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Youth Scholars Event Honors 1st Black Principal



Rutherford B. Gaston

FRESNO - Rutherford B. Gaston, The first African American Principal in Fresno Unified School District, will be honored at the 2007 Youth Scholars Recognition Event.

Gaston, whose pioneering work in the District helped pave the way for today's African American educators, retired after 33 years of service.

Gaston is a long time resident of the Fresno Community and is very involved in both the African American community and the Fresno community as a whole. He is especially in-

terested in how the youth of today are seeing the future in our community and nation.

This annual Youth Scholars Recognition Event will be held Sunday, June 3, 2007, at the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Over 80 African American students from Fresno, Central, and Clovis Unified School Districts will be recognized.

This is the fourth year of recognition for Youth Scholars completing the 6th, 8th and 12th grades.

Racial Death Threats on Obama Prompt Early Secret Service Protection

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
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WASHINGTON (NNPA) -

Democratic Presidential Candidate Barack Obama, who has received earliest-ever Secret Ser-

vice protection - apparently because of race-oriented threats on his life - says he will not be deterred by intimidation. Another former Black presidential candidate says the threats indicate a resistance to change in America. "It's not something that I'm

spending a lot of time worrying about or spending a lot of time talking about," Obama told the NNPA News Service last week. "I think that all candidates for the presidency have some security risks. I don't make these

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Barack Obama

African-American Seniors Neglecting Prescriptions Because of Cost

BY HEATHER FAISON
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WASHINGTON (NNPA) -

Many have had to deal with stubborn relatives who "forget" to take their medicines. But, according to

a national study by AARP (American Association for Retired Persons) a number of African-Americans are neglecting their medicines because of high prescription costs. The study examines the experiences of adults and reveals that more than

half of African-Americans expressed a concern about paying their prescription drugs over the next two years.

"The costs of medicines are critically putting people's health at risk," said

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'Bush is Worst in History'

NEW JERSEY -

Results of a national focus group among 303 Americans, revealed that more than half (51%) indicated that they agree with former President Jimmy Carter's assertion that the current Bush administration is the worst in history.

The communications research study was conducted by HCD Research, using its mediacurves.com web site, during May 21-22, to obtain Americans' views on comments made by former President Jimmy Carter on NBC's Today Show on Monday morning.

While viewing a segment from the Today Show, participants indicated their

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New Orleans Recovering, but Still Needs Help

NEW ORLEANS (AP) -

Mayor Ray Nagin, in his first State of the City address since Hurricane Katrina, said New Orleans is on the road to recovery but called on the administrations of both the president and governor to help the

city rebuild and bring back its residents. Nagin, in prepared remarks Wednesday evening, said President Bush promised "to do whatever it takes to heal New Orleans. Because the funding has not reached the affected areas and the people, that

promise is unfulfilled."

Nagin called on Bush to forgive millions of dollars in disaster loans the city took out after Hurricane Katrina struck Aug. 29, 2005, to help it continue to operate. He also called on Governor

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NORTH CENTRAL CALIFORNIA:

New SEIU Local 521 Celebrates Rebirth of the Labor Movement

FRESNO, CA -

The newly formed SEIU Local 521 officially kicked off Monday, May 21 with celebrations throughout North Central California, marking a new beginning for public and community services.

In order to better provide quality public services, members of SEIU last year voted to combine five regional locals that spanned 17 counties, including Fresno and Mariposa, to form one large local called 521.

With almost 46,000 public service workers as members, this new local is dedicated to providing top-quality public services to North

Central California communities.

"This is an exciting time for Fresno and Yosemite," said Kristy Sermersheim, President of SEIU Local 521. "Now more than ever, residents have a strong organization that will strive to provide the best possible public services for our communities, as well as fight for the rights of hard-working people everywhere."

"We are very excited to be united with other members in a stronger union which will really emphasize improving the life for the public workers in the Central Valley and being a much

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2007 Juneteenth Celebration

Hosted by Grandmother's Love, Inc., The Original Unknown Rider, One in a Million Hair Salons, and Delta Sigma Sorority, Inc., XI Chi Chapter.

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Saturday, June 16
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Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed in Galveston, Texas with the news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. This was two and one-half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had become official on January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union Troops to enforce the new executive order. With the surrender of General Lee in April 1865 and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance. This day is celebrated by African-Americans in honor of their ancestors.



Marilyn Fernandez



Tye Tribbett



Yolanda Adams

Gospel, Christian Music Industries Unite in Fresno for the 2007 Christian Music Awards

Two week event Begins with Nationwide Amateur Singing events at the Radisson Hotel and ends with Black Tie Awards Ceremony at the Save Mart Center. Proceeds will benefit the Mayor's Gang Prevention Initiative through "Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life."

FRESNO - United One Productions, a local production company, has announced that the 2007 Christian Music Awards will take place at the Save Mart Center on Friday, June 15th at 7:00 P.M. The

two week event will kick off with amateur nationwide singing events beginning June 2nd and will culminate with a black-tie, red carpet awards ceremony hosted by Mayor Alan Autry on June 15th. The ceremony will honor some of the industries top artists as well as those up and coming and will include performances by 2006 Grammy Nominee's Byron Cage and Martha Munizzi with Tye Tribbett, Joann Rosario, MASADA, Marilyn Fernandez and the top three performances from the Solo/duet and Praise Team categories. Over \$30,000 in prize money

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Mississippi 1964 Murder Trial for Klansman Begins

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS – The first day of jury selection in the case of a reputed Ku Klux Klansman charged in the 1964 deaths of two young black men brought a Faulknerian cast of characters to a federal courtroom Wednesday. Mississippi's rural roots and modern anxieties were on display as the judge and lawyers winnowed the pool to 55 people, from which

lawyers hope to pick a dozen to decide whether James Ford Seale, now 71, took part in abducting and killing Charles Eddie Moore and Henry Hezekiah Dee. The two 19-year-olds were beaten and dumped, still alive, into the Mississippi River. Seale, who has denied membership in the Klan, faces up to life in prison if convicted of kidnapping and

conspiracy in the latest of more than a dozen civil rights-era cases that have been prosecuted across the South since the early 1990s. U.S. District Judge Henry T. Wingate is keeping jurors' names a secret at the request of prosecutors who said some might fear to serve in a case involving the Klan. One potential juror from rural southwest Mississippi

said one of her cousins is married to one of Seale's cousins. "That makes me nervous, even though I don't know him personally," the woman said nodding toward Seale. Among the 20 other people dismissed from the initial group of 76 potential jurors were a one-armed chicken grower who said he needs to tend to his poultry to pay his bills, and a young woman in a Confederate battle flag T-shirt.

Seale, having changed out of his orange jail jumpsuit into khaki pants and a light blue dress shirt, listened quietly in court through wish-bone-shaped earphones to amplify the sound because of his hearing problems. When he left, his jail jumpsuit was topped by a bullet-resistant vest. He faces potentially damaging testimony from a man also charged back in 1964. Moore and Dee were

hitckhiking May 2, 1964, when carloads of Klansmen were chasing rumors of a possible armed insurrection by black people in the area. The two were driven to the Homochitto National Forest and beaten, then stuffed into a trunk and driven more than 70 miles to the Mississippi River near Vicksburg, according to court records. They were weighted down with engine parts and dumped into the Mississippi, still breathing. Their bodies were found about two months later, when authorities were conducting an intensive search for slain civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, James Chaney and Andrew Goodman, who disappeared from central Mississippi's Neshoba County on June 21, 1964. Seale and reputed Klansman Charles Marcus Edwards were arrested in 1964 in the deaths of Dee and Moore. But the FBI was consumed by the "Mississippi Burning" investigation of the three civil rights workers, and the Dee-Moore case was turned over to local authorities, who threw out all charges against Seale and Edwards. The Justice Department reopened an investigation in 2000. The FBI closed the case again in 2003 only to reopen it in 2005. Edwards has been granted immunity and is expected to testify for the prosecution. Thomas Moore and two of Dee's sisters Thelma Collins, 70, of Springfield, La.; and Mary Nell Byrd, 61, of Natchez, Miss. sat near each other in the courtroom Wednesday. The three spoke to The Associated Press on Tuesday in Jackson during an interview arranged by Canadian Broadcasting Corp. documentary maker David Ridgen. Since 2005, Ridgen and Thomas Moore have pushed federal officials to reopen the case. Ridgen's film, "Mississippi Cold Case," is

2007 Christian Music Awards

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will be awarded. Following is a schedule of events for this year's event.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

June 2nd – "Purpose Driven Life – Youth Day" with image award winner and star of "Akeela and the Bee," Miss KeKe Palmer: This national amateur singing event will kick off at the Radisson Hotel starting at 9:00 A.M. Contestants range in age from 6 to 19 years of age coming from as far away as Memphis, TN. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the top seven performers. On-site for the festivities, KeKe Palmer will give a motivational speech for approximately 200 youth scheduled to attend. She will also spend time visiting children at Children's Hospital of Central California.

June 11th – Solo/Duet Event: Also held at the Radisson Hotel from 3:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. The top 20 artists from around the nation and from as far as Israel, will perform with awards and cash prizes given to the top 7. Three artists will be selected to perform at the Save Mart Center on June 15th as part of the 2007 Christian Music Awards. Celebrity judges Byron Cage, Donald Lawrence, Marilyn Fernandez, Zomba Records' Jackie Patillo out of New York City and K-Love Radio's Kindra Ponzio will determine the 1st 2nd and 3rd place winners of this event as well as the "Praise Team" winners.

June 12th – "Praise Team" Event: The top 20 Praise Teams will vie for the \$10,000 cash prize awarded to the 1st place Praise

Team. Cash awards to the top 7 performances with 1st, 2nd & 3rd places decided by the celebrity judges at the Save Mart Center on June 15th.

June 15th – 2007 Christian Music Awards: A Red Carpet entrance will begin at 5:00pm with a VIP Reception from 5:00pm until 6:30pm. Special accommodations will be made for pictures and media interviews. Mayor Alan Autry will emcee the Awards Ceremony along with hosts Tye Tribbett and Martha Munizzi. Awards will be presented throughout the evening honoring Male Artist of the Year, Tye Tribbett, and Female Artist of the Year, Martha Munizzi, along with the Life Time Achievement Award, 2007 recipient Carman and the 2007 Community Service Award to Les and Pauline Kimber and the California Advocate celebrating 40 years of service this year. As part of the finale, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the Solo/Duet category and the "Praise Team" winner of \$10,000 will be announced by United One Productions.

For more information, please visit www.unitedoneproductions.org or www.cmusicawards.com. Tickets for this event may be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone at 486-TIXS, at select Save Mart Supermarkets or at the save Mart Center Box Office.

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Obama Threats...

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 assessments. Others make the assessments for us. And I'm very happy for the professionalism and the dedication of the Secret Service folks who are with me, but I'm just spending most of my time thinking about how I can be the best possible candidate and the best possible president."

Obama, who draws rock star-type crowds into the thousands, has said little about alleged threats since Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) reportedly said he'd received information, some from a racial standpoint, that caused him concern for Obama's safety. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and Republican leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) reportedly spoke to the Secret Service on Obama's behalf. He received the protection a month ago.

Those who have experienced similar threats say the situation is characteristic of America.

"We can't put a false face on fear, hatred and violence," says two-time Democratic presidential candidate the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. "The president is the highest symbolic post of leadership. Forget about politics. It is the highest symbolic post of cultural leadership in this country. And there are a lot of people who want to see that post held by someone who looks like them. And when it looks as though that somebody else doesn't look like them, it angers them. It leaves a sense of alienation and it sets them off."

Jackson was awarded Secret Service protection because of death threats in 1984 and 1988. He says change is the number one fear of a certain segment of

America.

As another example, he points to former Secretary of State Colin Powell, who as chairman of the White House Joint Chiefs of Staff had only hinted at a possible presidential run under the presidency of George Herbert Walker Bush in the early 1990s.

"Colin Powell wasn't even someone who had announced that he would run for President and he had started to get death threats, so much so that his wife was afraid that he was going to get killed," Jackson says. "For some people, the issue of race still touches on extraordinary sensitivity and provokes them to threaten violent behavior."

Jackson says although race may be the key reason in the case of Obama and Powell, it is really change of any kind that triggers hate and violence in America.

"It may be race, but it may not be race in the sense that the Kennedys were killed because they were perceived as having ideas to change the Southern way of life. They became the objects of hate because they were willing to use their power to change the ways of the old South and to coalesce with people like Dr. King; then the Kennedys and King had to die because they were change agents," says Jackson. "If they would try to kill White presidents of the United States - if they would try to kill Ronald Reagan - you know it's not just a question of race."

But, it was clearly both race and change in 1984 when Jackson began to receive death threats when he was seen sweeping the nation with his "Rainbow Coalition" - promoting racial harmony and unified

political power among people with a diversity of backgrounds.

University of Maryland political scientist, Dr. Ron Walters, a top aide in the Jackson campaign at that time, recalls when Jackson had to ask for help.

"In the fall of 1983, he was going around the country and Black people were saying, 'Run Jesse run!' an it was clear that he was going to run," Walters recalls. "So, what happened was we had the Nation of Islam to deploy security for him. But, when he became an official candidate in November of 1983, we found out that we were eligible for Secret Service protection... We almost had to show probable cause why he should get it."

Hatred was intense, says Jackson.

"I had so many threats prior to the election that it was a disruption. So they gave me the Secret Service protection the very first day," he recalls.

Four presidents in U. S. history have been assassinated: Abraham Lincoln in 1865 by John Wilkes Booth; James Garfield in 1881 by Charles J. Guiteau; William McKinley in 1901 by Leon Czolgosz; and John F. Kennedy 1963, allegedly by Lee Harvey Oswald.

With so much power at stake in a country that needs so much change, it's always a risk, Jackson says.

"Those who would dare be change agents have to be willing to sacrifice. You can't play in the big game without stains on your uniform. Champions play with pain. Champions play with injury. I had to make that decision," he says. "You can't let fear and shadows interfere with your [mission] to make your contribution."

SEIU Local 521...

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 stronger voice for the public services we provide," said Gwyn Harshaw. SEIU Local 521 Vice President and President of Fresno Unified School District SEIU Local 521 represented workers.

Every day, public sector workers provide critical services for our children, elders, people with disabilities and others in our schools, parks, libraries, healthcare clinics and under homecare.

Hundreds of families kicked off their new

local in Fresno, Bakersfield, Santa Cruz, San Jose, Redwood City, Salinas and Yosemite.

About SEIU Local 521:

This is the largest union in North Central California representing about 46,000 workers from the Central Valley to Silicon Valley. It received its charter as a result of the California Unite to Win Plan. This plan was embarked upon at SEIU's 2004 international Convention. Since then, Union members have provided leadership with their input, concerns and aspirations at numerous hearings. Last fall, union members throughout the state voted by 88% in favor of the Unite to Win initiative.

Seniors' Prescriptions...

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 Drew Nannis, Spokesman for the AARP. "The survey showed that Hispanics and African-American are at risk to a significantly greater extent." Health insurance coverage plays a pivotal role in the accessibility of prescription drugs to African-Americans and Hispanics. According to the 2005 U.S. Census Bureau the uninsured rates for African-Americans and Hispanics are 19.6 percent and 32.7 percent respectively.

African-Americans were also more likely to have coverage through government insurance services such as Medicaid and Medicare Part D while Hispanics are more likely to pay full retail price for prescription

drugs, according to the census' Health Insurance study. Participants in the study overwhelmingly supported legislation to make prescription drugs more affordable and allow states to purchase medicines in bulk. Almost all participants, 79 percent African-Americans and 81 percent Hispanics, supported legislation to make drug manufacturers accountable for their spending on product marketing.

"This is a problem that is affecting all people across the nation and it is the job of elected officials to solve this problem," says Nannis.

He noted that the primary purpose of the study was to gauge public support for legislative action on this issue. Some suggestions from the

AARP for people who need a relief on prescription drug costs are to ask about generic brands; ask doctor about alternative sources other than the pharmacy such as mail orders; and take advantage of discounted health care plans.

Nannis was optimistic about the response garnered from the study but encouraged people to take advantage of available tools to help with the burden of prescription costs to avoid dangerous ultimatums. "You have people taking drastic measure like not filling their prescriptions, splitting pills, and they are making important decisions about health care such as, 'Do I fill my prescription or pay my rent this month?'"

Worst in History...

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 levels of believability by moving their mouse from left to right on a continuum. The responses were recorded in quarter-second intervals and reported in the form of curves.

Study participants included a national sample of self-reported Democrats, Repub-

licans and independents.

The study findings:

After viewing the video segment, more than half (51%) indicated that they agreed with former President Carter's comments about the Bush administration. Among party affiliation, 86% of Democrats agreed with the his comments compared to

19% of Republicans and 48% of independents.

To view detailed results among party affiliation, go to: www.mediacurves.com. The Media Curves web site provides the media and general public with a venue to view Americans' perceptions of popular and controversial media events.

New Orleans...

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 Kathleen Blanco to tap into the state's surplus to help the city and other parts of the state still struggling to recover from Katrina and Hurricane Rita, which struck a month later.

"Use the \$3 billion surplus to ensure a strong future for our state," Nagin urged state lawmakers. "As New Orleans recovers, so does Louisiana."

The speech comes just two days before the start of a new hurricane season, and against the backdrop of a city still fighting to recover from a storm 21 months ago.

While more than half the city's pre-Katrina population is back, according to one recent estimate, swaths of some neighborhoods remain in shambles, with houses empty and many small businesses ailing or shuttered.

Violent crime, including a rash of recent killings that has brought the city's murder total for the year to at least 78, is a worry. And progress so far has been largely driven by private efforts, as local, state and federal officials have traded blame over the slow pace of rebuilding.

As of mid-month, the city said it had received just \$163 million in federal rebuilding aid, a fraction of the \$1 billion or more it says it will need just to restore what Katrina damaged and with little earmarked for permanent infrastructure work. Nagin named a recovery director

in December, and the director, Ed Blakely, unveiled a targeted \$1.1 billion rebuilding plan in March. But funding for that plan is ten-

uous, with at least one-third of the money in doubt as the state considers using it to help bail out a homeowner aid program.

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ADVOCATE SPORTS

Notes on a Scorecard



BY CRAIG REID
SPORTS WRITER

I write this column in the midst of mounting American casualties in Iraq, straight out genocide in countries like Somalia and the Sudan, the continuing outbreak and proliferation of physical, mental and spiritual diseases, and oil prices that threaten to destroy societies lower and middle classes.

Subsequently, unlike a decade or maybe even five years ago, I can no longer use words like "tragedy" to describe the fact that San Antonio's all-time great power forward Tim Duncan may not have more than five or six good years left to grace sports aficionados and fans alike with his perfectionist presence.

However, it certainly is a doggone shame that the man whom Shaquille O'Neal recently described glowingly as "The Big Fundamental" when he picked Duncan to lead San Antonio to the NBA Championship while he was a guest analyst on the TNT network, may not have more than five or six good years left to grace sports aficionados and,

hopefully, more fans alike with his perfection through simplicity.

Duncan and Kobe Bryant are the only two players who make the NBA's All Defensive and All Pro first teams every year

However, because he is not a self-promoter and prefers winning over individual stats and crowd-pleasing fancy plays, Duncan's status as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, power forwards in NBA history is not as easily discernable to human eyes, especially young ones.

For example, Tim Duncan would rather score a basket with a bank shot than a dunk. In fact, he and Sam Jones, one of the mainstays of the Boston Celtics basketball dynasties, probably have the best two bank shots in the history of the league.

The bank shot allows Duncan to use his height advantage and the backboard as an ally and score from as far out as 12 feet from the basket with close to the same accuracy that a dunk would have. Furthermore, not only is the bank shot a high percentage shot, it will almost always be ruled a goaltending violation if it is pinned on the glass as opposed to a shot that gets blocked near the rim or in the key area known to basket ballers as the paint.

Don't let Duncan's baby-face look fool you. He will slam the ball down your throat if that is the only way to score a basket. Then how about this - when you double-team Duncan he not only creates easy baskets for his teammates who cut to the basket, he spots teammates who are open in jump shot situations in front, behind, and on both sides of him.

Then, on defense, Duncan is a poor man's version of the greatest basketball player ever - Bill Russell - in that he has mastered the art of blocking shots to his teammates. By keeping the ball in play he doesn't get the bling-bling attention that so many young players and some older ones like Rasheed Wallace get when they violently block a shot which ends up counting as two points anyway on a goal tend and sometimes even three if there is a foul on or away from the goal-tended shot

Even NBA Defensive Player of the Year Marcus Camby sometimes swats the ball away when what good does it do if the ball goes out of bounds when it didn't have to and goes right back to the other team?

As sure as sugar some of you are giving me a piece of your mind for my reiteration that Bill Russell is the greatest basketball player of all time. I've covered Michael, Magic, Bird and seen, Wilt, Elgin, Jerry etc.

But as my longtime friend Nate Simpson likes to say "Russ won thirteen championships in 15 years. They said some of the wins were lucky But that's why they keep score."

As I said, Duncan is a poor man's version of Russell, but let's not make the same mistake many did while watching "Russ" and have the simplicity with which Duncan achieves perfection go over our heads.

NBA Footnote: Don't look now but Deron Williams and Carlos Boozer have a great shot at being better than John Stockton and Karl Malone. As a matter of fact, Williams is better at this stage in his career than Stockton was.

California's health care system may soon be on life support.

Our community needs health care professionals at every level - from assistants and technicians to highly trained medical professionals. Currently 50 of the 58 counties in the state suffer from health care worker shortages, and the majority of these shortages are within communities of color. We are on the brink of a crisis, and if we don't get the help we need soon our health care system may experience code blue.

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Lemon Chipotle Chicken Skewers With Mexican Rice

Serves: 4

4 Omaha Steaks 6-ounce Chicken Skewers With Vegetables, thawed

Lemon Chipotle Marinade

- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon garlic, chopped
- 1 tablespoon rosemary, chopped
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons canned chipotle in adobo sauce, puréed

For marinade, place all ingredients in bowl and mix well. In a gallon zipper-close bag, add chicken skewers and marinade. Roll up bag to push air out before sealing. Refrigerate skewers 8 to 12 hours.

Preheat grill to high; grill chicken skewers 4 to 5 minutes each side. Discard marinade.

To serve, plate Mexican Rice (see recipe). Remove skewers from grill and place atop rice.

Mexican Rice

Makes: 4 cups

- 8 plum tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped
- 2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon garlic, chopped
- 2 teaspoons canned chipotle in adobo sauce, puréed
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 2 cups long grain white rice
- 1/2 cup yellow onion, chopped

In a heavy skillet over high heat, char tomatoes until skins split; transfer to a blender or food processor and purée. Stir in cilantro.

In large saucepan, combine water, puréed tomatoes, garlic, chipotle purée and salt. Bring to a slow boil.

In separate large saucepan, heat oil over high heat until hot. Add rice and onions; sauté until grains are bright white or slightly brown, approximately 7 to 10 minutes.

Add tomato mixture to saucepan with rice and onions. Simmer 15 minutes.

Remove saucepan from heat, cover and let stand 20 to 30 minutes, stirring twice.

Fluff rice with a fork. Keep warm until ready to serve.

Porterhouse Steak With Maytag Blue Cheese and Sun-Dried Tomato Butter

Serves: 4

- 4 Omaha Steaks 24-ounce Porterhouse Steaks**
- 4 Omaha Steaks All Natural Steak Seasoning to taste**

Maytag Blue Cheese and Sun-Dried Tomato Butter

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup unsalted Butter, sliced
- 1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes, minced
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice, freshly squeezed
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup Maytag blue cheese, crumbled
- 1 tablespoon basil, minced

For blue cheese and sun-dried tomato butter, heat oil over medium heat in small saucepan. Add garlic; cook until brown. Add sun-dried tomatoes; cook about 1 minute. Stir in lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and basil and immediately transfer contents to a food processor or blender.

Turn on food processor; add blue cheese and purée.

Add sliced butter to food processor allowing butter to be whipped into puréed cheese mixture.

Transfer mixture to a sheet of parchment paper. Roll into a tube about 1 1/2 inches in diameter and twist paper at the ends. Refrigerate 4 to 6 hours.

When ready to serve, slice into 1 1/2-inch coins as needed. Unused butter can be refrigerated for up to 1 week.

Thaw steaks over night in the fridge or quick thaw by placing sealed steaks in a sink with water about 1 hour.

Preheat grill to high. Season both sides of steaks. Grill steaks to desired doneness.

Just before removing steaks from the grill, place a butter slice on each steak so butter is partially melted as you serve the steaks.



Blackened Wild Alaskan Salmon With Smoky Mustard Sauce

Serves: 4

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 4 Omaha Steaks 6-ounce Wild Alaskan Salmon Fillets, thawed**
- 2 tablespoons Omaha Steaks Blackening Seasoning**
- 1/4 cup Omaha Steaks Smoky Mustard Sauce**

In a well ventilated area, heat oil in a large nonstick sauté pan on high until hot.

Pat dry salmon fillets with a paper towel. Spread out seasoning on a clean plate; coat both sides of salmon with seasoning.

Carefully place salmon in hot oil and cook 2 minutes on each side. Place 1 tablespoon Smoky Mustard sauce on each plate; remove salmon from pan and place on top of Smoky Mustard sauce.





'Dial 911'

By Pauline Kimber, Editor

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." – Psalm 91:1

You Get It? Dial 911 when you have an emergency--Psalm 91:1. We dial 911 already on our earthly telephones when we have an emergency and need the fire department, an ambulance, etc. right?

And, we also hear "911" on television when there is reference to the attack on America which happened in New York and Washington D.C. The date was September 11...which is "911" -- because September represents the ninth month of the calendar -- and it happened on the 11th day of the month.

By the way, have you ever had an emergency...silly me...Don't answer that, I don't want to know, I might get your emergencies mixed up with my own. Let me name some of our emergencies, Let's see....How about this one: You find your husband/wife has been unfaithful to you...Stop. Hold it. Call the ambulance, the fire department and the police. I cannot imagine a more devastating, emotional emergency. It seems a death would be more bearable than having a spouse break the marriage covenant. Actually, this would be a deep, deep wound, and/or a trauma situation.

We don't need anymore examples...I'm tired already. Let's see what our loving heavenly father says to his children in Psalm 91. Get your Bibles and dial Psalm 91:1

If You Dwell in Him--

"He that dwelleth...or make his home...in the secret place -- (that's his word...Jesus is his word. "His word was made flesh...") -- of the Most High, shall abide, or live, under the shadow, (or constant protection,) of the Almighty.

I Will Say--

You will say what?? "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge (protection) and my fortress (stronghold): my God; in him will I trust." What else will you say...if your emergency were an unfaithful spouse...You got it! That's right! Say what God says about your marriage.

Sorry to be so pushy, but what precisely would you say if your emergency were an unfaithful spouse...Suggestion: Say what God's word says about your marriage. You knew that, huh? We are soooooo much alike...that's why it's so easy to talk with you.

"I am one with my spouse. God has joined us together and no one shall divide us." Matthew 19:6

"God gives me and my spouse one heart and one way, that we may reverence Him forever, for our good and for our children," Jeremiah 32:39

For Husbands: I cleave to my wife and am one flesh with her. I have found a wife; she is a good thing and I have favor of the Lord." Genesis 2:24 and Proverbs 18:22

For Wives: "I am a virtuous woman. I am a crown to my husband" Proverbs 12:3

"I will not answer my spouse with harsh words. As I answer softly, it turns away anger." Proverbs 15:1

For Wives: "I love my husband; I am subject to him and reverence him as unto the Lord. I keep a clean house, I teach my children good things, I am not a busybody or a slanderer; but I keep myself pure, that the Word of God might not be blasphemed. Titus 2:3-5 and Ephesians 5:33

For Husbands: "I will live joyfully with my wife, which God has given me and whom I will love, all the days of my life."

"Jesus is our peace, who has made us one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us." Ephesians 2:14.

Wow, did you get all of that!?

Let's take a break. I can only absorb so much at one sitting. Have you noticed, that these scriptures are good for good marriages as well as for marriages that have emergencies? Keep in mind beautiful Christian married couples, Satan is working overtime to kill, steal and destroy your marriage, or at least bring distrust and heartache to your home. Don't let him do it. Listen, our Father says:

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him(...or cause him to escape...) I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation." Psalm 91:14-16

Notice how many times our God says "I" in that last paragraph?

Don't you just love HIM...He covers *everything!*

Pauline Kimber has been a Bible Teacher for over 25 years. She and husband Les Kimber, a former Fresno City Councilman, founded The California Advocate Newspaper in 1967. They have three children and four grandchildren: Brittany, Brooklynn, Taylor, and Elias.

RELIGION

Ordination Services

Rev. Clarence Williams was ordained as a Minister on Sunday, April 29, 2007. The service was conducted by the Rev. J.R. Coleman, pastor of the Word of Faith Church in Fresno, Ca. Rev. Williams will graduate from Jaron Bible Institute June 3rd. Lunch immediately following. Call Peggy at the Jaron office (227-7997). Clarence and Tammy would like to thank all of their supporters and friends.



Rev. & Sis. Clarence Williams

~ Wedding Bells ~



Ebony Monique Younger and Joseph Patrick Riehl

Ebony Monique Younger and Joseph Patrick Riehl, with their families in attendance, exchanged wedding vows at the Foothills Chapel in Golden, Colorado on Feb. 18, 2007. The bride, a graduate of St. Mary's College, has been accepted into the University of Denver Strum School of Law on the prestigious Chancellor's Scholarship. The groom is an educator in Denver, Colorado. Ebony is the daughter of Valarie Applewhite of Fresno & Michael of Salina, Ca. The happy couple will reside in Englewood, Colorado.

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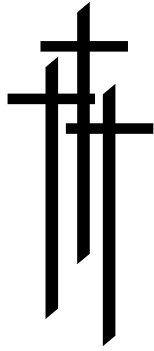
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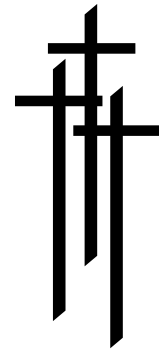
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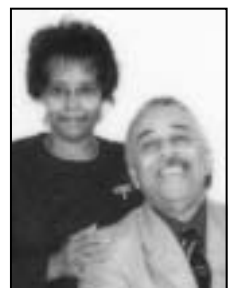
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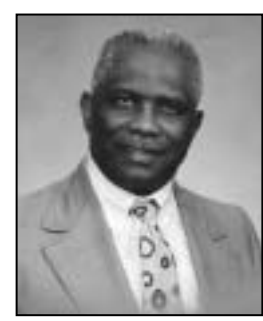
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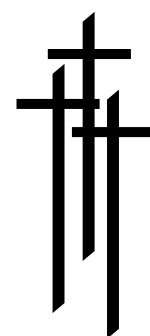
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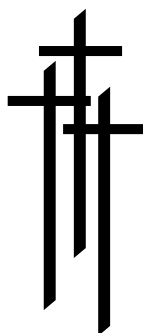
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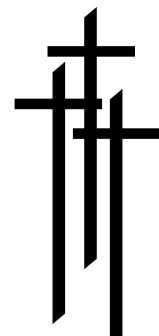
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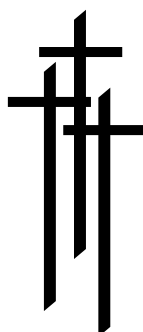
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James Brown & Black Music Month

James Brown: The Man, the Music & the Message

WASHINGTON, DC (BLACKNEWS.COM) –

In honor of the late, great James Brown, On The Potomac Productions presents its acclaimed documentary about the legendary "Godfather of Soul" for airing during Black Music Month in June. The program airs on TV ONE Friday, June 8th at 8:30 PM EST.

This highly entertaining program is an illumination on the amazing life of James Brown as told in his own words and shown in his classic live performances. Hosted by veteran journalist Dick Cavett, the soulful and fast-paced documentary features exclusive interviews with James Brown and several of his spectacular perfor-

mances spanning five decades. The film also features tributes by music industry celebrities such as Dick Clark, Little Richard, Michael Jackson, Hammer, Bobby Brown, Chuck D, Flavor Flav and others influenced and inspired by his music and performances.

The documentary chronicles the important social contributions by James Brown, including his pivotal role as a peacemaker during the unrest after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Also highlighted are his revolutionary song "I'm Black And I'm Proud" and his pioneering efforts as an entrepreneur, including his ownership of radio stations which is praised by Radio One Chairman Cathy Hughes in the program. Throughout the program, his inspiring messages of pride and uplift are revealed in his words and music.

The program also features a segment at the end of the program

with behind the scenes coverage of the memorial service and viewing for James Brown at the Apollo Theater in Harlem. The powerful and moving eulogy by Reverend Al Sharpton is highlighted, along with scenes of the thousands of fans showing love for the "Godfather of Soul" at the venue that launched him to international stardom.

Here are the outstanding performances by James Brown featured in the program:

- "It's A Man's World"
- "Give It Up Or Turn It Loose"
- "If I Ruled The World"
- "Please, Please, Please"
- "Prisoner of Love"
- "I Can't Stand Myself"
- "Out Of Sight"
- "Sex Machine"
- "Night Train"
- "I Feel Good"
- "Gravity"
- "I'm Real"



James Brown (right) receiving award from California Advocate founder Les Kimber (left). (Photo by Ken McCoy)

- "Try Me"
- "Papa's Got A Brand New Bag"
- "Living In America"
- "I'm Black And I'm Proud"

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Ciara Makes Feature Film Debut in Musical

Crunk princess stars with Patti LaBelle in film version of "Mama, I Want to Sing!"

Ciara will make her feature film debut in the screen adaptation of "Mama, I Want to Sing!," a critically acclaimed off-Broadway gospel musical. The film will be produced by CodeBlack Entertainment, the first independent African American-owned film studio. In a statement released today, Ciara said, "I've always strived to inspire and uplift my fans through my music. It's refreshing to now have the chance to do so through film, along side such an innovative, enterprising company. Together with CodeBlack, I now have an amazing opportunity to perpetuate many of the principles and values I project musically, from the importance of possessing confi-



Ciara will star in new film.

dence and self-worth, to sincerity within one's character."

Ciara will play the lead role in the film as a preacher's daughter who transitions from singing in the church to become a pop superstar.

Kobe Talks Shaq, Smack on LA Radio

Bryant tells talk show host, "I've got some serious trust issues."

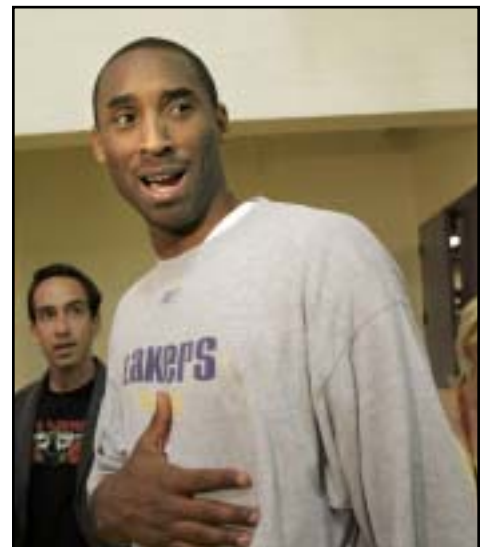
Threatening to terminate his contract in 2009, Kobe Bryant has been on a tear in the Los Angeles press - and on his own website - talking about Lakers owner Jerry Buss and what life is like without Shaq.

First, the megastar told the LA Times exactly what he thought of their assessment that a Lakers without Shaq is a Lakers afloat. "... trying to put this Shaq stuff on me is [wrong]," he said. "Jerry Buss told me he didn't want to pay Shaq \$30 million a year. I, not once - not once - went to them and said, 'Trade Shaq or else.'" Kobe later went on LA's 570 AM and said the Shaqtroversy gave him a serious case of insecurity regarding his team's front office. "Now I got some serious trust issues," he told radio hosts Petros Papadakis and Matt Smith.

Later in the interview, he groused on the team's strategy. "If we're not making any strides here to improve this team right now, to be aggressive in that nature, then what's the point of having me here?"

Yesterday (May 29), Bryant aired it all out on his website, kb24.com. With a measurable degree of angst, he wrote, "The fact of the matter is that many people don't know what really went down when I was approaching free agency because I have stayed quiet about it this whole time... The real facts are that Dr. Buss requested a meeting with me during the '04 season long before I opted out of my contract, and he told me he had already decided to not extend Shaq, as he was concerned about Shaq's age, fitness and contract demands. Dr. Buss made it clear that his decision was final, his mind was made up and no matter what I decided to do with free agency he was still going to move Shaq."

Despite Bryant's contract-termination threats - which, by the way, would see him walking away from over \$47 million if he left in '09- he clarified that he wasn't trying to opt-out early. "I have NOT asked to be traded, I don't want to be traded and I have given no ultimatums or de-



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant jokes with the media in El Segundo, Calif. (AP Photo/Kevork Djanszian)

mands of being traded," he wrote. "I've been a Laker fan my whole life. A REAL Laker fan! I'm talking Silk Wilks days, and know the history of the Lakers going back to George Mikan era. I WANT to retire a Laker and contend for titles."

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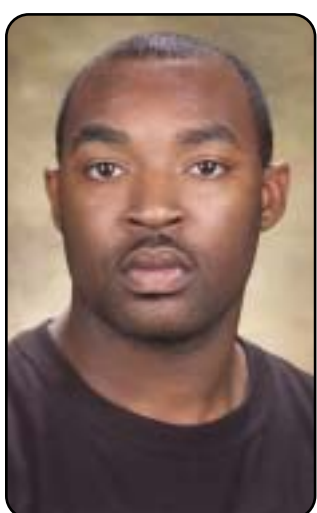
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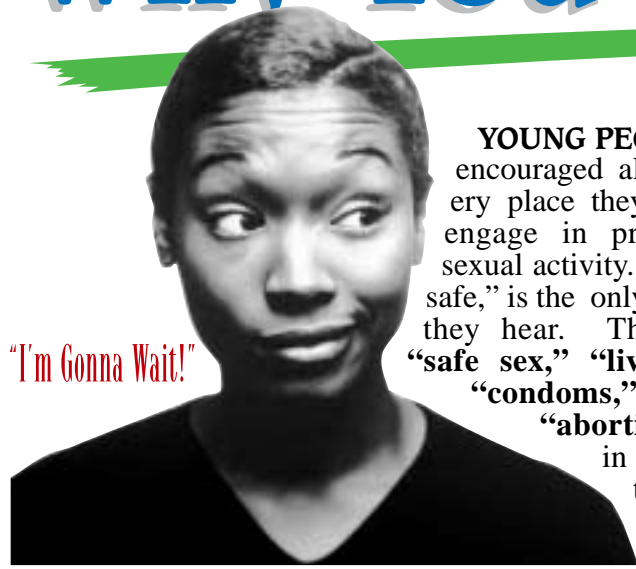
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ADVOCATE YOUTH COLUMN

Why You Should **WAIT** For Sex

by Pauline Kimber



"I'm Gonna Wait!"

YOUNG PEOPLE are encouraged almost every place they look to engage in pre-marital sexual activity... "just be safe," is the only warning they hear. The words "safe sex," "living in," "condoms," and "abortion" are in a majority of entertainment

programs today. A cruel game is being run on you, young people.

First of all, you are being treated as animals when someone says "safe sex" to you.

It's "safe sex" when you neuter your Cocker Spaniel dog. A dog doesn't have any intelligence or will-power or moral character, so you must "castrate it," or "fix it," or have it "Spayed," right?

So what are you...an animal? That's what society is calling you. They are saying go ahead, have sex before marriage, lose your respect, get all kinds of diseases, no need to get married and have a real family...animals don't get married...here is a condom...It's okay!

You are not going to fall for that, right? But unfortunately, some young people do...let's look at some of the reasons they give:

Why Some Guys Don't Wait

...FOR SEX

- Because I want to.

ANSWER: A German Shepherd has sex "because he wants to." It takes a man to say "no" to sex outside of marriage.

- So I can brag with the other guys.

ANSWER: First of all, many times those other guys are lying. Anyway, you are talking and laughing about a person who thinks you "love" her. Does that make you happy? Would you like someone to treat your sister or your daughter the same way?

- The girl is pressuring ME...I'm the man...I don't want to look like a sissy. Should I say "no" to HER?

ANSWER: Yes you should. You have moral standards. You have plans for your life. You have respect for yourself, and God says it is wrong. So who do you think is tempting You? And, don't worry, you definitely will not look like a sissy...A man doesn't look like a sissy.

- Why not, I'm free to do what I want. I have nothing to lose.

ANSWER: Really? Let's see: (1) The girl may be pregnant already and you are a "set up"...FOR LIFE. (2) You could

get a sexual disease. (3) You lose your self-esteem. (4) You dilute your strength...according to the Bible. (5) You are getting more and more bound in sin. (6) And, God is not pleased with your life. You call THAT freedom?

- We are engaged.

ANSWER: So wait. Your marriage will be better because of it. And later on, you will be able to train your own children using yourselves as an example...A man should be a virgin when HE gets married, just as the woman should be.

- We got carried away. We are both Christians and we didn't plan for it to go that far.

ANSWER: So, ask God to forgive you, and start over. And, since you see that you can "get carried away" don't allow yourselves to get in private intimate situations...go bowling, go to the zoo...go to church...

Why Some Girls Don't Wait

...FOR SEX

- I don't want to lose my boyfriend.

ANSWER: You do not HAVE a boyfriend, if he goes against your wishes and pressures you to have sex. If he wanted you to be his girlfriend so badly, he would be afraid he would lose you by pressuring you. His pressuring you is actually a sign that you DON'T have a boyfriend.

- We are going to get married anyway.

ANSWER: Who said? A guy loses respect for a girl when she "gives in" to him. Of course he will never admit that to the girl, but you are no challenge anymore. Why would he want to marry you? He will begin to wonder who else have you "given in" to. Anyway, he is probably looking for a virgin to marry.

- Everybody is doing it.

ANSWER: Everybody is NOT "doing it." And some who say they are, really are not. But even if they were, what are you saying? Because they are animals, you will be one too?

- Nobody ever told me sex before marriage was wrong.

ANSWER: Let's look at what it does: (1) It takes away your self-esteem. (2) You could get a disease. (3) You could get pregnant. (4) The guy will lose respect for you. (5) You have been used.

But most of all, God says it is wrong. Listen: "God wants you to be holy, so you should keep clear of all sexual sin. Then each of you will control your body and live in holiness and honor - not in lustful passion as the pagans do, in their ignorance of God and his ways" (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4:5) God also says: "Run away from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Or don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not

belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body" (1 Corinthians 6:18-20)

- I don't know how to say "no" to a guy.

ANSWER: It's easy when you say "no" before you go out on a date. Share up-front your standards BEFORE you go out with him, then no one will be "ticked off" later. You can also plan fun dates with other couples that share your moral values. AND, you can pay your own way sometimes. I know one father who ALWAYS pays for his daughter's share on a date...whether it's the movies with a guy or prom night with dinner, corsage, and pictures...He pays for his daughter's share. Because, says this Dad, he doesn't want the guy thinking his daughter owes him ANYTHING at the end of the evening.

- I have lost my virginity already anyway...I can't get that back.

ANSWER: Yes you can! Your virginity can be restored, even after a child is born. When you ask for AND RECEIVE forgiveness from God, then you are a brand new person...You can begin a new life. There are examples in the Bible where God did just that. Don't allow Satan to deceive you with that line...so he can keep you wallowing in sin. Nothing is so bad that God will not forgive. Jesus already died for your sins. He knew which sins you were going to commit and he died, instead of you, for them. Isn't he wonderful. (See John 8:1-11 and Joel 2:25)

- I don't know how to act on a date?

ANSWER: Act like Jesus is sitting in the car with you...in the theater with you...on the sofa with you. Two things will happen: You will not arouse or tease the guy sexually, and he will show respect for you.

You Should Wait Because...

...Because, sex is beautiful and fulfilling in marriage...And, it is trash and dirt outside of marriage. God made the rules and that's how it is.

For instance: A handful of dark, rich soil - outside on the ground - is healthy and good for growing vegetables and crops. BUT, that same handful of dark, rich soil on your living room carpet would become "dirt." Why? Because it does not belong on your living room carpet.

That's how God made sex and everything else...beautiful and good...where it belongs. Sex is dirt outside of marriage, but it is beautiful and good where it belongs!

See how much God loves you?
Now go and have a GOOD life!

Pauline Kimber has been a Bible teacher for over 25 years. She and husband Les Kimber, a former Fresno City Councilman, founded the California Advocate Newspaper in 1967. They have three children and three grandchildren: Brittany, Brooklynn and Taylor.

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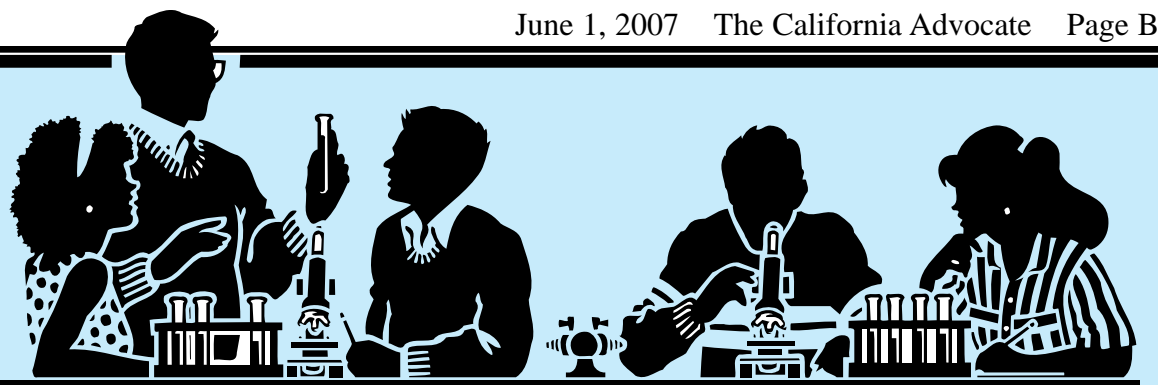


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Michael Langridge is being promoted from the medical magnet at Ft. Miller Middle School to Duncan Polytechnical High School, where he will be studying Automotive Technology.



Gabralle Conroe, a graduate of **California State University Fresno**, received a degree in Criminology and has plans to attend law school. She is the daughter of proud parents Allen & Donna Conroe who say Gabralle has always been a hard worker when it comes to achieving her education.



Jada Amani Wedlow, a 2002 graduate of Edison High School, received a Bachelor of Science degree, with honors, from **Tuskegee University** in Alabama. Major: Forestry/Natural Resources. Will seek advanced degrees in Public Administration while employed by U.S. Forest Service, Jada is daughter of former Edison High School teacher, Venita Wedlow Webb of Manteca, Ca, and Victor Wedlow of Folsom, Ca. Grandparents: Ted & Mattie Wedlow of Compton, Ca and Rudy & Joanne Powell of Fresno, Ca.



Alysa Foster-Miller
Bachelor of Science in Organizational Behavior
National University, Fresno Campus



Jordan C. Mathews
Bullard High School
Class of 2007



Michael Lamont Younger, Jr. is graduating from **University of Southern California** with a major in Public Policy, Management & Planning, and minor in Business Administration. While at USC, Michael was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; president, Black Business Assn.; and member of Black Assembly. His career goal: work in Telecommunications as a Project Manager. He is the son of Valerie Applewhite of Fresno, and Michael L. Applewhite, Sr. of Salinas, Ca.



Valencia Bernice Stephens graduated from 6th grade, at Thomas Elementary School on June 11, 2007. She will be attending Fresno Christian Jr. High and High School. Her goal: to become a lawyer, an entertainer and actor.

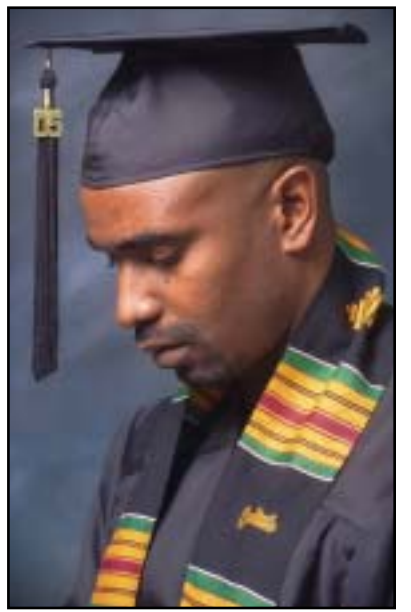


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Vanessa Rene' Scott, a 1999 Edison High single parent, graduated from **Tuskegee University** May 13, 2007 with a degree in Marketing. Son Isaiah Jackson graduated from Lewis Adams Pre-School, Tuskegee, AL May 23, 2007.

Mah Yanti Johnson graduated from **Minnesota State University, Mankato Campus**, on May 12, 2007, receiving his Master's Degree in Social Science, with emphasis in Urban Development & Planning. He will be relocating to the state of Maryland where he will apply for the Doctoral Program with the University of Maryland. Mah Yanti is the son of Charlezette (Lynne) Day of Fresno, Ca. Grandparents: the late Charles & Leotha (Lee) Day of Fresno; his older sister: RocQuel (Rocky) Johnson-Mitchell, her husband Barry Mitchell, & their daughter TaLynne Mitchell of San Leandro, Ca; a younger sister Kawaylia Johnson and her daughter, Rumanee Wilson, both of Fresno.



Zammiah Smith will be graduating June 10, 2007, from **National University** with a Master's Degree in Cross-Cultural Education. She will be graduating with a 3.325 GPA. She is currently teaching 4th and 5th grades at W.E.B. DuBois Academy public charter. She is also the freshmen girls' basketball coach at Edison High School. She is a faithful member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. One of Zammiah's biggest accomplishments was attending National University while pregnant with her now 21-month-old son, Levar Jr.



Sir Lorenzo Summerfield (sitting) and **Sir Alonzo Summerfield** will be attending Reedley College in Reedley Ca. They graduate from Washington Union High on June 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. You are invited to come celebrate their achievements. God bless.

TaLynn Mitchell, age 13, has been accepted into the private San Francisco School "Convent of the Sacred Heart College Preparatory High School." The honor student has a GPA of 3.8 at Northern Light's Private School in Oakland, Ca. She is a member of the Bay Area organization "Cinnamon Girls" which mission statement is: To empower young minority women to become successful academically, and spiritually, to become leaders, and have community involvement. Her goals include completing college with upper division degrees in whatever professional career she chooses. TaLynn is employed on weekends by the University of Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science. She also plays the piano, is on a soccer league, makes her own jewelry, and takes African dance



lessons. She is the daughter of Berry Mitchell & RocQuel (Rocky) Johnson / Mitchell of Oakland; granddaughter of Charlezette (Lynn) Day, Fresno; and niece of Mah Yanti Johnson. TayLynn's great-grandparents were the late Charles and Leotha Day of Fresno.

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome" - Booker T. Washington.



Ms. Latavia Gordon, Fresno Health Sciences Division
Major: Radiologic Technology
GPA: 3.853

Latavia Gordon is the Fresno City College 2007 Dean's Medallion Award winner in the Health Sciences Division and graduated with highest honors on May 18.

Latavia moved to Fresno one week after Hurricane Katrina destroyed her Mississippi home in August 2005. She says the past two years have been stressful and painful. She says "One minute my life was great and the next minute my life is turned upside down." She relocated to Fresno and enrolled in the Radiologic Technology program at FCC.

Latavia says her goal when she moved to Fresno was to get her life back on track, continue her education and make new friends. "It

was hard to leave my family in Mississippi, but I knew I had to move on and try to put the pieces of my life back together. Hurricane Katrina might have destroyed my material things, but I am thankful that I have my life," she says.

Latavia is a member of both Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Gamma Sigma honor societies. She has also been busy on campus volunteering for numerous activities to encourage school age children to go to college.

She dedicates much of her time to her studies in the Radiologic Technology program. When she is not on campus she interns at different hospitals and clinics.

This journey hasn't always been easy for Latavia, but she has persevered. "There were a lot of times that I became very distressed, but I stayed focused and continued on the path of success," she says.

CONGRATULATIONS ALL 2007 GRADUATES!
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LOCAL NEWS

The Edison High School 2007 Baccalaureate Ceremony

Where: Valley Christian Center 4649 E. Shields Ave (Between Cedar and Chestnut) Fresno, CA 93726

When: Sunday, June 3, 2007 6:30 PM

Keynote Speaker: Shane Scott, Pastor Saints Rest Baptist Church

Historians say that Baccalaureate Services descend from a 15th century tradition that began at Oxford University and required those graduating with baccalaureate degrees to deliver a sermon in Latin. Today, it serves as an opportunity for graduates and their families to pause, amidst the joy and excitement of graduation to reflect and give thanks for this important milestone in their lives.

At Edison High School, the Baccalaureate Service is an inter-denominational service of worship that celebrates and in-

spires our graduates. Unlike Commencement, which is an academic ceremony, the Baccalaureate Service does not require students to wear caps and gowns. Seating for the hour-long service is on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no cost to attend the ceremony. If you have questions, please contact Senior Class President La Toya Robinson or Vice Pres. Dayna Hill at 276-7601

All Graduating Seniors and their Families are invited.

One Call Improves Services For Fresno City Residents

City of Fresno One Call Center proves an effective tool in providing a quick response to questions regarding City services to residents.

In an effort to improve services to City residents, the One Call Center was initiated in February, 2006. City representatives are standing by to provide answers to questions on everything from their utility bill or a request for graffiti removal.

To date the top ten reasons residents call 621-CITY include:

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3. Utility billing and collection questions

2. Abandoned vehicle reports

And the number one reason for calling the One Call Center:

1. Graffiti removal

City Public Affairs Manager, Rhonda Jorn commented, "We are always looking for ways to improve customer service and satisfaction for residence. The One Call Center provides a single point of contact with a live person who can provide quick and accurate information to the caller."

The City would like to remind residents to make 621-CITY (2489) their first call for service questions or concerns or for information regarding the City, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Fill the Bucket Fundraiser

SELMA – Selma's Cancer Support will hold its second annual "Fill the Bucket" fundraiser on Friday, June 1st on the streets of Selma.

Members of both the Selma Fire Department and Selma's Cancer Support will be out in full force taking donations, all of which will go to help those who live or work in the community of Selma and are afflicted with cancer. Selma's Cancer Support provides emotional, physical, spiritual and financial assistance.

"We held our first "Fill the Bucket" fundraiser last year," said Lance Cardoza, president of Selma's Cancer Support, "and it was incredible to see people literally emptying their wallets for this worthy cause. We raised around \$4,000 last year, and expect that number to rise this year."

Selma's Cancer Support has a small office located in the offices of Bill Tucker and Associates, at 2128 North Street in Selma. The office provides information and brochures to answer questions anyone may have about the disease. A cancer support group meets there on the third Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. Anyone, including caregivers, cancer survivors, and their families may attend the

meetings.

Some of the ways SCS has helped cancer patients in the past has been providing women who have had mastectomies with a prosthesis and helping finance patients' out-of-town cancer treatment trips.

The next big event for Selma's Cancer Support is the first annual "Circle the City Ride 'N' Rally." It is a bike rally beginning in Lincoln Park in downtown Selma, having a mid-point location at Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino, and an ending point at Pioneer Village in Selma. There is a donation of \$25, breakfast and lunch will be provided, and a 42" LCD HDTV will be given away as a drawing prize. All this, plus a special performance by country stars David Langley and Band will round out a full day of riding, food and entertainment. For more information on Selma's Cancer Support or any of its events, please call (559) 891-8777

Selma's Cancer Support is a non-profit organization that offers emotional, physical, spiritual and financial assistance to those in the community of Selma who are afflicted with cancer. Selma's Cancer Support holds a monthly support group that is free and open to anyone. For more information on Selma's Cancer Support, please call (559) 891-8777.

'Standing in the Gap' Appreciation Banquet

The President of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. Dr. Stephen John Thurston is coming to Fresno on Friday, June 15, 2007 for the "Standing in the Gap" appreciation banquet.

The Pearly Grove Baptist Church is pleased to announce "Standing in the Gap" a formal banquet held in honor of our leader Bishop Charles Dickerson. This evening of eloquence will be held at the Grand Occasions Diamond Ballroom, address: 4584 West Jacquelyn Avenue, Fresno,

CA 93722 Friday, June 15, 2007 at 6:00PM. All are invited to join us in this celebration. Ticket cost: \$100.

The Pearly Grove Baptist Church, Bishop Dickerson's Brothers in the ministry nationwide and the Northern California Full Gospel Baptist Churches are sponsoring this event. All proceeds will benefit the Bishop Dickerson Legal Defense Fund.

To purchase tickets or for more information please call (559) 266-1420.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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California Center for Justice and CSUF National Youth Summit in Fresno

The California Center for Justice of Madera, Ca, partnering with Fresno will host a National Youth Summit, Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007 at CSU Fresno Campus., 5241 N. Maple, Fresno. The Summit focus will include: Tolerance, hate gangs, hate motivated incidents, bullying, harassment, and a lack of empowerment at schools and in the community. Dr. Bernice King of the MLK Foundation and Mr. Stedman Graham, renown with his recent release "Diversity Leadership" will participate in conference. Contact: Michelle Alexander, legalmichelle@comcast.net; Gloria Brown, gloryb2Hisname@aol.com Dr. Matthew A. Jendian, Fresno, matthew.jendian@csufresno.edu.

Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group

Join us for the next meeting of the Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group on June 20, 2007 at the California Cancer Center, 7257 N. Fresno Street (in the Large Conference Room) from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This program is for men and their families to learn more about men's health issues. Refreshments are included and the program is free. For more info, please call (559) 447-4050.

Young Lady of God 2007 Conference & Esther's Ball

The Lady of God Ministries, Inc present the second annual Young Lady of God 2007 Conference & Esther's Ball. It will be held on June 23. The conference time is 7 am to 1:00 pm at Family Community Church 2434 E. Nees Avenue. The Esther's Ball time is 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at the Piccadilly Inn University 4961 North Cedar. Theme is "Purpose By Design" Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11. For more info www.ladyofgod.org

Bethel Temple Swap Meet


Bethel Temple Church will hold a Swap Meet on June 2nd (and every 1st & 3rd Saturday) at 1224 Kern & C Street, Fresno, Ca. Cost for vendors is \$20. For more info, call (559) 696-9162.

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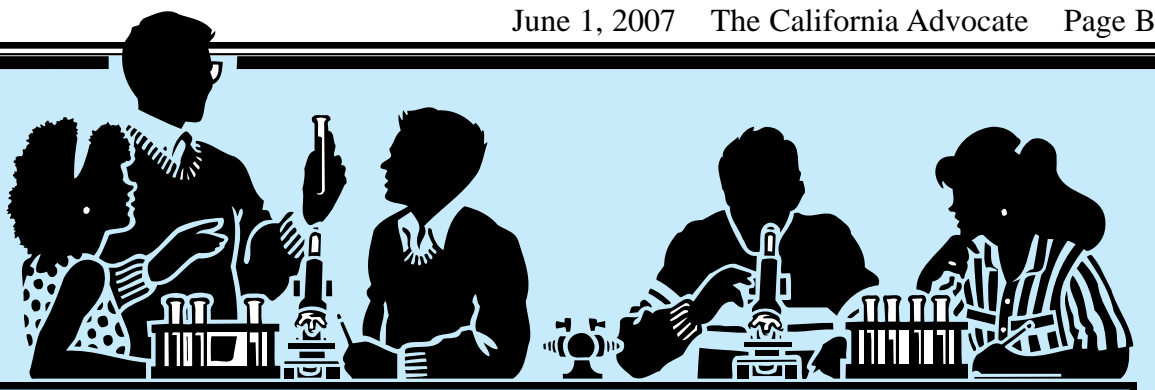
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CALIFORNIA ADVOCATE'S SALUTE TO 2007 GRADUATES



The San Joaquin Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta African American High School Recognition Program



The San Joaquin Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta presented the African American High School Recognition Program on Sunday, May 20, 2007 at Sunnyside High School in Fresno, CA. The purpose of the program is to acknowledge graduating seniors who otherwise might not be recognized. The participating students received a kente cloth, 4 x 6 group photo,

framed certificate as well as a souvenir journal also known as the "Black Yearbook" to memorialize this event. Students with a 3.0 Grade Point Average and above also received an academic medal. As part of the ceremony, the students participated in a Rites of Passage which challenged them utilizing the principles of Kwanzaa.

The keynote speaker, Jothany Black-

wood, Dean of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts at Fresno City College challenged the students to discover their purpose. She posed a thought provoking question – "If you are busy intimidating others, then who is being you?"

The reception by the community has been overwhelming each year. There were over 250 parents, family and friends in at-

tendance to celebrate the students' accomplishments. Over 50 students from approximately 13 area high schools throughout the central valley participated in the ceremony. The recognition program has become on the chapter's signature events since its inception over 10 years ago and has received critical acclaim from parents, educators and the community at large.



RICKY PELLUM, JR., a graduate of Edison High School (1998); **UC Santa Cruz**, B.A. Economics; minor, Education (2003); Received Master's degree Dec. 15, 2006 at UCSF. Employed: Sports Management. Oakland Raiders' Season Ticket Service Coordinator 2006-present. Parents: Lela Young & Ricky Pellum.

AARON CHRISTOPHER JACKSON

Slater Elementary School (2007)

Aaron Christopher Jackson, will graduate from Slater Elementary School in June 2007. He will be attending Rio Vista Middle School.

Best of Luck!

*Love, Mom & Dad
Christopher & LaMonica*



Valerie Stephens, Fresno Pacific University, Class of 2007 and a Liberal Arts major. Her ultimate goal, a College Math Professor. She is being congratulated by Valencia, her admiring daughter.



Taylor Kimber, a graduate of Baird Middle School where she was Secretary of the student body and on the Merit list with a 3.4 GPA, will attend Edison High School. She enjoys participating in her summer swim team competitions; the choir and other activities at St. Rest Missionary Baptist Church; and acting.



Yvette Ife Cormier Latunda received her Ph.D. in Education from **Nova Southeastern University**, Florida. Her proud husband, the Rev. Henry Latunde, is a local minister at Mt. Zion Assemblies, Fresno.



Karlos Grier, Graduate of Central High School, Class of 2007. Will attend Sacramento State. Parents: Angie & Karlos; Grandparents: Verdina & Shellie Clayton.



Brittney G. Myles, graduated from Edison High School, Class of 2007, with a 3.8 GPA. She will continue her education at San Jose State University with a Nursing major. Her loving supporters include grandmother Gloria Dickson, grandfather Quincy Dickson, mother Regina and sister Keesha.

CHRISTOPHER A. VINCENT Xavier University, New Orleans, LA. – Class of 2007

After sustaining many losses from Hurricane Katrina, including some family members, my health, and the life I once had, I was able to make a comeback. With the support of my loving parents and my inspiring brother and sister: Adolph Vincent III and Demetra Vincent-Walker, I finally climbed my highest mountain and conquered my biggest obstacle: I graduated with a B.A. in Political Science /Pre-Law, and Public Administration. To my family and friends that brought me through the storm: Thank you and much appreciation to Fresno Council Member Cynthia Sterling, Attorney Michael Idiart, the Wisenhunt family and the California Advocate Newspaper. Thank you so much!

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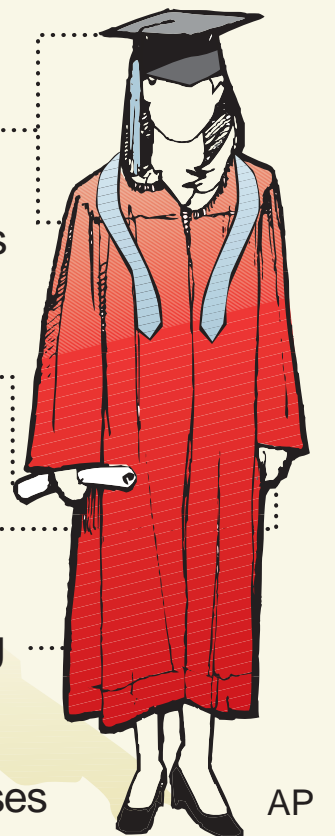
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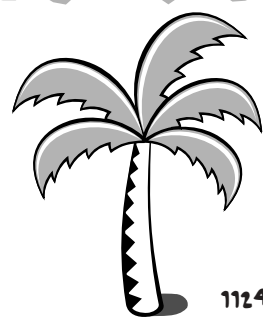
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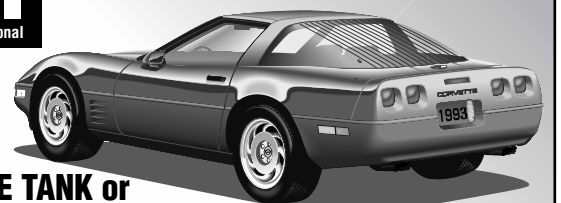
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