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Jack And Jill Of America, Inc. 36th Biennial National Convention



L-R: Murvyn Baker Kelsey, National Editor, Sharon Snow, recipient of Lifetime Leadership Award, and Ida L. Young, 19th National President

PINELLAS COUNTY – The 36th Biennial National Convention for Jack and Jill of America was held this summer in Kansas City, Mo. The theme for this year's convention was "Embracing Our Heritage and Homes in the Heartland."

As the mothers gathered from across the nation to conduct the business of the organization, children and teens were involved in activities designed to address the growing concern of Violence in the media. Jack and Jill of America has formed a community partnership with the National Alliance for Non-Violence Programming in the Media.

The convention also

recognized members who had made a significant contribution to the organization at the Heritage Luncheon. The National Executive Board presented Sharon Snow, immediate past southeastern member-at-large, with the Lifetime Leadership Service Award. During her tenure on the Jack and Jill of America Foundation Board, she generated 100% participation from the chapters in the southeast region for foundation and achieved first place national recognition for Mothers' Contribution in 2002 and first place national recognition

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Role Model And Everyone's Hero - Killed!

by Linda Young

Challenger Correspondent

ST. PETERSBURG –

His biggest dream was simply to give his own children what he never had growing up - both parents.

That dream ended six days before his son turned four years old when Corey Davis, father of two, was shot and killed on July 29. On Corey, Jr.'s birthday, Davis' fiancée, Kya Miles, family and friends took time from planning his funeral to gather and talk about his life and death.

Young Corey imitates his father in many ways, including wanting to keep his shoes clean. On one rainy day since his father's death, Miles said little Corey told her, "My daddy said I can't get my shoes dirty," and he "wouldn't move. I had to pick him up and carry him to the car," Miles said.

Miles said that, although their son knows his father is in heaven, he struggles to comprehend why that means he can't see him. "I've got to try to make my son understand," Miles states.

This is a hard task when adults don't understand how someone could kill Davis who "just had that glow to him that would



Davis, shown here with daughter Keilah, worked for the African People's Education and Defense Fund (APEDEF) as a truck driver and coordinator of the Uhuru Furniture Store on Central Ave.

make anyone want to be around him," Miles said.

For the past year and a half, Davis worked for the African People's Education and Defense Fund (APEDEF) as a truck driver and coordinator of the Uhuru Furniture Store on Central Avenue.

Kitty Reilly, APEDEF's economic development director, worked with Davis and described him as an "incredible and loving father," who in turn was "very loved and respected" by people who knew him, including customers who sat and cried when they heard of his death, Reilly

had a "great impact," Harrington said.

Davis was also a "role model" to other black men on various levels including the common humiliation of being stopped by the police in Midtown, even when simply headed home after work and exhausted. His advice was to remain courteous to the police and deal with the situation by finding someone to talk to about the situation to remedy it, rather than deal with it on their own, said Harrington. His positive outlook on life makes his premature death even harder for the family to understand.

Here is what the family said observers told them: An acquaintance quarreled with Davis. But Davis smoothed things over and they appeared to part as friends. Davis left. The other man picked up an acquaintance, followed Davis to a restaurant parking lot and shot him.

People who haven't seen Davis for years have approached the family, told them that they missed him and that he had impacted their children, Harrington

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Ebony Scholar Participates In MIT's Summer Program



Jason Conage-Pough

by Bridgette Blake
Challenger Editor

ST. PETERSBURG –

In an increasingly racially and ethnically diverse nation and world, there is a national program assisting students to achieve in subjects that black students usually shun - science and engineering.

Minority Introduction to Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Science (MITE²S) is a rigorous six-week residential, academic enrichment summer program for promising high school juniors who are interested in studying and exploring careers in science, engineering and entrepreneurship. MITE²S is rooted in Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) belief in the importance to our nation that minorities and other under-represented segments of the population pursue higher education and careers in these fields.

Jason Conage-Pough was selected from a pool of 600 applicants to join 70 other students at MIT in Cambridge. "The program was the experience of a lifetime," said seventeen-year-old Conage-Pough. "The MITE²S program provided me with plenty of academic challenges, and a simulation of college life."

The program is 100 percent scholarship-based. Funding from industry, foundations and individuals covers all living and educational expenses for each admitted student. Students only pay for their transportation to and from MIT.

Conage-Pough returned from Cambridge last Saturday just in time to start his senior year in the Center for Advanced Technology (CAT) Program at Lakewood Senior High School. His focus for the next few months is applying to colleges such as the University of Florida, Harvard and of course - MIT.

"I plan on becoming a doctor, most likely a sur-

geon. However, I'm still undecided on which field of medicine," Conage-Pough confided.


His enrollment in the unique CAT program will help him prepare for his career goals. CAT is a public school magnet program. Students are transported from a variety of locations throughout the county; many travel up to seventy miles daily to attend this program. Curricular offerings within the Center include mathematics, science, computer education, multimedia applications and research. Other course work is completed within Lakewood Senior High. The Center opened its doors in August 1990 to a class of 85 freshmen and each year an additional class of approximately 150 students is added.

Conage-Pough's involvement in the Ebony Scholars Program also plays a vital role in his college and career preparations.

"I have been involved with the Ebony Scholars Program for a little over a year. In the Program, we discuss issues that pertain to the community and receive information that we can use to make smooth transitions into college life," said Conage-Pough. The Program has had a positive impact on his life and has allowed Conage-Pough to interact with other talented African American students from high schools across St. Petersburg.

However, it is his mother, Arlene, who Conage-Pough says has had the most impact on his life. Her hardworking attitude and her intelligence are what he admires the most. And probably what is just as important to his well being, is that this teenager sometimes puts the books aside for some fun. His hobbies include playing on the computer, playing sports, watching television and listening to music.

Jason Conage-Pough will be a participant in this year's Ebony Scholar's Motivational Program. Next week, the Challenger will print the names of all the students who will also be recognized at this program in September. Parents, if your child will be honored in this year's program - please stop by the Challenger office with your child's most recent school photo. We'd love to showcase their pictures!

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Keyes Promises A Fight In Challenging Popular Obama



Keyes often is described as an effective speaker.

by Christine Phillip

Alan Keyes, who made two failed attempts to become president and two failed attempts to represent Maryland residents in the U.S. Senate, accepted the Republican challenge to square off against the popular African American state senator, Barack Obama, in the bid to be the fifth black U.S. senator since Reconstruction.

Last week, Keyes told an Illinois crowd of cheering voters that he was the man to defeat the ebullient 42-year-old Obama, whose clout has risen substantially since delivering the keynote speech at the Democratic Convention in Boston.

"I am not going to

stand here and promise you a victory, but I'll tell you what I will promise," Keyes said. "I will promise you a fight."

The party picked him over its other potential contender, Andrea Barthwell, another African American, who recently stepped down as deputy director of President Bush's drug-control office.

Ironically, Keyes, 54, who has said in the past that out-of-state candidates aren't a good idea, is expected to declare his candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

Keyes' association with the race is prompting some to question his motives. Says Roger Wilkins, a history and American culture professor at George



Obama, a former civil rights attorney and a professor at the University of Chicago Law School, has a campaign war chest of more than \$10 million, and has been drawing huge crowds on campaign stumps throughout the state.

Mason University in Virginia: "If I were his friend, I would tell him not to run. This makes him seem like a hustler. Why would this man present himself, at this last minute, as a potential member of the U.S. Senate in a state where he has never been identified with? He wants to be a spoiler against an extremely talented, young, black officeholder, or he wants to bask in the reflected light of the high visibility and high favorability response to Obama's charisma."

Tara Wall, a spokeswoman for the Republican National Committee, refused to speculate on what Keyes' entrance in the race means for the GOP.

But Dr. Ronald Walters, a professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland, was not so reticent.

"This is a Trojan horse for George Bush," says Walters. "Keyes is an effective debater and will get strong support from the religious right. This will energize the base for Bush. But Keyes himself will not be seen as credible."

Keyes has never lived in Illinois. But it is not unusual for someone from one state to seek higher office in another. Take the case of Democratic Sen. Hillary Clinton's election in New York in 2000. The

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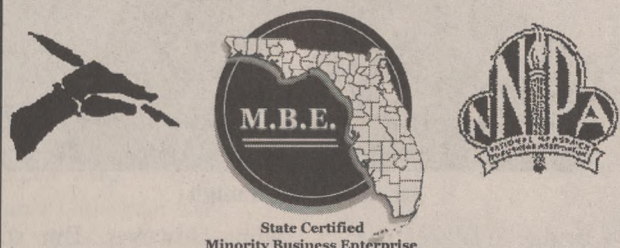
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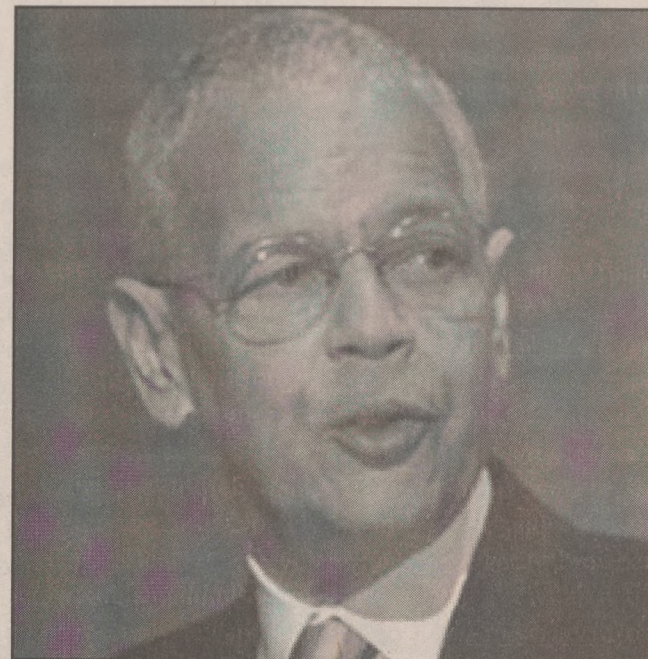
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A knowledge of history brings a feeling of fellowship that runs through the ages - be it a territory, a village, a district, or a nation. To live without history is likened to living without a form of memory. To be without history is to live without roots or a past, with the present having no real foundation, and very little meaning for the future.

The Weekly Chal-

lenger is committed to both the young and old generations. featuring articles of all ethnic culture for the reading enjoyment of

Time for Regime Change at the NAACP



For Bond and Mfume to insinuate that black conservatives are merely "hustlers" and "puppets" who promote conservative ideology strictly for money is enlightening and disappointing.

by Ak'Bar Shabazz

After hearing Julian Bond and Kweisi Mfume trash President George W. Bush and black conservatives, it's painfully apparent what has become of the NAACP. A once-proud organization has been reduced to simple slander and rhetoric. The leadership that once produced American greats like Thurgood Marshall and WEB Dubois now seems diminished to a mouthpiece for the Democratic Party.

The NAACP no longer appears focused on the advancement of the African-American community. It now acts as if its chief concern is electing liberals and maintaining its perceived influence. Ideas that founded the organization look to be replaced by the partisan pursuit of maintaining the Democratic

Party's stranglehold on the black vote. This vision apparently equates black advancement with the rate at which liberals are elected to office.

For Mfume and Bond to insinuate that black conservatives are merely "hustlers" and "puppets" who promote conservative ideology strictly for money is enlightening and disappointing. It speaks to their character. Like foolish puppies at a lake, the anxious NAACP leadership sees a false reflection of themselves and attack. They are once again making a mistake in judgment. It's not surprising since their moral compass hasn't seemed to function in years.

Julian Bond, for instance, has the audacity to attack President Bush on education. The NAACP joins the liberals and teach-

ers unions to undermine the Bush plan to improve public schools. They'd love to remove learning requirements and standards that expose lagging development and productivity in our nation's schools.

To the teacher's unions, measurable results appear secondary to job security. Their goal seems to be returning to the days of worry-free operation without the pesky mandates our President has implemented. To secure the endorsement and increase their chances of gaining the White House, Democrats are likely to oblige their requests in sacrificing the education of poor children nationwide by keeping them trapped in failing gang and drug-infested schools. The NAACP and the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) appear to graciously

promote the unions' ridiculous ideas that drain the potential from our youth and rob their desire for honest achievement while often sending their own children to the finest private schools.

Only education and hard work will take our community and country to the next level. NAACP leaders promote reparations checks and other magic pills and elixirs to miraculously fix our community while threatening educational standards. It's the equivalent of treason against black America.

I'm sure the NAACP would love for every person of color to vote a straight Democratic ticket. Not necessarily because it is believed to help the black community, but because it maintains their perception of political power.

But does the NAACP have the power it thinks it has? No blacks were even considered to be John Kerry's running mate. The Kerry campaign included black high-ranking staffers only after the lack of diversity was exposed. In the Bush White House, on the other hand, Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice control foreign policy and Rod Paige is the President's point man on education. Where is the NAACP's and the CBC's power?

Julian Bond and Kweisi Mfume had their chance to lead. They squandered their opportunity and tarnished their personal credibility along with the credibility of a once-respected organization.

The sun appears to have set on the NAACP's days of usefulness. Eventually, the old makes way

for the young. Our country needs fresh ideas and new leadership that hasn't been compromised by the seductive limelight. It's time for change.

The old leadership has run our community into the ground with destructive actions and archaic ideas. Instead of condemning the next generation, they should embrace those who have taken the responsibility of providing direction and guidance to the young people of our country. But, like selfish relay runners lusting for the spotlight, they won't pass the baton. The attention is too addicting and consuming to share the stage with others.

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Don't Fight Harder, Fight Smarter

by Tavis Smiley

Have you ever expended a lot of energy doing something that, in the end, either failed to live up to your expectations or did not work out at all? Have you ever sat down breathless and spent wondering: "Did I just do all of that for nothing?" If so, it's time to learn to fight smarter.

Insanity has been said to be doing the same thing the same way and expecting a different result. This is about avoiding insanity. It's about figuring out what works and what doesn't work so you can maximize your effort, your time, and your energy.

Fighting futilely feels like treading water, barely staying afloat when you know you should be swimming strongly toward your destination. Fighting smarter enables you to push beyond the status quo and really effect change. Here is a list of ways that can help you to fight smarter as you stand up for what you believe in.

1. *Target your audience.* Figure out who your audience is and focus your energy on reaching out to that target audience.

2. *Speak to the people.*

Advocacy, in the end, is about people. It is about person-to-person contact. Explain your campaign to them directly, face-to-face. Knock on their doors if you must.

3. *Spend money wisely.* Treat your causes like financial investments. It's important to understand that most advocacy efforts are not flush with cash in the first place. It's a financial struggle. Money well spent is a powerful tool. Money misspent is financial confetti.

4. *Persuade-don't rant or browbeat.* To win people over to your point of view, you must treat them and their opinions with reason and respect, and resist the urge to badger or browbeat them.

5. *Tell the truth.* Honesty and sincerity are always more convincing than lies and exaggerations. Lies only lead to more lies.

6. *Listen.* People want to be heard. The more we listen, the more sense we can speak. The most effective leaders are those who know how to listen as well as talk. Think about it: Who wants to be told what to do or how to think?

7. *Make it easy.* Do

whatever you can make taking part in your cause as easy and convenient as possible. You can't inconvenience the people you're trying to reach out to. It's just not sensible.

8. *Create a streamlined, concise message.* Dumping an avalanche of information on people is not an effective way to hold their attention or get your point across. Too many faxes, too many phone calls, makes you a nag, not an advocate. Remember, people are pressed for time; don't make them expend too much time trying to understand what you're talking about.

9. *Be careful about the money you raise.* Don't accept money from people in a way that makes you beholden to them for some commitment you may not be able to keep.

10. *Personalize your letters.* Personalized letters make clear to people that you're talking directly to them. Make the tone of your letter respectful. Keep your letters concise. Keep them focused on a single topic. If you're not that interested in the other person, why should he or she be interested in you?



Tavis Smiley

11. *Be flexible.* If the cause for which you are advocating is a long-term struggle, you have to be

willing to adapt your message to fit today's audiences. Don't get locked into one way of doing things.

It's okay to have just one message - but you've got to have more than one way of delivering it.

12. *Negotiate and compromise.* You should always be receptive to an acceptable compromise or alliance that will help you achieve your goal.

13. *Work with the decision makers.* Try to identify people in positions of authority who care about the issues you care about, who are in sync with you ideologically, and court them as allies in your cause. Then identify those who may not be totally in sync with you but could help you because of the position they hold. Take advantage of friends in high places.

14. *Take advocacy to a higher level.* Often people who begin as advocates go on to hold elective office because it provides a vehicle to carry their fights to a higher level. Take your fight to the biggest venues you can, where you think you can be effective.

Remember: Fight smarter, not harder.

SARASOTA / MANATEE AREA

Sarasota County's Medical History Exhibit Featured at History Center

An exhibit of historical medical objects and images from Sarasota County's past is featured now through Nov. 30 at the Sarasota County History Center, 701 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. The display includes early artifacts from the post-Civil War era through the 1960s, many of which belonged to Sarasota's earliest doctors,

including Furman and Harper Whitaker. The History Center is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The public is invited to a free opening reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 13. For further information, contact the History Center at (941) 861-1181.

North Port Library to Move Services to Al Goll Center During Closure

The North Port Public Library will close to the public completely from Sept. 20-Dec. 28 so contractors can more quickly and safely complete the library's renovations. Library services will be relocated to the nearby Al Goll Center at 5930 Sam Shapos Way in North Port.

Closing the library will allow the contractor, Magnum Builders of Sarasota, to complete work there by Dec. 19 instead of the previous date of Feb. 6, 2005. The library has been operating on a split schedule, with workers present until mid-afternoon and the public using the library from 3-8 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. With the library closed

completely, Magnum will have uninterrupted access to all areas of the facility and will be able to work more quickly.

We tried to keep the library at least partially open during the work," said Nancy Pike, the general manager for county library services. "We're now at a point where our choice is several intermittent closures over many months or one single closure for a shorter time."

This solution allows us to continuously maintain library services to the community."

Some of the work remaining to be completed, such as constructing new restrooms, will require disconnecting water supplies,

Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe

Nate Jacob, Artistic Director of the Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, is pleased to announce the schedule for the Troupe's 2004-2005 Season. Scheduled are the following shows:

- Nov. 11-20: "The Piano Lesson" by August Wilson at the Gompertz Theatre, 1247 First St., Sarasota

- Jan. 6-15: "All Night Strut" at the Gompertz

- March 24-April 2: "The Wiz At Booker" VPA, 3201 N. Orange Ave.

- May 26 - JUNE 4: "One Mo' Time" at the Gompertz

- Plus the Holiday Special that runs Dec. 16-23: "Black Nativity" by



Artistic Director Nate Jacobs (bottom right) with members of the Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe.

Langston Hughes at the Gompertz
To order tickets call (941) 954-9651. Group

and Student Rates are available by calling (941) 355-2295 for information. To receive a brochure

send a self addressed #10 stamped envelope to: WBTT: P.O. Box 1086, Sarasota, FL 34230.

which would be a safety concern because of a lack of fire protection and also force disconnecting working toilets for library patrons. Work will also require demolition of walls. Further, while the parking lot is rebuilt, there will be no parking available.

The Al Goll Center already meets all disability standards in its parking lots and restroom areas. North Port Library staff had already moved children's services there during construction. Library hours are not yet determined for added services at Al Goll Center. Staff will move about a third of the library's materials but will not be able to move all of them. Not all

services, such as computer access, will be available while staff operates out of Al Goll Center.

The center, which the county maintains under contract to the city of North Port, already hosts community activities, which will be relocated during temporary library usage. The county has worked out arrangements with those other activities' sponsors and given them temporary space at the nearby George Mullen Activity Center and Scout House. Al Goll Center will still be a polling place for the November elections.

The groups that made room for us deserve the community's thanks," Pike said. "We've developed an

effective solution only because those groups were willing to help out and we're thankful."

Construction to improve the 12-year-old library at 13800 South Tamiami Trail started Feb. 7. The \$1.7-million project - paid for with infrastructure surtax, library impact fees and a \$500,000 grant from the state - will add 7,200 square feet to the 12,500-square-foot library to serve the growing region.

The total construction project will add a large new meeting room, a second conference room, a computer-training lab and two rooms for tutoring, and stations for patrons to check out their own books. The Youth Services area will

nearly triple in size and the Adult Services area will increase by almost 40 percent.

An expansion at the library entrance will create a larger space for a "Friends of the Library" bookstore. Work will also add two new restrooms, update electrical facilities and air conditioning for the entire building, install new fire suppression systems, and add new paint and carpet. The parking lot will also be redesigned to improve access for persons with disabilities.

For more information, call county library staff at (941) 861-9844.

Hurricane Expo Aug. 14 to Show How to Build A Safe Room

Designs to economically create an in-home hurricane shelter will be part of the presentations at the Fourth Annual Sarasota County Hurricane/Flood Preparedness Expo from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Aug. 14 at Roberts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. Admission is free for the expo, which is produced by the county's Center for Watershed Management.

Professor Nur Yazdani, Ph.D., P.E., of Florida A&M University and the Florida State University College of Engineering, will discuss the Wind Shelter Retrofit Room study, which created a construction technique to make an existing room able to withstand hurricane winds up to 140 mph and the resulting wind-borne debris. By reinforcing walls and roofs of typical small interior rooms with plywood sheets, steel plates, anchor bolts and hurricane straps, Yazdani's efforts can keep people safe at home and reduce the demand on public shelters in the event of a major hurricane.

The county will also present its hazard mitigation strategy and is seeking input from visitors about how best to prepare against weather emergencies. Examining land uses, building codes and their enforcement, development strategies, and other fac-

tors can help the county's residents survive disaster but also help the community rebound quickly to a normal state.

The retrofit seminar and mitigation discussion are part of the overall educational program at the expo, which will also include entertaining information for children. In addition to more than 30 exhibits of aids to safeguard family and home in severe weather, the expo this year will also give elementary school-age kids a chance to be on television through the Junior Meteorologist Challenge.

The contest lets children perform a weather report and win a chance to do so on television. Signup runs from 9-11 a.m. with the first round of auditions following immediately thereafter. Finalists will compete at 1 p.m. and the winner will be announced live on SNN6 at 1:30 p.m. Judging the children's stage presence, ability to read the report, and overall impact will be: Laura Rusk of Suzi's International Models in Sarasota; Tamara Solum of Drama Kids International's Sarasota franchise; and David Karnes, meteorologist with SNN6.

For more information, call (941) 927-2317 or email HurricaneExpo@aol.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Christmas Toy Shop Getting in the Holiday Spirit

ST. PETERSBURG - The Christmas Toy Shop Project, Inc. needs donations of NEW and used toys for boys and girls ages 0-12 years of age. They are especially in need of toys for boys and girls, ages 1-2 and for girls, ages 9-10 and 11-12. Please do not donate knives or guns. There are ample stuffed animals.

The Christmas Toy Shop Project, Inc. needs volunteers as follows:

- Bicycle repairmen (no experience necessary)

- Clerical/office volunteers (computer skills welcomed)

- Battery/electronic toy repair volunteers

- Yard/maintenance volunteers

- Volunteers to sort and clean toys

- Volunteers to pack toys by ages

The toy shop is open Monday - Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 550 16th St. N. Call (727) 898-3962 or e-mail toyshopelf@juno.com.

Community Health Expo

ST. PETERSBURG - On Saturday, Aug. 21, a Grassroots Community Health Expo will be held at John Hopkins Middle School, 701 - 16th St. S., beginning at 9 a.m.

Forum topics presented by physicals include:

- Prostate cancer
- Colon cancer
- Breast and cervical cancer

- Diabetes
- Nutrition

Free lunch will be provided, and there will be lots of games and fun activities for youth.

Health screenings will be available for:

- Blood pressure
- Blood sugar
- Cholesterol
- Clinical breast exams
- Balance and gait
- Depression
- Memory
- Vision
- Hearing
- Medical evaluations
- HIV
- Colorectal
- Sickle cell
- Hepatitis
- Bone density
- Children immunization (must bring shot record)

- Bone marrow

For additional information, call Glen Ahmed at (727) 742-2217.

Big Brothers Big Sisters and Gold's Gyms Form Partnership

PINELLAS COUNTY - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County and Gold's Gyms have teamed to provide fitness facilities and programming for the volunteers and children they serve. Under the partnership, adult volunteers, known as Bigs, are able to participate in a wide variety of fitness activities at Gold's Gyms with the children they mentor, known as Littles. Available fitness programming includes strength and cardio training, group exercise, spinning, and wellness and nutritional counseling.

The partnership is timely for both organizations. While Big Brothers Big Sisters attempt to identify activities and programs that Bigs and Littles will enjoy, Gold's Gyms is continually seeking ways to become more involved with the community, particularly with organizations that serve youth. This cooperative agreement

enables Bigs to join Gold's Gyms at a discounted rate while their Littles accompany them to Gold's for free.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters program, founded in 1904, is designed to match Big Brothers, Big Sisters or Big Couples with Littles, based on the interests and personalities of each. The Littles are generally from one parent households and readily benefit from the one-on-one friendship, stability, guidance and concern that Bigs can and do provide.

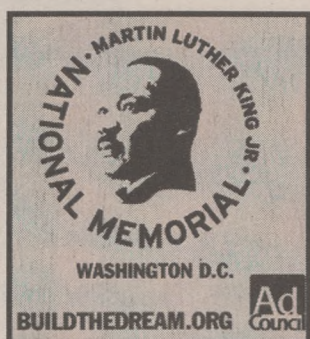
To inaugurate this pro-

gram, a kickoff party with food, prizes and Gold's Gyms celebrities will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 6-9 p.m. The Northeast Gold's Gyms at 203 38th Ave. will host the kickoff. BBBS staff, volunteers, and persons interested in becoming mentors are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Bob Buchanan at (727) 551-0486 or Kari Pfeiffer at (727) 518-8860 at Big Brothers Big Sisters.

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Community Support Needed To Kickoff Master Chorale of Tampa Bay's 25th Anniversary

Local organization now seeking donated items for silent auction event

TAMPA - The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay, the area's 170-volunteer voice chorus, is seeking community support for its upcoming "Silver Celebration" gala dinner, dance and silent auction. The event, which is part of a series of special events planned for the Master Chorale's 25th season, will occur on Saturday, October 16, at Maestro's Restaurant at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center.

The Master Chorale is seeking donated items for its silent auction from businesses and individuals who wish to show their support

of the arts. Items may include new goods, services, tickets to events and collectibles.

Proceeds from the auction will benefit a number of Master Chorale initiatives that enrich the Tampa Bay area, including community concert presentations, educational programs, outreach to underserved communities, and various other music projects.

"The gala and silent auction are important events for the Master Chorale," said executive director Bill Faucett. "Not only do they help us raise much-

needed funds for worthy programs, including our education and outreach efforts, but they offer a generous Tampa public and business community another chance to give to a very worthy cause."

The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay is a nationally and internationally acclaimed chorus. It is the Principal Chorus of The Florida Orchestra and is Artist-in-Residence at The University of South Florida.

For more information please call the Master Chorale of Tampa Bay offices at (813) 258-9468.

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by Mabel Cooper
(823-6092)

LIFE ISN'T OVER WHEN A PERSON REACHES 70

I have written a positive version of "You Know You're Growing Older When..." Call this one mine and an unknown writer. You Can Stay Young When:

"You quit dreading old age and realize that life begins at retirement; it's your second chance at life - your opportunity to do all the things you've always wanted to do but never had the time.

"You will know you are staying young when you stop thinking you're getting senile because you forgot something that wasn't very important in the first place.

"You will know you're staying young when your joints suddenly hurt, and you think, 'Well, what can I expect at my age?'

"You can stay young by planning your next birthday the day after you finish celebrating the last one. (Even if you don't make it, you'll have more fun than if you never tried.)

"You will stay young when you realize that our Creator gave us brains so we can make our own decisions. Then He gave us a choice of living 70 or 100 years, so you need not join the 68 percent who were healthy enough to reach 60, but never made it past 75. (Their own mental attitude set the date of their funeral.)

"To the 32 percent who reached 60 in good health, survived beyond 75, and are STILL young, never forget that the first four-minute mile run in history was duplicated 317 times within two years after Roger Bannister

showed the world it could be done!

"The 32 percent who are staying young are positive thinkers who like it here and are determined to stay as long as they feel useful and needed. It's a great world - why leave it?"

We hope you enjoyed reading the above. It was a tonic, a picker-upper, a refreshing swig from the fountain of youth.

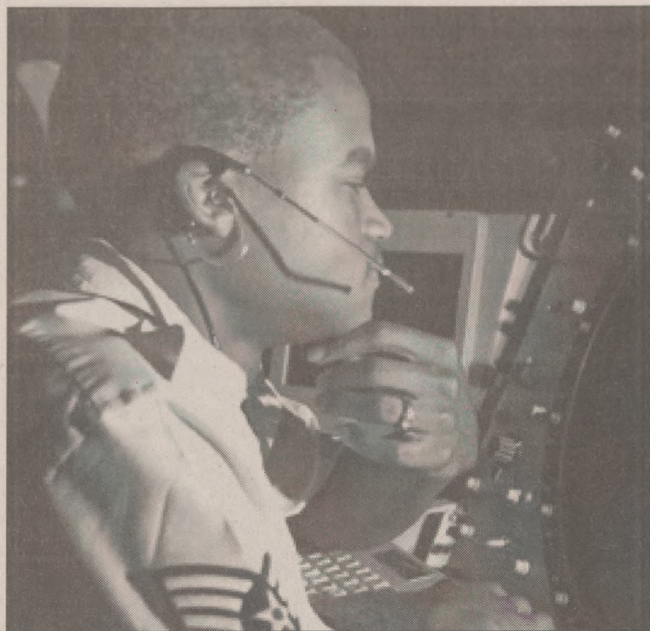
AND A BIT OF COMEDY FOR LAUGHS

Here's to our doctors: The specialists to whom we entrust our lives and our fortunes. I told my doctor I wanted a second opinion. He said, "Sure, as soon as you pay for the first one." It so happens that my medic is a specialist - a nose, throat and wallet man... I'm just fascinated by our great, modern doctors - the same operation can add 10 years to your life and take 10 years off your savings.

You go to a doctor's office and a receptionist gives you a questionnaire to fill out: Who are you insured with? Who insures them?... Where do you bank? Do you have a safety deposit box? Is it full? Are you an heir in anybody's will?... One specialist lectured at Harvard: "Today I charge \$200 for a house call, \$100 for an office consultation, and \$50 if I give you my advice by telephone..." One future doctor raised his hand, "I just wondered, Sir," he asked, "How much do you charge for passing a patient in the street?"

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"Warrior of the Week" SrA Troy White



SrA Troy White
photo by Frank McIntyre

Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Okla., regularly publishes their own local newspaper, the *Vance Air-scoop*. In a recent issue, they profiled St. Petersburg native SrA Troy White as their "Warrior of the Week." White is a 2001 graduate of Dixie Hollins High School, where he played basketball and football. White also found time to serve as a member of the "500 Role Model of Excellence" program at Dixie Hollins. He continues to make his parents, Arnela and Sgt. Al White of the St. Petersburg Police Department, proud!

SrA White was selected by Team Vance leadership because he "burned up the training program and is currently the most junior troop to hold all 16 facility certifications short of supervisor which comes with SSgt; on his own time he is working to get certifications in the tower so he will be dual qualified."

SQUADRON: 71st Operations Support Squadron

JOB TITLE: Air traffic control specialist

HOMETOWN: St. Petersburg

TIME AT VANCE: Three years

WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT MY JOB: The ability to overcome the daily challenges and obstacles to help produce new pilots every three weeks

MY HERO IS: My pops

GOALS: To finish my degree and become a professional air traffic controller in the Federal Aviation Administration

HOBBIES: Basketball and football

BIGGEST PET PEEVE: Unfairness

PERSONAL MOTTO: "No one can hold me back."

SOMETHING I COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My wife and beautiful baby girl Tatyanna

IF I COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE TODAY, I WOULD GO TO: Hawaii

GREATEST FEAT OR BEST "WAR" STORY:

When the 71st OSS football team beat the 71st Mission Support Group in the flag football championship game

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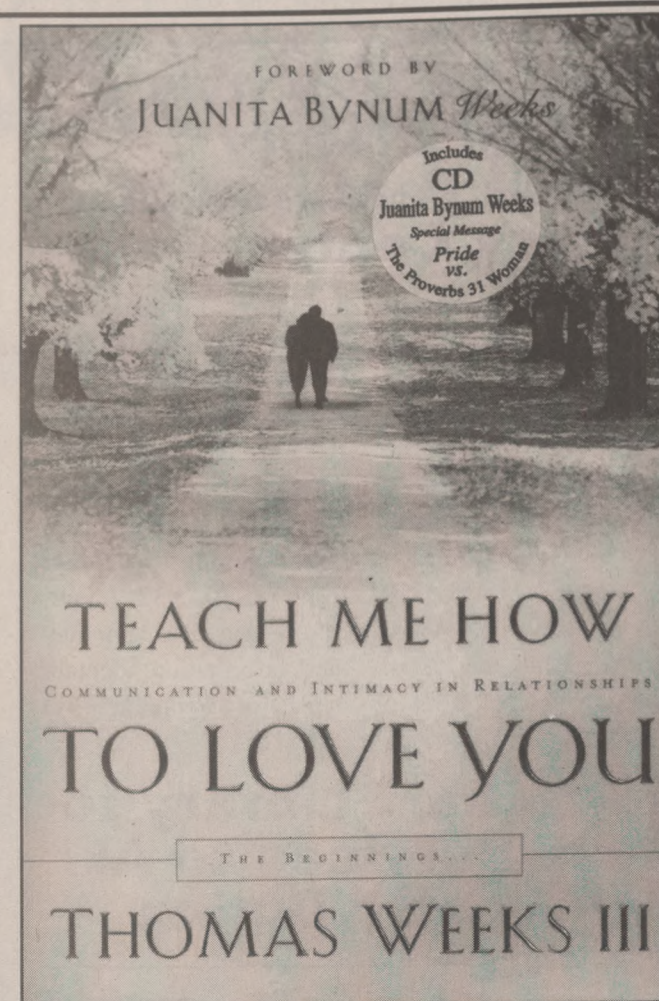
by Tangela Murph

TEACH ME HOW TO LOVE YOU

Take a journey with Bishop Thomas Weeks to the beginning of his relationship with the love of his life, Dr. Juanita Bynum Weeks, in this groundbreaking book, "Teach Me How to Love You." Sharing candidly from their relationship, Bishop Weeks offers bold and honest instructions about real relationships in a real world. Without "over-spiritualizing" day-to-day issues, he offers "in-your-face" counsel about what makes men and women tick.

"Teach Me How to Love You" comes straight from the heart and is loaded with practical wisdom on issues that are vital to building a strong marriage. Interesting chapters include:

- God's Wisdom for Establishing a Godly Relationship
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- Are You Willing to Listen to Love?
- Brother, Don't Be Crazy
- Sister, Don't Hurt A Brother
- Lord, Help, I Need A Godly Woman



• Lord, Help, I Need A Godly Husband
This book also includes a CD with a special message from Juanita Bynum Weeks.
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Take a look at Midtown through your camera lens. Shutterbugs of all ages are invited to participate in a photo project over Labor Day Weekend, including a 22nd Street Fest Saturday, September 4. Then, in November, establishments all over Midtown will display the photographs that capture the spirit and essence of our great community.

Who: Photographers of all ages and abilities - organizations, neighborhood associations, civic clubs, religious groups and others.

Children: Boys & Girls Club, Tia Murphy at 727-327-6556.

Adults/Organizations: Melissa Christiano at 727-822-7872.

What: Pictures of what's special about Midtown taken over Labor Day weekend, September 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Whether clicking photos or clicking your heels, come out for the Midtown Photo Project 22nd Street Fest, Saturday, September 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

How: If you plan on being a Midtown Photographer, please register by August 23.

(Vendors interested in the Street Fest, please call Janis Ford at 727-892-5087.)

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THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



Under the threat of lynching, James Meredith is escorted by the National Guard through the University of Mississippi's campus

- August 12**
- Frederick Douglass' home in Washington DC is declared a national shrine, 1922
 - Stephen Biko, leader of the Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa, arrested, 1977
- August 13**
- First issue of the *Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper*, 1892
- August 14**
- Ernest E Just, biologist and pioneer of cell division, born, 1883
 - Ervin "Magic" Johnson, basketball player, born, 1959
- August 15**
- Liberia established by freed American slaves, 1824
- August 16**
- Louis Lomax, author, born, 1922
 - Angela Davis, activist, named in a federal warrant issued in connection with George Jackson's attempted escape from San Quentin prison, 1970
- August 17**
- Marcus Garvey, Black Nationalist, born, 1887
 - WB Purvis, inventor, patents the electric railway switch, 1897
- August 18**
- James Meredith, the first Black person admitted to the University of Mississippi, graduates from University of Mississippi, 1963

Jack and Jill from front page for Teens' Contribution in 2003.

Jack and Jill of America Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the organization that supports programs designed to promote and increase leadership opportunities for our youth. She has also served as a regional officer and president of the Pinellas County chapter.

Dr. Lorraine Mayfield Brown and Lori Taylor were delegates representing the Pinellas County Chapter. Brown accepted awards on the chapter's behalf for outstanding chapter programming on seatbelt safety and in the area of community service. She also accepted community service pins for Skyler Battle and Ramon Snow.

Both teens were recognized for volunteering over 50 hours of community service.

While there was lots of business to take care of, the delegates did take time out to tour the headquarters of Hallmark Cards and sample the famous "Gates" barbecue during family night. Another night of entertainment featured guest artist Regina Belle singing R&B hits "Baby Come to Me," "All By Myself" and "A Whole New World" from Disney's "Aladdin," just to name a few.

The convention concluded with the installation of the newly elected national officers and a renewed commitment to make a greater legislative impact on the issues that affect our children.

Role Model from front page

"It's been eight days, and I have heard no one say anything negative about him," said his cousin Qiona Harrington. "People dislike you for no reason, we still don't understand."

Davis loved to see women smile, and he was always emphasizing the positive and would remind his relatives of how much they had in life, said Qiona. Indeed, Davis understood how hard life was for black women and "was determined not to see women abused, beaten or yelled at," Brenda said.

His personality glowed and even if he had a stressful day he never let it show, unless he said something - no one knew. He always had "a smile and made you laugh," said Tamara Wilcox, youth program director for APEDF.

Wilcox said that Davis fought for economic development, health care and education.

His uncle, Dwayne Harrington, was roused from sleep that night by a phone call telling him that his nephew was shot. He said Davis was lying on the ground with his habitual radiant smile still on his face.

The St. Petersburg community has a variety of opinions on how to stop the violence in Midtown.

For Wilcox, the answer is economic development. By this she means more black-owned businesses offering a decent income and keeping money in the black community as opposed to large chain stores paying minimum wage and draining money from the community, Wilcox said.

Thus, it is ironic that this senseless shooting is harming one of the rare black-owned businesses in an area that Harrington said used to be the heart of St. Petersburg and is now the last thing standing.

Although it is still standing, business at the Snow Peak, a historic south side family owned restaurant, is down since Davis was followed there and shot. Located off of 22nd Street and Fairfield Ave. S., the restaurant opened in 1956 and serves customers from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. daily. The restaurant had not experienced problems with crime before this, part owner Reggie Bowers said.

The Snow Peak had

already experienced a 15-percent decline in business three years ago when the City cleared many surrounding minority owned businesses as part of economic development. The city wants to replace the Snow Peak with a parking lot and develop land to the northeast for a chain Marriott Hotel, said Bowers.

People who work nights especially favor the Snow Peak since it is also the only nearby place open. Qiona said that when she was a CNA working the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift, she went there to order chicken or gizzards for her supper break.

"We all ate there as kids, our parents ate there," said Qiona.

At 9:15 p.m. last Thursday, the scent of frying chicken and gizzards filled an empty parking lot. Business is down 40-percent since Davis was shot. Bowers said it was sad that people couldn't talk and communicate without animosity.

He knew the whole family and remembered Davis "was always a nice guy, I never saw him angry with anyone or have harsh words with anyone," Bowers said.

Bowers said he blames today's society with violence featured in both video games and television and a lack of the "good family stuff like when I grew up" shows such as "Lassie," "Rin Tin Tin" or "Leave it to Beaver."

Bowers said that every time he saw him, Davis was smiling and happy and "didn't deserve" to die.

"This is so hard to deal with," Dwayne said. "It makes no sense to me for someone to kill someone because someone else got in an argument with them."

Davis was "not the kind of man to be in an argument," said Chenzira Frazier, a family friend.

The family hopes to find something positive to honor the life of this 32-year-old young man who was a positive influence on the people around him. They worry about Davis' son; someone needs to be there "if he needs help in math," Brenda said.

"Don't let this be a senseless killing," Brenda said. "Let something come out of it. Maybe something can be set up in his name."

"It's time for something positive to come out of this!" Qiona concluded.

Pinellas Habitat for Humanity Dedicates 115th House in Clearwater

PINELLAS COUNTY - Pinellas Habitat for Humanity will dedicate the 115th house it has constructed in Pinellas County since 1985 when Fredericka Dixon and her family receive the keys to their Habitat for Humanity house in Clearwater on Saturday, Aug. 14. Sponsored by one of Pinellas Habitat for Humanity's Official Sponsors, Cox Target Media, provider/owner of Valpak, it is the second house underwritten by the Tampa Bay direct marketing company. "We have been very impressed with

Valpak's overall commitment to Pinellas Habitat for Humanity. The company's generosity has provided sponsorship for two homes (soon to become three), we have representation on our board of directors, they print many of our materials, their employees volunteer to help build homes, and at least one of their employees is now a Habitat homeowner. Now, that's partnership!" said Barbara Inman, Pinellas Habitat for Humanity's Executive Director.

Many Pinellas businesses donate items to each

house that Pinellas Habitat for Humanity builds. Clearwater Mattress is donating three beds to the family. Badcock Furniture provides a gift certificate to the family, and Cox Target Media gives one of their "familiar" blue-enveloped mailer featuring their instant win promotion, and a chance for the homeowner to win \$100.

National Habitat for Humanity sponsor, Whirlpool Corporation donates a refrigerator and stove for each Habitat home in North America (a \$5 million contribution annually).

Hunter Douglas is another national Habitat sponsor and they provide blinds for each home. Local company Axley Bros Sawmill donates landscaping materials. Pinellas Habitat for Humanity provides a basket of symbolic gifts to the family, including an American Flag. A blessing follows as all in attendance "lay hands" on the home.

For more information about Pinellas Habitat for Humanity, contact (727) 536-4755 or consult the website at www.phfh.org.

Action News Reporter Jackie Callaway to Serve as MS Walk Honorary Chair

TAMPA - The Mid Florida Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is pleased to announce that ABC Action News and Consumer Reporter Jackie Callaway are once again joining the fight against MS. For the second year in a row, Jackie Callaway is partnering with the Mid Florida Chapter as Honorary Chair for the MS Walk to be held on November 13 along Bayshore Blvd. The Mid Florida Chapter will hold four walks across Central Florida in November to raise MS awareness and funding for much needed research and client services.



Jackie Callaway

es. In 2003 the Walk hosted over 2,000 participants and raised more than \$400,000.

Callaway's dedication to

fighting multiple sclerosis is very personal. In June of 2003, she lost a dear friend to a rare form of multiple sclerosis. Since learning of her friend's diagnosis, she has been outspoken supporter of the National MS Society and raising much needed funds to support local programs, services and research.

Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic and often disabling disease that attacks a person's central nervous system. The symptoms, severity, and path that the illness takes vary from person to person and may be difficult to predict. Today's research, however, is show-

ing promise in bringing an easier life to the approximately 400,000 Americans with MS.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of MS. The Society supports more MS research and offers more services for people with MS than any other MS organization in the world.

For more information about multiple sclerosis or the MS Walk, contact the Mid-Florida chapter at 1-800 Fight MS or log on: www.nationalmssociety.org/flc.

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Heritage Village Commemorates the 50th Anniversary of 'Brown v. Board of Education'

Local residents encouraged to attend and tell their stories of desegregation in Pinellas County

LARGO — Heritage Village will present a series of special exhibits and programming to celebrate the landmark Supreme Court decision *Brown v. the Board of Education*. The events, including special weekend tours, personal recollections, debates and panel discussions will be held from Aug. 28 — Oct. 10. Highlights include:

• **Exhibit Features:** *Stony the Road: Desegregating America's Schools*, the national story, produced by the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia and *Brown vs. The Board of Education 50 Years Later: The Long and Winding Road*, the Pinellas County story, produced by the Pinellas County African American History Museum.

• **Opening Day Festivities:** (Saturday, Aug.

28, 1-4 p.m.) Meet Pinellas people who made it happen. Those who lived in Pinellas County at the time of desegregation are encouraged to attend and share their recollections on video to help preserve the community's collective memory of this important milestone.

• **Special Group Tours:** (Saturdays 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., 2-4 p.m. and Sundays 2-4 p.m.) The group tours include the exhibits, tours, discussions with Pinellas people involved in local desegregation efforts and a focused tour of three structures at Heritage Village that share in this story. Call (727) 582-2426 to schedule a tour.

• **The Legacy of Brown v. Board:** (Saturday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.) Tarpon Springs and Pinellas Park high school students engage in a lively

debate about school desegregation and its impact on American Society. The debate will be moderated by Darryl Rouson, President of the St. Petersburg Chapter of the NAACP.

• **Reflection, Remedies and Resolve:** (Saturday, Oct. 2, 1 p.m.) Come with your questions, opinions and ideas. Professor Robert Bickel, Stetson College of Law, facilitates a roundtable discussion presented by local historians, educators and individuals who integrated Pinellas County schools. Program will encourage audience participation and interaction with featured panelists.

Heritage Village, operated by Pinellas County Government, is a 21-acre living history museum located at Pinewood Cultural Park, which is also home to the Extension Service, the Florida Botanical Gar-

dens, and the Gulf Coast Museum of Art. Pinewood Cultural Park is designed to educate, inspire and showcase the arts, history and the natural environment. For more information or a calendar of events, contact Heritage Village at (727) 582-2123 or visit the Heritage Village website at www.pinellascounty.org/Heritage

These events are sponsored by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, SunTrust Bank and the Pinellas County Historical Society. The event has been financed in part with Historical Museums Grants-in-Aid Program assistance provided by the Bureau of Historical Museums, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State, Secretary of State.

Diana Lucas Leavengood has One-Woman Show of Photographic Works

TAMPA BAY — Sunrise Cinema, located in Old Hyde Park Village, Tampa will be the venue for Diana Lucas Leavengood's one-woman show *PEOPLE/PLACES/THINGS*. The show will highlight Leavengood's work of the last ten years.

Leavengood is familiar to the Tampa Bay area as the Founding Executive Director of the Live Arts Peninsula Foundation, Inc. In February of this year Leavengood stepped down from the non-profit theatre foundation to pursue photography full time. With her husband, Bill Leavengood, she formed Will Knot Di Productions (www.willknotdi.com) to develop her film and photography interests.

Originally trained as a filmmaker at California Institute of the Arts



Coram Fields 2002 Gelatin Silver Print by Diana Lucas Leavengood

(CalArts), Leavengood has won numerous awards and grants for her short films. It was at CalArts that she

ciated Press bought her image of the Yosemite rockslide that she witnessed while visiting the park. The image was published worldwide.

This past year has seen her work be selected for the 13th Annual All-Florida Juried Exhibition by William Zimmer of the *New York Times*.

She recently received an Honorable Mention in her first member show of the Tampa Gallery of Photographic Arts. Dr. Jennifer Hardin, curator of the St. Petersburg Museum of History, was the judge.

The opening reception will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 15. The show will remain open until Sept. 12. Sunrise Cinemas is located at 1609 West Swann Ave. in Tampa.

In 1996, the Asso-

NAACP Meeting: 'Taking Responsibility For Our Own'

PINELLAS COUNTY — The Rev. McClendon and Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Largo, will host the upcoming NAACP Clearwater/Upper Pinellas Branch Mass Meeting on Sunday, Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. The theme is "Taking Responsibility For Our Own."

This assembly will highlight local speakers including James Feazell, Sr. of "Bridging the Achievement Gap," Tasker Beal, Jr. of "Friends of Ridgecrest," and Wanda McCawthan, local activist.

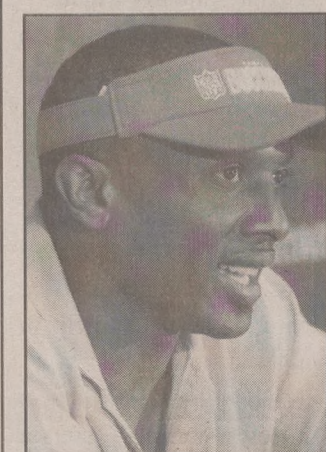
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church is located at 13225 — 118th St. N. (at

Ulmerton), Largo.

For additional information, contact Nathaniel Patterson, Jr. at (727) 934-7607 or email bizspecialist@yahoo.com.

NAACP Clearwater/Upper Pinellas Branch represents the cities and unincorporated areas in central and northern Pinellas County. NAACP monthly meetings are the first Monday in each month at Martin Luther King Jr. Center, 1201 Douglass Ave., Clearwater at 7 p.m. Mass meetings are held on the fifth Sunday of the month at Churches throughout the represented area.

The Tampa Bay Bucs Announced They Have Signed WR Tim Brown



Tim Brown

TAMPA BAY — Brown, a veteran of 16 seasons, ranks second all-time in league history in receiving yards (14,734), third in career receptions (1,070), second in total seasons with 1,000 or more receiving yards (nine), fourth in touchdown catches (99) and tied for third all-time in

most seasons with 50 or more receptions (11).

A nine-time Pro Bowl selection, Brown has totaled 43 career 100-yard receiving games and led the Raiders in receiving 11 times. He stands as the Raiders' all-time leader in games played (240), receptions, receiving yards, touchdowns and punt returns (320), along with being the only player in team history to score via receiving, rushing, two-point conversion, kick return and punt return.

Brown is one of only three players (along with WR Cris Carter and WR Jerry Rice) to have more than 1,000 career receptions. He also holds the NFL record for most com-

American Cancer Society to Kickoff Breast Cancer Fundraiser

TAMPA BAY—The

American Cancer Society is focusing on their 3rd Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer corporate kickoff to create event awareness in the community. The American Cancer Society's has more than 500 corporate sponsors, medical experts, cancer survivors and American Cancer Society volunteers that will launch Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, a non-competitive 5K walk to raise cancer awareness and funds for breast cancer research. This event is one of the largest one-day breast cancer fundraisers in the nation and will be held on Oct. 16.

There are plenty of opportunities this month to participate in promoting this effort. Food and refreshments will be provided at the various locations listed below:

• **NORTH TAMPA** — Tuesday, Aug. 17, Museum of Science and Industry (M.O.S.I.), 4801 East Fowler Ave., Tampa 33617

5:30 — 7 p.m.

• **S. TAMPA / WESTSHORE / DOWNTOWN** — Thursday, Aug. 19, Maggiano's, 203 Westshore Plaza, Tampa, 33609, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

• **BRANDON** — Tuesday, Aug. 24, Romano's Macaroni Grill, 132 Brandon TownCenter Dr., Brandon, 33510, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Breast cancer, the most common form of cancer among American women, will strike an estimated 200,200 U.S. women this year and claim more than 40,000 lives. In Florida alone, breast cancer will strike 13,100 women — more than 2,600 women in Florida will die of breast cancer this year. The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk event gives people the opportunity to demonstrate their resolve to wipe-out the disease.

Please RSVP for any of the above kickoff events. Contact Cheryl Hedrick at cheryl.hedrick@cancer.org or (813) 254-3630, ext. 332.

Working to Improve Services Available for Juveniles in the Community

TAMPA — The Law Offices of Julianne M. Holt, Public Defender, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, will host the First Annual Juvenile Justice Symposium at the Hillsborough County Children's Board at 1002 East Palm Ave. in Ybor City. Registration will be held on Aug. 16 with presentations to follow Aug. 17 - 19. Attendees will receive the most up-to-date juvenile justice information, news, trends, and views offered by

experts in the field.

This first-of-its-kind symposium continues the Public Defender's strong tradition of community service, leadership, and education. Bringing attorneys, caregivers, law enforcement, and other professionals who work with children in the criminal justice system together with juvenile justice experts allows attendees the opportunity to learn ways to adapt and improve community resources and serv-

ices offered to children.

Speakers scheduled to attend include Pulitzer Prize nominated author Lieutenant Colonel David Grossman, Denise Bray, M.S. from the PACE Center for Girls, Assistant Secretaries from the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, former-Restorative Justice Project Administrator Dr. Sandra O'Brien, and experts in the field.

Seminar programs include: "Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill" and "Nuts &

Bolts of Working with Girls," as well as topics on suicide prevention, juveniles in adult court, juvenile competency issues, overviews of trends and research, and more.

Professionals interested in attending should contact the Law Offices of Julianne Holt, Public Defender at (813) 272-5980. The office has applied for continuing legal education credits for attorneys who attend.

Pinellas County Health Department Receives Award for Productivity

In recognition of its continuing success in achieving productivity, the Pinellas County Health Department recently received a Sustained Exemplary Performance Award from the Davis Productivity Awards program.

Presented annually, the Davis Productivity Awards honor state government employees throughout Florida who have significantly increased productivity in delivering state services and products. Awards are also made to individu-

als and work units for adapting and implementing previous years' award-winning achievements to create added value. The program is a major government improvement initiative sponsored by Florida TaxWatch, The Florida

Council of 100 and the State of Florida.

The Sustained Exemplary Performance Award, underwritten by PRIDE Enterprises, salutes individuals, work units, institutions and districts that have won multiple Davis Productivity Awards for continuing excellence. The Pinellas County Health Department staff has received 33 Davis Productivity Awards since 1992.

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How to Avoid the Top Five Interview Mistakes

(NAPSI) - What's the biggest mistake you ever made during a job interview? Show up late? Insult the interviewer? How about eat a sandwich? In a recent survey, Career Builder.com asked over 400 hiring managers to share the most memorable blunders that caused them to pass on a particular candidate. Here's what not to do:

#1 - Hiring managers say they avoid candidates who exhibit poor language skills and a tendency to reveal too much or too little information.

Examples:

- "The candidate said he had days he could not give 100 percent."

- "She kept telling me about her personal problems."

Tip: Choose your words wisely and listen closely. Candidates must show they can think quickly on their feet and effectively communicate why they are best suited for the job.

#2 - Hiring managers say they don't consider can-



didates who are unprepared, distracted or unprofessional.

Examples:

- "He knew nothing about the job being offered."

- "The woman answered her cell phone."

Tip: Do your homework. Research the company, its industry and competitors. Make sure to shut off cell phones and pagers before your arrival.

#3 - Hiring managers say bored or cocky attitudes are a turn-off.

Examples:

- "He asked me to

speed up the interview because he had a lunch date."

- "He told me the only reason he was here was because his mother wanted him to get a job. He was 37."

Tip: Keep positive. Avoid saying anything negative about a previous employer and show enthusiasm for the new opportunity.

#4 - Hiring managers say appearance influences the hiring decision.

Examples:

- "One candidate did not wear shoes."

- "He showed up in jeans and a t-shirt with dirty fingernails and looked like he just woke up. He also smelled of alcohol."

Tip: Leave the jeans at home. Even if the company dress is casual, you don't want to seem casual about the job opportunity. Groom properly and wear business attire.

#5 - Hiring managers say dishonesty calls for dismissal.

Examples:

- "One guy mentioned his arrest during the interview after stating on his application that he had never been arrested."

- "One guy asked if we drug-tested and if we gave advance notice (we are a drug treatment facility)."

Tip: Honesty is always the best policy and remember, even the most innocent question, if not worded properly, can give the wrong impression.

For more job seeking tips, visit careerbuilder.com

The Three Deadly Myths

Uncovering the three most deadly myths of business success

by Joe John Duran

We all love the idea of running our own business. We dream of creating our own work environment, making unlimited amounts of money for ourselves and those we love, and working on our own terms. That's why more than one million new businesses are formed every year in the United States. But the sad reality is that half of those businesses will fail within two years. They will collapse for a variety of reasons, most often because the founder held some misguided beliefs.

We interviewed dozens of successful entrepreneurs for "Start it, Sell it and Make a Mint" (John Wiley & Sons) and found there were three misconceptions that proved to be deadly to independent businesses:

Deadly Myth #1: If you build it, they will come.

The movie "Field of Dreams," starring Kevin Costner, illustrates one of the biggest business killing myths. In that movie, baseball loving Costner fought all kinds of obstacles to build a magical baseball field, and then people drove in from all over the country to see it. The movie showed all of the frustrations he encountered in building his field, and yet once he had it built, people began to appear magically. Similarly, many business owners believe that customers will simply pour in. This typically doesn't happen, though. If you do not market and sell your services, not only will they not come, but they won't even notice!

While many business owners spend countless hours designing brochures or working on the look of their logo, they spend remarkably little time identifying how they will reach their potential customers, and how they will get these prospects to buy their products or services.

Here's one interesting example: Mark opened a yoga studio in a busy part of the city. He spent a small fortune building a gorgeous studio with three large yoga rooms, marble show-ers, and a zen-like trickling fountain. Many yogis agreed it was a beautiful retreat. He was a well known instructor, so he never doubted people would come. He had also recruited other good instructors to teach at his studio. He opened his doors and, after six months, only two or three people were showing up to classes. Nowhere in his budget had he planned on such a low turnout. It wasn't long before his gorgeous studio faltered - all because Mark bought into the "Field of Dreams" myth.

Deadly Myth #2: Doing what you love is the key to success.

There's a huge difference between making great bread and running a great bakery. Most successful entrepreneurs enjoy running the business more than they enjoy what their business does.

Maria is a middle-aged woman who loved designing dresses. She had slowly grown her dress business out of her home. After a couple of years she had six employees and spent more of her time on operational and administrative issues. She hated being taken away from designing and suspected there were many things she didn't know about running the business, but she simply ignored several of the brewing challenges. She had turned her

hobby into a business, but the company eventually failed because she never ran it like a business. Successful entrepreneurs understand the importance of running a company like a business.

Deadly Myth #3: A profitable business is a successful business.

Remember - tomorrow's profits won't pay today's bills. Sadly, countless entrepreneurs find themselves at the last minute realizing they don't have enough cash in their account to make payroll or pay for their rent. Many businesses would be saved if the owners understood that cash flow is all that really matters for any independent business. It's easy to design a spreadsheet that creates an illusion of profits. However, many a business goes bankrupt while waiting for those profits to arrive.

A nice example of the "profit" myth was shared by Jeff. He had a division of his company that sold promotional products via catalog. For some reason, while his profits were supposedly increasing by huge amounts, his cash was being depleted from his bank accounts at an alarming rate. When he went to his warehouse, he found out that he had a large collection of TVs in storage. The firm had shifted from small gadgets to large electronics, because the profit margins were much higher. But then he discovered that the vendors wanted payment in cash upon delivery where his prior vendors would be paid up to two months after delivery. This meant that the more successful they were at selling TVs, the more cash he needed to carry the inventory. The banks were not

comfortable lending money on TVs in a warehouse so he had to scale back the business or he would have failed. Hard to imagine that increased success would increase their likelihood of failure, but it did. This type of situation occurs often for businesses. A profitable business is not necessarily a successful one.

The lesson here is simple: concentrate on cash flow. Ensure you understand the timing of payments, both in and out. Make sure you build a buffer, because invariably money takes longer to come in than to leave. Remember that cash is the lifeblood of your business. Profits are not!

Succeeding in business is hard enough; don't let these three myths trip you up!

Do you have the right stuff to make it as an entrepreneur?

A major reason that 50% of newly formed businesses will fail is that the person who started the company doesn't really have the aptitude or skill sets needed to succeed.

You can take a free diagnostic test that tells you whether you have what you need to make it before you take the leap at www.startitsellit.com. The site has a proprietary Entrepreneur Scorecard™ that gives aptitude and skill scorecard along with tips on how to improve your likelihood of success. It takes about 6 minutes to complete, and can provide some valuable insights into your strengths and weaknesses.

For more free entrepreneurial tips and tools, visit www.startitsellit.com.

Bank of America Named #1 SBA Minority Lender for Second Year

Strong commitment to business customers nearly triples SBA loan production

CHARLOTTE, N.C., PRNewswire - Bank of America announced that it has been named the #1 Small Business Administration lender to minorities for the second consecutive year. By continuing to focus on the needs of minority-owned small businesses, the bank nearly tripled its overall SBA lending to minorities in 2003. Bank of America's #1 status was confirmed by numbers compiled by San Francisco-based consumer advocacy group The Greenlining Institute.

Bank of America, which is also the nation's

#1 overall SBA lender (9,406 loans granted in fiscal year 2003), provided 40% of its SBA loans to minority-owned businesses and 40% of its SBA loan dollars to minority-owned businesses.

"We are committed to the creation of strong communities across America by helping fuel the economic engine of small business," said Lynn Pike, Small Business Banking president. "By providing access to capital to a broad spectrum of entrepreneurs, we are able to help build the neighborhoods in which we do business."

Key facts about 2003 SBA minority lending at Bank of America:

- #1 SBA lender to all minorities.

- 40% of all Bank of America SBA loans supported minorities (3,717 out of 9,406 total loans).

- 40% of all Bank of America SBA loan dollars went to minorities (\$128,684,000 out of \$320,800,000).

- Ranked number one in loans to Hispanics, Asian Americans and Native Americans.

- More than tripled the number of SBA loans to Hispanics.

- More than tripled the number of SBA loans to African Americans.

- The bank's average SBA loan made to minorities in 2003 was \$35,000.

"Creating strong communities requires making loans at many different levels and spanning a cross section of needs," said Benito Almanza, government lending product executive. "These small loans are often the lifeblood that helps a minority small business owner keep his or her doors open and grow to the next step."

'Essence' Magazine to Present Women Who Are Shaping the World Leadership Summit

NEW YORK PR Newswire - Essence magazine will host its first annual Women Who Are Shaping the World Leadership Summit in New York City on Oct. 15 at The Pierre Hotel.

Designed by Essence editors, Women Who Are Shaping the World offers a day of transformation and a unique opportunity for attendees to interact with African American business leaders, entrepreneurs, educators and trailblazers.

"Black women are seeking solutions to their unique career challenges and looking for strategies that create peace and balance in their lives," said Susan L. Taylor, editorial director of Essence. "The goal of our summit is to help women own their power and direct it in ways that create optimum success."

As part of the summit's initiative, Essence invites its readers to enter the

Woman Who Has Shaped My World Contest and celebrate the woman in their life who has inspired them to live life to the fullest, spiritually and emotionally.

One lucky winner will receive a fabulous trip to New York City for her and her nominator, two tickets to The Women Who Are Shaping the World Leadership Summit, \$250 shopping spree, two tickets to a Broadway show and dinner at a New York City restaurant.

To enter the contest, visit essencesummit.com.



The Women Who are Shaping the World seminar panelists include Judge Hatchett, judge on nationally syndicated courtroom series.

Life Insurance is the Cornerstone of Your Estate Planning



by Sonya Young

There is no substitute for life insurance or the financial protection it can provide. The role life insurance plays in an estate plan isn't always as well-known, but it is just as important. If you make life insurance the cornerstone of your estate plan, you have the solid foundation you need to help protect your estate.

For starters, many es-

tates don't include a large sum of cash as part of the assets. With life insurance your heirs don't have to sell your farm, the home, or the business to pay the bills.

Instead, your life insurance policy is a source of cash to pay the bills, taxes, and other fees that is associated with death. Next, life insurance is paid to your beneficiaries' in-

come tax-free, relieving them of at least one significant tax problem. If the primary goal of your life insurance is providing for the next generation, consider a survivorship, or second-to-die life insurance policy.

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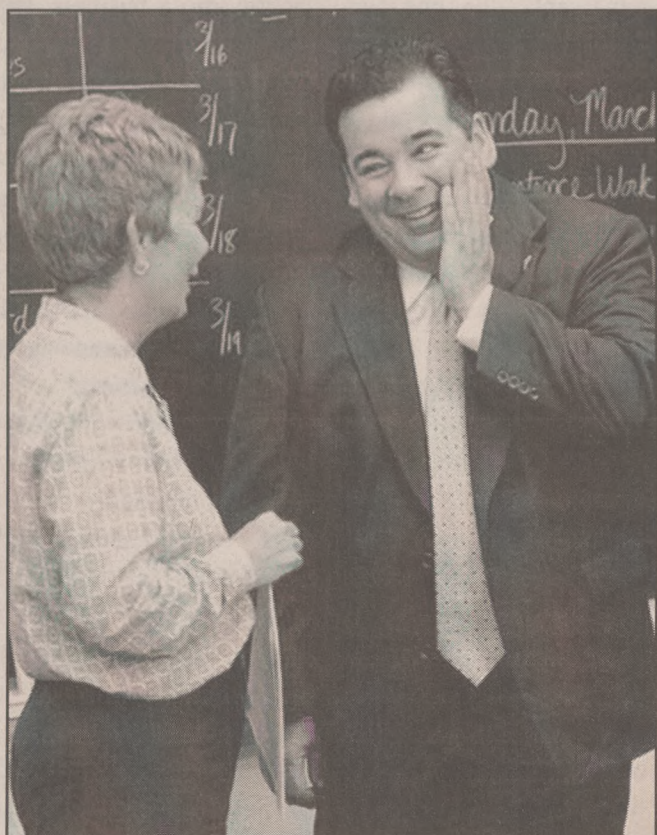
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EDUCATION

NAACP Welcomes New Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools

ST. PETERSBURG — The new Superintendent of the Pinellas County Schools will be the guest of the St. Petersburg Branch of the NAACP at their open meeting of Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. Although Clayton Wilcox, the new Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools, will not officially assume his post until Sept. 1, the NAACP was anxious to welcome him and declare themselves as a partner in promoting quality education.

More specifically, the NAACP wants to declare itself a partner and supporter of this new administration as it begins to meet the challenge of bridging the achievement gap between black and non-black students. Also, the NAACP, as local legal watchdog of the Unitary Status Agreement (the Court Order), wants to solicit the support of the community at large to



Clayton M. Wilcox, right, talks with Holly Atkins, a seventh-grade language arts teacher at Southside Fundamental Middle School.

assist with this awesome responsibility: promoting academic excellence and the healthy well being of children.

The purpose of the Aug. 17 meeting is to accomplish the following:

- To meet and greet the new superintendent.

- To share the NAACP Educational Plan for 2005.

- To identify the needs and concerns of students and parents within the educational system.

- To attract new members to the local branch.

The primary outcome of this meeting will be to send the message that the NAACP cares what happens to students, that we have partners who care, that we take our role most seriously as advocates for quality education, and our expectation is that, collectively, we will bridge the gap between black and non-black students.

Please join the NAACP at Bethel Metropolitan Church located at 3455 - 26th Ave. S. at 7 p.m. for this important meeting. For more information, contact the NAACP at (727) 898-3310.

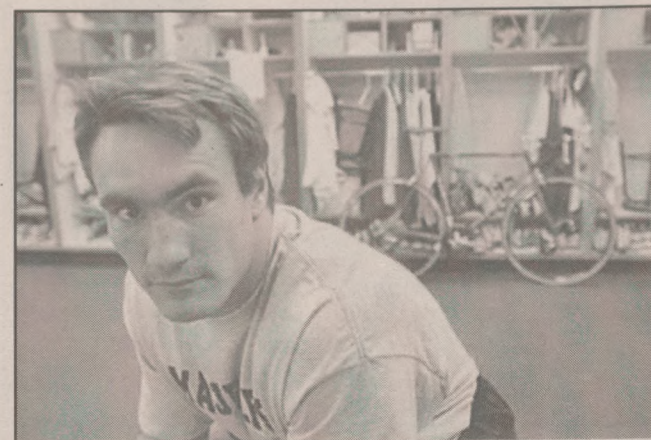
Laptoplobbyist.Com to Present 'Tillman Award' Scholarship in Memory of 'American Hero'

"Young people need to know that, especially in today's world, 'the road less traveled' is often the path to greatness."

WASHINGTON, DC — Laptoplobbyist.com announced the creation of a college scholarship fund to honor the memory of slain American hero Pat Tillman.

The scholarship will be awarded to "the college-bound student whose qualities of selflessness and compassion, and whose exemplary love of God and country, best represent the life and legacy of Pat Tillman, a true American hero."

The \$1000 "Tillman Award" scholarship will be presented each October to a high school student nominated by an adult with



Pat Tillman

direct knowledge of the student's record of achievement. The student, may be in public school, private school, or may be home-schooled.

Nominated students will be required to write an

essay entitled "What Being an American Means to Me." Conservative journalists will be asked to make the final judgment on the award-winning entry.

"Our goal is to honor Pat Tillman's memory by

encouraging young people to embrace the endearing and enduring qualities that made him a true American hero," said Christopher Carmouche, Executive Director of Laptop Lobbyist.com.

"In a day and age when the dominant entertainment media so often embraces and acclaims the beast in us all, it is time to again reward the best. Pat Tillman took the high road, and we want our young people to know that, especially in today's world, 'the road less traveled' is often the path to greatness."

For additional information call (703) 690-4545.

New Job Corps Website Reaches Out to Students, Employers

www.jobcorpsregion3.com now offers online enrollment, more features

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Region of the U.S. Department of Labor's Job Corps program announced the launch of its redesigned website, offering online application for enrollment for the first time in the Southeast.

New features also include a separate form for employers seeking more information about hiring Job Corps graduates or partnering opportunities. Both forms are available at the new www.jobcorpsregion3.com.

"Whether you're a student looking for a career or an employer looking for entry-level help, finding out about Job Corps has never been so easy," Regional Director Don Scott said. "And it should be easy. This program works for everyone. Now

it's just a click away."

Job Corps provides education, job training and career counseling at no cost to income-eligible youth ages 16 through 24. The Atlanta Region of Job Corps covers 19 centers in seven Southeastern states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The redesigned Atlanta Region Web site, www.jobcorpsregion3.com, serves as a comprehensive information resource for prospective students, employers and community leaders. Each center has its own Web page, and visitors can now access course information on all 40 trades available at Job Corps centers in the Southeast.

Other new features on the redesigned website include:

• A Student of the Month feature, Student Government Association web pages designed by Job Corps students themselves, a news page, testimonials from Job Corps students and employers, an expanded links page, and new navigation throughout, including a state-by-state menu at the top.

Traffic at the Atlanta Region website has increased by 146 percent over the past eight months and is now at an all-time high. In March, www.jobcorpsregion3.com registered 415,701 total hits or an average of 13,409 hits per day — both one-month records for the program.

The site also includes Job Corps' Youth Services Directory, which offers a statewide listing of 19 social services, including

child care, legal assistance, housing assistance, transportation and more. The directory is searchable by organization name; type of service needed; and by state, city or county. Visitors can access the Youth Services Directory via the redesigned Atlanta Region website or by going directly to www.jcyouth-services.com.

Established in 1964, Job Corps is the nation's oldest and largest job-training program, annually serving 70,000 participants. There are 120 Job Corps centers nationwide. For more information, call (800) 733-JOBS or visit the Job Corps Atlanta Region website at www.jobcorpsregion3.com.

Mastering Reading and Mathematics in the Early Grades

ATLANTA, Ga. — "...We are not yet bringing all children to mastery of the fundamentals of reading and mathematics. And, more disturbing, we are not successful with nearly as many minority and poor youngsters as we must be."

— Mark Musick, President, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).

This is what SREB's president says about "Mastering Reading and Mathematics in the Early Grades," one of the reports on progress in meeting SREB's Challenge to Lead Goals for Education.

And he asks several questions:

- Are State standards set high enough?

- Can states get all students ready for the next level of schooling when so many students have not yet mastered the content for their grade level?

- What will it take to close achievement gaps?

This report is available online at www.sreb.org and discusses how various groups of fourth graders in SREB states did on the 2003 tests given by the National Assessment of Educational Progress and how each state's students did in meeting State standards.

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New ACT Website Devoted to Students

IOWA CITY, Iowa — ACT launched www.act-student.org, a new website for students taking the college admissions exam. The new site features information that changes according to the needs the student has during the school year.

"Students need clear information when preparing for college and for admissions tests," said Jon Erickson, vice president, educational services. "We have worked to make the information friendly and easy to find. We know that this time is stressful for students, and we want to make sure that they have access to information that will make the process as easy as possible."

ACT has organized the

material on the website based on experience with students' website visits and knowledge of the questions they ask ACT staff. The information at www.actstudent.org will change anticipating students' needs as they register for the test, prepare for the test and use the test scores after taking the test.

"Students ask a lot of questions, like what kind of calculator can be used. We've put the answers to these popular questions in easy-to-find locations," Erickson says.

Services and information at www.actstudent.org include:

- Online registration, early scores and score reporting.

- Information about the ACT (test dates, deadlines, content of the test, etc.).

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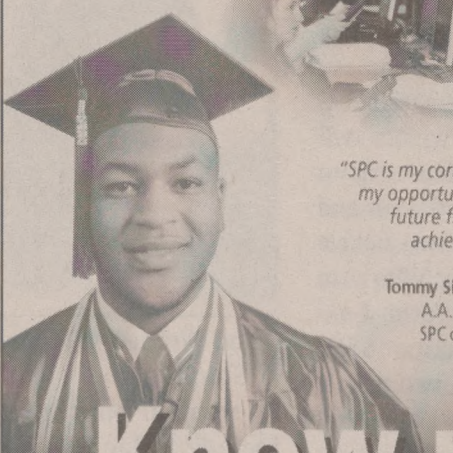
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STATE NEWS

Judge Denies Slaying Suspects Bond —



Troy Victorino, Robert Cannon, Jerome Hunter and Michael Salas appeared in court on Aug. 9.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A dispute over clothes and a video game system between a young woman and a squatter in her grandparents' house apparently sparked the vicious beating and stabbing murders of six people whose bodies were found late last week in a blood-spattered home, police said.

Troy Victorino, 27, Robert Cannon, 18, Jerome Hunter, 18 and Michael Salas, 18, are charged with first-degree murder and armed burglary. The teens confessed shortly after they were arrested Saturday, Aug. 7, authorities said.

The state has fired four probation officers for allegedly failing to keep custody of lead figure, Victorino. At a hearing on Aug. 9 attended by some relatives of the victims, all four men were denied bond and had public defenders appointed for them.

"I wanted to see this. I wanted to see who murdered my daughter," said Kay Shukwit, mother of 19-year-old Michelle Nathan. "I want to look at him."

Police said the attack was the brutal culmination of an argument between Victorino, an ex-convict, and one of the victims, who is believed to be Erin Belanger, 22. She was singled out for a beating so vicious that even dental records were useless in trying to identify her.

Belanger's grandparents, from Maine, own a winter home in Deltona, between Orlando and Daytona Beach, which was supposed to be vacant this summer, but police said Victorino and other squatters used it in July as a party spot.

Joe Abshire, Belanger's brother-in-law, said she had talked to him last Sunday about heading to the vacant house to go swimming one day and finding about six people living there. The squatters were kicked out, but the Xbox video game system and clothes were left behind. Belanger took the items back to the three-bedroom rental home she shared with friends.

Over the next days, deputies were called to the grandparents' house six times. The victims also

reported a tire-slashing at their home and a threat.

The squatters warned Belanger that "they were going to come back there and beat her with a baseball bat when she was sleeping," Abshire told *The Sun* of Lowell, Mass., for Sunday editions.

All four suspects were armed with aluminum bats when Victorino kicked in the locked front door, according to arrest records. The group, who wore black clothes and had scarves on their faces, grabbed knives inside and attacked victims in different rooms of the three-bedroom house, authorities said.

The victims, some of whom were sleeping, did not put up a fight or try to escape, Sheriff Ben Johnson said. All had been stabbed, but autopsies determined the cause of death was the beating injuries. Victorino, the last to leave the house, took the Xbox, police said.

Left behind were the bodies of Belanger and Nathan; as well as Anthony Vega, 34; Roberto "Tito" Gonzalez, 28, who recently moved from New York; Belanger's boyfriend,

Francisco Ayo Roman, 30; and Jonathan Gleason, 18. They lay in bloody beds, on bloody floors. There were crimson spatters on the walls and the ceiling.

"This is the worst thing that I've ever seen in my career," said Johnson, a 33-year veteran of law enforcement. "The brutal force used against the victims ... it's indescribable."

Victorino has spent eight of the last 11 years in prison and was arrested Saturday for a probation violation. His first arrest was in an auto theft when he was 15, according to state records. He has prior convictions for battery, arson, burglary, auto theft and theft.

Hunter, who was with Victorino when he was arrested Saturday, agreed to accompany investigators for questioning. Police said he admitted his role in the slayings and identified the other two suspects.

"He was a good kid, he just got with the wrong crowd," said Hunter's father, Dan Washington. "He never seemed to be that type ... that was violent."

Historic Black Miami Church Christened After 2002 Holiday Arson —

MIAMI (AP) — The congregation of the oldest historically black Catholic church in Miami-Dade County has completed a \$14.5 million restoration to repair fire damage from a 2002 Christmastime arson. St. Francis Xavier, a 77-year-old church in Miami's Overtown neighborhood, was also formally dedicated for the first time at the

Sunday service that celebrated the completion of the repairs, which were mostly paid for with insurance money.

The church was set ablaze Dec. 20, 2002, by a 12-year-old boy who had been expelled from the church's school, police said. No one was inside the church at the time, but the fire caused extensive dam-

age to the church's interior and smoke damage to the sanctuary. Christmas services were held in the cafeteria that year.

Church leaders were surprised to learn that Sunday's dedication was the church's first christening, likely because it began as a black mission. Mission churches weren't dedicated the way normal churches

are, said Miami Archbishop John C. Favalora.

"We were looking through the church archives and found that this church was never formally dedicated," said Rev. John Madigan. "I was just as surprised as anyone, because this is very much a historic church."

Governor Pulls Ankle Bracelets from Juvenile Crime-Fighting Program —

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — In a cost-saving move, Gov. Jeb Bush has eliminated a state program that used ankle bracelets to monitor juveniles under house arrest after arrests or convictions.

By unshackling the youngsters, Bush ends a program that cost taxpayers \$2.2 million a year.

"The Legislature had reduced funding for it over the past few years, and there wasn't money for staff, and without sufficient staff the program wasn't as effective or as efficient," Bush spokesman Jacob DiPietro said Sunday. "If a county

likes the program, they're more than welcome to continue using it."

More than 8,600 children were in the state's electronic-monitoring program in the fiscal year that ended July 1, primarily to monitor court-ordered curfews.

The program's cancellation is part of a strategy to unload state bills for some court and juvenile programs, a practice criticized by county and municipal governments.

The Department of Juvenile Justice recommended the cut this year, but the Legislature ap-

proved money for the program, and the governor vetoed it.

Catherine Arnold, a spokeswoman for the Department of Juvenile Justice, said the state has not noticed an increase in juvenile lockups since the change.

"In most of these cases, a judge determined that the youth was not a risk to public safety and therefore didn't require secure detention," she told the *Orlando Sentinel*.

Orange-Osceola Circuit Judge Jose Rodriguez believes eliminating the program will put more bur-

den on parents to notify authorities when their children violate conditions of their release.

Rodriguez said he frequently assigned ankle bracelets to burglary suspects. The device would be programmed to send an alert if a child wasn't within a short distance during curfew hours.

Some counties use a less expensive alternative in which automated telephone calls are placed when the youngster was supposed to be home. A voice-recognition computer verifies the voice.

Teen Pleads Guilty to Killing Volusia School Official in Crash —

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A high school dropout has pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide in the death of a popular Volusia County school administrator.

Anthony Ellis, 19, also pleaded guilty last week to leaving the scene of an accident, driving with a suspended license, leaving the scene of a crash involving injury and fleeing or attempting to elude police. Ellis, a 10th-grade dropout, could be sentenced to 41 years in prison at a Nov. 1

hearing, but prosecutor Ben Fox said he is likely to face less than 11 years.

David Hinson, an area superintendent and the first black high school principal in the district, was killed last August when Ellis ran a store sign and struck Hinson's car. Police had been pursuing Ellis' car after receiving a 911 call from another motorist, who claimed to see the 1999 Mercury Sable speeding and weaving through traffic.

Hinson's family has



A photo of the crash that took David Hinson's life.

also filed a notice of intent to sue the Daytona Beach Police Department, said attorney Benjamin Crump.

In January, they also sued

the owner of the vehicle Ellis was driving.

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NATIONAL NEWS

40th Anniversary of Civil Rights Act



Freedom Riders have breakfast at a lunch counter in the bus station in Montgomery, Ala., shortly before leaving for Jackson, Miss. and New Orleans, La. It was the first time the eating facilities at the station had been integrated.

AP photo, May 24, 1961

by Siobhan McDonough
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Betty Bunce recalls with sadness the reaction of white parents when the New Orleans school where she taught was desegregated. They removed their children and gathered in an angry mob outside the building to jeer the three black girls who were the only remaining students.

"For a school that was filled with white children, one would not believe how that school emptied out," Bunce said of that day in November 1960 at McDonogh #19.

Each day of that school year, mothers stood outside in protest; the black girls and faculty were escorted in and out the back door of the school. Recess was held indoors for their safety. Teachers without students passed the time reading, knitting and meeting with the principal.

"We didn't have a lot to do," said Bunce, 83, of Parkville, Md. "The white children never came back. The next fall that school practically became an all-black school."

Bunce's story is among the thousands being gathered by the Library of Congress during a 35-city, 70-day bus tour that began last week, marking the 40th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

The "Voices of Civil Rights" bus tour traces the route of the 1960s Freedom Riders, blacks and whites who headed to the South in buses and cars to challenge segregation at every turn and help register blacks to vote, a mission that earned them mob beatings. The aim is to create the world's largest archive of firsthand accounts of the civil rights movement.

Civil rights advocates from the era and reporters who covered the movement

will travel by bus and at each stop record stories from people who were alive during that period. The stories will be posted on the project's Web site, and the information will be given to the library in February.

Documenting these personal histories are the AARP, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and the Library of Congress.

Experiences such as Bunce's bring personal testimony to many milestones of the decades-long push for black equality, among them the 1954 Supreme Court decision ordering desegregation of public schools, increased voting rights through the 1960s and the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 banning racial discrimination in businesses serving the public and in hiring.

In Brown v. Board of Education, the court struck down the legal basis for school segregation in more than 20 states, ruling "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." But many school districts in Southern states held back for years, resulting in confrontations between white parents and authorities attempting to enforce the order, and tension between the federal government and resistant state and local officials.

"Many people are no longer living, or aren't going to live that much longer," said Bunce, explaining why she participated. "I have a story to tell that's of value to me, value to others."

Her story is but one of many little known moments of the civil rights era. They are not all stories of violence, riot and imprisonment. They are recollections of everyday indignities and common fears during the civil rights era.



The Freedom Rider's bus was burned by an angry mob outside of Anniston, Ala., on May 14, 1961.

Photo source: United Press International

"It's important to save pieces of history that are vanishing by the day," said Rick Bowers, head of the AARP's digital media. "When you have major periods of history like the civil rights movement, they tend to be simplified over time, people tend to forget the reality of what happened."

The Library of Congress says it already houses the most comprehensive civil rights collection in the country, including original papers of many organizations that led the fight for equality.

"These are compelling stories of people who put themselves on the line, transformed their lives and learned they could make a difference," Bowers said.

Donald Simms, 57, of Washington, has already told his story. He spoke of his anger at being forced to the back of the bus in Georgia, where he had gone to join the Army during the Vietnam War, and how his treatment changed for the better once he was in uniform.

"The Army taught that

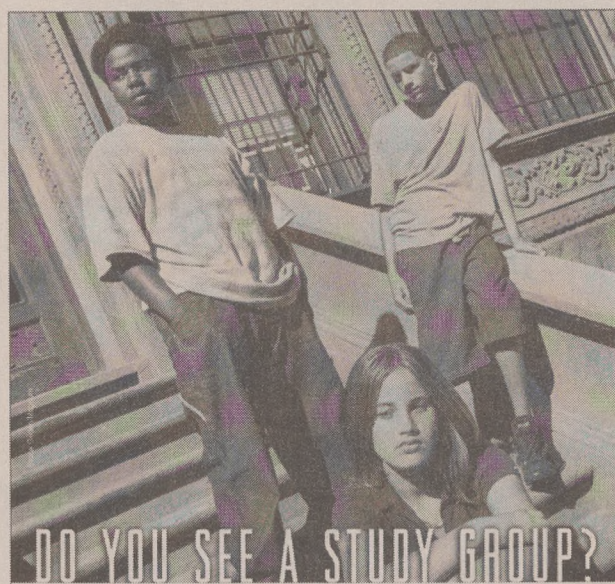
there is but one color, and that was green," he said. "They taught us how to live together, fight together and die for each other - no matter what."

Rev. Elbert Ransom Jr., 67, of Alexandria, Va., also went on record to detail his experiences - including 14 years of working with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

In Montgomery, Ala., where he enrolled at a state college for blacks, Ransom faced racial discrimination, and took action. After Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery public bus to a white passenger, Ransom and others led a year-long bus boycott that began in December 1955.

"When she was arrested, I saw and felt the transformation from where I was to where I am today," he said. "I started losing the fear and feeling something must be done."

Ransom went on to a life of political activism.



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Keyes from front page

Clintons purchased a house in the state and lived there only briefly before she made her senatorial bid. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., moved to Washington, D.C. not long before becoming that city's shadow senator in 1990.

Like his Democratic counterparts, Keyes only has to take up residence in Illinois before Election Day. But with only three months to go, he has a lot of ground to cover in tackling local issues, raising money and gaining the visibility needed to catch up with the formidable Obama, let alone eclipse the resplendent glow of his 42-year-old Democratic opponent.

Obama, a former civil rights attorney and a professor at the University of Chicago Law School, has a campaign war chest of more than \$10 million, and has been drawing huge crowds on campaign stumps throughout the state. He was emblazoned onto the national consciousness during the

Democratic National Convention in Boston last month when he delivered a memorable keynote address to an exuberant audience.

That the GOP would reach out all the way to Maryland to tap Keyes, a virtual unknown in Illinois political circles, is seen by many as an attempt to neutralize Obama's influence with Black voters by pitting one Black man against another. State Sen. Dave Syversen, a member of the Republican State Committee, says, however, that race was not a factor in selecting Keyes.

But charges and counter-charges aside, one thing is certain: This is the first U.S. Senate race in the country in which African American candidates will be representing the two major political parties. This all but assures that Illinois, the "Land of Lincoln," will send a second African American to Congress.

By way of history, only four African Americans have ever served in the U.S. Senate. Sen. Hiram Revels of Mississippi became the first black sen-

ator in 1870. A Republican, Revels was born in North Carolina in 1827.

Just four years after Revels landed in the Senate, another Republican from Mississippi, Blanche Bruce, ascended to that esteemed chamber, having been chosen by the Mississippi State Legislature; he served until 1881, becoming the first African American to preside over the Senate. It took almost another century before Edward Brooke of Massachusetts, another Republican, became the third African American elected to the Senate in 1967.

In 1993, Carol Moseley-Braun broke another barrier, becoming the first African American woman senator - and the first Democrat to do so.

It is no secret that the GOP in Illinois has been coming up short in its efforts to find a viable contender to challenge Obama. The son of a black goat herder from Kenya and white homemaker from Kansas, he became the sole candidate when Republican businessman Jack Ryan dropped out of the race when divorce records

revealed that Ryan's now ex-wife accused him of forcing her to go to sex clubs while they were married.

Republican leaders have tried repeatedly, and failed, to coax high-profile candidates in the state to jump into the race. Those giving thumbs down include two former governors and former Chicago Bears football coach Mike Ditka, all white.

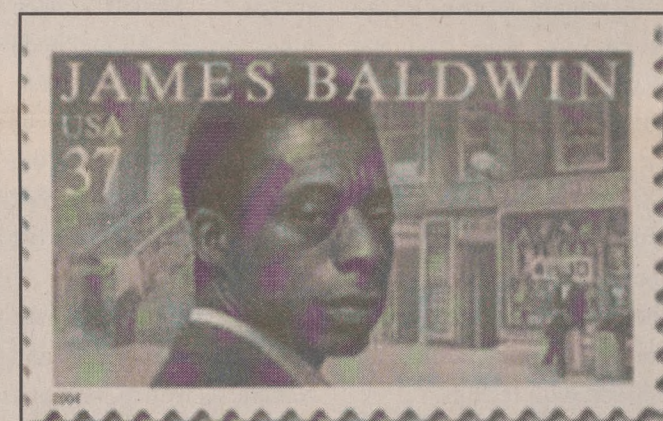
Keyes often is described as an effective speaker. In addition to two unsuccessful bids for the presidency in 1996 and 2000, he also made two failed attempts for a U.S. Senate seat in his home state of Maryland.

On the issues, it would be an understatement to say that the Keyes, a conservative, and Obama, a liberal, have opposing world views. Keyes is against abortion and gay rights, wants to replace the income tax with a national sales tax and calls affirmative action a "government patronage program."

A Tribute to Baldwin: USPS Dedicates 20th Stamp in Literary Arts Series

WASHINGTON — (BLACK PR WIRE) Well-known author James Baldwin, whose works explore race relations, as well as the arts and human relationships, was honored recently when the U.S. Postal Service dedicated a new commemorative postage stamp in its Literary Arts stamp series. The ceremony was held in the Langston Hughes Auditorium of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, N.Y.

"His writings are a demonstration of his love for all of us. Baldwin wrote with great honesty and passion. You can almost feel his need to explore the hard truths of our society," said Henry Pankey, vice president, Emergency Preparedness, U.S. Postal Service, who dedicated the stamp. "Sometimes, it almost hurts to read his poignant poems,



The new commemorative James Baldwin stamp

essays, books and plays."

World-renowned author and actor Dr. Maya Angelou, and poet and author Amiri Baraka, delivered tributes to Baldwin. Actor Avery Brooks served as master of ceremonies for the event, which included actor Ossie Davis, acclaimed star of stage, film and television; Ruby Dee, actor, writer and producer; Howard Dodson, Chief, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture; and the Rev. Dr. Samuel Joubert, Sr., Pastor

Emeritus, Community Baptist Church, Bayside, N.Y.

The incomparable Boys Choir of Harlem; Odette, folk music's granddame, and actor; and singer Jerry Dixon provided musical selections. Stamp artist Thomas Blackshear II based his portrait of Baldwin on a black-and-white photograph taken around 1960, probably in New York. The stamp background is evocative of Baldwin's novel "Go Tell it on the Mountain," set in

Harlem, and is based on a photograph by Berenice Abbot taken in Harlem in 1938.

To see the James Baldwin stamp and other images from the 2004 Commemorative Stamp Program, visit the Postal Store at www.usps.com/shop and click on "Release Schedule" in the Collector's Corner.

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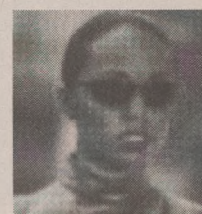
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Top Jamaican Sprinter to Miss Olympics After Testing Positive for Testosterone

by Howard Campbell

Associated Press Writer

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaican sprinter Steve Mullings will miss the Athens Olympics after testing positive twice for testosterone, officials said last week.

Mullings, who won the men's 200 meter-dash at the national trials in June, won't be competing for Jamaica in the Aug. 13-29 Games in Athens.

"There's no way he's going now," said Patrick Anderson, president of the Jamaica Amateur Athletics Association.

Mullings, 21, first tested positive for the banned substance at the national trials, and a second sample taken last month turned up positive, Anderson said.

Mullings was provisionally suspended from the team pending a hearing this week. Because the Olympics start so soon, he's lost any chance of competing, said Jamaican Olympic Association President Mike Fennell.

Last week, Fennell announced that a top Jamaican athlete had tested positive for a banned substance and could miss the Olympics. He declined to reveal Mullings' name at



Fallen sprinting star Steve Mullings

the time, saying the athlete had the right to request that the second sample be tested.

After the hearing, Jamaican athletics officials will submit a report to the International Association of Athletics Federations. The international association must decide whether to suspend Mullings for two years under rules set forth by the World Anti-Doping Agency and the International Olympic Committee.

Mullings could not immediately be reached for comment.

He finished second behind Asafa Powell in the

100 meters at the national trials. His elimination from the team is the latest blow to Jamaica's athletics squad, which had two athletes drop out because of injuries.

Lorraine Fenton, the 2000 Olympic silver medalist in the women's 400 meters, withdrew from the team because of a hamstring injury. Long-jumper Eva Goulbourne also dropped out because of injury.

Jamaica is trying to best its seven-medal haul in the 2000 Games.

Ethnic, Criminal Bloodletting Over Oil Wealth Has Nigeria's Petroleum Industry Reeling

by Glenn McKenzie

Associated Press Writer

OMADINO, Nigeria (AP) — The sound of speedboats on the otherwise calm rain forest creek was enough to send villagers fleeing.

"They were afraid. They just ran away," said Gabriel Walter, 42, the only resident of Omadino who stayed to meet journalists and soldiers visiting the oil-rich swamps of Nigeria's volatile Niger Delta. Entire families fled into surrounding forests with laundry still hanging on the line and pots gurgling on cooking fires.

Walter would not say whether it was Nigerian security forces or ethnic militants that the townspeople feared. Both groups are known to go on killing rampages.

Nigeria's oil industry — Africa's largest and the fifth-biggest source of U.S. oil imports — is likewise concerned for its future. A yearlong spree of bloodletting has killed over 1,000 people in the delta — unrest comparable in scale to Chechnya and Colombia.

The growing insecurity in Nigeria's most lucrative industry comes as oil prices briefly hit a record intraday trading high last Tuesday of \$44.24 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange following a heightened U.S. terror alert and supply concerns in Russia and OPEC, of which Nigeria is a key member.

Oil majors hope to double production in West

Africa's Gulf of Guinea, estimated to hold up to 10 percent of the world's oil reserves. The United States, Europe and Asia are increasingly looking to the region's oil as an alternative to crude from the Middle East.

Yet residents of Nigeria's southern oil-producing delta complain their elected leaders have failed to fight poverty in the region. Tensions over oil revenues have aggravated ethnic strife. Kidnappings and sabotage have escalated, forcing costly shutdowns by companies pumping crude.

The Nigerian subsidiary of San Ramon, Calif.-based ChevronTexaco Corp. is among the companies hit hardest by Nigeria's worsening oil-related violence, suffering an estimated \$750 million in costs from sabotage to its wells, pipelines and other facilities since March 2003.

Sixteen months later, the company still can't restart production at pipeline pump stations and wells considered unusable or unsafe, resulting in production losses estimated at more than \$1 billion.

Royal Dutch/Shell, Nigeria's largest oil operation which produces half of the 2.5 million barrels Nigeria's exports daily, also is reeling.

A confidential 93-page security report commissioned by Shell in December 2003 and obtained by The Associated Press and

other news organizations warns that mounting attacks by criminals and ethnic militants could force the oil giant to abandon its onshore operations in the delta by 2008.

Shell spokesman Simon Buerk rejects the possibility of a company pullout.

"We don't agree with that conclusion. We are committed to our operations in Nigeria," Buerk told The AP.

Other company officials concede, however, that the firm is increasingly turning its attention to offshore oil fields because it considers them safer from attack by bandits and activists.

Buerk declined to discuss the confidential report's other conclusions: that Shell "exacerbates conflict" in the way it gives cash and contracts to delta residents and offers "stay-at-home pay" to disgruntled youths.

Such "lack of transparency" encourages villagers to fight Shell — and each other — for a share of the oil money, the report's authors concluded.

Multinational companies encourage crime through "corruption in the contracting process and the payment of ransoms that make crime lucrative," the study warned, adding that Shell's "social license to operate is fast-eroding."

Indeed, delta residents, most of whom earn less than \$1 a day despite the region's petroleum wealth,

accuse oil companies of colluding with Nigeria's government to foment divisions between rival community groups in a strategy to deprive them of oil earnings.

Addressing such allegations, the Shell-commissioned report's authors say there is "no evidence" companies have these sinister motives. Yet the authors warn that some oil company employees do "engage in criminal activities" that deprive residents of benefits.

Oil companies are feeling the backlash from militants and other groups, which increasingly use sophisticated equipment to siphon oil from pipelines for resale to tankers bound for Europe, Asia and South America. Nigeria's government estimates the industry loses up to 300,000 barrels a day — the equivalent of 15 percent of total exports.

Another growing concern for oil multinationals, company officials privately acknowledge, is the possibility of being blamed for killings, robberies or other abuses inflicted by Nigerian police and soldiers trying to control the restive delta.

Earlier this month, security forces raided five delta villages, leaving 15 people dead and ransacking and burning homes, according to witnesses and militants. The operation was part of an effort to combat attacks on multinational oil operations, the security forces said.

In March, a U.S. federal judge in San Francisco ruled that ChevronTexaco could be made to stand trial for civil damages in the United States on allegations that its Nigerian subsidiary was linked to the deaths of nine people allegedly shot by soldiers during protests on an offshore oil platform in 1998. ChevronTexaco has denied any wrongdoing in the case.

Similar U.S. cases are pending against other oil concerns. A lawsuit brought by members of Nigeria's ethnic Ogoni tribe in New York accuses Shell of colluding with Nigeria's former military regime to cause the hanging of nine activists, including author and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Ken Saro-Wiwa, in November 1995. Shell contends it lobbied Nigeria's government to free the activists.

Many residents of the delta, increasingly awash with automatic weapons and rocket launchers, say they have given up hope of a peaceful resolution to the conflicts between armed gangs, soldiers and oil companies.

One group led by Alhaji Dokubo Asari, a self-styled warlord in the jungle creeks near the oil city of Port Harcourt, openly challenges President Olusegun Obasanjo's government in what activists call an "armed struggle" for territory and crude.

OBITUARIES

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LEE, RICHARD, 89, died July 31, 2004. Survivors include his wife, Mary Payne Lee, St. Petersburg; one son, Paul Lee, St. Petersburg; one daughter, Josephine (Harold) Brown, Alachua; one stepson, Eddie (Bessie) Lewis, Detroit, Mich.; one brother, James Lee, Rochester, N.Y.; three nieces, Clara L. (Ucala) Poole, Clara L. (Archer) Nubin and Carrie (Jesse) Moses; seven great nieces; eight great nephews; six grandchildren, Deborah (Joseph) Lewis, Nakenya (Dayrell), Jurita Lewis, Harold Brown, Jr., Otis Brown and Charonta Brown; and several cousins, other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

McAfee, BOBBY JOE, 60, died July 29, 2004. Survivors include his wife, Ray-belle McAfee, Largo; five



sons, Tony and Curtis McAfee, both of Clearwater, Bobby (Ravella) McAfee, Jr., Pinellas Park, Bishop Tony (Rebecca) Holte, Knoxville, Tenn., and Derik Holte, Largo; four daughters, Betty McAfee, Clearwater, Latwanda McAfee, Largo, Tammy McAfee, Pinellas Park, and Katrina (David) Bull, Charlottesville, Va.; his father, David McAfee, Dothan, Ala.; four brothers, Edgar and Daniel McAfee, both of Clearwater, Elijah McAfee, St. Petersburg, and Willie McAfee, Pinellas Park; five sisters, Annie (Dewey) Powell and Annie D. McAfee, both of Tallahassee, Doretha (Cedric) Rosier, Rosemary (Curtis) Wright, both of Clearwater, and Leatha B. McAfee, Quincy; three aunts; 34 grandchildren; one great grandchild; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

WATSON, J.D., 81, died July 30, 2004. Survivors



include his wife, Ida Mae Watson, St. Petersburg; four stepsons, Robert (Hattie) Laster, St. Petersburg, Freddie (Brenda) Laster, Va., Gerome (Jackie) Laster, Valdosta, Ga., and Ronnie (Sheila) Laster, Washington, Md.; five stepdaughters, Barbara Green, Thomasville, Ga., Linda

Laster, Valdosta, Ga., Shirley Mozell, Diana and Jennifer Walker, both of St. Petersburg; two sisters, Minnie and Robbie Lee Watson, both of Detroit, Mich.; 28 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and several other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

WRIGHT-WILLIAMS, LOUISE SHERMAN, 59, died recently. Survivors include one daughter, Tammye (Emmanuel) Wright-Miller, St. Petersburg; two sons, John Wright and Lewis (Bonita) Wright, both of Tampa; three granddaughters, T'Errah Wright, Sheon McNair and Jhardonnae Wright; eight grandsons, Tamond Wright,



NaGarian McKinnon, Minister Javontae Wright, Jarvis Wright, Jamore Wright, Jamir Wright, Luke Wright and Lance Wright; four great grandchildren, Jamaya McKinnon, Tamiya Wright, Sin'Cere Lumpkin and Ta'Nauviyon Williams; two sisters, Sandra Bryant and

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Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Clarence A. Williams and the Mt. Zion church family cordially invite you to attend worship services with us at 919-20th St. S., this third Sunday in August. We also invite you to all our services in the upcoming week. Our early morning service begins at 7:30 a.m. with praise and thanksgiving filling the sanctuary as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Our Church School commences at 9:30 a.m.; we encourage you to join us as we collectively learn more of the word of God together. Our contemporary worship service is at 11 a.m. Come and partake in the service as we lift high the name of Jesus. The Inspirational Choir will provide ministry in song through out the day. Come join us for a Hallelujah good time in the Lord.

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 13th - Back to School night sponsored by the Board of Christian Education-6:30 p.m.

Come out and bring your children for food, fun and supplies. Let's get together and fellow-

ship one with another and pray for God's guidance and inspiration for all our children this school year.

• **Get ready, and Get involved "Harvest Day 2004" is quickly approaching. Several events have been planned for the upcoming months. Our prayer is that WE make this celebration a success!**

Stay tuned for: First Adam and Eve Cook-Off between the men and women, Sunday, August 22. Come prepared to taste those special recipes that have been passed down through the years.

• **Evening of Elegance Banquet, at the Renaissance Vinoy, September 10. Join us for a delightful meal and our production of "The Glory Train" which will include Zion's Oscar winning cast. Our Worship Experience, September 19 at 7:30 and 11 a.m. We anticipate a glorious time of Praise and worship all day long. You don't want to miss this service. Let us come together and bless the Lord!**

Looking for a church home? We extend an invitation to you to join us. We as a church share the love of God and the Holy Spirit reigns. We'd love to have you!

Thought for the week: "Remember, God is Good all the time"

Be blessed, and have a Jesus-filled week!

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Earnest Jones and the Officers of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church cordially invite you to attend their 2004 Dual Day Services on August 14 and August 15.

The 6 p.m. Saturday youth program begins with a Musical Gala. The message will be presented by Minister Carlos Lovett, an associate minister of Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. The Youth Department will be honored to have you share with them during this time.

The Sunday program begins with guest teachers in charge of the Sunday school classes at 9 a.m. The Guest Superintendent will be Ruth Williams-Johnson of Concord Missionary Baptist Church. The lesson review and summary will be presented by the Rev. Clark Hazley, Associate Minister at Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

The morning worship services will begin at 10:50 a.m. with the ladies of

Galilee in charge. An all-ladies choir will provide the song service. Guest speaker for this occasion will be Marsha Tarver, member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Clearwater. Tarver is the wife of St. John's Pastor, the Rev. Fleming Tarver.

The men of Galilee is in charge of the 3:30 p.m. service. An all male choir will provide the music during this time. The Rev./Dr. Henry J. Lyons is the guest speaker. Lyons formerly served for 27 years as pastor of Bethel Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church of St. Petersburg. He served also as past president of the General Baptist State Convention of Florida and the National Baptist Convention USA. Lyons currently resides in Lakeland, Florida.

The Galilee Church Family welcomes you to come and share these services with them.

There will be no 8 a.m. worship service.

Women's Empowerment Conference Scheduled for Aug. 27 and 28

Bethel A.M.E. Church will be the site for a Women's Empowerment Conference the last week-end of August. The theme, "Christian Sisters Loving the Lord and Loving Self," addresses self love through Jesus Christ.

The 7 p.m. worship

service on Friday night opens the conference. Saturday will be devoted to sessions for women of all ages and high school girls. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

For questions, contact the church office at (727) 822-2089.

Women's Ministry Round-up at New Philadelphia

The monthly meeting of Women's Ministry will convene on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. All females of the church family will meet to finalize plans for "September Roundup" celebration. The women of New Philadelphia are contacting all members of church family and urging their attendance for next month's observance. A repast will be served at end of meeting.

Children/Youth Sunday will be observed during mid-morning worship. Members will be led in praise by young people of church family. Pastor will offer proclamation for the morning. Dress for service

will be gold T-shirts.

A meeting of Twin Brooks Neighborhood Association will take place on Monday at 6:30 p.m. All members are reminded and encouraged to attend. This monthly fellowship is part of the neighborhood adoption program of City of St. Petersburg.

New member orientation will be held on Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the church's conference room. All persons who recently joined church family will meet with pastor, membership and evangelism ministry at this time. Literature for new members will be provided.

City Of Refuge Christian Church

On behalf of Pastors Jerome and Kisha Jordan and the members of City of Refuge Christian Church of Clearwater, we invite you to fellowship with us at any one of our services.

Our service times are as follow:

- Sunday School- 9:30 a.m.
- Morning Glory 10:45 a.m.-11 a.m.
- Sunday Morning worship service at 11 a.m.
- Wednesday night Bible Study starts at 7:15p.m.
- Women's meeting- Women of Faith meet every second Saturday at 11 a.m.
- Men's meeting Men of Honor meet every fourth Saturday at 11 a.m.

Get Ready, Get Ready,

Get Ready for an awesome 3 day Revival/conference coming to women and men of purpose. We at City of Refuge Christian Church would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to our quarterly conference - "I Am The Lord That Healeth Thee." Our theme for this quarter's conference is "I'm Still Standing!"

We are very excited and are expecting an awesome move of God. This year we added a Friday night session. This quarter we have an anointed woman of God, Pastor Vivian Powell Thomas, from The New Latter Day Deliverance Ministries, Inc. For your convenience, the conference schedule is listed below:

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church extends an invitation to join us in the celebration, cultivation and communication of His word. Our doors are open for both 8 and 11 a.m. services on Sunday; Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.; and Prayer Meeting and Bible Study on Wednesday at 6:30 and 7 p.m. The #2 Ushers, Angelic Choir and Youth Choir will serve on Sunday.

The Christian Education Department's Women of Grace Seminar will be held on Saturday, August 21 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The theme "Women of Grace at the Well with a Purpose" promises to give this seminar an innovative and enthusiastic approach

to all aspects of womanhood. Presenters for this assemblage will include the Rev. Pat Clark, International Church Without Walls; Evangelist Ayako Watkins, Victory Christian Center; Pastor Brenda Fruster, Without Walls International Church; Sister Diane Hughes, Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church and WRXB on-air talent; and the Keynote Speaker Dr. Gloria Holmes of Bethel Baptist Church in Tallahassee. The ministry is expecting over three-hundred women from the Tampa Bay area open to receiving God's purpose in their lives. For additional information and registration information please call (727) 327-0554.

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The People That Love Mission, located at 817 Fifth Ave. N., provide those who are in need with consignment quality clothing, FREE! Clothing for men, women and children is available Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Items are available on a first come, first serve basis and the mission reserves the right to limit quantities. Other items are available such as household goods, toys, etc. Bring your own bag and thank a caring community for the blessing.

• September 8, 9 and 10 - all services start at 7:30 p.m. and Sanctuary doors open at 6:45 p.m. Again, we thank you and look forward to seeing you at the "I Am the Lord that Healeth Thee" conference. Don't miss this opportunity to get your blessing!

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Evansville Priest Relieved Of Duties Over Internet Use

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) - A Roman Catholic priest has been relieved of his duties at two Evansville churches and sent to counseling over his viewing of some Internet sites.

The Rev. William A. Traylor, 54, left a letter to be read to parishioners at St. Joseph and St. Theresa parishes last weekend explaining that he was seeking treatment.

The letter said he had been viewing "inappropriate" Web sites but did not specify the nature of those sites, the *Evansville Courier & Press* reported in a story Tuesday. Traylor's letter said officials of the Evansville diocese had urged him to undergo an evaluation - after which he could return to service.

Church officials declined to release the text of the letter to the newspaper, saying it was a communication between Traylor and his parishioners. The news-

paper reported Traylor had been viewing pornographic Web sites, but gave no specifics.

Diocesan Chancellor Judy Neff declined to discuss details of the removal of Traylor, who had served St. Joseph and St. Theresa since 2001.

She did say, however, that the diocese followed its policies on sexual abuse and referred the incident to the diocesan review board and the Child Protective Services agency.

Neff would not explain why Child Protective Services was contacted, but said diocesan officials found no abuse occurred and therefore civil authorities were not contacted.

Paul Leingang, the diocese's director of communications, said it is likely the matter was referred to Child Protective Services "just to make sure every avenue was explored and for greater safety."

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will be rendered by the New Hope Mass Choir. Minister of Music, Tony Young, will be accompanied by Bro. Vernard McKenny. Sis. Bobbie Tampa will direct the choir and Bro. Marcus Childs is the percussionist. The Bread of Life will be served by the Rev. Joseph Gordon, retired Pastor of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Come and let us praise and worship the

Lord together.

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

New Hope's Appetizer Theatre presents "The Southside Story" (We Fall Down, But We Get Up) on August 13 at 7 p.m. This is an open door program. This Gospel play was written by our own Brother Larry Bryant. It is the

story of a 17-year-old high school student growing up in our neighborhood (southside of St. Petersburg). The drama team, spiritual dancers, rappers and the youth choir of New Hope will be the participants for this great night. This will be a unique worship experience. Come one, come all. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Police Investigate Rash of Church Break-Ins in Fort Collins

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) - Police are asking churches to review their security measures after a string of 11 burglaries since July 14, including two in the past week.

Sunday services went on at Fort Collins Bible Church after volunteers helped repair damage from a break-in Wednesday.

Someone got inside by kicking in a panel in the foyer door and rummaged through offices. There was no money to steal but a fire extinguisher was sprayed on furniture and hymnals.

It was the first break-in in the church's 27 year history and leaders are considering getting security cameras, said Robert Gamora,

a deacon.

Burglars also took \$60 in raffle money Wednesday from Holy Family Church, said the Rev. Doug Hunt. He is also considering getting cameras and an alarm system.

Gamora doesn't believe there is an anti-religious motive for the burglaries.

"Basically, it was just some people looking for some quick cash," he said. "And churches seem to be an easy target."

Police are following several leads in the case, police spokeswoman Rita Davis said.

J. Moss

With a boat load of experience now under his belt and a reputation that's likely to fall in line with the legends of Detroit, J. Moss is finally in the driver's seat. Moss' first solo album in over fifteen years - "The J. Moss Project" - will be released on GospoCentric Records later this summer. His highly touted venture, PAJAM, remains one of the most sought-after production companies in the industry. And Moss never sounded better, whether behind a mic or mixing board. Blackgospel.com stole a few moments from Moss' coveted time to discuss the tried and tested life that's truly PAJAM, in every sense of the word.

Christopher Heron: J, I first discovered the wonder and gift of PAJAM in the production of "Finally Karen" (Island) back in '97. Back then, were your energies and talent completely poured into production or were you already contemplating your debut

as a solo artist?

J. Moss: When PAJAM first started ten years ago, we began with the intention that J. Moss would be the first and primary artist. Of course, over time God showed it wasn't yet to be. But at the beginning of the PAJAM era, the focal point was to see J. Moss be the first artist to record. But God took me through a prerequisite period where I learned a lot about the business and ministry. I wouldn't trade the experience and this particular journey for anything.

CH: Your family is built on a rich musical legacy that includes your father Bill Moss, Sr., Dr. Mattie Moss Clark, the Moss Brothers and the legendary Clark Sisters. How have they all played an influence in your music?

J. Moss: Oh my goodness! It all kicked off with my dad, Bill Moss, Sr. He instilled so much in me. He's the one that pulled me to the side and encouraged

me to start writing. He told me I had the gift to make music. And, he's the one that's instrumental in my whole musical writing and production initiative. My brothers, particularly Bill Moss, Jr. who has a degree in music, taught me a lot about playing instruments and arranging vocals.

And then there's Twinkie and Karen and Dorinda and Jacky and Aunt Mattie (Moss Clark is what we all called her). Performing, showmanship on stage, selecting quality songs, the anointing, and one's life on and off the court as Dorinda would say, in terms of being spiritual in front of an audience or in private. Musically and spiritually, they've all instilled so much into me. I'm hitting the ground running, just to show them that their labor in me has certainly paid off.

CH: Everyone is well aware of Detroit's reputation for being a breathing ground for developing and nurturing Gospel talent. In fact today, PAJAM is playing its part in introducing new talent from Detroit

with the recent release of Ramiyah. How influential have been many of Detroit's finest artists such as Vanessa Bell Armstrong, The Winans and Commissioned to your ministry?

J. Moss: Back then, if you were going to live in Detroit, you had to have your hand in some part of the music business. It's always been crazy that way. You could go to a musical and it would start with Vanessa Bell Armstrong, then Thomas Whitfield & Co. would follow, then here comes Commissioned and then Marvin, Carvin, Ron and Michael (Winans) and then BeBe & CeCe would close it out. It was incredible. Those performances inspired me because everyone was so talented and versatile. Twinkie showed us something special, the Thomas (Whitfield) Company gave us something and then Marvin (Winans) gave us something more. It was so impressive. I was just a sponge and soaked up everything I possibly could from all of those artists. So now, you have the well-

rounded J. Moss, product of Detroit...for real (laughs).

CH: What were the steps that led to the recording and upcoming release of your debut project on the record label that also introduced Dorinda Clark Cole, Trin-i-tee 5:7 and Kirk Franklin - GospoCentric Records?

J. Moss: First of all, it's an honor and privilege to be with a company that's made such a deposit in the Gospel music industry. When a company has sold in excess of 15 million records, they obviously have the formula for success and know what they're doing. I always will give a shout-out to them for giving me a chance to share my gift with the world. As far as the steps that led to this relationship, I can say it has everything to do with my guys - Walter Kearney and Paul 'PDA' Allen.

This deal started over two years ago, when my guys started showcasing me and putting together a J. Moss package to shop me around. All the legal stuff, the verbiage, the showcas-



J. Moss

ing, it's all them. They are really responsible for my deal. It's been a ten-year run for me. And the journey has always been about setting up the J. Moss artistry ministry. Through this journey, as producers, we've had a lot of successes, as well as disappointments, ups and downs. I'm so much stronger and wiser, since I've gone through this experience. I'm just so excited about what God is going to do for this ministry.

CH: Your collabora-

tion with Paul D. Allen and Walter Kearney has been both an artistic and commercial match made in heaven. What were the fateful events that lead to you three men coming together to form PAJAM? And what made this team a perfect fit in your eyes?

J. Moss: That's a good question. Before we started PAJAM, everyone was pretty much doing their own thing. 'PDA' brings technical strength. Back then, he was working with a big, local producer by the

name of Michael Powell. He was learning how to write and mix. He was taking on any project he could to better himself. Walter was doing his thing with a big, nation-wide company in advertisement and management. He was a senior executive at a very reputable Detroit company. And I was doing a lot of singing, writing and producing with solo artists. We all came together when Island / Def Jam launched Island Inspirational through Hiram Hicks and Stanley Brown. Paul 'PDA' Allen had a direct link to those guys.

I feel we need to embrace it all and stop putting music in a box. It's so much bigger than that. It's all for the same cause and that's introducing souls to Christ so that He can change lives forever. So my biggest prayer is that He will strengthen the unity among artists, the labels and the people that support our ministry.

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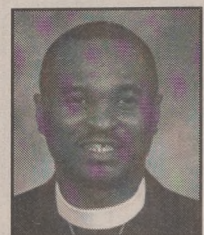
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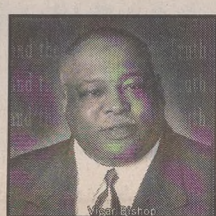


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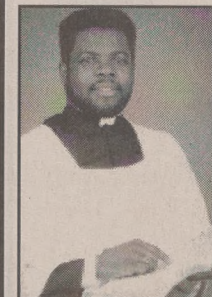
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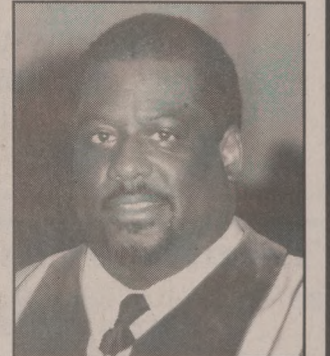
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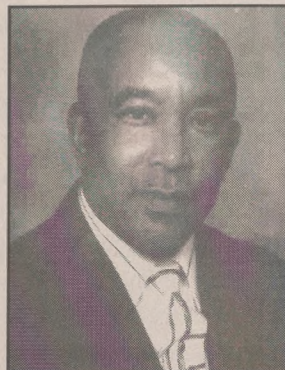
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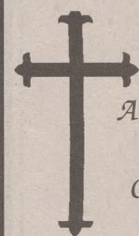
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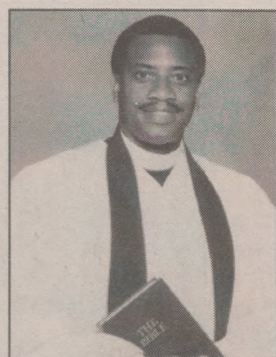


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A Pre-Bid Conference will be held Tuesday, August 24, 2004, 2:00p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room, Tampa Municipal Office Building, 306 E. Jackson Street. The Notice to Bidders, Plans and Specifications for the work may be examined at, or copies may be obtained from, the Department of Public Works, Municipal Office Building, 4th Floor North, City Hall Plaza, Tampa, Florida 33602, (phone (813) 274-8721) upon the refundable payment of a \$150.00 deposit for each set. Mailing is available for an additional charge of \$10 per set. Checks should be made payable to the City of Tampa. Any person adversely affected by the City's intended decision to award a contract or to reject all bids shall file with the Public Works Department said results, a notice of protest, within 5 days of posting of the summary of bids. If notice of intended decision is given by fax, transmission or express delivery, the adversely affected person must file the Notice of protest and bond within 5 days after receipt of the notice of intent. A formal written protest must then be filed within ten (10) days pursuant to Executive Order 98-12. Bidders are hereby notified that in any contract entered into pursuant to this Notice, disadvantaged, women or minority business enterprises (DBEs) will be afforded full opportunity to bid and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, religion, sex, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

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TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) You must be careful not to ignore the needs of the youngsters in your family. Channel your energy into decorating or household chores. Emotional relationships will be plentiful if you attend group activities. Travel for business will be advantageous.
GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You can make financial deals, but it may be best if you're not using your own cash. Expect some flak. You're best not to get involved in joint financial ventures. Travel will be enjoyable but could be expensive.
CANCER (June 22-July 22) You can accomplish the most if you travel for business purposes. Talk to your emotional partner about your intentions. Don't make a move; your confusion has caused this dilemma and you are best to back away and reassess the situation. Look into alternatives that would better suit both your needs.
LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Concentrate on your job. You will be able to get along well with colleagues. Don't depend on co-workers to help; they may only hold you back. Finish up any correspondence by early afternoon.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) Don't count on your friends to be loyal when it comes to doing things. They won't pay you back and you'll be upset. You must refrain from overspending on entertainment. Tone down and put some of that hard earned cash into a safe, long-term investment.
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) Check your personal papers and make sure everything is in order. You can make money, but try not to let it slip through your fingers. Involvement in groups will be favorable. Business partnerships will prove lucrative. Friends and relatives may be hard to take this week.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Changes in your home will be positive. Children will be of major concern if you haven't kept the lines of communication open. Lend an ear to children; it can make a difference. Avoid any confrontations with colleagues.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take some time to change your house around. You can make a big difference to children if you are understanding of the difficulties they are experiencing. Don't point your finger unjustly at others. Don't let your family put demands on you.
CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan. 20) Be careful of disclosing personal information. You must use discretion when talking to others. Gambling should not be an option. You need to make your environment a better place, with more comforts and a better entertainment center. You're in the mood to get out and visit friends.
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Cause of James' Death Still Unknown

Autopsy doesn't settle issue



"Super Freak" Rick James owned his own funky sense of style.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP) — An autopsy last Saturday failed to determine the cause of death for funk legend Rick James, authorities said.

James, 56, died in his sleep Aug. 6 at his home near Universal City.

The singer was a diabetic and also had a pacemaker. He suffered a stroke in 1998.

His three children — daughter Ty and sons Rick, Jr. and Tazman — said through a spokeswoman that they believe their father died of heart failure. James had a history of cocaine addiction that led him to two assault convictions in the 1990s and a two-year stretch in prison.

Officials are awaiting results of a toxicology test, which could take several weeks, said Lt. David Smith, supervising investi-



James at Atlanta's Music Midtown Concert photo courtesy of concertshots.com



Rick James performed last November at the Las Vegas Mercury club with Teena Marie

gator of the Los Angeles County coroner's office.

James's career peaked in 1981 with "Super Freak," a song so enduring that a strain of its infectious bass line powered the MC Hammer hit "U Can't Touch This" nearly a decade later.

The song earned the Grammy for best R&B

song in 1990 for both Hammer and James.

James had enjoyed a bit of a revival recently, in part because of comedian Dave Chappelle portraying him as violent and arrogant on his "Chappelle's Show." James himself appeared on the "Comedy Central" show.

Oprah Signs for Three More Years With Show



Oprah's well on her way to taking over the world!

by Lynn Elber

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Oprah Winfrey can start making big anniversary plans.

Winfrey signed with King World Productions to continue her top-rated "The Oprah Winfrey Show" through the 2010-11 television season, which would be its 25th year in syndica-

tion.

"The thought of taking the show to its 25th anniversary is both exhilarating and challenging," Winfrey said.

Just last year, Winfrey extended her contract by two more years, taking her through the 2007-2008. Previously, though, Winfrey, had talked about quitting after the 2005-2006

season.

Winfrey, 50, routinely appears on lists of Hollywood's most powerful figures and, in 2003, became the first black woman to be included on *Forbes* magazine's tally of billionaires.

Her new three-year contract calls for more Winfrey each year: Starting with the 2004-05 season,

the number of new episodes will increase from 130 to 140.

The expanded production will hold through the 2009-10 season, but drop back to 130 episodes for the last year of the contract. The show has already been renewed through 2011.

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