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TAMPA BAY HUMAN RIGHTS HEROES: FIGHTING BACK AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES



l-r: Winners Trena Cox (President of the St. Petersburg Branch of the NAACP), Jeff Rogo (representing the Tampa-Hillsborough County Human Rights Council), Jacqueline Conley (of International Bazaar in Tampa); Youth for Human Rights of Tampa President Travis Weber, Youth for Human Rights of Tampa member Heather Magness and key note speaker Peter Kageyama of Sextant Marketing and Creative Tampa Bay.

ST. PETERSBURG – With war and attendant human rights violations dominating the daily news, on December 10, in commemoration of the United Nation's adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Youth for Human Rights Tampa Bay showed that individuals and groups in the Tampa Bay area are making a difference at the first annual Tampa Bay Human Rights Hero Awards. The event took place at the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg.

After a rousing, a capella version of "I Can See Clearly Now" by international recording star David Pomeranz, Youth for Human Rights member, Heather Magness introduced the President of the club, Travis Weber who gave a welcome address.

The winners showed a broad spectrum of human rights activism.

Jacqueline Conley of Tampa works on a grass-roots level to raise awareness for what it will take to bring true peace to the world. In addition to owning and running International Bazaar in Ybor City, (which imports handcrafted goods from foreign countries and pays fair trade for them), she is a Rights of Darfur activist, member of Sovita Society for Women's Empowerment and organizes events that focus on human rights. Ms. Conley also teaches others about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Trena Cox is the President of the St. Petersburg Chapter of the NAACP and has had a life-long dedication to civil and human rights. In addition to her activities with the NAACP, Ms. Cox is the Manager of Community and Strategic Planning for the Juvenile Welfare Board, where she concentrates on aiding youth and families in Pinellas County. In her

role with the NAACP, Ms. Cox's focus is on promoting quality education for black children and addressing sentencing disparity. Ms. Cox feels it is everyone's responsibility to uphold basic rights, and all must work together to make change happen.

The Tampa Chapter of Amnesty International was awarded for their work in bringing global rights issues closer to home. For example, during the Israeli/Lebanese Conflict, they held Cease Fire Vigils to bring the public's attention to the harm brought to both sides of the conflict, standing in solidarity with victims and survivors on both sides of the issue. They are currently working on a letter-writing campaign to free Reverend Bienvenido Samba Momesori, who has been unjustly imprisoned in Guinea. Rodrick Colbert, a member of the group and the

Academic Advisor for the College of Engineering at USF, accepted the award on behalf of the group.

For 33 years, the Tampa/Hillsborough Human Rights Council has brought together citizens of various backgrounds to promote the rights of all individuals, as outlined by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Every year, this group has acknowledged Tampa area human rights advocates and encouraged youth to actively participate in making human rights a reality by sponsoring an essay contest. Accepting the award on their behalf was board member Jeff Rogo.

Lydia Pizzaro, the Crime Prevention Bureau Program Coordinator, was awarded a merit award for helping

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Tonjua Harris Williams Named Provost Of St. Petersburg College

By: AUDREY PITTS



Photo courtesy of St. Petersburg College

Tonjua Harris Williams

A recent announcement was made by President Carl M. Kuttler, Jr. of St. Petersburg College (SPC) naming Tonjua Harris Williams as provost to replace Provost Bob Ramsey, who will retire at the end of 2006. Williams started her career at SPC in 1986 and has proven herself to be a leader in academic and administrative fields. When she began her career as an accounting clerk in Scholarships and Student Financial Assistance, Williams made a decision to not stop there. Williams set her sights on building a resume that would take her all the way to her newly appointed position as provost.

"I have always been driven to excel and that came from my mother who set the bar," said Williams. "The challenge

was being able to juggle so many initiatives and to do things well. I am very involved in my community, so time was definitely an obstacle. I have had to make several changes to accomplish this goal and the support I have received has been very instrumental."

To begin her journey to becoming provost, Williams served as a college recruiter for minority and health programs, academic advisor for health programs, coordinator of the Pathway program, assistant to the director of Special Programs, coordinator of Student Support Services, and director of the Office of Special Programs.

While navigating her career path, Williams earned two bachelor's degrees from Clearwater Christian College in the areas of Humanities and Business Administration, and a master's degree from the University of South Florida

in Counselor Education. And as if that was not enough, Williams's academic achievements allowed her to teach Career & Life Planning and College Success and Study Skills as an adjunct as well as earn an Executive Leadership Certificate from the University of Florida. Although she has the professional background and educational requirements for her newly appointed position, she has decided to move on to finish up her academic endeavors by obtaining a Ph.D. at Barry University, a partnership program with SPC in Higher Education Administration.

"What motivated me to keep going," added Williams, "was my faith and a commitment I made to my mother, the

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Give The Gift Of Financial Fitness During The Holidays

ST. PETERSBURG – 'Tis the season to overspend, or at least that's what many Bay Area residents may do this year. During the holidays, consumers overextend themselves as a matter of tradition. While many gift-givers plan to spend more than last holiday season, some area residents are giving themselves and their loved ones the gift of financial fitness.

St. Petersburg Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), a member of the national NeighborWorks® network, offers personal finance courses that teach Pinellas County residents better money management skills that can help put them on the path to decreasing debt and increasing resources, creating more financially fit St. Petersburg

consumers not only during the holidays, but throughout the year.

"Financial education is a critical need both for consumers and for our community," said Askia Muhammad Aquil, executive director, St. Petersburg NHS. "Being a financially fit consumer is the key to building wealth - regardless of income. For Pinellas County, financially educated residents can help promote stronger and more stable neighborhoods in our area."

According to the Retail Federation of America, consumers plan to spend nearly \$800 this holiday season on others and close to \$100 on themselves. Meanwhile, the average consumer is spending 130 percent of his or her disposable income, says Entrepreneur.com.

It's no wonder leading industry studies show that many shoppers are still paying off debt from last year's holiday season.

Financial education helps Tampa Bay families learn the financial management and planning skills needed to make the most of their income, savings, and assets. It can also help them become more aware of common pitfalls, including consumer scams and predatory lending practices, and how to avoid them.

For more information about personal finance courses and other services offered by St. Petersburg NHS contact Roberta Bell, Homeownership Counselor at (727) 821-6897 or log on at www.stpetenhs.org.

St. Petersburg Free Clinic Gives Holiday Baskets

ST. PETERSBURG – We Help Services, a program of St. Petersburg Free Clinic, is giving away baskets filled with the ingredients for a traditional holiday meal. As clients come in to request food from the pantry, David Gary, Director of We Help Services assesses the need for holiday baskets. Families eligible to receive the baskets are those who are experiencing financial difficulties,

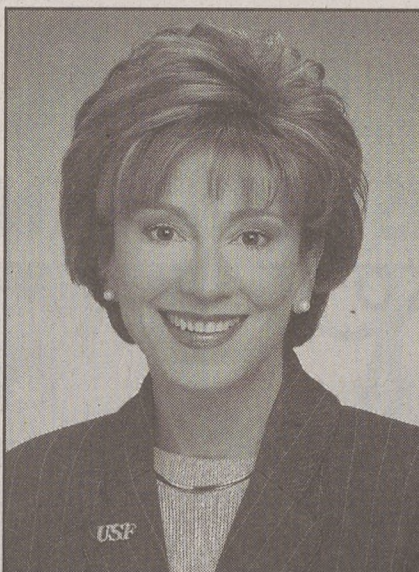
cannot meet the need for food supplies and are not receiving food stamps.

Baskets will be distributed December 20th and 21st to families who were approved during a previous interview. The baskets contain traditional holiday fare of a turkey or ham and all the trimmings, including dessert. For more information about the holiday

baskets or We Help Services, call David N. Gary at (727) 821-1200, ext. 117.

The St. Petersburg Free Clinic is located at 863 3rd Avenue North and provides temporary assistance for families and individuals in need of the basics of food, shelter, health care, limited financial assistance and referral information.

USF St. Petersburg Commencement: Outstanding Graduates, Outstanding Guests



USF President Judy Genshaft

ST. PETERSBURG – Forty years of excellence have garnered another graduating class celebrating a milestone in their academic careers. On Sunday, Dec. 17 nearly 200 students will gather with faculty, staff, family and friends to commemorate their graduation at the Mahaffey Theatre from 2-3 p.m.

USF President Judy Genshaft and Regional Chancellor Karen A. White will both speak to the graduates. Featured guests include Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young, whose son, Charles "Billy" Young II, is graduating with a bachelor's degree in political science, and Rep. Bill Heller.

"I am proud and excited to be a part of this special achievement for

our students," said Karen A. White, regional chancellor. "I hope our graduates will continue to experience success in life and that they will have fond memories of their time at USF St. Petersburg."

Sarah McDougal and Francis L. Stavros will receive special recognition at this year's ceremony.

Sarah McDougal was selected as this year's Outstanding Graduate for her numerous academic achievements and extracurricular involvement. Her resume boasts a number of activities including: founding president of the Psychological Science Club, co-founding vice president of the Psi Chi Honors Society, active member of the Campus Women's Collective, lab manager at the Social Judgment Laboratory at USF St. Petersburg, research assistant for the Department of Aging & Mental Health, USF St. Petersburg Honors Program, and an undergraduate thesis focusing on offensiveness and how people process and handle offensive issues. In addition, McDougal spent a summer abroad in Nankai University in China to focus on her research interests in cross-cultural psychology, gain first-hand knowledge of cultural differences, learn Mandarin in an intensive five-month program and teach English to Chinese students.

"I cannot say enough good things about Sarah," said Thomas Smith, associate professor of government

and international affairs and director of the University Honors Program. "Her outstanding academic skills and high degree of motivation make her a genuine standout on our campus."

Francis L. Stavros is the first recipient of the Regional Chancellor's Award for Civic Leadership. Her volunteer work and civic leadership in Pinellas County have enriched the university, region and educational excellence offered to students in the state. Her commitment to keeping students in high school has fostered programs such as: Enterprise Village and Finance Park, SAVE Program and the Gus A. Stavros Center for Free Enterprise and Economic Education at USF Tampa. Stavros is a founding member of the Ruth Eckerd Hall Board of Trustees and the Palladium Theatre.

More than 300 students applied for graduation this fall with 199 students electing to participate in the ceremony. USF St. Petersburg will confer 45 master's degrees and 268 bachelor's degrees. Broken down by college, 118 students are graduates from the College of Arts and Sciences, 100 from the College of Business and 50 from the College of Education. Student Government will hold Graduation Celebration for graduates, faculty, staff, family and friends at the Campus Activities Center immediately following the event.

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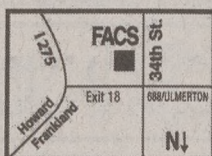
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Youth for Human Rights to set up human rights education seminars at the Academy of Hope and personally instructing elementary school children on human rights during the Great American Teach-In.

Peter Kageyama, of Sextant

Marketing and the President of Creative Tampa Bay, gave the keynote speech. He emphasized that we need to look at abuses we see around us every day and realize our connectivity to people that we don't know. He said that with our rights, comes a great responsibility to see them be made a reality.

The event closed with a poem by Poets for Human Rights founder

Larry Jaffe, and another song, "It's in Every One of Us" by Mr. Pomeranz.

Youth for Human Rights of Tampa Bay is the local chapter of the International Organization. Their purpose is to teach youth their human rights, based on the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Human Rights Department of the Church of Scientology sponsored the event.

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late Willie Harris. I was also motivated by the support from my loving husband, Derrick, family members, friends and colleagues at St. Petersburg College."

Williams has put it all together and accomplished what it takes to become a leader in her field. Williams is best described as amazingly focused, proactive, and one who sees herself as an ordinary girl. "I am Tonjua Harris Williams, an ordinary girl who was blessed to accomplish extraordinary things in light of the challenges I have faced in my life. These challenges are not just external, but also internal which have been life changing experiences. Therefore, helping others achieve their dreams has become important to me."

The story is not finished yet for Williams who sees herself growing to new heights in the future, not only for herself but for what she can do for others. "One day, I aspire to become a college president," Williams continues. "A wild dream of mine is to manage a residential apartment complex designed specifically for displaced young adults to help them acquire employability and life sustainability skills. But for now, I am in the right place at the right time!" Interestingly, Williams' words describe even bigger future dreams for herself and others. From her history one can be sure she will fulfill those dreams.

There's more than a bit of

excitement for Williams who counts it an honor to be named provost. While it may be quite an undertaking, Williams is thrilled about her new role and the opportunity it brings for her to work with new colleagues at the Tarpon Springs Campus of St. Petersburg College.

Williams is not the only African American with dreams of excelling at SPC. The announcements made by President Kutter included the promotion of three additional African American administrators at SPC who shared successful careers with Williams. Among those promoted with Tonjua Williams was Earnest Crumbley, Greg McLeod, and Ken Welch.

After fifteen years in his career at SPC, Earnest Crumbley was named associate provost at the Downtown/Midtown campus located in downtown St. Petersburg. "I'm excited to receive this appointment," Crumbley stated in the campus newspaper. "I look forward to helping SPC accomplish great things in downtown and midtown." Crumbley is credited for coaching the Titans of Gibbs High School to the championships in 2002. His academic achievements include earning an A.S. in Business at Arizona Western College and a B.S. in Psychology at Utah State University.

Greg McLeod was named manager of Functional User Student Systems Support. He has been with the college since June 2004, where he served as Instructional Development Coordinator. He was

a graduate of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill with a B.A. in Math Education and North Carolina State University in Raleigh with an M.S. in Training and Development with a Technology concentration. "Our support team can and will continue to meet the challenges of providing strong support, solid training, and improved functionality for the wonderful faculty, staff and students here at SPC," McLeod was quoted as saying in the campus newspaper.

Ken Welch, the former College Trustee, was named Associate Vice President of Management and Fiscal Analysis. Welch will serve part-time since he also serves as the chairman of the Pinellas County Commission. Welch studied Accounting at USF and obtained an M.B.A. in Finance from Florida A&M University. Welch stated in the campus newspaper that he looks forward "to continuing my business career with a dynamic organization like St. Petersburg College."

There's nothing like having a dream and working diligently to see it come to life as it did with these four examples of determination, motivation, and perseverance. "You find your niche and you go for it," said Williams. "It is never too late."



Earnest Crumbley, Greg McLeod, and Ken Welch

MIDTOWN NEWS



The Sanderlin Center Building Wealth

By: Cherin L. Stover

Making A Difference

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Who volunteers/serves? The people offering their time and expertise have different life experiences. Retirees volunteer. They want to continue to use skills to serve others. There are students seeking to add to their knowledge, wanting volunteer experience, who participate. Students from Stetson College of Law, University of South Florida College of Business, Eckerd College Department of Accounting, and St. Petersburg College Honor Students have participated as tax preparers.

Community members, attorneys, and engineers have volunteered, wanting to give back. People with language skills have joined the program wanting to serve the immigrant population. Again, there is a sense of giving back as former immigrants who have achieved their dreams, show a strong sense of helping those facing language and cultural barriers. Recently, a CPA volunteered. He said that despite his demanding work hours he began to believe that he should do some volunteer work. He wasn't certain what sort of volunteering he should do. Then he saw an ad in the newspaper about the need for volunteers to

help prepare taxes for free. As he described it: "There it was in front of me; the chance to volunteer, to serve the community, to fill a community need. I have the skills. Now I'll use those skills as a volunteer to help others."

Staff members serve as the backbone of some free tax preparation sites. They are dedicated to offering the gift of free service as a continuation of their daily work of service to those in the community. These staff/community members are knowledgeable, skilled, experienced and have a strong rapport with the community.

Taxpayers, pleased with their experience, come back each year, often asking for the specific tax preparer that had helped them previously.

What volunteers/staff contribute: Through the free tax preparation program, volunteers and staff provide: free quality tax preparation to ensure EITC eligibility; assurance that a Child Tax Credit of \$1,000 per child is correctly claimed; electronic filing and direct deposit to ensure fast refunds with no preparation or refund loan fees; access to knowledge about financial education and asset building. All these benefits can lead to

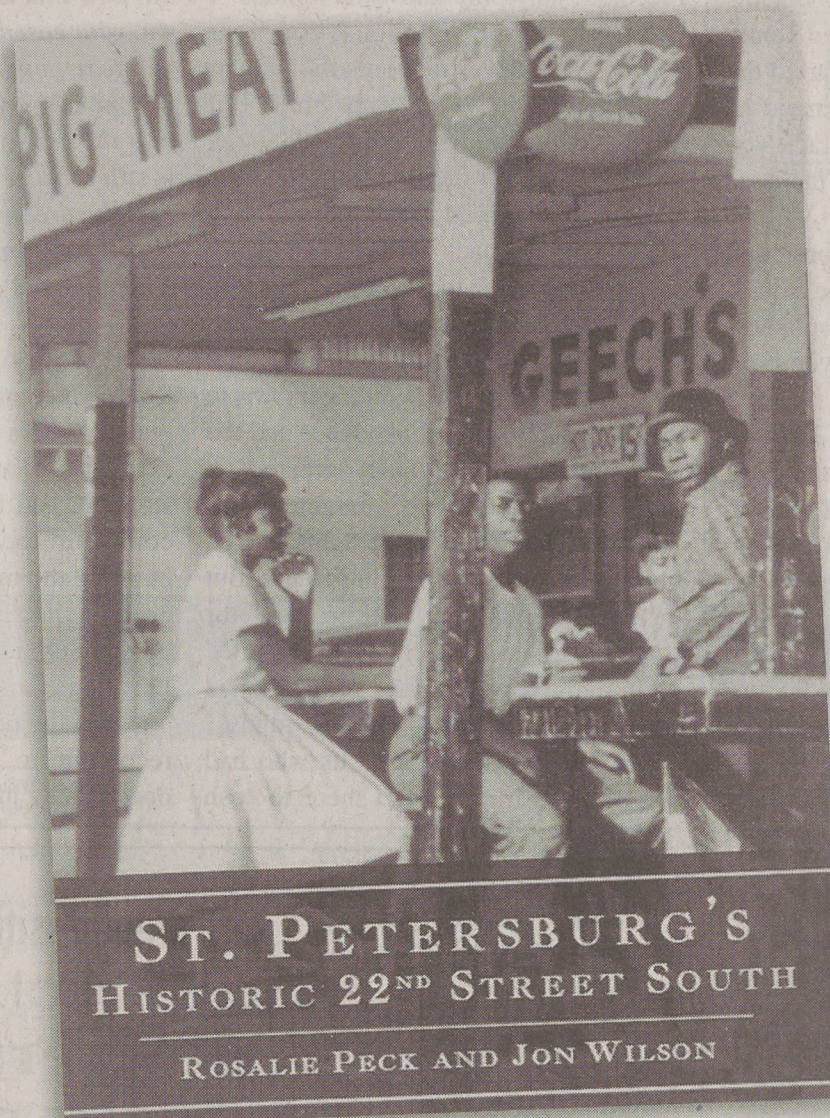
enhanced quality of life for families and individuals and for the community as a whole.

As noted, volunteers come from all walks of life. On the surface, they may be attracted to the volunteer opportunities for different reasons. In the end, however, there is clearly a common aspect to their participation. Each volunteer reflects the sense of service spoken about by Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity International: "For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other."

These are our volunteers and staff participants, people with love and concern for others, willing to work to provide free, quality tax preparation and promote economic opportunities. They are helping build community. Please join them.

To volunteer or to find out more about the free tax preparation program, please call (727) 328-0618 or (727) 321-9444. The James B. Sanderlin Center is located at 2335 22nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg. The Sanderlin Center and Wealth Building Coalition work in tandem with the regional Prosperity Campaign of Hillsborough & Pinellas Counties.

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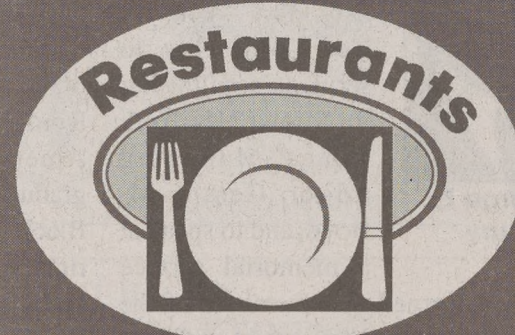
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BUSINESS TIP OF THE WEEK: 5 Tips on Conserving Capital (by SCORE)

- Determine your primary business of units sold, customers sold, average order, hours billed, etc. Know what drives your business.
- Pricing should be determined by the sum of product costs, service costs, image of the business, direct and indirect costs and a reasonable profit.
- Conserve capital. Do not commit cash or capital until necessary. Don't buy services before you need them.
- Lease instead of buy when it makes sense.
- Look for office equipment that can do double duty, for example a fax machine that can also make copies.



RESERVE A PARADE FLOAT NOW. Mark your calendar for the 22nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice PARADE (on Monday, January 15, 2007) in downtown St. Petersburg. Now is the time to reserve a float for your organization or business by contacting Chick Adams at Festive Floats in Tampa. First, you may want to go online, www.festivefloats.com, and select a float from themes such as sports, beach or other Florida themes. Next, come and look at the float at their warehouse, at 2102 Orient Rd. in Tampa, and make a cash deposit (half of the amount). The average cost of a Festive Float is between \$1,000 to \$1,500. Call Chick Adams at Festive Floats, 813-879-2878.

Dec. 15 • St. Pete Shuffle. St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Courts, 559 Mirror Lake Dr. N. 7 to 11 p.m. A hip twist on an old game with music and art. www.stpeteshuffle.com or 867-7228.

Dec. 16 • 20th Annual St. Nick Open Golf Tournament. Mangrove Bay Golf Course, 875 62nd Ave. N.E. 8 a.m. 2 player scramble. \$100 per person. 893-7800.

Dec. 16 • Saturday Morning Market. Central Ave. from 1st to 2nd St. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. European-style open air market, fresh produce, gourmet baked goods, greenery, handcrafts and more. www.saturdaymorningmarket.com or 455-4921.

Dec. 16 • The Luminaries. Historic Roser Park Neighborhood. 4 to 6 p.m. Enjoy the beauty of candle lanterns lighting the stretch of Booker Creek.

Dec. 16 • The Florida Orchestra Beethoven's Immortal Ninth. Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. 8 p.m. Tickets \$17 to \$52. www.floridaorchestra.org or 800-662-7286.

Dec. 21 • Midtown Vibe Music Series: Songs of Joy. Royal Theatre, 1011 22nd St. S. 7 p.m. Performances of season favorites from youth and adult choirs, soloist, jazz artists, mime, ballet and hip hop dancers. \$3 youth, \$10 adult, \$15 adult couple. 327-6556.

Dec. 22 • Grand Central Stroll & Outdoor Movie. Central Ave. from 21st St. to 30th St. 5 to 9 p.m. Over 20 shops, night spots and businesses open late with specials and entertainment. Outdoor sunset movie at 22nd St. and Central Ave. 341-7198.

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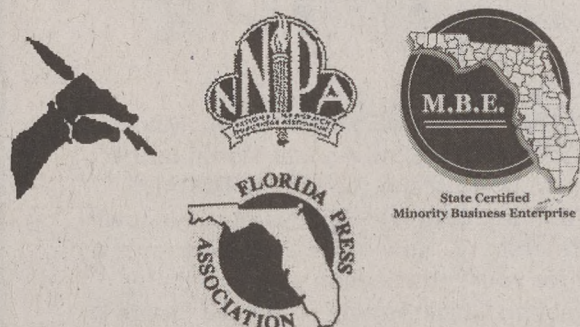
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No Right To Dishonor The Past



George E.
Curry

Shortly before leaving Washington, D.C. last week for New York City to serve as a pallbearer for former New York Times Managing Editor Gerald M. Boyd, and to speak at a memorial service

for him, I learned that members of the Greater St. Louis Association of Black Journalists (GSLABJ) are considering whether to disband the organization, an organization that a group of us started 30 years ago. More than anything else, the centerpiece of GSLABJ has been its annual high school journalism workshop, which has been copied in about 15 cities. Next year, will mark its 30th anniversary. Working with the local chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists, I served as founding director of workshops in St. Louis, New York and Washington, D.C. Former St. Louis workshop instructor Christopher Moore started a workshop in Pittsburgh when he moved there. Rochelle Riley, who worked on my staff in D.C., started workshops in Dallas and Louisville. Two former St. Louis workshop students, Mark Russell and Bennie Currie, started St. Louis-style workshops in Cleveland and Memphis. A third workshop student, Ann Scales, is looking to create a similar workshop in Boston.

Anyone who follows this column has heard me brag about our journalism BeBe kids: Mark Russell, now managing editor of the *Orlando Sentinel*; Russ Mitchell, reporter/anchor for CBS News; Ann Scales, an editor and former White House correspondent at the *Boston Globe*; Marcia Davis, an editor at the *Washington Post*; Ben Holden, executive editor of the *Columbus, GA Ledger-Enquirer*; Andre Jackson, business editor of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*; and the list goes on and on. And that doesn't begin to list the professional journalists who came out of workshops in other cities.

Gerald Boyd was prouder of what we accomplished with high school journalism students than of his becoming the first Black managing editor of *The New York Times*. One of the few good things about Gerald's death - in addition to his no longer being in pain as a result of having lung cancer - is that he went to his grave not knowing an organization and workshop he helped create are in danger of being disbanded by sorry Black journalists in St. Louis. It's not easy to stomach the idea that an organization that is directly responsible for training thousands of

Black high school students around the nation is in danger of going out of business.

I was interviewed on a St. Louis radio show a few days ago by Alvin Reid, city editor of the St. Louis American and another workshop graduate. Essentially, I told him that Black journalists in St. Louis have no right to dishonor the past. They don't know about all of the Saturdays we met before getting enough people to start an organization in 1976. They don't know about the Blacks who retroactively claim membership in the organization but wouldn't join when we were soliciting members. They don't know what it was like to teach an intense workshop on Saturdays and then put in an 8-hour shift at work. They don't know what it was like begging Black businesses for food to feed the students. They don't know what it was like raising money so that we could give out \$5,000 to \$10,000 in scholarships every year.

In short, they haven't earned the right to disband something they did not start. They are like rich kids who have had everything given to them. Most of the Black journalists in St. Louis inherited a rich tradition, they didn't earn it. It's an insult to Gerald's memory to even consider breaking up the organization he helped start. There is even talk of having a memorial service for Gerald in St. Louis. That's not the proper way to honor Gerald's memory.

You honor him by continuing his work, not by being so selfish that you ignore your obligation to train the next generation of Gerald Boyds.

I challenge all of our former students in St. Louis to reclaim the local NABJ chapter and continue operating the workshop even if they have to do it with only five members. W.E. B. DuBois always talked about The Talented Tenth. Take it from those of us who started the chapter, you don't need 10 percent of people to operate anything. In fact, you might be better off not having the dead weight around.

At the end of the radio program, Alvin Reid promised to rally the troops. "I'll do it for you," he said. I responded, "No, do it for Gerald." Better yet, do it for your own dignity.

I'll be keeping an eye on St. Louis to see if they will represent the best qualities of Gerald Boyd or if they're just a bunch of selfish Negroes who think they made it to where they are on their own.

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America Still Owes Dr. King



Marian Wright
Edelman

On November 13, an historic event took place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on a plot of land near the national memorials to Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt: the groundbreaking ceremony for the memorial honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Like many other Americans, I am overjoyed that our nation is honoring Dr. King this way. On the hallowed ground surrounded by memorials to soldiers and leaders of wars, it is especially moving to see the first memorial to a leader who preached and practiced nonviolence and peace.

But even as we celebrate the enormously important symbolism of building a memorial to Dr. King in this special place, this monument should also serve as a powerful reminder that there is still much more left for our nation to do to honor him and his teachings that can't be accomplished with a statue or words carved in stone.

In his remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony, President Bush said building this memorial to Dr. King alongside the memorials to the many other Americans honored on the Mall "will unite the men who declared the promise of America and defended the promise of America with the man who redeemed the promise of America."

Dr. King may have redeemed the promise of America. But has America redeemed the promise of Dr. King? When most Americans think of Dr. King's speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, they only know the famous "I Have a Dream" section. For four decades, the powerful words in that part have been quoted all over the world. But too few people remember or even know about the central theme that begins the speech: the bounced check America had written to its Black citizens. Dr. King said we had come to the nation's capital that day to cash a check America had written nearly 200 years earlier. He said that when our nation's founders wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, they had created a promissory note that guaranteed all Americans the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But instead of honoring that promise for Black Americans, America had defaulted on it and given us a bad check that had come back marked "insufficient funds."

Dr. King said those of us who had come to the March were there to cash

our checks because we refused to believe "the bank of justice is bankrupt" or that "there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation." I sure still refuse to believe it, and never will until America's promised commitment to justice and our great wealth converge in ending poverty and hopelessness for millions of people struggling to get enough to eat, a place to sleep, a chance to make a living, and a good education for their children.

Right now too many American children and families are still getting bounced checks from our economic, health, education, and housing banks. It is intolerable that more than forty years after Dr. King dreamed of a day when his own children would be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character, the gap between rich and poor is widening and huge disparities of opportunity persist for Black children. Dr. King's warnings that "returning violence for violence multiplies violence" and "a nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death" speak to us more loudly today than ever.

It's hard not to think of the words written about Dr. King by Carl Wendell Hines:

*Now that he is safely dead
Let us praise him
build monuments to his glory
sing hosannas to his name.
Dead men make
such convenient heroes: They
cannot rise
to challenge the images
we would fashion from their lives.
And besides,
it is easier to build monuments
than to make a better world.
So, now that he is safely dead
we, with eased consciences
will teach our children
that he is a great man...knowing
that the cause for which he lived
is still a cause
and the dream for which he died
is still a dream,
a dead man's dream.*

Those who helped lay the groundwork for this memorial to Dr. King know that planning this monument hasn't been easy; it's been a long and hard-fought struggle, and the fundraising needed to complete the vision continues. But building the monument has been far, far easier than building the beloved community and just nation and world Dr. King envisioned.

Will the new memorial inspire us to recommit to making sure his dream doesn't stay just a dream?

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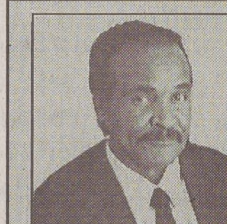
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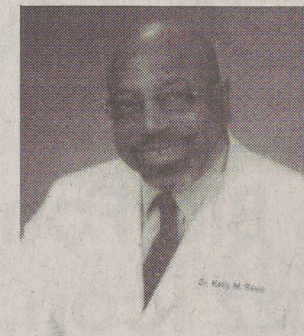
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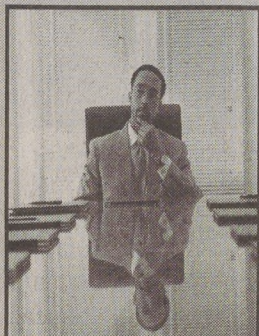
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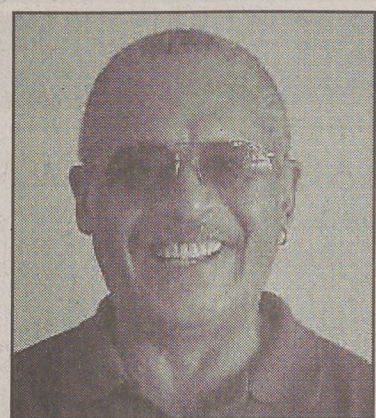
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Friends Bid Fond Farewell To Jazz Icon, Vic Hall

By last Saturday, I had received more than five emails, including a flyer by land-mail with information about a memorial jam session in honor of Vic Hall. Some of you readers may be scratching your head and asking who was Vic Hall. If so, then you're either not into "jazz" or you don't keep up your jazz knowledge by listening to the "jazz airwaves." I listened to his jazz program for a short while in 2005 when he was the host of the National Public Radio (NPR) station's, "Sound of Jazz" program at WUSF - 89.7 FM. His jazz program drew thousands of listeners of America's only original art form - jazz, and he possessed a vast knowledge of our music (jazz) which he readily shared with us all.

Unfortunately, I never met Hall in person. After listening to some of the beautiful and sincere comments made in remembering him on Saturday, I can honestly say that I deeply regret this.

On Saturday afternoon, the Palladium Theater at the downstairs Side Door Jazz Room hosted a special Memorial Jam Session in honor of Hall for his incredible contribution to jazz. Sponsored and emceed by Bob Seymour, Jazz Director at station WUSF - Public Broadcasting, the room overflowed with friends and relatives of this extremely dedicated individual. Dedicated to such an extent, Hall's fondness for jazz was shared over a forty year period as a volunteer during his entire tenure. Unbelievable! It

was obvious that Hall was a unique individual. Beautiful, caring thoughts were shared by a host of friends during this special program.

His daughter, Myra, of Tampa and friends told a great deal about the man. His knowledge of jazz was as phenomenal as his wall-to-wall jazz record collection. A major portion of his collection consisted of recordings by jazz giants such as Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Max Roach, and Charley Mingus. It was after World War II that Hall developed a passion for jazz, and used to say that jazz was his abiding passion throughout his life. Born in England in 1925, relocating to Canada and the United States, some say that Hall's musical interest focused on bebop but he was



Hilda Claus, center, Rosie Moench & jazz fan



Jazz pianist Oliver Collins performing at the Vic Hall Memorial Jam Session.

always open to big bands and West Coast jazz. Hall was interested in younger jazz musicians working their way into the mainstream, encouraged them, and played their music whenever possible.

More than one hundred people attended including Betty Gregg, Hilda Claus, Rosie Moench, Robert Cunningham, Wess Bearden, Mark and Terry Binder, Dan McMillion, Vincent Simms, Dan "Scatman" Heyne and Lorri Hafer, as well as Michael and Paul Hafer, and many more.

The jam session jumped off to a lively start with the in-house rhythm section for the day made up of popular jazz pianist Stan Hunter, ex-Duke Ellington great bassist John Lamb, and the rhythmic master Ron Gregg kicking it on drums. Their first tune was a romping "There Will Never Be Another You." Yours truly, sat in playing

"Georgia on My Mind" which, if I must say, went over quite well, based upon enthusiastic applause. This was followed by jazz pianist, Oliver Collins playing "Autumn Leaves." Wow! Hey folks! This guy is good. "The cat was cookin'!" I'm looking forward to hearing more from Collins, and certain that many others who heard him are hoping the same.

The musicians gave the audience a show to remember. Remember to keep your eyes and ears open about what's happening around town in the way of our favorite music...jazz! See you next time.

Remember to "Keep Jazz Alive" by "Supporting Live Jazz!"

Jazz fans - do you have any feedback? I would like to hear from YOU! You may visit my website at: rickgeesjazzjamm.com or email me at jazzjamm@aol.com. You may also mail your letters to Rick Gee's Jazz Jamm, c/o The Weekly Challenger, 2500 M.L. King, Jr. Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705.



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The Nite Riders Van Club Hosts Annual Holiday Celebration



The Nite Riders Van Club

ST. PETERSBURG - The Nite Riders Van Club is finalizing plans for their Annual Christmas Dance, to be held on Saturday, December 15, 2006, 7 p.m. at Son's of Italy, 3615 37th Street South, St. Petersburg. The Nite Riders charitable efforts have reaped tremendous rewards over the last 22 years. The organization has contributed thousands of dollars to various groups including the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Care Center, NAACP, Lakewood Junior Spartans, All Children's Hospital, Sickle Cell and many other worthy causes.

This year the organization celebrated 22 years of helping others. A stroll down memory lane reveals great causes to celebrate. "What started out as a vehicle to encourage organized social activity amongst gentlemen van owners, has clearly evolved into a mechanism that serves as an example of community service," said President Donnie

Williams. "The primary goal of the organization is to make an all-out effort to share some of the knowledge, resources and good old fashioned know-how of our members, with the community. The club's mission has come to stand as a strong and proud symbol of partners working together towards a common goal," he continued.

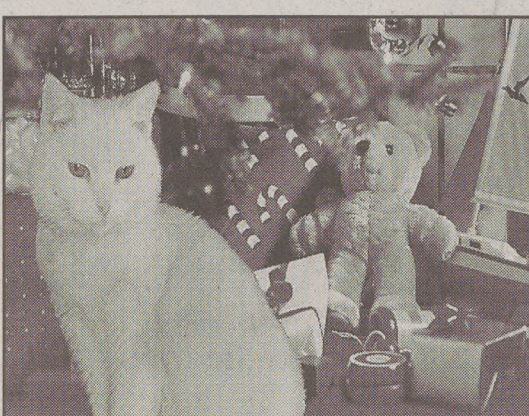
Upon reflection, Williams steps back into the time of 1984. "During the mid- 80's a group of us who were van owners started talking amongst ourselves about how much fun some organized activities would be. The fun idea we had, consisted of conveying from place to place to have picnics and other social activities. The group of van owners organized at the home of Jodie Johnson, who became the first president. The second president was Wallace Hines who served that role for four years." In 1988, Donnie Williams became the third president and serves in that role

today. With the passing of each year, the Van Club has become more adept in self-management. "Life has taught us to be better managers of time, to build coalitions with other community groups to greater impact the needs of the community," said Williams.

In 1996, the organization was nominated for the Golden Rule Award and also received a letter of appreciation from President Bill Clinton. The Nite Riders were also the recipients of the 2000 Volunteer Organization of the Year award presented by the City of St. Petersburg.

The Van Club's charitable efforts have reaped tremendous rewards over the last two decades. With 22 years of experience behind us, 22 years worth of goals accomplished, and 22 years of building community coalitions, the end result is that we have had great success, but there is still work to be done.

Keep Your Furry Friends Safe This Holiday



While you're making your holiday plans, don't forget about those other family members who bring us so much joy: the four-legged ones. Here's a checklist with a

few simple precautions to protect your cats or dogs from harm during holiday festivities.

- Try to route electric cords away from where your pets can reach them. Puppies and kittens love to chew on things, including wires; they can easily gnaw through insulation and receive a painful shock or be electrocuted. But never run cords under carpets; walking on them could damage the insulation and cause a fire. Check your local pet store for chew-proof plastic sleeves that you can wrap around wires, or bitter-tasting liquids that you can apply to discourage your pet from nibbling on something dangerous.
- Keep tinsel, decorations, and the hooks for hanging them out of reach of inquisitive pets.

If you're wondering what may tempt a pet, you might find it helpful to get on your hands and knees and view the world from their perspective.

- Cover the water in your tree stand which can make your pet sick if they drink it. Likewise, certain holiday plants like poinsettias, mistletoe berries, holly, and amaryllis, if ingested, may also poison your pet.

- Prevent your dog or cat from knocking over your tree by attaching the tree to the ceiling or wall with fishing line.

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Lights of Pinellas. Looking for a great way to celebrate the holidays? For the second year, Pinellas County is listing city and county holiday events and displays taking place through New Years Day on its Web site. From the southern tip of St. Pete Beach to the northern reaches of Tarpon Springs, there's bound to be an event close to your home. Whether you want to join in the merry festivities, enjoy a lighted boat parade or just take in the magical lights of a holiday display, there's an event for you. Visit www.pinellascounty.org/LightsofPinellas for all the details.

Staywell/Healthcare representatives will discuss health care options and answer questions about recent changes to Medicaid for individuals and families who qualify through the Department of Children and Families, State of Florida. The program will be held on **Jan. 16, from 2-5 p.m.** at the East Clearwater Library, 2251 Drew St. For more information, call (727) 669-1280.

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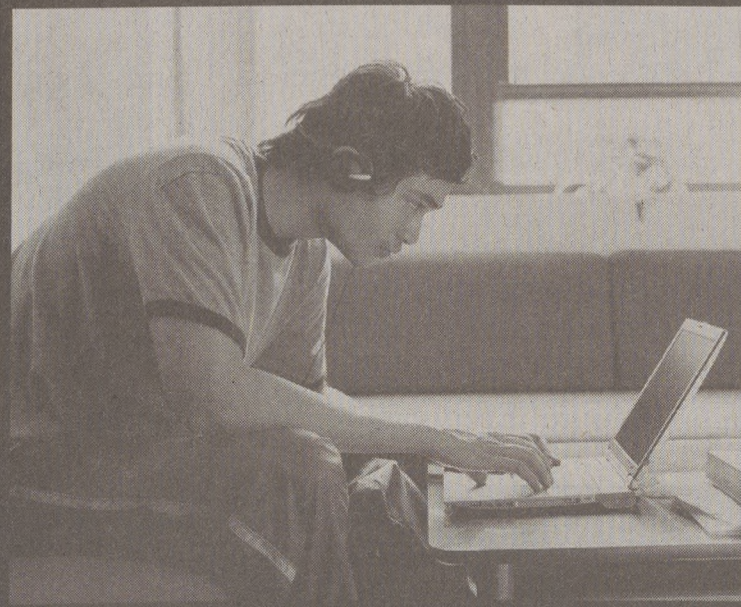
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Black children lag behind by double digits in every measure of academic achievement, and consequently far outpace white peers in the leading risk factor for crime and unemployment. On May 22, 2006, The St. Petersburg Times reported that only 30% of black children in Pinellas County Schools score at proficiency level compared with 63% of white children. The graduation rate for black males is at a crisis low of 24%, compared with 72% for white children and black males make up 71% of juvenile offenders in zip code 33712, the core of the County's black community. It's time to come together to close the gap - once and for all.

In August 2000 a Federal Court ordered Pinellas County Schools to address the systemic inequities in access and achievement by black children with a program to close the gap. Six years later, the School Board has failed to comply and the achievement gap between black children and non-black children remains virtually unchanged. On December 21st 2006 attorneys for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund will enter court-ordered mediation with School Board attorneys to decide the question of compliance. The Campaign to Close the Gap is marshalling the community to say "enough is enough." It is time for the School Board to comply with the Federal Court order and get serious about closing the gap.

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STATE NEWS

How To Buy A Home With Bad Credit

By: STEVE GILLMAN

The worst thing about buying a home with bad credit isn't that it is that difficult. It is the fees and interest rates you'll have to pay for your home mortgage loan. Use the following techniques to repair that credit so that you can lower the rates you'll pay. If you don't have the time to do that, see part two for some other options.

Part One: If you have the time to do it, you can fix that bad credit, at least a little. This will not only make it easier to find a lender, but also get you a lower rate. Pay 2% less on that mortgage loan interest rate and you'll save more than \$70,000 in interest over the years (based on a 30-year \$140,000 loan). Here are some ways to fix that bad credit report.

First, see what's on it. To get access for free online, try a search for "free credit report." If you are denied credit based on a report from a local credit reporting agency, you can request a free credit report from that agency within 30 days. How do you fix what you see on the report?

If there is anything to dispute in the report, write a letter to the agency. Explain exactly what is incorrect, and they must investigate. Send copies of cancelled checks or any other documentation by certified mail.

The agency has to (by law) contact the source of the disputed information. If they don't receive confirmation of the debt within 14 days, they have to delete the item, and send you an updated report. You can also demand that they send a corrected report to all creditors who

received your credit report in the previous six months. This won't be done automatically, so be sure to demand it.

If the item is under \$500, or over a year old, creditors often won't bother to respond. Thus, "fixing" a credit report is possible even if it is correct to begin with. You also have the right to dispute the item again after 30 days.

Longer-term, there are other things you can do to fix your bad credit. Stop charging things on credit cards. Don't have more than five credit cards. Keep balances to less than half the limits on the cards, even if this means transferring debt from one card to another. Stop making your credit score worse, and time alone will help (many items will be removed after seven years).

Part Two: Buying a home with bad credit doesn't mean you have to accept the high interest rates and fees of sub-prime lenders. You can buy a house in other ways. Here are some of them.

Seller financing. Some sellers are willing to provide the financing for you to buy their home. Whether in the form of a "contract for sale" or an owner-carried mortgage, you may be able to make payments to the seller instead of the bank - and with no lending fees and lower interest.

Lease option. If the down payment is an issue, look for sellers willing to lease their house to you with an option to buy. Be sure that a portion of the lease payment applies towards the down payment for the home, and that you have enough time to prepare for the purchase. If, for

example, only \$200 of the rent applies towards the down payment, after two years you'll have just a \$4,800 credit. Will that be enough? Will two years be enough time to correct your credit and save any additional money you'll need?

Get creative. There are many creative ways to buy a home. In one case I know of, the landlord was anxious to move, so the buyer offered him full price and a decent interest rate for him to carry the financing, but with very little down. They closed in the first days of the month, so the small down payment came from the rents that were credited to the buyer. He moved into one of the units the following month.

Reconsider your "bad credit." Limited income or a new job isn't the same as a bad credit score. Most banks won't even look at the income from your new business, for example, making it seem impossible for new business owners to get a loan. However, these days, banks really look at your credit score. If it is decent, you can get "no doc loans," which require no documentation of income.

You don't even need a job for these loans. A decent credit score - and nothing else - can get you up to 95% financing at many places now. Of course, depending on the credit score, the interest rate can be anywhere from 1/2% to 4% higher than conventional loans. Consider paying even higher interest to get a loan without fees if you will be able to refinance at a lower rate in the next year (perhaps once your new business hits that 2-year mark that bankers like to see).

Florida State Board Of Education To Honor High-Performing Principals

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida State Board of Education on Tuesday will honor middle school principals who improved their school's grade by two or more letter grades this past school year. Since 1999, when the A+ Plan for Education was implemented, schools have improved from only 515 schools earning an "A" or "B" to 2,077 schools in 2006 - four times the number of high-performing schools seven years ago and 234 more than last year (up from 1,843). Three of every four Florida schools were considered high performing in 2006.

"The leadership and dedicated efforts of these principals are worthy of our recognition and praise," said Education Commissioner John L. Winn. "The key component in

education reform is leadership, and these principals clearly exemplify that trait."

Principals to be recognized by the State Board of Education:

Pinellas County: William P. Corbett, Fitzgerald Middle School, C to A

Pinellas County: Joan Q. Minnis, Thurgood Marshall Middle School, C to A

These principals are role models for their peers," said Florida State Board of Education Chairman, Philip Handy. "The State Board of Education is proud of their work and intends to honor other such principals during future board meetings."

The State Board of Education will recognize other high-performing principals at future meetings.

Solid leadership is a key component to the success of Florida's education system. In June, Governor Jeb Bush signed into law the A++ Plan for Education to increase the rigor and relevance of Florida's middle and high schools and better prepare students for postsecondary education and the workforce. Included in the A++ Plan for Education is the William Cecil Golden Professional Development Program for School Leaders to provide professional development and support for principals. This collaborative network of state and national leadership organizations will support the human-resource development needs of principals, principal leadership teams and candidates for principal leadership positions.

FAMU Presidential Search Narrows To 6 Candidates

TALLAHASSEE, FL. (AP) - The search to find a permanent replacement for Florida A&M University's fired president has been narrowed to six candidates after two years under an interim leader.

Castell Bryant has been serving as interim president since Fred Gainous was dismissed amid accounting and financial control problems at the historically black university.

The semifinalists include one sitting president, Thelma Thompson

of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Another is from outside academia, former U.S. Ambassador to Honduras, Larry Palmer. He now heads the Inter-American Foundation, an independent federal agency that provides grants to non-governmental and community based organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The semifinalists were selected Wednesday by a search committee and Florida A&M Board of Trustees chairwoman, Challis Lowe. The committee plans to interview them

in person next week before deciding on three finalists.

That group then will be invited to campus in January to meet with students, faculty, staff and alumni.

The other semifinalists are James Ammons, chancellor of North Carolina Central University; Lawrence Davenport, executive vice president for university advancement at Florida Atlantic University; Howard Johnson, provost of the University of North Texas; and Patricia Pierce Ramsey, provost of Bowie State University in Maryland.

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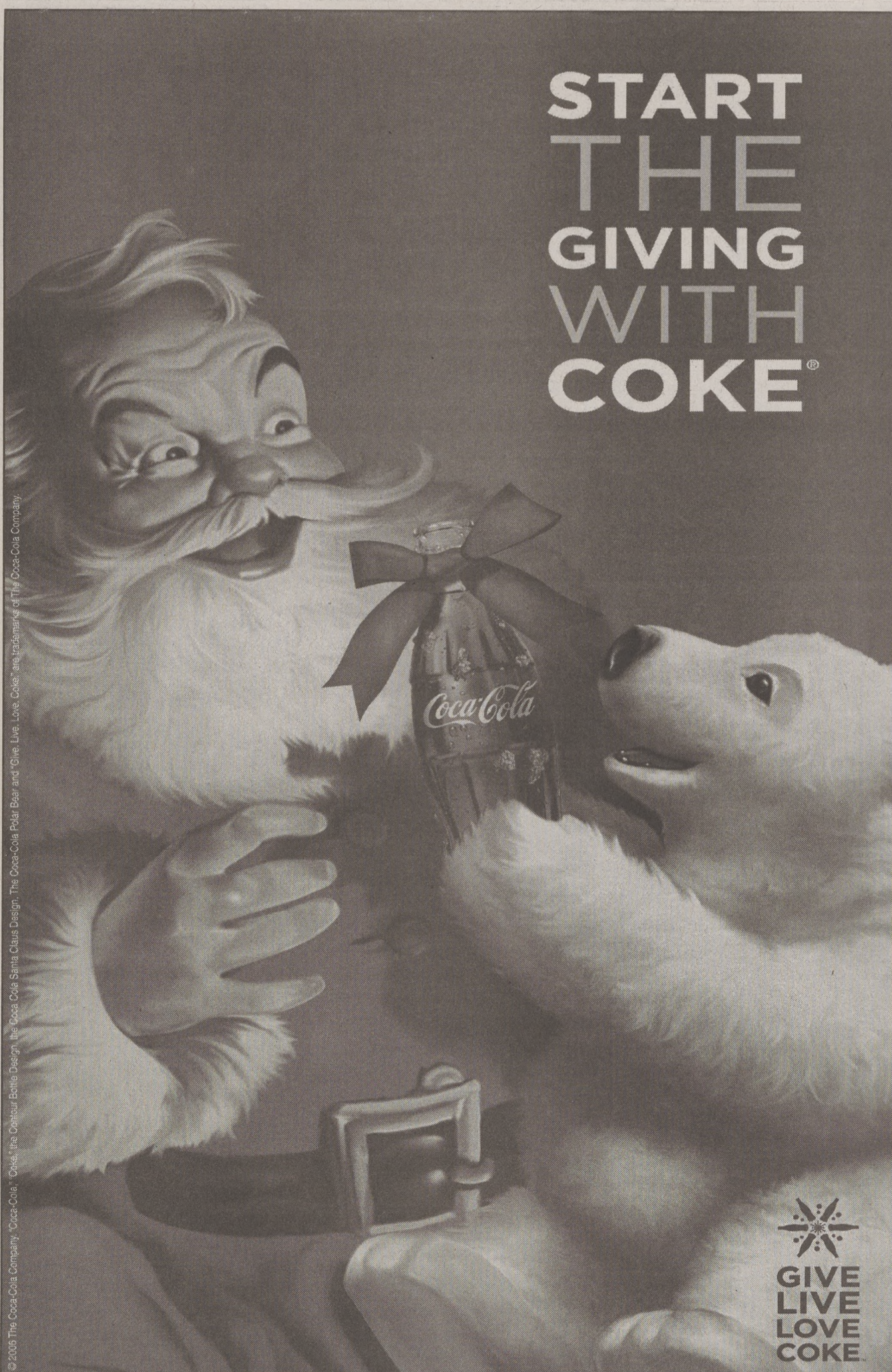
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Wall Street Conference Seeks Economic Fairness For All



Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.,
Founder and President and
Andrew T. Carr, Executive
Director, Wall Street Project

New York, NY (BlackNews.com) — What would it take to re-route two of the nation's most famous thoroughfares: Wall Street and Madison Avenue?

Bringing economic justice to America's financial and advertising elites, setting new agendas as Congress changes hands, helping minority businesses survive and thrive — all these and more are on the agenda of the Wall Street Economic Summit and Conference to be held January 7-10 at the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, 811 Seventh Avenue at 53rd Street.

Celebrating the Wall Street Project's first decade, the Conference also hosts a festive Carnegie Hall gala on Jan. 7, marking the 65th birthday and 40th anniversary in the Civil Rights Movement of Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., founder and president of the Citizenship Education Fund, the Wall Street Project's parent organization.

"We are challenging two engines of the world economy — the financial industry and the advertising industry — to do the right thing," Rev. Jackson said. "We call upon them to end their longstanding, multibillion-dollar trade imbalance with minority vendors, consumers, and employees. It's time to right the wrongs done to African Americans, Hispanics, Asians and other ethnic groups. Together, we are the majority. Together, we demand justice."

Rev. Jackson hailed the opportunity to bring the powerful advertising industry into the Wall

Street Project. Just a few months ago, he noted, many prominent Madison Avenue advertising firms agreed to avoid investigation and possible penalties by agreeing to remedy their longstanding failure to hire and promote minorities, especially African Americans.

The Wall Street Summit and Conference will also feature the formal debut of the Small Business Institute, a support program uniting resources from the corporate, government and faith-based arenas to facilitate access to capital, financial services, technology, marketing, best business practices and other needs of the nation's 4 million ethnic small businesses.

"The growth in African American entrepreneurship is a vital sign of the economic health of our people," Rev. Jackson said. "Throughout our community — from high-powered consulting firms to barbershops and beauty shops — our small businesses generate \$700 billion in annual revenues while employing large numbers of people of color. Assisting these businesses is clearly an investment in our self-determination."

Conceived in the wake of 9/11, whose economic impact devastated many small businesses, the Institute comes to fruition on Jan. 9 with a full day of seminars, discussions, and networking on topics ranging from how to win government contracts to navigating joint ventures and partnerships.

The Wall Street Economic Summit and Conference also hosts a salute to the Black Enterprise magazine's "75 Most Influential Blacks on Wall Street." And on Jan. 10th, a major closing ceremony will be held at the United Nations — a nod to Rev. Jackson's stature on the world stage as a leader brokering peace in the Middle East, South and Central America, and Africa.

Convening as Congress changes hands, Rev. Jackson noted, the Summit will examine how change

must now transform the business landscape. "Americans are fair-minded people, and the recent election showed clearly that they are fed up with business as usual," he said. "We must now begin to repair the damage to our economic and ethical foundations inflicted by years of corporate scandals, life-draining job losses, and the shocking and immoral pay gap that raises executives far above employees."

In marking his birthday and anniversary as a Civil Rights leader, Rev. Jackson asked that well-wishers dedicate resources to his lifelong goal: helping young people further their educations.

"By supporting education, by conducting business ethically, by changing our direction at home and abroad — at this moment, we have a golden opportunity to shine a light on the future," Rev. Jackson said. "Let that brighter, better future begin with the new year at the Wall Street Economic Summit and Conference."

Now celebrating its tenth year, The Wall Street Project continues the work Rev. Jackson began at the request of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who appointed Rev. Jackson to run Operation Breadbasket more than thirty years ago. The Project exists to bring underserved communities into the economic mainstream as positive opportunities for growth and inclusion. The Project, headed by Andrew Carr, promotes better hiring and promotion practices in industry, appointment of larger numbers of minorities on corporate boards, and increased business and cooperation between majority- and minority-owned companies.

The Rainbow PUSH Coalition is a progressive organization protecting, defending and expanding civil rights to improve economic and educational opportunity. For more information about the conference, please visit the organization's website at www.wallstreetproject.org, or call (212)-425-7874.

Black Male Teacher Recruitment Program Fast Becoming A Role Model For Other States



Dr. Roy Jones, Director

By: K. CHANDLER
Westside Gazette

"The sad reality is that a young boy could go through his entire education without ever having a teacher who looks like me."

Reg Weaver, NEA president of the 2.7 million-strong education organization.

Increasingly, education advocates from around the country are pointing to a direct correlation between the egregiously disproportionate prison statistics of Black males today, along with the dearth of young Black American males who are successfully completing college, and the fact that only 2.4 percent of this nation's three million elementary and secondary public school teachers are Black men.

In an effort to change that bedeviling situation, the Call Me MISTER program — named in honor of actor Sidney Poitier's memorable line, "Call me Mr. Tibbs" in the 1970 hit movie, *In the Heat of the Night* — was established in 1999 by Clemson University in South Carolina along with three Historical Black colleges, Claflin University, Morris College and Benedict College.

The Call Me MISTER program, which is short for Men Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models, was designed to recruit, train and assist Black men academically and financially in obtaining their South Carolina teaching certification in order to exert a positive influence on young Black American males and respond to the critical need for more Black male teachers in many of the state's marginally performing schools.

"Although inspired by the Hollywood movie version, in terms of the development of the Call Me MISTER program we recognize that our legacy comes from the fact that it was unlawful for Black men to be called by their surname," stated Program Director, Dr. Roy I. Jones, referring to the pre-and-post Civil War era when Black men were abjectly demeaned and often brutalized in the South, as well as in other parts of the country.

According to Ross Norton, news director at Clemson University, "Students in the modern elementary classroom are rife with personal and developmental problems. Many children are dealing with broken or dysfunctional homes. In their personal lives they are exposed to drugs, violence, a lack of supervision and, perhaps most significant, the lack of positive male role models. For minority and non-minority children, the MISTER leading his class represents something they don't have in sports stars and entertainers — a Black man of authority to whom they can reach out and touch. If every MISTER in the program graduates and starts teaching, that will double the number of Black men teaching elementary school in South Carolina," he noted.

Over the years, the Call Me MISTER program has been featured

on The Oprah Winfrey Show as the 35th beneficiary of Oprah's Angel's Network in addition to being covered by JET Magazine, TIME, USA Today and National Public Radio's, All Things Considered. The innovative teacher training and recruitment program has also drawn the past and present support of a number of major foundations, corporate and government entities including: BMW Manufacturing, Wachovia Foundation, DuPont Corporation, the U.S. Department of Education and General Electric Company, just to name a few.

Today, the Call Me MISTER program has been expanded to 10 campuses in South Carolina and includes nearly 150 MISTERS in training with 20 program alumni (the first graduating class was in 2004) now teaching in public schools throughout the state. Enrollees in the three-year Call Me MISTER teaching program are chosen in part from an applicant pool derived from educationally underserved Black American communities, particularly high schools, in affiliation with partnering schools.

Overall support for the program has been extremely encouraging, and coupled with the fact that other states are now looking at replicating the Call Me MISTER teaching program, Dr. Jones and other administrators are thinking about expanding beyond South Carolina's state boundaries.

"If you want to be a person of influence or make a difference, there is no better job than teaching. There's no way you trade a dollar for a child who says, 'If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have made it,'" he said.

For more information on the Call Me MISTER program send an e-mail to: mister@clemson.edu or call toll-free: 1-800-640-2657.

Carolyn Kilpatrick To Head Congressional Black Caucus



Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick

By: BEN EVANS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Congressional Black Caucus on Wednesday tapped Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick as its chairwoman for the next two years, when black lawmakers will wield more power in Congress than ever.

Kilpatrick, D-Mich., a former school teacher and the mother of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, was chosen unanimously. She succeeds Rep. Mel Watt, D-N.C. "Watch for us," Kilpatrick told reporters. "We will take this caucus to another level."

Because Democrats will be in control when Congress convenes a new session Jan. 4, the 43-member

caucus will take up a historic slate of leadership positions, including the third-ranking member in the House, Majority Whip James Clyburn of South Carolina.

It also will count as members four likely committee heads, up to 20 subcommittee leaders, and the only black senator, Barack Obama of Illinois, a possible presidential candidate.

"That's more power than African-Americans have ever had in the Congress of the United States," said Ronald Walters, a political scientist and director of the African American Leadership Institute at the University of Maryland.

Kilpatrick said she would continue the organization's focus on issues such as health care, housing and education. Watt said the caucus also would seek to address racial inequities in the criminal justice system and the crisis in Sudan's Darfur province.

Walters cautioned against expectations that black leaders would win dramatic legislative victories. Instead, he said, they probably will join Democratic leaders in charting a moderate course.

"They're going to be circumspect in what they do in this period because it's going to affect

the politics of 2008," Walters said. "I would expect that they would be very cautious."

Nonetheless, the shift marks a dramatic turnaround from current Republican rule; there are no black Republicans in Congress much less committee chairmen or party leaders.

The black lawmakers will have direct oversight on issues such as tax policy, homeland security and the legal system. With their committee gavels comes the ability to shape the public agenda through hearings and to regulate which bills get a public airing.

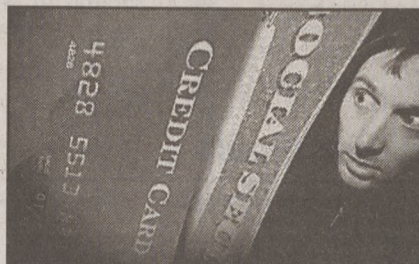
"The Congress is going to look like America. At least our side of the aisle will look like America," said Georgia Democrat John Lewis, a civil rights leader who marched alongside the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in the 1960s before winning his House seat in 1986. "This is an historic Congress. It's amazing what we're going to be able to do. More than anything else, our problem is going to be finding the resources," he added.

Kilpatrick, 61, has represented a Detroit-area district since 1997.

California Rep. Barbara Lee also sought the leadership post but stepped aside as it became clear Kilpatrick had more support.

Beware Of Identity Theft

ID Theft increases during the holiday season; Consumers should take extra precautions



COLUMBUS, OH — 'Tis the season to be merry, give presents and...protect yourself from identity theft? With increased shopping and credit card use, the holiday season presents a prime opportunity for identity thieves to steal consumers' financial information.

"This time of year should be filled with festivity and celebration, but sadly, retailers aren't the only ones busy during the holidays," said Kirk Herath, Nationwide's Chief Privacy Officer and an expert on identity theft. "Identity thieves see prime opportunities for stealing and using financial information as consumers make more trips to the mall and spend more online. 'The best way for consumers to enjoy the season without putting their financial information at risk is to be aware.'"

Identity theft occurs in several ways. The following are some common techniques by which identities are stolen, along with tips from Nationwide, who has developed a unique Identity Theft protection service, on how consumers can protect themselves.

Online scams: According to the Nielsen Net Ratings, online holiday shopping increased 30% between 2004 and 2005 and is only expected to grow in 2006. Ordering gifts online presents opportunities for thieves to pose as legitimate retailers or to collect financial information traveling over the Internet through an unsecure Web site.

*** TIP:** To avoid becoming a victim online, don't trust a company that asks you to provide a Social Security number. Keep a printed copy of your online order confirmations.

Shoulder Surfing: Harried shoppers and long check out lines present a perfect opportunity for a thief to quietly look over shoppers' shoulders and steal financial information.

*** TIP:** To protect yourself from shoulder surfers, be aware of your environment and shield your credit cards, checks, driver's licenses and PIN numbers from wandering eyes. Also, watch out for thieves using camera phones to snap a photo of your account number and card.

Phishing: Some thieves trick people into giving up personal information online by sending phony emails with links to fake corporate Web sites asking you to update your billing information. By visiting the site and entering the personal information, victims inadvertently give the criminals

their credit card numbers, PINs and even Social Security numbers.

*** TIP:** Legitimate companies would not ask you to provide sensitive information like this via email. Do not provide this information in response to an emailed request.

Phone scams: Be cautious in giving information to telephone solicitors over the holiday season.

*** TIP:** Ask the solicitors to send you information in the mail.

Skimming: Shopper information can also be stolen when a clerk slides a credit card through a second machine — unrelated to the purchase — that scans the information from the magnetic strip and stores it until it can be downloaded onto a counterfeit card.

*** TIP:** To protect yourself from skimming, pay with cash whenever you can. When using a credit card, keep your eyes on it at all times and carefully review your statements for unwarranted charges.

Dumpster diving: Thieves will go through your garbage looking for credit card receipts and other personal information to retrieve your identification.

*** TIP:** Shred anything with a bar-code or other sensitive information.

"Smart shoppers not only make their list and check it twice, they also take measures to secure their financial information," said Herath.

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Louella Bradberry

Born on October 18, 1938 in Brundidge, Alabama, Louella Bradberry passed away on December 5, 2006.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Alfonso Bradberry and a son, Kenny Ray Thomas. She leaves behind, three sons: Tarry Thomas, Alvin Bradberry and Matthew Bradberry, all of St. Petersburg; five daughters: Janice Hannah, Debra Henderson, Alfredia Kincy, Jacqueline Bradberry, all of St. Petersburg, and Stephanie Jones of West Palm Beach, FL; four brothers: Arthur Thomas, Jr., James Paul Thomas, all of St. Petersburg, Willie Mack Thomas and Jerry Thomas, all of Brundidge, AL; six sisters: Linda Gail Walker, Susan Youngblood, all of Brundidge, AL, Fannie Thomas Flournoy, Callie Clinton, Mary Newsom and Hazel Thomas, all of St. Petersburg; 19 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; and a host of loving relatives and friends.

-Smith Funeral Home



Mother Mattie Pearl Coston

Born on July 31, 1902 in Miller County, Georgia to the late John and Polly King, Mattie Pearl Coston passed away on December 1, 2006.

She is preceded in death by three daughters, Vera Mae Mitchell, Ossie Mae Jenkins, and Aleen Phillips. She leaves to cherish her memory, a devoted daughter and son-in-law, Minister Matty C. Lane (Julian); son-in-law, Deacon Lenton Jenkins, Sr.; 33 grandchildren; 105 great grandchildren; 128 great, great grandchildren; 3 great, great, great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

-Creal Funeral Home



Stephanie Doles

Born on July 28, 1957 in Panama City, Florida to the late Keturah Griffin Doles and Clay Doles, Sr., Stephanie Doles departed this life on November 23, 2006.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her aunt, Annie L. Baldwin of Lynn Haven, FL; father, Clay Doles, Sr., of Panama City, FL; two brothers, Clay Doles, Jr. and Victor Doles both of Panama City, FL; aunt Mary Dell Doles; two uncles, James W. Griffin (Delores) of Ocala, FL and Samuel Griffin of Lynn Haven, FL; devoted cousins, Valette King, Yvette Thompson, and Kathy Dixon; and a host of sorrowing friends and relatives.

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David "Son" Harper

Born on March 24, 1935 in Midville, Georgia to the late Silas and Lola Harper, David "Son" Harper departed this life on November 28, 2006.

A brother, two sisters, his parents and a daughter precede him in death. He leaves to mourn, four daughters: Annette Harper (Greg), Diane Moore of St. Petersburg, Kimberly White of Atlanta, GA, and Demetrius Harper of Ft. Worth, TX; 3 sons: David, Jr., Douglas of Augusta, GA and Anthony of St. Petersburg; four brothers: Silas, Jr., Willie Albert, all of St. Petersburg, Richard of Atlanta, GA, and Reverend Thomas of Stafford, VA; 5 sisters: Annie Pearl Major of Charleston, SC., Rev. Dr. Mattie H. Greene of Lansdown, PA., Carrie Brown, Dorothy Jones, and Julia H. Latimore of St. Petersburg; 3 grandchildren; great grandchildren; and a host of loving relatives and friends.

-Creal Funeral Home



Vernon Carl Jackson

Born on April, 1962 in St. Petersburg to Katie M. Jackson and the late Oliver Jackson, Sr., Vernon Carl Jackson departed this life on November 30, 2006.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his mother, Katie Mae Jackson; four sisters: Annie Jackson, Louella Reynolds, Catherine Jackson, and his twin sister, Verna "Love" Jackson; three brothers: Oliver Jackson, Jr. (Gwen), Darryl Jackson (Arlene), and Roderick Jackson; dear friends, Dora Kay, Toby Booker, and Mickey Varner; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

-Creal Funeral Home



Dorothy B. Jamison

Dorothy B. Jamison, 84, of St. Petersburg, died on December 3, 2006 at St. Anthony's Hospital.

She leaves to cherish her memory, one sister: Florine Starks of St. Petersburg; three nieces: Rachel Powell and Joan Ann Starks, both of St. Petersburg, and Marian Johnson of Ocala, FL; five nephews: Cosvia Smith of Miami, FL, Orien Starks and Reginald Powell, both of St. Petersburg, Ira Smith of San Francisco, CA, and Marvin Smith of Colorado; cousins: Mary Clark, The English Family, all of Baltimore, MD, Hazel Franklin of Clearwater, FL, May Crump of Bronson, FL, Oscar Gray of Jacksonville, FL, Lois Porter and the Brown Family, all from Ocala, FL; and a host of other sorrowing relatives and friends.

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Elijah "Shorty" Mells, Jr.

Born on July 8, 1934 in Waynesboro, Georgia to the late Lizzie L. Mells and Elijah Mells, Sr., Elijah "Shorty" Mells, Jr. departed this life on December 3, 2006.

He leaves to cherish his memory, four sons: Elijah Mells, III from Millen, GA, James Mells, Ernest Mells (Germaine), and Eric Mells, all of St. Petersburg; two daughters: Angelina Mells and Octavia Brown, both of St. Petersburg; seven brothers: Roosevelt (Valerie), Edd Willie, Johnny, Nathaniel, Joseph, Freddie and Alfester Mells (Deborah), all of St. Petersburg; two sisters: Thelma Ferguson (Ralph) and Willie Mae Davenport (Thomas); nine grandchildren; two great grandchildren; god-sister, Ruby Martin, and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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Janet Stamper

Born in Brooksville, Florida to Gracie Fribbley Newton and Andrew Newton, Janet Stamper departed this life on November 29, 2006.

She leaves behind, two sons: Ronald A. Stamper (Veronice) of Salt Lake City, UT and Isaac Newton (Jacquelyn) of St. Petersburg; four sisters: Alice Darby (James) and Bernice Fletcher (Roy) of Brooksville, FL, Missouri "MJ" Crump (James) of Jamaica Long Island, NY and Beatrice Newton of Tampa, FL; three grandchildren: Chelne Stamper, Cappi Stamper, and "Pete" (the dog) all of Salt Lake City, UT; special niece: Bertha James of St. Petersburg; two godchildren: Deborah Flanagan and Alathia Clark of St. Petersburg; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

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Daytona Beach's First Black, Female Mayor, Dies of Cancer

By: COURTNEYOMEGA TURNER

Leading by example and following no one, Daytona Beach Mayor Yvonne Scarlett-Golden soared to heights even she was pleasantly surprised to reach.

A mother of two and active grandmother to six, Mayor Scarlett-Golden became the first female as well as the first black mayor of Daytona Beach in November, 2003.

In 2005, she nearly made history again when she was elected mayor at the age of 79, one of the oldest persons in the city's history to win a municipal

election.

She proved naysayers and haters, both black and white, wrong. During her tenure as mayor, she successfully tackled tough issues, including leading Daytona Beach back to fiscal responsibility, controlling special tourist-driven events, providing more city services to the underserved black community, and forcing Daytona Beach to search for and hire more black managerial personnel.

Even at age 80, she was an energetic, enthusiastic advocate for Daytona Beach to the end.

Though her health started to fail in 2006, she attended her last city commission meeting two weeks ago, missing only two commission meetings even after a diagnosis of cancer and getting surgical medical treatment, including radiation, throughout the year.

Scarlett-Golden's life ended quietly in her home amongst family and close friends on Tuesday, December 5 at 4:45 p.m. Black Daytona Beach residents affectionately and proudly knew her as "The Mayor."

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CHURCH EVENTS LISTING

ST. MARK M.B. CHURCH

The St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of its dynamic, spirited, man of God, the Reverend Brian Kenneth Brown, its official staff of Deacons and Trustees, and the entire congregation of St. Mark, extends to the community at large, its wishes that there would be an overflowing of God's blessings upon their lives. St. Mark is grounded in a Christ-centered doctrine that has as its central theme, a belief that we are a haven of hope, help, and healing for a world hungering for and thirsting after the enlightened word of God. At St. Mark, we are Christians willing to work and partner in unity, praising God for His awesome gift, His son Jesus Christ.

Coming in the month of December...

Dec. 15 The Membership Ministry is sponsoring a Christmas holiday get together for New and Returning Members. The fellowship is for members who joined or rejoined the St. Mark family in the year 2006 and includes adults, youth and children. The gathering will take place on Friday evening, December 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please call the church office at 321-6631 for details prior to the event.

Dec. 23 Christmas with the Community: St Mark M.B. Church would like to share Christmas with all the friends and families in the Child's Park neighborhood. We invite our neighbors to come out and experience the joys of Christmas with us from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m. This event is our Children and Youths' evangelism outreach. Our purpose is to reach out to our community during the Christmas Season with a celebration that recognizes the birth of Christ and presents the gospel in a uniquely different manner so that participants may come to know and accept the Lord as their personal savior. Children will enjoy Christmas Crafts (decorating Christmas stockings that will be filled with candy and other treats,) games, free giveaways, a Moonwalk and a host of other activities. Snacks, Christmas treats and a free lunch will be provided for all participants.

Dec. 27-30 Congress # 2 Convenes

St. Mark offers...

Sunday School is held for both children and adults of all ages and begins each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to come out and join us.

Baptist Training Union is every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Members and the general public are invited to come out and study the Bible with us and learn "What Baptists Believe."

St. Mark Tutoring Ministry: Free tutoring is available for all school age children (during the school year) each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Mark under the direction of Sis. Rhonda Jackson. Volunteers are both needed and welcomed.

St. Mark Technology Lab: During the month of December the Computer Lab will not have evening hours. Evening hours for usage will resume in January, 2007.

Weekly worship services:

Early morning worship (First Sunday Only)
7:00 a.m.
Sunday School
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
10:45 a.m.
Baptist Training Union
5:00 p.m.

BETHEL METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church extends an invitation to "Share the Gospel Fix in 2006." We communicate God's Word at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study and Teen Summit on Wednesday evening, at 7:00 p.m. We also encourage the community to make use of our Prayer Line. (321-9645)

The Youth Ministry in partnership with the Evangelism Ministry has taken on the task of helping the homeless in St. Petersburg. They are collecting items and twice a month they will go out and give items, hope and comfort to the homeless.

The Mission Ministry will be hosting a workshop on Saturday, December 30, 2006 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. We invite the community to share with us. The facilitator will be Theresa Pickett of Miami, FL.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service	Sunday, December 17, 2006 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Program	Sunday, December 24, 2006 9:30 a.m.
Installation Service	Sunday, January 7, 2007 11:00 a.m.

MT. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH

Mount Up at Mt. Zion

**"Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new born King!"**

Get ready; prepare your hearts as we await the celebration of our dear Savior's Birth. The message is still loud and clear, "Christmas is Coming." As we continue in this Advent season let us be mindful that **Jesus is the reason for the Season**, Jesus was born to die for the sins of the world, sacrificing His life so that we might have life. Remember the most precious gift we can share one with another is Jesus the Christ, this Christmas season and all year long. God wants our hearts, mind and soul; in fact He wants us to live for Him.

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church is located at 919 20th Street South, St. Petersburg, under the leadership of Rev. Clarence Williams. Its official staff and the entire church family extend to the community at large, an invitation to join us in worship this Sunday and to all Church related activities and events during the week. Our doors are always open and we would love to have you join us.

Services begin at 7:30 a.m., where we let go and let God be God. The Male Chorus will render song service throughout the day. Church School will commence at 9:30 a.m.; we invite families to come study the Word of God as we seek to grow spiritually together. Our contemporary worship service is at 11:00 a.m. The spirit is always high. Pastor Williams will deliver two power packed messages. Come be blessed!

Weekly ministries:

In need of a mid-week lift? Then stop by Zion for a day of ministry.

Wednesday - Vintage Bible Study, 11:00 a.m., Bible Study, 6:00 p.m., Hour of Power, 7:00 p.m.,

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 16th Christmas Play, Catherine Hickman Theater, 3:00 p.m. All roads lead to the theater for our annual Christmas production. Come join us for an array of talent. You're in for a great afternoon of Zion's talent. Come one, come all!

Dec. 24th Morning Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 31st Morning Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. Watch Night Worship at 10:00 p.m.

Thought for the week:
"Let us keep Christ in Christmas"

Be blessed and have a Jesus filled week.

NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

"ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, ONE HOPE"

Reverend Carlos L. Senior, Pastor

The New Hope family invites you to worship with us on Sunday morning 7:45 a.m. with Early Morning Service. Our Guest Preacher for this Service is **Reverend Howard Gunn, Jr., Pastor of Eastlake First Baptist Church of Ocklawaha, Florida.** Join us as we lift up the name of Jesus. Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m. with classes available for the entire family.

Worship continues at 10:30 a.m. with the New Hope Mass Chorus leading the congregation in praise. The Music team consists of Michael McKenny, Vernard McKenny, Marcus Childs, and Corey Givens. Our Christmas Production, "The Greatest Gift Ever" will be presented during this worship experience. The Bread of Life will be served by one of our Associate Ministers, Reverend Ernest Dozier. We will be delighted to have you worship with us!

The 2nd Annual "Excellence in His Service Awards Banquet" will be held on Saturday, December 16th at 6:30 p.m. Several ministries will recognize members for their outstanding attitudes and service. The theme chosen for the evening is "Honoring the Essence of a Refined Life." The occasion's highlight is the honoring of five of our senior saints who truly exemplify the meaning of the theme. The honorees are **Mother Ira Anderson, Mother Margaret Jones, Deacon James McCullough, Brother Ruben Patterson, and Mother Rubye Pearson.** We congratulate you for depicting Christ-like qualities at all times. The Speaker for this year's occasion is one of the past honorees, **Mother Mattie L. Spencer.** We invite you to join us in the celebration. For further information, call the church office (727) 896-5228.

The New Hope family asks the community to join us as we pray for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery for our Esteemed Pastor, Reverend Carlos L. Senior. We welcome the following Guest Pastors/Preachers as they come to break the Bread of Life during the various services.

December 24, 2006

7:45 a.m. - Elder Joseph Sykes, Pastor of New Mt. Olive P.B. Church

10:30 a.m. - Reverend Corey J. Hodges, Pastor of New Pilgrim Baptist Church - Salt Lake City, Utah

December 31, 2006

10:30 a.m. - Minister Shawn Thomas Galilee M. B. Church

January 7, 2007

10:30 a.m. - Dr. Wayne Thompson, Pastor of First Baptist Institutional Church

January 14, 2007

7:45 a.m. - Reverend Brian K. Brown, Pastor of St. Mark M. B. Church

10:30 a.m. - Reverend T. D. Leonard, Pastor of Mt. Tabor M. B. Church, Tampa

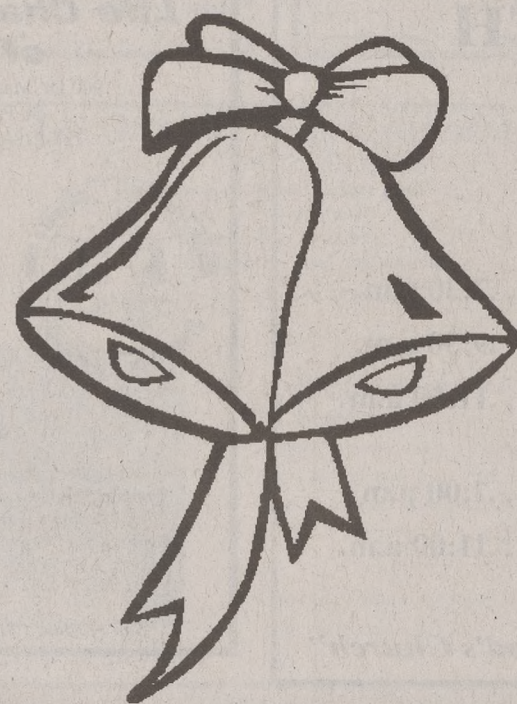
MIDWEEK P.U.S.H.

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Bible Study will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Join us in learning more about becoming better Christians.

Prayer Band is held on Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m.. Effectual, fervent prayers of the righteous availeth much. Come let's praise God together.

"The seeds we sow today determine the kind of fruit we'll reap tomorrow."



NEW PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

"Advice for Advent:

Hold On, Help Is On the Way!"

Second Sunday of Advent was observed at New Philadelphia during mid-morning service. "Immanuel" meaning, God with us, was our worship focus for Sunday. The message for proclamation was entitled, "Hold On, Help Is On the Way!" The Reverend Dr. Vikki T. Gaskin-Butler was messenger for the morning. Through exegetical and expositional artistry, she skillfully weaved a sermon tapestry that was spiritually discernible by worshippers in attendance.

By way of companion scripture found in Matthew and Luke's angelic annunciations to Mary and Joseph, Reverend Butler bridged the historical divide which connected Old Testament prophecy to New Testament incarnation. In essence, this season of Advent should be one of encouragement and anticipation. Christians must believe that God keeps His word and subsequently, "Hold on, Help Is on the Way!"

Members are reminded that church family's Christmas project for teenage boys and girls will end on December 20. All gift items should be turned in to Women's Ministry or Missionary Ministry on Sunday or Wednesday of the coming week. A list of possible gifts for teenagers is available for persons needing one.

MY 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS "WISH LIST"

By: BOBBY R. HENRY, SR.

President, Florida Association of Black Owned Media

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11 NKJV

As we draw nearer to Christmas Day, I have to pull myself from the commercial aspects of this precious occasion to realize the spiritual cleansing.

I am aware of most of the arguments that are associated with Santa Claus, the reindeer, the Christmas tree and most of the hoopla that is connected with this day.

No matter the commercialization or the religious differences concerning this holiday, there are still moments of genuine appreciation of what the real meaning of Christmas is, and all of the great things associated with the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Here are my prayers to you for the 12 days of Christmas:

On the first day of Christmas, my prayer for you is one perfect world filled with love.

On the second day of Christmas, my prayer for you is to live by two Proverbs: 17:6 and 31:10.

On the third day of Christmas, my prayer for you is the blessed Trinity. Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

On the fourth day of Christmas, my prayer for you is four blessed seasons. Warmth in the winter, growth in the spring, shade in the summer and bountiful harvests in the fall.

On the fifth day of Christmas, my prayer for you is five golden Psalms. The 23rd, 28th, 90th, 116th and the 149th.

On the sixth day of Christmas, my prayer for you is the sixth sense of discernment.

On the seventh day of Christmas, the prayer I offer you is the faith of the seven churches: Ephesus, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, and Smyrna.

On the eighth day of Christmas, my prayer for you is eight days in the week.

On the ninth day of Christmas, my prayer is that you experience the nine wonders of the world.

On the tenth day of Christmas, my prayer for you is ten forgivable sins that no one has to know about.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, my prayer for you is that you spend eleven days in heaven before the devil knows you are dead...

AND

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my prayer is for you to learn from these twelve disciples: Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcom X, John and Robert Kennedy, Mother Hale, Marva Collins, Mother Teresa, Ghandi, Sojourner Truth, Nat Turner, Geneva and Yvonne Henry.

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring good tidings of great joy which will be to all people." Luke 2:10 NKJV

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS NEW LIFE!"



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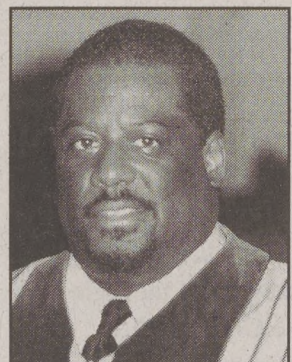
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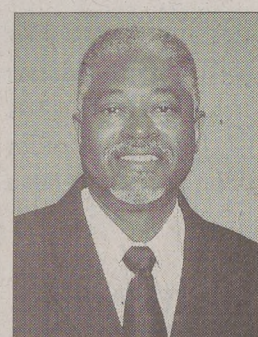
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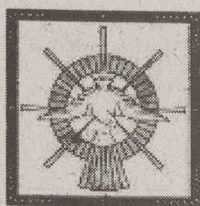
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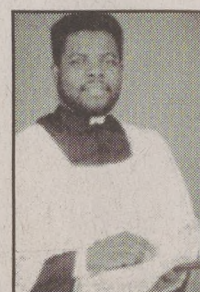
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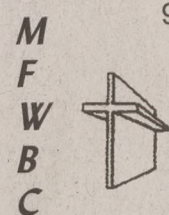
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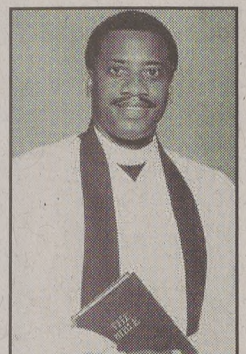
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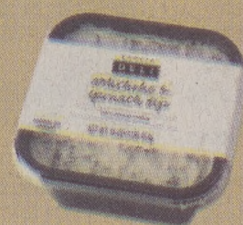
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Standing Rib Roast

Prep and Cook: 2 hours, 45 minutes
(Makes 8 servings)

- olive oil cooking spray
- 8 celery ribs (rinsed)
- 1 (3-4 rib) standing rib roast (4 1/2 lbs)
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons coarsely ground pepper
- 1/4 cup frozen diced onions
- 2 teaspoons chopped garlic
- 1 (14-ounce) can lower-sodium beef broth
- 16 ounces fresh whole mushrooms (rinsed)

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Coat 9- x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Cut celery into 7-inch ribs. Lay across center of dish; place roast on top with fat side up, and remember to wash hands. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, onions, and garlic.
3. Add broth and mushrooms around roast. Bake 2 1/2 hours or until internal temperature reaches 145°F (medium-rare) up to 170°F (well-done). Use a meat thermometer to accurately ensure doneness. Let stand 10-15 minutes before slicing. Serve.



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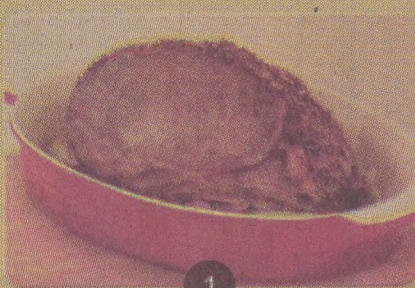


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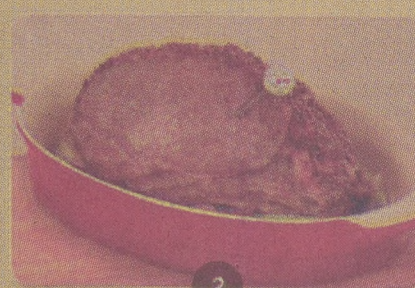
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Use a meat thermometer to check the temperature in the center of the thickest part of the roast (not touching bone or fat). When the roast reaches the desired internal temperature—135°F for medium-rare and up to 150°F for medium or medium-well—remove from the oven.



Transfer to a carving board (fat-side up); cover loosely with foil and let stand 10-15 minutes (temperature will continue to rise 5-10°F). When your roast is ready for slicing, use a meat fork to hold the roast in place. Long bones of the roast should be on the bottom next to the carving board.

While potatoes boil, take time to prepare asparagus for steaming. Remove your roast from the oven when your meat thermometer—inserted into the thickest part (not touching bone or fat)—reaches 135°F or desired temperature.

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After you've removed your roast, transfer it to a carving board and cover loosely with foil. Let it stand 10–15 minutes before slicing. Bring water to boil for steaming asparagus. Prepare Hollandaise sauce.

5

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Prep and Cook: 40 minutes
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- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter (cut into 1/2-inch pieces to soften)
- 1 teaspoon salt (or to taste)
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

1. Rinse potatoes thoroughly; peel and cut into 2-inch pieces. Place potatoes in large saucepan and add enough cold water (and salt, if desired) to cover potatoes by 1 inch. Bring to a boil on medium. Cook 18 minutes (uncovered) or until tender.
2. About five minutes before potatoes are done, place milk in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer on medium heat; remove from heat.
3. Drain potatoes thoroughly; then return to pan. Add heated milk and remaining ingredients. Mash with a potato masher until blended and smooth. Serve.

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Remove bones by cutting horizontally between bones and the meat with a sharp carving knife. Set the bones aside (or discard).



5

Cut the roast vertically, starting from the top (or fat side), into 1/2- or 3/4-inch-thick slices for each serving.



6

Place each slice on a warm plate and serve with pan juices.



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