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USF Professor Brings Urgent Message To African Leaders At UN Conference

TAMPA – Economic aid alone will not bring sustained economic improvement to the African continent.

University of South Florida economics professor Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong will take that message to leaders from Africa's nations gathering June 13-15 in Dakar, Senegal for the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning conference.

His message comes on the heels of the June 8 pledge by world leaders, at the G8 Summit in Germany, to help lift Africa out of poverty and fight disease there.

Gyimah-Brempong, chair of the economics department at USF, will give the keynote address at the conference, organized by the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Attendees will include finance ministers from Africa's 53 countries, as well as representatives from Africa's 14 Regional Economics Communities.

"The aid is important, but Africa cannot rely solely on aid to solve its problems," said Gyimah-Brempong, a respected researcher who has closely studied NEPAD's progress.

His remarks will center on the challenges and possibilities attendant to the implementation of NEPAD's goals.

"Leaders of Africa's nations must depend on the resources of Africa as well as the resourcefulness of Africans in order to see sustained economic improvement across the continent," he said.

At the conference, Gyimah-Brempong will review NEPAD's successful initiatives and discuss ineffective aspects of the organization's efforts to increase Africa's visibility through trade, improving

living standards, addressing gender inequality and promoting governance as an enabling environment for economic growth.

"NEPAD's philosophy is to help African nations develop their own economic strategy, so that they own it, drive it and will be accountable for it," said Gyimah-Brempong. "While there have been some successes in the areas of governance and democracy, the area is still fragile," he said.

"The legal, financial, social and physical infrastructures are all areas that are weak," he said, adding that a shortage of human capital is another factor hindering Africa's economic growth. "I will discuss these in detail at the conference and make recommendations for improvement."

Gyimah-Brempong has been a consultant for a number of international advisory groups, including the African Capacity Building Foundation's Parliament Technical Advisory Council, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute project on "Defense Budgeting Processes in Africa." His research focuses on economic growth, corruption, income inequality and human capital in Africa.

The University of South Florida's College of Business Administration offers six master's degree programs, including a part-time and weekend Executive MBA program, named by Hispanic Trends magazine as one of the nation's top programs for Hispanics.

The University of South Florida is among the nation's top 63 public research universities and one of 76 community engaged universities

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Sami Scott Wins Lokey Motors' Humanitarian Award



Photo courtesy of Janet Johnston

Daughter Anna, Sami Scott, and daughter Kathryne

By: ERSULA KNOX ODOM
Editor

As the winner of Lokey Motors first Keys To Kindness Humanitarian Award, Sami Leigh Scott was awarded the keys to a 2007 Mercedes-Benz C230. Ms Scott was chosen from more than 100 applicants for her volunteer humanitarian efforts by a panel of prominent third-party members of the Tampa Bay area.

According to Victor Young, general manager, Lokey Mercedes-Benz is recognizing citizens who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to improving their communities. Ms. Scott's award is the first of two humanitarian awards honoring Tampa Bay residents whose work inspires positive activism through passionate citizenship planned for 2007.

Eric Green, founder and president of Everyone's Youth United, described Ms. Scott as a no-nonsense person who can deliver a difficult message with conviction and a smile.

He quoted her statement to some elected officials in which she said, "I know this makes you uncomfortable. You're not supposed to be comfortable. Our children are dying and we are not comfortable."

Ms. Scott is currently serving on approximately fifteen committees and boards including Pinellas School Advisory Association (PSACA) director;

District Monitor Advisory Council (court appointed), (DMAC) – secretary; Pinellas County School Reform (Choice) Taskforce – member;

Recently, Ms Scott organized a critical thinking and peer leadership youth summit for Everyone's Youth United, Inc., as its

sponsorship and marketing consultant, entitled, "Empowering Through Education and Parental Involvement which included workshops for youth and parents." This May 2007 event drew over 1,000 youth from the surrounding Tampa Bay area. Her stakeholders were: national music, art and poetry celebrities, Hip Hop Rap mogul, Rev. Run of Run DMC and MTV's reality show "Run's House and son, JoJo, President of Rush Philanthropic Art Foundation and Founder of Def Poetry Jam, Danny Simmons, Mayor Rick Baker, Juvenile Welfare Board, Pinellas County School Board, Operation Par, and LiveFree of Substance Abuse. In addition, local and national political candidates encouraged education and voting in the 2008 Presidential election.

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Albert E. Dotson, Jr. Calls On Black Men To "See Eagles" In America's Youth

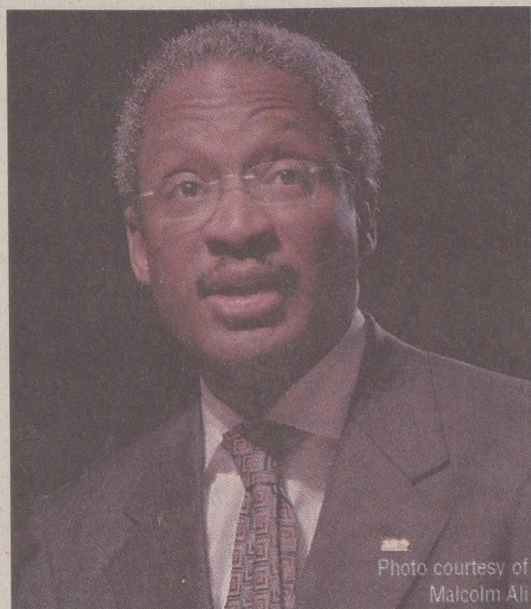


Photo courtesy of Malcolm Ali
Al Dotson, president of the 100 Black Men of America

By: HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

LAS VEGAS (NNPA) – Social justice and economic statistics seem to indicate doom for America's Black male. Therefore, the theme, "Taking Control of Our Future" appears extremely aggressive.

But, Albert E. Dotson, Jr., chairman of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., says 21 years after the organization's founding, it is poised to do just that.

"It is time to turn the corner on this conference, to turn the corner on this organization and to truly Take Control of Our Future," says Dotson in his annual "State of the 100 Address" before the more than 2,700 registrants of the annual convention in Las Vegas last week. "Calvin Mackey opened this conference

with an honest, no-holes-barred assessment of where we stand as a people – pleading for us as a group of leaders and as a group of Black men that care to somehow intervene. Dr. Cornel West, Tavis Smiley, Ed Gordon, Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu and others have implored us. And, if I may borrow from the great philosophers Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes to capture their collective message, "Wake up everybody, no more sleeping in bed. No more backward thinking, time for thinking ahead."

To the applause of the enthusiastic Las Vegas audience, Dotson committed to working like never before to turn around the horrid statistics that have bemoaned and

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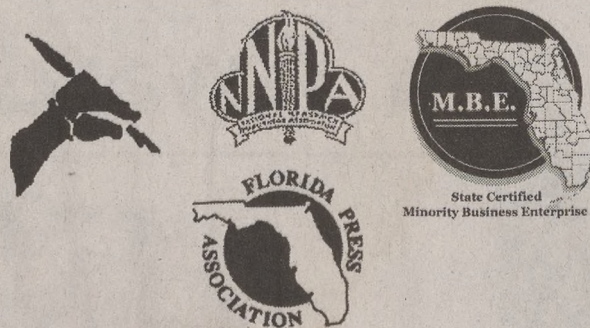
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OPINIONS

The Role Of African-American Lawyers In The Third Millennium



By: Judge
James Pierce

Any effort to assess the role of African-American Lawyers in the third millennium warrants a review of the history of African-American lawyers in the American legal system. The earliest historical reference to African-American lawyers appears in a book written by William Cooper Nell and Harriet Beecher Stowe entitled: *The Colored Patriots of the American Revolution - With Sketches of Several Distinguished Colored Persons*. In 1848, George Vashon, an African-American was admitted to the New York Bar. The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that Attorney Vashon evinced a perfect knowledge of the rudiments of law, and a familiar acquaintance with the legal scholars of that time. On June 27, 1850, at a meeting of the Bar of the County of Suffolk, Massachusetts, Robert Morris, Esquire, an African-American, was recommended for admittance as a counselor and attorney of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States. Robert Morris was also duly admitted to practice law in the Courts of the United States. It is important to note that when those legal pioneers were admitted to practice law, most lawyers were admitted by certificate but Vashon and Macon B. Allen were required to pass the ordeal of a bar examination. Both Allen and Vashon would later become Justices of the Peace for Massachusetts. Another legal pioneer, John S. Rock (1825-1866) was one of the first African Americans to earn a medical degree and is credited with coining the phrase "Black is beautiful." Rock gained admittance to the Massachusetts Bar in 1861 and on February 1, 1865, became the first black attorney admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court. In 1854, John Mercer Langston became the first black attorney admitted to the Ohio Bar. Langston, the fifth black to graduate from Oberlin College, was influenced by Frederick Douglas and is credited with directing the Ohio Republican party toward an extreme antislavery position. Langston is also credited with assembling the Massachusetts 54th, our nation's first black regiment along with the Massachusetts 55th and the 5th Ohio. Langston accomplishments are too lengthy to detail here, however, other notable achievements include extensive suffrage campaigns in Ohio, Kansas, and Missouri resulting in black males receiving the right to vote through congressional approval

in 1867. He is also credited with organizing the Howard University Law Department. In 1888, Langston was elected to the U.S. House of Representative and served for 6 months after his victory was contested for 18 months. Another prominent lawyer and judge, Scipio Africanus Jones, was born into slavery during 1863 in Dallas County, Arkansas. He trained in the law office of three white attorneys and passed the Arkansas Bar exam in 1889. Jones, a well known republican was appointed to the bench in 1915 and is best known for his work which led to the release and freeing of twelve black men who were convicted of first degree murder. minutes following the Elaine Race Riot in 1919. Violence erupted while black tenant farmers were holding a union meeting in a church in Elaine, Arkansas. After several days of violence, five white men were killed and the estimated number of blacks killed ranged from 20 to 800. Despite the fact that no whites were arrested, 143 blacks were taken into custody and 12 were convicted of murder within 20 minutes.

Although, Jones was prohibited from arguing the case before the court, (due to an understood rule, a black lawyer could only appear before the bench when accompanied by a white attorney), his research established the precedent of *Moore v. Dempsey*, which for the first time permitted a conviction to be collaterally attacked through a writ of habeas corpus. Eventually, after much litigation, and obtaining executive clemency that only an exceptionally skilled lawyer could accomplish, all twelve defendants were freed, five years after their conviction. Jones received national recognition for his involvement in that case. Attorneys Charles Hamilton Houston and Thurgood Marshall, (who would later be appointed as the first African American Supreme Court Justice), crisscrossed the continent defending black prisoners on death row and filing cases to overturn legal segregation. Due to his years of effort exerted toward civil rights cases, Thurgood Marshall, became known as "Mr. Civil Rights".

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By: KHANA RILEY

Challenger Correspondent

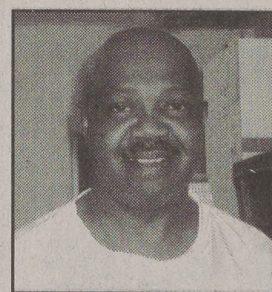
Question: Studies have shown that there has been a decline in the number of graduating seniors; What do you think needs to happen in order to increase these numbers?



Yvonne Williams: "I think they need to start earlier in making sure that students are reading and that their skills are up to par, even before the high school level. Parent involvement should also be implemented."



Phyllis Thomas: "They need to make school more challenging. They make school more of what the kids like to do, versus what they need to do. Students spend too much time on cell phones versus doing work in the school community. When we were in school it was different. We wanted to go to school. I think students go to school now, at least the majority of students, only because their parents make them go to school. Teachers back then made school interesting and now the FCAT takes that interest away. They're preparing them for the test, they aren't teaching them anything and that test scares the students, because they don't want to fail."



Lorenzo Keys: "Parental Involvement needs to be increased in high school activity and social activities. Parents need to be aware of whom their kids' peers are and change them if necessary. Students really need to be careful of whom they associate themselves with."



Yvette Holmes: "Make a simpler FCAT and don't make it so hard. They need to make it on their level; they need to have more time to study and possibly a diagram of what is going to be on it. I think also smaller classroom sizes would be more beneficial to the students as well as more one-on-one with teachers."

LOCAL NEWS

Pinellas Living Green Expo At The Coliseum This Weekend

ST. PETERSBURG — Over 80 exhibitors will be represented during the Pinellas Living Green Expo's sophomore event, scheduled for June 16 and 17 at The Coliseum/Sunshine Center in downtown St. Petersburg. The free event will provide information, ideas, resources, products and motivation to live more sustainably.

The Pinellas Living Green Expo provides real solutions people can implement to live better, healthier lives with less impact on the environment, and it connects people who are interested in making a positive impact in their lives and communities.

New this year are expanded Info Sessions and an Enviro film festival at the Sunshine Center. Additionally, the Pinellas County Mobile Chemical Collection Center will have its Haz-To-Go Trailer on site for outreach purposes and to schedule citizens for a neighborhood pick-up. The trailer will not be an actual collection center.

The exhibitors cover a variety of topics including transportation, energy, home building and remodeling, household products, food, yard and garden, and sustainable education and lifestyles. Attendees will have opportunities to purchase products or services from a range of exhibitors

including organic and bamboo clothing, gas water heaters, non-toxic cleaners, foam building insulation, organic groceries, drip irrigation products, Fair Trade gift items, native Florida plants and many more.

The 22 sponsors are divided among five levels - Platinum, Gold, Silver, Media Sponsors and Partners - and include companies such as Progress Energy, the Sierra Club, PSTA, Aveda, Healthy Home, Shirts of Bamboo, Mister Landscaper, Nature's Food Patch and the City of St. Petersburg. For a complete list of sponsors, visit pinellaslivinggreenexpo.org/07sponsors.html.

Silver sponsor Tradewinds Beach Resort is new to the expo this year and was recently tagged a "Green Lodge" by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

As a Partner, Pinellas County will introduce a new marketing project at the expo called "Check Your Green Commitment," which coincides with the establishment of the Bushnell Center for Urban Sustainability at the Pinellas County Extension Office.

Expo hours are Saturday, June 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Coliseum is located at 535 Fourth Avenue North, St. Petersburg. Admission is FREE!

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Pinellas County Health Department To Offer FREE Back-To-School Dental Exams

Teeth are important to all of us, including our children. Children need teeth to talk and chew. Pain due to oral health problems causes children to miss nearly 52 million school hours each year. To help children not miss any school due to toothaches or other oral health problems, the Pinellas County Health Department's Dental Division is hosting its annual "Back-to-School" event. This year promises to be bigger than ever!

Children ages 1 to 18 will receive free dental exams and x-rays. Children will also take home a care bag of dental products (while supplies last). All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to participate in this event. Many children will be able to schedule follow-up appointments prior to the start of the school year.

Don't let a toothache ruin your child's day! Make this event part of your child's back-to-school routine.

The free dental exams will be offered 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as follows:

Monday, July 23: Pinellas Park Health Center, 6350 76th Avenue North, Ph#: 547-7780.

Tuesday, July 24: Largo Health Center, 12420 130th Avenue, Ph#: 588-404, ext. 129.

Wednesday, July 25: St. Petersburg Health Center, 205 Dr. M. L. King Street North, Ph#: 824-6975.


Thursday, July 26: Clearwater Health Center, 310 North Myrtle Avenue, Ph#: 469-5800 ext. 121.

Friday, July 27: Tarpon Springs Health Center, 301 South Disston Avenue, Ph#: 942-5457 ext. 111.

For more information, call the Health Center nearest you.

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Clementine Hunter, *Nativity* (1970-1985)
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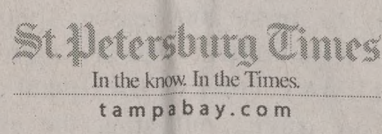
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Give Gift Of Health For Father's Day



By: SANDRA GROSVENOR, RN

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17. Forgo buying Dad a traditional tie or coffee cup; and give him the gift of health this year.

Talk with your father, grandfather, uncle or other important men in your life about eating right, exercising regularly and quitting smoking. Encourage him to see a doctor regularly to ensure he's in good health.

One common healthcare concern to talk about with the doctor is high blood pressure, also called hypertension. According to the American Heart Association, one in three adult Americans has high blood pressure. And, the frequency of high blood pressure in African Americans is among the highest in the world.

Other uncontrollable risk factors for high blood pressure besides race are: family history and age. High blood pressure is a risk factor for other healthcare issues like heart attack, heart failure, kidney failure and vision problems. In fact, high blood pressure is the most important risk factor for stroke.

There are often no symptoms for high blood pressure, which is why it's vital to have Dad's checked regularly. If blood pressure is 140/90 or above, it's typically considered high. Once you know what Dad's blood pressure should be, he should work to keep it at that level.

While high blood pressure cannot be cured, Dad can take some steps to lower his blood pressure:

- Eat a healthy diet low in fat, cholesterol and salt.
- Be more physically active every day.
- Maintain a healthy weight. Lose weight, if overweight.
- Don't smoke.
- Reduce stress.
- Have no more than two alcoholic drinks per day.
- Get regular check-ups.
- Take medicine as the doctor prescribes.

But what if Dad doesn't have a physician to talk about his blood pressure?

One healthcare resource for Dads is the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center (JRC) at the Historic Mercy Hospital Campus. Many dedicated doctors, healthcare professionals and organizations like Bayfront Medical Center work together at JRC to provide our community vital healthcare services.

At the clinic on 22nd Street South, I provide free one-on-one educational information about high blood pressure, smoking cessation and additional health concerns. As a registered nurse, I also can check your blood pressure, talk with you about medications and offer you an individualized health assessment. There is no charge. My mission is to improve the health of the community I serve and that includes you. If you are in the neighborhood, stop by and see all the great services and resources (many free) we provide.

To schedule a personal consultation, call me at (727) 824-8121. To schedule an appointment with a physician, call the main JRC number at (727) 821-6701.

Sandra Grosvenor is the community health educator of Bayfront Medical Center at the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center.

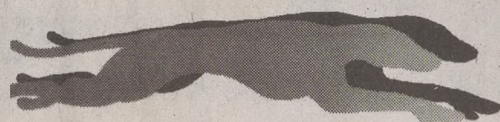
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ORLANDO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today a nearly \$3.2 million grant for Tampa General Hospital. The grant to the state will fund building improvements aimed at preventing the loss of critical medical services following a hurricane or other disaster.

The \$3,159,488 FEMA grant will pay for 75 percent of the cost to add storm shutters as well as roof and door strengthening to 10 buildings. The improvements allow the buildings to meet stringent building standards, such as those required in Miami-Dade County.

"Hospitals need to be protected so they can quickly get back up to full speed following a hurricane," said Scott R. Morris, director of FEMA's Florida Long-Term Recovery. "FEMA's investment will help accomplish that, while improving safety and saving money for all in the long run."

An independent study by the National Institute of Building Science's Multihazard Mitigation Council found that every dollar spent on mitigation can save as much as four dollars in response and recovery costs.

During the 2004 hurricanes, wind-driven rain leaked through the roof and windows sending water into patient rooms and treatment areas. High winds also blew a door off of its hinges, according to the hospital. The storm shutters and roof improvements are intended to reduce the occurrence of similar damage in the future.

"Tampa General is grateful to FEMA for recognizing the importance of keeping the region's only Level 1 trauma center operational during a major storm," said Ron Hytoff, president and CEO of Tampa General Hospital. "We also thank Hillsborough County and the State of Florida for their invaluable assistance on our behalf."

Funds for the hospital wind retrofit project were provided under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The program, managed by the state, is designed to support projects that will prevent injury, loss of life, and/or property damage during future disasters.

"This project will help protect buildings that house one of the most critical public services," said Craig Fugate, director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. "The State of Florida and FEMA remain committed to making sure medical services can be delivered following a disaster."

Following the 2004 and 2005 hurricanes, FEMA set aside more than \$523 million in HMGP funds for eligible organizations in Florida. FEMA received more than 800 HMGP applications statewide for the 2004 season. Applications for the 2005 season are in the state/FEMA review and approval stages.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

The State Emergency Response Team (SERT) is a collaboration of Florida's state agencies led by the state coordinating officer. SERT's mission is to ensure that Florida is prepared to respond to emergencies, recover from them, and mitigate their impacts. Visit www.floridadisaster.org for the latest information on the hurricane relief efforts.

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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.

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 or call (813)903-9247.

Monday, June 18 - Adult Weight Training at Newtown Estates Park Gymnasium, 2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota. Come use our free weights and machines from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. This is a drop-in program with no instructor present. Open Monday through Friday to men and women ages 18 and over. Locker room and showers are also available. Weight room availability is subject to change without notice. For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

Monday, June 18 - Seniors in Action at Robert L. Taylor Community Complex, Auditorium, 1845 34th St., Sarasota. Join other seniors for exercise, po-keno, ceramics, line dancing, bingo and birthday celebrations. Open to seniors 50 and over. Brought to you by the Senior Friendship Center and the Robert L. Taylor Community Complex. Event is free and occurs on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

Monday, June 18 - Theatrical Arts Classes at Robert L. Taylor Community Complex, Room A, 1845 34th St., Sarasota. Join this fun theatrical and dance group! Open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for ages 10 and up. Registration is required for this free program. Call Carl at 941-861-5000 for more information.

Tuesday, June 19 to Wednesday, June 20 - Free Diabetes Screenings offered from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Kmart, 2800 34th Street N, St. Petersburg. For more information call 800-713-3301.

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.

Thursday, June 21 - Teens Open-mike at American Pie Restaurant, 446 W. Dearborn St., Englewood. The Elsie Quirk Library and American Pie Restaurant are partnering to offer teen musicians and singers ages 11-17 a place to perform their music from 5:30 to 9 p.m.. At the beginning of the open mike, we will hear from a guest speaker about how to create and promote your own CD. Teens must call to register during weekday business hours. For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

Saturday, June 22 - the community's attention will be drawn to a Charity Gala and a most worthy cause. Hosted by the Minority Development Committee of the American Cancer Society, the 18th Annual Charity Gala will take place at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue. Tickets are still available and can be purchased from any member of the Minority Development Committee. For more information, please call (727) 877-9902.

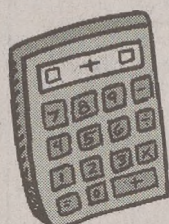
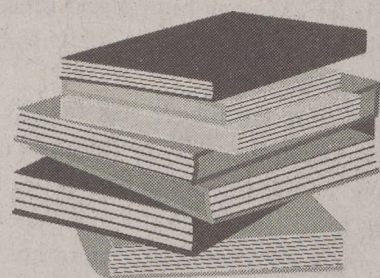
Friday, June 22nd - The Minority Development Committee (MDC) of the American Cancer Society's Pinellas County Unit proudly announces its **18th Annual Charity Gala**. at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue. The committee will once again host its many loyal supporters for an evening of fine 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.

Saturday, June 23 - Bring your bike to **North Sarasota Library's Second Annual Bike Rodeo** at North Sarasota Library parking lot, 2801 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota. The Bike Rodeo is a test of the riders' skills and ability to follow rules and directions. The goal is to make better riders in rural and urban environments. Participants are required to correctly wear bicycle helmets. Free helmets will be available for those who need one. Registration required. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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In January, organized a critical thinking and peer leadership education forum entitled "Shoot for the Stars". Her stakeholders for this event were: Wali Jones, Community Liaison for Miami Heat NBA Champions, St. Petersburg NAACP, St. Petersburg College, and Everyone's Youth United, Inc.

Ms. Scott organized an April education forum entitled "Education: Who Cares," Her stakeholders for this event were: St. Petersburg NAACP, Mayor Rick Baker, Longhorn Steakhouse, FedExKinkos - Tyrone, and Pinellas County School District.

In August 2005 she organized a Child

Protection Forum against Sexual Offenders/Predators Her stakeholders were: Pinellas County Council of PTAs, Rep. Everett Rice, Sheriff Jim Coats, Pinellas County Sheriff's Dept., FedExKinkos - Tyrone, and Pinellas County School District

As a resident of Treasure Island she personally campaigned, with the assistance of Treasure Island City Commissioner Phil Collins, to have sexual offenders/predators' FDLE information placed on local access television.

In addition, Ms Scott has volunteered and served as Chair, Vice Chair and Legislative Chair for The Madeira Beach Middle School Advisory Council. She was the Safety Chair for Pinellas County Council of PTAs and Vice-Chair of Gulf Beach Elementary School Advisory Council.

The second Humanitarian Award is scheduled to be awarded in the fall.

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as designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. USF was awarded more than \$310 million in research contracts and grants last year. The University offers 217 degree

programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialty and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. The University has a \$1.6 billion annual budget, an annual economic impact of \$3.2 billion, and serves 44,038 students on campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and Lakeland. USF is a member of the Big East Athletic Conference.

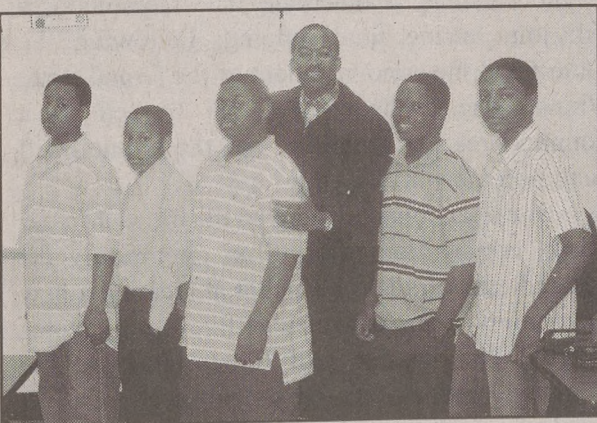
Volunteer Nurses Needed At The Free Clinic Health Center

ST. PETERSBURG – Help the St. Petersburg Free Clinic to help others. Learn more about volunteering at the Free Clinic; join us for a volunteer orientation every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and again on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. There is an immediate need for nurses in Free Clinic Health Center who can give a few hours a week or a few hours a

month. Contact Rebecca Russell-Gootee at rrgspsc@yahoo.com or call (727) 861-1200, ext. 114.

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

Judge Smiley Visits Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's Institute Program For African-American Boys



(l to r) Marcus Robinson, John'ta Leday, The Honorable Judge Elijah Smiley, Claxton Boykin, and Sal Gaiter

In an ongoing effort to meet the needs of African-American boys, Omicron Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity hosted Circuit Judge Elijah Smiley as seminar presenter in its Alpha Institute Program. Judge Smiley currently serves as a Circuit Judge in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, including Bay, Gulf, Calhoun, Homes, Jackson, and Washington Counties.

Judge Smiley met with the Institute boys and parents and spoke on "I know you can succeed and this is how." Judge Smiley holds a Master of Business Administration Degree and is a Certified Public Accountant. He believes that education is the gateway to opportunity and economic success. He offered specific strategies on goal setting, working to systematically achieve your goals, and shared with them some personal success stories. While sitting around Judge Smiley, the boys took advantage of the opportunity to ask some probing questions. He shared with the boys about the most difficult decisions he has made as a judge.

According to Mr. Randolph Lightfoot, director of the Institute, "an important objective of the Alpha Institute is to expose our young boys to successful African-American male role models, and we were privileged to have Judge Smiley to help us achieve our objective."

The Alpha Institute is a comprehensive program that provides mentoring and leadership training to young African-American boys in upper Pinellas County.

Nielsen Company Holds Cross Cultural Reception introducing Local People Meter Technology

By: ERSULA KNOX ODOM

The Nielsen Company in its continuing commitment to reaching out to diverse communities held a reception on June 7 at Tampa's Historic Cuban Club to celebrate the introduction of Local People Meter technology to the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Sarasota market. Tampa Bay ranks No. 12 on the list of largest television markets with 1.7 million television households.

During the reception each of the chambers introduced themselves and spoke to the needs and position of their respective chambers. Represented were:

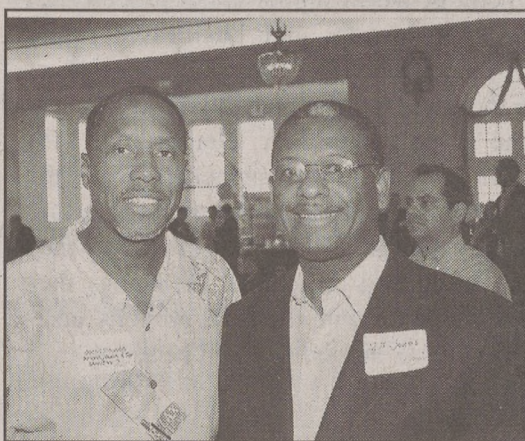
- British American Business Council of Tampa Bay president Grant Petersen
- Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay president, Derek Lloyd
- Chinese Chamber of Commerce vice president, Hongling Han-Ralston
- French American Business Council of West Florida president, Michel Cormon
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay economic development chair, Yanina Rosario
- Indo US Chamber of Commerce president, Samant Sharma
- Philippine American Chamber of Commerce president, Carolina Lugayt



Front, l-r: Crystal Hearn, Carolina Lugayt, Michel Cormon, Hongling Han-Ralston, Yanina Rosario, Don Lowery, and Derek Lloyd; Back: Grant Petersen and Samant Sharma



Paul Panillo and Chris Lontok



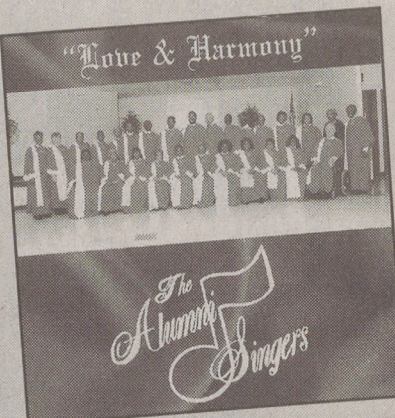
Atty. Darryl Rouson and Milton Jones



l-r: Rachana Dinkar, Manuel Fernandez, Grant Petersen, and Hongling Han-Ralston

THE ALUMNI SINGERS OF ST. PETERSBURG, INC.

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The group has received numerous honors, periodically sponsored choral clinics, and performed throughout the state of Florida.

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STATE NEWS

State Mandates Tax Increase

By: Michael Sittig

Prepare to be surprised.

The State budget signed by the Governor on Thursday, mandates that local property taxes go up, not down. Yes, property taxes were just increased by your State leaders. Yes, the same ones who are returning next month to Tallahassee for the sole purpose of lowering your property taxes just raised them.

In the freshly minted state budget there is a requirement that the local property taxes used to pay for schools are to be increased by 7.44 percent. In so doing, the state was able to avoid paying nearly \$550 million for schools. Instead of finding that money from their own \$71 billion budget, which is in addition to the \$7 billion in set aside for reserves, they passed the burden down to property owners and increased their local property taxes.

Many people may not realize that almost half of the property tax dollars we pay go to our local school board to fund K-12 education. Funding our schools, according to our state constitution, is "the paramount duty of the state" and as such, we would expect that the state would fund it. Instead of meeting this challenge of funding our schools, the state has been shifting the burden down to local governments and has been forcing the increase in local property taxes. For example, eight years ago, the state of Florida paid more than 60% of the total amount needed to fund local schools. But during that time the state began slowly shifting the burden down to local school boards. Today, the state pays less than half (45%) and requires that the rest comes from local property taxes. The net effect is that local property taxes go up to pay for schools.

Said a different way, during the same eight year period, the state has increased its share by less than a percent but have required local property taxes to nearly double to make up the difference. Every Legislator who voted for the State budget voted for this.

For the record, we understand and sympathize

with the need to increase education funding. Costs of building schools, providing hurricane insurance, paying teachers, and even paying for the health care of school employees have all increased significantly. These are real costs to provide real services to real people. Great cities make for a Great State and you do not have Great cities without Great schools. You do not have Great schools without proper funding.

But, just like the school and state governments, city governments have also faced significant cost increases for the services we provide. Salaries and benefits for police and fire workers (even the new ones mandated by the State this year without funding), the costs of providing expanded water and sewer services, ambulances, homeless shelters, storm water holding ponds, to name just a few, have all escalated in their costs to build and operate. We all must recognize that cities must purchase expensive property insurance and expensive gas needed for fire trucks, garbage trucks, and police cars. We are working hard, and are finding even more cost-effective ways, to provide these needed services. In fact, most cities try to meet these rising costs without raising the State-designed property tax because it is so unfair. The past ten years show average annual growth of municipal spending was only 6.9%.

The point is; we all support a fair property tax and new homeowners and businesses really deserve relief, but how can state lawmakers mandate increases in local property taxes while at the same time issuing a clarion call for reductions? We would ask lawmakers; make the property tax fair and if they want to cut revenues to cities, they should also cut out the things they require us to do and cut out all the things they require us to pay for with the local property tax.

That would be fair and it would be sensible. It would also be surprising.

Michael Sittig is the Executive Director of the Florida League of Cities.

Attorney General Announces Law Enforcement Liaison

TALLAHASSEE – Attorney General Bill McCollum today announced the newest member of his management team appointing Emery A. Gainey as Law Enforcement Liaison for the Office of the Attorney General.

Gainey, a native of Gainesville, has extensive experience in law enforcement having served in the Alachua County Sheriffs Office for over 25 years. Most recently Gainey held the position of Division Commander of the Planning and Accreditation Division overseeing not only the law enforcement arm of the organization but also

the legislative, grants, and policy units within the Sheriff's office. He has further expertise in the areas of homeland security, negotiations and crime prevention.

The Law Enforcement Liaison acts as an intermediary between the Office of the Attorney General and the Florida Sheriffs Association, Police Chiefs Association, and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. In this position, Gainey will play an integral role in developing and implementing law enforcement related policy for the Attorney General's office.

"Made in Florida" Industry Tours Introduce Students To High-Tech Manufacturing Operations



The "Made in Florida" Industry tours brought together more than 80 students and teachers from across the central western coast of Florida to witness modern manufacturing operations. It involved some of the most proactive companies located in Florida, and provided students a snapshot of the intricacies involved in today's manufacturing.

Conducted during April and May, 2007, the tours introduced middle and high school students to high-tech manufacturing operations. From hydraulic cartridges, to components that facilitate world class wireless communications and medical

technology, the tours helped put into perspective, Florida's stake in manufacturing. It also helped shed light on manufacturers' efforts to use technology to stay competitive in today's global marketplace.

The schools involved were, Heron Creek Middle School, Braden River High School, Lakewood School Center for Advanced Technology, Palmetto High School and Nature Coast Technical High School. Sponsored by FLATE (Florida Advanced Technological Education Center for Manufacturing), SAMA (Sarasota and Manatee Manufacturers Association), BAMA (Bay Area Manufacturers Association), the Florida High-Tech Corridor Council, and local manufacturers, the tours highlighted the potential and need for a skilled workforce, and introduced new avenues of opportunities for the students. A lesson designed and delivered by FLATE made the tours a true learning experience. After the tours, students were directed to the "Made in Florida" (www.madeinflorida.org) website for further exploration of careers and educational pathways in manufacturing and technology.

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Winner Of The "Land In The Band" Music Competition Will Perform With The Commodores On Tour

Fort Lauderdale – If you have always wanted to perform on stage with a Grammy Award winning multi-platinum recording artist, this is your chance! The Land in the Band competition (www.landintheband.com) is a once in a lifetime opportunity for musicians worldwide to hone their musical skills and compete to join the legendary Commodores on a one-week, three city tour, playing with the trio (William King, JD Nicholas and Walter Orange) and their long-time band The Mean Machine. The winner will experience, first-hand, the excitement of life on the road, performing in concerts and meeting fans. The winner will also receive thousands of dollars in cash and prizes.

"We're really excited about this competition because it allows amateur, semi-professional and professional musicians everywhere to fulfill a dream – to be on-stage performing with a major recording and touring act," Gordon Johnson, Managing General Partner of Land in The Band LLC, explained.

Each entrant will choose from one of five Commodores mega-hits featured in the contest: "Brick House," "Easy," "Too Hot Ta Trot," "Nightshift" and "Slippery When Wet," which will be available to download at www.landintheband.com. The musician will indicate which instrument will be deleted from the original mix, i.e. keyboards, guitar, bass, drums or horns. They will then have the opportunity to replace the part and add their own style and creativity to the original hit song. A panel of industry professionals will vote on the musicianship, creativity, and style. Twelve semi-finalists will be selected and announced in early September 2007.

Semi-finalists will be flown to south Florida where, on September 15, they will perform the song they submitted as well as a brief solo piece demonstrating their individual musical skills for a panel of industry professionals and celebrities who will select the four finalists. "It will be fun to hear the unique licks and musical solos that the

competitors add to the well-known Commodores' recordings." Matt Juall, General Partner of Land in the Band, LLC.

The Finals will be live that evening, performed in front of an audience at the Parker Playhouse in Ft. Lauderdale. The Commodores will join in the final judging. Following the contest and the announcement of the Grand Prize Winner, the audience will be treated to a Commodores performance, and the winner will join in on the winning song.

Simultaneously, there will be a Master Remix competition offering an opportunity for DJs and remixers to take a shot at creating a new incarnation of one of the same five Commodores songs. The winner will be selected by the Commodores from five semi-finalists chosen by a panel of musicians and industry professionals.

Entries for each contest are \$20, which includes five downloads. Eligibility is from June 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007. Participants must be at least 13 years of age to enter; anyone under 18 years of age must have the written approval of a parent or legal guardian. Complete rules and registration are available at www.landintheband.com.

Land in the Band (www.landintheband.com) offers musicians a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to compete for the chance to play in a well known, Grammy? Award winning band. One lucky winner will experience, first-hand, the excitement of life as a musician on the road, performing in concerts and meeting fans on a three city tour band. The winner will also receive thousands in cash and prizes. The contest is made possible with the help of sponsors including Alfred Publishing, D'Addario & Co., Daisy Rock Guitars, DreamMusician.com, Music Arts Enterprises, Roland, Sibelius, Steinberg, The Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale, The Broward Center for the Performing Arts, The John Lennon Educational Tour Bus and Yamaha.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ceremonies Being Held In Remembrance Of Slaves Who Died Crossing The Atlantic Ocean

By: BRUCE SMITH

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) – Eighteen years ago, Tony Akeem organized a ceremony in New York City to honor the millions of Africans who died crossing the Atlantic during the slave trade. Similar observances have since spread around the world.

On Saturday, offerings of water, honey and rum were to be poured along the shores of South Carolina and elsewhere for Middle Passage Remembrance Day. The remembrance is held the second Saturday in June.

"We must, we must, honor our ancestors," said Tony Akeem, who has been organizing an observance at Coney Island, N.Y., ever since a 1989 conference on the slave's brutal trip was held at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he works as a photographer.

The observances have spread from Philadelphia to San Francisco and from Brazil to Ghana. Most were started by people who have attended the New York event, Akeem said.

Saturday marked the 10th year South Carolina was participating in the remembrance. As many as 100 people were expected at a Fort Moultrie dock on Sullivans Island near Charleston.

The first slaves arrived in Charleston in 1670, the same year the Carolina colony was created. Historians estimate nearly 40 percent of the millions of slaves brought to what became the United States passed through

Charleston. Many others died at sea.

"The stories run pretty strong that there were people who realized they were enslaved and would rather drown than be enslaved and when allowed up on the decks, would just jump into the water," said Fran Norton of the Fort Sumter National Monument, which includes Fort Moultrie. "It commemorates those people who gave up their lives for freedom."

Just how many perished in the slave trade will never be known.

"We know that many died of disease because they were packed in the ships like sardines," said Osei Terry Chandler, a project director at a Charleston education facility who is helping organize the South Carolina memorial.

Participants at the ceremonies in New York and South Carolina planned to drizzle water, rum and honey into the waves Saturday. Some were to toss flowers into the coastal waters. Some were to beat drums.

"Pouring libations is simply to venerate your ancestors," said Bill Jones, who helps organize the Coney Island ceremony. "It gives the ancestors a cool drink of water, or a little bit of gin or a little bit of rum, whatever you pour the libation with."

"In African spirituality we believe we are in constant contact with our ancestors. They are not someplace in heaven, they are right here with us."

school for Black males.

The high profile people who have joined, partnered with or attended the 100 conventions may indicate the growth of the organization, but moreover how seriously its mission is being taken.

Among award winners were House Judiciary Chairman U. S. Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), man of the year; Time Inc. Executive Editor Sheryl Hilliard-Tucker, woman of the year; and rising leaders of the year, filmmaker Kiri Davis and actress, entrepreneur Camille Winbush.

Among other noted speakers this year were Mackie, a scientist, educator and motivational speaker from New Orleans, BET Journalist Jeffrey Johnson and Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates, Actor Bill Cosby and educator Michael Erik Dyson have also worked with the 100. General Motors was among the primary sponsors for this year's conference.

"The 100 Black men is such a positive, action-oriented organization that is really seeking and actually doing in terms of addressing challenges facing the African-American community," says GM Vice President Rod Gillum. "Their outreach to boys and young men is especially significant. In fact, I can't even think of another organization that does it as well."

But, no indicator of the 100's success is greater than the continued dedication of its former presidents to the organization and to its mission, says Dotson.

He pointed to founding president, Dr. William Hayling, the second president, Nate Goldston and chairman emeritus, Tommy Dortch, all of whom were in the audience. Wax statues of each of them were unveiled during the conference.

"I think this speaks not only to the dedication of the gentlemen that have previously led this organization, but also to the compelling nature of our important mission."

Telling a parable of an eagle who thought of himself as a chicken, Dotson says adults must believe in the youth and teach them to believe in themselves.

The key is vision, coupled with action, Dotson told the audience before a standing ovation:

"We can look within ourselves to help more eagles soar. We can look at the youth in this room, at the youth in our programs and we see increased graduation rates, we see youth focused on healthy lifestyles and becoming literate in financial matters, we see young people concerned about their communities, young people Taking Control of their Futures because of Black Men who Care."

Clark Atlanta President Plans To Stay

By: ERRIN HAINES

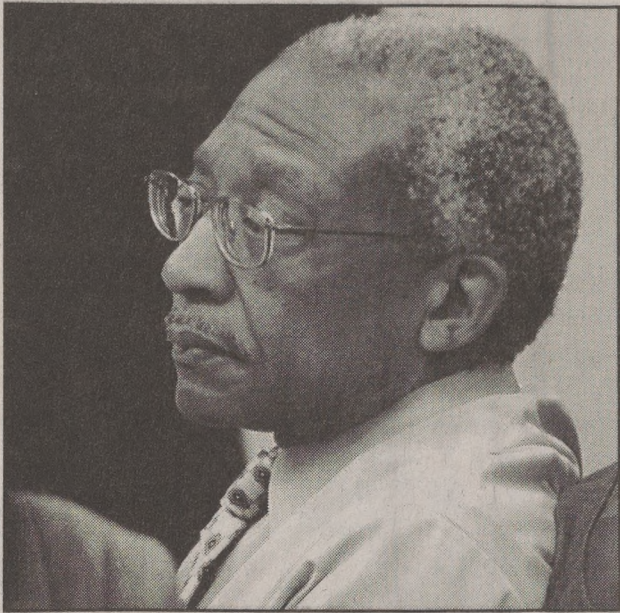
ATLANTA, GA (AP) – Even though dozens of faculty members and hundreds of students at Clark Atlanta University want him gone, school president Walter Broadnax expects to lead the historically black college for years to come.

Speaking in his office Thursday, Broadnax spoke candidly to The Associated Press in an exclusive interview about the tough decisions his administration has made since he took over the school in 2002, and optimistically about his hopes for the future of Clark Atlanta despite the demands for him to step aside.

He admits many on campus still don't know him, since not a lot of people would be eager to sit and talk to the man who fired their colleagues and cut beloved programs to reduce a \$25 million deficit.

"I regret that we had to go through what has been a very trying period at the university," Broadnax said. "Not a lot of people have been beating down the door to see me. For them, I have been the face on the difficulty."

Broadnax's five-year contract expires July 31, and the school's board has not voted yet on whether to renew it or not. Board members are being pressured by faculty and students to remove



Walter Broadnax

Broadnax, but they have remained supportive.

He said he knows that his relationship with the faculty has been strained because of the choices he said he had to make. Now, Broadnax said it is time to "heal the tear in the university's fabric."

"You do that by being open to talking," he said. "I haven't been in a good position to do that. But we begin by talking to people, creating opportunities for more people to work with you."

Voter Intimidation Targeted By Obama

By: DENNIS CONRAD

WASHINGTON (AP) – Sen. Barack Obama, a former lecturer on constitutional law turned presidential candidate, argued Thursday for passage of a federal law that would target voter intimidation.

The Illinois Democrat, the legislation's chief sponsor, said his proposal was designed to send a message to would-be intimidators.

"Some of this is prophylactic," Obama testified at a Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearing. "If people know the law takes this seriously, they won't do it."

Under the measure, an offender could face up to five years in prison for knowingly deceiving people about the time, place or manner of conducting a federal election, or the qualifications for or restrictions on voter eligibility.

Its goal is to eliminate practices such as distributing misleading leaflets like one once handed out in Franklin County, Ohio, that told Republican voters they should vote Tuesday while Democrats should vote Wednesday "because (of) the confusion caused by unexpected heavy voter registration."

Obama's bill has a House version sponsored by Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and is supported by a variety of groups, from Common Cause to the NAACP.

The measure is sponsored by 15 Democrats, including rival presidential candidate New York Sen.

Hillary Clinton, and party members dominated the hearing chaired by Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md.

Cardin said most intimidation is based on the premise that suppressing minority voter turnout can affect the outcome of an election.

Cardin told the hearing that when he ran last year against then Maryland Lt. Gov. Michael Steele, homeless people from Philadelphia were paid \$100 each by Republicans, he said, to distribute leaflets falsely implying prominent Maryland blacks were backing Steele, a fellow black.

Obama, who is bidding to become the first black president, said minorities, senior citizens and the disabled were among the groups expected to be helped by his bill.

Blacks typically vote overwhelmingly for Democrats and many campaign strategists say minorities' support for Obama could be crucial in advancing his candidacy.

But the hearing also focused on how Republicans have reason to support the legislation.

"There's no room for politics in this debate," Obama said.

Others testifying included Democratic Sens. Charles Schumer of New York and Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, along with state and local officeholders from Maryland.

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embarrassed the Black community for decades.

And if the attendance by youth at the conference was any indicator, the plan is already working. Hundreds of youth turned out to participate in a string of events, including the receiving of awards, speaking on the programs alongside adults, enjoying socials and even participating in an "African-American History Challenge Championship."

Dotson says the statistics alone are enough to inspire action.

According to the National Urban League's State of Black America 2007, at 4th grade, Blacks perform at a level of 87 percent of Whites. By the time they reach 12th grade, their scores are at 74 percent of Whites. And after they reach adulthood, they're the most likely to have dropped out of school – 15 percent compared to 12 percent of Whites. For Black males, the percentage rises to 18 percent compared to 14 percent of White males. Founded largely as a mentoring group 21 years ago, the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., now employs a strategic program of mentoring, education, health and wellness and economic development in order to attack the negatives.

"We continue to hear about increasing dropout rates, but not in our programs," says Dotson. "We continue to hear about increasing incarceration rates, but not in our programs... We continue to hear about increasing homicide statistics, but not in our programs. Sure we can challenge those statistics, but clearly there are real problems in our communities... But there are demonstrated solutions through our programs."

Dotson pointed to the organization's 110 chapters as examples of success.

"Look at the Maryland chapter of the 100. Five years ago they took a known crack-house and turned it into their 24-hundred square foot headquarters," he says. "Then there's the success of our host chapter right here in Las Vegas. They've partnered with a group of teachers to form the 100 Academy of Excellence."

He noted that former Secretary of State Colin Powell had visited and addressed children of the Las Vegas chapter, headed by Dr. R. Kenton Williams.

Most 100 programs are for male and female youth. However each chapter takes action to meet the specific needs of their communities. The Atlanta Chapter, headed by Darrell Fitzgerald, is preparing to open a high

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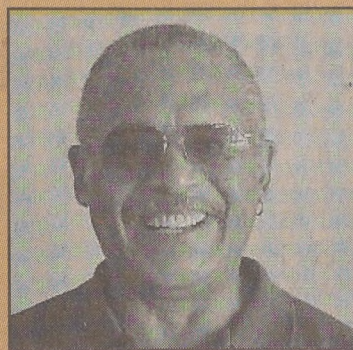


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Henry Ashwood playing at the John Lamb Tribute - 2005 at the Palladium Theater

Last Saturday and Sunday were a blast! One could not have asked for a better way to spend a hot and sunny weekend. For instance, on Saturday, I attended the wedding of Tom and Nobedine Packard's daughter Virginia Packard to Twane Bryan. I have never attended a more beautiful event. Noted that the ceremony and reception were outstanding, "icing on the cake" was the performance of alto jazz saxophonist Henry Ashwood that also captured my undivided attention. In the past, this column has highlighted the musical talents of Ashwood, but on Saturday, after witnessing his performance that I believe was second to none, I felt it would be good, if I shared my thoughts with the St. Petersburg jazz community.

Ashwood serenaded Virginia and Twane with Stevie Wonder's beautiful, soulful ballad, "You and I". When Ashwood hit the very first note, you could have heard a pin drop and the audience knew from then on that it was going to be a once in a lifetime performance. Ashwood's performance showed a high level of excellence... it was truly indeed, a solid performance allowing him to demonstrate how well he has the sounds and flavors of a ballad at his command.

My comments about Henry Ashwood are important to all of us in the jazz community. I believe Ashwood is a major jazz talent and should be received as such. Listening to him play, I began to recall all the other times I've heard him perform. Remembering how he performed jazz tunes without a glitch and at whatever tempo was called. I remembered how jazz fans requested tunes they seemed to pick out of a mixed bag, and how Ashwood responded on his "musical axe" accordingly without hesitation. Never once in the twenty or thirty times I've watched and listened to Ashwood play have I ever witnessed him at a loss.

I'm glad that his talent was recognized by Virginia and

Twane when they chose him to perform at their very very special occasion. We should be proud that our community has claim on such a major jazz talent. It's time he received his just due. I believe that years from now, we will speak of him the same as we do now about, Dennard and Sulieman. Let's not wait until he's gone before we begin to appreciate him. Therefore, any opportunity you may have to support Ashwood at his concerts, or wherever he is performing, do it with vigor and enthusiasm. He's still paying his dues, but has certainly earned our respect and support.

For those of you, who may not be familiar with Ashwood's background as a professional jazz artist, he has an extensive background in music as a performer, composer, and teacher. He is community oriented, providing private instruction for saxophone, flute, clarinet, and music theory. As a teacher, he provides various age group instructions in music appreciation, history, and theory. Ashwood's musical experience and background includes more than fourteen years as a saxophone player in military bands, and as a member of the (Florida) National Guard Army Band. He also finds time to serve as a director on the board of the very popular jazz club, the Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association.

Stay tuned to this column. I will announce the date that Ashwood will be in concert during the second season of Rick Gee's Jazz Jamm's beginning September 2007 in the newly renovated, intimate Bayview Room at the Mahaffey Theater.

Next week, I'll share with you my musical adventures "Hot Jazz at the Pier" that happened on Sunday. You won't want to miss my comments about the jazz happenings at the Pier in downtown St. Pete.

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



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SPORTS NEWS

Negro Leagues Baseball Museum Receives \$300,000 Grant



By: Off The BASN Sports Wire

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (NLBM) announced Wednesday that the Bank of America Charitable Foundation has donated \$300,000, one of the largest corporate contributions given to the museum in recent years, to support a three-year national Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) tour of the museum's acclaimed traveling Negro Leagues history exhibition, "Discover Greatness".

Black College campuses once served as training camps for many Negro League teams and a number of Negro League players attended those institutions. The grant supports the museum's plans to re-introduce the Negro Leagues to many of the same campuses that players once attended while introducing the story to a new generation. The exhibition will be made available at no cost for schools interested in serving as a host site.

"Discover Greatness" is a powerful and compelling examination of the Negro Leagues that brings the fascinating story of triumph over adversity to life. The exhibition features 90 black and white photos, pennants, jerseys and a video that chronicles the rise and fall of the Negro Leagues while celebrating the contributions of America's unsung baseball heroes to the game and the social advancement of our nation. Cinematic portrayals depicted the Negro

Leagues as a vaudeville act and its players as tramps and hobos. And, for nearly six decades, these talented baseball players were shut out of the Major Leagues because of their skin color and a pervasive perception that they weren't "smart enough" to play America's national pastime.

In actuality, a great many Negro Leagues players were college educated men. It is estimated that more than 40 percent of Negro Leagues players had some level of college education in stark contrast to their Major League counterparts during that era of segregation.

They were scholars who happened to be great athletes. And long before they hit the field in the Negro Leagues they were hitting the books on America's Black College campuses.

The exhibition will open in Baltimore, Maryland at the Great Blacks in Wax Museum from June 1 through July 14. Additional locations are:

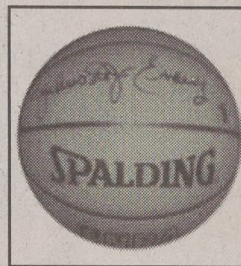
- National Center for Civil Rights Study and African-American Culture, Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama from July 26 - September 23

- Florida Memorial University, Miami Garden, Florida from October 5 - November 17

The exhibition, a concourse display, will travel to ballparks throughout the 2007 MLB season. The tour opened at McAfee Stadium in Oakland, CA on May 28.

For more information about the NLBM, please visit www.nlbm.com.

The "Real" Top 10 Players In The NBA



PHILADELPHIA — I recently read an interesting column the other day in which the writer ranked his top ten players in the league. Now, I must say, that whenever someone

writes an article like this, it is purely the opinion of said writer.

Having said that, since I disagreed vehemently with some of this other scribe's selections, I decided to compile my own list of the ten best players in the league with a definitive reason to go along with each pick. Now that I've gotten that long-winded explanation out of my system, let's get started.

1. Tim Duncan - Even with Duncan ailing all season from a nagging injury I know all about from firsthand experience (plantar fasciitis) he is clearly the most important and dominating player in the game. Yes, he has wonderful talent all around him and the game's best coach, it is his driving presence that has driven San Antonio to three championship titles and a possible fourth.

2. Kobe Bryant - I think Bryant has clearly shown this season that he is the game's best all-around player. He has single-handedly driven a mediocre Laker team into the playoffs and more importantly, established himself as a leader at both ends of the floor and one who should be even better next season if L.A. management gets him some legitimate help. Love him or loathe him, Bryant has not only rebounded from his off court personal woes, but improved his game, dedication and even his reputation.

3. Steve Nash - There is not a player in the game who makes more of an impact on all of his teammates than Nash. I believe is ability to elevate his teammates respective games, makes him the league's MVP. With the season long loss of Amare Stoudemire, Nash has elevated his scoring to a career high this season while continuing to lead the league in assists. The thing I'm most impressed about is the fact that it doesn't matter who is on the court with Nash. He plays the same way all the time and makes whomever he's playing with reach their full potential whether they want to or not. Just look at Tim Thomas. Enough said.

4. LeBron James - After the season James has had, I almost feel embarrassed calling Bryant the best all-around player in the game. James has had a season for the ages and will one day be hold the title of the best player in the game. James has dispelled the notion that he fades away down the stretch and has been the driving force behind the Cleveland Cavaliers renaissance. This season James will accomplish a feat that only three other players in league history have completed. By averaging 30 points, six rebounds and six assists, James joins the elite company of Michael Jordan, Oscar Robertson and Jerry West. Need I say anymore?

5. Kevin Garnett - KG is still putting up eye-popping numbers (21.8 points, 12.7 rebounds and 4.1 assists) for a team that is absolutely atrocious. I know a lot of people are really enamored with the ability of Dirk Nowitzki to go out to the three point line and drain jumpers like they're lay-ups, but for me, if I had to choose one player to match up against

Tim Duncan, I would choose Garnett. His rebounding ability is unmatched at this point and he would probably be averaging more points if he had any consistent offensive help to help shed the constant double and triple teams he's faced all season long. His professionalism with the T-Wolves has been nothing short of incredible. No matter who his teammates are, KG comes to play every night.

6. Dirk Nowitzki - Nowitzki is obviously, supremely talented. There has never been a man of his size who can do the things that he does. He really is a modern day Larry Bird without the killer instinct that is. Until he develops that instinct, which helped carry a lot less talented Bird, to three championships and the Hall of Fame, Nowitzki will continue to be a bridesmaid to Duncan's bride. Unlike Bird, who was a better passer and rebounder, Nowitzki only affects games with his scoring. If he ever develops a nasty streak, it could be lights out for a lot of western conference opponents, including the Spurs.

7. Dwyane Wade - Not only is Wade one of the most athletic players in the league, be he is also a very intelligent player who generally lets the game come to him. Don't get me wrong, he can definitely take over when needed, but his court sense and basketball intellect may be unmatched by any young player in the league. I expect Wade to move up on this list, possibly to a top-three spot in the next couple of years. He's that good.

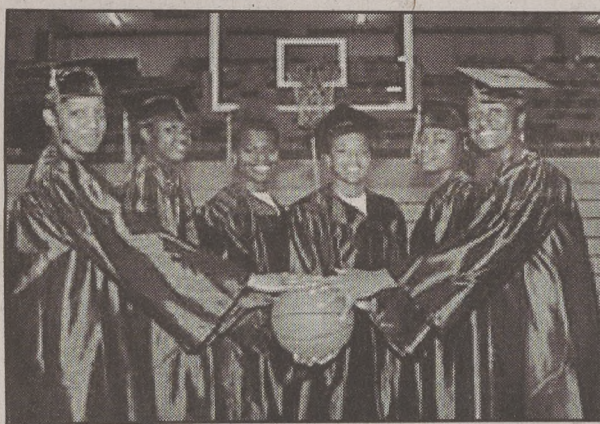
8. Paul Pierce - Pierce, who has always been an extremely talented player, has raised his game, and his leadership abilities, to another level - one that should have Boston GM Danny Ainge seriously thinking about getting him some veteran help. Pierce is the only player in the league to lead his team in points (a career-high 26.8), rebounds (6.7), assists (4.8) and steals (1.4). If this season is any indication of what lies ahead for Pierce in the next few seasons then he will get some serious consideration for the league's MVP title, especially if the Celtics ever start winning some games again.

9. Elton Brand - Simply put, Brand is a monster who has always been a 20 and 10 guy since he entered the league. However, with a new and improved Clippers team, Brand has elevated his game this season to even greater heights. His career-best 24.8 points per game to go along with 10.0 rebounds and 2.6 blocks would probably be enough to win the league's MVP award in any other season besides this one. Nevertheless, Brand looks like he will be a MVP contender for a long time and with a little more help, who knows, maybe the Clippers themselves can become legitimate championship contenders themselves.

10. Shaquille O'Neal - I've never been a Shaquille O'Neal fan especially after seeing the way he was used and abused early in his career by Hakeem Olajuwon. I always say that if Shaq weren't 7-1 and 300 pounds, he would be an ordinary low post player. However, he is 7-feet-1 and 300 and even with his rapidly declining skills, his presence alone is enough to turn any pretender into a legitimate championship contender.

So there you have it, the "real" 10 best players in the NBA. Feedback and comments, as usual, are always appreciated, many of which will be shared in a later column.

Lady Sharks Basketball Program Continues To Soar



Miami Dade Lady Sharks

MIAMI (BlackNews.com) — Proving once again that academic distinction is synonymous with basketball excellence at Miami Dade College (MDC), all eight sophomores on the Lady Sharks' Southern Conference Tournament Championship team have signed scholarships to attend four-year institutions.

The Lady Sharks class of 2007 and the schools they signed with are as follows: Ashley Sanders (University of South Florida), Ebony Evans (University of Rhode Island), Stacie Young (Georgia State University), Cristin Seymour (Mercer University), Francesca Deroncelley (St. Thomas University), Kharla Westmore (Clark

Atlanta University), Shantavia Hampton (Clayton State University) and Quanella Avant (Benedict College, SC).

Susan Summons, who has been head coach of the Lady Sharks since 1986, has placed more than 93% of her sophomores at four-year universities and colleges. The Lady Sharks teams coached by Summons have compiled a 334-258 record while earning 17 trips to the Florida Community College Athletic Association State Championships.

"These girls have worked hard to be able to transfer on and play college basketball while earning their degree," Summons said. "Our success in moving our students on gives me a thrill and is more important than all of the wins or championships we have achieved throughout the years."

"This is really what our mission is all about," said MDC Director of Athletics, Jim Cox. "We do our best to make each of our student-athletes a better person, a better student, and a better athlete the short two years that we have them. We want them to succeed both academically and athletically so that they can continue to pursue their academic and athletic goals."

BASN's Second Great American Basketball Trivia Quiz

By: TONY MCCLEAN

QUESTIONS

- Prior to this year's NBA Draft Lottery, the Blazers have had the No. 1 overall pick three previous times. Which one of these Portland picks weren't drafted No. 1 overall?
 - Clyde Drexler
 - Bill Walton
 - Mychal Thompson
 - LaRue Martin
- Patrick Ewing's No. 33 was retired by the Knicks in 2003. Who was the last Knick to wear No. 33 before him?
 - Cazzie Russell
 - Earl Monroe
 - Sly Williams
 - Mike Glenn
- Who was the ABA's leading scorer in 1975-76, the last season of its existence?
 - David Thompson
 - Artis Gilmore
 - Marvin Barnes
 - Julius Erving
- True or False? Kareem Abdul-Jabbar holds the NBA record for the most games played in league history.
- Who was the head coach of the Jazz franchise during the 1978-79 season, their last season in New Orleans?
 - Elgin Baylor
 - Frank Laydon
 - Tom Nissalke
 - Butch van Breda Kolff
- There have been seven sweeps in NBA Finals history. What team has been swept the most?
 - Knicks

- Lakers
 - 76ers
 - Celtics
- The Cavaliers made the playoffs for the first time in 1976. Who was their leading scorer during the postseason?
 - Austin Carr
 - Nate Thurmond
 - Jim Chones
 - Jim Clemons
 - Who holds the Pistons' record for the most points in a regular season game?
 - Dave Bing
 - Jerry Stackhouse
 - Isiah Thomas
 - Grant Hill
 - Which player recorded the first ever triple-double in WNBA history?
 - Sheryl Swoopes
 - Lisa Leslie
 - Katie Smith
 - Cynthia Cooper
 - Who holds the Spurs' single-season record for the most assists by a rookie?
 - Tony Parker
 - Vernon Maxwell
 - Willie Anderson
 - Johnny Moore

ANSWERS

- A. Drexler was the 14th overall pick in the 1983 NBA Draft. Virginia's Ralph Sampson was the No. 1 overall pick that season by the Houston Rockets.
- C. Williams, a standout for the University of Rhode Island,

- was one of New York's three No. 1 picks in 1979. The other two: Bill Cartwright and Larry Demic.
- D. For the third time in his career, Dr. J. would lead the league in scoring. That season, Erving finished the year with a 29.3 ppg average.
 - False. Robert Parish has played in an NBA record 1,611 games. Jabbar is second with 1,560.
 - A. The Laker Hall of Famer went a dismal 26-56 (.317) during the season. In two and a half seasons, Baylor was 85-135 (.389) with the Jazz.
 - B. The Lakers have been swept four times in NBA Finals history. Ironically, they are the last team to sweep a Finals series (2002 vs. the Nets).
 - C. Chones led Cleveland with a 15.8 ppg average during the postseason. The Cavs upset the Bullets in their opening series, but fell to the eventual champion Celtics in the next round.
 - B. On April 3, 2001, Stackhouse scored a team record 57 points in a 110-83 victory against the Chicago Bulls.
 - A. Swoopes had 15 points, 14 rebounds, and 10 assists for the Comets in an 85-46 victory over the Detroit Shock.
 - D. During the 1980-81 campaign, Moore dished out 373 assists. The former Texas Longhorn is one of only four other Spurs to have his number (#00) retired by the team.

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BLACK HISTORY

A Father's Day Salute To 12 Courageous Educators And The Black Junior Colleges They Served

12 Black Junior Colleges Are Part Of The History of Today's 28 Florida Community Colleges

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Twelve Black Junior Colleges and the Colleges They Merged Into

1. Booker T. Washington Junior College became Pensacola Junior College
2. Gibbs Junior College became St. Petersburg/Gibbs Junior College
3. Hampton Junior College became Central Florida Junior College
4. Roosevelt Junior College became Palm Beach Junior College
5. S. Rosenwald Junior College became GulfCoast Junior College
6. Volusia County Community College became DBJC
7. Suwannee River Junior College became North Florida Junior College
8. Carver Junior College became Brevard Junior College
9. Collier-Blocker Junior College became St. Johns River Junior College
10. Jackson Junior College became Chipola Junior College
11. Lincoln Junior College became Indian River Junior College
12. Johnson Junior College became Lake Sumter Junior College

Courtesy of Dr. Walter L. Smith

Florida Community College System Celebrates 50 Successful Years

By: ERSULA KNOX ODOM

Wednesday June 6 at the Renaissance Hotel International Plaza in Tampa, approximately 500 people with past and current connection to the Florida Community College System celebrated 50 years of operation.

Speaking as a part of "Reflecting On The Past" were Dr. Willis Holcombe, Interim President Broward Community College; Dr. Walter Smith, past president, Florida A&M University and alumnus, Gibbs Junior College; and Mr.

Wendell "Winkie" Williams, past State Board of Community Colleges Chair; and founding board member, The Foundation For Florida's Community Colleges.

Dr. Walter Smith, author of The Magnificent Twelve and Former FAMU president, told the audience, "Twelve of the twenty-eight community colleges have roots in African-American high schools and community colleges" and that he vows "To keep the memory alive of those who paid the price for today's success." Edition two of "The Magnificent Twelve" will be released in the fall, coinciding with Gibbs Jr. College's

50th anniversary in St. Petersburg.

Speaking as a part of "Celebrating The Present - A Decade of Success" were Dr. Dennis P. Gallon, president Palm Beach Community College; Dr. Edwin R. Massey, president Indian River Community College; Dr. Charles R. Mojock, president Lake-Sumter Community College and Dr. Steve R. Wallace, president Florida Community College at Jacksonville. They presented a light-hearted, tongue-in-cheek version of "The Rat Pack".

Lieutenant Governor Jeff Kottkamp, guest speaker and

Edison Community College Alumnus said, "If someone were to say that the three best community college presidents in the country were in the room, the two Florida presidents would look at each other and wonder who the third person was." Lieutenant Governor Kottkamp went on to say they probably would be right for the Florida System is just that good."

The evening was also an occasion to pay tribute to outgoing chancellor J. David Armstrong, Jr. Chancellor Armstrong is moving on to president of Broward Community College.



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History Of Florida's Black Junior Colleges

By: DR. WALTER L SMITH

The Black Junior College movement was developed following the Brown vs. Topeka, Kansas Board of Education decision and provided educational opportunities for more than 50,000 African-American citizens between 1949 and 1967.

Subsequent to the issuance of the 1957 community college report; "The Community Junior College in Florida's Future", the State of Florida began developing segregated institutions in a variety of counties under the auspices of the local school boards.

Twelve of these colleges were for black citizens and twelve were for white citizens. Dade Junior College which was established in 1960 opened as an integrated institution because it was located in the only school district in the State of Florida that had signed a Status 441, Voluntary Desegregation Plan, with the United States Department of Health Education and Welfare.

Our present-day community colleges were established as segregated institutions after the 1954 and 1955 Brown

decisions outlawing segregation in America's public schools by race. The segregated colleges began the merger process during the year the 1964 Congress passed the Civil Rights Act.

The late Governor Leroy Collins who wanted to create a system of higher education that would provide equal educational opportunities within 50 miles of every boy, girl, man, and woman who could benefit from postsecondary opportunities through a public system of colleges and universities. Governor Collins; State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Thomas Bailey; and Director of the Florida Junior College Council, Dr. James Wattenbarger chose to get ahead of the pack and lead the race for educational development rather than get lost in the crowd that wanted to continue the debates over issues of segregation versus integration.

In early 1957 Dr. Wattenbarger made his report to the legislature and indicated that thirty one areas in the state could benefit from the establishment of two year public colleges, thirteen areas within the state had the capacity to accommodate Black two year colleges and the Black

institutions should be associated with black senior high schools in order to enhance the possibility of their success. Gov. Collins' rationale for developing the segregated black colleges was that even though the decision in Brown vs Board of Education had been handed down by the United States Supreme Court in 1954, Florida was still operating under a Constitution that had not been amended since 1885. The Florida Constitution was clear. "Article XII, Sec. 8" stated that "white and colored children shall not be taught in the same school, but that impartial provisions shall be made for both." Therefore, it was still illegal for the Florida Department of Education to facilitate integrated educational institutions. Further, the Governor's political foes were still strong advocates for segregation. Rather than possibly lose the battle to establish integrated two-year colleges for all of Florida's citizens, the Governor chose the "Separate But Equal" route with an eye for merging the separate institutions in the near future.

Shown on the graphic above are the magnificent twelve junior colleges, their founding fathers, establishment dates, and the junior colleges that emerged from them.

The Black Junior Colleges that existed in Florida between 1949 and 1967 were more than teaching institutions. They provided athletic and cultural activities in most of their communities at levels black citizens had never experienced. Even though the colleges no longer exist, several institutions that evolved out of a merger with the historically black junior colleges have named buildings for these colleges and their founders. At least one institution, St. Petersburg Junior College has named one of its main campuses for the black institution (Gibbs Junior College) it evolved from. Additionally, in some instances, portraits of the founders have been placed among the presidential photographs at the present institution. To do less is to deny the essence of the real history and development of Florida's Community College System. Furthermore, the "College History" which is prominent in college catalogues, should indicate the development of the present day institution as a result of a merger with the former black junior college. This is the real history and is not different from the history of the United States, Florida, and our local districts.

OBITUARIES



Calvin Gatherright

Born on September 2, 1959 in Chicago, Illinois to Jimmie Lee Gatherright and the late Mamie K. Gatherright, Calvin Gatherright departed this life on Saturday, June 2, 2007.

Those left to cherish his memories include his wife, Teresa Gatherright, of Pooler, GA; three sons, Tawone Gatherright of Savannah, GA, Troy and Cortez Gatherright, both of Savannah, GA; three daughters, Tiki Gatherright of Atlanta, GA, Trina Gatherright and Tracy Gatherright, both of Savannah, GA; father, Jimmie Lee Gatherright of Chicago, IL; three brothers, his twin, Alvin Gatherright, Derrek Gatherright and Anthony Gatherright, all of St. Petersburg; three grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

CREAL FUNERAL HOME



Rufus Seay

Born on April 27, 1927 in St. Petersburg to the late Willie Seay Sr. and Freddie Dell Randle-Seay, Rufus Seay departed this life on Thursday, May 31, 2007.

Those left to cherish his memories include his wife, Rosa Lee of St. Petersburg; two sons, Johnny Johnson (Mindy) and Tracy Johnson (Santrice), both of St. Petersburg; three daughters, Antoinette Knight of Boston, MA, Lecia Perry (Keith) and Lynn Jackson, both of St. Petersburg; six bothers, Douglas of Tampa, FL, Earl, Randolph, Fred, Ralph, (Annie Mae) and Charles Seay, all of St. Petersburg; three brothers-in-law, eleven sisters-in-law, fifteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

CREAL FUNERAL HOME

Study Confirms Normal Patterns Of Grief, Highlights Yearning

"Is my grief normal?" That is one of the most common questions posed by people who have lost a loved one. A new study by Dana-Farber researchers has helped answer that question by affirming the commonly accepted stages of grief - disbelief, yearning, anger, depression, and acceptance - and the sequence in which these emotions occur. The findings will appear in the Feb. 21 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

While offering insights into how individuals normally adjust to a loved one's natural death, the study also challenges existing clinical guidelines by underscoring that yearning, not depression, was the most common reaction experienced by survivors.

"This study confirms what people have suspected, but, equally important, the data provide a benchmark for how grief changes over time," says senior author Holly Prigerson, PhD, director of Dana-Farber's Center for Psycho-Oncology and Palliative Care Research.

Based on the three-year Yale Bereavement Study, the grief investigation involved interviews with 233 individuals in Connecticut who had suffered a loss from a natural death (such as cancer or heart disease), rather than trauma (such as a car accident or suicide). Most of the participants were widowed, and half were older than 65. They were each interviewed three times over two years, most often at home; data were collected between January 2000 and January 2003.

The study found that counter to clinical literature and popular understanding, yearning, rather than depression, was the most common negative emotion felt by study participants after a loved one's natural death. "Up to now, people thought sadness was the most characteristic feature of bereavement, but these data show it is more about yearning and pining and missing the person - a hunger for having them come back," says Prigerson, a bereavement expert.

On average, the interviewees' negative symptoms (disbelief, yearning, anger, and depression) had peaked by six months after the loss and were on the decline. People who face heightened distress beyond six months, the researchers note, may be at risk for a condition called "prolonged grief disorder" and should be evaluated by a mental health professional.

Study leaders say their findings suggest the need for revising the bereavement section of the psychiatric guidelines, Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition.

Data confirmed the "stage theory" of grief described by Drs. John Bowlby and Colin Parkes, popularized by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, MD, in the 1960s, and now widely accepted by clinicians and the general public. The current study showed that disbelief was highest initially,

yearning for the deceased peaked at four months post-loss, anger at five months post-loss, and depression at six months post-loss. Acceptance of the person's death was high and grew over the two-year study period.

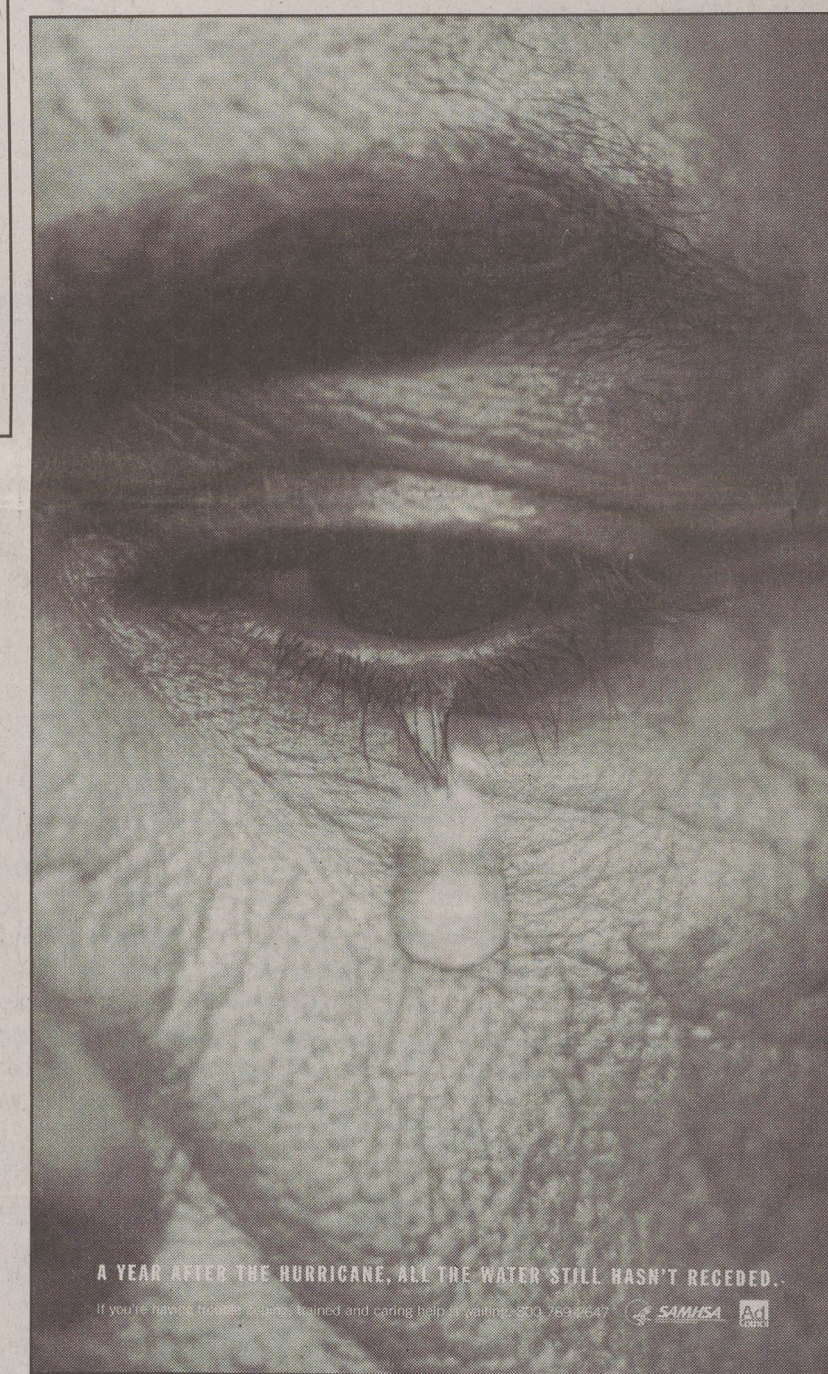
Although Prigerson cautions that not everyone goes through the exact sequence of grief, she writes in JAMA that "the results provide an evidence base from which to educate clinicians (e.g., primary and palliative care physicians, geriatricians, psychiatrists, oncologists, related hospital and hospice staff, bereavement counselors) and lay persons (e.g., patients, family members, friends) about what to expect following the death of a family member or loved one."

A related finding was that advance knowledge about a person's prognosis and pending death can have beneficial effects. "When patients and families knew about the terminal diagnosis ahead of time, specifically six months or longer," they were better prepared for the death and had more acceptance and less disbelief afterwards," says Prigerson, who is also an associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

Study team members included Prigerson and Susan Block, MD, both of Dana-Farber and Brigham and Women's Hospital; Baohui Zhang, a statistician at Dana-Farber; and Paul Maciejewski, PhD, of Yale University School of Medicine.

The research was funded in part by grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (www.dana-farber.org) is a principal teach affiliate of the Harvard Medical School and is among the leading cancer research and care centers in the United States. It is a founding member of the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center (DF/HCC), designated a comprehensive cancer center by the National Cancer Institute.



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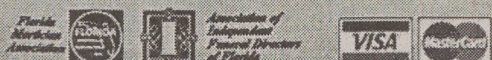
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CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH EVENTS LISTING

PRAYER TOWER CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ will host their Annual Eastern Florida Jurisdiction State Youth Congress - YPWW Convention June 18-22, 2007.

Pastor Clarence Welch of Prayer Tower COGIC will be host the State Youth Congress for Eastern Florida Jurisdiction with Bishop Jacob Cohen; Elder Columbus Martin, state president, and Mother Brenda Durden, state chairlady.

Pre-musical event will be Monday, June 18th at 7:00 p.m. Day sessions will start at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast, 9:00 a.m. prayer, 9:30 a.m. workshop sessions for all ages including adults, 11:30 a.m. panel discussion for youth and children and arts and crafts. Lunch will be provided. Evening service will begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

There will be youth speakers nightly and competition for various events on Saturday, June 23rd at Childs Park Recreation Center.

Anyone desiring further registration and cost information, please feel free to contact Sis. Cathy Wall at 327.8958 or catherinewall1@verizon.net or Sis. Darlina Herring at 418.5908 or darlinaherring@verizon.net.

The Prayer Tower Family would love to have you and your youth join us as we give glory, honor, and praise to an awesome God!

Pastor Clarence Welch

PENTECOSTAL TEMPLE COGIC

MEN'S DAY COMING UP

Pastor William Anderson and the men of Pentecostal Temple COGIC are gearing up for their annual Men's Day Service. The service is scheduled for Sunday, June 24th. The men are working to make this occasion a grand one that will be long remembered. Their theme is "Brothers Pressing Forward" using Philippians 3:12-14 as the scripture reference. Their efforts are geared for a time of spiritual renewal, focus on health and wellness and financial push as they compete for the title of "Man of the Year." A Health and Wellness Walk-a-Thon has been set for Saturday, June 23rd from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Lake Vista Park. Family and friends are welcome to join the walk as supporters and encouragers for this event.

The Men's Day committee will be in charge of the morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. with the climax service at 5:00 p.m. Guest speakers at each service will minister the Word of God. Crowning of the "Man of the Year" will take place at the 5:00 p.m. service. We invite you to join us for a wonderfully blessed time in the presence of the Lord. Pentecostal Temple is located at 2230 22nd Street South in St. Petersburg.



Pastor William Anderson and the men of Pentecostal Temple COGIC

THE ROCK OF JESUS M.B. CHURCH

The Rock of Jesus Missionary Baptist Church Celebrates our 5th Church Anniversary

The Rock of Jesus Missionary Baptist Church cordially invites you to share in the grand celebration of our 5th church anniversary during the week of Sun., June 17th through Sun., June 24th.

Our special guests for the kick-off service on Sun., June 17th at 10:30 a.m. will be Pastor Maurice Gladney and Faith Temple Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida. At 5:00 p.m., we will continue in praise with Rev. Wayne Thompson and First Baptist Institutional Church.

Nightly services will be held Tuesday through Thursday at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

Tues., Rev. William Mark Green & Travelers' Rest Baptist Church

Wed., Rev. John Chance & W.I.N.G.S. Fellowship

Thurs., Rev. Ellis Hodge & Word of Life Church

Our celebration will culminate with a 5:00 p.m. worship service with Rev. Carlos Senior and the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

Come, share in all the services with us as we praise God for yesterday's blessings and tomorrow's promise.

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 17 Fathers' Day Breakfast for the men of the church @ 8:00 a.m.

Father's Day Celebration with Women in Charge of Sunday School and 10:45 a.m. Service.

June 18-23 National Congress of Christian Workers/National Youth Convention convening in Orlando, FL

June 19 St. Mark Walkers Bottled Water Evangelism Outreach, Tuesday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Vista Park

June 25-29 St. Mark M.B.C. Vacation Bible School nightly 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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 Baptists 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 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday mornings hours are 10:00 a.m. on June 14 and 28 only. 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

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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 New Hope Male Chorus 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!

MIDWEEK P.U.S.H.

(Prayer, Understanding & Spiritual Healing)

Bible Study (Adult and Youth) will be held 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 16

Youth Evangelism Explosion Conference
Couples Ministry Renew Vows

June 18 - 22

Vacation Bible School

June 24

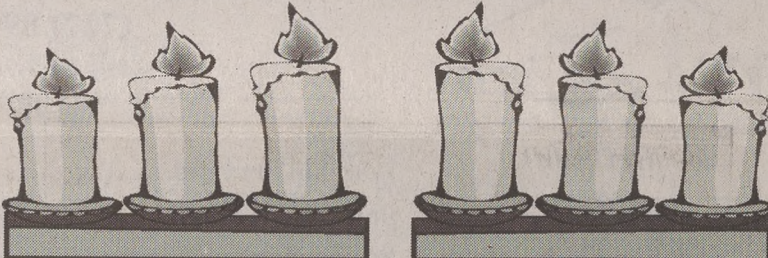
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Church Engagement: Rock of Jesus M.B. Church

June 30

Teacher Appreciation Brunch

"Prayer should be our first response rather than our last resort."



High Society Girls Need Down To Earth Fathers

By: Rev. James L. Snyder

As far as I am concerned, unless you are talking about the capital of France I really do not want to hear the name Paris one more time. I think if I hear another news reporter talk about this young girl I may shoot my television set.

The news reports went something like this, this week:

- NEWS ALERT: Paris Hilton arrested.
- NEWS ALERT: Paris Hilton before the judge.
- NEWS ALERT: Paris Hilton sentenced to jail.
- NEWS ALERT: Paris Hilton released from jail.
- NEWS ALERT: Paris Hilton arrested, again.
- NEWS ALERT: Paris Hilton before the judge, again.
- NEWS ALERT: Paris Hilton sentenced to jail, again.

This is news? Have all of the reporters in the United States gone looney? I know for many of them it would not have been a very long trip, and some would not have enough money for the return trip.

These reporters need to be careful because, there is no statute of limitation for stupid.

Is this the best our sophisticated news media can do? Have they run out of legitimate story ideas?

What I want to know is when did the news media hire 10th grade boys to do their news reporting?

I cannot imagine sending my son or daughter to journalism school, pay the big bucks involved in that education and then have them end up doing stories about Paris Hilton (a socialite ne're-do-well). Personally, I would demand my money back.

When did silly, spoiled little girls become news worthy?

The only thing Paris ever did in life was select the right parents. Outside of that, she does not have anything.

Of course, a case could be made about the parents she picked. An old proverb says, "The nut does not fall far from the tree." If only we could identify those trees before the nuts fall perhaps, we could cut them down and make them into furniture.

This coming Sunday is Father's Day, which got me to thinking, "What these high Society girls need today are down-to-earth fathers."

I suppose we cannot lay all the blame on silly little girls who have no sense of decency or propriety. Obviously, they lack the influence of a good father. I do not know Paris' father personally, just what I see in the daughter he has raised. And, by the look of things, she is far from being "raised." Raising Cane does not count. Even he would be embarrassed.

I have a hard time believing any father, worth his sweat, would allow any daughter to grow up acting the way this little girl is acting. And I'm not insinuating that her "acting" deserves an Oscar.

What it does deserve, is a good old-fashioned hickory stick.

Instead of putting little Paris in prison, I think, if justice is to be served, her father needs to be put there instead. After all, I think it should be a crime not to teach your daughter good behavior.

And let's not forget her mother. How in the world can we forget her? But, I'm going to try.

Perhaps, and I'm only conjecturing, Mrs. Hilton has Mr. Hilton so wrapped around her finger that their daughters are bent out of shape. All I can say is, a man without a backbone should never become a father.

It takes a man to be a father. And every little girl needs a father to help her grow up the way she should. And, if money is the issue here, I would gladly allow Mr. Hilton to borrow the paddle I used to help raise my girls. It was something I inherited from my father and he from his father.

Unfortunately, all Mr. Hilton inherited from his father was money, and you cannot raise a girl into a woman with just money.

Even in this sophisticated age, it takes a down-to-earth father to raise children. My father was so down-to-earth crabgrass grew between his toes. At least it looked like that.

My father did not have a lot of money. Evidently, the common rumor that money grows on trees is just that, a rumor. Often my father disavowed me of that rumor. "Son," he would solemnly say, "money don't grow on trees."

Another rumor my father warned me and my siblings of had to do with our eating habits. "Kids," he warned us, "there ain't no such thing as a free lunch."

I have often regretted that latter one. I do so like to eat.

Reflecting back on my father, one of his favorite sayings came from the Bible. "Spare the rod, spoil the child."

My father, with the full support of my mother, was determined not to spare any rods in the raising of their children. There was a point in my life when I wondered what was going to wear out first, Dad's rod or it's oft target. It was a close race and to this day I am not sure who won.

What I do know is simply this. Dad never stood for any foolishness from my direction. Not that there was not any foolishness there, because there was... plenty. But that foolishness never got an upper hand thanks to Dad's strong hand.

A down-to-earth father will heed the admonition in Ephesians 6:4, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Nurture and admonition both need a strong hand.

Listen to Pastor Snyder's radio program, Sunday Joy, each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on WOCA, 1370 AM.

Rap Gets Hip To Religion In New Smyrna Beach

By: JOHN BOZZO

NEW SMYRNA BEACH (AP) — A rapid-fire hip-hop beat filled the radio station booth where Kna-ledge and Lil' Meek got set to rap over an open copy of the Bible.

Singing into microphones to the staccato, gritty beat of the street, they praised God.

"Baby / You gonna make it / If you keep your focus, on the Lord."

Using the same hard-edged sound that reaches the youths of today like no other, their words evoked positive messages, shunning commercial rap and hip-hop's reputation for demeaning women and glorifying wealth, drugs and violence.

Gospel hip-hop, or holy hip-hop, is a growing segment in the music industry. The clean lyrics offer an alternative in the on-and-off controversy over entertainment images, most recently spurred by the firing of radio host Don Imus for derogatory comments about female basketball players and efforts by a music mogul to tone down language in commercial rap.

Kna-Ledge (pronounced "knowledge") and Lil' Meek are aspiring gospel hip-hop artists from Orlando with day jobs. Their live appearance highlighted a recent Saturday night broadcast of Pure Fire Street from the tiny Christian radio station WKTO-FM. Most of the day, the station features traditional Christian and gospel sounds.

"I realized my youth weren't listening to that," Doug Hautz, a pastor at Ormond Beach Alliance Church, said of traditional Christian music. "They were interested in something edgier."

While driving youngsters to youth events, Hautz noticed how quickly they would switch radio channels away from those traditional sounds. But they would stick on the edgier sound. He persuaded WKTO's owners to start the gospel hip-hop show and a Christian heavy metal music

program, called Pure Fire.

"My idea was just to play different kinds of sounds like Kna-ledge," said Hautz, a tall, blond, 45-year-old father with Pat Boone-type looks and personality, but fluent in the culture of hip-hop. "These guys are telling the truth. The music is good. It's hot."

"At the same time, you don't have to be exposed to something overly sexualized or all about making money," he said.

Kna-ledge and Lil' Meek discovered the Pure Fire Street broadcast while listening to the radio together as they served time in Tomoka Correctional Institution. Both live in Orlando now. Kna-ledge is 27-year-old pipefitter Elliott Daniels, who considers himself a hip-hop lyricist. Lil' Meek, 30-year-old Chris Atkins, works construction and cleans offices.

A longtime aspiring hip-hop artist, Kna-ledge admits the images of commercial rap and the crowd he was hanging around tempted him into a "mischievous" life. He served five years for the armed robbery of video rental store managers while they made bank deposits.

"I like music with a purpose," Daniels said. "I need to hear positive images about life, not death."

A recent convert to rap performance, Atkins pays tribute to Daniels. "I'm blessed to have found a guy like him."

The doors are open at WKTO late on a Saturday night, where a small, mostly young crowd drops in.

"The people here are more accepting," said Kaylee Mongosa, 18, of New Smyrna Beach. "It's a nice place to be around. The people here have something in common."

Asked what everyone had in common, she said, "God."

On the air, deejay Vinny Mejias, 36, spins tunes and takes calls. The positive message of gospel hip-hop is still the reality of the 'hood, not

a sissy pose, he said.

"It's not about being goody-two-shoes," Mejias said. "Being Christian is not being goody-two-shoes. Being Christian is a struggle."

In Daytona Beach, WPUL-AM, recently added a Gospel hip-hop show to its talk and religious programming.

"We can't complain about hip-hop on (commercial) radio and not give them an alternative," said Phinisse Demps, WPUL station manager. "It's just as hard, or street, as the stuff they're listening to now. Just the lyrics are different. They're giving you a positive message."

But the hard-edged sound sparked a backlash from those who criticized the music as "blasphemous," he said.

Such negative reactions won't deter the Rev. Ronald Durham, pastor of Greater Friendship Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, from gospel hip-hop. The reason for the backlash is the same reason gospel hip-hop reaches youngsters — it sounds as cool as the commercial hip-hop, he said.

Durham weathered the trepidation of some in 1998 while taking youths from his former church in Newark, N.J., to see gospel hip-hop artists do Talk. The criticism was worth the results.

"They were literally on fire," Durham said. "To this day, those same kids communicate with me by e-mail. They are still in church."

A recent hip-hop Praise Dance energized the faces of youths at Greater Friendship, who typically look bored in church, he said.

"Hip-hop and rap music is our Trojan horse in the Christian Church," Durham said. "When you first hear a Christian rap song, it's not easily identifiable as being Christian. It has that heavy beat they call the Dirty South beat."

"As you listen, you hear the jewel hidden beneath the surface; that's the priceless and timeless message of hope and the inspiration and faith in Christ," he said.

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How can the community participate?

In exactly 100 words, anyone in the Tampa Bay/St. Petersburg area can nominate a person in their community whom they believe embodies the spirit of the great Marcus M. Garvey. Nominate that person by name and give at least three (3) compelling reasons why you believe your nominee should receive the Marcus Garvey Economic Achievement Award that TBAMA will be awarding on August 25, 2007, at their Annual Fundraiser and Comedy Extravaganza. **Essays must be typed with your names and return addresses attached.** The nominee in the community with the most nominations will be the winner of this prestigious award to be received live and in person at this fundraiser's banquet. The winning nominee essay writer's names will be honorably mentioned also.

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Elder Benjamin Adams, Jr., Senior Pastor

Church address: 1002 Palmetto Street, Clearwater, FL 33755
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1235, Clearwater, FL 33755
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(727) 321-0911
www.victorychristiancenterchurch.com

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.
(except Wednesdays)

Claude S. Williams, Pastor

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.

Tuesday Night
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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
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 Bible Study (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.



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 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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 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.



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1732 9th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712
 (727) 896-4356

Elder A.P. Conage, Pastor

8:00 A.M. - Sunday Service 9:00 A.M. - Tuesday Prayer
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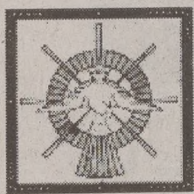
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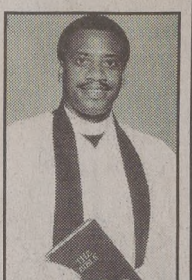
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with all our hearts.*

Love,
Your Wife and Kids



James Jackson, Jr.

*Dear Husband and Father of Our Children
We are so very proud to have you in our lives and I am so
proud to help raise our children to be just like you.*
*J- Just
A-Ambitious
M-Mighty
E-Educated
S-Superior*

Love, Phyllis, James III, Joshua, Joda, Julilan



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*Thank you so much for being the husband
and father that God the Father Almighty
has called you to be. We love and
appreciate you more than words
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Happy Fathers Day

From Your
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and children
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E-Essential
N-Noble
E- Endless*

*We searched the world over and there is
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Love, Phyllis & James Jr.

Daddy You Mean So Much...

*Daddy you mean so many things...
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Right from the very start.
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In a kind and thoughtful way.
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No matter what comes your way.
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Daddy you mean so many things
and yes, we thank God for you.*



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WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN
OUR FAMILY. THROUGH
THE GOOD TIMES & THE
BAD TIMES YOU HAVE
HELD THE FOUNDATION
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WE THANK YOU, NOT JUST ON
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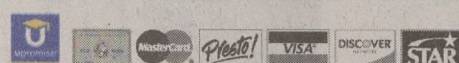


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