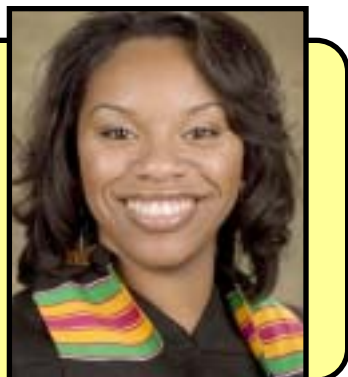


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Obama Wins Nomination



Barack Obama

MAKES AFRICAN AMERICANS DREAM A REALITY

Read Obama's Entire Speech

Remarks of Senator Barack Obama on Final Primary Night, Tuesday June 3rd 2008.

Tonight, after fifty-four hard-fought contests, our primary season has finally come to an end.

Sixteen months have passed since we first stood together on the steps of the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois. Thousands of miles have been traveled. Millions of voices have been heard. And because of what you said – because you decided that change must come to Washington; because

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Barack Obama effectively clinched the Democratic presidential nomination Tuesday after a grueling marathon, based on an Associated Press tally of convention delegates, becoming the first black candidate ever to

lead his party into a fall campaign for the White House.

Campaigning on an insistent call for change, Obama outlasted former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in a historic race that sparked record turnout in primary after primary, yet exposed

deep racial and gender divisions within the party.

The tally was based on public declarations from delegates as well as from another 15 who have confirmed their intentions to the AP. It also included 11 delegates Obama was guaranteed.

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World Welcomes Obama Victory

LONDON (AP) –

Excitement about Barack Obama emerged as a global phenomenon Wednesday as commentators and citizens around the world welcomed the news that he had sealed the Democratic presidential nomination.

The excitement appeared less over Obama's proposed policies than a sense that the candidacy of an African American with relatives in Africa and childhood

friends in Asia marked a historic moment.

Michael Cox, a professor of international relations at the London School of Economics, said Obama's win "has sent out a lot of positive signals around the world."

"He has a very appealing

persona – elegant, fluent, strings lots of sentences together into paragraphs," Cox said. "But in terms of (his) actual policies towards the Middle East, Iraq, Iran, China, Europe – actually, we don't know."

In Kenya, home to Obama

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Rice Congratulates Obama on Nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) –

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, the highest-ranking black member of the Bush administration, congratulated Barack Obama Wednesday on his history-making achievement in securing the Democratic presidential nomination.

Obama on Tuesday gathered enough delegates to seize the nomination, becoming the first black candidate ever to lead his party toward the White House. He bested Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, capping a primary fight that was originally expected

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Congressman Clyburn Gets Emotional as Obama Claims Victory

COLUMBIA SC –

In answer to host Mark Quinn's question of what it felt like for him to watch presumptive Democratic Presidential Candidate Barack Obama take the stage to deliver his victory speech, SC Congressman James

Clyburn, long associated with the Civil Rights movement, admitted he so feared being overcome by emotion in public, he left the event and went home to savor the moment in private.

The entire interview can

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Under Pressure, Clinton Finally Steps Aside

BY JILL LAWRENCE, USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – In the end, it took less than 24 hours for Hillary Rodham Clinton to adapt to her party's new political order.

The New York senator will end her quest for the Democratic presidential nomination late this week, according to a senior campaign aide and a top

fundraiser who said they could not talk on the record because they were not authorized to comment on the plan.

Clinton's campaign issued a less-than-definitive statement saying she would host an event here Saturday "to thank her supporters and express her support for Sen. Obama and party unity." The

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2008 GRADUATE PROFILES



Brittany Edwards

Spelman College Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship

Brittany Edwards has received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA. She transferred to Spelman after leaving Xavier University in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina. Brittany was selected for a 2008-2009 Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship where she will travel to Guadalajara, Jalisco Mexico and serve the community with local Rotary Clubs and study public health at the University in Guadalajara. Brittany plans to earn her MPH and MD degrees and become an OB/GYN. Brittany is a proud graduate of Edison High School where she served as 2003-2004 Student Body President. Her parents are Terri and Jerone Edwards of Fresno, CA.



Devin Troy Johnson

Devin Troy Johnson has been very active in Buchanan High School during his four years of attendance. He was president of the African American Student Union, (AA-SU) and wrote several scripts for their Black History Month performances. He performed in the theater production of Midsummer Nights Dream by Shakespeare and also participated in Latin Dance competitions, where he was awarded the most outstanding performance. Devin has danced sang, performed monologues and acted all throughout high school. In addition, he was a peer counselor, attended conferences and performed community service. During his junior and senior years, Devin has successfully maintained a part time job. Devin will attend Willow International Community College, then transfer to Morehouse College in Atlanta, where he plans to receive degrees in Computer Science and Performing Arts.



Trelani K. Johnson

Trelani K. Johnson, 6th Grader Has College Plans Already

Trelani K. Johnson attends Harvest (Hawks) Elementary School where he has received Awards including the "Perfect Attendance Award" for the school year.

Favorite subject: English, because "I love writing, and expressing myself on paper."

Future Goals: Attend Cal-Berkley University or Fresno State University, and earn a degree in Computer Science.

Favorite Sport: football; favorite players: Darren MacFaddon, Tim Brown, and Jamarcus Russell. Favorite Basketball Player: Kobe Bryant.

Hobbies: Model cars and skateboarding.



Chantale Lavone Johnson

Chantale Lavone Johnson Receives Master of Science in Biology

Chantale Lavone Johnson, currently a Lecturer and Research Technician at California State University, Fresno, received her degree of Master of Science in Biology with honors, on May 16, 2008 at the California State University, Fresno ceremony. She previously received her Bachelor of Science degree at Xavier University in Louisiana.

Congratulations!

2008 Graduates

See **Section B** for Local Graduates

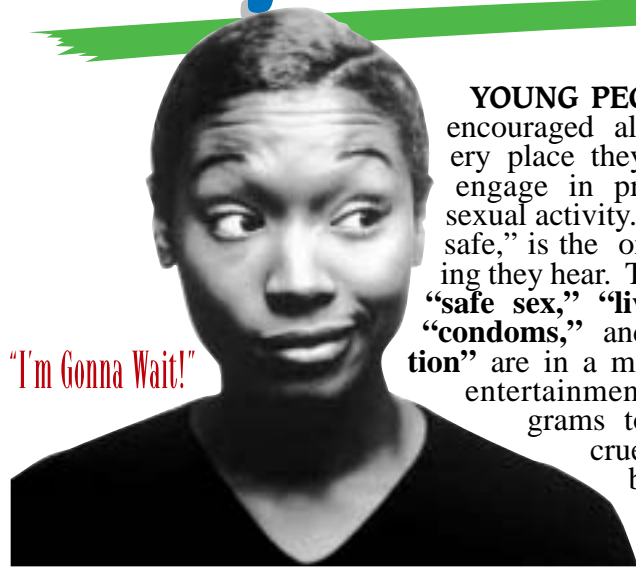


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Why You Should **WAIT** For **Sex**

by Pauline Kimber



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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

What's Going On in Our Community

Vote Against Poverty

Mayoral Forum at the Saroyan Theater on June 12th at 5:00 pm. Free refreshments.

Free Rising Up Summer Youth Program

Starting June 15-21 at 4pm to 7pm an exciting multi-cultural summer youth program promoting imagination, creativity, and investigation through reading, writing, math and science, music, dance culture, visual arts and leadership. Hosted by MLK Square and Westgate Apartments. Snacks and dinner provided. Space is limited. Free. For more info or to register call Jamillah Finley at 559-495-8015.

End of the School Year Barbecue

On June 13, 2008 from 2pm- 5:30pm at Carver Cafeteria there will be an end of the school year BBQ. Food, face painting, dance and music.

Santa's Village Carwash Fundraiser

On Saturday June 7 from 9am - 4pm and Sunday June 8 from 2pm 4pm a carwash will be held at the corner of Fresno & "C" Street. Donations accepted. All proceeds benefit Santa's Village for the children.

Summer Gospel Explosion

On July 5, 2008 is the Summer Gospel Explosion featuring The Stovall Pks, Jackie O, Keysha, Unleash the Revival. Also Men of Promise and others. Held at the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium. Tickets: \$15 advance \$20 at the door. Reserve seating \$25.

Doors open at 6pm. For more info call 559-709-0440.

Summer Fun at Youth For Christ

City Life VBS, 5 Daze of fun July 14-18, from 9am - 12pm. For more info call Cara Houssiere at 559-971-3024. Kingdom Krylon: Scripture Graffiti Art Tuesday and Thursdays starting June 17 thru August 19. For more info call Art Martinez at 559-975-6565. Creative Cooking 10am - 12pm Wednesday June 18 - Aug 20. For more info Sarah Stinebiser 559-307-5096. Artist in Motion 3pm-5pm Tap & Hip Hop Classes Thursday, June 26-August 21. For more info call Samantha Fields, 559-960-6374. For more info cOntact the intern listed above or the Youth for Christ office at 559-237-4741.

4th Annual 'Purpose Driven Life' Youth Day

This national amateur singing event will kick off at the Radisson Hotel at 2233 Ventura Street in Fresno, California on Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. Contestants range in age from 6 to 18 and are coming from across the United States to compete. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded. Workshops for all entries are scheduled for June 7th, 14th & 20th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. please call for more information. All participants must be accompanied by an adult. To enter call (559) 221-8089 or visit our website at www.unitedoneproductitons.org and download an entry application.

3rd Annual Conference and Purity Ball

Lady of God (LOG) Ministries, Inc. proudly presents the 3rd annual Conference and Purity Ball, June 20-21, 2008. The Ministry provides a 9-month biblical training focusing on topics such as sexual purity, modesty, friendships, and courtship, just to name a few. Conference seminars will be held on Friday, June 20th, from 8-4pm at Family Community Church. The Purity Ball will follow on Saturday, June 21st, from 7pm-11pm, at the Piccadilly Inn University. This year's theme: "Sons and Daughters of the King; Living Beyond the World's Standards." Visit our website to register for this year's Conference and Ball at ladiesofgod.org, or phone us today at (559) 360-5325.

Vacation Bible School

Where: Family Community Church
Date: June 16 - 20, 2008
Time: 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm (Mon-Thurs)
Time: 5:45 pm - 8:30 pm (Friday)

A light dinner meal will be served.

Classes for Preschool - Adult
Cost: Free

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- WAVE 2 Truth: *Jesus Is God's Son*
- WAVE 3 Truth: *Jesus Is The Only Way*
- WAVE 4 Truth: *the Bible Is God's Word*
- WAVE 5 Truth: *My Actions Show What I Believe*

Mark your calendars! Registration begins May 18, 2008

Registration Coordinator: Pam Lee 559-323-4442
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LOCAL NEWS

FAMILY COMMUNITY CHURCH: Christian Youth To Celebrate Conference & Purity Ball

Fresno, CA -

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It's not too late for Teens and Young adults to register (See below).

Note: There is no charge for participants.

Young Men

This year, the ministry is excited to announce the in-

clusion of its biblical training to young men ages 12-21. This Conference teaches them how to have a God-centered heart and a passion for living holy. Seminar discussions for the young men will include: "Living Consequences," "Living Holy," "Living Life!"

The Conference and Ball has grown to become a two-day event

Torella Minor, founder of LOG Ministries, was given this vision nearly two decades ago; to teach, train, and guide young ladies and gentlemen on how to live godly and pure lives in preparation for entry into young adulthood and marriage.

The Ministry provides a nine-month biblical training focusing on such topics as

sexual purity, modesty, friendships, and courtship, just to name a few.

Family Community Church has hosted the monthly seminars and annual conferences each year. And, each year the ministry has purposed to extend an invitation to all teens and young adults at no cost to them. The culmination of each year has been followed with a night of elegance - the Purity Ball.

Visit our secure website to register for this year's Conference and Ball at: ladiesofgod.org, or telephone (559) 360-5325.

Invite a friend, too. You will be glad you did!

Second Baptist Church Celebrates Pastor's Third Year Anniversary

FRESNO -

The Second Baptist Church at 1040 E. Jensen Ave., Fresno, Ca will celebrate the third year anniversary of Pastor Rev. Brian L. Brewer and First Lady Shalom Brewer, on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 5pm at the International Catering

Company, 4277 N. West Ave., Fresno.

The committee is asking for a donation of \$40 each for a delicious meal. Call church clerk Joyce Parker for tickets at 559-266-3009.

The Rev. Dr. Richard L. Daniels of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will

furnish the spiritual nourishment.

A special program on Sunday, June 22, at 3 p.m., will be held to celebrate the sacrifices and accomplishments of Pastor and First Lady. A meal will be served prior to the afternoon service at no charge.

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Study: More Blacks Than Whites Lose a Leg to Diabetes

BY JULIE APPLEBY, USA TODAY -

Blacks undergo leg amputations as a complication of diabetes at a far higher rate than whites, according to a study out today that also found blacks lag behind whites in breast cancer screening and diabetic tests. "There are remarkable disparities between blacks and whites and between communities," says Dartmouth Medical School professor and study lead author Elliott Fisher, who says health systems, economics, lifestyle, education and community resources all play a role in the differences.

The study, paid for by the non-profit Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, used data from Medicare to look at amputations, screening rates and other measures of quality care among the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The foundation is one of the nation's largest philanthropies and backs efforts to change the health care system.

Researchers studied amputation because it can indicate that diabetes patients have received inadequate preventive care. The study found:

- Across the USA, the rate of leg amputation is four times greater among black Medicare recipients than white.

- Black residents of Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina had 6 amputations per 1,000 Medicare enrollees, while black residents of Colorado and Nevada had fewer than 2 per 1,000.

- Overall amputation rates for both blacks and whites vary among states. Utah has the lowest rate at .5 amputations per 1,000 Medicare members, and Louisiana has the highest at 1.7 amputations per 1,000.

Fisher says patients undergo leg amputations partly because of the care they get and partly because of difficulties they may face in getting treatment. Other factors - such as whether patients smoke or exercise, or if they can afford the special shoes some diabetics need - also play a role, he says.

Blacks also were less likely than whites to get mammograms to check for breast cancer, although the size of the gap varied widely among states. In Illinois, for example, 63% of white female Medicare beneficiaries were screened for cancer, while only 51% of blacks were. In Massachusetts, the gap was narrow: 71.9% of whites were screened, 71.5% of blacks.

With the exception of Arizona and Kentucky, black

diabetic patients were less likely to get a recommended annual blood test than whites. The biggest gap was in Colorado, where 84% of whites were tested, 66% of blacks.

Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, president and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, says it will spend \$300 million over three years to fund programs nationwide and targeted in 14 regions to improve medical care and reduce racial and ethnic disparities.

Changes could include getting patients to regular doctor visits and stocking fresh produce at grocery stores, says John Buse, president for Medicine and Science at the American Diabetes Association, who did not work on the study.

Often, he says, patients who have leg amputations live in poorer communities and are either uninsured or have limited coverage. By the time they qualify for Medicare, they may be in bad shape.

"Once someone with modest resources and no health insurance becomes acutely ill or disabled, they can generally get Medicare or Medicaid," Buse says. "But often the price of admission for a patient with diabetes is a serious complication like blindness, kidney failure, amputation or stroke."

Black Farmers File New Suit Against the USDA

More than 800 black farmers filed a new lawsuit against the Agriculture Department just two weeks after Congress reopened a 1999 settlement over past discrimination.

The plaintiffs wasted little time in taking advantage of a provision in the recently enacted farm bill that allows fresh claims from those who were denied damages after missing earlier deadlines.

Some 75,000 people could fall into that group. If their suits are successful, the case could cost the government several billion dollars on top of the \$980 million in damages already paid under the original settlement.

The lawsuit, organized by the Virginia-based National Black Farmers Association,

was filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Washington. Nearly all the 823 farmers who sued are from the South, mostly from Alabama and Mississippi.

John Boyd, a black farmer who founded the group, said he expects another 5,000 to join the lawsuit soon.

The suit is the latest development in the federal government's April 1999 settlement of a class-action lawsuit from black farmers who claimed they were systematically denied loans and other aid from local USDA offices. About two-thirds of the nearly 22,500 farmers who filed suit were awarded damages.

Those who filed late argued that their lawyers made mistakes or they were not

aware of the deadline. The deadline was extended once for those who could show extraordinary circumstances. But federal courts repeatedly denied subsequent requests to reopen the settlement until Congress intervened with the farm bill.

The enacted bill permits plaintiffs to seek expedited claims of \$50,000 under a lower threshold of proof than a typical civil case. Plaintiffs also can seek larger damages in court.

The USDA and the Justice Department declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Critics have charged that farmers had plenty of time to win claims and that reopening the case will reward questionable claimants who may not have suffered losses.

Rock Pioneer Bo Diddley Dies at 79

Bo Diddley, a founding father of rock 'n' roll whose distinctive "shave and a haircut, two bits" rhythm and innovative guitar effects inspired legions of other musicians, died Monday after months of ill health. He was 79 years old.

Diddley died of heart failure at his home in Archer, Fla., spokeswoman Susan Clary said. He had suffered a heart attack in August, three months after suffering

a stroke while touring in Iowa. Doctors said the stroke affected his ability to speak, and he had returned to Florida to continue rehabilitation.

The legendary singer and performer, known for his homemade square guitar, dark glasses and black hat, was an inductee into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, had a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, and received a lifetime achievement award in 1999 at the

Grammy Awards. In recent years he also played for the elder President Bush and President Clinton.

Diddley appreciated the honors he received, "but it didn't put no figures in my checkbook."

"If you ain't got no money, ain't nobody calls you honey," he quipped.

The name Bo Diddley came from other youngsters when he was growing up in Chicago, he said in a 1999 interview.

Alpha Kappa Alpha to Host Historic June 28 Global Walk

CHICAGO, IL (BLACKNEWS.COM) -

On June 28, over 50,000 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will link arms in a synchronized ESP 1908 Global Centennial Walk to raise awareness about the importance of fitness. Stepping off at the same time, worldwide, the members will send a strong statement about the importance of Emotional, Spiritual and Physical health.

Leading the walk will be International President Barbara A. McKinzie, who will be joined by 50,000 members from nearly 1,000 chapters, as well as friends and families who recognize the significance of making one's health a priority.

Those participating include members from every region, as well as from Canada, Germany, the Virgin Islands and the Bahamas. The walk is being coordinated by AKA's International Program Committee, chaired by Loann Honesty King. In planning the in-sync walk, King declared that the walk is full of symbolism that revolves around the Sorority's Centennial.

"To commemorate the Sorority's founding year-1908-the contingent will walk a symbolic 1908 steps, which is approximately two miles," King said.

In setting to this historic walk, participants will all face in the direction of Washington, DC, where Al-

pha Kappa Alpha's Centennial convention takes place, July 11-18. After completing the two-mile walk, members will meet again at the Sorority's biennial convention on Sunday, July 13 in Washington. There, in another show of solidarity, members will walk 1908 steps to the Washington Convention Center. At the culmination of this event, President McKinzie will lead members into the Center and the historic Centennial convention will officially begin.

Joining the walk to the Convention Center on July 13 will be Dr. Ian Smith, medical/diet expert on VH1's highly-rated Celebrity Fit Club, host of Meet the

Faith on BET and his own nationally syndicated radio show HealthWatch on American Urban Radio Networks. Smith is also creator and founder of State Farm's "50 Million Pound Challenge," of which Alpha Kappa Alpha is a Challenge Champion. A vocal health advocate, he is expected to inspire the members with his rallying cry to lose weight and stay fit.

McKinzie explained that the Emotional, Spiritual and Physical walk adapts the ESP theme, the current administration's programmatic focus. This initiative specifically embraces Platform Five, which deals with Health Resource Management and Economics.

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Remarks of Senator Barack Obama on the Final Primary Night, June 3rd 2008...

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 you believed that this year must be different than all the rest; because you chose to listen not to your doubts or your fears but to your greatest hopes and highest aspirations, tonight we mark the end of one historic journey with the beginning of another – a journey that will bring a new and better day to America. Tonight, I can stand before you and say that I will be the Democratic nominee for President of the United States.

I want to thank every American who stood with us over the course of this campaign – through the good days and the bad; from the snows of Cedar Rapids to the sunshine of Sioux Falls. And tonight I also want to thank the men and woman who took this journey with me as fellow candidates for President.

At this defining moment for our nation, we should be proud that our party put forth one of the most talented, qualified field of individuals ever to run for this office. I have not just competed with them as rivals, I have learned from them as friends, as public servants, and as patriots who love America and are willing to work tirelessly to make this country better. They are leaders of this party, and leaders that America will turn to for years to come.

That is particularly true for the candidate who has traveled further on this journey than anyone else. Senator Hillary Clinton has made history in this campaign not just because she's a woman who has done what no woman has done before, but because she's a leader who inspires millions of Americans with her strength, her courage, and her commitment to the causes that brought us here tonight.

We've certainly had our differences over the last sixteen months. But as someone who's shared a stage with her many times, I can tell you that what gets Hillary Clinton up in the morning – even in the face of tough odds – is exactly what sent her and Bill Clinton to sign up for their first campaign in Texas all those years ago; what sent her to work at the Children's Defense Fund and made her fight for health care as First Lady; what led her to the United States Senate and fueled her barrier-breaking campaign for the presidency – an unyielding desire to improve the lives of ordinary Americans, no matter how difficult the fight may be. And you can rest assured that when we finally win the battle for universal health care in this country, she will be central to that victory. When we transform our energy policy and lift our children out of poverty, it will be because she worked to help make it happen. Our party and our country are better off because of her, and I am a better candidate for having had the honor to compete with Hillary Rodham Clinton.

There are those who say that this primary has somehow left us weaker and more divided. Well I say that because of this primary, there are millions of Americans who have cast their ballot for the very first time. There are Independents and Republicans who understand that this election isn't just about the party in charge of Washington, it's about the need to change Washington. There are young people, and African-Americans, and Latinos, and women of all ages who have voted in numbers that have broken records and inspired a nation.

All of you chose to support a candidate you believe in deeply. But at the end of the day, we aren't the reason you came out and waited in lines that stretched block after block to make your voice heard. You didn't do that because of me or Senator Clinton or anyone else. You did it because you know in your hearts that at this moment – a moment that will define a generation – we cannot afford to keep doing what we've been doing. We owe our children a better future. We owe our country a better future. And for all those who dream of that future tonight, I say – let us begin the work together. Let us unite in common effort to chart a new course for America.

In just a few short months, the Republican Party will arrive in St. Paul with a very different agenda. They will come here to nominate John McCain, a man who has served this country heroically. I honor that service, and I respect his many accomplishments, even if he chooses to deny mine. My differences with him are not personal; they are with the policies he has proposed in this campaign.

Because while John McCain can legitimately tout moments of independence from his party in the past, such independence has not been the hallmark of his presidential campaign.

It's not change when John McCain decided to stand with George Bush ninety-five percent of the time, as he did in the Senate last year.

It's not change when he offers four more years of Bush economic policies that have failed to create well-paying jobs, or insure our workers, or help Americans afford the skyrocketing cost of college – policies that have lowered the real incomes of the average American family, widened the gap between Wall Street and Main Street, and left our children with a mountain of debt.

And it's not change when he promises to continue a policy in Iraq that asks everything of our brave men and women in uniform and nothing of Iraqi politicians – a policy where all we look for are reasons to stay in Iraq, while we spend billions of dollars a month on a war that isn't making the American people any safer.

So I'll say this – there are many words to describe John McCain's attempt to pass off his embrace of George Bush's policies as bipartisan and new. But change is not one of them.

Change is a foreign policy that doesn't begin and end with a war that should've never been authorized and never been waged. I won't stand here and pretend that there are



Presidential candidate Barack Obama with actor Robert DeNiro

many good options left in Iraq, but what's not an option is leaving our troops in that country for the next hundred years – especially at a time when our military is overstretched, our nation is isolated, and nearly every other threat to America is being ignored.

We must be as careful getting out of Iraq as we were careless getting in – but start leaving we must. It's time for Iraqis to take responsibility for their future. It's time to rebuild our military and give our veterans the care they need and the benefits they deserve when they come home. It's time to refocus our efforts on al Qaeda's leadership and Afghanistan, and rally the world against the common threats of the 21st century – terrorism and nuclear weapons; climate change and poverty; genocide and disease. That's what change is.

Change is realizing that meeting today's threats requires not just our firepower, but the power of our diplomacy – tough, direct diplomacy where the President of the United States isn't afraid to let any petty dictator know where America stands and what we stand for. We must once again have the courage and conviction to lead the free world. That is the legacy of Roosevelt, and Truman, and Kennedy. That's what the American people want. That's what change is.

Change is building an economy that rewards not just wealth, but the work and workers who created it. It's understanding that the struggles facing working families can't be solved by spending billions of dollars on more tax breaks for big corporations and wealthy CEOs, but by giving a the middle-class a tax break, and investing in our crumbling infrastructure, and transforming how we use energy, and improving our schools, and renewing our commitment to science and innovation. It's understanding that fiscal responsibility and shared prosperity can go hand-in-hand, as they did when Bill Clinton was President.

John McCain has spent a lot of time talking about trips to Iraq in the last few weeks, but maybe if he spent some time taking trips to the cities and towns that have been hardest hit by this economy – cities in Michigan, and Ohio, and right here in Minnesota – he'd understand the kind of change that people are looking for.

Maybe if he went to Iowa and met the student who works the night shift after a full day of class and still can't pay the medical bills for a sister who's ill, he'd understand that she can't afford four more years of a health care plan that only takes care of the healthy and wealthy. She needs us to pass health care plan that guarantees insurance to every American who wants it and brings down premiums for every family who needs it. That's the change we need.

Maybe if he went to Pennsylvania and met the man who lost his job but can't even afford the gas to drive around and look for a new one, he'd understand that we can't afford four more years of our addiction to oil from dictators. That man needs us to pass an energy policy that works with automakers to raise fuel standards, and makes corporations pay for their pollution, and oil companies invest their record profits in a clean energy future – an energy policy that will create millions of new jobs that pay well and can't be outsourced. That's the change we need.

And maybe if he spent some time in the schools of South Carolina or St. Paul or where he spoke tonight in New Orleans, he'd understand that we can't afford to leave the money behind for No Child Left Behind; that we owe it to our children to invest in early childhood education; to recruit an army of new teachers and give them better pay and more support; to finally decide that in this global economy, the chance to get a college education should not be a privilege for the wealthy few, but the birthright of every American. That's the change we need in America. That's why I'm running for President.

The other side will come here in September and offer a very different set of policies and positions, and that is a debate I look forward to. It is a debate the American people deserve. But what you don't deserve is another election that's governed by fear, and innuendo, and division. What you won't hear from this campaign or this party is the kind of politics that uses religion as a wedge, and patriotism as a bludgeon – that sees our opponents not as competitors to challenge, but enemies to demonize. Because we may call ourselves Democrats and Republicans, but we are Americans first. We are always Americans first.

Despite what the good Senator from Arizona said tonight, I have seen people of differing views and opinions find common cause many times during my two decades in public life, and I have brought many together myself. I've walked arm-in-arm with community leaders on the South Side of Chicago and watched tensions fade as black, white, and Latino fought together for good jobs and good schools. I've sat across the table from law enforcement and civil rights advocates to reform a criminal justice system that sent thirteen innocent people to death row. And I've

worked with friends in the other party to provide more children with health insurance and more working families with a tax break; to curb the spread of nuclear weapons and ensure that the American people know where their tax dollars are being spent; and to reduce the influence of lobbyists who have all too often set the agenda in Washington.

In our country, I have found that this cooperation happens not because we agree on everything, but because behind all the labels and false divisions and categories that define us; beyond all the petty bickering and point-scoring in Washington, Americans are a decent, generous, compassionate people, united by common challenges and common hopes. And every so often, there are moments which call on that fundamental goodness to make this country great again.

So it was for that band of patriots who declared in a Philadelphia hall the formation of a more perfect union; and for all those who gave on the fields of Gettysburg and Antietam their last full measure of devotion to save that same union.

So it was for the Greatest Generation that conquered fear itself, and liberated a continent from tyranny, and made this country home to untold opportunity and prosperity.

So it was for the workers who stood out on the picket lines; the women who shattered glass ceilings; the children who braved a Selma bridge for freedom's cause.

So it has been for every generation that faced down the greatest challenges and the most improbable odds to leave their children a world that's better, and kinder, and more just.

And so it must be for us.

America, this is our moment. This is our time. Our time to turn the page on the policies of the past. Our time to bring new energy and new ideas to the challenges we face. Our time to offer a new direction for the country we love.

The journey will be difficult. The road will be long. I face this challenge with profound humility, and knowledge of my own limitations. But I also face it with limitless faith in the capacity of the American people. Because if we are willing to work for it, and fight for it, and believe in it, then I am absolutely certain that generations from now, we will be able to look back and tell our children that this was the moment when we began to provide care for the sick and good jobs to the jobless; this was the moment when the rise of the oceans began to slow and our planet began to heal; this was the moment when we ended a war and secured our nation and restored our image as the last, best hope on Earth. This was the moment – this was the time – when we came together to remake this great nation so that it may always reflect our very best selves, and our highest ideals. Thank you, God Bless you, and may God Bless the United States of America.

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Johnson served in the United States Marine Corp. from November 1955 through November 1958. In 1968 he graduated from Fresno State University with a B.S. in Business Administration; and from Pepperdine University in 1970 with MBA program business & finance, and graduated in 1980 from Stanford University Graduate School of Business & Finance. He gained employment with Lloyds Bank of London and, after a few years, became Vice President & Manager of the Los Angeles Airport Office.

While working at the bank, Johnson also became owner & president of Far West Investments, a Los Angeles Real Estate Investment Firm, Investments included: small shopping center and office, clothing mfg. co.; ladies clothing store, and approximately 100 rental homes & apartments in Los Angeles and the surrounding area, and 44 units in Fresno; and employed 45 employees. After 25 years he retired and moved his family to Fresno and started work with the U.S.



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Obama Wins Democratic Nomination...

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 teed as long as he gained 30 percent of the vote in South Dakota and Montana later in the day. It takes 2,118 delegates to clinch the nomination.

The 46-year-old first-term senator will face John McCain in the fall campaign to become the 44th president. The Arizona senator campaigned in Memphis during the day, and had no immediate reaction to Obama's victory.

Clinton stood ready to concede that her rival had amassed the delegates needed to triumph, according to officials in her campaign. They stressed that the New York senator did not intend to suspend or end her candidacy in a speech Tuesday night in New York. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they had not been authorized to divulge her plans.

Obama's triumph was fashioned on prodigious fundraising, meticulous organizing and his theme of change aimed at an electorate opposed to the Iraq war and worried about the economy — all harnessed to his own innate gifts as a campaigner.

With her husband's two-White House terms as a backdrop, Clinton campaigned for months as the candidate of experience, a former first lady and second-term senator ready, she said, to take over on Day One.

But after a year on the campaign trail, Obama won the kickoff Iowa caucuses on Jan. 3, and the freshman senator became something of an overnight political phe-

nomenon.

"We came together as Democrats, as Republicans and independents, to stand up and say we are one nation, we are one people and our time for change has come," he said that night in Des Moines.

A video produced by Will I. Am and built around Obama's "Yes, we can" rallying cry quickly went viral. It drew its one millionth hit within a few days of being posted.

As the strongest female presidential candidate in history, Clinton drew large, enthusiastic audiences. Yet Obama's were bigger still. One audience, in Dallas, famously cheered when he blew his nose on stage; a crowd of 75,000 turned out in Portland, Ore., the weekend before the state's May 20 primary.

The former first lady countered Obama's Iowa victory with an upset five days later in New Hampshire that set the stage for a campaign marathon as competitive as any in the last generation.

"Over the last week I listened to you, and in the process I found my own voice," she told supporters who had saved her candidacy from an early demise.

In defeat, Obama's aides concluded they had committed a cardinal sin of New Hampshire politics, forsaking small, intimate events in favor of speeches to large audiences inviting them to ratify Iowa's choice.

It was not a mistake they made again — which helped explain Obama's later outings to bowling alleys, backyard basketball hoops and

American Legion halls in the heartland.

Clinton conceded nothing, memorably knocking back a shot of Crown Royal whiskey at a bar in Indiana, recalling that her grandfather had taught her to use a shotgun, and driving in a pickup to a gas station in South Bend, Ind., to emphasize her support for a summertime suspension of the federal gasoline tax.

As other rivals quickly fell away in winter, the strongest black candidate in history and the strongest female White House contender traded victories on Super Tuesday, the Feb. 5 series of primaries and caucuses across 21 states and American Samoa that once seemed likely to settle the nomination.

But Clinton had a problem that Obama exploited, and he scored a coup she could not answer.

Pressed for cash, the former first lady ran noncompetitive campaigns in several Super Tuesday caucus states, allowing her rival to run up his delegate totals.

At the same time, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., endorsed the young senator in terms that summoned memories of his slain brothers while seeking to turn the page on the Clinton era.

In a reference that likened former President Clinton to Harry Truman: "There was another time, when another young candidate was running for president and challenging America to cross a new frontier. He faced criticism from the preceding Democratic president, who was widely respected in the party."

Merely by surviving Super Tuesday, Obama exceeded expectations.

But he did more than survive, emerging with a lead in delegates that he never relinquished, and proceeded to run off a string of 11 straight victories.

Clinton saved her candidacy once more with primary victories in Ohio and Texas on March 4, beginning a stretch in which she won primaries in six of the final nine states on the calendar, as well as in Puerto Rico.

It was a strong run, providing glimpses of what might have been for the one-time front-runner.

But by then Obama was well on his way to victory, Clinton and her allies stressed the popular vote instead of delegates. Yet he seemed to emerge from each loss with residual strength.

Obama's bigger-than-expected victory in North Carolina on May 6 offset his narrow defeat in Indiana the same day. Four days later, he overtook Clinton's lead among superdelegates, the party leaders she had hoped would award her the nomination on the basis of a strong showing in swing states.

Along the way, Obama showed an ability to weather the inevitable controversies, most notably one caused by the incendiary rhetoric of his former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

Clinton struggled with self-inflicted wounds. Most prominently, she claimed to have come under sniper fire as first lady more than a decade earlier while paying a visit to Bosnia.

Rice Congratulates Obama on Victory...

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 pected to end months ago.

Speaking at the State Department, Rice said: "The United States of America is an extraordinary country. It is a country that has overcome many, many, now years, decades, actually a couple of centuries of trying to make good on its principles. And I think what we are seeing is an extraordinary expression of the fact that 'We the people' is beginning to mean all of us."

Rice also congratulated Republican nominee-in-

waiting John McCain and Clinton on their campaigns.

"I look forward to viewing it all on the sidelines as a voter," said Rice, who has been mentioned as a possible running mate for McCain.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino also extended President George W. Bush's congratulations.

Bush did not call Obama, and Perino noted that former President Bill Clinton didn't call Bush when he won his party's nomination in 2000.

Clyburn Gets Emotional at Obama Victory...

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 he heard on South Carolina ETV's "The Big Picture on the Radio" program Friday at 9 a.m. South Carolina ETV is the public television and radio network in the Palmetto State.

Said Clyburn, "Well, to tell you the truth, I was anticipating an emotion which I did not want to share in public. I was at an event where we were all watching the returns and when we got to the point that they said that Senator Obama will be making that speech in a few minutes, I went home and sat alone to watch it. Because what I was feeling was indescribable and I was afraid that I would not be able to control my emotions...but I was able to do so. Sitting alone I felt that the 60-year journey was coming to fruition...it was in 1948, when the senator from SC, Strom Thurmond, walked out of the Democratic Party over the issue of integration—integrating the Armed

Forces. That's why he launched his states' rights campaign for president back in 1948. Here we are, 2008, 60 years later, and that same party has given its nomination for president to an African American."

Later in the interview, Clyburn was asked what he thought about a potential Obama/Clinton ticket:

"I think that what we will have to do is say to Senators Obama and Clinton, 'Please, retire somewhere alone. You guys decide whether or not you can in fact offer yourselves up to the public in that way. Is the trust there? Are the loyalties there? Is the chemistry there? If Obama does not trust Clinton, if Clinton is not loyal to Obama, if the voting public can't see the chemistry that needs to be there, then it should not happen...Can (an Obama/Clinton ticket) work? Yes, it can. Will it work? I don't know.'"

World Welcomes Obama Victory...

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 ma's family on his father's side, the Kenya Times newspaper devoted its front page to Obama's victory, under the headline "Obama makes history."

"Obama waits on the threshold of history," the Times of London declared.

"I've just watched him on television, and as a family we are very happy. Really, it is something that is a trendsetter," the politician's uncle, Said Obama, told The Associated Press from the port city of Kisumu in western Kenya.

Indonesians were rooting for the man they consider to be a hometown hero. Obama lived in the predominantly Muslim nation from age 6 to 10 with his mother and Indonesian stepfather and was fondly remembered by for-

mer teachers and classmates.

"He would play ball during recess until he was dripping with sweat," said Widianto Hendro Cahyono, 48, who was in the same third-grade class as Obama at SDN Menteng elementary school in Jakarta.

In Mexico City, hairdresser Susan Mendoza's eyes lit up when she learned Obama had clinched the nomination.

"Bush was for the elite. Obama is of the people," she said.

The German government's coordinator on U.S. relations, Karsten Voigt, said many Germans "find (Obama's) mixture of Martin Luther King and John F. Kennedy very attractive."

In an editorial, the Times newspaper of London said Obama's campaign "has

rekindled America's faith in its prodigious powers of reinvention — and the world's admiration for America."

Obama opposed the invasion of Iraq and has called for an early troop withdrawal. He also has shown willingness to engage in dialogue with Iran, North Korea and Cuba — nations long isolated by the policies of Bush.

"He seems to be a peace lover," said Ngo Van Hung, a Vietnamese real-estate salesman. "He would have a better understanding of how to treat people of different nationalities and different countries."

A Chinese scholar said that while he did not expect major changes in U.S. foreign policy, an Obama White House would have a very

different tone to a Bush one.

"He will bring new energy into America's domestic politics and foreign policies," said Zhu Feng, deputy director at the Center of International and Strategic Studies at Peking University in Beijing. "It's a good choice for the Democrats."

Obama, however, has made himself unpopular in Pakistan by saying the United States should act alone on information about terrorist targets within the country's national borders, leading some to believe he will not be any different from Bush.

"Obama has threatened attacks against us even before becoming the president, and he will be more dangerous compared to Bush," said Ibrar Ahmad, 34, a lecturer at the Government College in Multan.

Under Pressure, Clinton Finally Steps Aside...

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 campaign said the event was moved from Friday to Saturday to allow more people to attend.

The news came after a day of hand-wringing and tealeaf reading over Clinton's failure to concede the race to Obama on Tuesday night, after he had surpassed the 2,118 party delegates needed to clinch the nomination.

As the pair made back-to-back speeches Wednesday to an important group in presidential politics, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, it seemed like just another day on the campaign trail. But the primary season is over — and not a minute too soon for some Democrats.

While some in the party urged patience in allowing Clinton time to accept defeat, others said it was time to move on. Top Democrats, led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, said in a pointed statement that "Democrats must now turn our full attention to the general election."

Even some Clinton supporters made clear that they were hoping for closure. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., a

home-state stalwart for Clinton, said it was "confusing" that she hadn't endorsed Obama. "There's only one candidate out there," he said on MSNBC. "The time has come."

Another backer, Hilary Rosen, said she was disappointed at Clinton's lack of "grace." By failing to concede, Rosen wrote at The Huffington Post, "she left her supporters empty, Obama's angry, and party leaders trashing her."

The former first lady's journey from flush front-runner to debt-ridden runner-up in the Democratic nomination race is a tale of overconfidence, bad choices and unfortunate timing.

Even so, Clinton finished the season on a winning streak, and as Obama became the first African-American presidential nominee by a major party, she made history as well. Her expertise on economic issues and her late emergence as a populist fighting for ordinary people helped her win more contests than she lost during the last three months. She earned more than 17 million votes

and gave millions hope that they'd see a woman president before they die.

After months of frenetic campaigning, Clinton seemed to be downshifting slowly and edging into her new status. Though she did not acknowledge Obama as the nominee at her AIPAC appearance, she came close.

"The next Democratic president" will be committed to Israel's security, she said, and continued, "I know Sen. Obama understands what it is at stake here. ... Let me be very clear: I know that Sen. Obama will be a good friend to Israel."

On the other hand, Clinton also underscored her differences with Obama, among them support for a Senate resolution that labeled the Iranian Guard a terrorist organization. (Obama said it could be interpreted as a blank check to attack Iran.) Her speech was more militant than his, and she received a more rousing reception.

The senator visited her campaign headquarters Wednesday and conferred by phone with party leaders and convention delegates.

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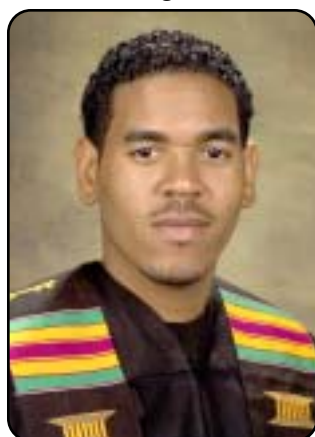
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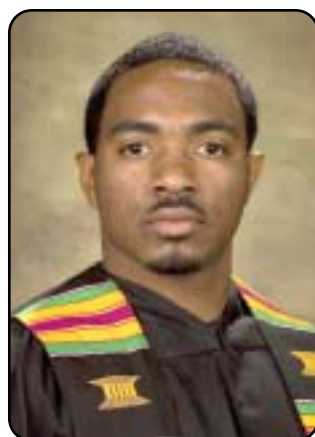
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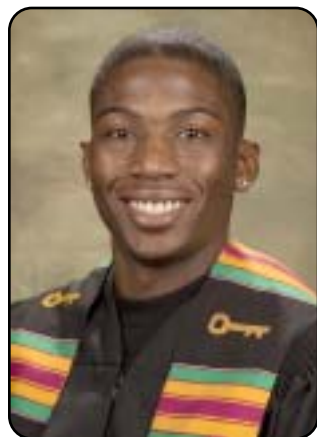
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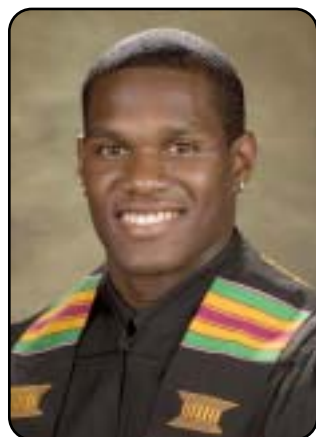
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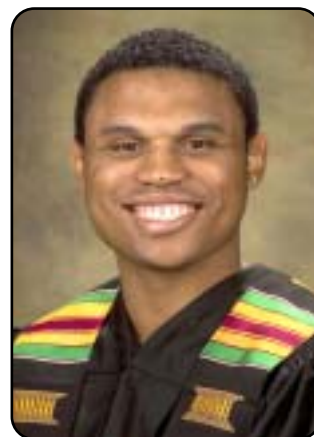
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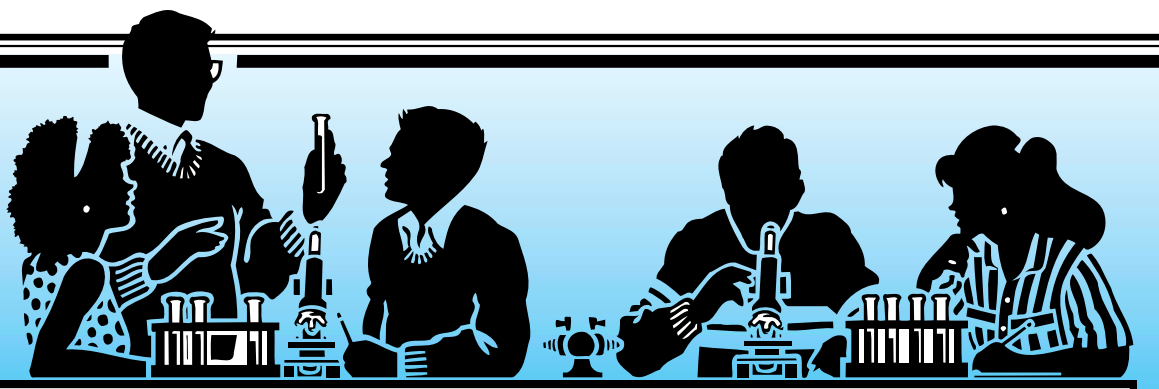
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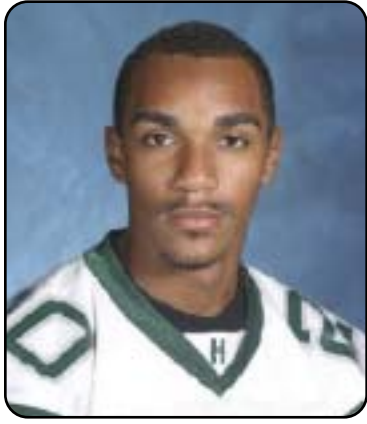
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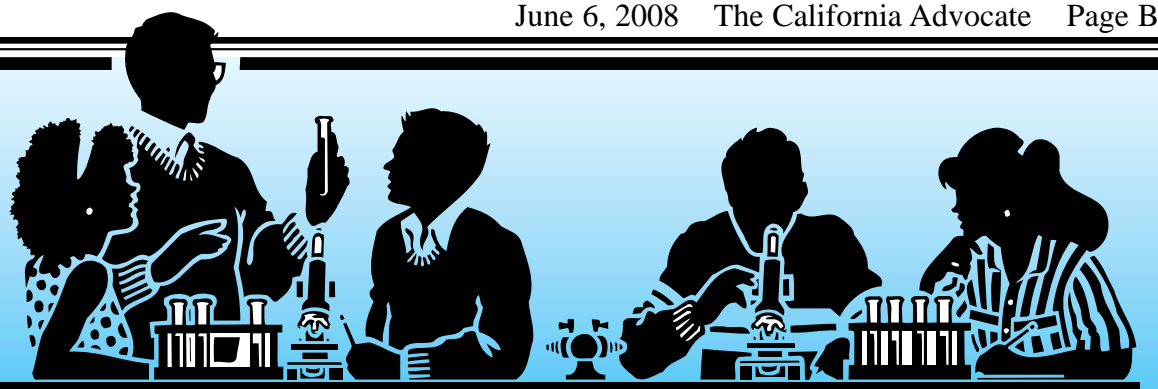
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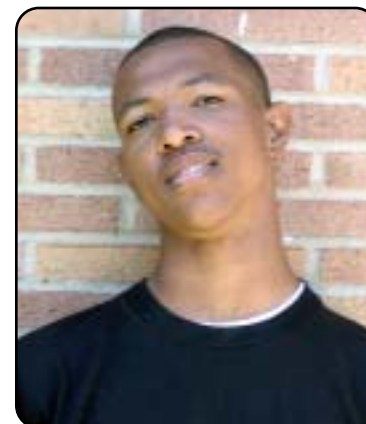
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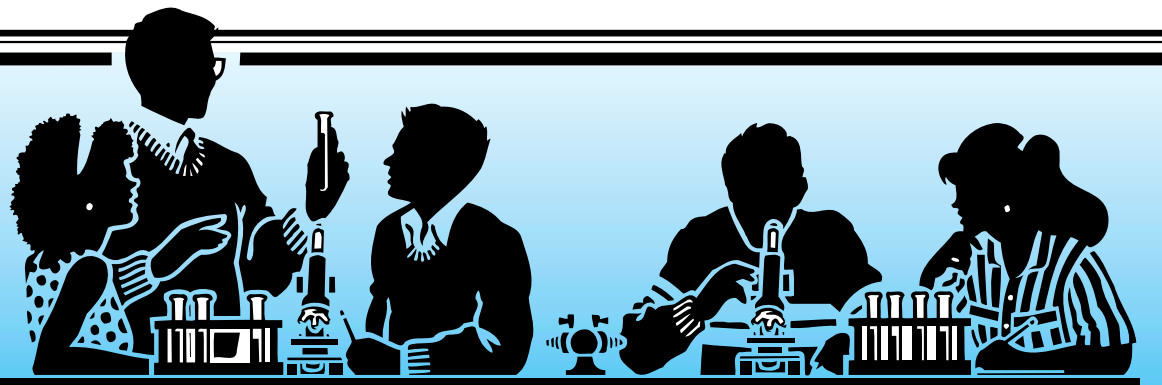
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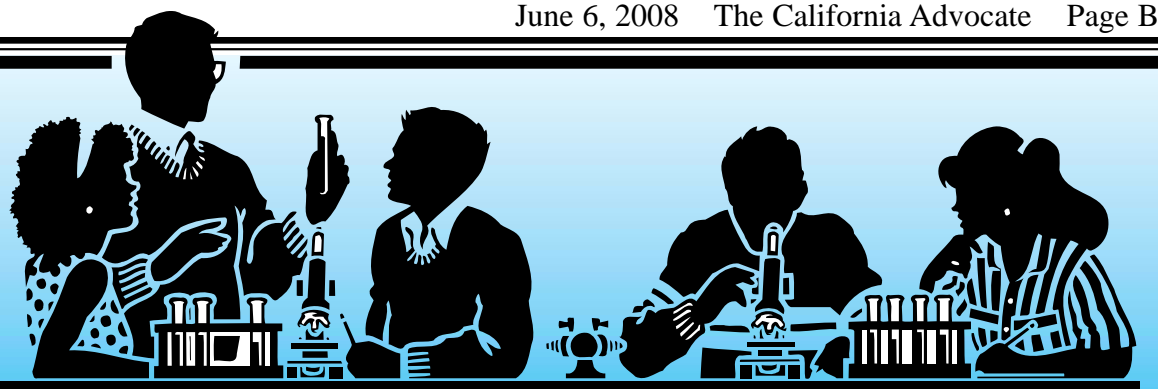


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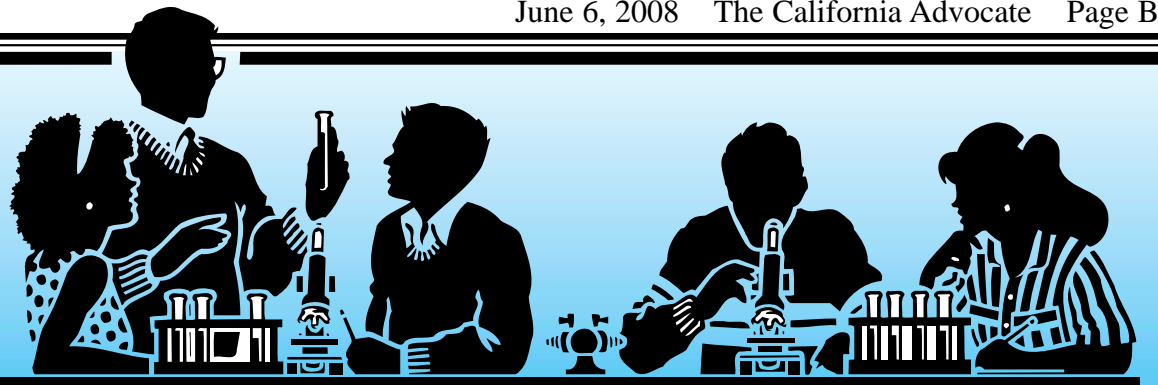
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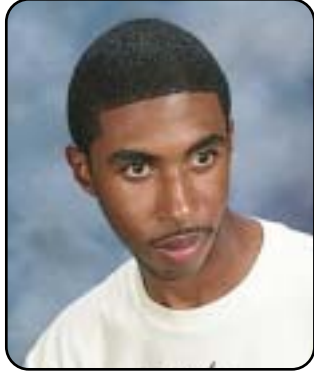
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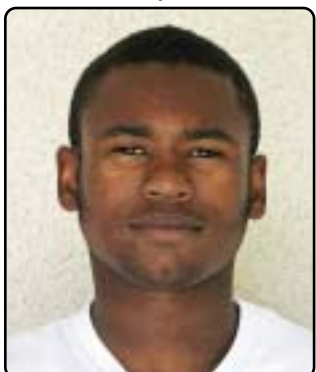
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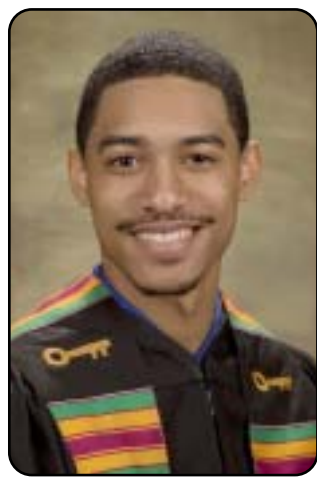
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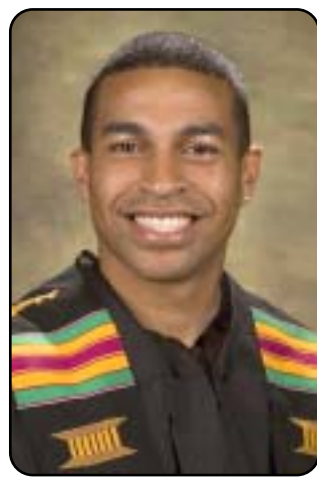
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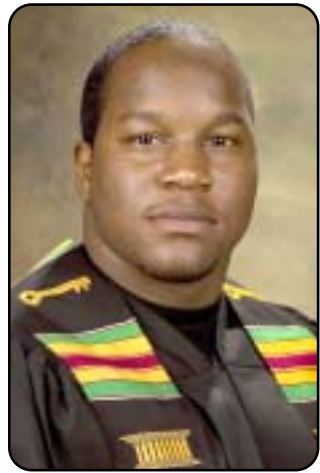
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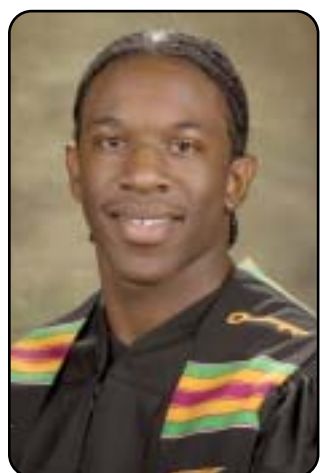
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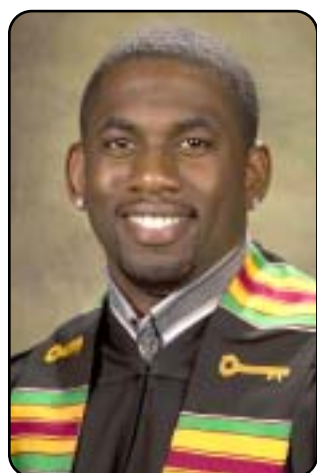
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