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### Memorial Service for Ruby Dee Will Be Held in September

Ruby Dee's family, friends and fans will pay tribute to the legendary actress at a memorial service at Riverside Church in Manhattan, New York on September 20. The memorial service will be held to commemorate the notable person in the U.S. civil rights movement, who died on June 11 at age 91.

The event, which will be opened to the public, will include songs, tributes and reflections from Ruby's family and friends.

Terrie Williams, a spokesperson for the family, said, "Ruby was an extraordinary life force. People were very connected to her and to Ozzie." The "Politics of Love" actress had successfully used her art, activism and visibility to make a difference. Terrie added, "Those are the key reasons she is being celebrated."

### Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson Installed as International President of AKA

Business executive Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was installed as the 2014-2018 International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) at the Sorority's week-long international convention held in Charlotte last week. The installation took place at the Charlotte Convention Center before over 10,000 attendees.

As the 29th woman to lead the 106-year-old organization, Buckhanan Wilson will guide policy, develop programs and set the leadership tone for members and chapters worldwide. Her service began when she was initiated in 1978 at Benedict College. She rose along the ranks from chapter president to Central Regional Director, International Secretary, International First Vice President and now International President.

Professionally, Buckhanan Wilson is a Senior Vice President at Goodwill Industries, where she is responsible for a \$25 million dollar enterprise in southeastern Wisconsin and metropolitan Chicago. In addition to her years of service to the sorority, Buckhanan Wilson is a member of The Links, Inc., the National Council of Negro Women and the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

### University Of Texas Can Continue Affirmative Action, Court Rules

A federal appellate court in Texas has ruled that the state's flagship university can continue to use race as a factor in admissions.

The case, Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin, had been closely watched because it has already reached the Supreme Court. Last year, the court surprised many observers by failing to issue a sweeping decision on affirmative action.

Instead, the court sent the case back to the 5th Circuit for further fact-finding, saying the lower court should use "strict scrutiny," the toughest form of review a court can apply to government actions, instead of deferring to the university's judgment in the matter.

The Supreme Court wanted a determination on whether the use of race as part of the admissions program was necessary and had been drawn as narrowly as possible.

Under Texas law, the university grants automatic admission to students in the top seven percent of each high school's graduating class. Because many high schools are dominated by one race or another, this has ensured that the University of Texas admits a high percentage of students who are Hispanic or African-American.

But their numbers still fall far short of their share of the overall population of the state, in which minorities make up a majority. The appellate court said it was OK for the university to use race as a factor beyond the automatic admission plan.

### Atty. Willie Gary Scores \$16B Win Against R.J. Reynolds Tobacco

A Florida jury has handed a client of two African-American law firms one of the biggest legal victories ever.

Last week, a Pensacola juror awarded Cynthia Robinson over \$16 billion in compensatory damages and \$23 billion in punitive damages in her lawsuit against R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Robinson was represented by Florida attorneys Willie E. Gary and Christopher Chestnut of The Chestnut Firm

Robinson sued R. J. Reynolds in 2008 on behalf of her late husband, Michael Johnson, who at 35 years old died of cancer in 1996. Robinson claimed smoking cigarettes killed her husband, who began smoking when he was 13. According to his lawyers, Johnson became addicted to cigarettes and was unable to quit smoking despite numerous attempts to stop.

She argued that R. J. Reynolds was negligent in not informing him and other smokers that nicotine is addictive and that smoking can cause lung cancer, which is the leading cause of cancer deaths among black men, according to the American Cancer Society.

Robinson had been part of a class-action lawsuit in which a jury awarded \$145 billion in damages against tobacco companies. In 2006, however, the Florida Supreme Court overturned the verdict. The court did open the door for individual lawsuits against tobacco companies. Robinson sued R. J. Reynolds as an individual six years ago.



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## Breathing New Life Into Old Stanton

by Lynn Jones

Since Stanton first opened its doors in 1868, the journey has included its origin as the only high school for African-Americans in Florida to one presently of the nation's top college preparatory schools. The legacy left behind includes not only a rich heritage of school pride, but the original edifice where it all began. Still standing at the corner of Ashley and Broad Streets, the Stanton School is now destined to return to its glory days.

Nearly 100 years after its heyday, Kezia Rolle, the owner of Jacksonville Centre of the Arts (JCARTS) Pre-professional School & Company, and the Northside Center of the Arts Recreational has secured a contract to transfer the JCARTS to the historic location. Rolle and her team worked directly with the Historic Stanton Trustee Board to house the Jacksonville Centre of the Arts Pre-professional School

The JCARTS non-profit organization has been challenged for space for several years. Councilman Johnny Gaffney and School Board Paula Wright introduced JCARTS to the location, located in the heart of Jacksonville, and specifically, the LaVilla district. The area has been known for its rich culture, history and arts education.

"I felt that it would be a great idea to expand on the development and vision that Mayor Brown has for downtown and to develop a full Fine Arts District with JCARTS as the hub," said JCARTS Executive Director Kezia Rolle. The second reason that we chose this building is based on the amount of space offering over 66,000 square feet. We found it to be the largest piece of property that could accommodate our needs fulfill our growth based on our potential and estimated

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Showing their artistic and creative movements are JCARTS students Faith Norton, a Junior at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts and Joshua Abbott, a Senior at Jacksonville University with JCARTS Executive Director Kezia Rolle (center).

## My Brother's Keeper Initiative Gets \$104 Million Boost

by Trymaine Lee

Six months since the launch of My Brother's Keeper - the President Obama's boldest effort since taking office to address the dire state of young minority men - millions are being dedicated to expanding the initiative.

New partnerships with public and private groups to the tune of about \$104 million will help many young black men succeed at critical stages throughout their lives - from early education to college and career.

Historically, young minority men generally faces some of the worst social, academic and economic outcomes in the country.

The new private partner organizations include the NBA and NBA's player and retired players association, AT&T, the Emerson Collective, The College Board, Citi Foundation, and Discovery Communications.

Obama assembled the My Brother's Keeper Task Force and charged them with spending the next few months combing through data and best practices in preparation for a massive scaling-up of national efforts.

The administration convened some of the wealthiest foundations and philanthropists in the country and secured about \$200 million to identify and bolster efforts that are working nationally to help boys and men of color while also developing new strategies. The efforts center around disrupting what -

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## Gamma Rho Omega Joins 10,000 Sorors for AKA Biennial Boule



Gamma Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. held their 66th biennial international conference in Charlotte, North Carolina last week for a week long event designed to refresh and invigorate their historic sisterhood. Over 40 members of Jacksonville's Gamma Rho Omega Chapter par-

ticipated in the week long activities which culminated with the induction of the 29th international president, Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson.

Buchanan Wilson's 2014 - 2018 administration's International Program will focus on the theme, "Launching New Dimensions of

Service," through which the sorority's 265,000 members and 986 local chapters will address community needs via programs in traditional and new target areas. It will consist of five target areas, one signature program, and specifically targeted community service days.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the nation's first sorority established by African American women, was launched more than a century ago at Howard University in Washington, D.C. and Gamma Rho Omega Chapter has served the Jacksonville Community since 1942.



## Payday Loans Still a Deliberate Debt Trap

Payday loans – the small loans that come with big fees and triple-digit annual interest rates – pose serious threats to the financial well-being of borrowers. That was the conclusion reached by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). “Whether they receive the loans online, in storefronts or through banks, the vast majority of borrowers cannot both repay the loan and cover all their basic living expenses until their next payday,” states the report. “Payday loans create a debt treadmill that makes struggling families worse off than they were before they received a payday loan.”

The newest chapters of CRL's research series, The State of Lending in America, covering payday loans find these products continue to create a cycle of debt in which borrowers take out a loan, ostensibly pay it back, and then run out of money and have to take out numerous additional loans to afford their living expenses. In fact, even though payday loans are marketed as a convenient way to handle unexpected emergencies, the vast majority of borrowers use the loans for everyday expenses. Borrowers across the country pay more than \$3.4 billion in fees. Further, more than two-thirds of these fees are the direct result of payday loan “churning” or rapid and successive re-borrowing.

Any of five factors can create borrower problems and can lead to pay-

day lending's debt treadmill:

- Lack of underwriting for affordability – the lending model relies on borrowers' inability to afford loans;
- High fees – often at an APR of 400 percent or more;
- Short-term due dates – usually a borrower's next payday, generally around two weeks;
- Single, balloon payment – the entire principal and related fees are due at the same time; and
- Collateral in the form of a post-dated check or access to a bank account – the lender is first in line to be repaid, leaving many borrowers short of funds for living expenses.

After years of consumer-focused reforms, 22 states, including the District of Columbia have enacted laws to curb or eliminate payday's debt trap. In recent years, states with varying locales and demographics have rejected payday lending's triple digit rates and imposed rate caps: Arizona, Montana, and Ohio.

In 2006, enactment of the Military Lending Act created a 36 percent rate limit and prohibited the holding of a post-dated check from active-duty military and their families.

Now, more payday-related developments are occurring at the federal level. Two regulators, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Office of the Comptroller, are developing guidance to crack down on payday lending by the banks they supervise. Additionally, the Con-

sumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) recently issued a report that reviewed more than 15 million accounts. CFPB is considering rules to address its own finding that the typical borrower is indebted for nearly 200 days in a year.

Even so, today 29 states still have no substantive restriction on payday lending.

Payday lenders in just 10 states collect 83 percent of all fees. Nationwide, there are 16,341 store locations; but only nine major operators control nearly 50 percent of these stores. Leading the list of states with the most payday lending activity are Texas and California followed by Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

In the area of bank payday lending, CRL found that:

- Bank payday borrowers are two times more likely to incur overdraft fees than bank customers;
- More than one-quarter of bank payday borrowers are Social Security recipients; and
- Bank payday loans carry an annual percentage rate that averages 225-300 percent.

Clearly continued state and federal reforms are needed. For a nation that prides itself on freedom, predatory debt is simply un-American.

For more information on the new chapters, interested readers, CRL's web at: <http://rpsnslb1/16pWoLB>.

## Seniors Beware for Scam Alerts

By Jason Alderman  
I look forward to the day when we no longer need to warn senior citizens about scams designed to separate them from their hard-earned money. I'm not holding my breath, however.

According to the FBI, senior citizens make attractive targets for con artists for a variety of reasons:

They're more likely to have a nest egg, own their home and have good credit.

Seniors are less likely to report fraud because they don't know where to report it, don't realize they've been scammed, or are too ashamed at having been duped – possibly fearing they won't be trusted to manage their own finances going forward.

When elderly victims do report crimes, they often make poor witnesses because of faulty memory.

Seniors are more susceptible to products promising increased wealth, cognitive function, virility, physical conditioning, anti-cancer properties and so on.

Here's a roundup of common telemarketing scams targeting seniors and how you can avoid them:

Be wary, even if callers appear legitimate. Caller ID "spoofers" pretending to represent your bank, credit card company or government agencies may try to trick you into revealing personal information under the pretext of fixing a security breach.

When in doubt, hang up and contact the organization yourself.

Other common telemarketing scams include:

You've supposedly won a free prize but are asked to pay for handling, postage or taxes. By law, you never have to pay for any legitimate prize.

Get-rich-quick schemes, like those involving Nigerian princes trying to smuggle funds out of their country using your bank account in exchange for a cut of the amount.

The "Grandparent Scam," where someone pretending to be your grandchild calls in a panic, claiming to have been arrested or injured (often abroad) and asking you to wire them money – and not tell their parents because they're embarrassed.

Soliciting funds for fake charities, especially after natural disasters.

Companies offering seniors free medical equipment or services. After you provide your Medicare number, they forge a doctor's signature and bill Medicare for unneeded goods or services you never actually receive.

Some particularly brazen thieves will even offer to help you recover money you've lost to other scammers (who are often part of the same operation).

Although direct telephone contact is common, scammers also use mailers, email, texts and advertisements to lure potential victims into contact-

ing them for further information. A few tip-offs these offers – whatever the channel – might be bogus:

The offer sounds too good to be true.

High-pressure sales tactics – they won't take no for an answer have sensible-sounding answers for your every question or hesitation.

You must make a decision "right now" because the offer will expire soon.

Claims that you are one of just a few people eligible for the offer.

Your credit card number is requested for verification. Never provide credit card or other personal information by phone, letter or email unless you made the initial contact.

You are urged to provide money quickly and not given time to consider the offer.

There is no risk. All investments have some risk, except for U.S. Government obligations.

They refuse to provide detailed written information.

You are asked to trust the telemarketer. Like your mother always said, "Don't trust strangers."

The Federal Trade Commission ([www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)) has a Scam Alert Blog that exposes the latest scams, as well as a site where you can file a complaint if a business doesn't make good on its promises or cheats you out of your money.

## A Speeding Ticket Can Ruin More Than Your Day



sonal data, it will tell you how many points or other penalties will be added to your driving record per infraction (based on state law), as well as in-

formation on the state's rules for when driving privileges can be suspended or revoked.

Investigate whether attending traffic school will erase the ticket from your record. Rules vary widely by state (e.g., how often you can attend), and certain serious infractions, like excessive speeding, are ineligible in some places.

When your policy is up for renewal, get rate quotes from at least three carriers. Talk to an insurance agent or use an online comparison site such as Insurance.com, InsWeb or NetQuote—just be aware that not every carrier participates in these sites and make sure you're comparing apples to apples.

Another reason to comparison shop: each insurance company calculates risk differently, so particular traffic infractions might trigger varying increases, depending on the carrier.

Increasing your deductible from \$250 to \$1,000 might lower your premium by 15 to 30%. Ask about premium discounts for: low annual mileage; clean driving records; defensive driving courses; being over a certain age; good student grades; vehicle safety features like alarms, anti-lock brakes or vehicle tracking systems; parking in a secure lot; working in specific industries; or buying your homeowner's or renter's insurance from the same company.

Most insurance companies use some form of credit information to help determine rates, so, review your credit reports periodically to correct

any mistakes. If you know that your credit rating has improved, ask your insurance company to recheck it at renewal time.

With collision and comprehensive coverage, insurers pay only up to the vehicle's actual cash value, minus deductibles. Thus, some people with older cars drop this coverage, since repairs often cost more than the car's worth. But remember: If you drop this coverage and later rent a car, purchase the rental agency's coverage to be fully protected.

Let's say you absentmindedly ran through a stop sign or made an illegal left-hand turn. You'll probably know right away how much the ticket will cost, but it could take months before your insurance company receives notice of the infraction and adjusts your premium.

If the suspense is killing you, Insurance.com has a handy tool called the Uh-Oh! Calculator that estimates the average rate increases for the 14 most common traffic violations. And, if you enter your age, Zip code, residence type, marital status, length of time with your insurance carrier and current premium, the calculator will generate a more customized estimate based on your personal data.

To arrive at its estimates, Insurance.com analyzed nearly half a million auto insurance quotes given to drivers from 14 insurance carriers over a two-year period. They compared quotes that drivers with the 14 most common violations received alongside quotes from drivers with no violations.

Some of the average premium increases are pretty shocking:

- Reckless driving: 22%
- DUI first offense: 19%
- Driving without a license or permit: 18%
- Careless driving: 16%
- Speeding 30 mph over the limit: 15%
- Failure to stop: 15%
- Improper turn: 14%
- Improper passing: 14%
- Following too close/tailgating: 13%
- Speeding 15 to 29 mph over limit: 12%
- Speeding 1 to 14 mph over limit: 11%
- Failure to yield: 9%
- No car insurance: 6%
- Seat belt infractions: 3%

So, for example, if your annual premium is \$650 and you're caught speeding 18 miles over the speed limit, your premium would go up to \$78 to \$728, on average. Not wearing your seat belt would generate a relatively milder \$19.50 increase.

Another neat trick with the Uh-Oh! Calculator: If you plug in your per-

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Pictured at the competition are ACT-SO winners, Brittany Bean (ACT-SO Silver Medalist) and Brianna Mims (Gold Medalist)

## Jax NAACP ACT-SO Winners Bring Home the Silver and the Gold

By Rometa Porter

The 36th Annual ACT-SO Olympics program was held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Roughly 9,000 youth participated nationally with 60 finalists competing in Las Vegas for Bronze, Silver and Gold medals in 27 categories of the Arts, Cultural, Science and Entrepreneurship. The Jacksonville Branch of ACT-SO entered twelve participants and brought home two medals, a silver medal in entrepreneurship and a gold medal for dance. Brittany Bean was the winner of the entrepreneurship silver medal and received \$1,500 from ACT-SO. Brittany is a graduate of Paxon High School and will attend Fisk University in the fall and will major in Spanish and International business. Gold medal winner Brianna Mims is a senior at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. Brianna was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. All winners received a Microsoft Surface computer with keyboard.

The NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics is a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. ACT-SO includes 26 categories of competition in the sciences, humanities, business, and performing and visual arts. More than 260,000 young people have participated from the program since its inception. Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. From the ballot box to the

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many in the philanthropic space refer to as the cradle-to-prison pipeline that disproportionately siphons off minority boys from as early as pre-Kindergarten.

The NBA groups have pledged support for a new public service campaign primarily designed to recruit 25,000 minority male mentors. AT&T has pledged \$18 million this year to support mentoring and educational programs as part of a broader \$350 million commitment targeted at students at risk of dropping out of school. The Emerson Collective has committed \$50 million to work with school districts to launch a competition to find the

best designs for high schools of the future.

Duval County Public Schools supports the national coalition of urban schools' movement to improve achievement in minority male students. One of the district's recent efforts to accomplish this is the introduction of The Young Men's Leadership Academy at Eugene J. Butler for the 2014-2015 school year. The school offers 6th - 8th grade students a single-gender classroom experience and expected to demonstrate the skills, abilities, knowledge and potential to be successful leaders. The first single-gender program in Duval County, this program aims to build and

## Fight Continues for Justice a Year After Zimmerman Verdict

by D. Kevin McNeir

The word stunned might best describe how U.S. citizens, particularly blacks, felt after hearing that a six-member jury, in a Florida courthouse last July, found George Zimmerman not guilty in the shooting death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin.

One year later, with increased cases in which defendants have used the "stand your ground" law to avoid prosecution, civil rights leaders and activists have ramped up efforts to challenge a criminal justice system that often treats blacks and women as second-class citizens.

"Blacks seeking justice must continue with protests, pressure and patience," said Benjamin Crump, the civil attorney for the Martin family. "We cannot ignore the realities that were unearthed in the wake of this still-shocking verdict - realities that exclude an honest and frank dialogue on race. Stand your

ground is a broken doctrine of jurisprudence. It does not work in the same way for all Americans. A year passing may make things easier to ignore, but it does not mean they no longer exist," said Crump, 44, a partner at the Tallahassee, Florida-based law firm of Parks & Crump, LLC.

The shooting of one black youth, Jordan Davis, 17, serves as another high profile Florida case in which the shooter, a white man named Michael Dunn, 47, attempted to justify his actions saying he felt threatened after confronting Jordan and three other teens in their Dodge Durango outside of a convenience store on November 23, 2012. After complaining about the volume of their music, Dunn shot into the vehicle 10 times, with three bullets cutting through Jordan's liver, a lung and his aorta.

"We now wait for the retrial of Michael Dunn for my son's murder, but no matter what the jury decides I know it will be God's ruling that has the final say," said Lucia McBath, Jordan's mother.

"If the murderers of Trayvon and Jordan could stand their ground why couldn't our children? Black parents know that the rules are different and even though we try our best, we cannot protect them from laws that almost make it a crime to be black. We must go after the legislators who voted for stand your ground laws and get them out of office," said McBath, who now serves as a national spokesperson for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, a group of mothers from all 50 states formed after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings.

## W.M. Raines Varsity Cheer Leaders Earn Superior Rating



Raines Cheerleader Squad

by Willie B. Hall

The varsity cheer leaders of William M. Raines High School recently participated in the Universal Cheerleaders Association's (UCA) Summer Camp. The camp was held July 13-16 and took place in Daytona, Florida. UCA provides high quality educational training for college and high school cheerleaders through summer camps and clinics on college campuses.

The Vikings hard work paid off as they were named the 2014 camp champs and received several other awards including:

The "Traditions Award" (All counselors and teams voted and believed the team was the real definition of a cheerleading squad)

The "Extreme Routine Award" (For the most difficultly executed routine); 1st Place "Game Day Cheer Award"; and the prestigious "Best Overall Award" (Superior Rating)

The ladies will go into the 2014-

2015 school season as a "Superior Rated Championship" squad. The varsity cheer leaders have been under the leadership of head coach Kisele C. Bell for 9 years. Coach Bell is a 1984 graduate of William M. Raines High School.

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growth of our organization. The third reason is because of the rich history that comes with a building of this caliber. There is no comparison to the valuable students that gained their level of professionalism, skill and education from walking down these very halls. I'm privileged and honored to share the same space of the Stanton Blue Devils," said Kezia.

When asked how will the curriculum be structured? Kezia continued, "The school encompasses the JCARTS Self developed curriculum and will emulate the Pampered Prodigy, educational component curriculum."

Parents on a day to day basis will bring the students to class or carpool from local magnets or other schools throughout Duval, St. Johns, Clay and Nassau counties. The majority of the students are involved in the local magnet school and JCARTS will work in parallel to ultimately create well-rounded artists. Rolle is hoping to work with the school board and also JTA in order for the kids to be

picked up from their local schools and delivered to Stanton's front door where they will go directly into the homework and computer lab and continue JCARTS stats of 80% of the students securing AB honor roll status.

There are no audition requirements to attend the schooland recreational in addition to pre-professional classes will be offered. Recreational classes are for the students who have the desire to learn a fine arts skill. The pre-professional curriculum is for a serious minded, ambitious student, who is interested in pursuing a given art form as their lifelong craft. The students will train 15 to 25 plus hours per week honing their skills and developing techniques at a heightened developmental level. Due to years of neglect, the school will be temporarily housed in the finished portion of the school's basement formerly occupied by Head Start until complete renovations are done.

A typical day in the life of a JCARTS student consists of the student arriving at the school and going directly into the

homework/computer lab. On site morning tutors will make sure the student has completed their assignments for school and constant reading. Afterwards, students may enjoy a quick snack and then begin to prepare and dress for the fine arts class that they are entering for the evening. Extracurricular activities include fine arts, stretch and conditioning and sign language. JCARTS will service age three - 18 and Pampered Prodigy will service 6 months- 5 years.

Jacksonville Centre of the Arts Pre-professional School will accommodate 250 and 300 students and will teach Russian and Cecchetti style for Ballet and Graham and Horton styles of Modern. Specific artistic educational curriculum also includes dancing and acting. Kezia smiled, "We have associated ourselves to create an educational and fine arts training ground that starts the development and love for the Arts at infancy."

The JCARTS will have the same time line as the Duval County Public Schools and the first day of school is Tuesday, August 4th!

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# City Chronicles

Diatribes on life in the African-American Diaspora by Rep. Reggie Fullwood

by George Curry

## UNCF Stands its Ground in Koch Flap

By James Clingman

The controversy over the recent donation by the Koch Foundation to the UNCF begs a discussion of politics, education, and business. After receiving a \$25 million gift from the Charles Koch Foundation, the UNCF and its president, Michael Lomax, took in-coming fire from the AFSME union, which discontinued its funding of UNCF because it disagrees with the Koch's Republican views. Was AFSME's annual \$60,000 donation to UNCF tied in some way to its support of Democrat views?

Here are some facts about the issue: \$18.5 million will be used to provide scholarships in various areas of study, and \$6.5 million will fund HBCUs that have been adversely affected by the Department of Education's modifications in the Parent PLUS Loan Program. HBCUs lost \$155 million because of changes in that government initiative.

The Koch Scholars Program will run for seven years. Full-time students with a minimum 3.0 GPA are eligible to apply. Koch representatives have two of the five votes on the scholarship committee. The funds will provide approximately 2,800 awards for undergrads at \$2,500.00 per semester, 125 awards for grad students at \$10,000 per semester, and 50 awards for Ph.D. students at \$25,000 per semester.

Additionally, the program will provide mentoring in entrepreneurship, economics, innovation, reading groups and speaker series, an annual summit, and an online community to foster collaboration and learning. The grant will also help pay for administrative costs, research and evaluation, and tracking of students who participated in the program.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with the "use" of the funds; it's the "source" of the funds that some folks find problematic. "They are taking over 'our' organization," is the hue and cry of some. (If it's "our" organization, why aren't "we" taking better financial care of it?) "Koch money is funding political causes we don't agree with." "The Kochs are evil; they support the Tea Party." Some say UNCF should return the \$25 million, and some have called for a boycott of Koch products in response to its political donations.

Wanting to find out more about the Koch's and their business, I asked a friend of mine, a conscious Black man in the mold of Marcus, Malcolm, and Martin, who lives in Wichita, Kansas, where Koch is domiciled. Here is an excerpt from his reply: "From a local perspective, the Koch's are revered personages. They make generous donations to good causes. They run a tight ship business-wise...They have a very conservative (in the non-political sense) culture, but are not impossible to work for. They hire Blacks, but I am not aware of how many Blacks are promoted inside the company. They pay well and offer good benefits."

In response to my question regarding the UNCF donation, my friend went on to write: "In these days and times, who will step up and write \$25 million check to replace what they want the UNCF to refuse? Not our liberals/ left/ progressives or Negro 'friends.' They won't come up with 10% of that."

Koch has given to the UNCF since 2005, the year they acquired Georgia-Pacific. They have also given funds to Spelman College, Albany State, Winston-Salem State, Fayetteville State, and Florida A&M universities. Where's the call for those funds to be returned.

Another Republican funder, Las Vegas casino owner, Sheldon Adelson, contributed \$100 million to candidates that Black people do not support. According to Forbes, in one year Adelson earned \$32 million per day! I am sure a lot of Black dollars were included in that haul. I have not heard a call for a boycott of his casinos.

Dr. Dre, who made much of his money from Black folks, gave \$35 million to USC. Is there a call to boycott his headphones because he didn't give that money to an HBCU? Can you see the misguided nature of this UNCF argument? Although they do work together, we must be intellectually capable of separating politics from business.

George Leef, contributing writer to Forbes Magazine, says, "Money is fungible. Any dollar has exactly the same worth as any other dollar. Money is also sterile - it does not magically transmit whatever real or imaginary evil the person who earned it may have done to the next person who takes the dollar in trade or as a gift."

University of Pennsylvania professor Marybeth Gasman argues that UNCF should reject the money because it is "tainted" with the Koch brothers' political advocacy and work to undermine the interests of African Americans, namely, federal programs that built the Black middle class. I say, if federal programs "built" the Black middle class, they can also destroy it.

Kudos to Michael Lomax for "standing his ground" in support of HBCUs. I trust he will not allow the political influence of any donor group to alter his commitment to maintain the integrity of the UNCF and to help Black students attend college.



and died for blacks and women to have equal rights in this country. How can we let those sacrifices fade away in vain? Or better yet, how do we let those sacrifices dry up "like a raisin in the sun."

So a lack of educational opportunities is no longer the problem, but I am certainly not saying that blacks no longer face challenges in this country. Yes, a black man is in the White House, but there are still many inequalities that exist in the housing finance industry, college admittance, corporate America, and many other areas.

Blacks have consistently made strides in this country. Langston Hughes once said, "I swear to the Lord I still can't see why Democracy means everybody but me."

If only Hughes were here today - democracy does mean African Americans can and do achieve on a very high level. Whether we're talking about sports, entertainment, politics, business and education - blacks have been trailblazers in America.

Zora Neale Hurston said, "There are years that ask questions and years that answer." But education and preparation are the keys. There are a lot of ailments that affect our community - education continues to be the cure.

Signing off from Valor Academy on Soutel Drive,  
Reggie Fullwood

.Washington.

Many viewed him as a militant, but the real story of Malcolm X tells a totally different story. He knew the importance of education saying, "Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."

So our past has relevance even today.

Remember that old bigot saying that if you want to hide something from a black man, put it in a book? Of course that was before African Americans were award winning authors and poets.

Most of you know this, but it's important that our youth understand why the slave master didn't want their slaves to know how to read or write. A slave could be killed if caught reading or attempting to read a book.

We have to teach our children that knowledge is power and the slave master knew it. They knew that with some education slaves would be much harder to control. The relevance of that information should inspire black youth today.

I know that I am getting old because it seems like I am losing more understanding with young folk every year. I really do not understand why more minorities, especially black youth are not taking advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans, white and black, fought

they can be self-sufficient and provide for their families. Of course Washington wanted blacks to focus more on trades while Dubois favored a more formal education in the classroom.

Regardless of their methods of trying to help black folk develop, education was at the center of the debate.

Again, that was well over 100 years ago, but it's probably even more relevant today. How do we reverse the cycles of poverty we see in our communities? How do we stop senseless crime and murders? How do we create a stronger black middle class? How do create more black professionals, entrepreneurs, and business executives?

Education is still the solution whether it's 1914 or 2014. And black leaders have known this from the days of slavery until now.

George Washington Carver once said, "Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."

"Educate your sons and daughters, send them to school, and show them that beside the cartridge box, the ballot box, and the jury box, you have also the knowledge box," said Frederick Douglass.

Congresswoman Barbara Jordan said, "Education remains the key to both economic and political empowerment."

"Education is the sole and only hope of the Negro race in America," stated Booker T

## Despite Recent Accomplishments: Education Still Key for Blacks in America

"It is a peculiar sensation, this double-consciousness, this sense of always looking at one's self through the eyes of others. . . . One ever feels his twoness,—an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one dark body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder."

These are the words of W.E.B. Dubois, and they written over 100 years ago in his book, "The Souls of Black Folk."

It's this "twoness" that Dubois talks about that for many years blacks felt that we couldn't achieve on a high level in this country. It's that same feeling of twoness that has discouraged so many African Americans from following their dreams.

It is funny how that past still speaks to us today. I continue to say that the long-term solutions for improving our communities reside in education. The most obvious example that comes to mind is President Obama - his education is what qualified him to lead the most powerful country in the world.

The first lady, Michelle Obama, comes from very humble backgrounds on the Southside of Chicago, but also used education to achieve success graduating from Princeton and Harvard Law.

It's what Dubois and Booker T. Washington debated about in the late 1800s and early 1900s. How to best educate former slaves so that

## A Victory for Affirmative Action

by George Curry

Almost lost among the news last week about the war in the Middle East and a war of another kind in Washington between Republicans and President Obama was a bit of good news: A federal appeals court, acting on a case remanded by the Supreme Court, upheld the University of Texas' modest affirmative action program.

Celebration of the victory is expected to be short lived because it is certain that the Supreme Court, which remanded the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit last summer, will take the case up again, this time ruling directly on whether the university's carefully crafted affirmative action program is constitutional.

Unlike the court's last affirmative action ruling involving Michigan - which had less to do with the merits of affirmative action and was more about whether a state ballot initiative could be used to ban affirmative action - the Texas case goes to the heart of affirmative action.

The lawsuit was brought by Abigail Fisher, a White applicant who was turned down for admission to the University of Texas at Austin, the state's flagship university, in the fall of 2008. Texas operates a Top Ten Percent Plan, which grants automatic admission to state universities to students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class. The year Fisher applied, 81

percent of the university's admission slots was filled in that manner.

The remaining openings were filled through what the university calls a holistic review program, which looks at such factors as demonstrated leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, honors, awards, essays, work experience, socioeconomic status, family composition, family responsibilities, the applicant's high school and race. No numbers were assigned to any of those categories.

Fisher did not finish in the top 10 percent of her class, forcing her to compete with 17,131 other applicants for the remaining 1,216 seats for Texas residents. Given the number of Top Ten Percent students accepted to the University of Texas, even if Fisher had been perfect in her holistic review, school officials said, "...she could not have received an offer of admissions to the Fall 2008 freshman class. If she had been a minority, the result would have been the same."

Of all of the factors admissions counselors examined, such as essays and awards, Fisher chose to blame her failure to gain admission strictly on race.

Like a string of Whites challenging affirmative action, she filed suit claiming the consideration of race violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. constitution, a provision that was first adopted to protect former slaves from Southern lawmakers. It

states that "no state shall ... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

As the University of Texas noted, the holistic review was created to give students an individualized review during the admissions process.

"Close scrutiny of the data in this record confirms that holistic review - what little remains after over 80% of the class is admitted on class rank alone - does not, as claimed, function as an open gate to boost minority headcount for a racial quota. Far from it," the appeals court stated. "The increasingly fierce competition for the decreasing number of seats available for Texas students outside the top ten percent results in minority students being under-represented - and white students being over represented - in holistic review admissions relative to the program's impact on each incoming class."

For example, the court noted, "Of the incoming class of 2008, the year Fisher applied for admission, holistic review contributed 19% of the class of Texas students as a whole - but only 12% of the Hispanic students and 16% of the black students, while contributing 24% of the white students."

In 2003, the Supreme Court, in Grutter v. Bollinger, upheld the constitutionality of affirmative action in a case involving the University of Michigan Law School. The court's 5-4 majority

accepted the assertion that diversity is essential to the educational mission of universities, but required a standard of "strict scrutiny" be applied, requiring that remedies be narrowly tailored to achieve the goal of a diverse student body.

The University of Texas, following a long, documented history of racial animus, complied with that narrow Supreme Court standard and the Fifth Circuit originally sanctioned those efforts. The decision was appealed and the Supreme Court sent the case back to the appeals court. Now, for the second time since 2011, the 5th Circuit judges have stated unequivocally that UT is operating a lawful affirmative action program.

That was evident to Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the lone dissenter in the 7-1 decision to send the Texas cases back to the 5th Circuit. She said, "...Like so many educational institutions across the Nation, the University has taken care to follow the model approved by the Court in Grutter v. Bollinger."

But this conservative-dominated Supreme Court will probably visit this case yet again, trying to find a way to chip away at one of its own rulings.

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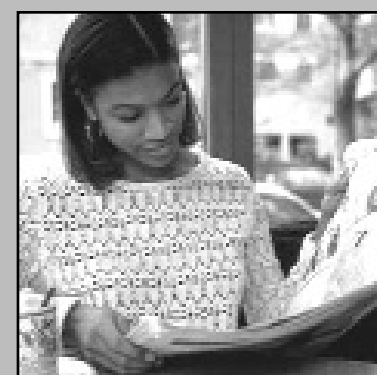


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## FOOTBALL LOOKS AHEAD

**O'NEAL SCORES ON WEB.COM TOUR; SWAC, SIAC MAKE PRESEASON GRID SELECTIONS**

**FLOWING RIVERS:** QB Frank Rivers of Albany State picked as pre-season offensive player of the year in the SIAC.

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### O'NEAL HAS BEST WEB.COM FINISH:

Former **Jackson State** and SWAC standout golfer



Tim O'Neal

**Timothy O'Neal** had his best finish of the season at last week's Web.com Tour's Albertson's Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco.

O'Neal had nine birdies and just one bogey over the final two days to finish with a 14-under 270 score, good for a tie with four others for 20th place. He shot rounds of 64-72-66-68 over the par-71 Hillcrest Country Club course.

O'Neal took home his biggest payday of the year, pocketing \$8,992 for his efforts. It was his fourth top 30 finish of the season but first since a tie for 30th at the Panama Claro Championship in March. Former PGA Touring Pro Steve Wheatscroft won the event in a one-hole playoff over Steven Aiker. They both finished 72 holes at 24-under 260.

For the season, O'Neal has made cuts in nine of 16 events including four of the last five. He now stands 97th on the tour's Money List with \$33,536.

### SWAC FOOTBALL 2014 TV SCHEDULE:

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** released its 2014 football television schedule which includes nine contests to air on several major networks this fall.

A total of four different networks are set to broadcast games involving SWAC teams: ESPN, ESPNU, ESPN3, and NBC Sports. All games are available in high-definition.

The opening weekend starts with a non-conference battle including **Alabama A&M** and **North Carolina A&T** in the 10th Annual *MEAC/SWAC Challenge* presented by Disney on Sunday, August 31. The game, previously played at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, will be played this year at the University of Central Florida's field while the Citrus Bowl undergoes renovations.

The schedule gets underway Saturday, August 30, at 6:00 p.m. CT as **Southern** takes on Louisiana-Lafayette while **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** squares off with Texas State.

For the second consecutive year, the SWAC season will end with the 2014 *Toyota SWAC Championship* on Saturday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m. NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas will be the host site.

The conference expects to add more games to the TV schedule at a later time. Game times and networks are listed below.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Southern at Louisiana-Lafayette (ESPN 3 - 6:00 p.m.)  
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Texas State (ESPN3 - 6:00 p.m.)

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Alabama A&M vs. North Carolina A&T (ESPN - 11:45 a.m.)

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Grambling State vs. Houston (ESPN3 - 7:00 p.m.)

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Alabama State (ESPNU - 6:30 p.m.)

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Southern at Alcorn State (ESPNU - 5:00 p.m.)

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Alabama State at Alcorn State (ESPNU - 6:30 p.m.)

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Grambling State vs. Mississippi Valley State (ESPNU - 6:30 p.m.)\*

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Grambling State vs. Southern (NBC - 1:30 p.m.)

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

2014 Toyota SWAC Football Championship (ESPNU - 3 p.m.)

Game times are Central and subject to change.

\* Denotes tape delay and will air at 11:00 p.m. CT on ESPNU.

# Southern, Alabama State top SWAC preseason football picks

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Defending Western Division and conference champion **Southern** and **Alabama State** of the East Division were picked as the top teams for 2014 as the **Southwestern Athletic Conference** officially opened the 2014 football season with its annual preseason SWAC Football Media Day on Friday July 18.

The event was held at the Birmingham Marriott and also unveiled the selections of **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** quarterback **Benjamin Anderson** and Alabama State linebacker **Kourtney Berry** as the preseason offensive and defensive players of the year respectively.

Southern totaled 95 votes including eight first place votes to become the preseason favorite out of the West. **Prairie View A&M** followed with 88 points, Arkansas-Pine Bluff gathered 66 points, with **Texas Southern** (50) and **Grambling State** (31) closing the division's preseason ranking.

In the East Division, Alabama State totaled 93 points with 10 first-place votes. **Alcorn State** received 91 points followed by **Jackson State** (72), **Mississippi Valley State** (40) and **Alabama A&M** (34).

Alcorn State led all teams with seven first team preseason all-SWAC selections and 11 overall. Jackson State had nine selections, seven on the second team. Southern placed only two players on the first team and had seven altogether.

Anderson was selected for the preseason player of the year honor but was picked second-team all-SWAC quarterback behind first teamer **Jerry Lovelocke** of Prairie View.

Last season, Anderson finished second in the league in passing yards (2,787) with 19 touchdowns while completing 58 percent of his passes. In 2012, the Little Rock, Ark. native earned first team All-SWAC honors before leading the Golden Lions to a 10-2 record and their first-outright SWAC Championship crown since sharing the title in 1966. He was named Offensive MVP of the 2012 Toyota SWAC Football Championship.

Lovelocke had 23 touchdown passes with only nine interceptions while throwing for 2,838 yards completing 68.8% of his throws.

Lovelocke is joined on the preseason first-team offense with running backs **Courtney Brown** (Prairie View) and **Malcolm Cyrus** (Alabama State), wide receivers **Montarius Smith** (Alabama A&M) and **Willie Quinn** (Southern), tight end **Jordan Payne** (Alcorn State), along with offensive linemen **Issac Sampson** (Alcorn State), **Dillon Bonnet** (Prairie View), **Johnathan Smith** (Jackson State), **Jonathan Scott** (Alcorn State) and **Anthony Mosley** (Southern).

Berry was arguably the biggest surprise from the 2013 season. As a redshirt freshman, he made an immediate impact. He finished the year with 105 tackles to lead ASU and was second in the conference. The Merrillville, Ind. native notched seven sacks and 12.5 TFL while also recovering two fumbles and intercepting a pass. He was named the 2013 SWAC Newcomer of the Year while also garnering First Team All-SWAC honors.

Others to join Berry include: defensive linemen **Derrick Billups** (Al-



Lovelocke



Anderson



Berry

abama State), **Amir Bloom** (Texas Southern), **Javancy Jones** (Jackson State), and **Deion Roberson** (Alcorn State), linebackers **Jerome Howard** (Prairie View), **Antonio Jenkins** (Arkansas Pine Bluff) with defensive backs **Avery Boykin** (Mississippi Valley State), **C.J. Morgan** (Alcorn State), **Devon Francois** (Alcorn State) and **Deandre Rashada** (Alabama State) rounding out the voting.

For the special teams, kicker **Haiden McCraney** (Alcorn State), punter **Kory Carter** (Texas Southern), and return specialist **Julian Stafford** (Alabama State) were all tabbed as first team selections.

Media Day was carried live by the SWAC Digital Network featuring each of the head coaches from all 10 schools within the SWAC along with several guests. Over 150 media members attended this year's session.

### 2014 PRESEASON ALL-SWAC FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE			DEFENSE		
QB	Jerry Lovelocke	Prairie View	DL	Derrick Billups	Alabama State
RB	Courtney Brown	Prairie View	DL	Amir Bloom	Texas Southern
RB	Malcolm Cyrus	Alabama State	DL	Javancy Jones	Jackson State
OL	Issac Sampson	Alcorn State	DL	Deion Roberson	Alcorn State
OL	Dillon Bonnet	Prairie View A&M	LB	Kourtney Berry	Alabama State
OL	Johnathan Smith	Jackson State	LB	Jerome Howard	Prairie View
OL	Jonathan Scott	Alcorn State	LB	Antonio Jenkins	Ark. Pine Bluff
OL	Anthony Mosley	Southern	DB	Avery Boykin	Miss. Valley State
WR	Montarius Smith	Alabama A&M	DB	C.J. Morgan	Alcorn State
WR	Willie Quinn	Southern	DB	Devon Francois	Alcorn State
TE	Jordan Payne	Alcorn State	DB	Brandon Thomas	Texas Southern
K	Haiden McCraney	Alcorn State	RS	Julian Stafford	Miss. Valley State
P	Cory Carter	Texas Southern			

### SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE			DEFENSE		
QB	Benjamin Anderson	Ark. Pine Bluff	DL	Derrick Terrell	Jackson State
RB	Rakeem Sims	Jackson State	DL	Arthur Miley	Southern
RB	Lenard Tillery	Southern	DL	Edward Mosley	Alabama State
OL	Robert Roquemore	Alabama State	DL	Justin Mitchell	Alabama State
OL	Detonio Dade	Alcorn State	LB	Ariane McCree	Jackson State
OL	Tovar Allen	Alabama State	LB	Daniel Brown	Southern
OL	Zach Brown	Southern	LB	William Thomas	Alcorn State
OL	Tre Glover	Prairie View	DB	Quinton Cantue	Alcorn State
WR	Julian Stafford	Miss. Valley State	DB	Antonio Sutton	Jackson State
WR	Tobias Singleton	Jackson State	DB	Anthony Williams Jr.	Alcorn State
TE	Natron Brooks	Miss. Valley State	DB	Tray Walker	Texas Southern
K	Ryan Deising	Jackson State	RS	Willie Quinn	Southern
P	Darcy Williamson	Jackson State			

# SIAC tabs Albany State, Rivers, English for top 2014 football honors

ATLANTA - **Albany State University** and its quarterback, **Frank Rivers**, along with **Miles College** linebacker **Julantate English** headline the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (S-I-A-C)** 2014 SIAC Preseason Teams.

The conference made the announcements during the 2014 SIAC Football Media Day and Luncheon held for the first time in Montgomery, Ala. In a vote by the league football head coaches, Rivers collected SIAC Preseason Offensive Player of the Year honors while English was tabbed as the SIAC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year.

Rivers and English join 50 players that total this year's preseason squads. Eleven member institutions were spotlighted on this year's team. Returning players from the 2013 postseason teams received an automatic selection. Players from the second team at the end of 2013 were elevated to the first team as a result of last year's voting and positions available for nomination.

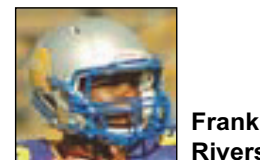
Albany State registered the most selections on this year's preseason squads with 11 including five voted to the first team. **Miles** posted nine players and led the first team with six picks followed by **Tuskegee** with seven players tabbed overall. **Fort Valley State** and **Stillman** recorded five apiece with **Lane** (4), **Kentucky State** (3), **Clark Atlanta** (3), **Central State** (2), **Morehouse** (2) and **Benedict** (1) rounding out the preseason honors.

As a result of entering its first year of conference play, **Paine College** did not have players on the voting ballot.

Last season, Rivers helped lead the Golden Rams to the SIAC Centennial football crown and its second title in four years. He passed for more than 2,000 yards with 19 touchdowns. English spearheaded the Golden Bears defense catapulting the team to the championship game. He notched 90 tackles in 2013 including 45 solo and 4.5 for a loss.

Albany State was selected to repeat as this year's overall winner. ASU received 23 points and all available first-place votes from the East Division poll including 111 points in the overall ranking. To close out the division ballot, Fort Valley State garnered 21 points with two first-place votes followed by Benedict (12), Morehouse (11), Clark Atlanta (8), and Paine (7).

For the West Division, Tuskegee scored 23 points with three first-place votes to become the favorite. Miles recorded 21 points including two for first place. Stillman (17), Kentucky State (14), Lane (8) and Central State (7) closed out the preseason ranking.



Frank Rivers



Julantate English

### Predicted Order of Finish

EAST DIVISION	
1) Albany State	20 (4)
2) Fort Valley State	17
3) Benedict	12
4) Morehouse	11
5) Clark Atlanta	8
6) Paine	7

WEST DIVISION	
1) Tuskegee	23 (3)
2) Miles	21 (2)
3) Stillman	17
4) Kentucky State	14
5) Lane	8
6) Central State	7

### OVERALL CHAMPION

1. Albany State	111 (3)
2. Tuskegee	103 (5)
3. Miles	102 (4)
4. Fort Valley State	87
5. Stillman	64
6. Kentucky State	63
7. Benedict	62
8. Morehouse	56
9. Clark Atlanta	43
10. Lane	42
11. Central State	31
12. Paine	2

### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Frank Rivers - Albany State
RB	Jacquire Lockett - Kentucky State
RB	Hoderick Lowe - Tuskegee
OL	Victor Moli - Albany State
OL	Terrence Owens - Miles
OL	Matthew Reece - Tuskegee
OL	Michael D. Thornton - Tuskegee
OL	Aderus Hood - Miles
TE	Delarius Webb - Miles
WR	Jamion Dunning - Lane
WR	Jesse Atkins - Albany State
KR	Dondre Purnell - Stillman
K	Zach Holley - Albany State

### SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Demetrice Price - Miles
RB	Montavious Taylor - Clark Atlanta
RB	Phillip Moore - Albany State
OL	Montell Collins - Miles
OL	Shea Martin - Morehouse
OL	Daniel Ford - Kentucky State
OL	Brandon Baker - Fort Valley State
OL	Michael Brown - Fort Valley State
TE	Zach Thomas - Central State
WR	Dondre Purnell - Stillman
WR	Antonio Pitts - Miles
KR	Darius Mitchell - Lane
K	Trevor Wylie - Tuskegee

### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Grover Stewart - Albany State
DL	Bryshon Jones - Miles
DL	Gabriel Mass - Lane
DL	Clarence Christian - Morehouse
LB	Julantate English - Miles
LB	Bre'Nard Williams - Clark Atlanta
LB	LeRon Furr - Fort Valley State
DB	Joe Beckham - Lane
DB	Cameron Stallings - Stillman
DB	Michael Robinson - Tuskegee
DB	Robert Crosby - Stillman
P	Austin Casillas - Clark Atlanta
PR	Rodney Hall - Benedict

### SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Peter Dele - Stillman
DL	Damien Goosby - Albany State
DL	Brian Little - Fort Valley State
DL	Justin Woods-West - Central State
LB	Terry Horton - Kentucky State
LB	Ei'Malik Chinn - Tuskegee
LB	Larry Whitfield - Albany State
DB	Dewayne Brown - Lane
DB	Bryan Walker - Fort Valley State
DB	Breon Issac - Fort Valley State
DB	Tyrin Thurmon - Tuskegee
P	Ryan Latner - Albany State
PR	Adrian Alexander - Albany State

## SIAC title game to Montgomery, Ala.

ATLANTA - The **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** announced Monday at its preseason Media Day in Montgomery, Ala. that it will host its football championship at the Cramton Bowl in that city for the next three years.

"The SIAC football championship game has grown significantly over the years and Montgomery is great fit for our postseason atmosphere," said SIAC Commissioner **Gregory Moore**.

"The Cramton Bowl is a spectacular venue as it has held some legendary games in college football. We want to thank the City of Montgomery, Mayor Todd Strange, The Central Alabama Sports Commission and Convention & Visitor Bureau, as well as the Chamber of Commerce for embracing and assisting our transition to such a historic venue."

The decision to move the championship was unanimously approved by the SIAC President's Council. The title game relocates after spending its first three years in Atlanta. The inaugural game was played at Panther Stadium on the campus of **Clark Atlanta University** in 2011 before moving to Lakewood Stadium the last two seasons.

SIAC President's Council Chair **Dr. George T. French** added, "It is both exciting and appropriate that the SIAC championship game is relocating to a venue in Alabama which holds such rich history and tradition, very much like the HBCUs represented by the teams that will be playing there."

Cramton Bowl is a 25,000-seat stadium that opened in 1922 and has been home to Major League Baseball spring training, the *Turkey Day Classic* and 20 games for the University of Alabama. In June 2014, a new synthetic turf field was installed. Starting in December 2014, it will be the location for the Camellia Bowl.

"We are proud to welcome the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Football Championship Game to the city named by USA as the Best Historic City in the U.S., Montgomery, Alabama," said Mayor Strange. "The Central Alabama Sports Commission and Convention & Visitor Bureau are working hard to insure that the next three championship games at the world class Cramton Bowl and Multiplex are the best and most memorable SIAC history."



# Faith & Spirit

## “Walk in my Shoes” Communitywide Shoe Drive

“Walk in my Shoes” is a Communitywide Shoe Drive to collect 3,000 Bags of gently worn shoes for needy families. You or your organization can help by collecting at least one plastic bag containing 25 pairs of gently worn shoes per bag. All sizes, styles and color shoes for men, women, boys, girls will benefit the Adolescents Choosing Excellence Youth Programs. The Shoe Drive is July 1st to September 1st. For more information and bag pick-up call the Women of Color Cultural Foundation at 683-1757 or email helen.jackson4@comcast.net.

## JLOC Call to the Community

The Jacksonville Local Organizing Committee of the Millions More Movement Inc. (JLOC, MMM Inc.), a non-profit local organization is soliciting donation of your excess clothes, shoes, jackets and school supplies. Bring them to 916 N. Myrtle Avenue, between Kings Road and Beaver Street Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions or just want to learn more about the Millions More Movement visit [www.jacksonvilleloc.org](http://www.jacksonvilleloc.org) or call 240-9133 or email 1312@comcast.net.

## Northside Community Involvement “Jamboree on Avenue B” Carnival

The Northside Community Involvement Inc. is making it happen at their 1st “Jamboree on Avenue B” Fundraising Carnival, Saturday, July 26th, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the NCI Community Resource Center, 4990 Avenue B. The event will include carnival games, free carwash, garage sale, food, water slides, raffles, health screenings, mini-golf course, dunk tank, bingo, prizes, and some good old school music and more! This fantastic event has something for the whole family to enjoy.

Take a pause for a worthy cause and have some fun!!! For more information contact Rhynett Chatman at 314-3521.

## Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Holds General Conference in Baltimore, Consecrates New Bishops

One day in 1870, 41 newly freed slaves got together in Jackson, Miss., to establish a new branch of mainstream Methodism called the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

Hundreds of members of that denomination, now known as the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, gathered at the Baltimore Convention Center Friday to consecrate the 61st, 62nd and 63rd bishops in its history.

A two-hour service marked the end of the historically black denomination's week-long general conference, a convention members hold every four years to choose new leaders and weigh doctrinal changes.

More than 5,000 attended this week, including 3,000 delegates from all 50 states, Haiti and several African nations.

This was the first time it was held in Baltimore.

“I think it has been awesome,” said Diana Duncan of Charlotte, N.C., as a gospel choir warmed up behind her Friday morning. “It's like being at a political convention.

This is where you see the business side of [the church] in operation. You may not agree with everything that happens, but that's democracy.”

Delegates elected Bobby R. Best of Texas, Marvin F. Thomas, Sr., of Georgia and Charles F. King, Jr., of Kentucky, all ordained elders, to the position of bishop, leaving each in charge of one of the church's 11 geographical districts.

Senior Bishop Lawrence Reddick, the denomination's top official, and a battery of other bishops clad in black robes with bright red sashes, welcomed them to the fold Friday morning.

“As a shepherd, feed the flock ... committed to your charge,” Reddick told them during the ceremony.

Earlier in the week, delegates had also voted to move a California-based bishop, the Rev. Dr. James B. Walker, east to take over as leader of the Seventh Episcopal District, a region that stretches from New York to North Carolina and includes Baltimore.

The church often relocates its bishops and pastors. The tradition is part of a legacy of itinerant ministry

## SCOGIC 2014 Homecoming Community Celebration

Come fellowship and enjoy a special celebration for Southside Church of God in Christ 2014 Pastor's Anniversary honoring Bishop Edward Robinson Sr. and Lady Cynthia Robinson commemorating 35 Years as Pastor & First Lady of Southside Church of God in Christ. The anniversary event takes place July 24th through July 27th. The celebration event times are Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. The Southside Church of God in Christ is located at 2179 Emerson Street. For more information call 398-1625 or visit [www.southsidecogic.com](http://www.southsidecogic.com).

## First Church Men's Ministry Breakfast & Seminar

Reverend Gillard S. Glover is inviting all men to attend the Men's Ministry of First Church for a Breakfast and Seminar, featuring the Rev. G. Vincent Lewis, Pastor of Social Justice at the Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church of Decatur, GA. The seminar is titled: “How to Lead Our Families Into Healthier Relationship” will be held Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., at First Church, 91 Old Kings Road North, Palm Coast, Florida. For more information call First Church at 386-446-5759 or email Jeroline D. McCarthy, Marketing and Advertising Ministry Director at email [lpccar@aol.com](mailto:lpccar@aol.com).

## St. Paul A.M.E. “Preacher's Best”

The Violet Williams Missionary Society of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church, 6910 New Kings Road, will

present “Preacher's Best” on Sunday, July 27th at 4 p.m. The event will feature some of the most talented, and anointed singing preachers and ministers of Jacksonville and surrounding communities. Come and share with the Society as praises are offered to God through inspirational and heart rendering songs. The Rev. Dr. Marvin C. Zanders, II is the senior pastor of Saint Paul. For more details contact the office at 764-2755 or visit [www.stpaulamejax.com](http://www.stpaulamejax.com) or email [chreed10@bellsouth.net](mailto:chreed10@bellsouth.net).



Pictured are the bride and groom, Reverend James Wiggins Jr. and Deaconess Loretta Hines  
**Wiggins and Hines to Exchange Vows**

Rev. James Wiggins Jr. and Deaconess Loretta Hines will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Loretta is the daughter of Alberta Whitlow and Lorenzo V. Reddick. Her children are Catherine McClendon and Solomon J. McClendon, Jr. Deaconess Loretta Hines is a graduate of Ribault High School, class of 1980 and the University of North Florida, Master of Education, 2003 and is currently a science educator with Duval County Public Schools. Rev. James Wiggins Jr. is the son of Rev. and Mrs. James and Katie Wiggins, Sr. His children are Tiffany D. Parrish, Jonathan W. Wiggins and James Wiggins, III. He is a graduate of Concordia Teachers College, BS, 1981 and Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN, 1986, Master of Divinity and is currently the Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2730 W. Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville, FL.

The wedding will be officiated by the father of the groom and long time friend Rev. Dr. Willie P. Stallworth. The couple will honeymoon in the Western Caribbean and reside on the north side of Jacksonville, in the Riverview community.

## 148th Anniversary Celebration at Historic Mount Zion A.M.E. Church

The Historic Mount Zion A.M.E. Church located at 201 East Beaver Street, will celebrate its 148th Annual Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, August 10th, at 10 am. This year's theme is: “148 Years Building a Solid Foundation by Trusting in the Lord.” The speaker for this occasion will be the Reverend Lorenzo Ewing of The Fellowship of Love Church located in Houston, Texas. There are several activities leading up to the celebration services including: a summer concert featuring music by renowned organist James Smith, Saturday, July 26th at 6:30 p.m.; an old-fashioned Dress-up Day on Sunday, July 27th at the 10 a.m. Worship Services. Fashion period ranges from 1866 to 1966. The theme of the day continues with an old-fashioned Soul Food Feast immediately following the worship services; an old-fashioned Family Fun Day Saturday, August 2nd from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; a Prayer Brunch on Saturday, August 2nd at 11 am. The culmination of event activities for the 148th Annual Anniversary Celebration will feature Celebration Worship Services on Sunday, August 10th at 10 am. Come out and join Historic Mount Zion A.M.E. for a series of activities for the entire family as they celebrate 148 years. For additional information contact the Anniversary Celebration Committee at 355-9475.



Fourth from left, Bishop James Walker, Seventh Episcopal District, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church during the Closing Service of the 38th General Conference of The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. From left to right are Bishops Godwin Umoette, Teresa Snorton, Sylvester Williams, Sr., James Walker, Kenneth Carter and Thomas Brown, Sr.

created by John and Charles Wesley, the clerics who founded Methodism in the 1700s, often traveling and preaching on horseback.

No major shifts in doctrine were proposed during the week.

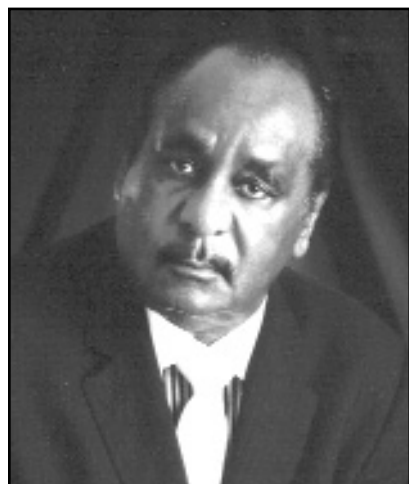
“This was not a general conference of drastic change,” Reddick said.

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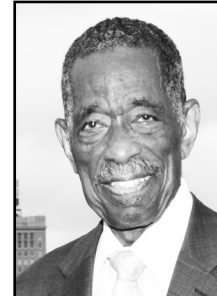
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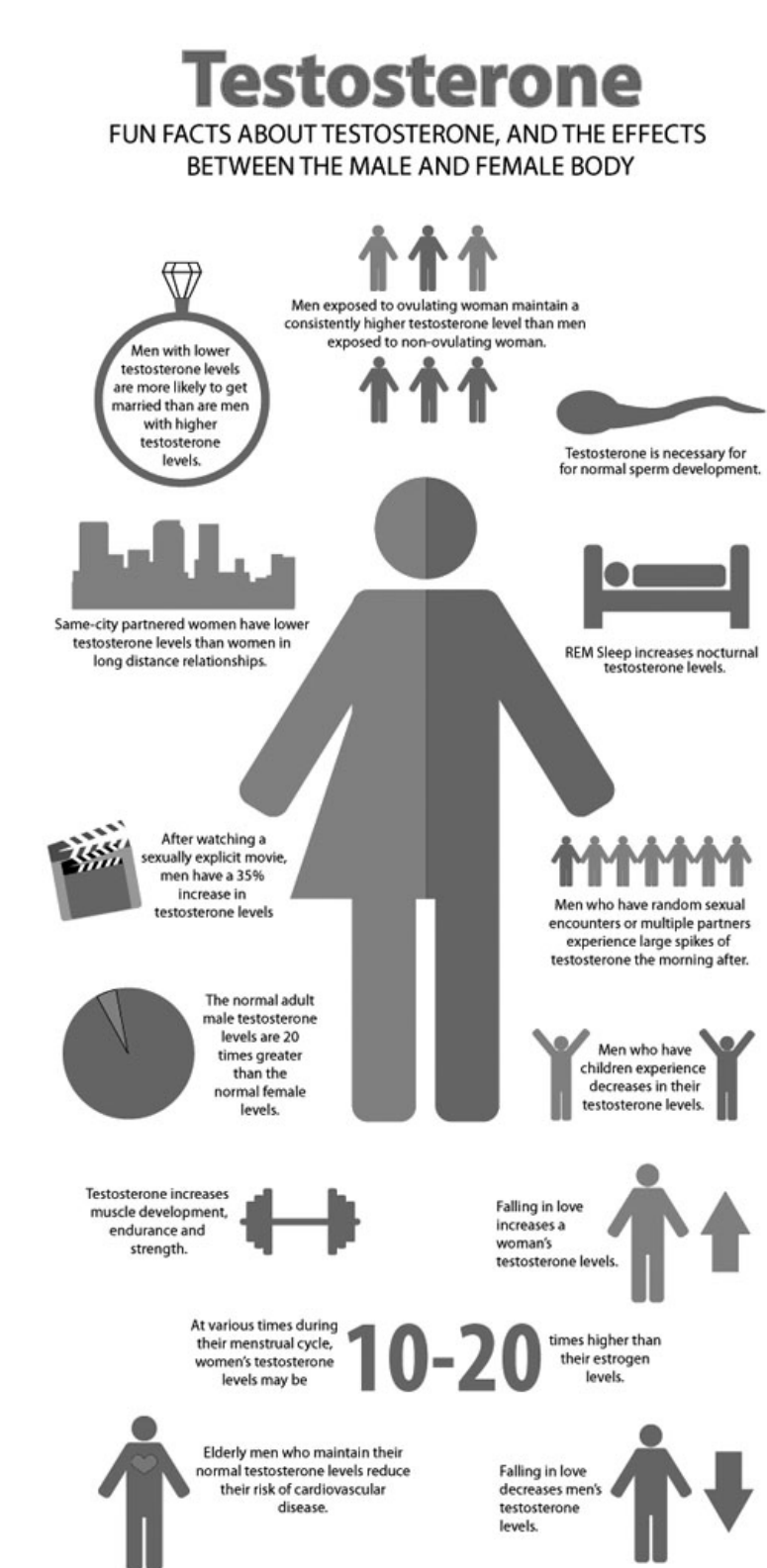
# The Truth About Testosterone

It's almost impossible to turn on the TV or open a newspaper (or website) without hearing about testosterone deficiency in men. We're barraged with information that ranges from scientifically correct concerns about a very real medical condition, to complete unsubstantiated claims about "miracle" supplements that promise to do everything from improving a man's mood and sex drive to giving him a body that would rival that of his favorite action hero. On the other hand, clinicians (and, in some cases, the FDA) are concerned about overuse of testosterone treatments, the effects of testosterone supplements on men and boys who don't have a testosterone problem, and the overall value and safety of these treatments.

Men and boys are wise to be concerned about their testosterone levels, and health policy makers are right to be concerned about inappropriate uses and practices. But with all the contradictory-and sometimes alarmist-information out there, many men and boys are scared away or feel uncomfortable about getting the help they need.

Testosterone is a naturally produced essential hormone found in both males and females but at differing levels. As we all know, testosterone plays a very important role in healthy sexuality and can influence sexual desire and performance for both men and women. But what many people don't know is that testosterone's importance goes far beyond the bedroom; it's also involved in regulating mood, energy level, muscle mass and strength, bone density, fat distribution, red blood cell production, and in maintaining intellectual and cognitive levels for both males and females.

As with other naturally produced hormones such as insulin and adrenalin, a certain base level of testosterone is essential to keep the body and mind healthy. Exactly what that level is depends on a number of factors, including age,



abnormally low testosterone levels can do is to get tested by a professional. No website, news reports, television or internet ad, or recommendation from a friend can replace an actual blood test and a hands-on check-up by a healthcare practitioner who is knowledgeable about overall male health and who puts the best interests of the patient at the core of any treatment program.

The goal of any rational, healthy and appropriate hormone replacement therapy is to restore key body functions to normal and to keep hormone levels in the appropriate range. We receive thousands of requests for low-testosterone-related advice at [www.menshealthnetwork.org](http://www.menshealthnetwork.org) and we recommend to boys, men, and those who care for them to skip the slick commercials, wild claims, airbrushed before-and-after pictures, and avoid anyone who makes a "diagnosis" of low testosterone or prescribes a "treatment" based on anything less than a medical exam.

Instead, find a skilled health practitioner (there are some in every community) who takes a comprehensive approach to male health and wellness across the lifespan. The ideal will:

- Document in an age-and health-status-adjusted way whether testosterone levels are below the normal range for the patient
- Do valid diagnostics to identify why these levels are below the normal
- Create a multi-component treatment strategy to treat the underlying cause and safely and gently restore testosterone to the optimal level for the patient
- Provide medically appropriate strategies to address long term hormonal wellness
- Use a comprehensive approach to male wellness across the lifespan.

So, if you're feeling down and out, or something's just not quite right, find a healthcare provider and Get It Checked ([www.getitchecked.com](http://www.getitchecked.com)). And, visit the Men's Health Resource Center ([www.menshealthresourcecenter.com](http://www.menshealthresourcecenter.com)) for more information about the health and wellbeing of men and boys.



## Black Infertility: Facts Every Couple Should Know

By Dr. Desiree McCarthy-Keith

Though many are affected by infertility, we now have options and answers for couples who need help. Before starting any fertility treatment, a general health screening and exam is in order. Specifically for women, testing for hormonal imbalances and irregularities in the menstrual cycle should be done. Simple treatments like weight loss and managing pre-diabetes can improve reproductive function and overall health. Men should complete a semen analysis early on to evaluate for problems with sperm production or function. Men produce new sperm every few months, so even if they have fathered children before, they should have a current evaluation to make sure nothing has changed.

### Causes

The initial female fertility evaluation should also include a check of the uterus and fallopian tubes. Uterine fibroids are extremely common among black women and they can cause infertility or early miscarriages. Damaged or blocked fallopian tubes caused by pelvic infections or surgery can also cause infertility. An x-ray

test called a hysterosalpingogram (HSG) is often used to determine if the fallopian tubes are normal.

Ovulation problems are another common cause of infertility. Women who don't ovulate regularly will have irregular periods, or no periods at all. Some women who are overweight or underweight may ovulate irregularly and modest weight loss or weight gain, as appropriate, can improve cycles.

### Where to start for help?

The first step is recognizing that there may be a problem. Ladies, if you have been trying to get pregnant for over one year without success it's time to see a fertility specialist. Women over 35 should see a doctor after just six months of trying. If you already have a history of infertility, low sperm count, tubal/uterine issues or ovulation problems, don't delay in getting evaluated and on your way to treatment. Dr. Desiree McCarthy-Keith M.P.H. and MD is a female Obstetrician & Gynecologist, has 11 years of experience and practices in Obstetrics & Gynecology and Reproductive Endocrinology. For more information, visit [www.ivf.com](http://www.ivf.com).

## These Foods Make Your Stress & Anxiety WORSE

If you had the choice to feel like a light and colorfully vibrant fruit salad, or a heavy bowl of lifeless pasta, which would you choose? It may be cliché, but it really is true that you are what you eat. If you want to feel light, happy and full of life, then it only makes sense to eat foods that help you feel that way.

Studies show that some foods make us feel calm, while others get us temporarily stimulated and fuel not-so-good feelings like anxiety and stress, potentially leading to a depressed mood. Unfortunately, most go-to comfort foods really aren't comforting at all because they feed the opposite of how you really want to feel.

Here are four foods to avoid if you're feeling stressed, or are prone to anxiety and panic attacks.

### Alcohol

Some would argue that it's alcohol that puts the "happy" in happy hour, but the buzz is only temporary. Alcohol may feel like it's the thing you need after a long, stressful day, but remember that alcohol is a depressant. It is also a diuretic and becoming dehydrated can also alter your mood for the worse. To keep your mood in check and stay properly hydrated, reach for a glass of water instead.

Coffee and other caffeinated beverages like tea and soft drinks are usually consumed to get an energy boost, but studies show that caffeine inhibits serotonin in the brain and when serotonin is suppressed you can become irritable and depressed. If stress and worry keep you up at night, caffeine will also keep you awake when you should be sleeping, making you more

stressed and anxious. And like alcohol, caffeine is also a diuretic that can lead to dehydration.

### Candy and Sweets

The sugar rush from candy and sweets (and sweeteners like table sugar and honey) is also only a temporary high. Your body will absorb the sugar quickly and likewise, increase the production of insulin to remove it. This will leave you feeling tired, making it easier to fall into a depressed mood.

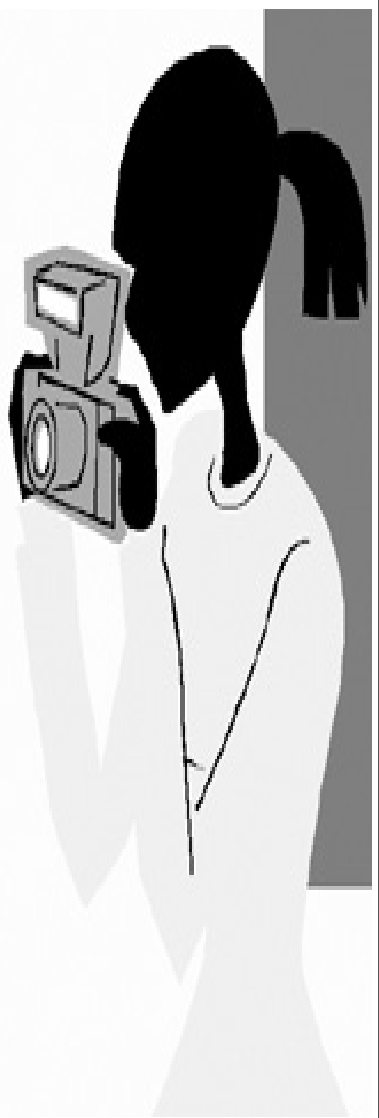
### Processed Foods

Research shows that eating a diet high in processed foods like hot dogs, cakes and sausage increased the risk of depression. If the food has had all of the life manipulated and taken out of it, it will do the same once it's in your body. Whole foods, like fruits and vegetables, are best for a good mood.

*The Free Press of Jacksonville would love to share your event with our readers!*

### GUIDELINES

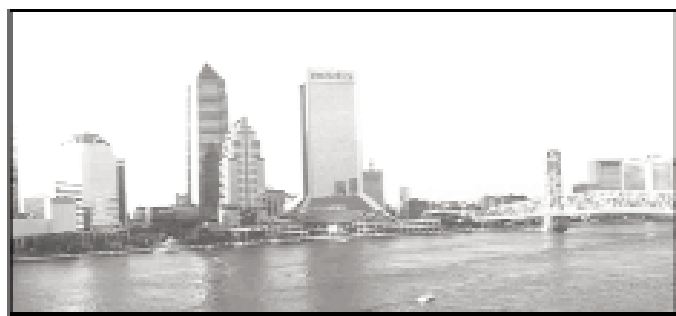
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# AROUND TOWN

*What to do from social, volunteer, political and sports activities to self enrichment and the civic scene*

## Mrs. International 2014 Competition

The Mrs. International 2014 competition will be held **July 25th through August 2nd** at the Times-Union Center, 300 Water St. The event will give each contestant the opportunity to learn about customs and family life in other countries, along with the chance to share her beliefs and make new friends during the entire week of activities. For more details call 633-6110.

email at rand7707@bellsouth.net or call 728-2054.

## Comedian Earthquake in Concert

Comedian, actor and voice artist Earthquake will shake the Comedy Zone with laughter **July 25th and 26th**. For tickets and more details call the Comedy Zone at 292-HAHA or visit [www.comedyzone.com](http://www.comedyzone.com). The Comedy Zone is located at 3130 Hartley Rd.

## Backpacks for Homeless Donations

Household of Faith Ministry Center is asking the community to donate backpacks for students, **Friday, July 25th** at 5 p.m. at Household of Faith Ministry Center, 1410 Edgewood Avenue W. The center is accepting both new and recycled backpacks. For more information call Sharon Warren at 294-3120.

## Raines Class of '74' 40th Class Reunion

The Raines Class of 1974 40th class reunion will take place **July 25th to 27th**. The 3-day reunion includes a Friday night meet and greet at 7 p.m., at the Potter's House Kingdom Plaza banquet room, 5310 Lenox. The evening will be filled with fun, music, karaoke, and good food! On Saturday at 2 p.m. is the classmate barbecue at Carvill Park, 1302 Carvill Avenue. On Sunday July 27th is church service. For more info contact Renetter Randolph via

## Finding the Story in History at Fort Mose

Author Krista Russell will be at the Fort Mose Visitor Center on **July 28th**, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to read from her work and lead a workshop for young people interested in writing historical fiction. Students will learn to build their own stories with exercises and resources provided. For more information call Brittany McDermott at 461-2035 or visit [www.floridastateparks.org/fortmose](http://www.floridastateparks.org/fortmose). Fort Mose Historic State Park is located at 15 Fort Mose Trail, St. Augustine, Florida.

## Master Gardener Program

Register for the Master Gardeners class and receive in-depth training in horticulture. Training topics include: basic plant science, entomology, plant pathology, nematology, vegetable gardening, fruit culture, woody ornamentals, lawn management, plant propagation and more. Classes are on Wednesdays,

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. starting **July 30th - Oct. 1st**. Classes are at the Duval County Extension Office and in Nassau County. For more details call Becky Davidson at 255-7450.

## Fantastic Archaeology: Florida Frauds, Myths and Mysteries

The Jacksonville Public Library will present Fantastic Archaeology: Florida Frauds, Myths and Mysteries at the Regency Square Branch Library, 9900 Regency Square Blvd., Thursday, **July 31st** at 7 p.m. This educational and entertaining talk will focus on the misuse and misinterpretation of Northeast Florida's past. The program will be presented by Emily Jane Murray, public archaeology coordinator with the Florida Public Archaeology Network, Northeast Region. For more details call Kathy Lussier, at 630-7595 or email [klussier@coj.net](mailto:klussier@coj.net).

## Senior Prom "Hollywood Nights"

On **August 1st** at 6 p.m. put on your dancing shoes and join the City of Jacksonville in celebrating more than 30 years of the Senior Prom! Enjoy a sit down dinner entertainment, dancing and door prizes. For more information call 630-7392 or email or visit [events@coj.net](mailto:events@coj.net).

## Ritz Jazz Jamm Calendar of Events!

Don't miss Jazz Jamm at the Ritz Theater! Tickets on sale now for the

following performances: **August 2nd** its saxophonist and flute player Jackiem Joyner. For more information access [www.ritzjacksonville.com](http://www.ritzjacksonville.com) or call 632-5555. The Ritz is located at 829 N Davis St.

## Maxwell Summer Soulstice Tour

Retro and Neo soul artist Maxwell's Summer Soulstice Tour is scheduled for Sunday, **August 3rd** at 7:30 p.m. Concert location is the Times-Union Center, 300 Water St. For more information call 633-6110 or visit [www.musze.com](http://www.musze.com).

## Clara White Mission "Cocktails for a Cause"

Join the Clara White Mission for "Cocktails for a Cause", Friday, **August 8th**, 5 - 7 p.m. hosted by The Young Executive Society (YES) at the University Club, 1301 Riverplace Blvd. 27th Floor. Enjoy a great evening over looking Jacksonville while helping Clara White Mission in their efforts to end hunger and homelessness through job training and job placement. For more information call 354-4162.

## St. Vincent's Brighter Beginning Health Fair

St. Vincent's Brighter Beginnings and the Center for the Prevention of Health Disparities Health Fair will take place at Edward Waters College, 1401 Grunthal St., **Saturday, August 9th**, 1 - 3 p.m. Gain information on mother and baby nutrition, parenting skills,

newborn care, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, breastfeeding and social life issues. For more information call Willie Roberts at 308-7558.

## Eat Up Downtown

Eat Up Downtown is when local eateries collaborate to bring delectable meals at even more mouth-watering prices. Each restaurant has created an exclusive three-course menu that will leave your stomach and wallet full - but begging for more! The eating will take place **August 11th to August 24th**, 6 to 11 p.m. For more details visit [www.eatupdowntown.com](http://www.eatupdowntown.com) or call 634-0303.

## Eastside Love Vendor Fair

The Eastside community will receive a whole lot of love Saturday, **August 16th** at the Eastside Love Arts and Vendors Market from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at A. Philip Randolph Park, 1096 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. Local business owners and area non-profits, artists and performers will come together to expose their various talents, products and services. For more information call 610-7103.

## "Restoring your Rights" Meeting

State Representative Mia Jones and the D.W. Perkins Bar Association Inc. and Three Rivers Legal Services Inc. invites the community to Project R: "Restoring Your Civil Rights" on Thursday, **August 21st**, at 6:15pm. at the Wells Fargo Springfield Community Center, 1601 N. Main St. 2nd Flr. The subject of sealing and expunging records will be discussed as attorneys and others will be available to assist individuals. For more information call 924-1615.

## Jax Sister Cities Association Mandela Celebration Event

The City of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Sister Cities Association (JSCA) will celebrate the life of Nelson Mandela by spon-

soring a fundraising banquet in support of health programs for the citizens of Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality in South Africa., South African Ambassador Ebrahim Rasool will be the keynote speaker Thursday, **August 21st**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hyatt Hotel. For further information visit [www.jsca.org](http://www.jsca.org) or call Betzy Santiago at 630-4710.

## Seniors Citizens Strut The Runway

On Saturday, **August 23rd** come watch as senior citizens strut on the runway with senior citizen models from Jacksonville and Atlanta as they model in the first annual "Senior On The Runway Fashion Show" at the Prime F. Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St. Seniors ranging from ages 55-89 will entertain the audience with the finest clothes, shoes, and accessories that money can buy! For more information contact Carrie T. Hamilton at 957-7324 or email [carriehamilton@hotmail.com](mailto:carriehamilton@hotmail.com).

## Gun, Knife & Military Show

Gun collectors and concealed weapons holders attend the North Florida Arms Collectors Gun, Knife and Military Show at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. **Saturday August 23rd and Sunday, August 24th**. The show is at the Prime F. Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St. For more information visit [www.cliffhangersgunshows.com](http://www.cliffhangersgunshows.com) or call 633-6110.

## NBC's Tina Lifford in "The Circle"

Join the Alhambra for a one-of-a-kind play featuring Tina Lifford from NBC's "Parenthood" with two shows of "The Circle" **August 24th and 25th**. The Circle is a play about the inner journey seven women take in a Sister Circle. A Sister Circle is a special way these women support one another as they all navigate the choppy waters of their lives. For more information visit [www.alhambrajax.com](http://www.alhambrajax.com) or call the box office at 641-1212. The Alhambra Theatre is located at 12000 Beach Blvd.

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