,

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WALTER, GEORGE, SR., 83, died July 19, 2004. Survivors include two sons, George Walter, Jr. and Robert Walter, both of Tampa; three daughters, Annabell Carter, Georgia Clemons and Delta Spencer, all of Tampa; one sister, Bertha Hudson, Bainbridge, Ga.; one niece, Mary W. Wilson, St. Petersburg; 14 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and several other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

WILLIAMS, MARK ALANZO, 42, died July 15, 2004. Survivors include his wife, Sharon Livingston



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JONES, LAVERNE, 45, died July 12, 2004. Survivors include her adoptive mother, Louise Dixon; one sister, Sharon Wilson; one brother, Michael Kimble; one niece, Tamiko Wilford; one nephew, James Wilford; one great niece, Latoya McCall; three great nephews, Keven McCall, Deimons Thompson and Jaylin Wilford; special friends, Bobby Davis and Felicia Feaster; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



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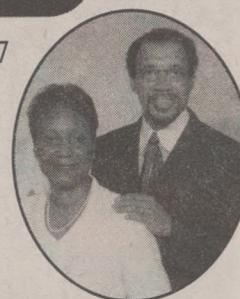
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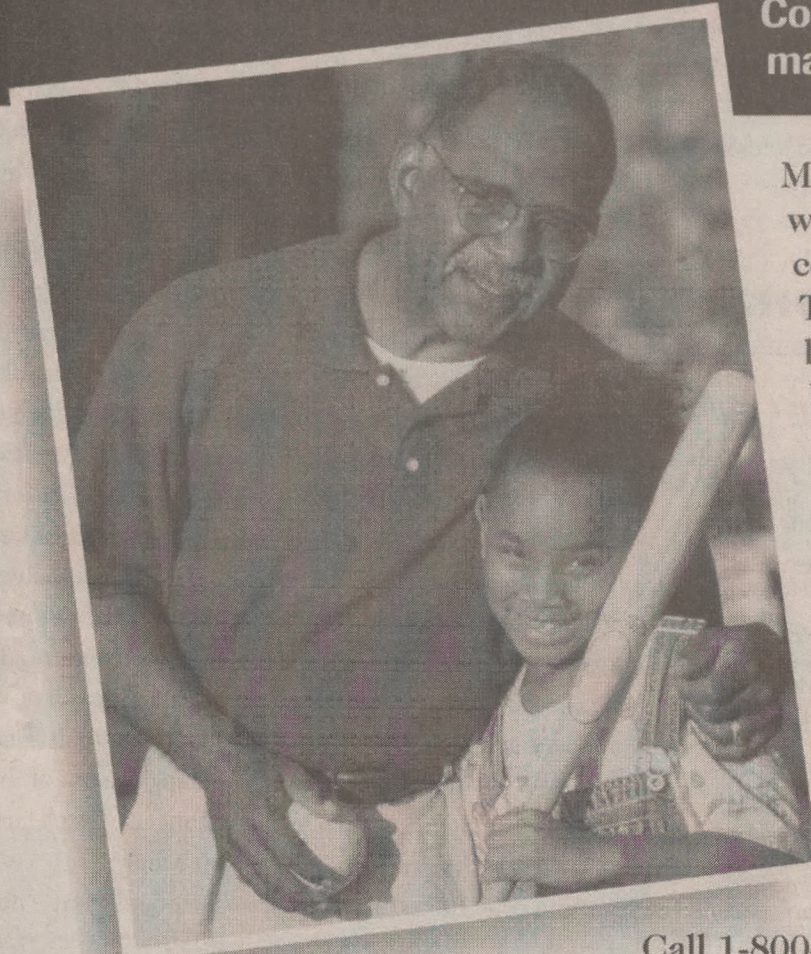
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## Diabetes Prevention: Why We Can't Wait

by Frenchy Risco,  
Member of Small Steps.  
Big Rewards to Prevent  
Type 2 Diabetes

Several years ago, the city of Philadelphia was declared the fattest city in the nation, prompting Mayor John F. Street to launch the *Fit, Fun & Free!* healthy living program and to challenge Philadelphians to become physically active and healthy eaters. Many residents joined the program, but I wasn't one of them—until now.

My wake up call came recently when I saw a friend in the hospital with half of his right leg gone as a result of diabetes. When I saw him like that—someone I had known for 50 years—it had a big impact on me. I realized how much I'd been taking my own health for granted. I believed I was fortunate because there was no history of diabetes in my family, therefore, I didn't think I was at risk. I was wrong.

I am a 61-year-old African American who, like most Americans, had too little physical activity and too much fried and fast food in my diet. My view was that if the food wasn't fried with meat on the side, the meal wasn't for me. And as a real estate executive, I drove or took taxis to meet my clients instead of walking the couple of blocks. My ethnicity along with my age and lack of physical activity were putting me at an increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

After I saw my friend



Frenchy Risco (in the white cap) with his family

in the hospital, I immediately became involved in the *Fit, Fun & Free!* initiative. I wanted to be healthy and reduce my risk for type 2 diabetes. The program taught me how to cook healthy meals that taste good. I also have become more active and I now walk two to three miles each day. I feel like a different person. I am a different person.

Certain events in our lives happen, and there is nothing we can do about them. Developing type 2 diabetes doesn't have to be one of those things. My buddy was unable to take advantage of the information and resources that may have helped him control his diabetes better and prevent the devastating complications associated with the disease. I have a chance to prevent or delay diabetes in my life and I choose to be proactive rather than reactive. Within a month of starting the initiative my life changed. I am certain that my program of eating well and getting active has helped to delay or prevent my risk for type 2 diabetes.

that weighs 200 pounds that is only 10 to 15 pounds). It's never too late. This loss can be achieved by getting 30 minutes of exercise five days a week and eating healthy foods in smaller portions. This campaign to lose weight through small changes in our behavior is not about looking good, it's about feeling good for life.

Diabetes prevention is too late for my friend, but I'm doing all I can to let others in the African American community know how to prevent the disease. NDEP says there are "more than 50 ways to prevent diabetes." I've shared the three most important ones with you: lose a small amount of weight, get physically active, eat healthy foods in smaller portions. I urge you to add methods of your own and challenge your friends and loved ones to do the same. There are many things out of our control, but diabetes prevention is not one of them. Join me in my quest and become a community leader on the road to a healthier, diabetes-free African American community.

Frenchy Risco, a 61-year-old grandfather of 9, is a real estate developer in Philadelphia. As a member of the National Diabetes Education Program's Small Steps. Big Rewards. Team to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes, Risco is leading by example that type 2 diabetes can be prevented in the African American community.

The National Diabetes Education Program has launched an informative campaign, "More Than 50 Ways to Prevent Diabetes," that is focused on the African American community. I encourage you to take to heart the information outlined by the campaign and share it with your friends and loved ones. Challenge your friends with suggestions like:

- Try taking the stairs to your office.
- Turn up the music and jam while doing household chores.
- Instead of frying, try different recipes for baking or broiling meat, chicken and fish.

These are simple tips that can help us increase our physical activity and eat healthier to lick our higher incidence of diabetes.

The science of diabetes prevention is clear—we need to come up with healthy ways to lose just five to seven percent of our body weight to decrease our risk of developing type 2 diabetes (for a person

## Good Health Is Immeasurable

### Reduce portion sizes.

- #1 **Less on your plate, Nate.**
- #2 Keep meat, poultry and fish servings to about 3 ounces (about the size of a deck of cards).
- #3 Make less food look like more by serving your meal on a salad or breakfast plate.
- #4 Try not to snack while cooking or cleaning the kitchen.
- #5 Try to eat sensible meals and snacks at regular times throughout the day.
- #6 Make sure you **eat breakfast** every day.
- #7 Use broth and cured meats (smoked turkey and turkey bacon) in small amounts. They are high in sodium. Low sodium broths are available in cans and powder.
- #8 **Share** your desserts.
- #9 When eating out, have a big vegetable salad, then split an entrée with a friend or have the other half wrapped to go.
- #10 Stir fry, broil or bake with non-stick spray or low sodium broth and try to cook with less oil and butter.
- #11 Drink a glass of water or other "no-calorie" beverage 10 minutes before your meal to take the edge off your appetite.
- #12 **Select** the healthier choice at fast food restaurants. Try grilled chicken instead of the cheeseburger. Skip the french fries or replace the fries with a salad.
- #13 Listen to music while you eat instead of watching TV (people tend to eat more while watching TV).
- #14 It takes 20 minutes for your stomach to send a signal to your brain that you're full. Eat slowly.
- #15 **Eat a small meal, Lucille.**
- #16 Teaspoons, salad forks, or child-size utensils may help you take smaller bites and eat less.
- #17 You don't have to cut out the foods you love to eat. Just **cut down** on your portion size and eat it less often.

### Add more physical activity to your daily routine.

- #18 **Dance it away, Faye.**
- #19 Show your kids the dances you used to do when you were their age.
- #20 Turn up the music and **jam** while doing household chores.
- #21 Deliver a message in person to a co-worker instead of e-mailing.
- #22 Take the stairs to your office. Or take the stairs as far as you feel comfortable, and then take the elevator.
- #23 Make a few less phone calls. Catch up with friends during a regularly scheduled **walk**.
- #24 March in place while you watch TV.
- #25 Park as far away as possible from your favorite store at the mall.
- #26 Select an exercise video from the store or library.
- #27 Get off the bus one stop earlier and walk the rest of the way home or to work at least two days a week.

### Make healthy food choices.

- #28 **Snack on a veggie, Reggie.**
- #29 Try getting at least one new fruit or **vegetable** every time you grocery shop.
- #30 Macaroni and low-fat cheese can be a main dish. Serve it with your favorite vegetable dish and a salad.
- #31 Try eating foods from other countries. Many international dishes feature more vegetables, whole **grains** and beans and less meat.
- #32 Cook with a variety of spices instead of salt.
- #33 Find a **water** bottle you really like (church or club event souvenir, favorite sports team, etc.) and drink water from it wherever and whenever you can.
- #34 Always keep a healthy snack with you.
- #35 Choose veggie toppings like spinach, broccoli and peppers for your pizza.
- #36 Try different recipes for baking or **broiling** meat, chicken, and fish.
- #37 Try to choose foods with little or no added sugar.
- #38 Gradually work your way down from whole milk to 2% milk to 1% milk until you're drinking and cooking with **fat free** (skim) milk.
- #39 Try keeping a written record of what you eat for a week. It can help you see when you tend to overeat or eat foods high in fat or calories.
- #40 Eat foods made from a variety of whole grains—such as whole wheat bread, brown rice, oats, and whole grain corn—every day. Use whole grain bread for toast and sandwiches; substitute brown rice for white rice for home-cooked meals and when dining out.
- #41 Don't grocery shop on an empty stomach and make a list before you go.
- #42 Read food labels. Choose foods with lower fat, saturated fat, calories, and salt.
- #43 **Fruits** are colorful and make a welcoming centerpiece for any table. Have a nice chat while sharing a bowl of fruit with family and friends.
- #44 Slow down at snack time. Eating a bag of low-fat popcorn takes longer than eating a slice of cake. Peel and eat an orange instead of drinking orange juice.

### Nurture your mind, body, and soul.

- #45 **You can exhale, Gail.**
- #46 Don't try to change your entire way of eating and **exercising** all at once. Try one new activity or food a week.
- #47 Find mellow ways to **relax**—try deep breathing, take an easy paced walk, or enjoy your favorite easy listening music.
- #48 Give yourself daily "pampering time" and honor this time like any other appointment you make... whether it's spending time **reading** a book, taking a long bath, or meditating.
- #49 Try not to eat out of boredom or frustration. If you're not hungry, do something else.
- #50 Honor your health as your most precious gift.

### Be creative.

- #51 **Make up your own, Tyrone or Simone.**
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There are many more ways to prevent type 2 diabetes with healthy eating and physical activity. Discover your own and share it with your family, friends and neighbors.



# RELIGIOUS NEWS

## Mt. Zion A.M.E.

"Let everything that hath breath Praise the Lord Praise Ye the Lord" Psalms 150:6

The Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church Family under the leadership of Pastor Clarence A. Williams welcomes your presence this Sunday for Worship Services. We are always happy to receive guests and visitors at any of our services. The teachings of the Word, songs of praise and worship and the inspiring messages will help you along this spiritual journey as your faith and understanding increase. Join us as we endeavor to learn more of God's Word and strive to be more Christ-like. Our early morning services begin at 7:30 a.m. followed by Church School at 9:30 a.m. Come grow and glow as we share the Word one with another. At 11 a.m. we'll participate in Contemporary Worship. Join us for a hal-leluiah good time as we lift high the name of Jesus. The Male Chorus will render songs through out the day; Come prepared to give God all glory and praise!

### Other ministries include:

- Monday - Bible Study, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday - Early morning prayer 6:30 a.m.; Vintage Bible Study, 11 a.m.; Men's Bible Study, 6 p.m.

### Upcoming events:

• August 8 - on the road again, fellowship with St. James AME Church, Palmetto.

• August 13 - Back to School night sponsored by the Board of Christian Education at 6:30 p.m. We need your help! Requesting everyone get on board by providing school supplies to bless each of our children. See Sis. Donna Butler for details.

• We encourage one and all to start making preparations for our "Harvest Day 2004." Several events have been planned for the upcoming months. Our prayer is that WE make this celebration a success!

• Stay tuned for: First Cook-Off between the men and women, August 22

• Harvest Banquet, at the Renaissance Vinoy, September 10

• Worship Experience, September 19 at 7:30 & 11 a.m.

Looking for a church home, we extend an invitation to you to join us. We as a church share the love of God; We'd love to have you!

Thought for the week: "God Is Good, All the Time"

Be blessed, and have a Jesus-filled week!

## Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor John A. Evans, Sr., First Lady Evans and the Friendship Missionary Baptist church cordially invite you to worship services with us at 3300 31st St. S. We also invite you to all church related functions during the week.

First Church service begins at 7:45 a.m. with the Deacons' ministry leading in devotion. The Voices will sing this Sunday and the First Sunday Ushers will serve us. Pastor Evans will render the message.

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. with Superintendent in charge. A second church service begins at 10:30 a.m.

We wish the Pastor

and first family a safe return from their revival week in South Carolina.

Pastor's aide will be celebrating an anniversary on August 8. For more details please contact the church office at (727) 906-8300 or visit our website at [www.fmbctheship.org](http://www.fmbctheship.org).

The Boy Scouts will be giving a celebration to the women of "THE SHIP" on Saturday July 31, themed "Sistas of the SHIP."

Pray for those everywhere and especially our troops in Iraq!!! Condolences go out to the Payne, Mobley and Mills family on the passing of Mrs. Brinkly. Our hearts are with you.

## McCabe UMC and Anti-Drug Coalition to Host Free Back-To-School Picnic

McCabe United Methodist Church, in partnership with the Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free St. Petersburg, Inc., is hosting a free, fun-filled Community Back-to-School Picnic on Saturday, July 31, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church, located at 2800 26th Ave. S, St. Petersburg.

In addition to food, there will be a variety of games by TASCO Entertainment and karaoke

(featuring the Coca-Cola Street Jam). The St. Petersburg Police Department also will be giving away bikes as well as teaching bicycle safety.

The fun doesn't stop on Saturday; Sunday's church services also will feature a school supply giveaway; dress will be casual.

For more information, call (727) 867-5287.

## Pentecostal Temple COGIC

Wednesday night Bible study is always filled with interesting and thought provoking lessons that challenge us to greater commitment to Christ. The selected teachers each week for the adult class are thoroughly prepared and ready for discussion and questions on the lesson. The youth class, under the direction of Sis. Evelyn Foster, enjoys interaction and skits that help them apply their lessons to their daily lives. The session is always ended with prayer.

The Daughters in Ministry were in charge of the Sunday Worship Service. Songs of praise and worship stirred those in attendance to exalt the name of the Lord for His continued faithfulness. Missionary Susie Holcombe brought the Word of God from Acts 3:1-11. As she expounded on the life of the lame man and his deliverance, she challenged us to examine

our works and be sure that we take time to touch the lives of those around us in a positive way. The disciples not only spoke words of life to the man but they reached out to give him a helping hand. In expectancy and faith, the lame man responded and was delivered of his condition and immediately gave praise to God. Matthew 5:16 says "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

The District Fellowship Service was held at East Lake COGIC in Tarpon Springs. Supt. Willie Matheny delivered a profound message on "The Fear of the Lord." When we reverence God, we will keep Him on our minds and do those things that please Him. We were richly blessed throughout the day with the Word of God.

## Give-Away at Bethel Community Baptist Church

On Saturday, July 31, the Missionary Society of Bethel Community Baptist Church will be sponsoring a "Give-Away" of free food and free clothes to anyone and everyone who stops by.

Residents of the community are encouraged to

come "receive blessings for yourself or someone else in need."

This event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, located at 2901 - 54th Ave. S.

Come one, come all, and be blessed!

## New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

"We Can't Without God and God Won't Without Us"

The New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Family cordially invites you to worship with us on Sunday. Join us for a Spirit-filled Sunday school which begins at 9 a.m.

Parents come and bring the entire family. Morning Worship begins at 10:15 a.m., with the melodious voices of the Deacons and Congregation giving God the honor and praise through songs and prayer. Praise and Worship Song Service will be led by the Mass Choir (Minister of Music - Minister Tony Young, Accompanist - Brother Vernard McKenny, Directress - Sister Bobbie Tampa, and Percussionist - Brother Marcus Childs) beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Bread of Life will be served by our dynamic Pastor, the Rev. Carlos L. Senior.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

- Prayer Meeting/Bible Study - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
- Prayer Band - Thursday, 11 a.m.

Good news! Good news!

The J.L. Fennell back-to-school community fair will be held Saturday, July 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 2120 19th St. S. There will be: Free clothes! Free school supplies! Free health screening! Free food and drinks! Activities for the entire family!

Don't you dare miss out on this fantastic and God-inspired event!

## Attitude of Gratitude at New Philadelphia



The Hudson Methodist Youth Team cleaning, painting, and recycling unneeded materials at the New Philadelphia Educational Building

The New Philadelphia Community Church family were abundantly blessed last week by the collaborative efforts of the Youth Team of First United Methodist Church of Hudson, the United Methodist Ministries Inc., and Dupree-Hill and Hill Law Counselors.

The youth team did monumental jobs of cleaning, painting, and recycling of unneeded materials, in an effort to prepare the New Philadelphia Educational Building for the opening of school.

The United Methodist Ministries and Dupree-Hill and Hill Law Counselors completed the efforts by providing back packs filled with an assorted array of school supplies that were given to the New Philadelphia Community Church families and their children.

The Hudson Methodist Youth Team does "Mystery Missions" and perform "random acts of kindness." The team travels across the state of Florida accompanied by their youth pastor and team leader during the

## National Director of NAACP Religious Affairs, Rev. Julius C. Hope, Speaks at Florida State Conference NAACP Statewide Religious Summit

The Florida State Conference NAACP, in an effort to build upon the long history of collaboration between the NAACP and faith-based community, will be hosting a statewide religious summit on Friday, Aug. 6, in Orlando.

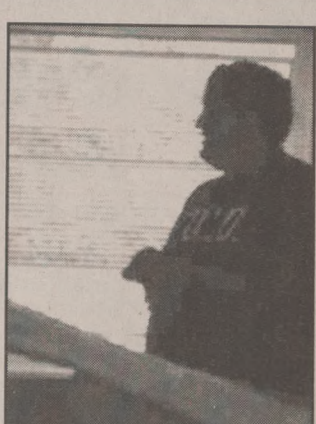
The summit's theme: "A Call to Action," taken from Ecclesiastes 3:1, exemplifies the overriding tone of the event. State and local religious and civil leaders will assemble to explore a strengthening get-out-the-vote partnership between the faith-based and civil rights community.

Rev. Julius C. Hope, NAACP Religious Affairs Director, states: "The NAACP has and continues to maintain a strong and positive relationship with the Faith-Based Community." Summits such as these allow for the two entities to come together in an effort to rebuild upon coexisting missions of their individual communities. Rev. Hope will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon that day.

On the wake of the

2004 National Presidential Elections, the Florida State Conference NAACP found it best to host an event that will educate, motivate, and coordinate a Get-out-the-Vote initiative. By combining the two oldest strengths in the African-American community, the Florida State Conference NAACP hopes this will stimulate an even larger African-American turn-out in voting history.

Rev. Randolph Bracy, Jr., Senior Pastor of New Covenant Church and Florida State Conference NAACP Religious Affairs Chair states: "Historically the NAACP has been a bastion of strength and a vanguard for the African-American community dealing with issues such as education, voter empowerment, criminal justice, civil rights, and socio-economic affairs. This summit brings together clergy across the State of Florida to galvanize the faith-based community to make its imprint upon the upcoming National Presidential Elections."



engraved on them, were presented by the Rev. Aaron V. Gaskin, associate pastor and youth minister for New Philadelphia Community Church.

Certificates of appreciation will also be mailed to Donna Ratzliff, Suzy Hutto, and Little Miss Laura Degrenia of the United Methodist Ministries, Inc., and Felix and Carolyn Hill of Dupree-Hill and Hill, Law Counselors.

For their efforts, certificates of appreciation and Bibles for each team member with their names

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# Christians Fear Persecution in the New Iraq

by Jamie Tarabay

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - On a Sunday afternoon, attendance at mass at St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral in Baghdad was decidedly thin.

A handful of Syrian Orthodox loitered on the steps of the church afterward, women removing their dainty white lace veils as they chatted with friends. For many, church on Sunday is the only time they can really socialize because of safety fears.

Most Christians blame concern over a tumultuous security situation for keeping them away from church, but it's only a small part of a greater, and growing, predicament.

Numbering some 750,000, Christians are a minority in Iraq, and even as secular Iraqis worry about the growing tide of

Islamic fundamentalism, so long repressed under Saddam Hussein, their Christian compatriots are feeling the effects closer to home. They're anxious about their place in the new world around them, one that often sees them as collaborators with their American occupiers.

The new Iraq seems destined to be dominated by a mix of Kurds, Sunnis and Shiites, leaving many Christians wondering if it is time to leave.

"It never used to be something we talked about at work," said one woman, who asked not to be named, butterfly clips pulling blond streaks away from her face. "But I hear it all the time from the Muslims in my office - they say we should be part of the insurgency, they say we should all fight together

against the Americans, that we should be involved."

"You know, we're all Iraqis in the end, we need to stick together," said one man, who was quickly shushed by his impatient wife, juggling an infant on one hip and stroking the hair of her pigtailed daughter with her free hand.

An initial subtle difference in the way her Muslim co-workers in a government office treated her soon evolved into full-fledged disdain, she claims.

"We feel it, we feel it so much more. Suddenly they don't like our clothes, we can't wear what we like, I'm afraid for our daughters," she said.

Now she wants to leave.

"Give me a ticket out of here, I would love it!" she exclaimed.

It's a delicate issue for Christians here who want to be seen to be supporting their reborn nation's attempts at clawing back toward a better way of life, especially when for many, the worsening circumstances was undeniable.

They were able to practice their faith in relative security, free from persecution under Saddam Hussein, and threats from Islamic radicals about liquor stores and beauty salons were always firmly dealt with.

Eighteen-year-old Fadi, studying accounting at Baghdad's university, spoke of learning to hold his tongue when Muslim students turned on him and his Christian friends.

"They think that because the Americans are Christians and we're Christian that we must be collab-

orating with them," he said. "There's more of them than there are of us, so we have to pull back without answering back."

Christians who fled Iraq before the war are in neighboring Jordan and Syria, waiting and watching before deciding whether to return, said Bishop Andreas at the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church.

"They're very afraid," he admitted.

Of the 750,000 Christians in Iraq, the majority are Chaldean Roman Catholic, the rest Syrian Catholic, Syrian Orthodox and Assyrian. Most live in Baghdad and its outskirts and some dwell further to the north.

Islamic radicals have warned Christians running liquor stores to shut down their sales, and have turned

their sights on fashion stores and beauty salons. The increasing attention on this minority community has many within looking for a way out.

Local newspapers reported that last week, the Chaldean Patriarch, the Rev. Emmanuel Delly, met with Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and told him that Christians wanted to flee the country because they feared for their lives in the new Iraq.

Allawi's office wouldn't comment on the report and Delly reacted furiously when confronted with the question.

"How can you ask me a question like that? Do I ask you who you visit?" he raised his voice at a reporter, knocking down a tape recorder.

He later softened to say the visit was "merely to

congratulate him and his new government and to wish him all the best." He told his diocese to stand firm.

"I tell them that we love our nation, and we will work for a better Iraq," he said, fingering a large silver crucifix around his neck. He said he didn't know anything about threats to Iraqi Christians and their livelihoods.

Many Iraqi Christians are in neighboring countries applying with foreign embassies for travel visas to countries like Australia, said one Christian woman, who also declined to be named.

Shaking the hands of the last worshippers to leave the Cathedral, Father John could only shake his head at the dwindling number of parishioners coming to Mass each week. He said

that while Saddam Hussein dragged the country through "war after war," Christians felt safer when he was in charge.

"We have no future in Iraq now," he said.

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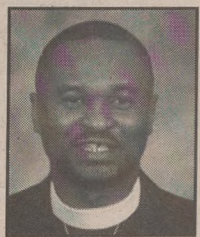
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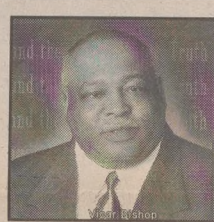


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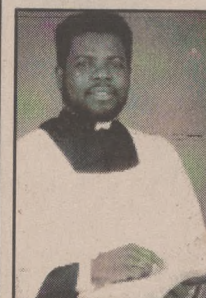
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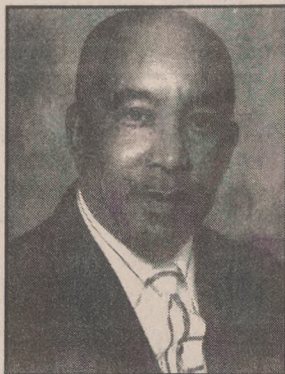
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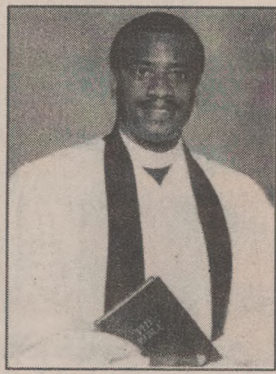
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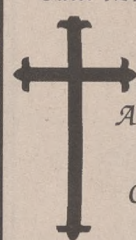
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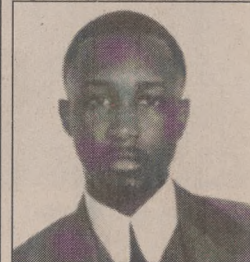
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**TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)** Think about taking the time to complete unfinished domestic chores. Co-workers may not be on your side. Try not to get into disputes that will lead to estrangement's. Your ability to charm others will put you in the limelight at social functions.

**GEMINI (May 22-June 21)** You will enjoy the interaction with youngsters and take great pride in the projects you've completed. Romantic encounters are evident through travel or educational pursuits. You may find your self in a romantic situation. Accept the inevitable and continue to do your job.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** You will have some wonderful ideas that should bring you extra money. Do not travel unless absolutely necessary. Be careful. You will have to watch out for minor health problems related to stress. Be discreet and don't present your ideas until you're certain that they're foolproof.

**LEO (July 23-Aug 22)** Romantic opportunities are evident if you get involved in large groups or organizations. It's doubtful anyone will try to stand in your way or cut you off at the pass this week. Try to have patience and refrain from being judgmental. You should be able to get involved in an interesting proposition this week.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)** Opportunities to get ahead will be evident. Concentrate on yourself or your work. You need to refrain from being the generous one in the group. Travel and educational pursuits may help alleviate the stress you have been feeling.

**LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)** You may find it difficult to communicate. Don't let your health suffer because of abuse. You are in a high cycle where travel, education, and creative endeavors are concerned. Be careful not to misplace your wallet or belongings.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** For now just do the best you can. Make sure that new mates live up to your high standards. Relatives will be happy that you dropped by. Trips will be favorable for business as well as pleasure.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Don't take your frustrations out on the ones you love. You can make financial gains through investments and dealing with other people's money. Don't let your partner start any arguments. Passion should be redirected positively. If you're single, get out there and you'll meet someone new.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan. 20)** You could find yourself left with someone's dirty laundry. Think twice before eating spicy foods; you may have problems with your stomach. Minor health problems may flare up if you haven't been taking care of yourself or have been burning the candle at both ends. Don't make financial contributions in order to impress others.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)** You're on to something tangible and need to act fast! Take some time to change your house around. You should be on the road. Don't allow colleagues to put unreasonable pressure on you.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)** Don't let friends or relatives make you feel guilty if you're not able to attend one of their affairs. You may have personal problems, but professional duties might be pressing. You won't be well received by superiors or by your spouse. You may find that relationships are not going as well as you'd like.



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# ENTERTAINMENT



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## An Evening of Dali and Downing: A Collaboration of Art and Jazz

More good things are happening in our city of St. Petersburg, thanks to the folks over at The Dali Museum. Obviously, someone there is thinking "outside of the box" by initiating a great entertainment combination. Our "hats" are off to Peter Tush, Curator of Education and Kathy White, Marketing and Public Relations Director.

Last week, the museum hosted its first S'Real Friday which is a "happy hour" featuring guided tours of the museum and live jazz. This writer attended the gala event, along with more than 200 other happy and contented patrons. It was truly a different type of evening that we experienced.

First, during the guided tour of the museum's renowned collection, we learned much about Salvador Dali. As one of the most visited museums in Florida, the Dali collection includes original oils, watercolors and drawings, graphics, plus sculptures, object d'art, photographs, documents and an extensive archival library.

Afterwards, while sitting at one of the tables, in a cabaret style atmosphere, we listened to some great musicians play some great jazz. Once again, the Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association, Inc. provided one of their great jazz groups to play at a community event. Leading the jazz quartet was St. Petersburg's Hank Ashwood playing his exciting style of alto saxophone. Kicking it on drums and keeping the musicians in time was Ron Gregg. Both Gregg and Ashwood are U.S. Military Conservatory trained musicians. On electric guitar, an exciting jazz guitarist and former president of the Downing organization, Vincent Sims was strumming some great riffs. Rounding out the jazz group with his most melodious and always upbeat style of playing was Kenny Walker on electric bass. These four gentlemen heated up the room with swinging jazz that was appreciated by the audience with their show of loud applause.

Dali was born on May 11, 1904. The museum is celebrating his birth with the 2004 Dali Centennial Celebration at the Salvador Dali Museum. For those of you who are not familiar with the great, famous and bizarre artist Dali, I urge you to visit the museum

located at 1000 Third St. S., St. Petersburg. My first contact with the artist's work was in the early 1950's while a student at Howard University. It was a painting of a melting wristwatch against a mountainous background, titled "The Disintegration of the Persistence of Memory."

An information brochure states that the museum welcomes over 200,000 visitors annually. In the museum's annual 2000 profile study, it was determined that 56 percent of the museum's visitors are non-local. In addition, approximately 10,000 students visit each year for free of charge docent-led tours.

The museum will host at least two more S'Real Fridays with live jazz on July 30 and August 6 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Try to get out and enjoy a great evening of interesting art and swinging jazz.

As for you jazz lovers interested in joining the association or just helping to "Keep Jazz Alive," the Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association, Inc. is looking for new members and volunteers. Members and volunteers are needed for various committee work, i.e., jazz concert committee, membership committee, public relations committee, grants committee, etc. This is an organization which was originally founded in 1981 as the Al Downing Florida Jazz Association. It was merged with the Tampa Bay Jazz Society in 1989 and took on its present name. Its primary focus is to establish and encourage the appreciation of jazz through the understanding of its origin and evolution. Also, each year educational scholarships are awarded to senior high school music students attending any of the area's local high schools. Financial support from grants are received by the organization from the Pinellas County Arts Council, the City of St. Petersburg and the City's Department of Leisure Services.

Parties interested in becoming a jazz club member or volunteer may obtain additional information by calling: (727) 866-0085.

Jazz fans - do you have any feedback? I would like to hear from YOU! Mail your letters to Rick Gee's Jazz Jamm, c/o The Weekly Challenger, 2500 ML King St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705.

## LiveArts Launches Diamond Teeth Mary Project



Mary performing on stage and in a recent photo before she died.

PINELLAS COUNTY - LiveArts Peninsula Foundation, Inc., Florida's premier producer of original theater projects, has launched development of a play with music about the life of Diamond Teeth Mary.

Diamond Teeth Mary Smith McClain was a blues singer and medicine show legend from West Virginia who performed throughout the country from the 20s through the 60s. She moved to Florida in 1962 and, after the last medicine show closed in the late 60s, retired to Bradenton, occasionally singing gospel music at her church. In 1981, at the age of 80, she revived her singing career, playing clubs and festivals in the Tampa Bay area and around the world - until her death, at age 99, in 2000.

Author of the blues classics "The Walkin' Blues," "Give The Poor Dog A Bone," "If I Can't Sell It, I'm Gonna Sit On It," and "You Can Have My Husband, But Leave My Man Alone," she was known for the row of diamonds imbedded in her front teeth (later removed to pay bills during her retirement).

"This show has huge potential. Mary was an incredibly dynamic performer, and her story and music should have immense local appeal," said Bill Leavengood, artistic director of LiveArts. "Every other person you mention Diamond Teeth Mary to says, 'That's a great idea. I remember her!'"

LiveArts has commissioned Lee Simon to write the script. An MFA graduate from the University of Iowa, Simon has had his work produced in New York and Los Angeles. He currently lives in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, where he is teaching and writing.

"I first saw Lee Simon's work at Circle Rep in New York," said Leavengood. "He's got a great ear for dialogue and creates fresh, compelling characters with a lot at stake."

Local writer Pete Gallagher, who knew Mary personally and managed her comeback to the performing stage, conceived of the project and is heading up the research for Simon.

"Next year will be the most productive yet for LiveArts," said Leavengood. "In January we are presenting Crossing the Bay, a new musical about the coming of the railroads to Pinellas County."

In February, we are co-producing our festival of new one acts and new music, The Floridians, in conjunction with Ruth Eckerd Theatre. In June we aim to produce Diamond Teeth Mary."

For further information, contact Harry Chitendenat (727) 565-0196.

## Changing Attitudes about Domestic Violence through Hip Hop

Hip Hop is on the radio, it's on CD and MP3 players, you'll hear and see it in the movies and on TV. It's in books - fiction and nonfiction. And it's on the streets of every major city in the U.S. In a few short years, Hip Hop has evolved into a powerful, entrenched and widespread cultural phenomenon that has had an enormous impact on society. But how has this phenomenon affected attitudes toward women, and sexual and domestic violence?

In August, the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (IDVAAC) will hold a conference that brings together leaders in the field of domestic violence and key figures in Hip Hop to talk about the messages that Hip Hop conveys about women, about relationships between men and women and about violence against women. They will also discuss how Hip Hop can improve the response to domestic violence through education and setting positive norms, and discuss the potential for Hip Hop to hinder such efforts by presenting negative images.

The conference will explore the full range of Hip Hop marketing, music, lyrics, dance, clothing, lifestyle, videos and print media, and how they relate to and affect domestic violence in our society. Speakers as diverse as Disk Jockey Nomadik, MTV's Sway, film producer Byron Hurt, Lateefah Simmon of the Center for Young Women's Development, Leah Aldridge of the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women, and Chic Smith of the Urban Think Tank Institute will explore the messages and images Hip Hop conveys about women and the impact they are having on young people's response to domestic violence.

"This conference will examine both the beneficial and the detrimental aspects of Hip Hop as a cultural phenomenon," said IDVAAC Executive Director Oliver Williams. "Through dialogue and thoughtful conversation, we will explore ways this powerful phenomenon can improve our response to violence. This conference will mark the beginning of



Speakers such as MTV's Sway will explore the messages and images Hip Hop conveys about women and the impact they are having on young people's response to domestic violence

an important partnership between the Hip Hop and domestic violence communities to work toward real solutions to violence against women."

The conference, from August 8 through 10 at York College in Jamaica (Queens), N.Y. will feature numerous panels, including: Males Speak Out on Images of Women and Men in Hip Hop Violence; Portrait of African American Women and Hip Hop: Presentations and Discussions from Women Who Work in Hip Hop; Beyond the Music and Lyrics: Capitalism and Images Seen and Messages Heard in Hip Hop; and Spirituality and Domestic Violence: Working in the Church with Hip Hop Generations. In addition, acclaimed filmmaker Byron Hurt will screen his film, "Beyond Beats and Rhymes," which will be

followed by a discussion.

Chic Smith of the Urban Think Tank Institute will deliver the keynote address, "Defining Hip Hop: Including the Characteristics of this Generation and a Critique of its Influence, Challenges and Links to Issues Associated with Violence."

Other speakers and presenters will include: Bakari Kitwana, Author, "The Hip-Hop Generation: Young Blacks and the Crisis in African American Culture"; Kelly Mitchell-Clark, Program Manager, Family Violence Prevention Fund; William Riley, Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Donald McPherson, Sports Leadership Institute; Carolyn West, University of Washington; Themba Mshaka, Sony Music; Neferitti; Abiodun Oyewole, The Last Poets; Tylon Washington, Black Waxx Recordings; and Dr. Oliver Williams, Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community.

The conference's closing session will include free performances of Hip Hop, poetry, dance and Rap, as well as a video presentation.

More information about the conference and IDVAAC is online at [www.dvinstitute.org](http://www.dvinstitute.org), or call 877-643-8222.

## Career and Lifetime Achievement Honors Salute Music Industry's Lou Rawls and Trevor Rabin

TEMECULA, Cal. - Billboard charts. Grammys. Diversification is the key for music industry professionals whether you're a vocalist, musician, composer, performer or record label executive, having a job is one thing, a successful career quite a noteworthy achievement.

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orees R&B icon, Lou Rawls for the Lifetime Achievement Award and Film Composer (former YES guitarist), Trevor Rabin to be presented an Outstanding Career Achievement Award at the annual Awards Gala, 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12 at Wilson Creek Winery in California. This year's other honorees include: Famed Icons

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