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## Alumni Singers Debut First CD

### "Love & Harmony"



*The Alumni Singers*

By: KHANA RILEY  
Challenger Correspondent

"Singing with Love and Harmony" are the words that most eloquently describe the Alumni Singers of St. Petersburg. For 27 years, the Alumni Singers have dazzled and uplifted many with their rich melodies and spiritual ballads and for the first time, they are enabling fans to capture their gift of singing by compact disc. The Alumni Singers, known for their impeccable choral styling and arrangements, have debuted their very first CD. The CD reflects Good Ol' Gospel Music at it's finest.

The experience of the Alumni Singers just makes you want to close your eyes and feel the GLORY flowing over you.

With their roots beginning in St. Petersburg Florida in 1980, this interdenominational group includes alumni from high school and college choirs from across the country. Their performances reflect, and are a part of the rich musical heritage of the African-American experience. The Alumni Singers' primary purpose is to preserve this heritage and to promote cultural enrichment.

"Choral music is a significant part of our upbringing, which makes singing more important to us", says business manager and singer, Carolyn Hobbs. "Our music includes the splendid melodious sounds of spirituals, gospel, hymns, anthems, and secular/popular selections," she said.

Hobbs isn't the only one who feels that choral music is a significant part of our upbringing as the 30 plus co-ed group directed by Robert Anders,

expressed this same sentiment during individual interviews and each performance they hold.

When asked what made producing the CD so important, Hobbs said, "The historical significance provided by the CD and the Singers is one reason of importance. The longevity of the group allows us to soar, and who we are, and whom we represent as individuals, and as a collective group, adds another dynamic that enriches the character and reputation of the group. Our focus is to preserve this heritage, and to promote cultural enrichment which lends itself to the overall significance. Also, the art of choral music, being the pure style of harmony with different voices, fused with the determination to preserve the legacy of African-Americans through music," she said.

For additional information see Alumni Singers' ad on page A5 in today's paper.

## Dr. Maya Angelou, A Living Legend, Speaks



By: ERSULA KNOX ODOM  
Editor

Best Selling author, poet and three time Grammy Award winner Dr. Maya Angelou greeted her audience with, "I'm happy that St. Petersburg invited me and proud that you came out to back up your invitation". Indeed, a full house at the Mahaffey Theatre Progress Energy Center for The Performing Arts gave her a warm welcome Thursday evening. From beginning to end Dr. Angelou spoke as if she were having an intimate conversation with five or six of her closest friends. She laughed, told stories, sang, and reacted to the moment.

Ending a long trip, and explaining why she was glad to be in St. Petersburg, she said, "Air travel is no

longer negotiable for me." Then she told about several incredible, but true, encounters she had with her loving, aggressive, star struck, and sometimes unwittingly physically dangerous to her fellow travelers and fans. "Believe me", she said "It's good to finally be here".

She said she was asked to speak about people with unique lives. To this she said, "Everyone's life is unique. Nobody could have your life but you. Think about it." With that she began to weave a story about her Uncle Willie and the people whose lives were positively impacted by this simple and disabled man.

Throughout her presentation, there were two main themes: "Say thank you to those who have paid for you" and "Everyone has a rainbow in the cloud".

She used each moment to teach and amuse. For example, speaking directly to and about the technician who adjusted her microphone, she demonstrated her "say thank you" message. She said people have paid the price for the success of those who have followed them and should be acknowledged.

She said, "To see a rainbow in a cloud reminds us that in the worst and meanest moments of our lives, there is a possibility of hope. We must be rainbows in somebody's cloud."

She reminded us that she is a poet with her choice of words. She described the term "living in the quarters" (post slavery communities) as "a hangover term from slavery".

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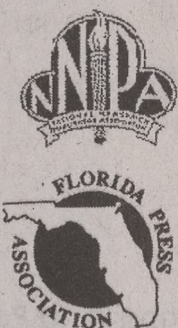
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## The Weekly Challenger Newspaper

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

- A knowledge of history brings a feeling of fellowship that runs through the ages - be it a territory, a village, a district, or a nation.
- To live without history is likened to living without a form of memory.
- To be without history is to live without roots or a past, with the present having no real foundation, and very little meaning for the future.
- To know the events of our past (can help us) to know what future events can be.
- The *Weekly Challenger* is committed to featuring articles of all ethnic cultures for the reading enjoyment of both the young and old generations.

# COMMENTARIES

## What's In A Name Anyway?



By: Bobby R.  
Henry, Sr.  
Westside  
Gazette

*A good name is rather to be  
chosen than great riches, and  
loving favour rather than silver  
and gold.*

Proverbs 22:1 KJV

Let me state from the onset  
that a good name and a good  
reputation can be used  
interchangeably in this piece,  
but I have chosen to use the term 'a good name'.

To most it may seem unbelievable that a  
good name is worth more than gold and silver.  
A good name is more precious than diamonds  
and will endure throughout the ages. Though  
difficult to believe, it is yet so true.

What's in a name that gives it such value?  
Is it mostly because it was given or passed on to  
you? Or you didn't buy it with monetary sources?

If a name is to mean anything the  
perseverance of time has to be associated with it.  
What values can one access to time? You can't

make up time nor can you take it back. Who if  
they could wouldn't give their arm, leg or even  
an eye for some years added to their life?

A good name is prized more than that. A life  
will end, but a good name will carry on long  
after the bodies have turned to dust.

A good name is symbolic of the character  
embodied in the name. Not what the name is,  
but what the name has done.

A good name is like engravings chiseled in  
stone, even the winds of time find great  
difficulties in wearing them away.

Like wisdom, a good name and respect are  
worth more than gold and silver.

The making of a good name requires that  
one is able to manage wisdom. Since wisdom is  
the fear of God, a good name means one has  
based their living on doing that which is  
pleasing in the sight of God.

We struggle and sometimes we put  
scuffmarks on our names. If our names are truly  
good names, then the scuffmarks do not grate to

the core. We are able to clean away the  
blemishes before they can execute permanent  
damage and forever leave that name tarnished.

A good name is the sum total of all that has  
come before it and the fertilizer for all that will  
come after it.

A good name comes from the soul. It's not  
like dollars and cents which if once stolen can  
easily be replaced.

We are blessed to have good names and we  
are cursed and we curse others when we  
discredit and dishonor them.

Whatever our good name is, it is because of  
what was done in the name of it, who was  
helped because of it and how much love was  
created from it.

*"But he that filches from me my good  
name robs me of that which not enriches him  
And makes me poor indeed."*

Shakespeare's Othello

## African Americans And Africa: The Time To Help Is Now



By: Leroy  
Jones, Jr.  
Political  
Commentator  
& Columnist

It seems that Africa is once  
again becoming important. There  
has been a subtle shift in focus  
on issues concerning Africa.  
From the genocide in Darfur, to  
South Africa's triumphs and  
struggles as it builds a new  
country free of the burdens of  
apartheid, to cracking down on  
the conflict diamond trade, and  
the growing concern about the  
political instability in many of the developing  
countries on the African continent.

There are both economic and strategic  
reasons for this interest. One is the large amount  
of untapped natural resources that the rest of the  
world needs to run their industrial engines, i.e.  
Oil, and the growing influence of the Peoples  
Republic of China in the region. China's  
increased presence and influence makes the  
U.S. and it's allies very nervous. Some believe  
that China has been able to gain a foothold  
because of the willful neglect by the United  
States and it's allies to the complex and unique  
problems faced on the continent.

This is a special and very important time in

the relationship between the U.S. and the  
countries that make up the continent. The nature  
of the relationship between African-Americans  
and native-born Africans is a complex one.  
Both sides look at each other with both  
admiration and distrust. Regardless of these  
conflicting feelings, the future of Africa is  
important to the future of African-Americans.  
In the global world we live in now, our futures  
are tied together.

Clearly, the major issues and conflicts in  
Africa are issues that our country will be  
dealing with now, and in the future. At this time  
in our history, the United States is very  
interested in what happens in Africa.

Many times folks have talked of going back  
or helping the brothers and sisters in Mother  
Africa. History has shown that without resources  
and the influence needed to make it happen, it  
cannot and will not happen. Times are changing.  
With increased political and economic power,  
the African-American community is poised to  
begin to exert influence in a region that they  
hold close to the heart. On Capitol Hill, Rep.  
Donald Payne (D-NJ), Chairman of the  
Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health of

the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, has  
consistently over the years pushed for more  
investment not only in the infrastructure, but  
also in Africa's most important resource, it's  
people.

On the economic front, influential African-  
American businessman, Robert L. Johnson  
recently led a delegation of business leaders to  
Liberia. Their purpose was to engage the newly  
elected President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf on issues  
of economic development and opportunities in  
her country. His trip signals an important and  
symbolic moment in the relationship with  
between Liberia and the United States. Mr.  
Johnson is a very successful and astute  
businessman, with the vision, influence, and  
resources to make a difference in Liberia and  
the entire continent. His efforts should serve as  
an inspiration and a call to arms to be more  
aware and involved both politically and  
economically in the plight of Mother Africa.

African-Americans have consistently looked  
for ways to stay involved and help solve the  
issues and problems of Africa. The time to help  
is now; we must hear and answer the call.

## VOICES IN THE COMMUNITY

By: KHANA RILEY

Challenger Correspondent

**Question:** Studies have shown that there has been a decline in the number of graduating seniors;  
What do you think needs to happen in order to increase these numbers?



**Elzora Motley** - "Make Learning  
meaningful and useful by planning  
activities in the classroom to invoke  
learning. We need to employ  
teachers who are genuinely  
interested in working with students.  
Also, teachers need to provide  
students with the necessary tools and

resources and they need to teach students how to implement  
those skills in their daily life."



**Edgar Martin** - "There needs to be  
stricter participation from the parents  
and the educational system. Students  
need to have guidance to know that  
there is more out there. Our kids have  
no direction or attitude about  
learning. We should strive to show  
that there is more out there than just  
the "bling bling." We also need to demand more from our  
education and education needs to demand more from us."



**Bennie Rollins** - "Number One: Get rid of the  
FCAT, because it's not relevant to students. Parents  
need to instill in children from pre-K and up that  
they're important and that education is important.  
We need to have children understand that without  
an education they will be saddled with jobs that  
can't produce for a family. Also, get churches  
involved to encourage students to stay in school.

Many churches are now starting to emphasize the importance of attending  
school on a daily basis and good conduct, and many are giving incentives. If  
more churches will join in that practice they will encourage more students to  
stay in school."



**Greg Nicholson** - "Parents need to be more  
responsible. Our government needs to be more  
responsible and even the peers of the students  
need to be more responsible. Peers especially  
need to all have a common goal in knowing the  
benefits of education. Students don't see the  
benefits or the importance and there is no united  
force within the community. There needs to be  
more commitment to the students."



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Free Education For Women

The Resource Center for Women helps women in transition achieve emotional strength, self-sufficiency and economic stability. RCW offers free training programs to women in the areas of personal growth, career development, basic money management and parenting. In addition, RCW offers a free computer lab and a women's support group. Classes are held monthly. The June schedule is posted on the RCW website at [www.resourcecenterforwomen.org](http://www.resourcecenterforwomen.org). You can also get the class schedule by calling the Center at 727-586-1110.

"I needed help finding a job, getting my resume together and getting ready for job interviews. The Center's classes and resources helped me get started and stay motivated," says

Beth M., a recent participant in the Personal Growth and Career Development programs.

Classes are held in Largo at 1301 Seminole Boulevard, Building D, Suite 137 and in St. Petersburg at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111-18th Avenue South, 893-7134. Registration is required for all classes. See [www.resourcecenterforwomen.org](http://www.resourcecenterforwomen.org) for more information or call 727-586-1110.

RCW is funded by the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, Schoen Foundation, Ameriprise Financial, Pinellas County Community Foundation and donors. Individual and corporate contributions are key to the Center's ability to continue to provide and expand free services to women in Pinellas County.

## Summer Program Provides Lunch, Snack At 15 Public Schools

Nutritionally balanced meals and snacks will be provided free of charge to children 18 years old and younger during the summer when school lunches are not available. Summer feeding sites located at 15 public schools provide meals to all children in the immediate vicinity in addition to those enrolled in summer programs.

### Here are the school sites, dates and times:

- Bear Creek Elementary, 350-61st Street S., St. Petersburg (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., snack 3:30-4 p.m.)
- Blanton Elementary, 6400-54th Avenue N., St. Petersburg. (June 4-July 12, lunch noon-12:45 p.m., snack 3-3:30 p.m.)
- Gulfport Elementary, 2014-52nd Street S. (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., snack 3:30-4:30 p.m.)
- Fitzgerald Middle, 6410-118th Avenue N., Largo (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., snack 3:30-4:30 p.m.)
- James Sanderlin Elementary, 2350-22nd Avenue S., St. Petersburg (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., snack 3:30-4:30 p.m.)
- John Hopkins Middle, 701-16th Street S., St. Petersburg (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., snack 3:30-4:30 p.m.)
- Nina Harris School, 6000-70th Avenue

N., Pinellas Park (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 11 a.m.-noon, snack 2:30-3:30 p.m.)

- Oak Grove Middle, 1370 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., snack 3:30-4:30 p.m.)
- Pinellas Park Middle, 6940 70th Avenue N. (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., snack 3-4 p.m.)
- Rawlings Elementary, 6505-68th Street N., Pinellas Park (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., snack 3:30-4:30 p.m.)
- Shore Acres Elementary, 1800-62nd Avenue NE, St. Petersburg (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., snack 3:30-4:30 p.m.)
- Skycrest Elementary, 10 N Corona Avenue, Clearwater (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., snack 3:30-4 p.m.)
- Tyrone Elementary, 2401-66th Street N., St. Petersburg (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., snack 3:30-4:30 p.m.)
- Walsingham Elementary, 9099 Walsingham Road, Largo (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., snack 3:30-4:30 p.m.)
- Woodlawn Elementary, 1600-16th Street N., St. Petersburg (May 30-Aug. 8, lunch 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., snack 3-4 p.m.)

## Equality: Unfinished Business

ST. PETERSBURG - **Case #1:** An elderly lady enters the Office concerned about the lack of medical treatment of her son in a Florida correctional facility. She is concerned that a simple leg fracture that has been untreated may result in an amputation. Now a specialist has recommended to the facility that this injury is so severe that it is classified as a non-weight-bearing injury. He is not allowed to convalesce in the infirmary. Additionally, he is denied crutches, wheelchair or any other aid that would allow him to handle his daily routine, which includes long walks just to access meals.

**Case #2:** A young man refuses to come when called at a local high school. He is walking the halls. This leads to a chase by school authorities including the School Resource Officer. Later observed, this student is TASERED for his alleged non-compliance and subsequently TASERED AGAIN WHILE IN HAND CUFFS. This is this young man's first encounter with the school authorities and the law.

**Case #3:** A young African-American man enters a local bookstore. A disagreement occurs with management because of a confrontation regarding his slowness to purchase an item. This disagreement escalates and the young man is called the "N" word repeatedly and in front of other customers. The white customers were so outraged that one of them initiated a call to the local NAACP Office.

**Case #4:** A young African-American woman who works in law enforcement attempted to make a purchase at a local retail

chain store. The young lady was out of uniform and attempted to pay for the items by check. The check was refused. She was told that she needed to pay in cash or with a credit card. When she asked why her check was being refused, she was told by the clerk that "banks were closed and she had no way to verify availability of funds." No other refusals of this type were witnessed.

These cases are typical of the kinds of complaints that the Resolution Center at the local NAACP Office located at 1501-16th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL process on a daily basis. This is just one slice of the advocacy pie that this branch concerns itself with along with promotion of institutional change/ reform, fair housing, closing the achievement gap, minority health issues and voter education and registration. For those who believe or wonder what your donated dollars support, this is just a very small snapshot on the local level. We share these details to emphasize how important your donations, time, talents and active support are to this organization, that will soon be celebrating its centennial. If you wish to help us with these issues and more, please join us at the 74th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on June 2, 2007 at the Coliseum at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are still available for this event. Regular meetings are held on every 3rd Tuesday of each month at the local branch.

For more information, please contact us at (727) 898-3310 or email at [naacpstp@verizon.net](mailto:naacpstp@verizon.net). Contact person: Trenia Byrd-Cox: St. Petersburg NAACP.

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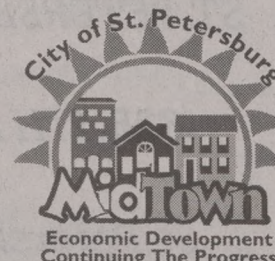
- **Craftsman House**, 2955 Central Ave., is a remodeled bungalow, art gallery, café and pottery studio. Visit the studio and browse the gallery - a collection of work from all media representing over 100 local and national artists. The Café offers a variety of homemade sandwiches, salads, sweets and beverages, coffee, espresso, homemade sodas and smoothies. • Call 323-2787.
- **Quikie Food Store**, 1500 MLK St. S., offers groceries, meat, fresh produce, Lotto, money orders and more! Serving the community with quality service for over 40 years. Open Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Call 895-2448.

### Businesses

- **Against the Grain Barbershop**, 1504 16th St. S., offers a variety of services including facials, afros, fades, wave cuts, beard trims and tapers. Open 7 days a week. • Call 822-3060.
- Tires going bald, flat, or plugged too many times? Need an oil change, tune up, brakes, shocks, towing or rims for those tires? Stop by **B-n-T New and Used Tires**, 2200 6th Ave. S. Open Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed Sunday. • Call Tito, 327-5736.
- **Douglas Used Cars**, 541 34th St. S., is your neighborhood used car store, offering excellent prices. Buy & drive with confidence. All vehicles certified. Family-owned business for over 25 years. Open Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Call 456-6095.
- **Midtown Medical & Scrubs**, 901 16th St. S., provides medical scrubs, specialty shoes, stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, pen lights and other supplies. • Call 898-5850.
- **Uniquely Original**, 1525 16th St. S., is offering a variety of art classes and workshops - drawing, painting, crafts and entrepreneurship. • Call Catherine Weaver, 543-7546.
- **BAPS 101**, 1558 16th St. S., features a wide array of stunning, African American art prints, matted and un-matted, as well as other imported goods. • Call Jacqueline, 894-2790.
- Visit **Badcock and More**, 2200 MLK St. S., for all of your home furnishing needs. • Stop by or call 822-3741 to learn how to buy 2 complete rooms for \$99/mo.
- **Pet Pal Rescue**, 405 22nd St. S., now offers pet accessories, leashes, bowls and soft toys. Pets are also available for adoption. • Call 328-7738 or visit [www.petpalrescue.com](http://www.petpalrescue.com)

### Events

- Jun. 1 • Get Downtown.** Central Ave. from 2nd to 3rd St. First Friday monthly, 5:30 to 10 p.m. Street party with live music. Free. 393-3597.
- Jun. 1 & 8 • St. Pete Shuffle.** St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Courts, 559 Mirror Lake Dr. N. Every Friday, 7 to 11 p.m. A hip twist on an old game with music and art. Free. [www.stpeteshuffle.com](http://www.stpeteshuffle.com) or 867-7228.
- Jun. 1 to 3 • Taste of Pinellas.** Vinoy Park, Bayshore Dr. & 5th Ave. N.E. Annual food and music festival featuring over 40 local restaurants, nationally known bands, beer garden and chefs theater. Free admission, cost varies for food. [www.allkids.org](http://www.allkids.org) or 767-4193.
- Jun. 1 to 4 • Tampa Bay Devil Rays vs. Kansas City Royals.** Tropicana Field. [www.devilrays.com](http://www.devilrays.com) or 888-FAN-RAYS.
- Jun. 2 • Florida Library Youth Program Kickoff.** Main Library, 3745 9th Ave. N. 2 p.m. Tricky Dog Show featuring Rick Martin and furry friends. [www.splibraries.org](http://www.splibraries.org) or 892-5296.
- Jun. 2 • Albert Whitted Airport Preservation Society Pancake Breakfast.** 451 8th Ave. S.E. 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, bacon, hash browns, grits, coffee and juice. \$10 adults, \$2 children under 12. [www.awaps.org](http://www.awaps.org) or 822-1532.
- Jun. 8 to 10 • St. Pete Times Boat Sale.** Tropicana Field, One Tropicana Dr. Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Show and sale of boats, boating accessories and more. 825-3137.
- Jun. 9 • Speak St. Pete - World Environment and World Ocean Day.** Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. 10 a.m. A celebration of United Nations International Days. Lineup includes Emmy-Award winning actor Ed Begley, Jr. and Environmentalist Philippe Cousteau. \$15. [www.speakstpete.com](http://www.speakstpete.com) or 892-5767.
- Jun. 9 • Hurricane Preparedness Expo.** BayWalk, 2nd Ave. & 2nd St. N. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn how to prepare for the upcoming season; enjoy entertainment, face painters and more. Free. [www.baywalkstpete.com](http://www.baywalkstpete.com) or 384-6000.
- Jun. 9 • International Young Eagles Day & Open House.** Albert Whitted Airport, 451 8th Ave. S.E. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Part of an international celebration giving youth ages 8 to 17 the opportunity to learn about aviation and take flight with a pilot. Free. [www.awaps.org](http://www.awaps.org) or 822-1532.
- Jun. 9 & 10 • Tampa Bay Caribbean Carnival.** Vinoy Park, Bayshore Dr. & 5th Ave. N.E. Sat. noon to 10 p.m., Sun. parade 10 a.m., festival 1 to 9 p.m. Calypso and steel drum music, authentic Caribbean food, dancing, music and colorful costumed parade on Sunday. \$10 one day; \$15 two day; free children under 12. [www.tampacarnival.com](http://www.tampacarnival.com) or 327-1277.
- Jun. 12 to 14 • Tampa Bay Devil Rays vs. San Diego Padres.** Tropicana Field, One Tropicana Dr. [www.devilrays.com](http://www.devilrays.com) or 888-FAN-RAYS.
- Jun. 16 • Juneteenth.** Campbell Park, 601 14th St. S. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Festival featuring a Gospel Extravaganza, jazz music by Gerald Veasley, comedy by Steffon Vann, dancing, speakers, carnival games, food, medical screenings and social service exhibitors. Celebrates the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Free. [www.juneteenth-stpete.org](http://www.juneteenth-stpete.org) or 743-6792.





# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Tampa-St. Petersburg Area Youths Named Semifinalists In Search For People With A Never-Quit Spirit

Determination, perseverance, never-quit spirit – those are all attributes shared by the group of people announced today as the top 100 semifinalists in the search for the winner of the Energizer® Keep Going® Hall of Fame.” Stevie Peacock of Venice, Florida and Patrick Pedraja of Palm Harbor, Florida are among those being honored.

Stevie Peacock both helps out in her community and maintains the lifestyle of an active young person. She started Project KINDNESS to support a school devastated by Hurricane Charley. Since 2004, she has supplied the students at Memorial Elementary with backpacks, school supplies and holiday presents. She also volunteers to read to the kindergartners. In addition to her support of Memorial, she collects toys for All Children’s Hospital. Stevie is also president of a service club called PEACE (People Encouraging A Caring Environment), an active Girl Scout, and she maintains a straight A average.

Patrick Pedraja has suffered through leukemia, and it’s made him dedicated to helping others in similar situations. He’s being recognized for the countless hours he spends educating the public on the importance of becoming bone marrow donors. In order to raise the necessary money needed to host a National Marrow Donor Drive, Patrick has conducted various fundraisers. When he started losing his own hair to chemotherapy treatments, he began selling ad space on his newly shaven head to continue raising money. So far, Patrick has raised more than \$28,000

for his cause, and his efforts still continue today.

The Energizer Keep Going Hall of Fame was created in 2006 as a way to share the inspiring stories of people who live every day with the same spirit as the Energizer Bunny®. The 100 semifinalists will now be entered into a second judging phase and narrowed to a pool of ten finalists. One winner will be chosen from the ten finalists by a public vote via the web at [www.energizer.com/halloffame](http://www.energizer.com/halloffame). Voting for the 10 Keep Going Hall of Fame finalists will begin June 15, 2007

The Keep Going Hall of Fame winner will receive a \$10,000 cash prize plus a \$5,000 donation to the winner’s favorite charity. The winner will also be formally honored at an induction ceremony on September 6, 2007 in St. Louis, Missouri. Baseball Hall of Fame inductee and inaugural member of the Keep Going Hall of Fame, Cal Ripken, Jr., will also be on hand for the celebration.

The Keep Going Hall of Fame launched its second search in February 2007. A panel of independent judges reviewed the nominations and selected the 100 semifinalists. Ten finalists will then be selected from the 100 semifinalists and featured on [www.energizer.com/halloffame](http://www.energizer.com/halloffame) where the public can vote on their favorite candidate to win.

Each vote will trigger a donation to the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation. Based on the online voting, one finalist will be honored as the 2007 inductee into the Energizer Keep Going Hall of Fame.

## ANGELOU

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She spoke of someone’s anger as being “angry because he didn’t believe in God’s choice of skin colors”.

Dr. Angelou was introduced as a living legend. Her elegance, dignity, and the wisdom she imparted lived up to the description. Her delivery pace allowed time for you to think about and savor her stories. Her clear, deep, rich, deliberate, strong yet delicate voice made it a memorable event. In fact, several people

said it was an honor to be in her presence and will cherish the moment forever.

At one point during the evening Dr. Angelou said, “I like to laugh”. By that time, everyone had enjoyed a few good laughs themselves.

Listening to Dr. Angelo was like watching someone weave a quilt. St. Petersburg truly got to see a master story weaver at work. Just as a strand of thread that is individually colorful finds true beauty in the completed quilt, each of Dr. Angelou’s stories was complete, profound and funny and ultimately became a part of a larger story, and as such the wisdom of the entire evening emerged.

## Contemporary Crafts For All At 14th Annual St. Petersburg Beach Corey Area Craft Festival



ST. PETE BEACH – Everything from one-of-a-kind handmade jewelry pieces to personalized products for the pooch can be had at the 14th Annual St. Pete Beach Corey Area Craft Festival, held along Corey Avenue on Saturday, June 2 & Sunday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Admission is free.

“This craft show celebrates the summer season and everything Americana with a

wide variety of crafts made in the U.S.A.,” said Howard Alan, festival producer. “The crafters at this festival are among the best in the country selected through a juried process to exhibit.”

Wood crafted name plaques, photography, hand-stitched leather moccasins, crocheted clothing, stained glass, acrylic and oil paintings and pottery, are among the many finds at this festival. All work on display is available for purchase.

An expansive Green Market with plants, orchids, exotic flora, handmade soaps, gourmet spices and freshly popped kettle corn further compliments the weekend, blending nature with nurture.

For more information, visit [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com) or call (954) 427-3755 or (813) 962-0388.

## Gems And Pathfinders “Rip the Runway” At AKA AKAdemy Showcase/Awards Program

ST. PETERSBURG – The Youth Development Foundation of the Zeta Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. (YDF-AKA) held their annual AKA AKAdemy Showcase/Awards Program at the Palladium Theatre on Saturday, May 5th, 2007. The AKA AKAdemy is the signature program of the Foundation and provides youth development services to over 200 youth (Exquisite Gems and Pathfinders) age 11-17 in South Pinellas County. The

AKAdemy Awards/Showcase is the culmination of a year filled with program activities, seminars, college preparatory activities (including a college tour to University of Florida, University of Central Florida, Bethune-Cookman University, Florida Atlantic University, University of Miami and Florida Memorial University) and well as various community service projects. The theme of this year’s program was “Rip the Runway” to allow the youth to celebrate a successful program year with creativity, fashion and dance. The Showcase allows the youth to display group talent while promoting leadership and developing self-esteem and self-awareness. During the Awards Program participants are acknowledged for their commitment to academic excellence and achievement (Honor Roll Students, National and Junior Honor Society Inductees). The highlight of the program is the graduation ceremony which provides special recognition to the AKAdemy graduating seniors. Members of

the AKAdemy Class of 2007 are: Darlita Beach, Demetria Bizell, Darnel Bryan, Destyncey Burkes, Monique Burton, Brittany Clarke, Arlana Franklin, Joshua Garner, Corey Henderson, Katina Hicks, Kara Irby, Tracy Johnson, DeShaun Johnson, Brittney Keene, Arielle Lacy, Michelle Lee, Brianca Major, Telisha Marshall, Arielle Miller, Robert Mobley, LaKeeta Parker, Bre’quel Poole, Angie Smith, Shelby Walker, Derek Williams, Tatyanna Williams and Robert Woodall.

The YDF-AKA presented \$4,000 in scholarships to Joshua Garner, Tracy Johnson, Kara Irby, Lakeeta Parker, Angie Smith, Robert Mobley, Demetria Bizell, Arielle Lacy, Darlita Beach, Arielle Miller, Brittany Clarke and Telisha Marshall.

The Eta Rho Educational Services Foundation of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity presented \$3,500 in scholarships to Tracy Johnson, Demetria Bizell, Brittany Clarke, Arielle Lacy, Deshawn Johnson, Robert Mobley, Jr., and Joshua Garner.

The AKA AKAdemy receives over \$117,000 annually from the Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board. The program is administered by the ladies of Zeta Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha in collaboration with the men of the Eta Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

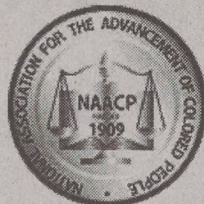
For more information regarding the AKA AKAdemy please visit the website at [www.zuochapter.org](http://www.zuochapter.org).



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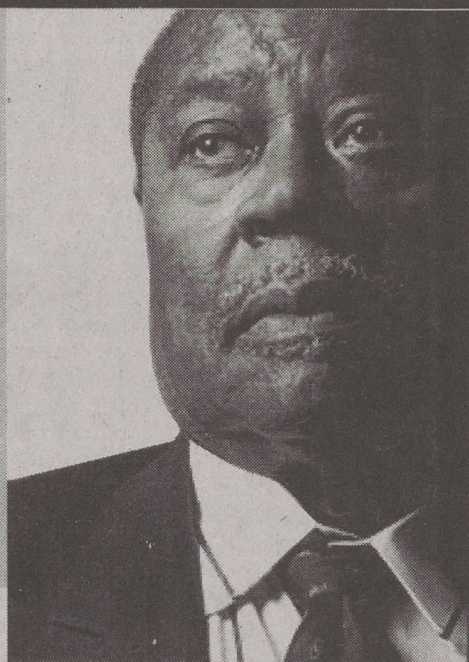
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# TAMPA BAY NEWS

## YWCA Of Tampa Bay Event Combines Purses, Passion And Photography

ST. PETERSBURG – Some women are passionate about their purses; some women will open their purses to give to their passion. The inaugural "Purses & Passion" weekend scheduled for June 9-10, 2007 will combine these motivations to benefit those who need it most - the thousands of women, children and families served by the YWCA of Tampa Bay. "Purses & Passion" will feature an evening Photo Exhibit of 100 women from all walks of life and their purses at The Studio@620 (620-1st Avenue South, St. Petersburg) on Saturday, June 9 from 6-9 p.m. and an afternoon

Bruncheon at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club on Sunday, June 10 from 1-3 p.m. The Saturday Photo Exhibit is the same evening as the downtown St. Petersburg Second Saturday Gallery Walk.

Admission is free to both events. Reservations are required for the Sunday Bruncheon by contacting (727) 896-4629, ext. 31. Event co-chairs are YWCA Board Members Cynda Mort and Alizza Punzalan-Hall. Major sponsors include the *St. Petersburg Times* Fund and Progress Energy. For more information, visit the "Purses & Passion" website at [www.pursesandpassion.org](http://www.pursesandpassion.org).

## Lieutenant Governor Kottkamp Attends 8th Annual Statewide Drug Court Graduation

CLEARWATER – Lieutenant Governor Jeff Kottkamp, Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince and Director of the Florida Office of Drug Control, Bill Janes today attended the 8th Annual Statewide Drug Court Graduation, which involves over 200 graduates this year. Drug courts across Florida simultaneously participated in the graduation ceremonies by video-conferencing.

"Governor Crist and I congratulate today's graduates and the terrific drug court teams whose dedicated work makes this possible," said Lt. Governor Kottkamp. "Today, innovative approaches to drug treatment are working in our communities thanks to our drug courts."

The ceremony was held at 3:00 p.m. EDT and included drug courts from Bartow, Fort Lauderdale, Lake City, Miami, Ocala, Pensacola, Tampa, Titusville, and Clearwater. Each year, one jurisdiction serves as the host site where the opening graduation ceremony is held and broadcast live to participating drug courts around the state. The Sixth Judicial Circuit in Clearwater served as this year's host. The Statewide Graduation is part of Florida's celebration of "National Drug Court Month" and is used to recognize graduates who have successfully completed the program.

"The Annual Statewide Drug Court Graduation signals another remarkable year in the history of Florida's drug courts. Florida's first drug court was established in 1989, which began a revolution in the court system that has resulted in over 2,500 courts nationwide. Drug Courts have been highly successful in reducing recidivism, keeping offenders in treatment, and achieving important outcomes in

graduation rates, employment, and long term sobriety," said Bill Janes. "Today's graduation ceremony recognizes graduates from across our great state. I congratulate today's graduates and those throughout the year who join thousands who have returned to productive, drug-free living. I also congratulate our terrific drug court treatment teams whose dedicated work makes this possible."

Drug courts provide non-violent drug related offenders with intensive treatment and judicial supervision instead of incarceration. A fundamental premise of drug courts is their capability to integrate drug treatment with intensive judicial monitoring to promote long-term recovery. Drug courts require participants to obtain a high school diploma or GED, obtain and/or maintain employment and develop mentor relationships within the community to sustain them after they leave the drug court program.

Drug courts began as a means to treat offenders who might otherwise continue to use drugs and end up back in prison or jail. Prisoners cost the state an average annual cost of over \$17,000 for one prisoner incarcerated in a non-treatment venue. In contrast, a comprehensive drug court system typically costs between \$2,500 and \$4,000 annually per participant. Costs associated with medical and social services, which are required to care for infants of female drug court participants, are also indirectly reduced by drug courts.

Today's graduates demonstrate the effectiveness of the drug court system. Data show drug courts provide an exceptionally high success rate for treating the addicted and breaking the cycle between drugs and crime.

## YWCA Opens TechGYRLS® Computer Camp for Girls Only!

The YWCA is offering an exciting new technology camp this summer for girls aged 9-13. "TechGYRLS®" is designed to encourage and motivate young girls in the fields of math, technology, and science. Campers will learn Micro Worlds Computer Animation and create multimedia programs with sound effects, animated drawings and interactivity. Field trips are designed to expose participants to technical careers. Campers will also

have the opportunity to meet with professional women who have chosen to work in technical fields.

Sessions run for four weeks and space is limited. Fees include field trips, daily snacks and all computer expenses. Scholarships are available.

For more information contact Avery Slyker, Director of Youth Programs at (727) 461-2997 ext. 26 or Judy Wood, Director of Community Relations, (727) 896-4629 ext. 31 ([jw@ywcaoftampabay.org](mailto:jw@ywcaoftampabay.org)).

## Driving Awareness By Teeing Off The Green: Byrd Institute Hosts A Round To Remember

TAMPA, FL – The Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center & Research Institute hosts its First Annual Golf Tournament, A Round to Remember, Friday, June 1, 2007 at the TPC Tampa Bay.

The Institute's first annual golf tournament hopes to score a hole-in-one by raising funds to complete the building of the newly constructed, state-of-the-art, research facility on the campus of the University of South Florida, opening this summer.

"This golf tournament not only raises awareness on the importance of Alzheimer's research, but takes us one step closer to helping find a cure. We want to erase Alzheimer's in all of our memories," says Kelleigh Klein, Byrd Institute Fundraising Liaison.

"Golf is a perfect match for Alzheimer's research: it is a game of mental and physical fitness," CEO and Scientific Director Huntington Potter, Ph.D. added. "We know that exercise, social activities, and mental challenges all work to prevent the disease. I know we will have all of that at TPC and 'A Round to Remember.'"

The mission of the Byrd Alzheimer's Institute is to prevent and cure Alzheimer's disease. Created in 2002 by the Florida Legislature, the Institute is dedicated to supporting and coordinating the tremendous research, expertise, and creative vision of scientific professionals all over Florida.

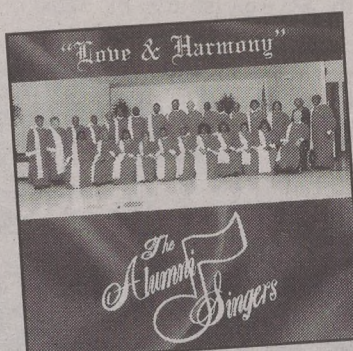
"We only hope our contribution puts a divot in the much needed funding to cure Alzheimer's and our participation continues in building the future," says Barry Cole of Turner Construction.

**The Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer's Center & Research Institute  
First Annual Golf Tournament  
A Round to Remember  
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**Friday, June 1, 2007  
TPC Tampa Bay (5300 W. Lutz Lake  
Fern Road, Lutz, FL 33558)  
Shotgun Start: 1:00 PM Check in  
and Lunch: 11:30 AM  
Dinner: Immediately following the  
tournament**

The Byrd Alzheimer's Research Institute, housed on the campus of the University of South Florida, is as much an intellectual consortium as it is a bricks-and-mortar facility. The Byrd Institute is dedicated to supporting and coordinating the tremendous research, expertise, experience, and creative vision of medical professionals throughout Florida. The Institute is building cooperative relationships with national and international scientists that will move research results faster into clinical applications to delay onset, slow and, ideally, halt the progression of Alzheimer's disease.

Collaborators include scientists, medical doctors and caregivers, health care providers, educators, advocates, volunteers, and civic leaders. Every individual who teaches, speaks out, provides care of dollars on the subject is a partner in the effort. Floridians are the first beneficiaries of the world-class Institute due to the early access to promising new treatments. For more information, visit [www.ByrdInstitute.org](http://www.ByrdInstitute.org).



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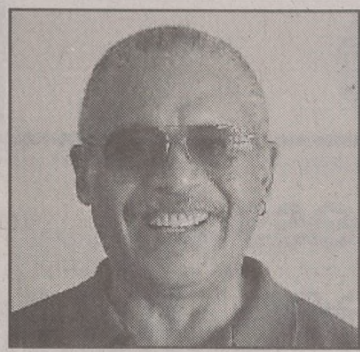


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## Jazz On The Water Cruise: “A PARTY AT SEA”

It was a beautiful sunny and bright morning on May 5th, and one could hear voices down at the dock bellowing, “Ahoy there! Bon Voyage! Let’s cast off and party-hardy! Somebody get this party going!” If you’re now wondering just what exactly was happening, those were statements of party-goers who were more than ready to set sail for a full day of jazz on the water, aboard the party boat “LeBarge”.

Annually, the Jazz Club of Sarasota hosts “Jazz On The Water”, a day cruise, which has been a total success for the last four years. In fact, tickets were sold out a week after they went on sale. That’s simply fantastic! Bringing jazz to these eager sea-farers was the Tom Hamilton Quartet. The band was comprised of leader, Tom “T-Bone” Hamilton on upright bass and Matt Lorentzen, who regularly plays keyboard, but switched to the almighty acoustical bass. Also, a favorite of the Sarasota crowd, Tony Benade played tenor sax and flute, and former Woody Herman Third Herd drummer, Ken Loomer was “Keeping it Real” with a big beat. Icing on the jazz parfait was the addition of soul and pop vocalist Marilyn Freeman.

The LeBarge set sail at noon cutting through the waves to the funky tune of “Watermelon Man” with Tony Benade laying down some heavy tracks of tenor sax. Versatile Tony has been a Sarasota favorite for many years and during most weekends can often be seen at any one of the local jazz venues. A swinging “Green Dolphin Street” made popular back in the early ‘50’s by Miles Davis was next, and proved to be a favorite of the sell-out jazz audience, evidenced by their rambunctious applause. Ms. Freeman followed by singing her heart out with a soulful rendition of “My Funny Valentine”. She proceeded to “purr and frolic” her way through a vocal program made up of mostly jazz and blues standards ala Ellington and Charles.

Kenny Loomer was set loose with a very hip drum beat and laying down some very tricky drum-beat patterns on the tune “Route 66. At the

same time Matt Lorentzen was strumming his electric bass matching note to drum beat. Of course, the trading of eights with one another ignited the audience, and it was apparent that once again “Jazz On The Water” was going to score as another blockbuster cruise. Towards the end of the jazzy voyage, Benade and this correspondent staged a “Battle of the Flutes”. Saxophone player turned flautist, Benade started off with a medium-tempo blues in E – flat that established the head (melody) of the tune. Yours truly followed with a funky solo, and then began to trade (fours and eights) off with Benade to a rousing climax. Our playing put smiles on the faces of the audience, and a lot of fun was enjoyed by all. After cruising around the bay for approximately four hours, it was time to return to port, and the good ship LeBarge headed back to the mainland with the band playing a rousing rendition of “When The Saints Come Marching In”.

Sailing on the clear waters of the bay was a great way to spend a sunny and mild temperature Sunday afternoon. The bonus of the cruise was enjoying the sound of great jazz being produced by a terrific playing jazz band, including a super vocalist. As the attendees were debarking from the boat, many inquired about the date of the 2008 Jazz On The Water cruise. It seems we can predict that the Jazz Club of Sarasota can anticipate another successful jazz cruise next year. I plan on being there...how about you? Hope to see you there also.

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Remember to “Keep Jazz Alive” by “Supporting Live Jazz!”

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Jazz fans – do you have any feedback? I would like to hear from YOU! Visit [rickgeesjazzjamm.com](http://rickgeesjazzjamm.com) or email me at [JazzJamm@aol.com](mailto: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.

Photos by Gary Humes



(l - r): Tony Benade, saxophone, Marilyn Freeman, vocalist, Ken Loomer, drums, Tom Hamilton, bass



Jazz Cruise guests enjoying the music.

### Power To End Stroke

Join the American Stroke Association and spiritual and community leaders in a movement to raise awareness, lift voices and free African Americans from disability and death caused by stroke.

To learn more about Power To End Stroke, call (727) 563-8087 or visit [strokeassociation.org](http://strokeassociation.org).

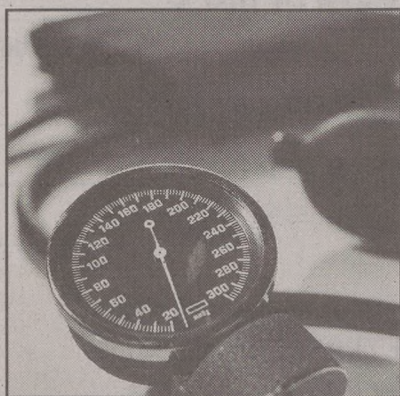


## May is High Blood Pressure Awareness Month

Black men between the ages of 24 and 45 in the U.S. represent the highest cases of high blood pressure on the Planet Earth!

Second to Black men, are Black women over the age of 45!

This translates to increased risks of death, heart attack, stroke, cancer, kidney failure, diabetes, and many more deadly diseases.



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## HCC Foundation Elects New Officers

Tampa – The Hillsborough Community College (HCC) Foundation has elected officers for the Board of Directors for 2007 – 2008.

The 2007-2008 Officers for the HCC Foundation Board of Directors are:

- Chair: Tom Ellwanger, Attorney, Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A.
- Vice Chair: Alyson Horn, Regional Director of Business Development, Audio Visual Innovations
- Treasurer: Susan Casper
- At Large Director: Stephen Koontz, Business Development Leader, Tampa Bay Trane
- Immediate Past Chair: Chuck Peterson, CFO, Caspers Company
- President’s Designee: Barbara Larson, Vice

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Hillsborough Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone 404-679-4501) to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

Hillsborough Community College serves more than 40,000 students on campuses on Dale Mabry Highway and in Ybor City, Plant City and Brandon. HCC also serves students at learning centers on MacDill Air Force Base and in Ruskin. HCC was the recipient of the 2006 Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Equity award.

## HCPLC Announces New Genealogy Product

TAMPA – The Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative recently announced a new Genealogy product available at all public libraries from NewsBank called America’s Genealogy Bank. This wonderful product allows library customers to quickly find and access information on their ancestors from over four centuries of rare documents and records. America’s Genealogy Bank allows customers to search thousands of historical newspapers, books, pamphlets and genealogies including, the complete American State Papers and the U.S. Serial Set. Some of Florida’s historical newspapers are also included in the database: *Manatee River Journal 1890-1922, Floridian, Tallahassee 1828-, Floridian & Journal Tallahassee 1849-, and the Miami Herald.*

America’s Genealogy Bank also includes local histories, funeral sermons, and military histories. “The portion of this database that is very unique is the Congressional Serials Set 1817-1907 and the American State Papers. In these sources genealogists will have access to Pensions, Widow Claims, Military Rosters/Postings and Casualty lists, said Joe Stines, Director of Library Services. “All families should be encouraged to trace and discover their family tree, and our public libraries can help with that adventure.”

You can access America’s Genealogy Bank by visiting [hcplc.org](http://hcplc.org). For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, please call (813) 273-3652 or visit [hcplc.org](http://hcplc.org).

## Tips For Preventing Heat-Related Illness



Your best defense against heat-related illness is prevention. Staying cool and making simple changes in your fluid intake, activities and clothing during hot weather can help you remain safe and healthy.

Here are some tips for preventing heat-related illness:

- Drink more fluids (non-alcoholic), regardless of your activity level. Don’t wait until you’re thirsty to drink.
- If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask how much you should drink while the weather is hot.
- Don’t drink liquids that contain caffeine, alcohol or large amounts of sugar – these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also, avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.
- Stay indoors and, if possible, stay in an air-conditioned place. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the mall or public library – even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat.

• Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, they will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing.
- NEVER leave any person or animal in a closed, parked vehicle.

Although any one at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others.

Check regularly on:

- Infants and young children
- People aged 65 or older
- People who have a mental illness
- Those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure

Visit adults at risk at least twice a day and watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of course, need much more frequent watching.

If you must be out in the heat:

- Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.
- Cut down on exercise. If you must exercise, drink two to four glasses of cool, nonalcoholic fluids each hour. A sports beverage can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat. Warning: If you are on a low-salt diet, talk with your doctor before drinking a sports beverage. Remember the warning in the first “tip” (above), too.
- Try to rest often in shady areas.
- Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat (also keeps you cooler) and sunglasses and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say “broad spectrum” or “UVA/UVB protection” on their labels).

## Senator Arthenia Joyner Receives The Pinellas County Urban League 2007 Government Award

TAMPA – Senator Arthenia Joyner (D), District 18, received the 2007 Pinellas County Urban League Government Award. Senator Joyner was selected as the recipient of the award because of her outstanding commitment to social and economic equality for all citizens.

“I am honored to be recognized by the Pinellas County Urban League for my commitment to the citizens of Pinellas County,” commented Senator Joyner. “I intend to continue my work on behalf of the working men and women in the state of Florida to insure that their interests are protected.”

Approved by the National Urban League in February of 1976, the Pinellas County Urban League’s mission is to assist African-Americans and others in need to achieve social and economic equality. The mission of the League is implemented through community programs, services and research.

Senator Arthenia L. Joyner was elected to the Florida Senate in 2006. A Tampa attorney, Senator Joyner also served as State Representative, District 59 in the Florida House for six years. Senate District 18 encompasses portions of Hillsborough, Manatee and Pinellas counties.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Friday, June 1 - The APG Launch Party!** A benefit for the Agapé Production Group at Mangroves Bar and Grille, 208 S. Howard Ave., Tampa, FL 33606. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Come lounge with us! The Agapé Production Group's electrifying vocal artists of this non-profit organization will debut at Mangroves-SoHo District. Enjoy an array of music from the past and present featuring selections from: Duke Ellington, Stevie Wonder, The Dixie Chicks and more!

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 1-3** - Cooking up another stellar event on the downtown St. Petersburg waterfront, the 2007 **A Taste of Pinellas** will be held in Vinoy Park. Proceeds benefit the All Children's Telethon and will help fund the construction of a brand new All Children's Hospital.

**Saturday, June 2** - St. Petersburg Branch- NAACP will host its **74th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet: "Encounter, Embrace & Protect Equality"** at the St. Pete Coliseum, 535-4th Avenue North, St. Petersburg at 7 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Attorney Delano S. Stewart, Esq. with featured Emcee, Deiah Riley of ABC Action News - WFTS-TV. For more information call (727) 898-3310 or 867-1887.

**Summer Art Program for Youth- Painting Classes** starting **Wednesday, June 6, 2007**. Please contact Felita Gale McNeill Fine Arts and Boutique, LLC at 727 366 9237 or 727 323 2710 to register.

**Saturday June 9th - Outdoor cooking & grilling contest.** 2401 Central Ave, St. Petersburg, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call Johnathan at 727-214-7061 or come by Gillie's at 2401 Central Ave for more information.

**Saturday June 16 - The Black Business Bus Tour,** 1 Year Anniversary Tour. Buses Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the Historical Harbor Club, 915 E. Grant Ave. Tampa, FL 33604. GET ON THE BUS!! R.S.V.P. today! Call 813-394-6363. Vendors welcome. Be a Sponsor or Host a Bus.

**Sunday, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, and Sept. 16** - The Jazz Club of Sarasota is presenting a new series of casual concerts called **Jazz at 2 Sunday**. The series will be held monthly at the Glenridge Performing Arts Center, 7333 Scotland Way, Sarasota.

Jazz at 2 Sunday was created in response to numerous requests from individuals in the community and musicians to have jazz in an intimate setting continuing throughout the summer. Each session will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Between sets the audience will have a chance to find out about the musicians' careers and ask questions.

Leading off the series will be pianist Mike Markaverich on Sunday, June 17. Following will be pianist/vocalist Lillette Jenkins-Wisner on Sunday, July 15; flautist/vocalist Debbie Keeton and bassist Gary Deary on Sunday, August 19. Entertainment for the final summer date, September 16, will be announced soon.

For more information, call the Jazz Club of Sarasota, 941-366-1552, or visit [www.jazzclubsarasota.com](http://www.jazzclubsarasota.com).

**Sunday, June 17th - The 100 Black Men of Tampa Bay, Inc.** will host the 3rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration at the Westin Harbour Island Hotel on Sunday, June 17th at 6 p.m. The event, themed "Beyond Freedom: A Glance at Fathers, Family and Faith"

The 2007 Juneteenth is hosted by DeAnna Sheffield, VP of Partnership Development and Recruitment of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa and previous news reporter for WTSP-TV Channel 10. "The 100" will also honor some of Tampa's outstanding fathers with "Father of the Year" awards. For more information and tickets log on to [www.100bmtb.org](http://www.100bmtb.org) or call (813)903-9247.

**Wednesday, June 20 - Becoming Storm Savvy: Busting Hurricane Myths.** Pinellas Park Public Library. 7770-52nd St. N., Pinellas Park. Time: 2:00 p.m. Hurricane season affects every person, every year. During this one-hour presentation, a Pinellas County hurricane expert will bust many persistent myths. Get answers to your questions, learn the right way to prepare for the season and walk away with valuable information that may save your life. Call (727) 541-0719 or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency).

**Friday, June 22nd - The Minority Development Committee (MDC)** of the American Cancer Society's Pinellas County Unit proudly announces its **18th Annual Charity Gala**, at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue. The committee will once again host its many loyal supporters for an evening of fine dining, entertainment and promotion of the program theme: "Take Control of Your Health by Making Healthy Lifestyle Changes." The benefit affair will kick-off with a 6 p.m. Social Hour followed by dinner at 7 p.m. For information, call Committee Chairperson Mary S. Jones at (727) 867-7702. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Minority Development Committee.

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► **Life Skills Graduation**

Monday, June 18, 6:30 p.m., FREE ADMISSION

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Saturday, June 23, 7:30 p.m., \$10-\$15

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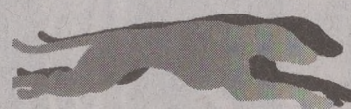
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A Proclamation.

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

"That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

"That the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State, or the people thereof, shall on that day be, in good faith, represented in the Congress of the United States by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State, and the people thereof, are not then in rebellion against the United States."

Now, therefore I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-Chief, of the Army and Navy of the United States in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do publicly proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days, from the day first above mentioned, order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof respectively, are this day in rebellion against the United States, the following, to wit: Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, (except the Parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the City of New Orleans) Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Ann, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth), and which excepted parts, are for the present, left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons. And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defence; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service. And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh.

By the President: ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State

## Florida Emancipation Celebration



St. John Progressive M.B. Church Youth Choir



1843- The Knott House was constructed, possibly by free black builder George Proctor. Source: The Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation, Inc. www.taltrust.org

BY: ERSULA KNOX ODOM  
Editor

Even though a large number of celebrations around the country take place on June 16th and known as Juneteenth, in Florida the historically correct date to celebrate as the date when Floridian freed slaves learned of their freedom, was in May 20. On May 20th, 1865 standing on the front steps of the Knott House at the end of the

Civil War Union, General Edward M. McCook read the Emancipation Proclamation that freed the slaves of North Florida. June 19th, 1865 is the date when African-Americans in Texas learned of their freedom. The City of Tampa Black History Committee, Inc. held their Fifth Annual Florida Emancipation Day Celebration on May 20th at St. John Progressive M.B. Church in Tampa.



Bettye Green Johnson and Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks



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## State Representative Reed Hosts First National Academic Letter Of Intent Signing Day Dinner



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High School Valedictorians l-r: Ralphy Adelson, Middleton High; Orville Pemberton, Tampa Bay Technical; Dana Hughes, Howard W. Blake High; Jasmine Brown, Middleton High

By: ERSULA KNOX ODOM  
Editor

TAMPA – May 17 marked the date of the First Annual National Academic Letter of Intent Signing Day. Florida State Representative Betty Reed at Howard W. Blake High School in Tampa hosted a celebration and dinner honoring students who have been accepted by various colleges and universities.

Signing letters of intent were: Maryann Hernandez, American Academy of Dramatic Arts, LA; Dana Hughes, Florida International University; Carol Arocho-Gonzalez, Hillsborough Community College; Kierston Brice, Hillsborough Community College; Alexia Cote, Hillsborough Community College; Taylor Myers, Hillsborough Community College; Ysanda Prince, Hillsborough Community College; Julian Scott, Morehouse College; Megan Florez, Keyara Franklin, University of Central Florida; Ralphy Adelson, University of Florida; Briana Bell, University of

Florida; Ciera Keenan, University of Florida; Chandra Spires, University of Florida; Terri Ann Davis, University of Florida; Orville Pemberton, choice of University of Florida or USF; Sandy Joseph, University of Miami; Tiffany Defiore, University of South Florida; Ricky Madhavan, University of South Florida; Sherline Marcellus, University of South Florida; Catrina Milbry, University of South Florida; and Kori Szaraz, University of South Florida.

Representative Reed told the young people that even though her mother's death, when Reed was only thirteen, eliminated her opportunity to gain a college education herself, she made certain all five of her own children did. She challenged the college bound students to be all they can be and to come back to replace her as a Florida state representative.

Senator Tony Hill, traveling from Jacksonville, informed the attendees of a bill he and Representative Reed have introduced requiring schools to notify parents when their children qualify for advance placement. All too often opportunities are missed because students opted out of difficult subjects without parental knowledge or involvement.

Dr. Lamb of Holland & Knight and Hillsborough County School Board Chair shared his four-point plan for success: 1. Get the job done. 2. Have a plan 3. Overcome adversity 4. Be positive.

Joyce Russell, BOCC African-American Liaison, warned them that straight-A high school students often find themselves struggling in college. However, they are to remember to believe in themselves and that they have a whole

community behind them rooting for them.

Quoting from Philippians 3:13-14, Rev. Bartholomew Banks, key note speaker and pastor of St. John's Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, challenged them to stay focused. He said, "Failure does not usually happen because of a lack of talent and skill, but because one loses sight of the original dream." He explained nearsightedness as a love for today with the goal becoming a blur. He described farsightedness as someone being able to see the goal without putting the tasks together to reach them. And astigmatism renders a person unable to either see the goal or channel the energy to reach them. "By walking closer to God", he said, "you can build the strength needed to beat the unbeatable foe by staying focused."

As for the students themselves, Terri Ann Davis summed it up well with, "I've put in a lot of hard work and it's paying off."

The National Academic Letter of Intent Signing Day Dinner also celebrated the 53rd anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court Decision.



Senator Tony Hill, Joyce Russell, and Judge Perry Little



Representative Reed and students who signed letters of intent with colleges and universities



# STATE NEWS

## Secretary Benson Applauds DBPR Outcomes From Session 2007

TALLAHASSEE – Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) Secretary Holly Benson today applauded the Legislature for creating new laws that advance Governor Charlie Crist's mission.

"I am pleased with the tremendous support shown by the Legislature for the Governor's mission to enhance DBPR's customer service to licensees and businesses," said Secretary Benson. "We now have the additional resources needed to bring DBPR's customer service practices to the superior level that the Governor and I have envisioned."

### DBPR 2007 Session Overview

- The Legislature passed the agency's bill (HB 7163 by Lopez-Cantera and SB 2398 by Posey) that will create shortened wait times for licensure, greater efficiencies, and increased consumer protections. The provisions within the bill will:

- Allow for the collection of electronic fingerprints, where fingerprints are required as part of the application process. Electronic fingerprint processing takes two to three days instead of the six to eight weeks it currently takes to process fingerprint cards. Applicants will get licensed more quickly and be able to go to work sooner.

- Require continuing education providers to report hours completed more frequently to more accurately reflect who has completed the education requirements.

- Require construction contractors to participate in laws & rules education, as is customary in many other professions.

- Allow a simple credit score to be considered when determining the financial responsibility of contractor applicants instead of the current analysis, which is elaborate, time-consuming, and subjective.

- Require all contracting applicants to submit to a criminal background check as part of the application process.

- Allow the department to deny licensure of farm labor contractors who have been convicted of serious felonies such as murder, rape, assault with intent to kill, slavery, smuggling, or harboring individuals who have entered the country illegally.

Gives realtors the option to use their attendance at real estate commission meetings toward their continuing education requirements. The meetings are a great opportunity for licensees to learn more about the laws of their profession.

- Allow the nearly 4,000 licensed real estate appraiser trainees whose licenses went null and void due to a poorly communicated requirement change to complete their educational requirements within six months of this provision becoming law.

### DBPR 2007 Budget Highlights:

- Governor Crist's 2007-2008 budget allocates \$144.3 million to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Appropriated funds will provide the needed resources for the department to continue the Governor's mission of enhanced customer service for the citizens of Florida.

- 26 additional positions to meet the increasing demands in the inspection and regulation of food and lodging establishments and elevators due to growth in the industry and the increasing number of elevators.

- Seven additional positions to meet workload demands, improve customer service, and improve application processing in central licensing.

- Six positions dedicated to the Identifying Contributors to Alcohol Related Events (ICARE) program which are supported through a federal grant.

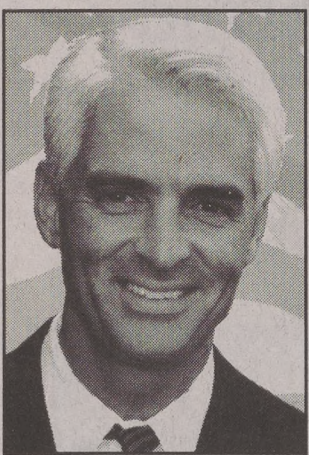
- Funding for six temporary positions and contract services to support the increasing number of licensees in real estate and other regulated professionals.

- \$2.4 million to continue the department-wide document management and imaging system to improve customer support, licensing, and the response to public document requests.

- \$600,000 toward legal support for the increasing number of cases and pending investigations related to construction activities following the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons.

- The Department of Business and Professional Regulation guarantees professionals and businesses are licensed efficiently and regulated fairly, ensuring the health, safety and welfare of consumers.

## Gov. Crist Signs Bill To Expand Access To Public Records



TALLAHASSEE – Governor Charlie Crist today signed Senate Bill 1760, expanding access to public records by requiring state public information officers to respond to public records requests promptly and in good faith.

"Florida has a long history of providing access to government records," said Governor Crist. "Our open government laws are among the strongest in the nation, and this legislation creates an even higher standard of service and makes government even more accessible to the people."

The bill changes the standard of response time for fulfilling public records requests from a "reasonable" amount of time to "promptly". It also allows public information officers to designate an alternative officer or employee to inspect public records in order to process requests

faster. The name of the alternate officer must be disclosed to the person making the public records request, and the public information officer or alternate must be available to respond to requests during regular business hours.

"This important legislation enhances the level of transparency and accountability in our state government," said Governor Crist. "Open government is a top priority for me and for my administration, and I am grateful to the members of the Florida House and Senate for expanding our commitment to respect the public trust that is bestowed upon all of us who serve the people of Florida."

Governor Crist created the Office of Open Government in one of his first official acts as Governor when he issued Executive Order 07-01 on January 3, 2007. The Office of Open Government helps Floridians access information about state government and ensures that government's actions are always transparent and accountable to taxpayers. For more information, please visit the Office of Open Government at [www.flgov.com/og\\_home](http://www.flgov.com/og_home).

## TB Information Line Available To Residents & Visitors

TALLAHASSEE – Florida residents and visitors who have questions regarding the recent XDR-TB case investigation by the CDC or who believe they may have been on one of the flights taken by the individual currently in isolation, can call the 1-800-4TB-INFO hotline which operates 24-hours 7-days-per-week. In addition, local

health departments in Florida will give the highest priority to individuals who were on one of the flights with the individuals currently in isolation and who need evaluation and testing. All U.S. residents on these flights are being notified and encouraged to seek TB testing and evaluation.

## EnergyWhiz Olympics At Florida Solar Energy Center-UCF



More than 300 students and teachers from throughout Florida participated in the 2007 EnergyWhiz Olympics at the Florida Solar Energy Center on Saturday, May 12. Events included solar car races, hydrogen fuel cell vehicle races, a photovoltaic design competition called "Energy Innovations" and a solar-powered boat demonstration.

Students from elementary through high schools took part in the alternative fuel competitions. The largest event, with 61 teams, was the Junior Solar Sprint. Middle-school students designed and built model-sized, solar-powered vehicles, which they raced during the competition. Awards were given to the top performing vehicles based on design, quality of craftsmanship, innovation and speed.

Eight returning teams that scored the highest in an academic bowl held in April participated in the Middle School Science Bowl Hands-on Hydrogen competition, the second part of the Southeast Regional Science Bowl. The finalists were required to design and build a hydrogen fuel cell vehicle to qualify for the National Science Bowl competition. The top academic team, Lincoln Middle School from Gainesville, will represent the Southeastern United States in the national

competition to be held in June in Denver.

The High School Hydrogen Sprint competition demonstrated to the students the potential of hydrogen as an alternative fuel source. This program also allowed graduates of the Junior Solar Sprint to continue designing and building alternative-fueled vehicles. The 11 participating high school teams designed and built the hydrogen fuel cell vehicles they raced. The teams also presented 10-minute lessons on a variety of hydrogen research topics.

In the newest competition, "Energy Innovations," teams from across Florida developed full-scale working solar electric designs. In addition, these middle and high school students developed marketing and promotional materials to educate consumers about the students' engineering achievements.

"Energy Innovations is a real-world design competition," said Susan Schleith, education coordinator for FSEC. "The program was a collaborative effort between BP Solar, the Florida Solar Energy Research and Education Foundation and the Florida Solar Energy Center. BP donated more than 15 photovoltaic arrays to FlaSEREF, which collaborated with FSEC to distribute the systems to schools throughout Florida through the EnergyWhiz program."

Also featured were a solar boat demonstration and Exemplary Projects in Energy and Conservation (EPEC). These award-winning science fair projects produced by local students all had a renewable energy or conservation theme.

The Florida Solar Energy Center, a research institute of the University of Central Florida, is the largest and most active state-supported energy research center in the country. Current research activities include solar water and pool heating, solar electric and distributed generation systems, energy-efficient buildings, alternative transportation systems, hydrogen fuel and fuel cells. For more information, visit [www.fsec.ucf.edu](http://www.fsec.ucf.edu) or call the FSEC Public Affairs Office at (321) 638-1015.

## Castor Urges Continued Clean Up Of Culture Of Corruption In Congress



Photo by E.K. Odom

Tampa Bay Congresswoman Democrat Kathy Castor announced today her strong support for the Open Government and Honest Leadership Act of 2007 and continued ethics reform of the Congress. Stronger ethics reforms are

being urged this week by freshman Democrats like Castor who swept aside a Congress defined by scandal and corruption in last year's election.

On the first day of the new Congress, the new reform-minded members ushered in the broadest ethics and lobbying revisions since the Watergate era. Castor was the first freshman member (out of 51) to speak on the floor of the House on the day she and all other members were sworn in. Castor used this rare opportunity to speak in favor of ethics reform on the floor.

Ethics watchdog Public Citizen called the new ethics rules "sweeping in scope" and a "signal that the Democratic majority in the House appears committed to serious lobbying and ethics reform." The new rules include:

- Ban on gifts from lobbyists and organizations that employ lobbyists.

- Value tickets to sporting events and concerts at real face value for purposes of the gift limits.

- Prohibit organizations that employ lobbyists (other than universities) from arranging or financing trips for members and staff, except for one-day trips.

- Prohibit registered lobbyists from attending privately-sponsored trips.

- Require pre-approval by the chair and ranking member of the ethics committee for permissible trips, which is public information.

- Prohibit members and staff from flying on private corporate jets for personal, official or campaign purposes.

- End the K Street project.

- Identify all earmarks with congressional sponsors. Three weeks into the new Congress, the House also stripped the congressional pensions of members of Congress who commit any of a number of crimes during their tenure, including bribery, conspiracy, and perjury. This was another direct action taken to change the culture of Congress, as members of the previous Congress were pleading guilty to living off gifts they had received from lobbyists in exchange for votes and earmarks.

The new Congress takes the next step this week to tackle the cozy relationship between lobbyists and lawmakers. As a member of the powerful House Rules Committee, Castor will consider the Open Leadership and Honest Government bill on Wednesday afternoon. The bill will provide rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations.

"I will continue to fight for high ethical standards in government to end the culture of corruption in Washington," said Castor. "My neighbors know they can count on me to stand up for them against powerful special interests." Prior to her election to Congress, Castor was a leader in the fight for ethics reforms at the local level. She successfully passed lobbyist disclosure and public reporting of travel expenses on public dollars for Hillsborough County government.

"Citizens deserve open and honest decisions that do not benefit special interests, but instead benefit our community. There is a price to pay for the culture of corruption, and you can see it in when you gas up at the pump, when our seniors are pushed into privatized Medicare and when students and their families pay more for student loans because of "sweetheart deals."

- Big Oil gets billions, and the people get higher gas prices.

- The HMOs get a slush fund, and seniors pay more for prescription drugs.

- Special interests get tax breaks, and our children pay off higher debt."



# NATIONAL NEWS

## White Students Gain Perspective While Attending Black Colleges

By: KATRINA A. GOGGINS

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) \_ Michael Roberts has learned about more than finance while studying for his business degree at Benedict College, a historically black school. He's played football for the college, joined a fraternity and proposed to his girlfriend, too.

Pretty typical for many students, except that Roberts is one of the few whites who attend one of the nation's traditionally black colleges.

"When I tell people I attend Benedict, they comment, 'Well, you're not black,'" Roberts said recently. "But it's still a school, I'm still getting an education. You don't have to be black to attend."

Indeed, officials for the nation's historically black schools say many are actively recruiting white students and that attracting them has become easier for a variety of reasons, including the offer of scholarships and lower tuitions than those paid at non-black schools. Private, historically black schools cost an average of \$10,000 less per year than their traditionally white counterparts, according to the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

The head of the association, which is one of the groups that oversees historically black colleges, says lower cost is not the only thing the schools have to offer. Whites who attend the schools are preparing for an "increasingly black and brown world," said Lezli Baskerville, the association's president and CEO.

"If you want to know how to live in one, you can't grow up in an all-white neighborhood, go to a predominantly white school, white cultural and social events, go to a predominantly white university and then thrive in a world that is today more black, more brown than before," Baskerville said.

White students say they've taken valuable experiences from their time at black colleges, which are increasingly featured in popular movies and frequent stops for presidential candidates. Skin color, the students say, is much more of a factor away from the campuses than it is on them.

"You should get to know people based on who they are," Roberts said. "You can't judge a book

by its cover."

The first of what are now called historically black colleges and universities was Cheyney University in Pennsylvania, which was founded in 1837 so that blacks \_ barred from attending many traditional schools \_ could get advanced educations. Since then, more than 100 such institutions have been established in the U.S. and about 285,000 students attend the schools each year.

Lawsuits have forced many of the schools \_ about half of them are public \_ to diversify their student bodies, Baskerville said. In the 2005-06 school year, nearly 10 percent of their students were white, according to her association's data.

Scholarships, new programs and recruitment has attracted dozens of whites to schools such as South Carolina State University, where they account for around 4 percent of the student body, said university spokeswoman Erica Prioleau. The school has a minority affairs office for white students, similar to those found for non-white students at traditionally white schools.

A handful of whites attend Atlanta's private Morehouse College. The school hasn't been aggressively recruiting whites, so they make a "conscious decision" to attend, said Sterling Hudson, dean of admissions and records for the college.

Steven Schukei did just that. The Morehouse alumnus, who now works as a vice president in technology for New York-based investment firm Goldman Sachs, said he gained a perspective that he wasn't offered while growing up and going to school in Nebraska, Colorado and South Carolina.

"There was always this sort of disjoint between what I thought I should be learning and what I actually did learn," said Schukei, 30. "And I thought Morehouse would be an opportunity to expand my horizons and to see a different perspective on the world that we live in."

Schukei remembers Morehouse as a "refuge from the rest of the world where what race you are doesn't really matter."

"Conversations that people typically wouldn't feel comfortable having about race can happen on Morehouse's campus where they just wouldn't happen anyplace else," he said.

## Black Voices and Black Enterprise Announce Strategic Content Alliance

NEW YORK, NY \_ AOL Black Voices, the leading African-American site for news, culture and community, and BlackEnterprise.com, the premier online African-American business & wealth-building destination, today announced a strategic content alliance to exchange financial, entrepreneurial and career news and information.

Under the agreement, BlackEnterprise.com will provide AOL® Black Voices® with multimedia content including exclusive videos, podcasts and articles. The agreement will fortify both companies' efforts to increase the personal finance resources available to the African-American online consumer.

"As the leading news organization for the black community, we are committed to providing the very best business information available on the web," said Nick Charles, AOL Black Voices editor in chief. "We are honored to partner with

the #1 black business resource for news and trends to provide our users with a comprehensive experience that will not only entertain but educate as well."

"AOL Black Voices is the perfect partner to help spread the gospel of wealth building and financial empowerment to millions of African Americans as they go about their daily online routines," says Tariq Muhammad, Black Enterprise director of interactive media. "BlackEnterprise.com content will focus on helping users build wealth in every aspect of their lives; from home ownership and investing to career and small business management."

BlackEnterprise.com will provide AOL Black Voices with new articles on a daily basis. Both companies have agreed to partner until the end of the year.

## Kerry Warns White House: If You Expect Senate Confirmation, Send Us A Nominee Who Will Protect Consumers

WASHINGTON \_ Sen. John Kerry issued the following statement today, after the White House agreed to withdraw the name of Michael Baroody as the new chief of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Given his poor record on issues of consumer protection, Kerry had announced that he was likely to vote against Baroody if his nomination ever came before the Commerce Committee.

"I hope the White House now knows that on an issue as important as consumer safety we won't allow them to put a fox in charge of guarding the henhouse. This agency matters too much to parents and children to be a gift to someone without even a vague interest in consumer protection. The White House now needs to send us a nominee who will fight for consumers, not one who will fight against their interests."

## New Ed Commissioner Has Worked To Close Achievement Gap

By: COLLEEN SLEVIN

DENVER (AP) \_ When school superintendent Dwight Jones wanted to encourage a group of third graders who had improved their standardized test scores, he invited them to his house for a picnic. And when it was time for a water balloon toss Jones, the state's new education commissioner, picked a boy in wheelchair to be his partner and they won.

"It just makes you think that, no matter who you are, if Mr. Jones is on your team, you're a winner," said Andie Ruskin, an assistant principal at Jones' Fountain-Fort Carson school district, who attended the party.

Jones, who has won praise for narrowing the achievement gap between white and minority students, won the support off all the members of the state education board on Friday as they picked him to succeed William Moloney as education commissioner.

Jones, the state's first black education commissioner, said he would focus on improving achievement for all students, everyone from low-income students and minority students to average students.

"Hope is not a strategy so we have to get a real strategy that makes a difference," said Jones, 44, the only finalist named for the job by the state board earlier this month. During a reception in the main hallway at the education department headquarters, Jones pledged to work with the board and the department, sometimes glancing at staffers watching his remarks from a second floor balcony.

He will be paid \$205,000 annually and will start June 1.

Jones was selected from a national search that attracted 16 applicants, handing in his application two days before the deadline at the urging of supporters as well as his wife, Jenifer Jones, an administrator at Colorado Springs' Academy School District 20. The couple has three children and Jenifer Jones said her husband carefully considered the magnitude of the job and how it would affect their family.

Board member Evie Hudak, a Democrat from Westminster, said Jones' passion for children came through in his interview with the board in a way that moved her to tears. She said the discussion seemed to unite the board members because he "renewed our commitment to education."

The state education board oversees public kindergarten- through 12-grade schools and hires the commissioner to oversee the education department.

While Democrats now control the Legislature and the governor's office, Republicans still have a 4-3 edge on the state education board, whose members are elected. Jones is a Democrat but he listed former Republican Gov. Bill Owens as his first reference on his resume.

Jones also served on the team advising Democratic Gov. Bill Ritter on education issues after he was elected last fall. Ritter has set goals of cutting the statewide achievement gap and high school dropout rate by half in 10 years.

At a reception following the vote, Ritter said Jones' work would be the "crucial factor" in making that happen.

"It's a big order we're asking you to do but I feel as confident as I could feel with this selection," Ritter said.

Jones has served as superintendent of Fountain-Fort Carson since 2003 after serving two years as assistant superintendent for the district, which has some schools on the Army post. The district has worked to aggressively analyze the results of the state's standardized tests to keep tabs on students

In 2005, the Colorado Commission on Closing the Achievement Gap, which Jones served on, cited the district's accomplishments in raising attendance, graduation rates and test scores partly by raising expectations. It also said the district instituted core academic subjects and strengthened graduation requirements.

Jones said he decided to become a teacher in the third grade and began his career as a classroom teacher in 1985 in Junction City, Kan. He has held other education leadership posts in Baltimore and in Wichita and Kansas City, Kansas.

## AA County Black History Chronicled In Exhibit

By: THERESA WINSLOW

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) \_ A collection that began as a box of documents entrusted to a church secretary more than 50 years ago has blossomed into a detailed new exhibit at the Banneker-Douglass Museum in Annapolis.

"Trails, Tracks, Tarmac: Lives of African Americans in the History and Culture of Northern Anne Arundel County, 1850 to the Present" chronicles the development of 12 communities and 15 churches through displays, personal recollections and quilts.

"People can come to the exhibit and see relatives and classmates, (and) that's touching," said Amelia Harris, exhibits specialist at the museum. "That means a lot to me." The exhibit ends in November.

The exhibit's title is drawn from the involvement of African Americans with both the railroad and what would become BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport.

"(It's) to let people realize what was happening in the past; let them know the progress (we've made)," said Yvonne Gaither Henry of Marley Neck, one of the organizers of the exhibit. "All people have come a long way, it doesn't matter what color you are."

Displays include a working model railroad, since many of the communities sprung up along railroad stops, artifacts from schools and churches, and a mural by Jessup artist Cisco Davis called "Reflections" which depicts a variety of residents through the years. There is also a DVD presentation.

The 25 quilts, which are spread around the museum, chronicle the genealogy of prominent African-American families, church and community histories, and other aspects of daily life, which was often difficult.

"This shows we come from some of the strongest stock humanly possible because I don't know many people that could have survived the conditions we did," said Ted Mack of Annapolis, another of the exhibit organizers.

The exhibit began life with Irene Butler Hebron of Hanover, who received the container of documents as secretary of St. Mark United Methodist Church. Hebron is a retired teacher and her late husband, Frank, was a principal.

Over the years, Hebron added to the collection of documents exponentially, and church parishioners decided it should be housed somewhere, leading to the partnership with Banneker-Douglass.

"We couldn't just let that die," said Mack's wife, Betty, who also helped put together the exhibit.

Hebron's collection eventually spurred formation of the Northern Arundel Cultural Preservation Society, which is an exhibit co-sponsor.

"I'm in awe," Hebron said. "I had no idea that one box would go this far. I'd say the Lord was good to me."

The exhibit focuses on the northern part of the county simply because that was the area Hebron's collection centered on, Mack said. One of the hopes is that, as people visit the museum, they'll provide information to expand on the exhibit.

"I think the significance is having the partnership with the community," Harris said. "The community did the research. My job was easy."

Hebron wants visitors to leave the museum with a lesson, too.

"I'm hoping they learn, especially the younger people, that things were not always as easy for us as it is for them," she said. "People had to work and fight for what they got at that time."



# OBITUARIES



**Essie L. Brinkley**

Born on September 8, 1928, in Clyattsville, GA, to Louise and Andrew Johnson, Essie L. Brinkley departed this life on Monday, May 21, 2007.

Those left to cherish her memories include her eight children, Rosa B. White (James) of Capitol Heights, MD, Estella, Johnny, Evelyn, William, Robert, Cathy and Patricia Copeland (James); 30 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; two brothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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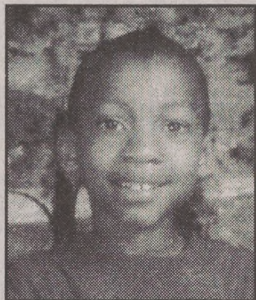


**Ola Bell Crumity**

Born on December 1, 1919 in Thomasville, Thomas County, GA, Mrs. Ola Bell Crumity departed this life on Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

Those left to cherish her memories include two daughters, Alice (Jamie) Wilson and Christine Crumity of St. Petersburg; son, Walter Crumity of Raleigh, NC; two brothers, Harry and James Hawkins, both of Thomasville, GA; 13 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

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**Benjamin Bernard Gaddy, Jr.**

Born on November 12, 1999 in St. Petersburg, to Leticia Sanders and Benjamin Bernard Gaddy, Sr., Benjamin Bernard Gaddy, Jr. departed this life on May 19, 2007.

Those left to cherish his memories include his parents, Leticia Sanders (Tony), St. Petersburg, and Benjamin Bernard Gaddy, Sr., Coleman, FL; two brothers, O'sha White and Jaleel Lancaster, of St. Petersburg; two sisters, Aunshaia Sanders and Mon'a Dykes, of St. Petersburg; grandparents, Anthony Sanders and Ethel Arvelo, of St. Petersburg; paternal grandparents, Emma Lou and Lamar Wilson, of Coleman, FL, Samuel Sanders, of St. Petersburg; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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**Eugenia Daisy Herring**

Born on December 30, 1932 in St. Petersburg to the late Willie Arbyre, Sr. and Christine Herring and the late Eugene Chile, Eugenia Daisy (Lil' Sister) Herring departed this life on May 19, 2007.

Those left to cherish her memories include her son, David Jonathan Herring of St. Petersburg; three brothers, Willie A. Herring, Jr. (Geneva) of McCormick, S.C., Samuel A. Herring (Rev. Sheldia) of Memphis, TN and Nathaniel W. Herring of St. Petersburg; sister, Nancy H. Harrell; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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**Geraldine "Jert" Jones**

Born on February 12, 1970 in St. Petersburg to Sarah Pittmon and the late L. J. "Billy" Jones, Geraldine "Jert" Jones departed this life on May 17, 2007.

Those left to cherish her memories include four daughters, Antonika "Nana" Ford, Alexis Ford, Ashanti "Shay" Jones and Alicia "Monk" Thompson, all of St. Petersburg; mother, Sarah Pittmon of St. Petersburg; two brothers, Lester Pittmon (Earlene) and Calvin Robinson, Sr., both of St. Petersburg; seven sisters, Catherine Woods (Charles) of Atlanta, GA, Patricia Reddick (Ralph), Margaret Pittmon, Rutha James, Linda "Faye" Jones, Gloria "Jewel" Jones and Pamela Jones, all of St. Petersburg; devoted nephew, Thomas "Greg" Pittmon; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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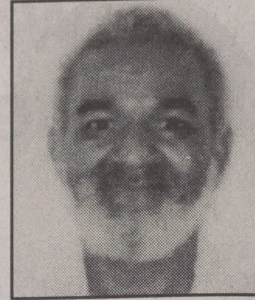


**Eva Knight**

Born on February 8, 1953, in Sebring, FL to Mr. Roosevelt George and the late Mrs. Mary Lewis, Sister Eva Knight departed this life on Sunday, May 20, 2007.

Those left to cherish her memories include her husband, Deacon Clarence Knight of St. Petersburg; son, Terrell Dunbar (Mary) of St. Petersburg; father, Roosevelt George; two brothers, Twon George of Miami, FL and Calvin Lewis of St. Petersburg; three sisters, Vivian Wells (Jimmy), Flora Lewis, of St. Petersburg and Terricieda George of Miami, FL; six grandchildren, one great-granddaughter; one aunt, Novella Williams, of Sebring, FL; and a host of uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

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**Ernest Morgan**

Born on June 11, 1939 in St. Petersburg to the late Deacon Harrison and Nellie B. Morgan, Mr. Ernest Morgan departed this life on Monday, May 21, 2007.

Those left to cherish his memories include two daughters, Teena Reed of St. Petersburg and Sybil Cephus of Bartow, FL; two grandsons, Justis Mack of St. Petersburg and Quentin Cephus of Bartow, FL; sisters, Henrietta Pickett of Atlanta, GA and Ruth Florence (Zema) of St. Petersburg; and a host of nephews, nieces and cousins.

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By: John T. Baker

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She spreads her sails and sniffs the breeze  
And slips away from me.

I watch her fading image shrink,  
As she moves on and on,  
Until at last she's but a speck,  
Then someone says, "She's gone."

Gone where? Gone only from our sight  
And from our farewell cries;  
That ship will somewhere reappear  
To other eager eyes.

Beyond the dim horizon's rim  
Resound the welcome drums,  
And while we're crying, "There she goes!"  
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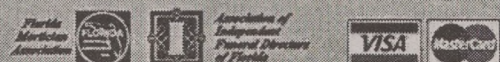
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# RELIGIOUS NEWS

## CHURCH EVENTS LISTING

### BETHEL METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church in “Lifting Psalms to the Most High God of Heaven throughout 2007” extend an invitation to the community to join us as we communicate God’s Word at 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and 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)

Pathways to Progress Pathfinders Summer Camp has begun and will run through August 21, 2007. The hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Activities will include swimming, bowling, skating, library, movies, arts and crafts, Bible trivia, tutoring, Adventure Island, Busch Gardens and much more. If you are looking for a safe place that will be loads of fun for your children ages 5-12 years, Pathfinders is the place. For additional information call (727) 328-2409.

**Upcoming Events:**

**June 4-8**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**June 9**  
**Church Family Picnic**  
**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Maximo Park**

**June 24**  
**Tribes Day**

### FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

*“I will praise you, for you have answered me, and have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.....Psalm 118:21-24*

Dr. John A. Evans, Sr., God’s anointed and appointed leader of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, one who lives and walks in the spirit; the official staff and the entire Friendship Family located at 3300-31st Street South, graciously extend to all an invitation to worship with us as we pray and praise God through his delivered word in celebration of our church’s 79th Anniversary and Mortgage Burning Victory Celebration. We praise and thank God for his marvelous works.

The Friendship Family will celebrate 79 years as laborers in the vineyard. God provided us with a place to worship him in “spirit and in truth” and blessed us to be free of that debt. He has blessed us so that we can be a blessing to others. What a mighty God we serve.

Our 79th Church Anniversary and Mortgage Burning Victory Celebration will Commence Sunday June 3 – June 10, 2007, with “seven days of prayer, praise and preaching.” Our Theme: “LET THE CHURCH REJOICE”.

We invite you to worship with us Sunday, June 3 at 11:00 a.m. for our kick-off service. Keynote Speaker: Pastor Charlie Barfield of Pineland Missionary Baptist Church, Madison, Florida.

**Week Night Services starting at 7:00 p.m. are as follows:**

**June 4 - 5 -** Dr. Clay Evans, Pastor Emeritus of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., (renowned recording artist) will be the Keynote Speaker.

**June 6 - 7 -** Keynote Preacher: Pastor Walter Houston, Greater Peace Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio (Wed: Devotional Messenger Pastor Carlos Senior, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida. Thurs: Devotional Messenger

Pastor William Mark Greene, Travelers Rest Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida).

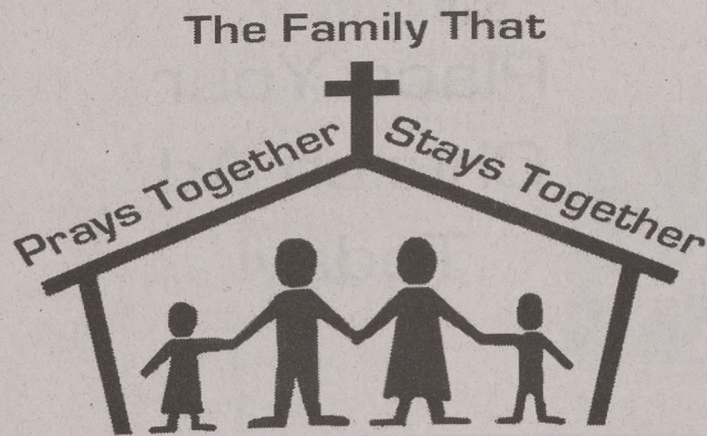
Special Guest Soloist: Evangelist Delores Franklin, Avon, Indiana.

**Sunday June 9 - Family and Friends Day**  
**7:45 a.m. Worship Service -** Keynote Preacher - Dr. Larry Mills, Moderator for West Coast Baptist Association and Pastor of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida.

**11:00 a.m. - Worship Service -** Keynote Preacher - Dr. James B. Sampson, President of Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc., and Pastor of First New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

**4:00 p.m. – Mortgage Burning Victory Celebration -** Keynote Preacher: Dr. W.O. Wells, Pastor of Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Cocoa, Florida.

*“This is the day that the Lord has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.”*



### ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST 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, extend 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.

**Calendar for June \***

- June 1** Monthly Business Meeting @7:00 p.m.  
**June 5-8** District Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress in Indiantown, FL  
**June 8** Continued Celebration of Pastor Brian K. Brown’s 12th Anniversary at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Earnest Jones and the Galilee M.B. Church  
**June 10** Pastor Brian K. Brown’s Anniversary Celebration Finale; 10:45 a.m. Service with the St. Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks and the St. John Progressive M.B. Church of Tampa, FL  
4:00 p.m. Service with Rev. Dr. C. T. Kirkland and the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church of Tampa, FL

**St. Mark Offers ...**

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

Baptist Training Union is each 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 Baptist Believe”.

Children and Youth Ministry Meetings are held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. Children in the community are welcomed to join us.

Sunday School Teachers’ Meeting is held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Senior Hour of Power Bible Study is held every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mark Tutoring Ministry: Closed until start of 2007-2008 School Year

St. Mark Technology Lab: Summer Hours: the St. Mark Computer Lab will be open and available for use on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 pm. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday Morning hours are TBA. Wednesday hours are suspended until August. The lab is available for St. Mark members as well for members of the community. We invite you to come learn basic information about how to use a computer and how to use Word or Excel software to complete letters, reports or projects.

### 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. Our morning begins at 7:45 with Early Morning Service. Sunday school begins at 9:00 with classes available for all ages! Bring the entire family to learn more about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Worship continues at 10:30 with the Disciples of Hope leading the congregation in praise. The Music team consists of Michael McKenny, Vernard McKenny, Marcus Childs, and Corey Givens. The Bread of Life will be served by our Esteemed Pastor, Reverend Carlos L. Senior. We will be delighted to have you worship with us!

The New Hope family would like this opportunity to wish our First Lady, Sister Chantell Senior *Happy Birthday!* We pray that God will bless you with many, many more.

**MIDWEEK P.U.S.H.**

*(Prayer, Understanding & Spiritual Healing)*

Bible Study (Adult and Youth) will resume on Wednesday evening at 7:00. Bring the entire family to learn more about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- June 2** ..... J. L. Fennell Scholars Banquet at 7:00 p.m. (For further information call 727-896-5228)  
**June 6** ..... Church Engagement: Friendship M. B. Church at 7:00 p.m.  
**June 9** ..... Deaconess/Mothers Ministry Prayer Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.  
**June 10** ..... Birthday Celebration with the Pastor (January – June)  
**June 16** ..... Youth Evangelism Explosion Conference  
Couples Ministry Renew Vows  
**June 18-22** ... Vacation Bible School  
**June 24** ..... Youth Who Cook. Church Engagement: Rock of Jesus M.B. Church  
**June 30** ..... Teacher Appreciation Brunch

*“Where God guides, He provides.”  
“Troubles seem smaller when  
you remember the greatness of God.”*

**My Psalm**

*Fill my heart with kindness Lord,  
Let it overflow with cheer,  
Help me eliminate moments in life,  
Where there may be some fear.*

*Cause me to perform many simple deeds,  
And let each aftermath be profound,  
So the Light of your Eternal Love,  
In lost souls can be found.*

*Teach me how to pray Dear Lord,  
And hear what I might say.  
Allow me to honor and glorify You,  
In a thankful yet humble way.*

*Inspire me to appreciate  
Each flower, plant or tree,  
Whole beauty is another lesson in  
True Peace and Tranquility.*

*Guide me as I tread upon,  
Each pathway strewn with love,*

*Let my soul illuminate blessings  
Which I receive from You above.*

*When my life on earth is over,  
Let me bow before Thy throne,  
And judge me for each act of love,  
That I have truly shown.*

By: Jack Dugan  
California

## Nation Of Islam’s Farrakhan Speaks At Chicago Catholic Church

By: KAREN HAWKINS

CHICAGO (AP) – Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan on Friday told a predominantly black Catholic church on the city’s South Side that people who believe in God need not be divided, delivering a message of religious unity that has marked his recent addresses.

Speaking with a strong voice and gesturing firmly from the pulpit as he addressed a crowd of about 1,100 at St. Sabina Catholic Church, Farrakhan looked and sounded little like a man recovering from illness.

“I feel very honored to stand in this place,” he said. “I feel very honored by the media being struck by my being in a Catholic church with a white pastor.”

St. Sabina’s Rev. Michael L. Pfleger told his predominantly black congregation that Farrakhan’s presence at the church is “only strange to people who don’t know Minister Louis Farrakhan.”

“He’s spoken here many times and St. Sabina is a home for Louis Farrakhan,” said Pfleger, who called Farrakhan “a gift from God to a sick, sick world.”

Farrakhan, who ceded leadership of the Nation of Islam last year to an executive board while recovering from complications of prostate cancer, slowly has been making his way back into the public eye.

The 74-year-old made what he called his final public address Feb. 25, when he delivered a two-hour speech to tens of thousands in Detroit in observance of the Nation of Islam’s annual Saviour’s Day.

But he since has delivered several intimate lectures to Muslims at the Mosque Maryam in Chicago, the organization’s headquarters. He also has given interviews to Arab TV Al-Jazeera, ABC’s Nightline and CNN.

For his wide-ranging address Friday titled “The Presence of the Kingdom of God,” Farrakhan said he left his Quran at his seat and preached from his Christian Bible.

“I hate the division ... between people who believe in God,” he said. “I love the Bible, I love the Quran and I don’t know how I can come in a Christian church with a Christian pastor and not speak from the book that Christians believe in, because I believe in it as well.”

Minister Terry Green, a seminary student in the audience at Friday’s speech, said she appreciated that Farrakhan stressed the need to view the world as “one united faith instead of separate faiths.”

“He inspires me,” she said. “I want to preach.”

Farrakhan last year passed leadership of the Nation of Islam to an executive board because of poor health. He wrote in a Sept. 11 letter to followers that he had lost 20 pounds because of complications from an ulcer in the anal area and was anemic.

In January he was released from the hospital after a 12-hour abdominal operation to correct damage caused by treatment for prostate cancer.

Farrakhan did not address his illness Friday, but a dance group called “The Spirit of David Dancers” performed a song titled “Healing” and dedicated it to his recovery.



# The First Annual Destiny Women's Conference

CLEARWATER – Mt. Olive AME Church would like to extend a personal invitation to your church or organization for its first Annual Destiny Women's Conference, at 6:00 p.m. on June 21-23, 2007, 600 Jones Street, Clearwater, Florida. Registration is required and is \$50.00 per person. Conference registration includes Praise, worship, the Word, souvenir kit, continental breakfast, workshops, lunch, banquet ticket and journal.

The theme for this conference is "A woman who walks with God always reaches her Destiny in Christ." Let's learn how to walk out of bondage into freedom. Lets get into the flow of these anointed women of God.

Topics will include: A special time with Pastors' wives, and their congregation. Step into your Destiny. Our conference guests are First Lady of

Mt. Olive AME Church, Annette Williams. Evangelist Bessie Thompson, Evangelist Constance Andrews and Rev. Cynthia Brown. Again, it's a full circle ministry to the whole woman: personal growth, spiritual, mental, and physical health for married and single women.

The Destiny Women's Conference 2007 with all of this in mind, we invite you to take advantage of advertising opportunities for an exciting journal and vendor, or exhibit booths to expose your business, products and services. These are a few attractions we have incorporated to help make this a successful event.

Once again, we are anticipating a huge response to this invitation, so we encourage you to be a part of this incredible event and register TODAY.

For more information, please contact Glenda Pinckney at (727) 443-2142.

# Church Members Of Episcopal Parish Support Split

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO (AP) – The congregation of a breakaway Episcopal parish has ratified the vestry's decision in March to leave the Episcopal Church, church leaders said Saturday.

Grace Church and St. Stephen's Parish, whose congregation once numbered 2,500, has 763 eligible voters, church spokesman Alan Crippen said. Of 370 votes cast, 342 members voted to leave the Episcopal Church over what church leaders called the national church's departure from traditional Christian beliefs and practice.

The vestry chose to have the church be affiliated with the Convocation of Anglicans in North America, an American missionary diocese of the Church of Nigeria.

The Episcopal Diocese of Colorado has not recognized the split, and 200 to 400 of the church's regular attendees have worshipped elsewhere after the vestry's decision to leave, the diocese said.

Diocese spokeswoman Beckett Stokes said the breakaway parish's vote had no legal validity or bearing on the diocese's efforts to regain parish property and that the breakaway group is illegally occupying the church.

The diocese contends that parish assets belong to

parishioners who remain loyal to the Episcopal Church and the diocese, while parish leaders have asked a judge in El Paso County to declare that the diocese doesn't own the historic church and its property.

The church vestry decided in March to secede. The diocese said church leaders announced their decision the same day diocesan officials presented charges against Grace and St. Stephen's leader, the Rev. Donald Armstrong.

The diocese last year moved to suspend Armstrong while it investigated allegations of that he misappropriated church funds. Armstrong has denied wrongdoing.

He returned to Grace and St. Stephen's after its leaders decided to leave the national church.

"The Episcopal Diocese of Colorado is dying and has lost 60 percent of its market share of Colorado's population during the last 60 years," Armstrong said in a written statement. "The decision for Grace Church and St. Stephen's was a simple choice between death with the Episcopal Church or spiritual life and vitality with CANA."

## Free Vision Screening In Clearwater In June

TAMPA – Prevent Blindness Florida, a nonprofit organization, will conduct a free vision screening for adults and children at the Clearwater Health Center at 310 N. Myrtle Avenue in Clearwater from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2007.

The screenings will be conducted by nationally certified Prevent Blindness Florida staff and volunteers. Children are screened for risk of amblyopia and acuity while adults are screened for risk of acuity, cataracts, glaucoma, age-related

macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. Those who do not pass the risk screening are referred to their eye care professional for a complete dilated eye examination. Prevent Blindness Florida may be able to assist individuals who qualify financially to obtain free examinations and eyeglasses. In addition, eye vitamin samples and information about eye safety and health will be available. No appointment is necessary.


For more information on the screenings,

contact Jennifer at 813.874.2020 ext. 108 or [jwhittington@preventblindnessfl.org](mailto:jwhittington@preventblindnessfl.org).

Prevent Blindness Florida, an affiliate of Prevent Blindness America, was founded in 1957. Focused on promoting a continuum of vision care, we touch the lives of thousands of Floridians annually through advocacy, public health & professional education, community programs, screening and research. These services are made possible by the generosity of Floridians. You can help support the sight-saving programs of Prevent

Blindness Florida by donating \$1 or more when you renew your vehicle registration and driver's license. More information about Prevent Blindness Florida and its programs is available at [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org). Prevent Blindness Florida can be reached by telephone at 813.874.2020 in the Tampa Bay area and at 800.817.3595 outside the Tampa Bay area.


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**Worship Services.....7:45 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.**  
**Prayer Service (Wed).....6:00 p.m.**  
**Bible Study (Wed).....6:30 p.m.**

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Rev. Louis M. Murphy, Sr.  
Senior Pastor

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**BREAKFAST MINISTRY.....SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.**  
**CHURCH SCHOOL .....9:00 A.M.**  
**MORNING WORSHIP.....10:30 A.M.**  
**BIBLE STUDY.....TUESDAY 7:00 P.M.**  
**YOUTH CHURCH ..... MON & WED 5:30 P.M.**

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**Schedule of Services**  
Sunday Worship\*  
10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study\* -7:00 p.m.  
Friday Prayer -7:00 p.m.  
Intercessory Prayer - 9:00 a.m.  
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Victory Christian Center is a Word of Faith Church. For more information about the other services and ministries at Victory Christian Center, please call (727) 321-0911  
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Claude S. Williams,  
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Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Baptist Training Union ..... 5 p.m.

Tuesday Night  
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Rev. Clyde  
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Church address: 1002 Palmetto Street, Clearwater, FL 33755  
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Radio dial: 1340 AM 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
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Scheduled Services:  
Early Morning - 8:00 a.m.  
Church School - 9:45 a.m.  
Mid-Morning - 11:00 a.m.  
Mid-week Family Night Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

**Theme: "Movers of the Christ Purpose"**  
*Edifying the Church; Evangelizing the Community (Acts 1:4-8)*

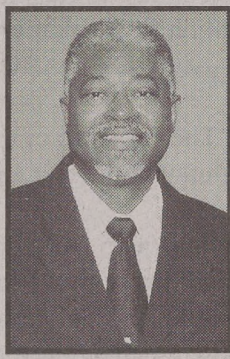


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**Early Morning Worship .....7:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.**  
**Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.**  
**Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting .....7:00 p.m.**  
**Friday Prayer Meeting .....11:00 a.m.**

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**Sunday**  
**Morning Worship**  
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**Feed The Homeless**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday**  
**Bible Study**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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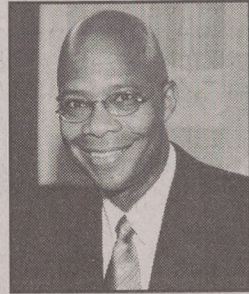


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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
 Teen Summit (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.  
 Bible Study (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.



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 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Monday - Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday  
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 Sunday School.....9:30 A.M.  
 Wednesday.....Noonday Bible Study and  
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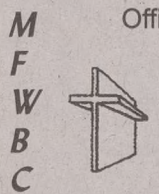
Rev. Ronald L. Bell  
Pastor

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Evening Prayer.....6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday Night Bible Study .....7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
 Ladies Bible Class Monday 7:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
 Monday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

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**Services**  
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 A. M. Service - 11:30 a.m.  
 YPWW (1st & 3rd Sunday) - 5:30 p.m.  
 P.M. Service (1st & 3rd Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.  
 P. M. Service (2nd & 4th Sunday) - 5:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday Morning Prayer - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:30 p.m.  
 Thursday Bible Study (for all ages) - 7:30 p.m.

## Queen Street Church Of God In Christ

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 (727) 896-4356

*Elder A.P. Conage, Pastor*

8:00 A.M. - Sunday Service 9:00 A.M. - Tuesday Prayer  
 9:30 A.M. - Sunday School 7:00 P.M. - Wednesday Bible Study  
 11:00 A.M. - Morning Service

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### Schedule of Services

Church School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
 Baptist Training Union ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting and Bible Study  
 Thursday 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



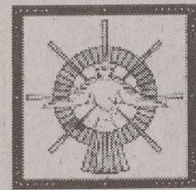
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Church School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Praise & Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

### Wednesday Services:

Midweek P.U.S.H.  
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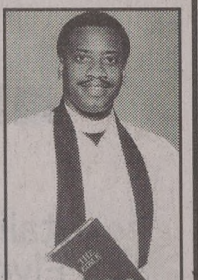
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Rev. Frank W.  
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Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
 Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.  
 Noon Day Prayer - Daily at 12 noon



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 6:00 p.m.  
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 12 noon, 7:30 p.m.

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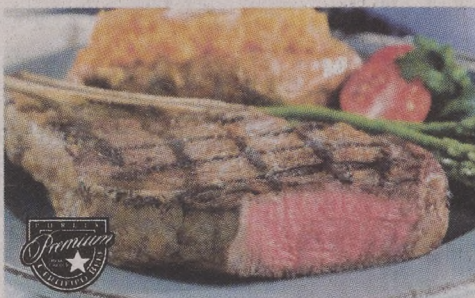
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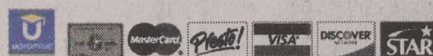


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