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## Senator Joyner Passes Law To Assist Non-Criminal Traffic Violators



Senator Arthenia Joyner

TAMPA - Non-criminal traffic violators got a reprieve under a bill signed into law by Gov. Charlie Crist. The new legislation, sponsored by Sen. Arthenia Joyner (D-Tampa), will give citizens the option of performing community service if they can prove to the court that they have a demonstrable financial hardship. The new law goes into effect on July 1, 2008.

Joyner expressed concern that people were being put in jail for driving with a suspended license when the suspension was due to non-payment of traffic tickets. By allowing community service in lieu of payment, the law will keep non-criminal traffic violators out of already overcrowded jails and it will also provide valuable services to financially-strapped government agencies, nonprofit

agencies, and community organizations.

Joyner said, "This good bill benefits both the citizens and the government. We cannot fill up our jail cells with persons who were driving with a suspended license when those persons simply could not afford to pay their traffic ticket. There must be other options in these types of situations."

Sen. Arthenia L. Joyner was elected to the Florida Senate in 2006 and was selected to serve as a Whip in the Senate Democratic Caucus. A Tampa attorney, Joyner also served as a State Representative in the Florida House for six years. She represents Senate District 18, an area that encompasses portions of Hillsborough, Manatee and Pinellas counties.

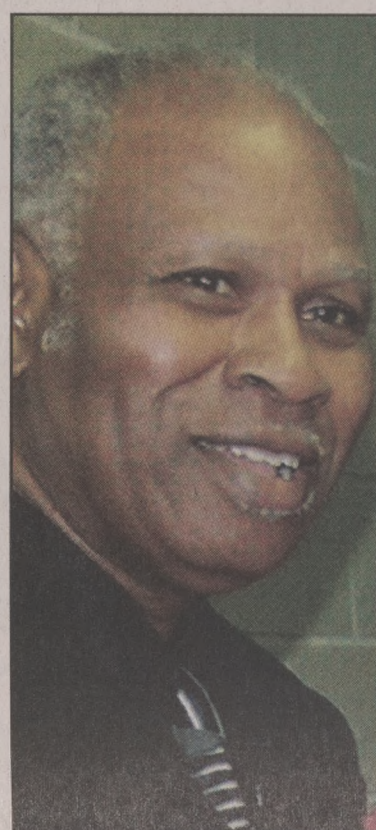
## Black Press Celebrates Legendary Leaders At Summer Conference



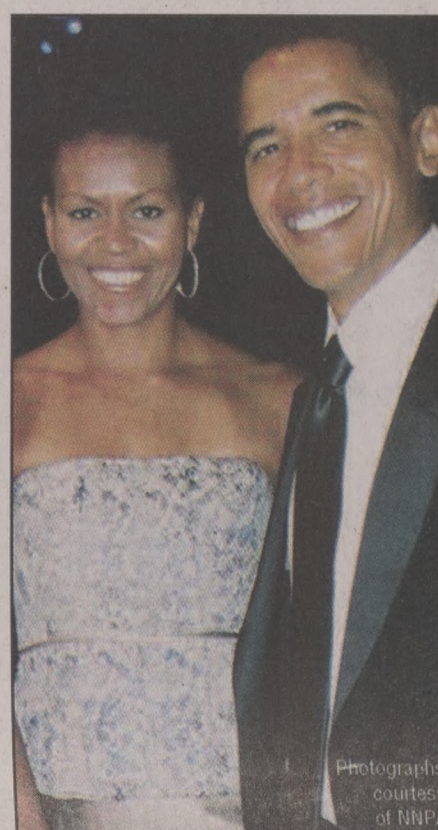
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Dorothy Leavell



NAACP President-elect  
Benjamin Todd Jealous



NNPA Chairman  
John B. Smith Sr.



Michelle and Barack Obama,  
Democratic presidential hopeful  
and presumptive first lady

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY  
NNPA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Legendary boxing champion Muhammad Ali, youngest NAACP President-elect Benjamin Todd Jealous, historic Black presidential hopeful Barack Obama, and the stars of the NNPA Merit Awards are all included in the line-up for this year's National Newspaper Publishers Association's Annual Summer Convention in Louisville, Ky., June 25-28.

"This year's annual conference of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the Black Press of America, will be one of great significance

and historicity," says NNPA Chairman John B. Smith Sr. "We will not only recognize and celebrate exemplary journalism by our own, but we will honor the achievements of the Honorable Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, as they are recipients of the 2008 NNPA's Chairman's Award."

Obama spokeswoman Candice Tolliver says she will attend the conference on behalf of Obama, presumptive Democratic nominee and the presumptive First Lady Michelle, who are not able to attend because of a scheduling conflict.

"Sen. Obama has tremendous respect and admiration for

the members of the NNPA," says Tolliver. "It is because of NNPA's tireless commitment that African-American communities across the nation are better informed and engaged in the issues that shape our country. The Obama campaign is grateful for their work and support ... I am very excited to attend."

Smith says he is also anticipating the appearance of GOP presumptive presidential nominee John McCain as well as the legendary Ali, who will be honored at a special NNPA Chairman's Tribute and reception at the Muhammad Ali Center on Thursday.

The glitzy A. Philip Randolph Awards and the NNPA

Foundation's Merit Awards will peak the exciting events on Friday.

The A. Philip Randolph Awards are presented in a reception format for NNPA Publishers and their staffs to receive awards for articles on education and civil rights that appeared in their publications last year. Cash prizes and awards are an exciting climax as they will be revealed for the first time at the Friday evening event, sponsored by the Miller Brewing Company, a long-time NNPA supporter, represented by Larry Waters.

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## Gibbs Senior High School Class Of 1963 Celebrates 45 Years Of Togetherness



Gibbs Class of 1963 graduate Loretta Thompson McKenny, right, hugs Angela Thompson

ST. PETERSBURG - Getting together again and remembering the old days is what a reunion is all about. On June 12-15 Gibbs High School Class of 1963 held its 45th reunion at the Holiday Inn Sun Spree Hotel. The events were really as much about a family reunion as it was about a class reunion, bringing 69 classmates together from throughout the country. The classmates spent much of their time attending functions and renewing acquaintances. The event opened on Thursday with a "Meet & Greet" at the Holiday Inn Sun Spree. Followed by a "fish fry" at Lake Vista Park on Friday, a banquet and dance on Saturday, and ending the weekend festivities on Sunday with a worship service at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church followed by a picnic at

Dell Holmes Park.

Classmate Neeley Moody, - Inspector General for the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., gave the keynote address encouraging classmates to continue to care and love each other. During the banquet teacher and staff in attendance were acknowledged.

Some of those in attendance were Mary Jones Turner, Harvey Hollin, Charlie Williams, Maggie Brown and Lois Howard Williams.

Throughout the reunion there were compelling stories ranging from folklore and family wounds to family healing, disappointments and triumphs. Some stories even evoked tears.

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# Gibbs High School Class Of 1963 Reunion

Photographs courtesy of Quentin Hicks



Gibbs High School Class of 1963



Left to right, Thomas Jackson, Lorraine Harden and keynote speaker, Neeley Moody



Newly elected officers



Members of Class of 1963



Members of Class of 1963

## GIBBS

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New officers elected for the next five year term were: Thomas "Jet" Jackson, president; Dorene Baker, vice president; Eula Jones, secretary/financial secretary; Ray Forehand, treasurer; J. B. Harris Jr., parliamentarian; Fred Frederick,

overall class coordinator.

Classmates from throughout the country attending included: Neeley Moody of Maryland; Dr. Aaron Graham of New Jersey; Dr. Fred Frederick of Chicago; Wardell Smith of San Francisco; Clarence Carter of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Lorraine Harris Smarr of Littleton Colo.; Louise Butler West of Denver;

Harriett Rogers Watson of Los Angeles; Juanita Williams Boston of Los Angeles; Ruth McNeal Perkins of Talladega, Ala.; Ray Howard, Atlanta; Robert Brown of Stone Mountain, Ga.; Carolyn Hart Bailey of Rochester, N.Y.; Horas Sheffield of Sarasota; Lillie Jones Collins Smith of Springhill; Robert Perry of Boca Raton; Annye Stone Nichols of

Scottsdale, Ariz.; Antonio Ortiz of Hampton, Va.; Bertha Boston Hardeman of Lutz; John A. Hooker of Bloomfield, Conn.; and Edward Brown, Killen, Texas. Local members attending included: Cornell Gordon, Arthur Cubby, Betty Warren Stewart, Minson Rubin, interim president, Jerri Jemison Bronson, Dorene Baker, Betty Archer Ardion,

Joyce Waller Brown, Alvelita Waller Donaldson, Carolyn Dixon, Dianne Newkirk, Sandra Gore Miller, J. B. Harris Jr., Major Evelyn Smith Slater, Gloria Morgan Bryant, Josephine Lewis Morris, Eula Haggans Jones, Nettie Hannah Jackson, Olivia Holmes Lambert, Julia Jamerson, Ethel Collins Cannedy, Sandra

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

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

## OPINION

### Dorothy Height: An American Treasure



BY MARCH H. MORIAL  
NNPA COLUMNIST

This year's State of Black America® report shines a much-needed spotlight on the struggles and triumphs of black women.

Too often invisible in mainstream society or depicted by demeaning stereotypes in "popular" culture, our women are at once the most oppressed and most resilient group in America. Everyday, millions of African-American women work harder, earn less and shoulder the burdens of breadwinner and caregiver in their families.

At the same time, many step up and stand out as leaders in their churches, schools, businesses and local communities.

Lest we forget, it was Harriet Tubman who led us out of slavery

and Rosa Parks who mortally wounded Jim Crow. Today, I want to share my thoughts about Dorothy Height, a woman who has spent most of her 96 years on this earth standing on the front lines of freedom, not only for black women, but for us all.

Currently the chair and president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), Dorothy Height has been committed to equality and justice for all since 1933. As a young woman, she became a civil rights worker with the United Christian Youth Movement of North America. A few years later, as an executive of the Harlem YWCA, she met Mary McLeod Bethune. Bethune took her under her wing, introduced her to Eleanor Roosevelt and recruited her as a NCNW volunteer.

Dorothy Height has been active

in every stage of the modern civil rights and women's rights struggles. She has taken her message of human rights and women's empowerment to places like India, Mexico and Africa. In 1947 she was elected national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and for a decade, led the organization into a new era of activism. She was elected president of NCNW in 1957 and served as its leader until 1998 when she became chair and president emerita.

She was one of a few women who stood with men like Martin Luther King Jr. and Whitney M. Young Jr. at the height of the civil rights movement and she was on the platform when Dr. King delivered his historic "I Have a Dream" speech. For her many outstanding achievements, Dorothy Height has been honored by presidents and peers. She is the recipient of the

Presidential Medal of Freedom, the NAACP Springarn Medal and the Congressional Gold Medal, just to name a few.

At the tender age of 96, Dorothy Height is still a powerful voice for black women. As she writes in the foreword to the State of Black America 2008, "Who better than us understand and empathize with the very real challenges that our brothers, fathers, husbands and sons face ... and who better than us can understand the very real boundaries that all women face in navigating a cultural dynamic that still assigns roles and oftentimes limitations based on gender. With no apologies, the time is now to finally focus on us."

Dorothy Height is an American treasure and I am proud to call her my friend.

### Michelle Obama: Bold. Brave. Beautiful.



BY DR. BARBARA REYNOLDS  
NNPA COLUMNIST

The next national pastime by pundits and well-placed politicians will be The Makeover of presumptive First Lady Michelle Obama.

Recently the ignorant conservatives interrupted my idyllic daydream of seeing this brilliant, elegantly clad African-American woman presiding over state dinners and influencing important policy matters, along with the Obama children hosting the annual Easter egg hunts on the White House lawn.

What interrupted my reveries was the crass Fox News calling Michelle Obama, "Obama's baby Mama," a derogatory term for an unwed mother. What gall!

The conservatives spin lies about Mrs. Obama but hide the truth about Cindy McCain, the wife of the presumptive Republican challenger, John McCain. She is an heiress whose wealth estimated at \$100m — comes from her late father's beer distribution company.

During the senator's first run for president in 2000, it was reported that Mrs. McCain had been addicted to painkillers and had stolen from her own charity's medicine cabinets to feed her drug habit.

Then, the well-meaning handlers around her responding to polls that Cindy McCain is more likeable have set out to soften Michelle Obama's image, make her

appear less "angry," and more approachable.

Hopefully her recent appearance on "The View" where she tackled the pressing issues of why she wears panty hose and eats bacon smooched up her "likeability" enough so she won't have to talk about that minutiae again.

My fear is that too much tampering with or too many fingerprints probing over her will smudge up a person who is loved exactly the way she is. Why try to turn a Sojourner Truth into a Stepford wife?

One way to fix the so-called Michelle problem is to fight lies with truth. Much is made out of a sound bite where in response to her husband's historic campaign for president she said, "For the first time in my adult lifetime, I am really proud of my country." This in the hands of conservative twists became proof that she was unpatriotic.

First of all as Whoopi Goldberg so artfully pointed out on "The View," the operative word is REALLY, referring to a degree of pride. For example to be happy is wonderful, to be REALLY happy is pure joy, a step above.

Yet, if any of us have always been proud of our country we need psychiatric evaluation. Have we always been proud of a country that once enslaved and lynched blacks all within the protection of law? Are we proud of the nation's almost total destruction of native American populations, the impris-

onment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, the present oil war being waged in Iraq on the false pretense of Weapons of Mass Destruction?

No matter how the right and the left try to poke, prod and fix Michelle Obama, I see much in her background to believe that she will make waves one way or another to help the world's left behind, just as she did at her six-figure position as a vice president at a white-led hospital in Chicago.

As the New York Times reported, when it was proposed that a certain vaccine to prevent cervical cancer should be tested on black teenage girls, Mrs. Obama stopped it. The clinical trial rightly raised the specter of the Tuskegee syphilis experiment, where white doctors let hundreds of black men go untreated to study the disease.

Those kinds of bold acts where in the backrooms Mrs. Obama put her reputation and job on the line to fight for the powerless are what makes her a credible force and is what the world needs now — unchecked and undiluted.

Many would be more comfortable with the role of the First Lady as all fluff and puff, more decorative and ornamental than substantive. Historically when a First Lady did take on an issue, except for First Lady Hillary Clinton, it was usually far from the line of political fire. For example, Barbara Bush, wife of President George Bush, championed the cause of literacy.

President Lyndon Johnson's wife, Lady Bird, took on highway beautification.

Already there is a script being written for Mrs. Obama to continue in the mold of Jackie Kennedy who reigned over Camelot.

Today, however, at a time when thousands of people are losing their homes through foreclosures, can't afford gas to get to work, if they are still lucky enough to have a job, a Camelot-like lushness of life at the top does not seem appropriate.

Certainly, Mrs. Obama will chart her own course in history, but the mantle of Eleanor Roosevelt is worth considering.

As First Lady Mrs. Roosevelt broke many traditions. She was the first to give a press conference, the first to testify before Congress, the first to write a newspaper column, the first to become a political figure in her own right and was one of the most ardent champions of civil rights long before it was popular, a stance that resulted in the KKK putting a \$25,000 bounty on her head. After leaving the White House, Roosevelt became chairman of the United Nations Human Rights Commission and was voted the most popular American in magazine polls in the 1950s.

That's the kind of Michelle Obama the world awaits. Bold. Brave. Beautiful. That is who I believe she is and that is who I believe neither those who hate her or love her won't change.

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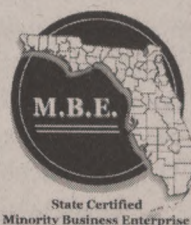
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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Pinellas County Urban League's  
Career Connection Center

## Career Corner

BY KATRISA B. WINSTON

### How To Recover After Losing Your Job?

You have just been told by your supervisor that your services are no longer required. You were not prepared for this shocking news. Your heart drops to your feet and you wonder, what do I do now? Does this situation sound familiar? How can you recover from this unexpected life changing event? First, do not panic. Second, develop a plan of action. Thirdly, execute your plan.

"Don't panic!" Yes, this is easier said than done. However, in order to think clearly, develop and execute your plan; you must maintain a positive outlook. Remember, this is a temporary setback; you will find other career opportunities. The question is, how do you recover and rebound?

#### Develop your plan of Action:

Make an assessment of your financial expenses. Cut out all unnecessary financial burdens as quickly as possible. Doing so will reduce some of your financial strain.

Determine whether the company will pay you a severance package (this may include two weeks additional pay or it may be more depending on the company's regulations). If so, include this amount in your monthly budget to keep your monthly expenses current.

Immediately contact your local unemployment office. Most states will allow you to apply for unemployment online.

Update your resume and make sure you indicate your reason for leaving the last job was due to "reduction in workforce" or "company down-sizing".

Begin networking with family, friends, and other associates. Take every opportunity to let people know that you are looking for a job. Remember, what you know is very important, but who you know is essential because they may have knowledge of job openings that are not being advertised.

Keep a positive attitude; you may qualify for free training for reentry back into the work

force. Contact your local unemployment office to get more information. This temporary setback may be an opportunity for you to update your employability skills. Contact your local career placement center for additional job hunting support.

#### Hot jobs:

- Customer Service Telephone Sales Positions - A telemarketing license is not required.

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- RN's, CNA's, and Home Health Care Aids - salary and/or hourly.

- School Crossing Guards - hiring dependable individuals with reliable work record. Good eyesight and hearing mandatory and a willingness to work in a variety of weather. Background and drug screening required unless indicated.

For more information about these employment opportunities visits Pinellas County Urban League's Career Connection Center, contact Mr. Donald Gulley, employment specialist at the St. Petersburg office or Rosa Matos, employment specialist in the Clearwater office.

The Pinellas County Urban League promotes equal opportunities for all cultures, but does not guarantee employment.

### Omega Psi Phi Fraternity To Host Annual Scholarship Tournament

ST. PETERSBURG - The officers of Eta Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, proudly presents the 2008 Scholarship Golf Tournament. The proceeds will benefit Eta Rho Education Services (ERES), a registered non-profit organization of the chapter to provide scholarships to deserving Pinellas County high school graduates as they enroll in colleges and universities.

The 2008 golf tournament will be held at Airco Golf Course, 13690 Stoneybrook Drive, Clearwater. All ages are welcome in support of this worthwhile cause. This year's event is sponsored by the following companies: Roy James Insurance and Financial Services, Airco Golf Course, The Holiday Inn Select-Clearwater, Brunson Entertainment promotions and Eta Rho Chapter of Omega Psi



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From left to right, Frank Brunson, James Jackson Jr., Watson Haynes, Grady Terrell and Ivan Tucker

Phi Fraternity Inc.

For sponsorship or tournament information and to learn more about ERES, go to the Web site [www.etarho-omega.com](http://www.etarho-omega.com) or e-mail [eres@etarho-omega.com](mailto:eres@etarho-omega.com). The tournament's date is

July 26, and will feature a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. Early registration is before July 12.

For more information contact Herb Dixon at (727) 867-7505 and Elijah Gilbert at (727) 480-3099.

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Parent Aide Volunteers have been described as the "life, blood and tears" of child abuse prevention. Parent Aide Volunteers have also been described as "foot soldiers," the front lines in the Parent Aide Program's efforts to eradicate child abuse and the potential for child neglect.

Parent Aide knows that a volunteer can single handedly influence the breaking up of the

cycle of child abuse; a cycle that may have existed in a family for generations. Volunteers can band together in their commitment and dedication to protecting the young in the community by bringing out the best in a parent.

If you are considering volunteering, think about the value your life experience will mean to a struggling parent trying to make sense of their ever tighten-

ing budget, coping with their children's behavioral challenges and trying to cope with an uncertain future. Consider how you can help redirect their concerns to hope for the future by giving your friendship and caring encouragement.

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## Letter To The Editor

June 24, 2008

Dear Editor of the Weekly Challenger,

I am writing this letter to inform and seek assistance in the upcoming proposal by Carl Kuttler, president of SPC and Ed Peachey, president and CEO of WorkNet in the closing of the St. Petersburg College - Midtown Center and Worknet Office located on 22nd St. S. in August 2008. This would be a tragedy and disaster to the residents of this community. The City of St. Petersburg asked the St. Petersburg College to help with the educational portion of its Midtown Redevelopment Plan, so the college opened SPC Midtown, which offered its first classes in Sept. 2003. Since its opening the enrollment has risen above the expectations targeted. WorkNet has provided much needed services to students of the college and area. It has become a one stop for the residents of this community and convenient for others living nearby.

Here are some reasons for not closing SPC Midtown Center:

- Brings education closer to home and community.
- Small friendly atmosphere of Midtown.
- Students appreciate the fact that they offer many classes.
- SPC Midtown offers a small, yet relaxed, educational setting, offering one-on-one attention.

- Both traditional and non-traditional students appreciate the ease at which they are introduced to the educational experience.

The student population at SPC Midtown is a very diverse one of approximately 300 students per semester that includes different cultures. The personal atmosphere that the staff and faculty display is a major part of what has made Midtown so successful.

It is imperative that the individuals who are striving to successfully achieve their educational pursuit have the opportunity to do by not having to travel far, but to do so by "stepping right outside their doorsteps, close to home." Life changes come through education.

It is home of The Center of Excellence, designed for students in elementary, middle and high schools, encouraging academic success among younger students as well helping them increase their self-esteem.

It is home of the College Reach Out Program, which targets students in grades 6-12, and is designed to motivate students to pursue a postsecondary education. This program fosters personal and career development through supplement instruction and helps students develop basic learning skills, strengthens parent and student understanding of the benefits of postsecondary education.

In closing, please join me in this effort to keep our educational dream alive at SPC Midtown Center and provide the opportunity for residents to avail themselves of employment seeking and assistance provided by WorkNet by contacting Dr. Carl Kuttler, 727-341-3241; Ed Peachey, (EPeachey@worknetpinellas.org); Mayor Rick Baker and Deputy Mayor Goliath Davis at 727-893-7201; and City Council Members at 727-893-7117 to keep both of these valuable resources OPEN and not kill the constructive things taking place at Midtown.

Teresa "Momma Tee" Lassiter, St. Petersburg

## Fund-raiser To Help 9-Year-Old Burn Victim Makiela Pressley

BY NICOLE HAWTHORNE

**LARGO** - On Saturday, June 28 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church located at 13255 118th St. N. in Largo at 4:00 p.m., a program with the theme of praise and worship will be held to benefit 9-year-old Makiela Pressley, who was burned in a house fire on February 23.

Pressley, who has sustained over 50 percent of burns over her entire

body, is in need of more surgery and medical care. While there has been an outpouring of prayers and support for the family, there is still more that needs to be done.

Through the fund-raising efforts of W.M. Janice Martin of The Order of Eastern Star Chapter NJMA, Largo Florida 610, W.M. Johnie Helm of The International Free and Accepted Modern Masons and OES Inc.

Chester Gooden 559 NJMA 610, Largo Florida, and Elder Al Baldwin, help is on the way.

The program will consist of praise team leaders, choirs, groups, steppers, mime performers, rappers and soloists. All of the proceeds will go towards Makiela's upcoming surgeries.

For further information please contact Elder Al Baldwin at 727-754-0199.

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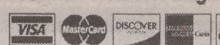
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Friday, June 27** - Grand Central Stroll, Grand Central Business District, from 1st Ave. N. to 1st Ave. S. and from 19th St. to 31st St. N. 5 to 9 p.m. Shops, nightspots and businesses open late with specials, entertainment and more. A Florida Main Street Community. Free. 727-328-7086.

**Sunday, June 29** - Music Fest on the Water, The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 1 to 4 p.m. "Charlie Souza and the New Tropics" Enjoy music in the Waterside Courtyard. Free. [www.stpetepier.com](http://www.stpetepier.com) or 727-631-6443.

**Wednesday to Saturday, July 2 to 5** - Miss Florida Outstanding Teen and Miss Florida Pageant, Progress Center for the Arts' Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. Wed. at 7:30 p.m. preliminary competition, Thurs. at 7:30 p.m. preliminary competition, Fri. at 2:00 p.m. preliminary competition and Sat. at 7 p.m. Miss Florida Outstanding Teen finals and at 8 p.m. Miss Florida finals. [www.missflorida.org](http://www.missflorida.org), [www.mahaffeytheater.com](http://www.mahaffeytheater.com) 727-892-5767.

**Thursday, July 5** - Survey Mark Hunting - FISH-ful Saturday, The Pier Aquarium, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. noon to 2 p.m. [www.pieraquarium.org](http://www.pieraquarium.org) or 727-895-7437.

**Friday, July 6** - Share the Road Ride, North Shore Pool. 7 a.m. Organized 10, 20, 40 60- mile bike ride to promote bicycle awareness and safety. [www.sharetheroadride.com](http://www.sharetheroadride.com) or 727-582-1910.

**Sunday, July 8** - The quarterly meeting for Churches United for Healthy Congregations will be held at 6 p.m. at the James B. Sanderlin Neighborhood Center, 2335 22nd Ave. So., St. Petersburg. Call 727-321-9444 for information.

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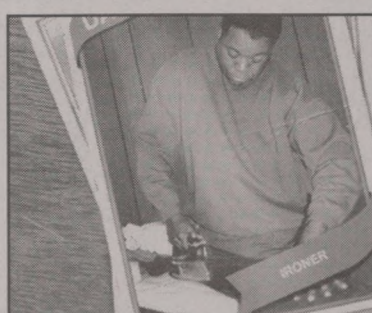
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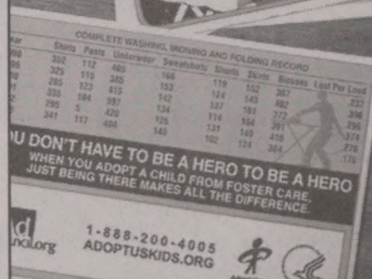
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## St. Petersburg Mayor Submits 2009 City Budget

ST. PETERSBURG - On June 23, St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker submitted his proposed 2009 budget to Council. In spite of difficult financial constraints faced by all Florida cities, the mayor's proposed budget maintains excellent city services, provides tax relief to small businesses and continues the lowest millage rate in 30 years.

"Although development of this budget was marked by a difficult transition for our government," said Mayor Rick Baker, "we began planning several years ago to address the anticipated results of national and statewide economic and budgetary trends during which we have gone from a period of substantial and extraordinary growth in taxable property values to the current rapid decline in these values. During my two terms as mayor, we have focused on organizational efficiencies to help us maintain excellent service, reduce the city's debt and strengthen our financial reserves. We've built tight budgets that have included sustainable reductions that control personnel costs."

The proposed budget

includes a millage rate of 5.9125 mills - the lowest level in St. Petersburg since 1978 - and a reduction of 51 full-time positions (183 positions since 2001 - 53 percent of which were management, professional and supervisory positions). A recent comparison of employment levels in Florida's largest cities is attached.

Mayor Baker also proposes to aid small businesses by eliminating the business employee tax for businesses with one to 30 employees, a measure that benefits 4,700 local businesses, and will save each business an amount between \$12 and \$360 per year, depending upon the business' number of employees (\$12 per employee).

Irwin Contracting owner Innes Irwin will save \$348. "It's great that the City is looking at issues that affect small business owners, especially in today's market. I applaud the City for exploring all aspects of their budget."

The savings of \$12 per employee would be only \$60 for a business with 5 employees. "Some will say that this isn't a

large amount," said Charlie Harris, chair of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce. "But small business owners have gotten very little relief so far, and in tight times like today, for some businesses even a small amount makes a big difference."

The proposed 2009 budget also continues to fund popular programs such as the Green City initiatives, Mayor's Mentors & More (which has generated over \$10 million in private funds to support the city's public schools), CityTrails, library improvements, Midtown/Childs Park initiatives and more. The City would fund social services at the current level and also provide \$295,000 to continue its commitment to Pinellas Hope and emergency beds for the homeless, fund arts and cultural programs at the current level and provide an additional \$100,000 match for private donations to a new cultural fund for the arts created by City Council this year.

City Council will hold a budget workshop on July 10, followed by a 6 p.m. public forum in Council Chamber that same day.

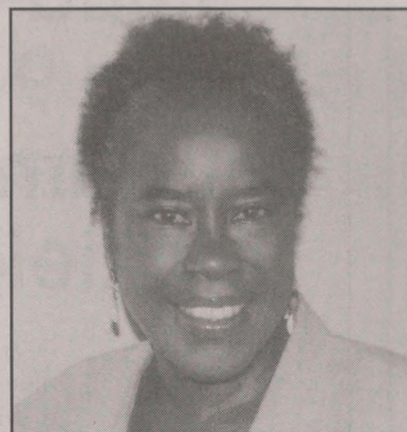
## Living With Osteoarthritis?

Osteoarthritis does not only afflict the hand, hip, and knee joints. When the ankle joint is affected, the whole foot may swell, making every step painful and difficult. Many daily activities at work and at home become a burden. But what can you do

yourself to fight this chronic joint disease? What can you do to protect your aching feet, reduce the symptoms, and support your doctor's treatment?

With assistance from some of the world's leading foot specialists, the American Arthritis

Society has compiled twelve useful and practical tips for self-care that are interesting and easy to follow. These and many more suggestions for treating osteoarthritis can be found on the Society's website at: [www.americanarthritis.org](http://www.americanarthritis.org).



## Community Beat

BY JEANIE BLUE

### Juneteenth "A Celebration Of Freedom"

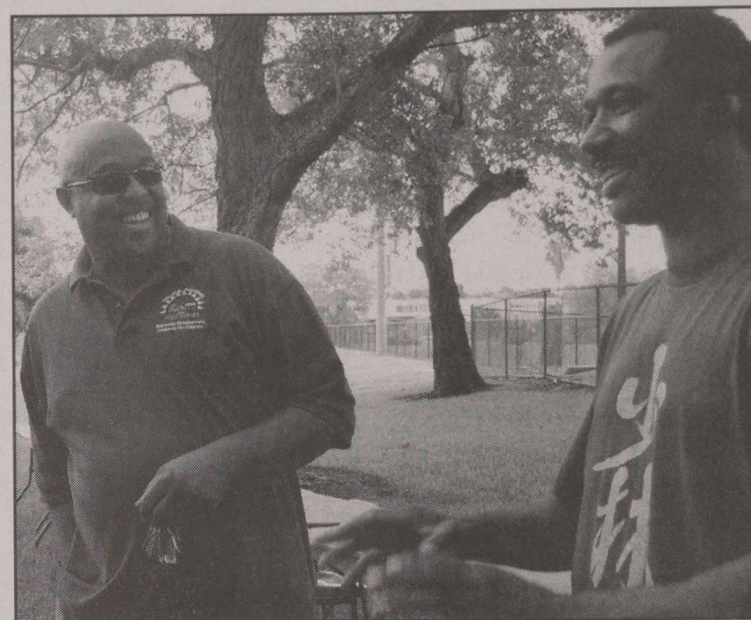
Many gathered on this rainy Saturday morning to support and participate in the annual Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration held on June 21, at Campbell Park, St. Petersburg.

Among the many vendors and social service organizations were City of St. Petersburg's TASCO workers with the moonwalks and other activities for the children. A festive family affair.

The entertainment lineup included all of the music our African ancestors were instrumental in creating including gospel, rhythm and blues, hip hop, spoken word poetry and drumming. There was a tent for drummaking, extending our African ancestors tradition.

"I'm involved because it's my way of giving back to the community," said Neighborly Services provider Tommie Williams. "Something we all should do," he added.

Neighborly Services Inc., St. Petersburg Chapter Black Nurses Association, Pinellas Technical Education Center Nursing Program and Office



Deputy Mayor Davis, left, enjoyed the festivities

organizers were pleased about the level of support shown.

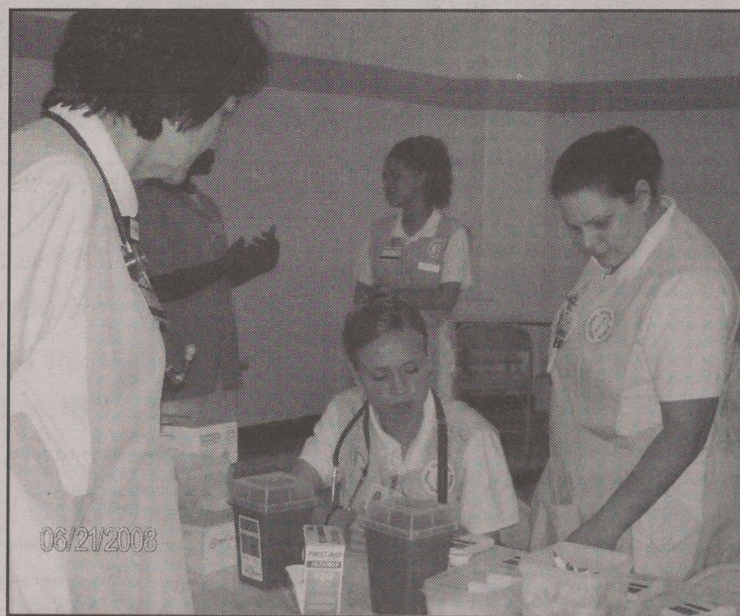
"We got a rain-out, but everyone was supportive and no one asked for a refund or anything," Faye Dowdell, Juneteenth 2008 coordinator said.

According to entertainment and media consultant for this year's Juneteenth celebration, Rinita Anderson, all of the performers donated their time.

"I have worked past Juneteenth celebrations with you, (referring to this correspondent), but this is my first

Juneteenth was established on June 19, 1865 when word of the Emancipation Proclamation and subsequent 13th Amendment reached enslaved African people held in Galveston, Texas. The people immediately stopped what they were doing and celebrated "Freedom." Now they could determine their own destiny, be it what it may be. Our elders and ancestors established this state holiday, with Texas paying municipal and state employees to have the day off. In Florida, our legislators proposed and passed legislation, honoring June 19th as Juneteenth Day in Florida effective Oct. 1, 1991. The first Juneteenth Celebration was held in St. Petersburg, June 19, 1992, produced by Juneteenth of Tampa Bay Inc. Since that time, Juneteenth celebrations have been organized all over the state and other states have passed legislation making Juneteenth a legally observed holiday.

"At this celebration we should reflect on the heritage and legacy of our ancestors," City of St. Petersburg Deputy Mayor Goliath Davis commented when he opened the celebration, right before the African National Anthem "Lift Every Voice And Sing" was performed by Milton Bailey, of Mt. Zion Progressive MB Church. Of course community members stood up and joined in!



Social service providers offer health screenings

of Minority Health Services of the Pinellas County Health Unit, were social service providers at Juneteenth and offered general routine health screenings including high blood pressure checks, Sickie Cell tests, colorectal cancer checks, and checks for sugar/glucose levels.

Some of the entertainment included R&B Singer Kayla Hill, the Faithful 5 gospel group and the Florida International Jazz & Blues Band. Brother Kwabena Zulu a spoken word artist was also featured. The mister of ceremony, DJ Curious Baby Face came from Washington, D.C., and provided a great job of keeping the program flowing, even with the rain.

Due to the rainy weather, many vendors and social service exhibitors packed up and left early. However,



Juneteenth coordinator Faye Dowdell

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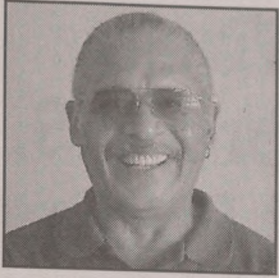
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# ENTERTAINMENT



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Luis Alicea on percussion

## "That Latin Tinge" New Jazz Band "Latin Roots" Gets Downright Funky!

Downtown was swingin' and swayin' to the sounds of mambo, salsa, cha-cha, meringue, and samba at "St. Pete's favorite night club" (Bayview Room, Mahaffey Theater). You could have fried an egg on the incredibly hot, swinging vibes in air, and I'm not talking about the temperature or humidity. There were lots of satisfied smiles, shaking of heads in unison with the clapping of hands, in addition to dancing in the aisles and shouts of Olé! All because the Latin Roots Quintet out of Tampa had brought a brand new bag of jazz for the hip jazz aficionados to take in.

This fantastic group of five very talented musicians was making history performing their initial concert as "Latin Roots." In a matter of just a couple of tunes, a world of possibilities opened up for this full of life and electrifying band. Emails I received the next morning only further confirmed the group's new-found popularity. Comments such as, "Please put me on your email list. I was at the Latin Jazz concert last night and thoroughly enjoyed it. Looking forward to next season. Thanks." And, "Rick, I am one of your regular attendees, always enjoy the productions, those guys last night were a treat! We loved 'em!"

Latin Roots' two-set performance included original and standard tunes such as "Autumn Leaves," "Sunflower," "Girl From Ipanema," "Blue Monk," "Stella," "Summertime," and many more. Those in attendance will be talking about this particular concert for months to come.

When asked as to how the group was formed, leader Andrew Maldonado says that a call from Rick Gee's Jazz Jamm spurred it all. For a long while, Maldonado had been visualizing performing Latin jazz. When he was asked by Jazz Jamm, if he knew of a Latin group that could perform at the Jazz Club of Sarasota's next "Jazz In The Park," he knew that this was what he had to do. A call to his friend Luis Alicea, and member of the group, generated additional interest when Alicea said that he had been discussing the very same thing with musician friend Mauricio Rodriguez. The rest is history.

Conga and bongo player Andrew Maldonado hails from Brooklyn, N.Y. Maldonado not only is proficient with Latin jazz, but has worked with the great Philadelphia rhythm and blues duo (Kenny) Gamble and (Leon) Huff, including Patti LaBelle, "Archie Bell & the Drells." His Latin experience is even more

extensive having performed with Latin greats "Bobby Rodriguez and Company" and the "Joe Cuba Sextet."

Saxophone and flute player Martin Dalmasi earned a solid foundation in music at the New England Conservatory, in Boston. Later, Dalmasi became a teacher at the conservatory, while at the same time chalking up plenty of jazz experience performing and traveling with various orchestras in the New England area. Dalmasi has performed with many Latin and jazz bands, including Millie Puente, "Son Cuatro," and "Concepto Libre."

Drummer and percussionist Luis Alicea learned his musical skills in a Christian environment within a family of musicians. In New Jersey, where his young adult years were spent, Alicea had the opportunity to play with such groups as "Reflection." Since relocating to Florida from New Jersey, his focus has been mostly on studio work where he now records at Bonafé Productions. He has played with the artist "Manigua" and "The Tampa Jazz Trio."

Bass player, Kenny "Dr. LoHertz" Walker, began playing bass in his father's church. This experience provided him the opportunity to experiment with

many different styles of playing. Walker has performed with many of the major artists in the Tampa Bay area, such as "Gumbi Ortiz and the Latino Projekt."

Multi keyboardist Carlos Marchena studied at Berkeley University and hails from the Dominican Republic. His musical talents don't stop there; he also is a composer, vocalist, and arranger. Like bass player Kenny Walker, Marchena also performs with the group "Gumbi Ortiz and the Latino Projekt."

If you have the opportunity to hear Latin Roots, get set to hear some of the best Latin music in Tampa Bay. Latin Roots is a group that will have you clapping your hands, patting your feet, and wanting to get up and dance. They even request that when the mood to dance grabs you, find a spot off to the side...and go ahead and do your thing!

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

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

## "Secrets of An Inmate's Wife"

*As men continue to become incarcerated at alarming numbers, this author writes about her experiences in hopes that she can help men see that their actions affect more than just themselves or their victims.*

KANNAPOLIS, NC (BlackNews.com) - Today, men are becoming incarcerated at a level never documented before. Each year more and more institutions are built to house inmates from overcrowded prisons into new facilities that quickly become overcrowded as well.

What do you think happens when more and more men go to prison? They leave behind a vast number of women who must become both mother and father to small children. These women suddenly become the sole supporter of families and are often pushed to poverty levels, as there is suddenly no second income and no child support.

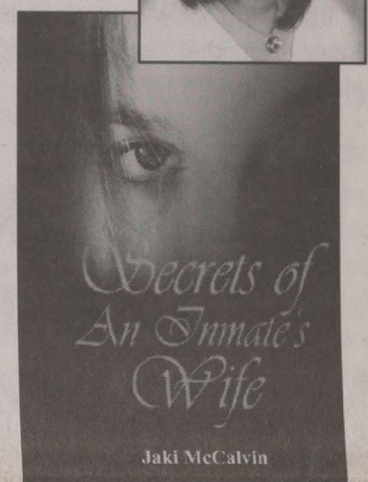
But there are other issues as well. What about the women who can't let go of a man who is now a prisoner? After all, love can't be turned on then off like a running faucet. These women decide to stand by incarcerated men and begin to visit the prisons. They marry inmates and go on conjugal visits. Now they are brought into a world unlike anything they have ever experienced before. They become "Inmate's Wives."

Jaki McCalvin, the wife of a man incarcerated in a New York State prison has written a book about this experience, "Secrets of an Inmate's Wife."

This story is about a

woman's struggle with her husband's lengthy incarceration and all that she encounters due to her decision to wait. She has written a book that will enlighten everyone who ever wondered about this type of relationship or what happens in the lives of family members of incarcerated men. No other writer before her has written as much on this topic. In great detail she exposes many things that can occur when women visit the prisons such as drug smuggling on visits, sex in visiting rooms, inmates who cheat even in prison, conjugal visits and so much more.

Author, Jaki McCalvin



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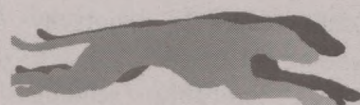
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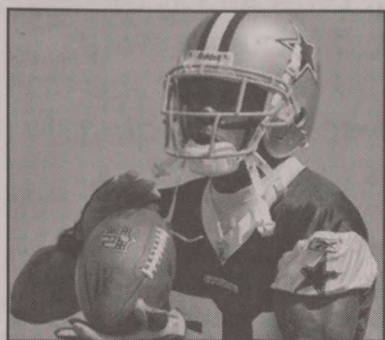
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# CHALLENGER SPORTS

## No More Pacman? Jones Wants To Drop Nickname



Adam Jones

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - No more "Pacman"?

That would be the preference of Adam Jones, the suspended Dallas Cowboys cornerback who has been known by the nickname throughout his life. He'd like to be called by his given name and make "Pacman" a thing of the past.

"There's really just a lot of negativity behind it," Jones said. "It's just time for a change, man. I'm doing everything to make sure that I'm all right as a person, mentally and emotionally."

Jones missed all the 2007 season with the Tennessee Titans while serving his NFL suspension that has not been completely lifted. The Cowboys acquired Jones from the Titans for draft picks in April.

While he was on the practice field with the Cowboys the last three weeks, Jones might have to wait until the week before Dallas' Sept. 7 opener to find out if commissioner Roger Goodell will let him play during the regular season.

After speaking to about 60 kids at a basketball camp hosted by Dallas Mavericks forward Brandon Bass on Saturday, Jones expressed his desire to drop his nickname.

The kids at the camp called out "Pacman Jones! Pacman Jones!" after he spoke to them. But he signed autographs with his given name, not the nickname given to him by his mother when he was an infant.

"My mom is going to call me 'Pacman.' That is what it is. I can't change that," Jones said. "I'm not saying that my teammates won't call me 'Pacman' on the field. But for the most part, I want to be Adam or Mr. Jones."

Rosters handed out by the Cowboys during their mandatory minicamp last week listed No. 21 as "Pacman Jones," based on what he had initially

told team officials.

When Jones conducted his only extensive interview at the Cowboys' facility June 4, the first week he was cleared by Goodell to practice with the team, he gave no indication that he planned to forsake his nickname.

Jones had told reporters that he'd talk Thursday after the end of minicamp, the last organized on-field sessions for Cowboys until they report July 24 to training camp in Oxnard, Calif. But there was no media access after coach Wade Phillips canceled the final scheduled practice and replaced it with family day activities.

Jones was suspended in April 2007 following an accumulation of arrests and legal problems, including his connection to a shooting at a Las Vegas strip club. He's been arrested six times and involved in 12 incidents requiring police intervention since being drafted in the first round by Tennessee in 2005.

He had settled the last of his criminal charges Feb. 14 by entering an Alford plea to obstruction of a police officer in

Fayetteville, Ga., which left him with a felony conviction. An Alford plea is essentially a guilty plea but also is a denial of committing a crime.

Meanwhile, Jones' name has recently appeared in the news. A woman involved in the Las Vegas brawl was found dead last week behind a building in the Bronx, a borough of New York City. Officers found her unresponsive with injuries consistent with a fall.

The woman, 26-year-old Sadia Morrison, had pleaded no contest to a felony battery charge last year in Las Vegas. Jones pleaded no contest to a disorderly conduct charge in Las Vegas after police said he incited the melee.

Back in Tennessee, a foreclosure sale was published involving Jones' home and 30 acres in a Nashville suburb. The home and land are scheduled to be sold Friday on the courthouse steps. Tax records show Jones purchased the property in July 2006 for \$1.5 million, but he defaulted on the terms and conditions of a mortgage.

## James, Wade Set To Restore U.S. Basketball Pride

BY TOM WITHERS

AKRON, Ohio (AP) - LeBron James and Dwyane Wade cruised city streets on bicycles Saturday for charity.

Soon, the NBA superstars will be touring China for gold.

James and Wade have been selected to play on the U.S. Olympic basketball team, which will be formally introduced on Monday by coach Mike Krzyzewski and USA Basketball managing director Jerry Colangelo. The 12-man squad, which will also include NBA MVP Kobe Bryant, Jason Kidd and Carmelo Anthony, will try to win a gold medal that has eluded the Americans since 1996.

This will be the second Olympics for Cleveland's James and Miami's Wade, who were on the American team that finished a disappointing third and won a bronze medal at the Athens Games in 2004.

Hornets guard Chris Paul — also expected to be named to the U.S. team — joined their good friend to help him polish his game.

"One thing that really helped my confidence was when LeBron and C.P. came to Chicago and we played together," said Wade, who missed 31 games last season, an absence that sent the Heat plummeting to a 15-67 record. "We really took it up a notch and it was very competitive and I was doing what I normally do, so I was feeling good."

Colangelo came to Chicago to see Wade play and came away convinced the 6-foot-4 guard was healthy.

Wade never wondered whether he'd be able to get ready.

"It's all about me being healthy," he said. "I've never doubted my talent. It's just making sure I'm healthy for the long haul. Once I knew that weeks and weeks ago, then I was confident in moving forward."



(L-R) Kobe Bryant, Dwyane Wade, Chris Paul, and LeBron James

"It's easy to focus on USA basketball right now," James said. "We have one goal, and that's to win a gold medal. We're very excited about it. We don't worry about the rest. We worry about getting in shape and getting ready to win a gold medal, that's our only concern."

James was joined at his "King for Kids Bike-a-thon" by Wade, Cavaliers coach Mike Brown, former Indians center fielder Kenny Lofton and NBA great Spencer Haywood, the leading scorer on the 1968 U.S. team that won gold in Mexico City. More than 2,000 riders took part in the event in James' hometown.

While James' spot on the U.S. roster was a given, Wade's wasn't assured until recently.

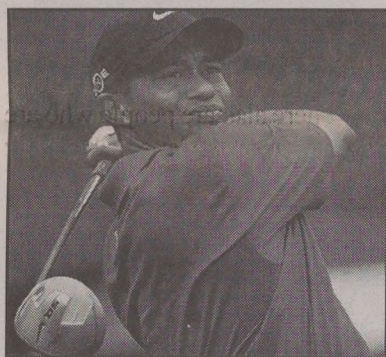
His season ended in March, shut down by a left knee that never was right following surgery in 2007. Wade has been in Chicago working out since early May, and while he was there, both James and New Orleans

For James and Wade, playing with so many other top players will be a luxury they don't get during the regular season. Instead of having to do almost everything to help their teams win, they'll have plenty of help.

"We got 12 guys that can be out on the court for a long period of time, so it's not like on our respective teams where we're the only go-to guys, where every time we come down on the offensive end we're the guy they have to go to," James said. "If we wanted to on Team USA, we could go to Kobe Bryant 20 straight possessions. We can go to Carmelo Anthony 20 straight possessions. We can go to D-Wade 20 straight possessions. It's not like we're going to be exerting a lot of energy like we would if we were on the Cavs or the Heat."

Proceeds from the bike-a-thon will be divided among the Akron Area YMCA, the Akron Urban League and the LeBron James Family Foundation.

## Knee Surgery For Woods Creates A Headache For Others



Tiger Woods

BY DOUG FERGUSON

Tiger Woods was must-see TV at the U.S. Open, making birdie on the final hole to force a playoff, another clutch birdie the next day to extend the playoff and winning his 14th major on what amounted to one good leg.

Halfway across the U.S., ticket sales were brisk in St. Louis those two days.

Woods is the defending champion in the BMW Championship, a U.S. PGA Tour playoff event in September that will be held at Bellerive. Fans in St. Louis haven't seen him in person since a practice round for a World Golf Championship on Sept. 11, 2001. The tournament was canceled the next day.

"Everything was going great — until yesterday," tournament director Jon Kaczkowski said on Thursday. "If you're a golf fan in St. Louis, you've got to feel snakebit."

That goes for everyone else in a golf industry that will have to do without its biggest star for the rest of the year. Woods said on Wednesday he will miss the remainder of the season to have reconstructive surgery on his left knee.

Maybe the biggest reminder that Woods is done for the year is that British-based William Hill lists Ernie Els and Sergio

Garcia as the betting favorites for the British Open at 12-to-1.

A week ago, Woods was listed at 5-to-2.

"When he plays, everyone in golf benefits," Kaczkowski said.

This is not the first time Woods has been on the disabled list. He missed two months in 2006 when his father died, and two months this year when he had surgery on his left knee to clean out cartilage.

His absence is most strongly felt in St. Louis, a golf-hungry town that again had dessert snatched away.

The tournament typically is played in Chicago, but moved to St. Louis for this year in an experimental rotation. Kaczkowski said ticket sales are still double what they had been at Cog Hill, and corporate sales also doubled.

Even so, with weekly tickets still available, he estimated Woods' absence will cost the tournament \$500,000.

"It's hard to say how much this is costing us in ticket sales, but the tickets feed into concessions and merchandise," he said.

A year ago, Woods won the season-ending U.S. Tour Championship in Atlanta to capture the first FedEx Cup. Ticket sales already were 20 percent ahead of last year, but daily tickets won't go on sale until August.

"That's a big time, the last eight weeks leading up to the tournament," said Todd Rhinehart, the tournament director. "From our perspective, this has not impacted us yet. But it will be interesting to see how we do in August and September."

The Tour Championship already has sold about 17,000

tickets, meaning 8,000 will be available in August. Rhinehart is hopeful that a revamped points system in the FedEx Cup playoffs at least will allow for more possibilities — and more drama — in the season finale at East Lake with \$10 million (euro6.5 million) for the winner.

TV ratings likely will see the biggest change.

Woods spikes ratings when he plays, even more when he is in contention, with ratings more than 50 percent higher last year on the weekend in tournaments where he competed. The U.S. Open went prime time in America last week in San Diego, and drew the highest ratings for a U.S. Open in six years.

"Yes, he has an impact," NBC Sports president Ken Schanzer said on Thursday. "He's the most dominant figure in any sport in America. He has an impact on ratings. But when you construct a golf package, you don't know that Tiger is going to compete. And you don't know that he's going to be in contention."

The Ryder Cup was popular even before Woods turned pro and is the one event that can get by without him.

There are 20 weeks left in the U.S. PGA Tour season, and Woods was scheduled to play nine times.

Tour spokesman Ty Votaw said Woods' absence likely will be felt early, but he noted that other story lines emerged during his two-month layoff after the Masters when Anthony Kim and Adam Scott were part of a youth movement winning tournaments.

He also pointed to tournaments with large attendance (John Deere Classic) and those that raise the most money for

charity (Valero Texas Open), as ones Woods doesn't play, anyway.

"Does that mean Tiger being out the rest of the year isn't going to influence the casual fan from watching? There will probably be a negative impact in that regard," Votaw said. "But it's not going to prevent us from growing."

One area where Woods could boost business is gambling.

William Hill spokesman Graham Sharpe said the bookmaker was refunding money to those who bet on Woods winning two or three majors because he won't be playing the British Open or U.S. PGA Championship. Anyone who bet on him winning one was paid off. Those who bet on Woods winning no majors or all four have already lost.

Sharpe, however, said the volume of wagers could go up now that Woods isn't playing the British Open.

"It's an enormously wide-open contest now," Sharpe said. "Before, what was the point of backing Tiger? Because the odds were too short, and there was no point betting the field because he was going to win. That prevented a lot of people from betting. Now the punters will say they have a reasonable chance of winnings, and they'll get good odds."

But he is worried about one man from Scotland who recently bet 10,000 British sterling on 10-to-1 odds that Woods will match Jack Nicklaus' record 18 majors by the end of 2010.

"He's probably sending Tiger some special medication for his leg," Sharpe said.

## Bucs Sign Rookie Geno Hayes

TAMPA (AP) - Rookie linebacker Geno Hayes signed a contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Saturday. Terms of the deal with sixth-round draft pick out of Florida State were not disclosed.

Hayes finished with 156 tackles, eight sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery in three seasons at Florida State.

## Bucs Sign 4th-Round Pick Moore, Release 7

TAMPA (AP) - Rookie defensive tackle Dre Moore has signed a contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The fourth-round draft pick out of Maryland signed with the team Friday. He had 10 1-2 career sacks in college and was a first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection as a senior.

Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

The Bucs also released defensive end and linebacker Patrick Chukwurah, defensive end Marquies Gunn, tight end Keith Heinrich, linebacker Leon Joe, fullback Carl Stewart and receivers Amarri Jackson and Charlie Spiller.

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# STATE NEWS

## Obama, McCain Spar On Levees

BY NEDRA PICKLER

MIAMI (AP) - With communities in the Midwest still under water, Democrat Barack Obama on Saturday criticized Republican John McCain for opposing federal spending on flood prevention programs and opened a new debate in the White House race.

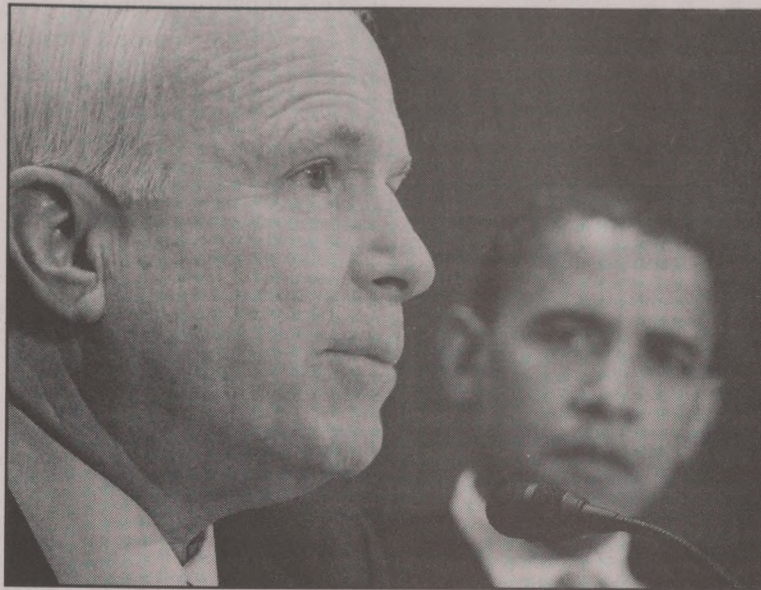
McCain's campaign said Obama was engaging in typical political attacks that the Democrat rejects in his speeches and confusing the facts.

Both candidates have visited the flood zones in the past two weeks, since tornadoes hit and heavy rains sent rivers surging over their banks. At least 24 people were killed, the majority in Iowa.

Obama, an Illinois senator, canceled a visit to eastern Iowa last week at the request of state officials and instead went to fill sandbags in Quincy, Ill. McCain, an Arizona senator, toured flood damage in Iowa Thursday.

"I know that Sen. McCain felt as strongly as I did," Obama said, "feeling enormous sympathy for the victims of the recent flooding. I'm sure they appreciated the sentiment, but they probably would have appreciated it even more if Sen. McCain hadn't opposed legislation to fund levees and flood control programs, which he considers pork."

The bill that McCain opposed spent \$23 billion on water projects. It passed Congress overwhelmingly and was vetoed by President Bush because he said it spent too much on lawmaker's pet projects. Congress voted to override the veto, the first time of Bush's presidency.



Republican John McCain, left, and Democrat Barack Obama, right

The bill funded hundreds of projects - such as dams, sewage plants and beach restoration - that are important to local communities and their representatives. It also included money for the hurricane-hit Gulf Coast and for Florida Everglades restoration efforts.

McCain's campaign said Obama opposed an amendment that McCain co-sponsored to prioritize flood control spending. The bipartisan amendment, which failed overwhelmingly on a 69-22 vote, would have made sure "lifesaving levees like those that so tragically failed in Iowa and Missouri are given the highest priority and fixed first," said McCain spokesman Tucker Bounds.

"It is beyond the pale that Barack Obama would attack John McCain for actually trying to fix the problem and change the way Washington works," Bounds said. "Barack Obama's willingness to continue the status quo pork-barrel politics in Washington, and then engage in political attacks that entirely disregard the facts, once again fundamentally shows that he's

nothing more than a typical politician."

Obama's criticism of McCain came in a speech to the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He told the city leaders that he would be their partner and appoint the first White House Director of Urban Policy to help them cut through federal bureaucracies. The promise sparked a standing ovation.

He promised money for police, higher-paid teachers, transit, housing and broadband Internet. He said he would create jobs by rebuilding roads, bridges and other infrastructure projects. "That will be the cause of my presidency," he said.

And he announced a new program to offer matching grants that encourage businesses, government and university leaders to collaborate on regional economic clusters, such as the North Carolina Research Triangle Park and Nashville's entertainment cluster. The campaign said the proposal would cost \$200 million a year and would be funded by improving government efficiency.

thrown his support to the initiative. A similar proposal was filed during the last legislative session. It passed in the House but never came up for a vote in the Senate.

Senate President Ken Pruitt, R-Port St. Lucie, opposed any major tax relief this year because he wants to see how two property tax-cutting measures the Legislature passed last year work out. They include Amendment 1, which voters approved Jan. 29.

Tax cap supporters argue that those measures have fallen short of providing the kind of relief taxpayers need.

The redistricting amendments are sponsored by FairDistrictsFlorida.org, whose members include Common Cause, the League of Women Voters, AFL-CIO, Florida Education Association, Florida ACLU, Planned Parenthood and People for the American Way. Former Gov. and U.S. Sen. Bob Graham is an honorary co-chairman.

## Florida Unemployment At Highest Rate Since Early 2003

TALLAHASSEE (AP) - Florida's unemployment rate in May soared to its highest level in more than five years, state economists reported Friday.

The 5.5 percent jobless rate was the state's highest unemployment figure since January 2003 and matched the national rate.

The Agency for Workforce Innovation reported that an additional 56,000 workers lost jobs in Florida last month, increasing the total number of jobless in Florida to 512,000.

"We're in challenging economic times," said Sterling Ivey, spokesman for Gov. Charlie Crist.

"Just recently the governor approved a \$66 billion budget with over \$9 billion in projects we hope will stimulate the economy and provide new opportunities whether it's building new prisons, building schools or providing repairs to senior centers throughout the state," Ivey said.

"Though I don't know when, I do expect us to come out of it," AWI spokesman Chris Cate said

Friday, blaming part of Florida's jobless woes on rising gas and food prices and downturns in the construction and manufacturing sectors.

Flagler County in east-central Florida reported the highest unemployment rate in the state at 8.3 percent while Hendry County reported that eight percent of its workforce was jobless.

Walton County in the western Panhandle reported the lowest unemployment rate with just 3.3 percent of its workforce idled.

## Rising Gas Prices Forcing Major Changes For People

BY TONI WHITT

The Sweetbay Supermarket at Clark Rd. and Honore Ave., a Tampa-based company, is testing whether a free tank of gas is a big enough incentive to get people to shop in its stores. So far, it looks like it is.

Matt Arbuckle, the store's customer service manager, has noticed new customers and buying trends since the store began offering a gas voucher for every time a customer spends at least \$50 (six vouchers earn customers a \$50 gas card).

It used to be free gas was a gimmick that did little to change consumer habits. Now, there is mounting evidence that the efforts are working.

With the average price of gas in this region likely to cross the \$4 per gallon mark, it appears that consumers are making large and lasting changes. More are carpooling and buying smaller cars. Others are canceling leisure travel. Some have even sold their homes to move closer to work.

NPD Group, a market research company, surveyed 43,000 drivers and asked what they already had done in response to higher gas prices. For the first time in two decades, the surveyors saw people making changes that could have a lasting impact on the way they live and shop.

"One of the most significant changes in the way we buy gas is the emergence of loyalty programs," said David Portalatin, director of industry analysis with

NPD's automotive division. "I can swipe my card at a pump and see the price drop 10 percent."

Incentives that offer gas rewards or cheaper fuel may become a driving force behind where consumers buy fuel.

Higher gas prices are helping some segments of the auto industry as six percent of people say they have bought a more fuel-efficient vehicle while one percent said they switched to a hybrid or electric car.

Phillip Thrapp, sales administrator for Smart Center Sarasota, which sells the tiny Smart cars, said people "don't even bat an eye" when he tells them the wait for a car is now at just over a year. The cars get moved off the lot as soon as they roll in. The dealership only gets about 20 cars per month.

"They are looking at this as a viable option, rather than running the big car to the store or the beach," Thrapp said. "People are buying it to commute to work. It's all about saving money on gas."

But not everyone can afford a new car to cope with prices, so they are finding other ways to cut consumption. David Sanders, a stay-at-home father of three, and his wife have practically abandoned their second car. They still spend \$100 a week - about eight percent of their family's income - to keep their Kia Sedona on the road.

The Venice residents now do much of their shopping on the Internet to avoid traveling to Sarasota or Port Charlotte to the mall. Sanders also keeps track of

gas prices at stations in his area, preferring a station off Venice Island where he can save 10 cents per gallon.

Kloza, the Oil Price Information Service analyst, knew that some of the psychology of driving had shifted in the United States when he saw that small, fuel-efficient cars made up 20 percent of total sales in April.

But not everyone is joining in the shift.

"There are a couple of thresholds," Kloza said. "There are people on the margins that are scraping up the money to pay the fuel bills. We've impacted that segment, so that they are not making discretionary trips. They are no longer traveling long distances for low-paying jobs."

There also are people who are driving less because they are angry at the oil companies. They feel like they are being gouged.

But those sentiments - or the behavior they bring about - are not restricted to those who can least afford the higher prices.

"People react with craziness, an air of wackiness, to gasoline prices," Kloza said. "People will make a crazy turn on the road to save a penny on gasoline."

To that end, Kloza's fuel analysis firm has begun selling a subscription tracking the lowest gas prices in regions across the country. The information can be downloaded into GPS navigation systems or into cellular phones.

"We're all over the GPS systems," Kloza said. "We love that people react like they do to gasoline prices."

## Former President Clinton Urges Energy Efficiency

BY JENNIFER KAY

MIAMI (AP) - Former President Clinton said Sunday that he favored presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama's position on cutting greenhouse gas emissions, though he noted that John McCain's stand on those cuts improved on Republicans in the past.

Obama has supported cutting carbon dioxide emissions by 80 percent by 2050, a position the Illinois senator shared with Clinton's wife when she was running for president.

McCain, the likely GOP presidential nominee, has announced a less ambitious plan to cut those emissions 60 percent by 2050. The Arizona senator has clashed with President Bush and most Republicans, who do not favor requiring those reductions.

"I think we'll get better national policy next year" on energy efficiency and alternative energy sources, Clinton said in his address to the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Miami.

Clinton urged city leaders to take advantage of loan programs through his William J. Clinton Foundation to retrofit buildings with energy-efficient upgrades without cutting into municipal budgets.

The efforts to upgrade street lights and better insulate public housing buildings would create jobs and save cities 20 percent to 50 percent in energy costs, he said.

"This is a no-brainer, to put people to work in your community, to do your part on climate change without cutting into your operating budget," Clinton said.

He warned the mayors that as

the world's population grows, more people will be living in urban areas - which are responsible for most of the world's energy use. Clinton cited projects proposed or under way through his foundation, such as switching old bulbs in street lights to more efficient light-emitting diodes in Los Angeles and retrofitting 13 municipal buildings in Philadelphia.

Obama also spoke at the conference Saturday. He got a standing ovation after he told city leaders that he would be their partner and appoint the first White House Director of Urban Policy to help them cut through federal bureaucracies.

Clinton said he was "delighted" to read that Obama had told the mayors he would be more aggressive on infrastructure and economic partnerships with their cities.

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## Tavis Smiley Softens Position On Obama, Says Blacks Must Defend Presumptive Nominee Against Attacks

BY BONNIE V. WINSTON  
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RICHMOND, Va. (NNPA) - Political commentator and national talk show host Tavis Smiley seemingly has softened his position on Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama.

In an exclusive interview with the Richmond Free Press, Smiley lauded the Illinois senator for his historic achievement in becoming the first African-American to run for president under a major party banner.

He also denied that his departure from the hugely popular Tom Joyner Morning Show was linked to his stance on Sen. Obama.

"I don't allow people to run me away from anywhere," he said in a phone interview from his Los Angeles home. "I start and leave on my terms."

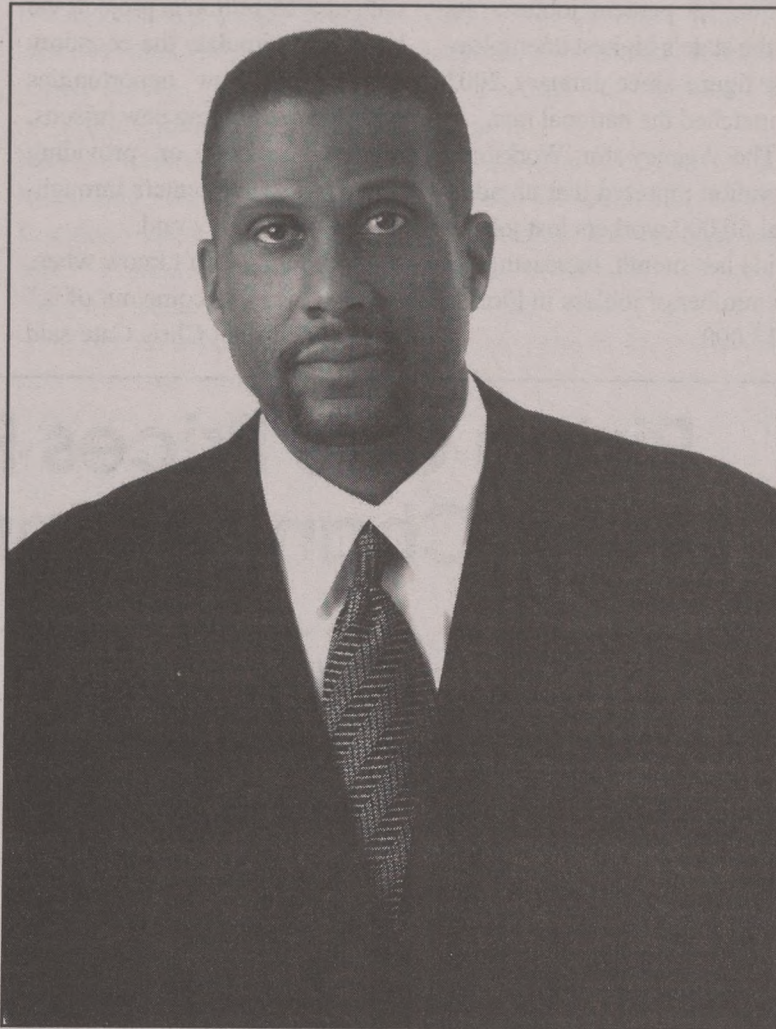
Smiley, who was set to speak in Richmond June 14, became the subject of much speculation in April when it was announced he would be quitting Joyner's radio show after 12 years of offering twice weekly commentaries on politics and a range of other subjects.

It was rumored that he is leaving because of his tough posture on Sen. Obama, particularly among throngs of listeners who fervently supported the senator's historic nomination quest.

Joyner said at the time that Smiley quit because he couldn't handle the criticism from listeners upset because "he's always busting Barack Obama's chops."

But, Smiley denies it.

In the past, the 43-year-old Smiley has criticized Obama for not attending the State of the Black Union for the past two years. Smiley has convened the event - a national conversation on issues pertinent to the black community - for eight years. In February 2007, when the



Political commentator and national talk show host Tavis Smiley

televised convocation drew 10,000 people to Hampton University, Obama was announcing his historic bid for president from the statehouse in Illinois that very weekend.

Smiley explained during the interview, as he has in a commentary, that his contract is up with Joyner's show. He said he is fatigued with rising at 3 a.m. everyday to meet the show's 6 a.m. start on the East Coast. He said there are other things he wants to do.

His last commentaries on the show will come at the end of June.

"You mentioned empowerment. Well, I want to move on and do other things," he said.

While Smiley said that Obama - and all elected officials - must be held accountable to the people who put them in office, he noted that Sen. Obama's history-making nomination "releases progressive possibilities and portends for us - people of color and for women - the opportunity to do things that

we heretofore have not had a chance to do."

But, he cautioned, the general election campaign against Republican John McCain will be a bruiser.

"We have to brace ourselves for the ugliest, nastiest racist, most expensive campaign ever in this country," he said. "I don't think people have really grasped yet how ugly, nasty, racist and divisive this race is going to become."

Smiley called on people to prepare to defend Sen. Obama "against any and all white supremacist attacks" that are certain to be launched.

"We have to stay informed. We have to stay awake. We have to stay alert. We have to stay aware," Smiley said. "And we have the obvious call to be involved - in controlling our destiny in every step that we can. So we have to get involved. Whether people support Obama or McCain, you have to be involved in the process."

Concluding the awards will be the presentation of the Samuel Cornish Publisher of the Year award, the winner receiving the use of a new Ford Motor Company automobile for one year, including maintenance and insurance.

New during the awards evening this year will be a play performed by a Louisville, Ky., drama company that depicts the life of Frank Stanley Sr. The noted Stanley was the founding publisher of the Louisville Defender, the host newspaper for the convention. Stanley served as president of NNPA and was known for his outstanding leadership and charisma.

"I personally knew Mr. Stanley as a spouse attending NNPA in the 60's. He was a charming, smart and exciting leader during those days, and he left an indelible impression on all those who met him," Leavell said.

"The crowning glory" of the Merit Awards event will be special guest speaker Benjamin Jealous, former NNPA executive director who is now the president-elect of the NAACP, the youngest president in NAACP history.

"Our publishers are excited about Ben's appearance and anticipate a powerful message from this new generation leader," Leavell concluded.

Jealous' leadership, rooted in the Black Press, is a continuum of his commitment to the Black Press credo, reflects Smith.

"We continue 'to plead our own cause' to enhance the African-American family unit, in particular," Smith says. "Our inimitable newspaper federation will steadfastly labor to establish a national and international image to assist in benefiting all of God's children for the betterment of mankind."

## Making History On The Street

BY LARRY MILLER  
SPECIAL TO THE NNPA

PHILADELPHIA (NNPA) - Anyone who lives in an inner city black neighborhood remembers the days of open-air drug markets when dealers dispensed vials of crack cocaine in quick hand-to-hand transactions from curb to cars.

Chief Inspector Terri Clark of the Philadelphia Police Department's Narcotics Bureau said that still happens, but most of the open drug markets are gone.

"We deal with the street sales, the mid-level operators," she said. "We still have a lot of that going on but not as much of the open air stuff. The Narcotics Strike Force did a good job on that."

Clark has been a member of the Philadelphia Police Department for 22 years. She attended Lincoln University and majored in counseling. But she saw within the Philadelphia Police Department a job with upward mobility.

In May of 2008, she became the first African-American woman ranked as chief inspector and the first to command the Narcotics Bureau.

Right before that posting, she was staff inspector and was integrity control officer for the Narcotics Bureau.

"Of course it's a good feeling, but it's also a lot of pressure. You don't want to disappoint," she said. "There are a lot of women who are in my early position - meaning out on patrol and you have to set an example."

In January, the newly-appointed Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey re-structured the department and dissolved some of the special tactical

teams, such as the Narcotics Strike Force, reassigning the officers to patrol duties.

The Strike Force's teams smashed the open-air drug markets in Operation Safe Streets and kept the pressure on. There was some speculation by residents that with the Strike Force's members reassigned to patrol duties, the open-air drug markets, with all of the peripheral violence, might re-surface.

Clark said that while the Strike Force was dissolved, each district has its own narcotics units.

Her responsibility is overseeing the plain clothes units and units that work closely with state and federal agencies.

"Even though the Narcotics Strike Force was dissolved and the officers reassigned, we're dealing with illegal drugs on the district level," Clark said. "The Strike Force officers don't just do narcotics any more but they're doing jobs of others as well. They're still on top of the open-air markets but focusing on other crimes like robberies and aggravated assaults."

Clark said while there hasn't been a resurgence of numerous open-air drug markets, dealers are finding new ways to bring illegal drugs into the Philadelphia area. She said that heroin use is increasing as is the distribution of hydroponically grown marijuana. She also said that Philadelphia is becoming a major distribution point.

"A lot of the narcotics were coming from the Dominican Republic, that's changing. Believe it or not, we're seeing drugs brought in through UPS and Federal Express," Clark said. "And we've also had some major busts lately."

In April, police arrested

Ricardo McKendrick Sr., 56, an alleged member of the Black Mafia during the 1970s, and his son Ricardo McKendrick Jr., 36, in connection with what authorities believe to be the largest single cocaine bust in Philadelphia history.

Acting on a tip, officers from the Narcotics Bureau and the FBI seized more than 274 kilograms of cocaine, with a street value of approximately \$28 million.

During the arrests, they also confiscated \$58,000 in cash and weapons.

Authorities said that the McKendricks were responsible for distributing large quantities of cocaine in the city.

In May, police seized 50 kilos of cocaine, valued at more than \$5 million from four suspects during a traffic stop on I-95.

Four suspects from San Juan Puerto Rico are under arrest in that case.

In another case, authorities knocked over two houses where indoor hydroponics systems had been set up to grow marijuana.

"In that last case, uniformed patrol officers noticed the suspects acting suspiciously," Clark said. "They actually ran back into one of the houses and the officers followed them in. Once inside, they saw the operation. The 50 kilos was the result of a lengthy investigation. The suspects had purchased one-way tickets and had no luggage. But once they arrived, they claimed two pieces of luggage and we were tipped off. A state police officer stopped the suspects during a traffic violation and again, they were acting suspiciously. The officers opened the trunk, examined the luggage and found the drugs."

## CBC Asks Bush To Restore Urban Youth Program, Summer Jobs Also Scarce

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY  
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WASHINGTON (NNPA) - The Congressional Black Caucus has appealed to President George W. Bush on behalf of the National Urban League's Urban Youth Empowerment Program set to be slashed from the budget of the Department of Labor on next week.

"It is our understanding that the funding, which enables the program to provide much-needed services to young people to reduce recidivism, to complete their high school education and to find jobs is to be terminated on June 30, 2008. We urge you not to end this vital program," states a letter to Bush, signed by 37 members of the CBC and released exclusively to the NNPA News Service. "Now is not the time for the Department of Labor to turn its back on young people who are trying to turn their lives around. These young people will be kicked out of the program unless you intervene."

The letter asks that the federal government at least allocate \$4 million to allow 800 youth enrollees to complete the training that they have already

begun through 2008.

"At a time when incarceration rates are at an all-time high in the nation, and unemployment among young people is steadily increasing, the program serves as a valuable resource to underserved communities around the country," the letter states. "The program has a demonstrated record of effectiveness in assisting at-risk youth in educational opportunities, job training and placement, and the support needed to make a successful transition into the workplace."

As of Monday morning, the Caucus had not yet gotten a White House response to the letter.

NUL President/CEO Marc Morial also laments that the cutting of the Urban Youth Empowerment Program comes at a time when no substantial federal funding exists for general summer jobs for youth across the nation.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for black teens ages 16-19 is 32.3 percent, twice the rate of the 16.4 percent of white teens in the same age group; and nearly twice the rate of Latino teens, 17.5 percent.

"You have a lot of idle teenagers who are out of school

and who want to work, who want opportunities, careers, and a chance to earn a living," says Morial. "It's a tragedy that Congress has not moved on summer jobs because the teen unemployment rate is as high as it's been in 50 years."

The cutting of the UYEP will only exacerbate the occupational void where it is needed most, the CBC letter states. It lists at least 27 high crime cities where the program has been highly effective, including Baltimore, Birmingham, Charlotte, Columbus, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Louisville, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

"The program represents the best that our communities have to offer by providing educational and training assistance to at-risk youth in ways that encourage partnerships with local businesses, faith organizations and employers," the letter states. "These collaborative partnerships and intense support for at-risk youth ultimately achieve improved outcomes for individual participants, healthier communities and a better-equipped workforce."

## PRESS

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"The Publishers and their staff look forward with great anticipation to this presentation," says NNPA Foundation Chair Dorothy R. Leavell.

As for the Merit Awards, "These are awards for the 'Best of the Best' entries in 19 categories, from General Excellence, Best Column Writing, Best Use of Photographs, Best Layout and Design, to Best Entertainment Section, Best News Story and Best Feature Story. It is NNPA's version of the 'Academy Awards,'" says Leavell.

In addition to the 19 categories, one newspaper will receive the John Russwurm Award for the newspaper that received the highest number of points in the 19 categories as the overall best newspaper.



# WORD PLAY FUN PAGE

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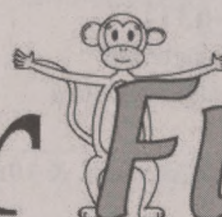


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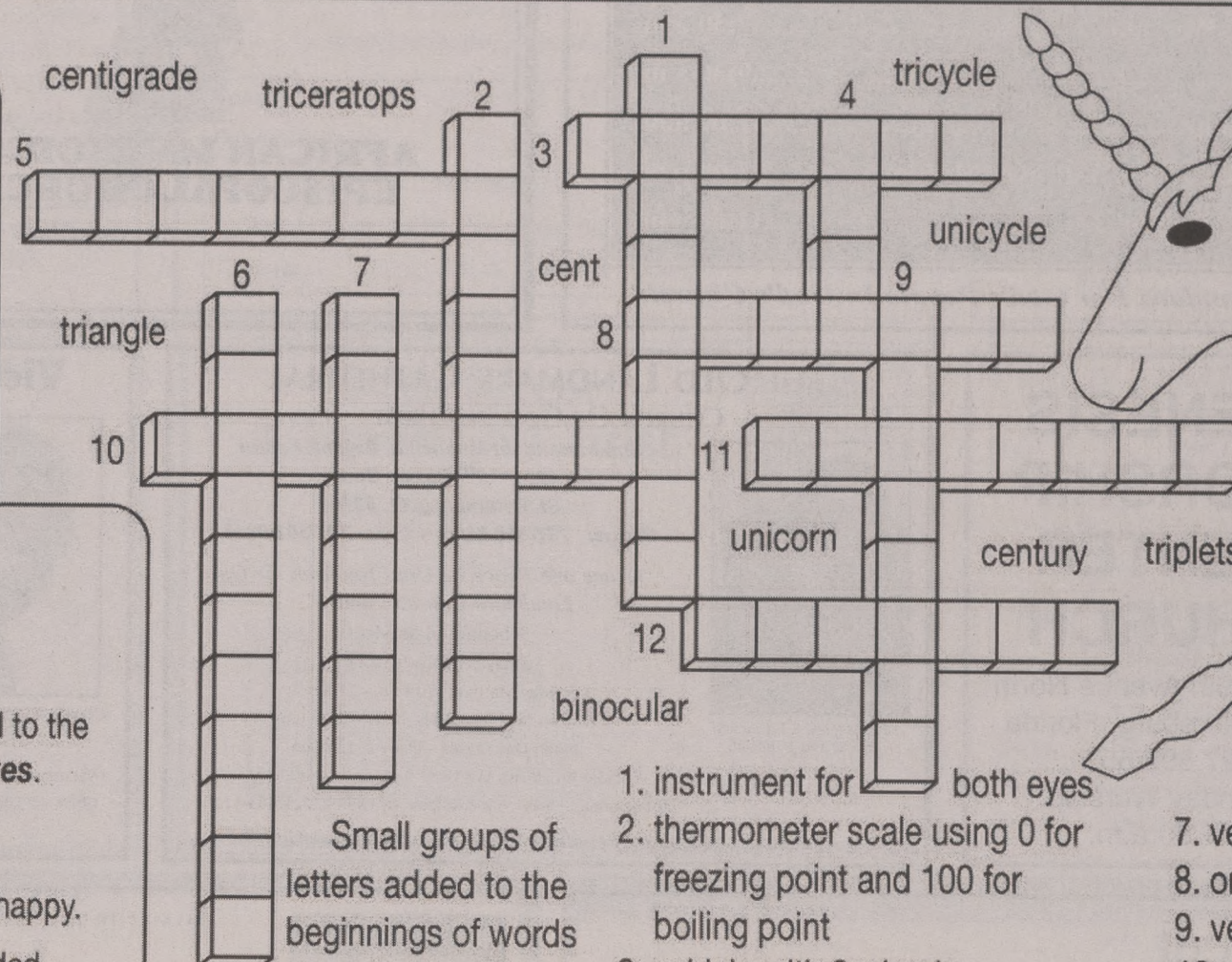


## Magically Unlocking Meanings!

Have you ever seen a magic trick performed? Did you figure out how it was done? One key to performing a trick smoothly is to break it into parts, think about each part, and then put the parts back together into one, complete trick. It's the same with understanding words. Whenever I read a book with hard words, I look at the parts of those words to see if I understand them. Then - Presto! - I "magically" can reveal the meanings of those pretty tricky words!

If looking at parts of words can help **me** to magically unlock their meanings, it can help you too. **Here are my tips to help you "unlock" the meanings of words. Try them. It is almost like "magic!"**

- What word would make good sense in this sentence?
- Look at pictures for clues.
- Look for a small group of letters at the beginning or end of the word that have a special meaning.
- The small groups of letters that are added to the beginning of a root word are called **prefixes**. For example: "un" = not  
**Un** + happy = unhappy  
so **unhappy** means that someone is not happy.
- Also, check for small groups of letters added to the end of a root word. These are called **suffixes** and can also help unlock new words.



Small groups of letters added to the beginnings of words are called **prefixes**. Each word in this puzzle has a **prefix**.

### Prefixes and Their Meanings

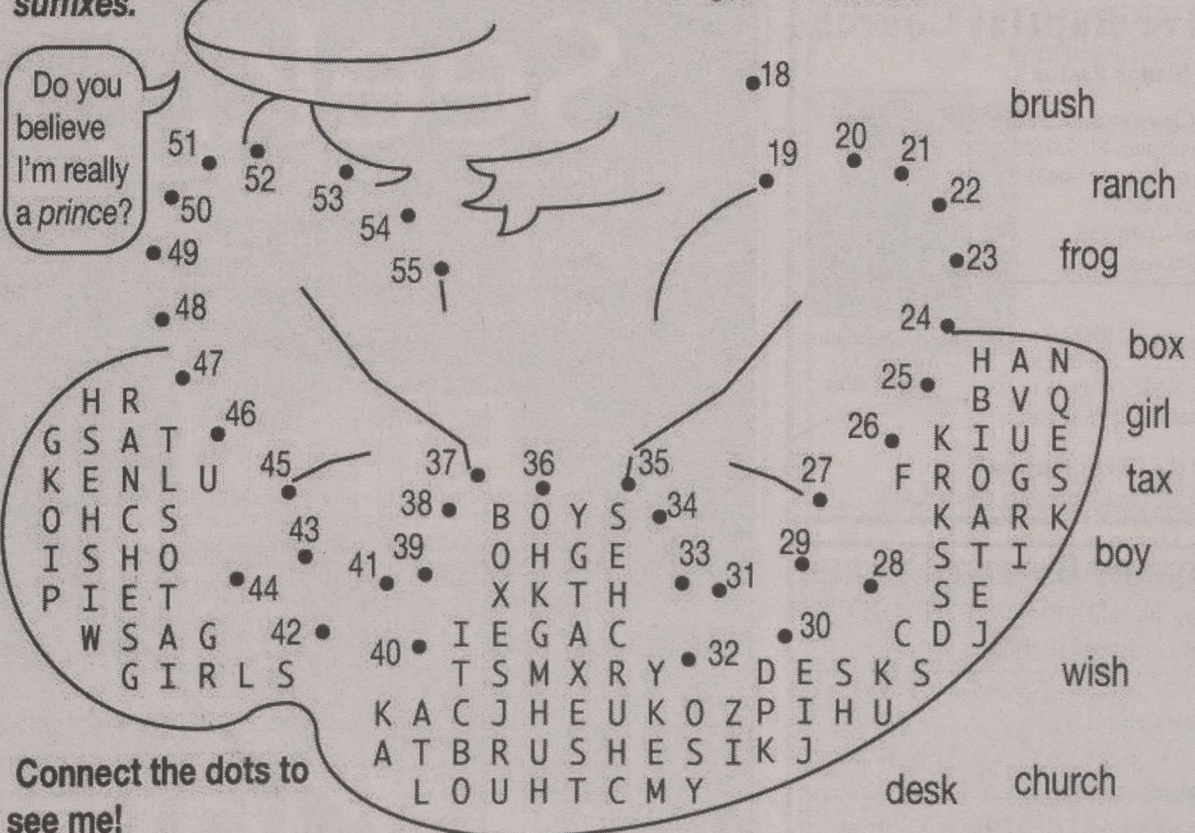
uni = one  
bi, bin = two  
tri = three  
cent = one hundred

7. vehicles with 3 wheels  
8. one hundred years  
9. vehicle with 1 wheel  
10. able to speak in 2 languages  
11. 3 children born at one birth  
12. mystical creature with one horn in the middle of its forehead

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle.

Do you think **this** magical creature is real?

Little groups of letters added to the end of a root word to change its meaning are called **suffixes**. When the **suffix** "s" or "es" is added to a word, it shows that there are more than one. This is called a **plural**. Can you find and circle the plurals of these words?



Connect the dots to see me!

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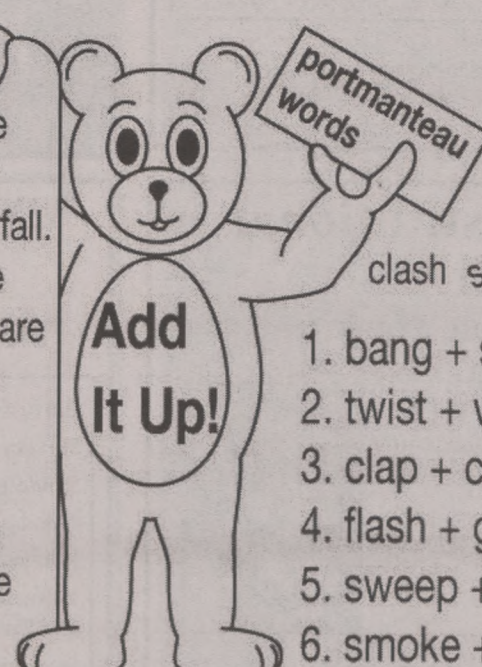
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Grownup's signature (over 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I know that you have heard of "compound words." They are two whole words added together to make one new word. For example: water + fall = waterfall.

Now I'm going to tell you about some words that are created when two words are "smashed" or blended together into one word, but the one word still means two things. An example of this is the word "motel." Motel is made up of two words "motor + hotel." A motel is a hotel where you "drive" right up to the door!



The sets of words below are being "blended" to make new words that mean the same as the two words making them up. **Cover the answer key and try to fill in the new words in the blanks below before peeking at the list.**

clash splatter glimmer flurry swipe brunch camcorder squiggle flush smog bash twirl

1. bang + smash = \_\_\_\_\_
2. twist + whirl = \_\_\_\_\_
3. clap + crash = \_\_\_\_\_
4. flash + gush = \_\_\_\_\_
5. sweep + wipe = \_\_\_\_\_
6. smoke + fog = \_\_\_\_\_
7. breakfast + lunch = \_\_\_\_\_
8. glitter + shimmer = \_\_\_\_\_
9. camera + recorder = \_\_\_\_\_
10. squirm + wriggle = \_\_\_\_\_
11. splash + spatter = \_\_\_\_\_
12. flutter + hurry = \_\_\_\_\_



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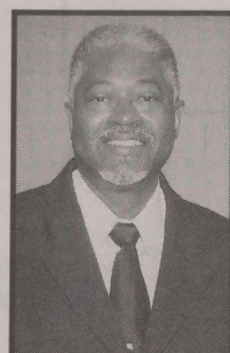


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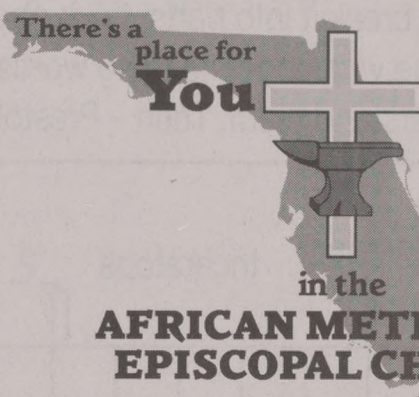
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Friday Prayer Meeting .....11:00 a.m.

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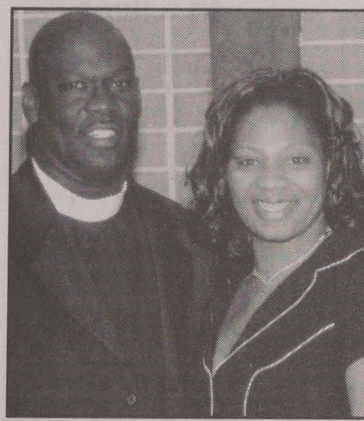
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### Weekly Schedule

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Early Morning Worship Service...11:00 a.m.  
Monday Prayer & Praise .....6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study .....6:30 p.m.  
Friday Youth Activities.....6:30 p.m.

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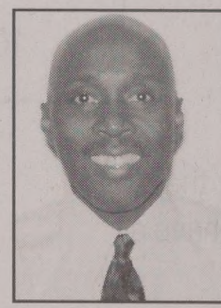
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3012 18th Avenue South  
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(727) 321-0911

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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(727) 896-4356

Elder A.P. Conage, Pastor

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

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### Scheduled Services:

Early Morning.....8:00 a.m.  
Church School .....9:45 a.m.  
Mid-Morning .....11:00 a.m.  
Mid-week Family Night Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.



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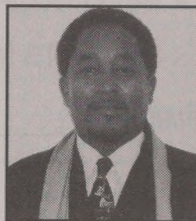
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Communion .....First Sunday  
Sunday New Member Orientation.....9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Youth Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Tutoring.....6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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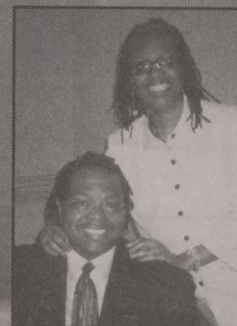
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Wednesday Bible Study  
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Sunday- Corporate Prayer.....6:00 am



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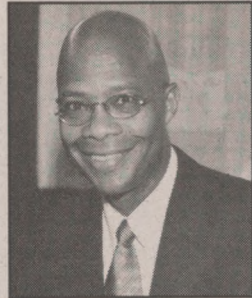
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Church School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
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 Wednesday Evening Prayer .....6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday Night Bible Study .....7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Mid-Morning 11:00 a.m.

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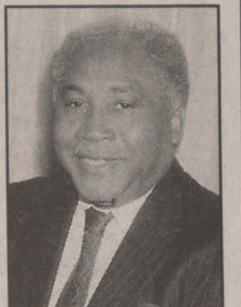
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 Sunday Morning Worship .....10:30 a.m.  
 Ladies Bible Class Monday .....7:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship .....5:00 p.m.  
 Monday Evening Bible Class .....7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class .....7:00 p.m.

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 A. M. Service - 11:30 a.m.  
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 P. M. Service (2nd & 4th Sunday) - 5:30 p.m.  
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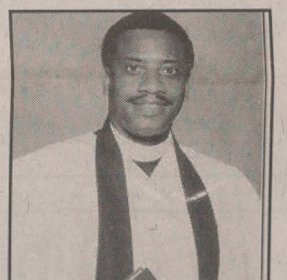


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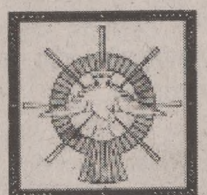
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Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

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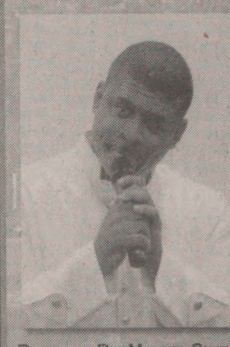
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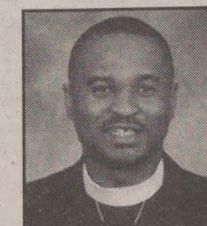
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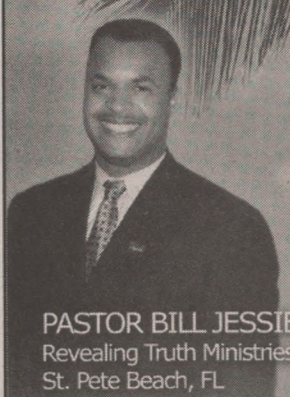
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# CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

**"ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, ONE HOPE"**

Our Esteemed Pastor, the Reverend Carlos L. Senior and the New Hope Church family invite you to worship with us on Sunday morning. Our services for the day include Early Morning Service at 7:45, Sunday School at 9:15 (classes for all ages) and Mid-Morning Service at 10:30.

June 29 is **"Sunday 5th Power."** We dress in our casual attire, but yet praise God for the wonderful things He has done!

### MIDWEEK P.U.S.H.

(Prayer, Understanding, & Spiritual Healing)

Prayer Service and Bible Study are held on Wednesday evenings. Prayer Service begins at 6:30 in the evening and

Bible Study begins at 7:30. Won't you join us?

Prayer Band is held on Thursday mornings at 11:00. We invite you to join us as we pray for the needs of the people throughout the world. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

### UPCOMING EVENTS

(Call 727-896-5228 for details)

- July 4 - Church Office closed
- July 5 - USDA Food Distribution (Hope Bread Basket) Hope Chest Men's Ministry

**Thought for the Week: "Love is more than a feeling, it's a commitment."**

## Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

**"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One Church"**

Dr. John A. Evans, Sr., God's anointed and appointed leader and the entire Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Family extends a cordial welcome to each of you.

Join us for worship services at 7:45 and 10:45 a.m.

We are believers in Christ who are reaching out to the world, preaching the gospel to the unsaved and teaching the saved to serve by demonstrating the love of Christ.

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Weekly Meditation on WRXB at 6:45 a.m. Tune in to hear Dr. John A. Evans, Sr.

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Day Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer

7:00 Evening Bible Study

First Wednesday of each month, join us at 7:00 for Wednesday night "Live" worship service. (Living in Victory Everyday)

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## 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, extends to the community at large, its wishes that there would be an overflowing of God's blessings upon their lives. St. Mark is grounded in a Christ-centered doctrine that has as its central theme, a belief that we are a haven of hope, help, and healing for a world hungering for and thirsting after the enlightened word of God. At St. Mark, we are Christians willing to work and partner in unity, praising God for His awesome gift, His son Jesus Christ.

Events for the Month of June

June 25-28 Congress No. 2 with Southside Tabernacle hosting. St. Mark youth will attend Sat., June 28.

June 29 Reception Honoring the 2008 High School and College Graduates of St. Mark Church Outing - New Congregational, Rev. Mills, Pastor at 3:00 p.m.

June 30 PIZZA Ministry - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events for July 2008

July 7-11 Vacation Bible School; Theme: "Chosen Champions for Jesus."

St. Mark Offers ...

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

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

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

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting is held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Senior Hour of Power Bible Study is held every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

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

St. Mark After School Tutoring Ministry: Neighbors Involved in Kids Education (N.I.K.E.). Open to all school age children ever Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

DESTINATION GRADUATION Summer Success Initiative opens June 18, 2008 and is designed to keep children on track during the summer months. The program has something for all age groups:

Ages 4-7 - Wednesday night pajama parties give little ones the opportunity to wear their pajamas as they come out to listen to bed time stories, view movies and participate in arts and crafts and more.

Grades 3-11 can get the help they need in areas they struggled with during the school year which include reading comprehension, reading fluency, math and more. These services are completely free to all children and membership at St. Mark is not a requirement.

St. Mark Technology Lab; the St. Mark Computer Lab will be open and available for use on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30.

## Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

Under the Leadership of God's anointed Pastor/Teacher Clark Hazley Sr., the Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church family is prayerfully reaching out and into our community building Godly relationships. A church family who loves meeting and sharing God's Word! We challenge you to step out in Faith, Believing the Word of God, Trusting God, for He will do just what He said He would do!

**Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."**

### MISSION STATEMENT:

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith. We the people of God

returning to God's Word, proclaiming, God's Will in provoking His love among one another.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday - Saturday, June 24 through 28, Number One Union, Grand Central Missionary Baptist

Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m., Stewart- Isom Memorial C.M.E.

Saturday, June 28 at 8:00 a.m., Boots on the Ground Childs Park Community

Sunday, June 29 at 4:00 p.m., Greater Grand Central

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, August 17 ALL SERVANT DAY

## Trinity Presbyterian Church

Trinity Presbyterian Church, located at 2830 22nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg, extends to the community at large an invitation to worship with us this Sunday, June 29, as we celebrate Visitor Appreciation Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Cannon, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff at C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian in Charlotte, North Carolina will be our guest preacher. Former president of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus, he is a widely respected authority on church growth and evangelism. Dr. Cannon's involvement with the church is long-standing and he is especially committed to evangelism and community service.

Dr. Cannon will present two workshops on Saturday, June 28 on Church Transformation. Session one will focus on "Promoting Church Growth and Evangelism." Session Two will address the subject of "Making Church Attractive to the

Youth Population." This one day seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. and is free but pre-registration is required. We wish to acknowledge and express our sincere appreciation for the participation and collaborative efforts of the Rev. Todd Sutton, Lakeview Presbyterian Church, Father Robin Whitlock and Mrs. Hazel Hudson-Allen, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship begins at 11:00 each Sunday. In recognition of VISITOR APPRECIATION, the evangelism ministry will host a reception immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please come and share in worship and the special activities planned. For additional information, please call the church at (727) 327-8560.

Last Sunday's message: "YOUR LIFE IS A JOURNEY YOU MUST TRAVEL" (Matthew 10:24-39)

## Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church under the leadership of our soldier of the cross, and drum major for justice, Dr. Rickey L. Houston, extend an invitation to the community to join us as we communicate God's Word at 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Bible Study and Teen Summit on Wednesday evening, at 7:00. We also encourage the community to make use of our Prayer Line. (321-9645)

Bethel Metropolitan is committed to a Christ-centered, people-centered, team-centered and bible-based ministry, with priorities focused on love, forgiveness, unity, peace and growth. We celebrate in worship ... we care for one another ... we cultivate the fullest spiritual life possible both individually and corporately ... and we communicate God's truth at every opportunity. Living out these priorities results in a kaleidoscope of ministries at Bethel Metropolitan. For all ages and interests, there are special events and service opportunities happening regularly.

Are you looking for a fun and safe place for your children? Pathfinders Summer Camp is the place for

ages 5-12 years. Activities include swimming, skating, bowling, movies, arts and crafts, creative expressions and more. Camp is in session Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., through August 15. Free breakfast and lunch. For additional information call Pathways to Progress at 727-328-2409.

Our Prayer Breakfast for the month of July will be hosted by the Married Couples Ministry. The breakfast is free and open to the community. Join us and be physically and spiritually nourished.

Morer Bolds and the Mission Ministry are excited about the Mission Sunday Worship Service. They look forward to sharing and hearing the Good News from speaker Jewel Waiters of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Waiters is a past president of the Mission Ministry of New Hope, a Trustee, Christian Education Department teacher, and Director of Church Operations. She is also West Coast Baptist Association Women's President.

### Upcoming Events:

July 5 - Prayer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.

July 7-11 - West Coast Baptist Association Congress

## Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church

**"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, yes He is good!"**

The Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church family under the leadership of Pastor Clarence A. Williams welcomes your presence this Sunday for worship services. The teaching of God's Word, songs of praise and the inspiring messages will help along this spiritual journey. Our prayer is that your faith and understanding increase in the knowledge of the ways of God. Join us as we endeavor to do God's will, God's way. We encourage your presence and participation. Our doors are always open and we would love to have you come and join us.

Our early morning worship begins at 7:30, followed by Church School at 9:30. Come grow and glow as we share one with another. At 11:00 a.m., our Contemporary Worship Service. The CW Mass Choir will bless your soul in song throughout the day. Join us for a hallelujah good time in the Lord. Come anticipating a blessing just for you, as the Word is proclaimed. Pastor Williams will deliver the message at both services.

### WEEKLY MINISTRIES:

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

- Wednesday - Vintage Bible Study, 11:00 a.m. Come enjoy the Word and lunch. Bible Study, 6:00 p.m., collectively we learn more of God. Hour of Power, 7:00 p.m. Come as you are for a powerful hour of song, prayer, praise and preaching.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 27-Women's Missionary Society, "Night in White" 7:00 p.m.

June 28- Women's Missionary Society, Tea - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Mount Zion is on the move; get on board as we Mount up at Mount Zion!

**Thought for the week: "Get rich quick! Count your Blessings!"**

**Be blessed and have a Jesus filled week.**

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### Victim To Victory

These are diametrically opposed, opposite ends of the spectrum of the human experience. No one wants to be a victim. No one wants to be a statistic. How many times have we heard them quoted? The number of victims of violent crime, cars stolen, and houses burglarized etc. Perhaps the worst part of being a victim is it sometimes carries a self-inflicted connotation of weakness and/or helplessness. No wonder, no one wants to be a victim.

What then, for those that have found themselves a victim of something or somebody? Somehow they must make the spiritual trek and transformation from victim to victor. The alternative is a perpetual state of victimization and stagnation. In other words, if a person is the victim of an assault in 1990 and in 2008, they are still suffering to the same degree that they were when the horrible event originally happened. This then causes a stunt in the

growth of the person who the assailant makes or remakes his victim. Somehow for the sake of sanity and spiritual survival, we must go from victim to victor.

How? At the risk of oversimplifying such a complex subject and given the space constraints accept the following as a start: First, allow God to own your struggle. Elevate your struggle from the flesh and blood to the spiritual. (See 2 Chronicles Chapter 20; Romans 8:37; I John 5:4; Psalm 44:5; Luke 10:19). Secondly, immerse yourself into praise and worship and fellowship. There is no true and lasting victory outside of God. Our own efforts to have the victory, will only take to our limits, but when we seek the victory with, by and through Him, therein lies complete victory and our weaknesses can be absorbed by His presence and power. For more information please call 727-898-8616.



# BLACK HISTORY

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### Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods is an American golfer whose achievements to date rank him among the most successful golfers of all time. Currently No. 1 in the world, Woods was the highest-paid professional athlete in 2007, having earned an estimated \$122 million from winnings and endorsements.

According to Golf Digest, Woods made \$769,440,709 from 1996 to 2007, and the magazine predicts that by 2010, Woods will become the world's first athlete to pass one billion dollars in earnings.

Woods has won 14 professional major golf championships, the second highest of any male player, and 65 PGA Tour events, third all time. He has more career major wins and career PGA Tour wins than any other active golfer. He is the youngest player to achieve the

Woods, who is multiracial, is credited with prompting a major surge of interest in the game of golf. Woods dramatically increased attendance and TV ratings and generated interest among a multicultural audience in a game that used to be considered insular and elitist.

Eldrick Tont Woods was born on Dec. 30, 1975 in Cypress, Calif., to Earl (1932-2006) and Kultida Woods. He is the only child of their marriage but has two half-brothers, Earl Jr. (born 1955) and Kevin (born 1957), and one half-sister, Royce (born 1958) from the 18-year marriage of Earl Woods and his first wife, Barbara Woods Gray. Earl, a retired United States Army lieutenant colonel and Vietnam War veteran, was of mixed African-American, Chinese and Native



his father had also given the "Tiger" nickname. Woods became generally known by that name and by the time he had achieved national prominence in junior and amateur golf, he was simply known as "Tiger" Woods. Woods grew up in Orange County, Calif., and graduated from Western High School in Anaheim in 1994.

Woods was a child prodigy who began to play golf at the age of two. In 1978, he putted against comedian Bob Hope in a television appearance on "The Mike Douglas Show." At age three, Woods shot a 48 over nine holes at the Navy Golf Club in Cypress, Calif., and at age five, he appeared in Golf Digest and on ABC's "That's Incredible." In 1984 at the age of eight he won the 9-10 boys' event, the youngest age group available, at the Junior World Golf Championships. Woods went on to win the Junior World Championships six times, including four consecutive wins from 1988 to 1991.

While attending Western High School in Anaheim at the age of 15, he became the youngest ever U.S. Junior Amateur Champion, was voted Southern California Amateur Player of the Year for the second consecutive year, and Golf Digest Junior Amateur Player of the Year 1991. He successfully defended his title at the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, becoming the first multiple winner, competed in his first PGA Tour event, the Nissan Los Angeles Open and was named Golf Digest Amateur Player of the Year, Golf World Player of the Year and Golfweek National

Amateur of the Year in 1992.

The following year, he won his third consecutive U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, and remains the event's youngest-ever and only multiple winner. In 1994,

to make the cut. At age 20 in 1996, Woods became the first golfer to win three consecutive U.S. Amateur titles and won the NCAA individual golf championship. In winning the Silver Medal as leading amateur at The Open Championship, Woods tied the record for an amateur aggregate score of 281. He left college after two years and turned professional.

In November 2003, Woods became engaged to Elin Nordegren, a Swedish model. They were introduced during The Open Championship in 2001 by Swedish golfer Jesper Parnevik, who had employed her as an au pair. They married on Oct. 5, 2004 at the Sandy Lane resort on the Caribbean island of Barbados and live at Isleworth, a community in Windermere, a suburb of Orlando. They also have homes in Jackson, Wyoming, California and Sweden. In January 2006, Woods and his wife purchased a \$39 million residential property in Jupiter Island, Fla., which they intend

successfully defended a title 21 times on the PGA Tour, has finished runner-up 24 times, third place 17 times, and has won 29% (65 out of 222) of his professional starts on the PGA Tour. He has hit a combined total 18 holes-in-one in the course of his lifetime — his first at the age of six. He has a 31-6 record when leading after 36 holes in Tour events, and a 44-3 record when leading after 54 holes. Woods is 14-0 when going into the final round of a major with at least a share of the lead, and he has never lost any tournament when leading by more than one shot after 54 holes. He has been heralded as "the greatest closer in history" by multiple golf experts. He owns the lowest career scoring average and the most career earnings of any player in PGA Tour history.

Having spent over nine years atop the world rankings in his 12-year career, Woods is one of five players (along with Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus, and Gary Player) to



Tiger Woods seated with his father at a news conference following the 2004 Masters Tournament

career Grand Slam, and the youngest and fastest to win 50 tournaments on tour.

Woods has held the number one position in the world rankings for the most consecutive weeks and for the greatest total number of weeks. He has been awarded PGA Player of the Year a record nine times, the Byron Nelson Award for lowest adjusted scoring average a record eight times, and has tied Jack Nicklaus' record of leading the money list in eight different seasons. He has been named Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year a record-tying four times, and is the only person to be named Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year more than once.

American ancestry. Kultida (nee Punsawad), originally from Thailand, is of mixed Thai, Chinese, and Dutch ancestry. Woods refers to his ethnic make-up as "Cablinasian" (a portmanteau term he coined from Caucasian, Black, (American) Indian, and Asian).

Woods is a Buddhist. He has said that his faith was acquired from his mother and that it helps control both his stubbornness and impatience.

At birth, Woods was given "Eldrick" and "Tont" as first and middle names, respectively. His middle name, Tont, is a traditional Thai name. He got his nickname from a Vietnamese soldier friend of his father, Vuong Dang Phong, to whom



Tiger, Elin and Sam Woods

Woods became the youngest ever winner of the U.S. Amateur Championship. He was a member of the American team at the 1994 Eisenhower Trophy World Amateur Golf Team Championships and 1995 Walker Cup. Later that year, he enrolled at Stanford University, and won his first collegiate event, the William Tucker Invitational. He declared a major in Economics and was nicknamed "Urkel" by his college teammates. In 1995, Woods defended his U.S. Amateur title, and was voted Pac-10 Player of the Year, NCAA First Team All-American, and Stanford's Male Freshman of the Year (an award that encompasses all sports). He participated in his first PGA Tour major, The Masters, and tied for 41st as the only amateur



to make their primary residence. In 2007, a guest house on the Jupiter Island estate was destroyed in a fire caused by lightning.

Early in the morning of June 18, 2007, Elin gave birth to the couple's first child, a daughter, Sam Alexis Woods, in Orlando. The birth occurred just one day after Woods finished tied for second in the 2007 U.S. Open. Tiger chose to name his daughter Sam because his father said that Tiger looked more like a Sam.

As of June 2008, Woods has won 65 official PGA Tour events, an additional 22 individual professional titles, owns two team titles in the two-man World Golf Championships-World Cup, and won the inaugural FedEx Cup playoffs. He has

have won all four professional major championships in his career, known as the Career Grand Slam, and was the youngest to do so. Bobby Jones won all four of what were in his era considered major championships. Woods is the only player to have won all four professional major championships in a row, accomplishing the feat in the 2000-2001 seasons. Woods' win at the 2005 Open Championship made him only the second golfer (after Nicklaus) to have won all four majors more than once. With his win in the 2008 U.S. Open, Woods joins Nicklaus as the only golfers to win each major at least three times. Woods holds at least a share of the scoring record in relation to par in all four majors, and also holds the margin of victory record in two majors, The Masters and the U.S. Open.



Mary Eliza Mahoney

Mary Eliza Mahoney (b. May 7, 1845 – d. January 4, 1926) was the first black to study and work as a professionally trained nurse in the United States, graduating in 1879.

In 1908, she co-founded the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses (NACGN) with Adah B. Thoms. The NACGN eventually merged with the American Nurses Association (ANA) in 1951. She is commemorated by the biennial Mary Mahoney Award

of the ANA for significant contributions in advancing equal opportunities in nursing for members of minority groups.

Born in Boston, Mass., Mary Eliza Mahoney worked at the New England Hospital for Women and Children (now the Dimock Community Health Center) for 15 years before being accepted into its nursing school, which was America's first nursing school. The Hospital was founded by women doctors in 1862 and started its nursing program in 1872 with five students, including Linda Richards who emerged as the first graduate nurse in America.

After gaining her nursing diploma in 1879, Mahoney worked for many years as a

private care nurse, earning a distinguished reputation. From 1911 to 1912 she served as director of the Howard Orphan Asylum for black children in Kings Park, Long Island, N.Y.

In 1896, Mahoney was one of the original members of a predominantly white Nurses Associated Alumnae of the United States and Canada, which in 1911 became the American Nurses Association (ANA).

In retirement, Mahoney was still concerned with women's equality and a strong supporter of women's suffrage (the movement to gain women the right to vote.) In 1920, she was among the first women in Boston to register to vote. She died in 1926, aged 80.

### Mary Eliza Mahoney



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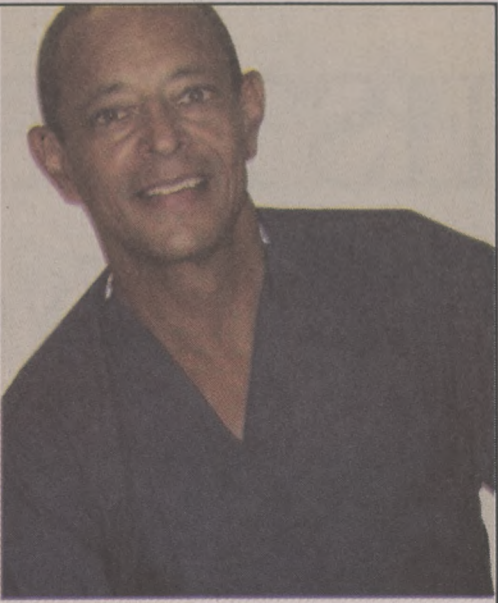
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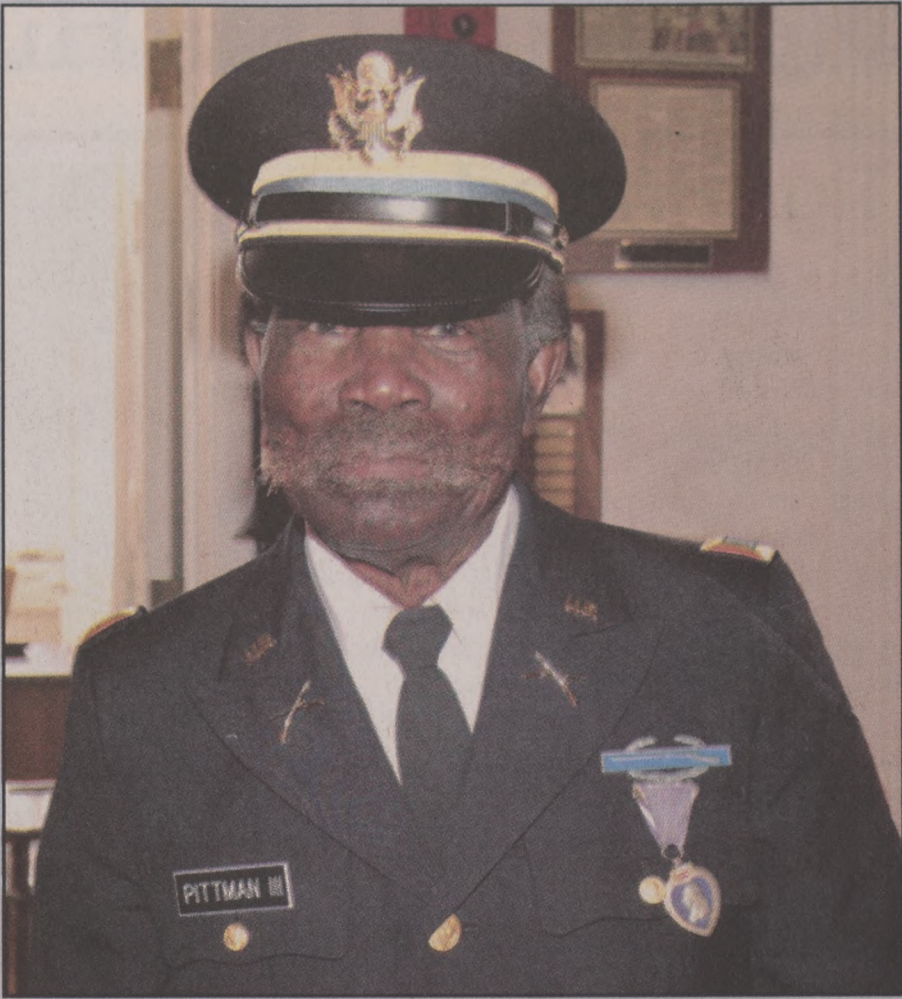
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## In Memoriam King George Pittman III



King George Pittman III, 87, a decorated World War II and Korean War veteran, passed away on June 10, 2008 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. Pittman served in the United States Army from 1941 to 1956 and received several service awards. He was born on October 23, 1920 to Willie Pittman and Carrie Tansy Pittman. He attended Lincoln High School in Tallahassee and was a member of Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church in St. Petersburg.

Mr. Pittman is survived by his sister, the retired U.S. Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek of Miami; nephews Congressman Kendrick B. Meek, Samuel Pittman and Charles Bellamy; nieces Lucia and Sheila Davis, Betty Jean Pittman, Katrina Presley and other relatives.

Mr. Pittman was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

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