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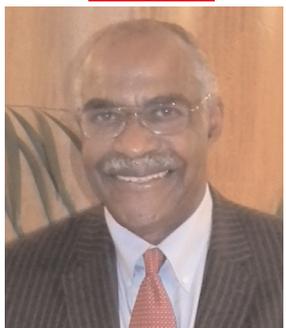
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KNIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOR

By **Aundra Bryant**
Tallahassee, Florida

The Order of the Knights of Pythias is an international fraternal organization which was founded in Washington, D.C., February 19, 1864 by Justus H. Rathbone. The first African American Pythian lodge was organized in Vicksburg, Mississippi, April 1880 by Dr. T. W. Stringer, and known as Lightfoot Lodge N0.1. The primary objective of this fraternal organization is to promote friendship among men and to relieve suffering in our society. The Knights of Pythias organization is based upon the lessons of the familiar story of Damon and Pythias, two great friends whose bond went beyond that of mutual trust and respect. As a result of this dynamic friendship, the principles of this order, friendship, charity and benevolence are taught among the membership. It was not until the Negro lodges received an executive order from Congress that they were recognized by the other white pythian lodges.

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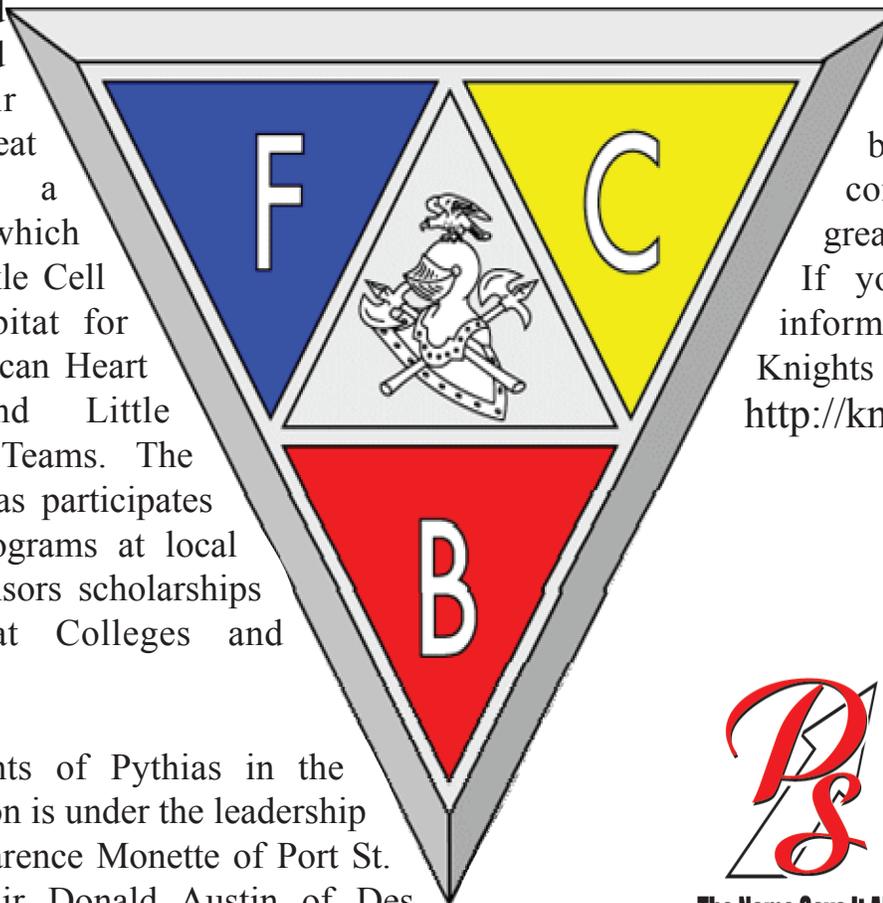


Aundra Bryant

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who are willing to devote time, talent and treasure to the betterment of our community to join these great group of brave knights.

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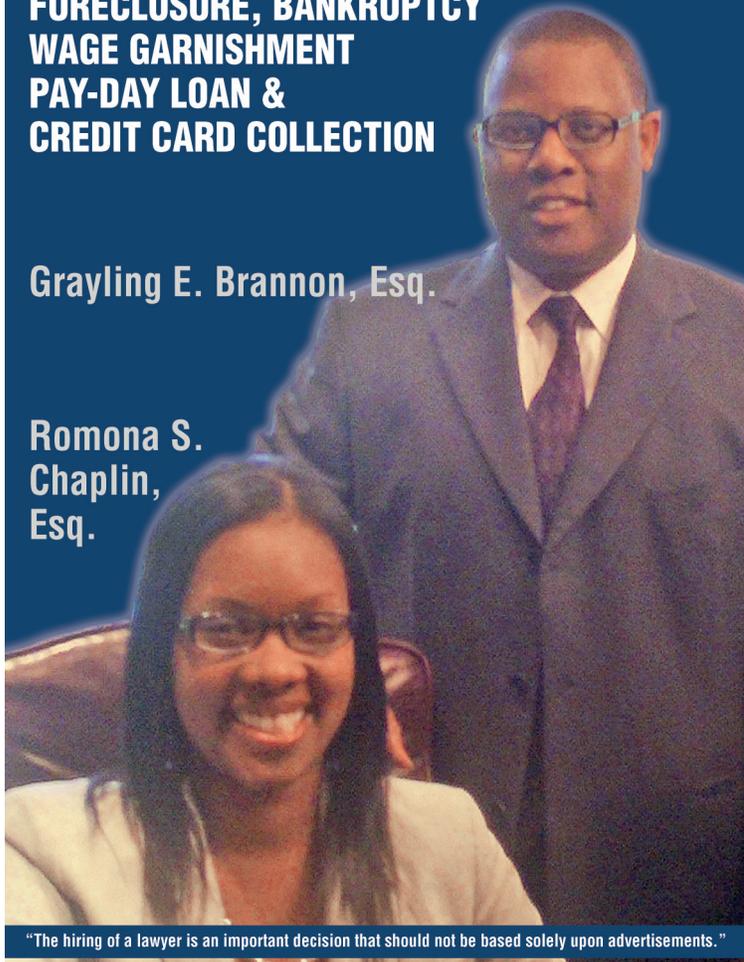
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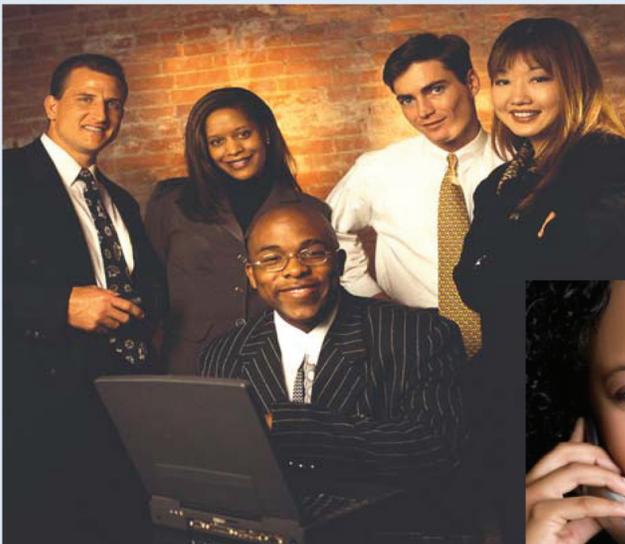
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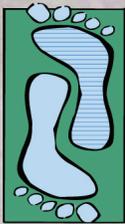
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TIGER WOODS... STILL ON TOP

Tiger Woods has had a rocky two years — on and off the field — but remains the top-paid athlete in the world. Woods hasn't won a golf tournament in 20 months and has lost sponsorship deals with Accenture, AT&T, Gillette and PepsiCo since his marital infidelities surfaced. Still, Woods remained at No. 1 in Forbes' annual report on athletes' earnings.

Woods, 35, earned \$75 million in prize money, appearance fees, licensing and endorsement income in the 12 months ending May 1. Los Angeles Lakers star guard Kobe Bryant ranked No. 2 on the list with \$53 million in earnings. Miami Heat star LeBron James (\$48 million), tennis star Roger Federer (\$47 million) and golfer Phil Mickelson (\$46.5 million) round out the top five.

Woods, whose annual income has dropped \$50 million since its peak two years ago, remained on top because of his lucrative business deals with Nike and Electronic Arts, according to Forbes. Nike, with Woods as the face, launched a golf division in 1998 and last year reported sales of \$638 million. EA has produced the "Tiger Woods PGA Tour" video game for 14 years now, and this year's version sold a record 225,000 units in its first month on sale, according to Forbes.

Forbes' Top 50

1. Tiger Woods, \$75 million



Tiger Woods is still earning the most money out of any athlete in the world.

2. Kobe Bryant, \$53 million
 3. LeBron James, \$48 million
 4. Roger Federer, \$47 million
 5. Phil Mickelson, \$46.5 million
 6. David Beckham, \$40 million
 7. Cristiano Ronaldo, \$38 million
 8. Alex Rodriguez Baseball 35 \$35 million
 9. Michael Schumacher, \$34 million
 10. Lionel Messi, \$32.3 million
 11. Fernando Alonso, \$32 million

12. Rafael Nadal, \$31.5 million
 13. Valentino Rossi, \$31 million
 14. Tom Brady, \$31 million
 15. Lewis Hamilton, \$30 million
 16. Derek Jeter, \$29 million
 17. Dale Earnhardt Jr., \$28.5 million
 18. Yao Ming, \$27.7 million
 19. Dwight Howard, \$27.6 million
 20. Dwayne Wade, \$26.2 million
 21. Peyton Manning, \$26.1 million
 22. Ichiro Suzuki, \$26 million
 23. Carmelo Anthony, \$25.1 million
 24. Kaka, \$25 million
 25. Manny Pacquiao, \$25 million
 26. Jeff Gordon, \$24.9 million
 27. Rinaldinho, \$24.7 million
 28. Amare Stoudemire, \$24.5 million
 29. Maria Sharapova, \$24.2 million
 30. Wayne Rooney, \$24.1 million
 31. Jimmie Johnson, \$24 million
 32. Kevin Garnett, \$23.8 million
 33. C.C. Sabathia, \$23.6 million
 34. Jim Furyk, \$23 million
 35. Vince Carter, \$21.8 million
 36. Johan Santana, \$21.5 million
 37. Tim Duncan, \$21.2 million
 38. Chris Paul, \$20.9 million
 39. Mark Teixeira, \$20.8 million
 40. Ryan Howard, \$20.8 million

41. Miguel Cabrera, \$20.3 million
 42. Rashard Lewis, \$20.1 million
 43. Todd Helton, \$19.6 million
 44. Ernie Els, \$19.6 million
 45. Joe Mauer, \$19.3 million
 46. Dirk Nowitzki, \$19.3 million
 47. Barry Zito, \$19.2 million
 48. Jahri Evans, \$19.1 million
 49. Pau Gasol, \$18.9 million
 50. Michael Redd, \$18.8 million

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Grigsby & Associates is also the second oldest minority investment banking firm in California. Since the firm's establishment as a corporation by Calvin Grigsby in 1981, Grigsby & Associates has helped local governments to raise well over \$400 billion in tax exempt capital for basic infrastructure, utility, housing, education, transportation, redevelopment and general funding needs. In addition, the firm has helped arrange \$10 billion in public and private corporate offerings. Grigsby & Associates' private financings include, a \$50 million financing for Pepsi-Cola bottling plant upon their reentry in post-apartheid South Africa in 1994 and such films as "The Commitments," "Sugar Hill" and "Get on the Bus."

With offices in San Francisco, New York City and other locations in the USA, Grigsby & Associates has participated in over 2,060 public finance transactions with a total principal value of \$296.655 billion. As the nation's first minority-owned, full-service investment banking firm, they have managed the first 19 public finance transactions managed by an African American firm. By 1997 the firm had managed over 66% of the public finance transactions managed by minority owned firms and were ranked number 1 in Black Enterprise investment banker rankings.

Calvin Grigsby has been involved in public finance since becoming a member of the California Bar in 1972, and has continued his entire working career. Mr. Grigsby, in addition to being a FINRA registered and licensed Municipal Securities Principal, and Financial and Operations Principal, and General Securities Principal, has, per Securities Data, served as sole bond counsel on over 100 separate municipal issues and is a graduate of the Wharton School/FINRA certification program to be designated a Certified Regulatory and Compliance Professional (CRCP).

Commitment to Excellence as a Minority Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) – Grigsby & Associate's top 10 senior manager ranking in 1995 was the highest ever achieved by a minority owned firm through 2009. The firm has been continually registered and in good standing with FINRA, MSRB and the SEC since 1982. "We proved publicly that we have always acted within the highest ethical standards of the municipal securities industry and will continue to adhere to such high business principles," Mr. Grigsby states. Unlike almost all of the major Wall Street firms in public finance who have agreed to "consent decrees" paying substantial fines and receiving SEC sanctions for fraud, yield burning, late trading in mutual funds and other abuses, the SEC issued



Grigsby & Associates a Letter of No Enforcement after advising Mr. Grigsby that all of our public finance transactions had been conducted in an exemplary manner.

Innovative Financing Ideas – Grigsby & Associates ability to develop and implement innovative financing strategies designed to address individual clients’ financing needs is one of the company’s strongest competitive advantages. The firm developed and completed the first rated, public offered Certificate of Participation issue in public finance (Univ. of Hawaii 1979), the first tax advantaged leveraged lease using private equity (Dade County Seaport 1980), the first tax-exempt pension obligation refinancing bonds (City of Berkeley 1986), the first Leasehold Variable Rate Tax Increment Bonds San Jose Redevelopment Agency 1986), the first COP cross-over refunding (Solano County 1985), the first pooled water revenue bond (Michigan 1994) and the first transit agency issue backed by Federal Transportation grants (BART 1980), among other innovations.

In 1997, after been ranked by Securities Data as high as number 10 for senior managing long-term negotiated public finance transactions, the firm dropped to the lowest level in the rankings following national press coverage of federal

charges against Mr. Grigsby—even though the Court dismissed all of the charges after hearing prosecution evidence against Mr. Grigsby in his first trial. Following Mr. Grigsby’s acquittal of all charges in 1998, and it is now known that the charges were founded on fabricated and manipulated evidence.

Following conclusion of the investigation, the SEC Regional General Counsel advised Mr. Grigsby that the SEC review showed that all his work, transactions and record keeping had been “exemplary” and that this was the first major SEC investigation of any firm that resulted in termination with no enforcement action.

With the receipt of this letter, Mr. Grigsby went back to public finance marketing against tough competition who did not hesitate to leave Googled articles of the Miami charges (but not the acquittals) on the chair of every governing body representative when Grigsby was being considered for a position in the sales syndicate. Even though Mr. Grigsby had two federal judge directed acquittals without putting on one shred of evidence because there were no valid charges to defend, not

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B.E. INVESTMENT BANKS							
RANK	LAST YEAR	COMPANY	LOCATION	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	YEAR STARTED	SENIOR-MANAGED ISSUES* (Millions of dollars)	CO-MANAGED ISSUES* (Billions of dollars)
1	2	Grigsby Brandford & Co. Inc.	San Francisco, CA	Calvin B. Grigsby	1981	633.8	17,792.1
2	1	Pryor, McClendon, Counts & Co.	Philadelphia, PA	Malcolm D. Pryor	1981	194.8	17,611.2
3	4	WR Lazard & Co.	New York, NY	M.A. Eubanks, K. E. Glover	1985	207.6	15,654.2
4	3	M.R. Beal & Co.	New York, NY	Bernard B. Beal	1988	77.1	10,336.8
5	10	Utendahl Capital Partners L.P.	New York, NY	John O. Utendahl	1992	946.9	5,360.2
6	9	Apex Securities Inc.	Houston, TX	Richard M. Ramirez	1987	4.6	4,408.9
7	–	Blaylock & Partners L.P.	New York, NY	Ronald E. Blaylock	1993	500.0	2,881.4
8	5	Chapman Co.	Baltimore, MD	Nathan A. Chapman Jr.	1986	1.5	2,744.0
9	6	Howard Gary & Co.	Miami, FL	Howard V. Gary	1980	439.7	2,405.9
10	7	Charles A. Bell Securities Corp.	San Francisco, CA	Charles A. Bell	1986	15.9	1,641.8
11	12	Sturdivant & Co. Inc.	Clementon, NJ	Albert A. Sturdivant	1988	**	1,270.6
12	14	Doley Securities Inc.	New Orleans, LA	Harold E. Doley	1976	**	1,072.2
13	11	United Daniels Securities Inc.	New York, NY	Willie L. Daniels	1984	2.2	691.9
14	15	I. C. Rideau, Lyons Co. Inc.	Los Angeles, CA	Lamar Lyons	1985	14.7	485.8
15	–	Powell Capital Markets Inc.	Newark, NJ	Arthur F. Powell	1990	133.5	334.8

*This is for all issues including municipal, agency, corporate and mortgage-backed securities for the year ending Dec. 31, 1994.
 **These investment banks did not participate as senior managers for municipal, agency, corporate and mortgage-backed securities for the year ending Dec. 31, 1994.
 Source: Securities Data Co. Inc., Newark, N.J. 1994.

CALVIN GRIGSBY

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one paper discussed the nature of the fabricated evidence that compelled the courts to throw out the charges with jury acquittals of the few that remained.

The first big break on the comeback trail came when in February of 2003, after a complete review by the California State Attorney General, Grigsby was readmitted into the State of California Bond syndicate by Treasurer Phil Angelides.

Grigsby & Associates started out in 1985 ranked 169 and by the last quarter in 1988 were ranked in the top ten. This rapid rise in the rankings had never been accomplished by any firm black or white and was attributable primarily to our creation of publicly rated Certificates of Participation, Pension Bond, Cross-Over Refundings and Reimbursement Bonds - all new and innovative public financings.

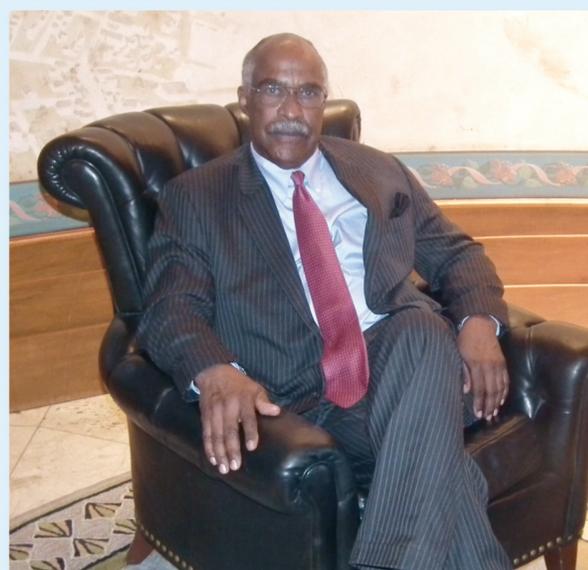
From 1988 to 1996 the firm was in the top ten nationally as a co manager - our quarterly rankings never dropped below 22 and got to as high as number 4 in 1995. In the last 8 quarters before Miami hit in September 1996, the firm had completed 148 senior managed transactions worth \$2.5 billion. After Miami hit the newspapers, by the end of 1996 our business dried up completely. However the firm continued in good standing with all regulatory agencies and changed its format to equity trading during the Miami trials.

We ended 2010 with 18 deals in the last quarter, a 4.6% market share, and are now poised to turn the momentum into a “break-out” year in 2011.

Last year was the best yet for Grigsby & Associates. *Black Enterprise* ranked Grigsby & Associates, Inc. #5 for Tax-Exempt Securities in its BE100s – The Nation’s Largest Black Businesses, June 2011 edition. Our co-managed volume increased from 26 deals in 2009 to 38 deals in 2010. We also moved up slightly in senior managed rankings. Our client list since 2003 now includes most of the larger issuers in the U.S. and many smaller issuers, as well. Our financial advisory business has also increased with clients such as BART, Shreveport, New Orleans RTA and Prince Georges County, Md. Last year among minority owned firms, full credit to each manager, the firm ranked #10.

Total dollar amount and number of issues for Taxable and Tax-exempt securities from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2010:

Taxable Securities		Tax-Exempt Securities	
Lead Issues (in millions)	\$30,550,000	Lead Issues (in millions)	\$249,585,000
Number of Lead Issues	3	Number of Lead Issues	6
Co-Lead Issues (in millions)	\$2,664,565,000	Co-Lead Issues (in millions)	\$19,719,745,000
Number of Co-Lead Issues	15	Number of Co-Lead Issues	23
Total Issues (in millions)	\$2,695,115,000	Total Issues (in millions)	\$19,969,330,000
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POISONS THAT KEEP US FROM PROSPERING

By Pastor Leon R. Bing

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Proverbs 6:12-19 NLT

12 Here is a description of worthless and wicked people: They are constant liars,

13 signaling their true intentions to their friends by making signs with their eyes and feet and fingers.

14 Their perverted hearts plot evil. They stir up trouble constantly.

15 But they will be destroyed suddenly, broken beyond all hope of healing.

16 There are six things the LORD hates — no, seven things he detests:

17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent,

18 a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong,

19 a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord among brothers.

In this passage of scripture, I would like to point out poisons that can keep us from prospering. These are things that God hates to see operating in our lives. In verses 12 – 15, we see the effects of people with these poisons operating in them.

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15 But they will be destroyed suddenly, broken beyond all hope of healing.

They are constant liars, deceivers, and have perverted hearts that plot evil and stir up trouble constantly. Over the past few years, how many of you have been lied to or deceived in business dealings? It could have been that lemon of a car you purchased, or that bad home loan, or any other venture you bought into that was promised to be one thing but turned out to be something else.

These are people who live with poisons in them that give them a false sense of prospering. In the end God will have the final say, and all that they thought they gained will be destroyed. Look how many people have nearly sent this country into financial ruin because of their deceit. From the Wall Street Bankers, to the independent business person who have scammed from the widow next door to you.

One thing for sure is that God does not want you to be named with any of these evil doers! So Solomon tells us in verses 16 – 19, the six things that God hates!

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18 a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong,

19 a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord among brothers.

Let's take a look at each of these things that the Lord hates (taken from Mathew Henry Commentary):

1. **A proud look** - Haughtiness, conceitedness of ourselves, and contempt of others. There are seven things that God hates, and **pride is first**, because it is at the bottom of much sin and gives rise to it.

2. Falsehood, and fraud, and dissimulation. Next to a proud look nothing is more an abomination to God than **a lying tongue**; there is nothing more sacred than truth, nor more necessary to conversation than speaking truth. **God and all good men hate and abhor lying.**

3. Cruelty and blood-thirstiness. The devil was, from the beginning, a liar and a murderer (John 8:44), and therefore, as a lying tongue, so **hands that shed innocent blood** are hateful to God, because they have in them the devil's image and do him service.

John 8:44

For you are the children of your father the Devil and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning and has always hated the truth. There is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. NLT

4. **A heart that designs and a head that devises wicked imaginations**, is acquainted with the depths of Satan and knows how to carry on a covetous, envious, revengeful plot, most effectually. The more there is of craft and management in sin, the more it is an abomination to God.

5. **Feet that are swift in running to mischief** are if they were afraid of losing time or were impatient of delay in a thing they are so greedy of.

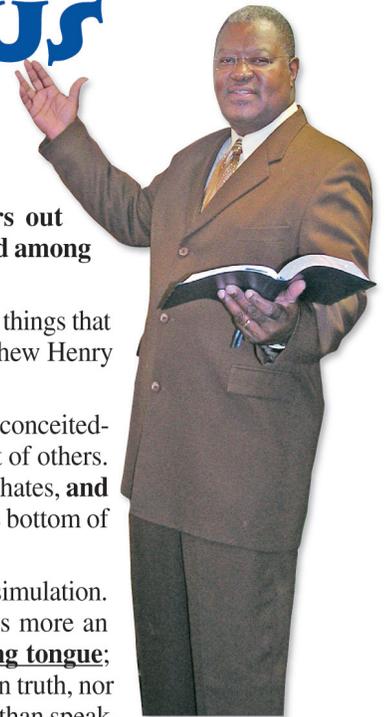
6. **False-witness bearing**, is one of the greatest mischief's that the wicked imagination can devise, and against which there is the least protection.

There cannot be a greater disrespect to God or a greater injury to our neighbor than knowingly to give in a false testimony. There are seven things which God hates, and lying involves two of them.

7. The God of love and peace **hates him that sows discord among brethren**, for he delights in unity.

Making mischief between relationships and neighbors, and using all wicked means possible, not only to alienate their affections one from another, but to irritate their passions one against another is something that God hates.

When we can remove these poisons from our bodies, we can become stronger, more prosperous Christians. It is these little things that most Christians overlook in their lives that they don't realize that is keeping them from prospering. For these little things are very big in God's eyes! Let's make the corrections in our lives and go forward in prospering in the Lord!



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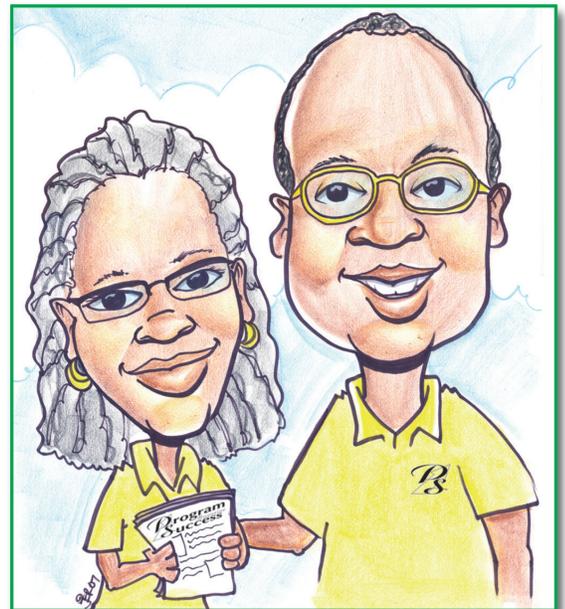
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BLACK CRUISE CLUB OFFERS UPSCALE CRUISES FOR AFFLUENT BLACK AMERICANS

Atlanta, GA - Black Cruise Club (www.BlackCruiseClub.com), a travel agency organizing black cruises, is attracting the attention of black vacationers nationwide. The company's website, BlackCruiseClub.com is promoting annual black cruises in which people from all over the country are invited to enjoy several days of fun and social interaction on the open seas. Destinations will include The Caribbean, as well as Europe and Alaska.

While Black Cruise Club is not the only company promoting black cruises, it is one of the only that also happens to be a professional cruise travel agency, so it knows the cruise business well. "An in-depth understanding of the cruise business is important for passengers who depend on us to handle the details of their cruise vacation," says Aubrey Williams, founder of Black Cruise Club. While some other black cruises are organized by small, independent event promoters, Black Cruise Club has the backing of a large franchise possessing the knowledge and resources to be more effective in the cruise industry.

Williams started Black Cruise Club to provide a better option for black cruises to young black professionals, as well as the black middle-aged cruise market and black retirees. "While everyone is



welcome on our black cruises, we don't focus on the college party groups as some black cruise promoters do," says Williams. A broader focus caters to a wider range of people on these cruises, so you're likely to see young professionals, moms, dads, and grandparents, as well as singles and couples.

Another differentiating factor of Black Cruise Club is that it caters mostly to well-off black Americans. That being said, their annual group cruises lean toward the larger, nicer cruise ships as opposed to the older, smaller vessels. Black Cruise Club clients expect a more upscale experience, hence BCC's selection of only balcony staterooms on some cruises, rather than the lower-cost inside cabins that don't have balconies or windows. "Our clients can afford better choices, and that's exactly what they expect," says Williams.

While the name Black Cruise Club might imply that there's something to join, it's totally open to the public. At this time, formal membership is not a requirement, and association with the club is limited to "liking" its Facebook page - no cruise booking required.

About Black Cruise Club:

Black Cruise Club is a project of Cruise Holidays franchise owner Aubrey Williams. Black Cruise Club organizes annual black cruises on cruise lines such as Royal Caribbean, Holland America, Celebrity, Princess, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Carnival Cruise Lines, and more. For more information, contact (888) 870-0004 or email awilliams@cruiseholidays.com or visit www.BlackCruiseClub.com

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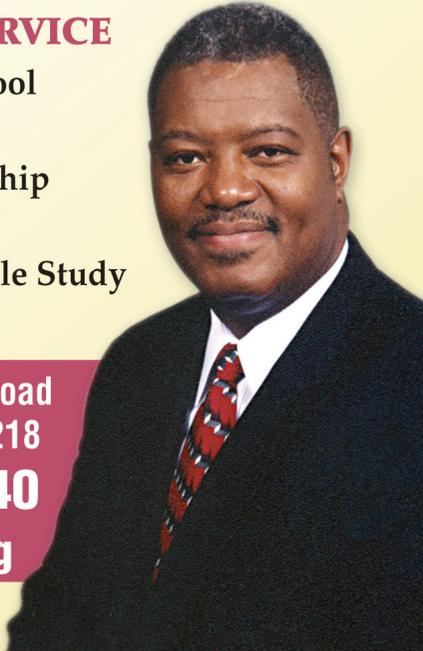
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President Obama Expresses Concern About Slowing Economy

President Barack Obama expressed concern about the sudden slowdown in the economy but said he is not worried about a second recession and the nation should “not panic.”

This statement resulted from news in May about the new economic trouble and job growth slow down. President Obama tried to reassure Americans worried about high unemployment and expensive gas that the nation is on a slow, if not steady, path to recovery.

“I am concerned about the fact that the recovery that we’re on is not producing jobs as quickly as I want it to happen,” Obama said. “We don’t yet know whether this is a one-month episode or a longer trend.”

Either way, there appears to be little Washington can do about it. Federal Reserve chief Ben Bernanke, speaking in Atlanta on Tuesday, acknowledged the economy has lost momentum but said nothing to suggest the Fed was about to take any bold new action to further shore it up.

And with lawmakers fighting over the nation’s budget deficit and long-term debt, there is no political appetite for a second major federal stimulus bill like the one passed by Congress in 2009.

At the same time, the president is confronted with a slate of figures presenting challenges to both the economic recovery and his own re-election prospects. Just as the field of Republican challengers begins to take shape, a Washington Post-ABC News survey found that public disapproval of Obama’s handling of the economy has reached a record high, 59 percent.

The poll found that Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney are tied among all Americans in a hypothetical race for president. It gave Romney a slight edge, less than the margin of error, among registered voters.

Seventeen months before the election, unemployment is 9.1

percent. When Obama took office, it was 7.8 percent. Most economists think the rate will be above 8 percent at election time next year. Since World War II, no president has been re-elected with unemployment higher than 7.2 percent.

The news brought the latest in a stream of downbeat economic news, a government report that said businesses advertised fewer job openings in April than in March. There were 4.6 unemployed people, on average, for each available job in April. In a healthy economy, the ratio is more like 2-to-1.



Even if all the open positions were filled, 10.7 million people would still be unemployed. That compares with 7.7 million who were unemployed when the recession began in December 2007. The recession ended in June 2009.

Obama’s early Republican presidential challengers have seized on the economy to try to take advantage. One of them, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, accused Obama of being satisfied with a second-rate economy “produced by his third-rate policies.”

The former Minnesota governor proposed cutting taxes on business by more than half and simplifying the tax code to just three tiers, with a top marginal rate for individuals of 25 percent. The

top marginal rate now is 35 percent. Pawlenty would also eliminate taxes on capital gains.

President Obama and his advisers have mainly played down the souring economic news. Recoveries are often uneven, they note, especially after severe downturns like the Great Recession. The president noted that hiring had been robust for three straight months before the bleak jobs report for May.

He promoted steps the administration has already taken, such as tax breaks for business investment, and a long-term agenda of debt reduction and spending on education, infrastructure and energy research.

At a time of high public concern about the economy, discouraging data can make people wonder, “Well, are we going to go back to this terrible crisis?” Obama said. “And that affects consumer confidence, and it affects business confidence, it affects the capital market. And so our task is to not panic.”

Minorities Have Fought too Hard for too Long to Take a Giant Leap Backwards

By U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown (FL-3)



Left to Right: Al Smith II, Adam Benna, Congresswoman Corrine Brown, and Rontel Batie

The process for reapportionment of Florida's congressional and local districts is underway. This year, because of two state constitutional amendments which were passed on the November ballot, the process in which redistricting is carried out has the potential to have extraordinarily negative repercussions on minority representation in the state. Indeed, if the amendments are allowed to stand in their current form, they could potentially eviscerate two African American and three Hispanic (federal) House seats, as well as nine African American state legislative seats, and seven minority state Senate seats. This is not an acceptable outcome ... our communities have fought too hard, for too long, to take such a giant step backwards to our state's Jim Crow days.

Prior to the 1992 election, Florida had not had a federal African American representative since Josiah Thomas Walls in 1871, a time span of 129 years. And that is why the passage of Amendments 5 and 6 is so dangerous to our communities, since they are designed to dilute the voting rights of African-Americans and Hispanics in the state of Florida, which, in its wake, would also result in a significant loss in the number of representatives elected from our communities: on the federal and state levels and in city councils across the state.

Why? The reason is simple: because traditional redistricting principles, such as **maintaining communities of interest or minority access districts** become entirely irrelevant under the rules the amendments layout, primarily because of their requirement of "compact districts." Certainly, minority communities do not live in compact, cookie-cutter like neighborhoods, and so district "compactness" would defeat the ability of the state Legislature to draw access and majority-minority seats, since minority communities would become fragmented across the entire state.

Today, our diverse state's population is made up of 16% African Americans, and 22% Hispanics. Together, those figures make up over one third of Florida's residents. To take a giant step in the wrong direction and limit representation for minority communities would be detrimental not just to members of those communities, but to the state of Florida as a whole.

To uphold the hard fought gains we have made, it is absolutely essential to incorporate the essence of the Voting Rights Act into the way in which the state of Florida's political boundaries are divided. One salient part of the Voting Rights Act is that it strictly prohibits the fracturing of communities of minority voters into a variety of districts. This element of the Act is essential in our battle to maintain minority representation not just in the state of Florida, but across the entire nation.

First enacted in 1965, and expanded in 1975, the **Voting Rights Act** has provided extensive protection to our communities, mainly by prohibiting any voting practice that would abridge the right to vote on the basis of race. Any "test or device" for registering or voting has been forbidden since its passage, which has effectively abolished poll taxes and literacy tests, which were previously used to ensure African Americans were unable to cast their constitutional right at the voting booths. Indisputably, the Voting Rights Act is one of our country's most prominent civil rights victories. It memorializes all of those who marched, struggled, and died to secure the right to vote for all Americans. And we must continue to remain vigilant to protect the rights of every American voter to ensure his or her right to vote is never compromised.

In this regard, your voice and participation in the state of Florida's upcoming hearings on redistricting is indispensable. I encourage everyone to come out actively partake in these hearings, and play a role in ensuring that minorities in our state continue to have the chance to elect representatives of their choice. The schedule for the state of Florida's redistricting hearings appears on Page 23.

“The Voting Rights Act of 1965; Combating Modern-Day Voter Suppression”

By: Rantel Batie

States all across the country are passing laws that erode middle-class and minority participation in the voting process. Specifically, in the State of Florida, the state legislature has rejected a measure to allow polling locations on college campuses during the Primary Elections. This makes voting a big inconvenience for thousands of college students who may not have transportation to traditional polling locations. Many argue that the majority of college students vote as a cohesive; liberal block. Therefore, I don't find it surprising that a Republican majority would work to keep them out of the polls during President Obama's reelection.

They have also shortened the early voting period from 15 days to 7 days. Early voting periods exist so that more voters would have an opportunity to cast a ballot. But when you shorten an early voting period, you limit the number of people who would be able to cast a ballot. Our election process should be one that does whatever it can to welcome the voice of all people; this new policy does nothing but close the doors of democracy in the faces of many voters.

Also, voters may no longer fill out a “change of address form” at the polls. Individuals who have changed their addresses since the last election may be forced to cast “provisional ballots”. The controversy behind casting provisional ballots is that in 2008, 51% of all provisional ballots casted went un-counted. Lastly, voters must now present ID cards that have signatures such as driver's licenses. Many civil rights groups have classified this

provision as a poll tax because state issued licenses are not free.

These laws are tangible evidence that our election process is insufficient without the voter protections provided by the Voting Rights Act of 1965. But not only that, our election process is insufficient when you have laws in place that completely dissolve majority-minority districts, such as Fair Districts Florida.

“Fair Districts Florida”, a popular name for amendments which were passed to draw Florida's legislative districts in a manner that does not favor/disfavor an incumbent or political party. However, this law does nothing but erode the minority voice in Congress by making it harder for minorities to get elected. Areas with high populations of minorities will now be saturated and dissolved by even higher populations of communities that are predominantly white. Therefore, it becomes very difficult for minority communities to elect minority leaders to represent them.

Any law that disenfranchises a particular group of voters is detrimental to not only the affected group, but to democracy itself. And when you implement policies that trample minorities who seek election, you threaten the very foundation that our nation was built upon; freedom and equality. I stand with those who look past the rhetoric and see the real picture. We must preserve our democracy by eradicating voter suppression laws and Fair Districts Florida before it is too late.



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Congresswoman Brown's Invited Guests Include Renowned Civil Rights Leaders:

Dr. Ben Chavis: Former Executive Director, NAACP; currently serves as Co-Founder, President and CEO of the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network

Reverend Jesse Jackson: Former Presidential Candidate, American Civil Rights Leader, Baptist Minister and Political Activist

Reverend Al Sharpton: Former Presidential Candidate, Baptist Minister and Radio Talk Show Host, Civil Rights and Social Justice Advocate

Martin Luther King III: American Human Rights Advocate, Community Activist, Former Head of Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Congressman John Lewis (GA-5): 13 term Member of Congress, often referred to as "The most courageous person the civil rights movement ever produced," former Chair of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

Monday, July 11, 2011 Jacksonville	Florida State College at Jacksonville-401 W. State Street	2:00pm -4:00pm 6:00pm -8:00pm
Tuesday, July 12, 2011 Daytona Beach	Daytona State College/News Journal Center/221 N. Beach St., #100	6:00pm -9:00pm
Wednesday, July 13, 2011 Gainesville	Sante Fe College/Fine Arts Hall/3000 NW 83rd St.	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Wednesday, July 27, 2011 Orlando	Bob Carr Performing Arts Center/401 W. Livingston St.	2:00pm -4:00pm 6:00pm -8:00pm

Reapportionment/Redistricting Public Hearings DRAFT Dates and Locations as of: 5/31/2011 5:00 PM

Week	#	City	Day	Date	Time	Location
1	1	Tallahassee	Monday	20-Jun	1:00-4:00 PM 6:00-8:00 PM	412 Knott Building
1	2	Pensacola	Tuesday	21-Jun	10:00 AM- 1:00 PM CST	WSRE-TV Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio
1	3	Ft. Walton Beach	Tuesday	21-Jun	6:00-9:00 PM CST	Ft. Walton Beach High School
1	4	Panama City	Wednesday	22-Jun	10:00 AM- 1:00 PM CST	Gulf Coast Community College
2	5	Jacksonville	Monday	11-Jul	2:00-4:00 PM 6:00-8:00 PM	Florida State College at Jacksonville Downtown Campus
2	6	St. Augustine	Tuesday	12-Jul	8:00-11:00 AM	Flagler College
2	7	Daytona Beach	Tuesday	12-Jul	6:00-9:00 PM	News Journal Center at Daytona State College
2	8	The Villages	Wednesday	13-Jul	8:00AM-Noon	Colony Cottage Rec. Center, The Villages, FL
2	9	Gainesville	Wednesday	13-Jul	6:00-9:00 PM	Santa Fe College
3	10	Lakeland	Monday	25-Jul	6:00-9:00 PM	Polk State College
3	11	Wauchula	Tuesday	26-Jul	8:00-11:00 AM	Hardee County Civic Center
3	12	Wesley Chapel	Tuesday	26-Jul	2:00-5:00 PM	Wiregrass Ranch High School Gym
3	13	Orlando	Wednesday	27-Jul	2:00-4:00 PM 6:00-8:00 PM	Bob Carr Performing Arts Center
3	14	Melbourne	Thursday	28-Jul	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Brevard County Government Center at Viera
4	15	Stuart	Monday	15-Aug	6:00-9:00 PM	Blake Library
4	16	Delray Beach	Tuesday	16-Aug	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Florida Atlantic University
4	17	Ft. Lauderdale	Tuesday	16-Aug	6:00-9:00 PM	Broward College
4	18	Miami	Wednesday	17-Aug	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Miami Dade College
4	19	South Miami	Wednesday	17-Aug	6:00-9:00 PM	Florida International University College of Law
4	20	Key West	Thursday	18-Aug	4:00-7:00 PM	Florida Keys Community College
5	21	Tampa	Monday	29-Aug	4:00 - 8:00 PM	Hillsborough County Commission
5	22	Largo	Tuesday	30-Aug	8:00-11:00 AM	EpiCenter at St. Pete College
5	23	Sarasota	Tuesday	30-Aug	6:00-9:00PM	New College
5	24	Naples	Wednesday	31-Aug	8:00-11:00 AM	Naples Daily News Community Room
5	25	Lehigh Acres	Wednesday	31-Aug	6:00-9:00 PM	Veteran's Park Gymnasium
5	26	Clewiston	Thursday	1-Sep	8:00-11:00 AM	Hendry County Health Department

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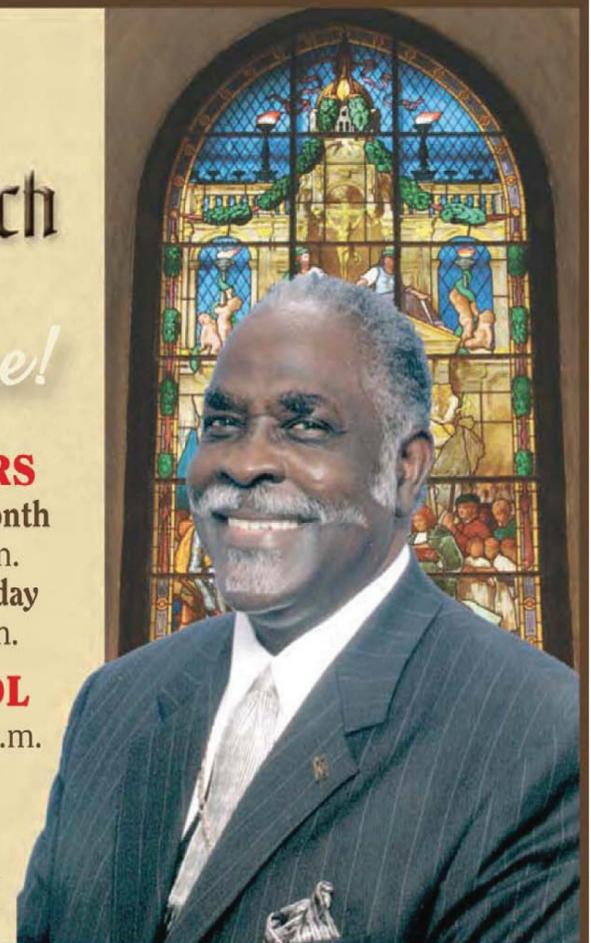
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Stop the bleaching of Black and Latino voting districts: Florida leads the way in voter Suppression and Regression

By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr
Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO)
President of Education Online Services Corporation

Wake up! What we do now in 2011 will determine whether or not the 2012 Elections will be fair and just as required by the 1965 Voting Rights Act. My whole life has been and continues to be in the Civil Rights Movement. We all should stay alert and involved because our voting rights are precious and we fought too hard to allow any “regression” (the systematic redrawing of voting districts particularly in the state of Florida that will end up losing Black American and Latino American voting representation in the U.S. Congress.)

Black Americans once again stand at a critical junction in helping to determine the future of the United States of America, and thereby also the future of the world. Fifty million African Americans with a spending power of one trillion dollars and millions of potential votes in the upcoming November 2012 national elections across the nation are well strategically situated to play a major role in determining the outcome of these important elections.

There are some who say that every election should get our attention. But, it would be a major oversight for us not to see that there are forces hard at work now to regress and suppress the Black and Latino vote across America. That is why the upcoming congressional hearings on voting rights in Florida and in other states are so very important.

- Will the Tea Party be successful this year in its backlash tactics against the Obama Administration?

- Will the jubilation of the election of the first African American President of the United States, three years ago, give way this year to the forces of bigotry and reactionary politics?

- Will the majority of all Americans be too quick to forget the shameful and disastrous economic condition that President George W. Bush left the country in when he departed the White House in January 2009?

These questions and many more will be answered by the civic action or inaction of African Americans and others who care about the future of America, as we prepare to hopefully have an unprecedented turn out of our votes on or before the November 2012 elections.

One of the leading national research bodies, the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, D.C., released a study on the power of the Black vote in America. Dr. David A. Bositis led the study for the Joint Center. He concluded that



Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

if there will be a strong turnout of the African American vote in 2012, as it was in 2008, will determine the results of who will be in control of the U.S. Senate and House, as well as whether or not President Barack Obama will be re-elected President of the United States.

Millions of dollars, however, are now being spent to confuse African American voters. One such deceptive ploy is going on once again in the state of Florida with the so-called “Fair Districts” Constitutional Amendments that were approved in 2010. I believe these Amendments are unconstitutional and a blatant violation of the Voting Rights Act. These proposals are unfair and will lead to the “bleaching” of voting districts in states like Florida. Of course, this will be a undermining disaster to the Voting Rights Act. The proposed “whitening” of voting districts has a lot of Black people confused and we when we are confused, it can cause a low voter turnout.

In Florida, more than four million dollars has already been spent to promote the “bleaching” of Black and Latino voting districts. Some of my colleagues in the Civil Rights Movement have been unfortunately sucked into supporting these latest tactics of voter suppression and disempowerment of black political interests and progress. I stand firmly with Congresswoman Corrine Brown, Congressman John Lewis, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Congressman James Clyburn, and many other members of the congressional Black Caucus who have publicly spoken out against these regressive and backward ballot initiatives that are designed to undermine and replace the Voting Rights Act with State’s Rights Constitutional Amendments.

We need a large Black voter turnout throughout the nation. Let’s not sit back and watch others dismantle our progress. Our communities deserve better. Let us not be confused or apathetic. Let’s tell our young voters and our senior voters that the future is in our hands: Vote early and vote strong. Don’t lose hope. Don’t be confused. Stop the bleaching! Vote for freedom, justice, and equality for all.

With A Legacy of Service Geraldine F. Thompson Sets Sights on becoming the next Florida Senator in District 19

Geraldine Thompson has been at a post of service to others all her life. She has helped change the lives of others as a College Administrator, Community Activist, Student Mentor, Non-profit Philanthropist, Equal Opportunity Advocate, Black History Author, and currently Florida State Representative. With much work needing to be done, Geraldine Thompson is seeking a greater position of service as Central Florida's Senator in District 19.

Representative Geraldine F. Thompson has devoted a great portion of her life to advocating for the rights of women, children, minorities and the disadvantaged. After receiving an undergraduate degree from the University of Miami in 1970 and a Master of Science Degree from the Florida State University in 1973, Geraldine F. Thompson served youth for six years as an instructor in Orange County Public Schools. She later served for 24 years as an administrator at Valencia Community College where she established the College Reach Out Program which enabled thousands of low income and disadvantaged students to fulfill their dream of going to college.

While at Valencia, Geraldine F. Thompson Founded the Florida Association of Community College Equity Commission and served as

President of the Florida Association of Equal Opportunity Professionals. Twenty five years after Geraldine F. Thompson initiated the College Reach Out Program at Valencia College, the Program had expanded and was operating at all State Colleges and Universities in Florida.

She is also one of the founders of the Central Florida YMCA Black Achievers Program which pairs adult professionals with minority youth. Geraldine F. Thompson was one of the charter adult achievers mentors in 1990 and served youth through the YMCA Achievers program which continues to operate today. One of Representative Thompson's greatest satisfactions in life is encountering former students and mentees who tell her of the impact that her work had on their lives.

Geraldine Thompson's journey to service in the Florida Legislature took an unlikely route. She



Geraldine F. Thompson was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and grew up in the South Dade town of Perrine, Florida where members of her family worked in agriculture and construction. She attended Miami Dade Community College and received a John F. Kennedy/Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship to attend the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida. In 1970, she received a bachelor's degree in journalism and business education. She received a Master of Science Degree in Communications from Florida State University. She is married to the Honorable Emerson R. Thompson, Jr. She is the mother of three children (Laurise, Emerson III, and Elizabeth) and the proud grandmother of four. She enjoys reading and traveling.

Rep. Thompson is a member the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators and the Executive Committee of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. She is the Florida Director of the Women Legislative Leaders (WiLL), a member of the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative (NOBEL) Women, a member of the National Foundation of Women Legislators (NFWL), and is a participant in the Stennis Center Forum on Southern Elected Women. Rep. Thompson serves or has served on the Boards of the Metropolitan Orlando Urban League, WMFE Public Broadcasting Station, the YMCA, the Mayor's Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, the Holocaust Memorial, Education and Resource Center and the West Orange Healthcare District. She is the Founding President of the Association to Preserve African American Society, History and Tradition, Inc. (PAST) which operates the Wells' Built Museum of African American History and Culture.



came to the Legislature in 1970 when her husband, Emerson R. Thompson, Jr., entered law school at the Florida State University College of Law. Once in Tallahassee, Geraldine began work as Executive Secretary to Representative Gwendolyn Sawyer Cherry, the first African American woman elected in the history of Florida to serve in the Florida House of Representatives.

After law school and graduate school, the Thompsons moved to Orlando in 1973 where Geraldine taught in Orange County Public Schools and served as President of the PTA at her children's school. Thirty six years after beginning her work in the Florida Legislature as Secretary to Rep. Cherry, Geraldine F. Thompson was elected by the constituents of District 39 in Orlando as the first African American woman to represent Orange County in the Florida House of Representatives.

During 24 years as Director of Equal Opportunity and Assistant to the President of Valencia College, Geraldine F. Thompson worked to ensure that women and other under-represented individuals were recruited and employed within every level of the institution. Because of her work to achieve equity and promote civil rights within education and other areas of the community, Governor Bob Graham appointed Geraldine F. Thompson to the Florida Commission on Human Relations in 1987. She received confirmation from the Florida Senate and remained on the Commission during the terms of Governor Bob Martinez and Governor Lawton Chiles during which time her fellow Commissioners elected her to serve as Chair.

As a member of the Florida Commission on Human Relations from 1987 - 1999, Geraldine F. Thompson worked to

end gender bias throughout Florida and to ease intergroup tensions between Florida's increasingly diverse populations. She helped to resolve complaints of gender, racial, age and other discrimination in the areas of employment, public accommodations and housing.

To better understand and educate others regarding little known African American history in Central Florida, Geraldine F. Thompson conducted research and compiled documents which resulted in the publication of a book which she authored entitled *Black America: Orlando, Florida* in the Arcadia Publishing Series. Geraldine F. Thompson also worked to preserve one of Orlando's unique landmarks, the Wellsbilt Hotel which, during segregation, provided lodging to some of America's most prominent citizens including Justice Thurgood Marshall, Ray Charles, Ella Fitzgerald, Jackie Robinson and others. She helped to

*Representative
Geraldine Thompson
and President
Barack Obama*



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GERALDINE THOMPSON

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Representative Geraldine Thompson and Governor Deval Patrick of Massachusetts

secure funds to convert the hotel into a museum which is known today as the Wells' Built Museum of African American History and Culture.

Shortly after her election to the Florida House of Representatives in 2006, Geraldine F. Thompson was diagnosed and successfully treated for breast cancer. She continued to serve the citizens of Florida throughout her treatment. During her tenure in the Legislature, Rep. Thompson filed legislation to increase access to healthcare for uninsured and low income women diagnosed with breast cancer. As a survivor, she encouraged minority populations, which have higher mortality rates associated with breast cancer, to seek screening and treatment.

Rep. Thompson filed legislation to outlaw the genital mutilation of young women, increase penalties for hate crime perpetrators, provide 1.8 million in trust fund monies for a student who was injured in a local public school and outlaw dangerous levels of cadmium in children's jewelry, toys and child-care articles. In 2011, Rep. Thompson filed legislation to create the Ticket for the Cure which, if passed, would initiate an instant scratch off lottery ticket to fund breast cancer research, education and treatment in Florida's State Universities.

On her birthday on November 18 in 2008, during her second term in the Florida House of Representatives, Geraldine F. Thompson was unanimously selected by her legislative colleagues to serve as the Democratic Leader Pro Tempore, the second highest ranking Democrat in the Florida House. Rep. Thompson served as a surrogate for Senator Barack Obama during his Presidential Cam-



Representative Geraldine Thompson and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

paign in 2008. She was a delegate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado and served as a Presidential Elector during the 2008 Electoral College.

Through her efforts working with other supporters, Geraldine Thompson provided an opportunity for students in American Government classes at Jones High School in the inner city of Orlando to attend the inauguration of President Barack Obama in January of 2009. Representative Thompson continues to be a respected leader in the Florida House of Representatives where she serves on the K-12 Appropriations Subcommittee, the Subcommittee on Federal Affairs, the Subcommittee on Economic Development and Tourism and as the Ranking Democrat on the Committee on Economic Affairs.



Representative Geraldine Thompson, Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown, and Former Florida Treasurer Alex Sink

The 6 Commandments of Online Photo Sharing

By **Andrea Bartz and Brenna Ehrlich**, Special to CNN

The six commandments of photo sharing, focus on Facebook photos, tag-able Flickr photos and really any image you send out into the world via a blog, tweet, or other online platform.

Thou Shalt Not Post Pics of... ...Anyone doing anything illegal.

This includes but is not limited to: streaking, sharing a joint, hanging out on the wrong side of a “no trespassing” sign, and raising a glass with a 19-year-old cousin. I don’t care whether it’s tagged or not, if it goes online the subject is screwed. In fact, delete it. It never happened. What “no trespassing” sign?

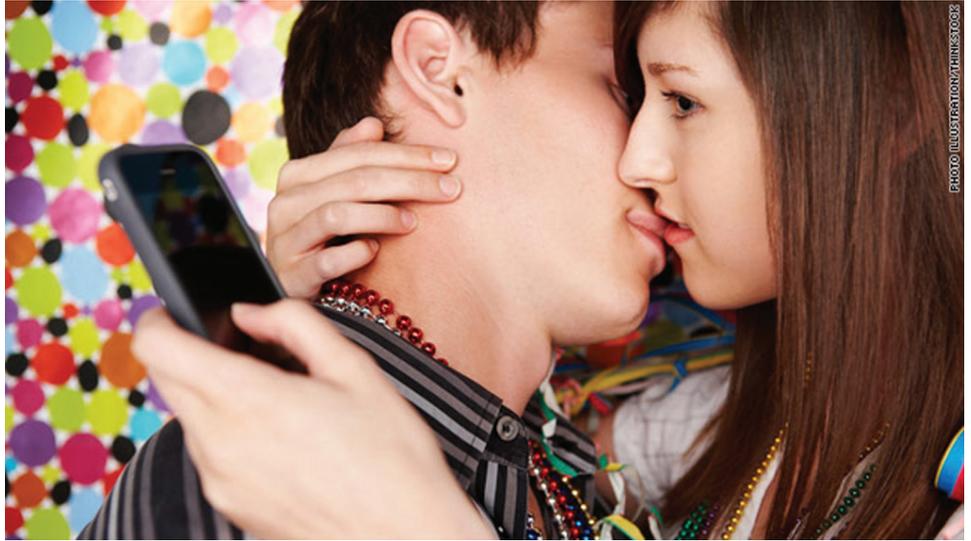
...Anyone obviously inebriated.

Do we really need to tell you this? Apparently, yes, based on the bevy of despicable photo blogs devoted to the topic. They feature shots of barely conscious imbibers who should be in the back of ambulances, not curled up around toilets while their friends pull out cameras. So here you go: DON’T TAKE OR POST SUCH PICTURES. We also don’t recommend getting that slizzared, but hey, this is Netiquette, not Life Advice.

...Anyone making out.

Wedding kissies are one thing, slobbery tongues are another. It’s humiliating for the photographed and horrifying to helpless witnesses. Thou Shalt Check with the Subjects Before Posting...

...Anyone doing anything their health insurance might not like.



Well, welcome to 1984: Insurers can, and do, scour your Facebook account and deny claims based on what they find there. A recent article in “SELF” magazine tells of a young woman booted from her depression-related disability insurance after she posted pics of herself smiling with friends.

Now, obviously we’re not suggesting you only post photos of yourself looking miserable (or, alternatively, scuttle under a rock and erase your online presence in an attempt to outmaneuver HMOs), but do play it safe. Get a thumbs-up before posting pics of a pal, say, sucking on a cancer stick.

...pictures of anyone in a bathing suit.

There are a few people who keep their Facebook profiles bikini-free, either because of body image or professional concerns (yeah, if you’re FB friends with your boss, you might not want her to see you flouncing around in a stringy triangle top, clutching a coconut-shell cocktail). It never hurts to check beforehand (and hey, if she gives you the red light, you’ve got some instant blackmail material).

...throwback photos.

There is but one flaw with the photo album/lock-box comparison: the mighty scanner. Your friend might find that photo of herself as a pizza-faced 13-year-old with her arm deep in a Doritos bag hilarious, or she might find it completely devastating, depending on which way her self-esteem headed post zit-addled adolescence. Ask in advance of launching that well-intentioned trip down Memory Lane.

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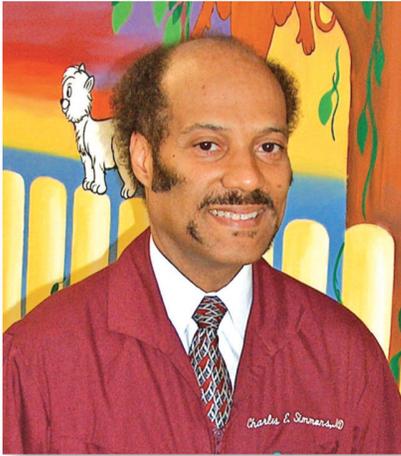


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GENE DISORDERS

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 Medical Student

There are many disorders that a person may acquire due to defaults in genes. The consequences of these genes may appear mild or moderate, or may have severe or no apparent effect. Right after birth, or early in life, the symptoms may become obvious. Some are not discovered, however, until adult life. No matter when they arise, these defective genes have been inherited by the child from their parent. Gene disorders result in a defect in one or more of the genes that are carried on the individual chromosomes.

Albinism

Albinism is a disorder characterized by a lack of the brown pigment called Melanin. An affected individual may have no pigment in the hair, skin, and eyes. The hair is usually white; the skin is pale, and eyes range from pink to very pale blue. The eyes are very sensitive to bright light and visual impairment is common. Albinism is caused by a recessive gene, which means that a child has to inherit a defective gene from each parent. The gene causes a fault in the enzyme that is responsible for melanin production.

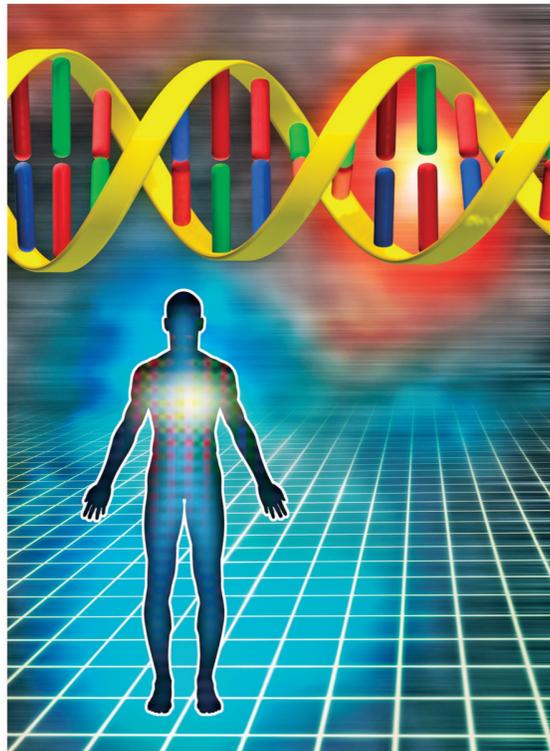
Color Blindness

A person who is color blind finds it more difficult to distinguish between the colors red and green, or the less common blue and yellow pair because of a defect in the cones in the retina of the eye. The disorder is inherited by a faulty gene carried on the X chromosome. Usually males are the victims of being color blind because they have only one X chromosome, and the defect carried is more likely to be expressed. A female has two X chromosomes, and a fault on one chromosome will be overridden by the other chromosome. Therefore, the female becomes the carrier and never will experience the color

blindness, only males. This type of inheritance is called the X-linked recessive, and there is a 25% chance that a male will be affected.

Huntington's Disease

Huntington's disease causes involuntary movements, personality changes, and progressive dementia. This is one disorder that symptoms usually don't develop until over the age of 30 because deterioration occurs over the span of 15-20 years. Huntington's disease is caused by an abnormal dominant gene, therefore each child has a 1 in 2 chance (50%) of inheriting the faulty gene.



Sickle Cell Anemia

Hemoglobin, the pigment that gives red blood cells their color, carries oxygen in the blood. When hemoglobin is deficient or abnormal, the term anemia is used. Therefore, there is a lack of oxygen being supplied to body tissues. There are many forms of anemia, but one found in people of color is the sickle-cell disease, in which the red blood cells are distorted into a curved sickle shape. A comparison between the defected sequence and the normal sequence determines the nature of the amino acid error. This was the way that the molecular basis of Sickle Cell Anemia was determined, now known to result from a Valine to Glutamine Acid substitution in position 6 of the beta-globin.

It is vitally important for a mother to receive the proper prenatal and postnatal care to fully understand the risks in possible future generations. Genes are inherited and it is always helpful to be aware of what genes both the mother and father can give to the offspring. Therefore, the precautions and proper care can be administered.

MEET SUZETTE FARQUHARSON MORGAN: A WOMAN OF MANY HATS

Unlike my church moms and the stylish British ladies, I've never been one to wear hats, except on those days when combing my hair is a daunting task and a baseball cap offers a quick, more presentable solution.

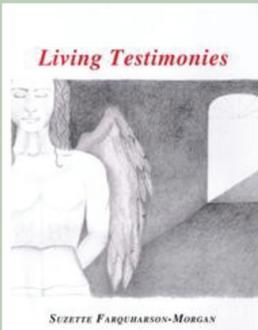
However, these days, I am blessed to wear several hats—from being a full-time mother of three (ages 14, 10 & 6); to owner of FarMor Group, Inc. (a publishing, recording and production company); to president of FarMor Entertainment, a 501(c)(3) community organization.

To say that I have my hands full is the least, but it's a joy to love what you do!



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Suzette Morgan: Author, editor, publisher & motivational speaker

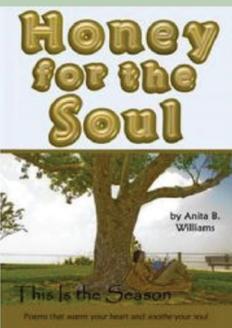
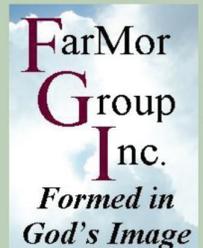


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Born in Kingston, Jamaica, I moved to the Tangelo Park neighborhood in Orlando in 1979. A graduate of West Orange High School in Winter Garden, FL, I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from the University of Florida in 1995 and a Master of Arts in Communication from the University of Central Florida in 2001.

In 2002, when I stepped out on faith to write my first book, *Living Testimonies*, I had no idea that I would establish my own publishing company two years later, especially since I had been working for six years at Harcourt (a.k.a. HBJ), a leading K-12 publisher. But God gave me the command to "Go!"

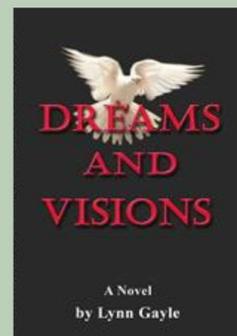
After releasing my book in 2005, FarMor Publishing, a division of FarMor Group, Inc., has helped several local authors and poets achieve their dreams—just like Walt Disney World had done for me several years prior with a full four-year scholarship to UF.



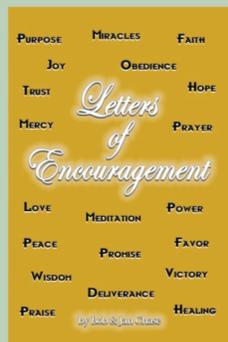
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Although this journey has not been easy, I am thankful that the Lord is my CEO. He is the source of my strength, guiding me every step of the way. Now, nine years later, I can truly say, "Whom the Son sets free is free indeed" (John 8:36).

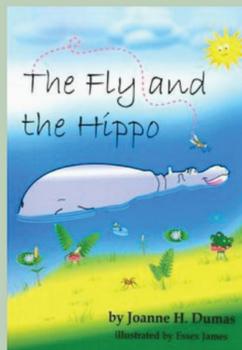
So I encourage you this day to seek after God and the things of God; stand on His Word; trust and obey Him; and never give up—"for in due season you shall reap, if you faint not!" (Galatians 6:9)



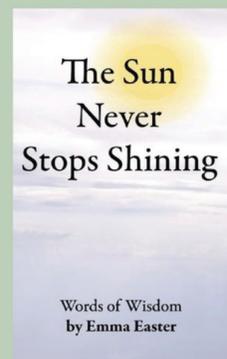
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How To Get Business Credit

The term “business credit” can refer to a variety of things. For instance, there are business credit cards, business credit lines, business loans, and just plain ole business credibility. While these are all different, really they are all the same. Essentially, they all lead to money that you can borrow for your company’s needs.

Getting access to business credit can either be really easy or really hard; There is no real middle ground. It really all depends on how old and profitable your company is. The older your company and the more money you make, the easier it is to get it. The younger your company and the less money you make, the harder it is to get it.

With all that said, here are some proven ways to get business credit:

1) Maintain Your Personal Credit

While there are ways around this, the average person can only get access to business credit if he/she has good personal credit. Conducting a credit check on your personal financials is usually the only means that a banker has to determine whether or not you are too risky for them. If your personal credit sucks, fix it. It will be well worth your time - however long it takes!

2) Shop For Banks

Always remember that banks need you just as much as you need them. Giving you access to credit creates revenue for them. Therefore, if one bank turns you down - try another. In your community, there are probably at least 25 different banks. All of them have a different application process, all have them have different criteria, but at the end of the day - they all want to do business with you. FindABetterBank.com is a great tool to find banks in your area.

3) Search Online

In addition to the banks in your local community, there are tons more on the web. These virtual banks may have higher rates, but they too are very desperate for your business. Many offer business loans and business credit cards. Conduct extensive research using Google, Yahoo, and business directories such as www.Business.com.

4) Find a Broker

A broker is a person or company that can help you find the best bank available. They can save you a lot of time and energy, and may even bring opportunities to your attention that you would’ve never found. Be careful about shady brokers who are so desperate for your business that they will connect you with loan sharks.

5) Attend Financial Seminars

If you’re aware of a financial seminar or workshop in your area, make every effort to attend. What better way to be

educated about the best financial options for your company, then to be advised by a local expert?

Usually these events are free to attend, and the person hosting it is usually very knowledgeable about the best banks and financial institutions to do business with. As always, double-check any references by doing your own research.

6) Attend Business Conferences

Every year, hundreds of business organizations and publications host their own annual conferences. Most have expos where companies such as banks can set up booths to recruit new clients. This is a great opportunity for you to inquire about their services, collect literature, and learn exactly what you need to do to apply and be approved.

7) Read Business Magazines

Publications such as Forbes, Inc, Fast Company, Black Enterprise, Hispanic Business, and even Business Week, report regularly on the business credit and financing industries. They often provide unique tips and techniques that can be used. Not only can you benefit from the content from the articles within, but you can also benefit from the advertisements (both display and classified) that promote various opportunities.

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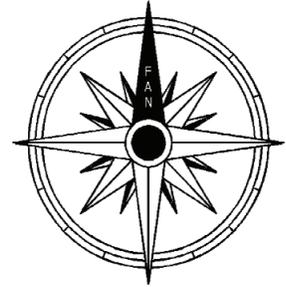
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Bentonville, AR - Existing small business owners and entrepreneurs with hopes of starting up continue to seek access to capital in the form of bank loans, yet are still struggling to land credit. Only half of small businesses that tried to borrow last year got all or most of what they needed, according to a survey by the National Federation of Independent Business. In the mid-2000s, 90% of businesses said they got the loans they needed.

To help support small business and its business members, Sam's Club has announced that it is testing an online program with Superior Financial Group, the Nation's leading Small Business Administration (SBA) lender, which would make \$5,000 to \$25,000 loans available to its members who qualify. In a November 2009 state of small business survey conducted by Sam's Club, nearly 15 percent of its business members reported being denied a loan to run their operation, up from 12 percent in April 2009.

The Sam's Club small business loan pilot will focus on serving Main Street minority, women and Veteran owned small business owners as well as micro-entrepreneurs under the SBA's Premier Outreach Express products such as Community Express, Patriot Express and Export Express loans.

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Recipes

Mushroom, Sausage, and Spinach Lasagna

Ingredients

- 8 ounce(s) lasagna noodles, preferably whole-wheat (see Tips & Techniques)
- 1 pound(s) lean spicy Italian, turkey, sausage, casings removed (see Tips & Techniques)
- 4 cup(s) sliced mushrooms (10 ounces)
- 1/4 cup(s) water
- 1 pound(s) frozen spinach, thawed
- 1 can(s) crushed tomatoes, preferably chunky
- 1/4 cup(s) chopped fresh basil
- Salt & freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 1 pound(s) part-skim ricotta cheese (2 cups)
- 8 ounce(s) part-skim mozzarella cheese, shredded (about 2 cups), divided



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 9-by-13-inch glass baking dish with cooking spray. Put a large pot of water on to boil.
2. Cook noodles in the boiling water until not quite al dente, about 2 minutes less than the package directions. Drain; return the noodles to the pot, cover with cool water, and set aside.
3. Coat a large nonstick skillet with cooking spray and heat over medium-high heat. Add sausage and cook, crumbling with a wooden spoon, until browned, about 4 minutes. Add mushrooms and water; cook, stirring occasionally and crumbling the sausage more, until the sausage is cooked through, the water has evaporated and the mushrooms are tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Squeeze spinach to remove excess water, then stir into the pan; remove from heat.
4. Mix tomatoes with basil, salt, and pepper in a medium bowl.
5. To assemble lasagna: Spread 1/2 cup of the tomatoes in the prepared baking dish. Arrange a layer of noodles on top, trimming to fit if necessary. Evenly dollop half the ricotta over the noodles. Top with half the sausage mixture, one-third of the remaining tomatoes, and one-third of the mozzarella. Continue with another layer of noodles, the remaining ricotta, the remaining sausage, half the remaining tomatoes, and half the remaining mozzarella. Top with a third layer of noodles and the remaining tomatoes.
6. Cover the lasagna with foil and bake until bubbling and heated through, 1 hour to 1 hour 10 minutes. Remove the foil and sprinkle the remaining mozzarella on the lasagna. Return to the oven and bake until the cheese is just melted but not browned, 8 to 10 minutes. Let rest for 10 minutes before serving.

Tips & Techniques

Ingredient Note: Whole-wheat lasagna noodles are higher in fiber than white noodles. They can be found in health-food stores and some large supermarkets.

Vegetarian Variation: Use a sausage-style soy product, such as Gimme Lean, or simply omit the sausage altogether.

Make-Ahead Tip: Prepare through Step 5 up to 1 day ahead.



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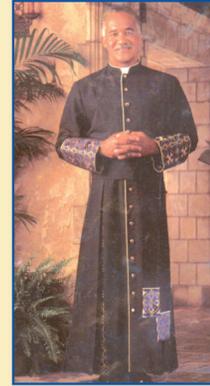
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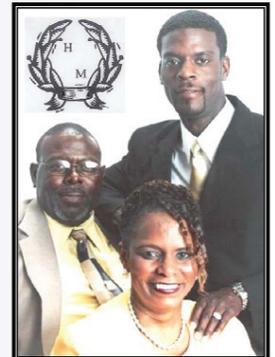


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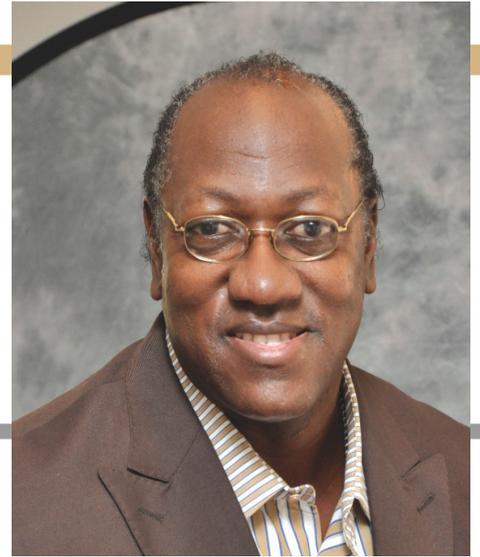
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Is There A Famine In The Land

The brisk economic times seems to place a dark shadow over the entrance of the 2011 Summer. The real estate market is down to an all-time low, gas prices are high, the war in Iraq lingers, and the leadership of our country is up for grabs again. Everyone everywhere has been touched somehow by these trying times. We feel the ill affects... unemployment, foreclosures, high crime rates, increase sickness and even death. How did we get here? Where was the warning? Do we escape?

I'm reminded of the Pharaoh who had a troubling dream that no one could interpret but Joseph as he explained that Egypt would have seven years of harvest followed by seven years of famine. The dream was a warning to Pharaoh that gave him time to prepare for the dramatic economic downturn that was about to come. We today have had many years of harvest, a time when everything was plentiful and our work produced fruit with very little effort. Now things have been getting lean and by all indicators, will continue and become progressively worst over the next years.

Harvest should not just be a time of indulgence. A time we spend and consume, fulfilling our hearts every desire. It is much easier to save when there is abundance. It is less difficult to study and learn when there is no pressure. Building relationships comes without thinking when times are good. However, when famine strikes the land, unpreparedness and derelict of duty leaves many stating - Could've, Would've, Should've!

I could have saved money. I would have gone to school and earned that degree. I should have worked a little harder in establishing closer relationships with other businesses. Now times are hard and money is tight for me and everyone else. Where do I go? To whom do I turn? God is not a

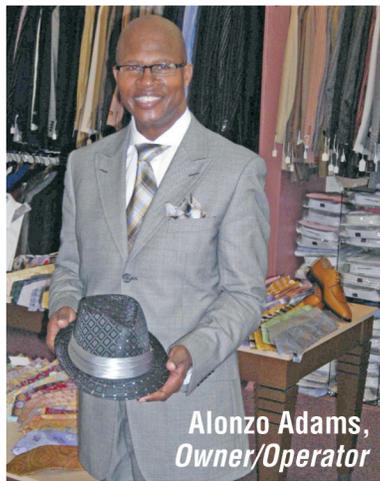
respector of persons and He blesses us all the same in that He has given us all 24 hours in a day. It is what we do with that time that differentiates us as individuals. Successful individuals can track the number of hours they spend towards bettering themselves each day.

Pharaoh had the dream, and in Genesis 41:25, Joseph explains to Pharaoh that God is showing him what He is about to do. This tells us that regardless of what our state maybe as a People today... God is still very much in control. Many are adversely affected today not because the Devil has attacked them, but simply because they are out of touch with God and unaware of what God is doing, and therefore frivolously spend their time.

Joseph supplied Pharaoh with knowledge which allowed Pharaoh to create a "famine plan" which prevented starvation and kept Egypt from turning from might to ruin. What you don't know can hurt you, therefore, we all need to know what's ahead, and have a detailed survival plan prepared. As leaders, it is our responsibility - not an option.

The Bible is still our road map and guide to successful living. It gives us an account of how God dealt with those of yesterday as an indication of what is expected of us today. Though we may change and are constantly finding ways to innovate and upgrade, God is still the same, yesterday, today and forever. Make sure you are not reshaping God to fit your plans and desires, but instead seeking His will and plan for your life. Only then can we expect to rise above the famine in the land.

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