

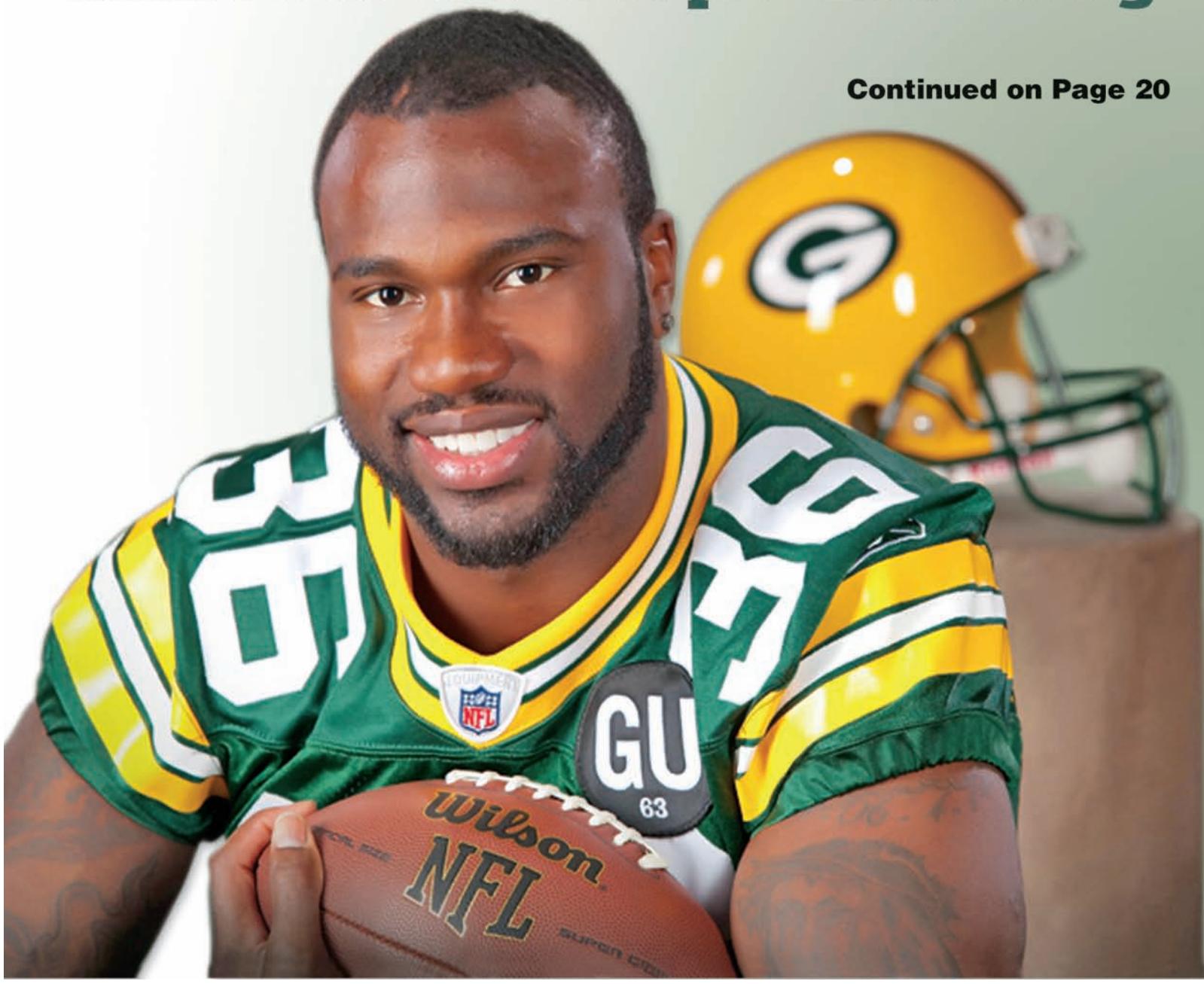
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# Bishop Rudolph W. McKissick, Jr. 15th Pastoral Anniversary and 25th Year Preaching Celebration on March 19th- 20th, 2011 at Bethel Baptist Institutional Church

By Von Alexander  
Jacksonville, Florida

Bishop Rudolph McKissick, Sr. and Bethel Baptist Institutional Church is excited to announce the upcoming 15th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration of Bishop Rudolph W. McKissick, Jr. and 25th year preaching on Saturday, March 19th and Sunday March 20th. The Church extends an open invitation to the community to worship with them. Bishop McKissick, Jr. has served 15 years of service to the Lord's Church and his community which is an unforgettable accomplishment. He has helped thousands of youth and seniors in Jacksonville. The Church will honor and bless the Senior Pastor with a celebration he will not forget. Join us in love for it will be a time of festivities, fun and fellowship.

On Saturday, March 19th, a fun church family fun event from 10a.m – 2p.m. at the downtown church campus and on Sunday, March 20th Pastor Corey Brown of the Providence Baptist Church in Newport News, Virginia will be the guest minister at the 7:40a.m. and 10:45a.m. services. Delivering the word for the evening anniversary worship service at 6:00p.m. will be the dynamic Pastor Jamal Bryant of the Empowerment Temple in Baltimore, Maryland.

About Dr. Corey Brown: Dr. Corey L. Brown is a native of Jacksonville, FL., and a product of the Duval County Public School System. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Alabama A & M University in May 1994; received a Master of Divinity Degree from the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in May 2002; Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio in December 2006. Currently, Dr. Brown serves as the Pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Newport News, Virginia.

About Dr. Jamal Bryant: Dr. Jamal Bryant is a pastor with a global mission, which is to "Empower the World through the Word."

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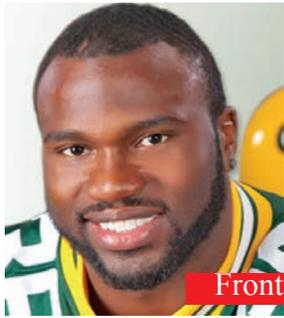
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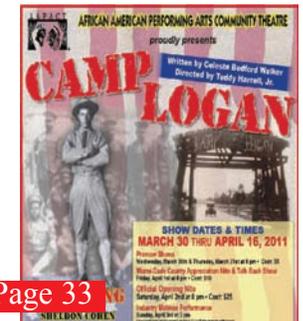
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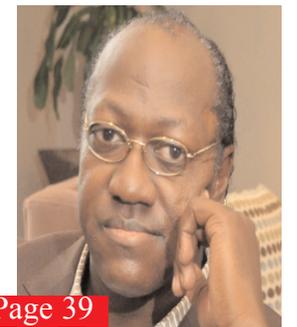
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## *Dr. Mary Smith-McCoy*

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***“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...”***

**Romans 12:2**



***“When a man finds a wife he finds a good thing and obtains favor of the Lord”***

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In my job as a Pastoral Christian Counselor, I reminded couples of the great union between Adam and Eve. We must not forget what God has joined together, no man should put asunder. As the serpent, who was more subtle than any beast of the field, deceived Eve, so does the deceivers of the world today tries entering the lives of couples enticing them to end their marriages. When this happens I help couples cope with the serpents sent to destroy them. I remind them that God honors marriage. Where God guides... God supplies.

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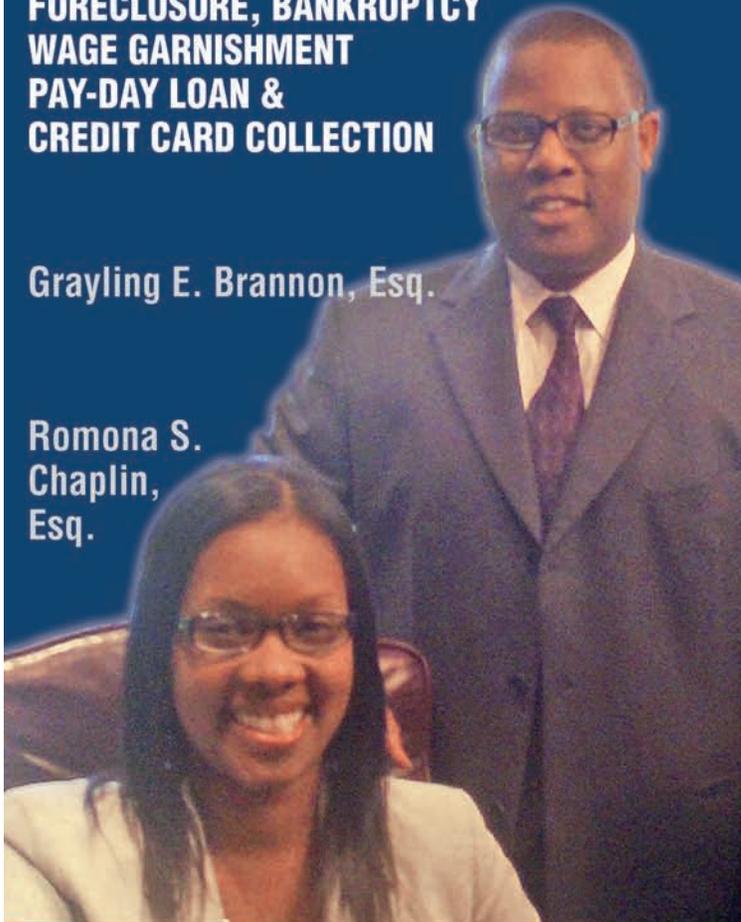
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## Former Vice President Gore Support Alvin Brown As Jacksonville's Next Mayor

Former Vice President Gore came to Jacksonville today to support Alvin Brown's candidacy for mayor. He highlighted Brown's leadership and issued a strong endorsement. "President Clinton and I trusted Alvin to rebuild and reshape cities across America, and I believe that he can do the same here in Jacksonville," Gore said.

Gore said that Brown had lived the American dream, working his way through college, earning his bachelor's degree and MBA from Jacksonville University and then going on to work as an advisor and business leader. Gore said Brown has the knowledge, skill set and passion to take Jacksonville to the next level of great American cities.

Brown said he was "humbled and thrilled" that Gore had traveled here to campaign on his behalf, just as he was last October, when former President Bill Clinton attended a Jacksonville fundraiser for his campaign.

Alvin Brown served as a senior member of the Clinton-Gore Administration beginning in 1993. As Vice President Gore's Senior Advisor for Urban Policy and



Vice Chair of the White House Community Empowerment Board, Brown advised both Vice President Gore and President Clinton on a wide range of domestic issues, including community revitalization, job creation, new business development and expansion of the supply of affordable housing.

Brown led the Clinton-Gore Administration's \$4 billion overall Community Empowerment Initiatives, with a special emphasis on the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Program which included the New Market Tax Credit Initiatives. The highly successful programs helped revitalize economically impoverished urban and rural communities and generated unprecedented levels of public-private partnerships resulting in more than \$10 billion in private investments to the designated communities.

Brown was also Co-Chair of the White House Task Force on Livable Communities focusing on urban sprawl and smart growth prior to his work at the White House. He held a number of key positions within the administration, including Senior Advisor to the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and Senior Advisor to Former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Andrew Cuomo. While at HUD, Brown was responsible for overseeing the Department's \$100 million Disaster Recovery Initiatives, which included leading an overhaul of the Department's Disaster Response Effort. Brown served in the Clinton-Gore transition team. Brown first came to Washington, D.C. to work as an intern for U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL) while Nelson was serving in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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By Patricia Barry

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## 10 Things You Need to Know About the New Law



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- 1** **Helps** 32 million more Americans get insurance.
- 2** **Makes preexisting medical conditions** a thing of the past. Insurers can't use them to deny coverage for children from this year on, or adults starting in 2014.
- 3** **Guarantees basic benefits** for everyone in Medicare, makes preventive services free for most, and gradually closes the "doughnut hole" in the Part D drug program.
- 4** **Sets up a temporary program** in July to help people with pre-existing health conditions obtain coverage.
- 5** **Provides new benefits** for most people who already have insurance, such as coverage for adult children until age 26.
- 6** **Leaves medical decisions** in the hands of you and your doctor.
- 7** **Requires most people to have coverage** by 2014 but offers subsidies for those with moderate or low income and makes more people eligible for Medicaid.
- 8** **Creates state-run insurance exchanges** offering a menu of private insurance plans for people who are uninsured, self-employed or between jobs (in 2014).
- 9** **Offers immediate tax credits** to help small businesses buy insurance for employees.
- 10** **Keeps Medicare financially sound** for nearly 10 more years and reduces the U.S. deficit by an estimated \$143 billion.

## How Will the New Law Affect My Doctors?

**A**mericans are already struggling with a shortage of primary care doctors. While some fear that insuring more people will make it even harder to find a doctor, groups like the American Medical Association say the new law will help improve the situation.

- Medicare will give extra payments to physicians and nurses providing primary care in areas with doctor shortages. Adjusting Medicare payments to reflect regional differences will benefit doctors in 42 states, the AMA says. Medicaid doctors will see pay increases. Paperwork will be simplified, to give doctors more time with patients.
- New measures to attract more doctors, nurses and physician assistants to primary care include forgiving

student loans for those who practice in areas that need medical workers. Community health centers will receive \$11 billion starting in 2011, allowing them to serve some 20 million new patients.

- More health professionals in Medicare will be paid for the quality of care they provide rather than the number of services they perform—a change that is expected to lower costs while improving care and is likely to be adopted by private insurers, too.



# International Black Women's Congress

On March 5, 2011, the Central Florida International Black Women's Congress, Inc (CFIBWC) raised the bar to a higher standard when it comes to Health Awareness on Heart Disease as speakers discussed the link to mental illness.

CFIBWC hosted its 18th Annual Women's Health Conference, "Every Black Woman Should Wear a Red Dress", Heart Disease and Mental Health Affecting our Everyday Life Style: The Mental Link. Held at the Hilton Orlando - Altamonte Springs in Altamonte Springs, FL, the health conference was well attended by a diverse group of women and men of all ages and ethnicity. Guests traveled from various cities throughout Central Florida and other states to attend the "Every Black Woman Should Wear a Red Dress Conference". Do not let the theme fool you; our Latino and Caucasian Sistahs were in their red and vibrant colors too.



CFIBWC, in partnership with Centene "Sunshine State Health Plan", Seminole County Health Department, Central Florida Black Nurses Association, University of Central Florida Women's Research Center, The National Human Genome Center, Howard University College of Medicine, The Gaston and Porter Health Improvement Center, Potomac, Maryland, Law Offices of W. George Allen, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and other sponsors raised the awareness of Heart Disease as the #1 Killer of women, particularly, women of color while informing inquiring minds were informed of the mental illness disorders that may directly related to the challenges faced when managing symptoms of heart disease. This year's event with over 60 women in attendance and a few men made it even more exciting as they began to also learn what made their honey's do the things they do or shall we say not do.



The onset of the morning was elevated with the fulfillment of our drummers, Ju-Ju of Central Florida, who drummed with the sound of our Motherland...calling forth positive energy to bless the day's event. An opening prayer, welcome, and a continental breakfast served to break the morning fast and engage the participants to receive the information of the day.



Expert health professionals, health screenings, and heart healthy meals certainly added to the success of this event. The conference provided a platform for networking and to receive information vital to making better health choices as well as to choose to adopt healthier behaviors.



On the roster of dynamic speakers and professionals in their field of study was, Dr. Genester Wilson-King, MD, CEO/Founder of the Rejuvenation Center, Lake Mary, Florida, who uncovered the mysteries of Hormonal Imbalance; Dr. Lielani Doty, PhD, Florida State University who helped us understand that we are not schizophrenic or crazy, but perhaps dealing with symptoms of Alzheimer and other memory related disorders;



Nancy Squillacioti, Executive Director of the Alzheimer Resource Association provided information and local resource literature to assist victims and care taker impacted by Alzheimer; Dr. Nancy Rudner-Lugo, AARP Governing Council educated us on the affordable healthcare reform for the mind, body, and spirit; Dr. Patricia Smith reminded us of the brain foods that will help keep us alert and mentally sharp.



Last but not least, our motivational moderator, Dr. Monica King kept us focused and on time as she facilitated the program in excellence. Interestingly, the speakers were all able to link their topic to heart disease and how our choices and behaviors impacts our everyday lifestyle. The speakers were well poised, educational and humorous making the day exciting and a learning



experience for all. Content from the speaker's presentations will be made available on the website, [www.cfcibwc.org](http://www.cfcibwc.org) after March 22, 2011.

All attendees received tote bags with much needed information. Vendors ranging for nutritious snacks, leather handbags, fine jewelry, accessories, tee-shirts, and ethnic attire attractively displayed with discounted prices that were appealing to our guests, added to the fun and success of the conference. Guest were excited as they had to the opportunity to win movie passes, umbrellas, weekend getaways, handbags, and jewelry just to mention a few. The conference received rave reviews from participants as to the content and the atmosphere of the event. One attendee cited the day as most inspirational as well as educational, while another stated it was a very good time sharing with the SISTAHs. Many expressed that the venue was an excellent choice and the food was delicious. As for our speakers, comments provided indicated that they made learning fun and the topics were on time and on point for such a time as this.



Highlighting the day was the recognition of Regenia S. Miller, CFIBWC Executive Director who received a plaque acknowledging her achievement for outstanding dedication in moving the organization to new heights in community service and organizational development. Jean Brown, Program Chair was also commended with much applause and standing ovation for her outstanding work in coordinating the conference.

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The day ended on a good note with a Heart Healthy lunch and a group photo by Mr. Ted Hollins' Photography, Orlando, Florida, for memories that will bring many back for our 19th annual conference to be held in March 2012. Please contact the CFIBWC office at 407-331-5665 for additional information and to provide us your contact information to receive conference details or you may visit our website, [www.cfcibwc.org](http://www.cfcibwc.org)

*Organized in 1992, the Central Florida International Black Women's Congress, Inc (CFIBWC) is a non-profit 501c3 organization with a mission is to provide educational, cultural and socio-recreational programs to the economically disadvantaged and under-served families in the Central Florida area to enhance their quality of life. Our vision is a community where families are educated and empowered to lead safe, healthy and self-sufficient lives.*



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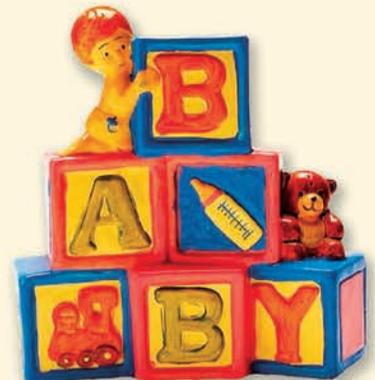
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# The 'End Times' Preachers

By Pastor Leon R. Bing

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There was a time, not long ago, that people did not study the Book of Revelations, or did not want to study the Book of Revelations. And there was a time not long ago, and in many cases even to today that Pastors did not teach the Book of Revelations or the End Times. But we are in a season whether we want to accept it or not, that the End Times are upon us. The sad thing is who is crying out from the mountain tops into the valleys that the return of Christ is near!

The church was in such a rush a few years back to see who could build the largest buildings, and now many can't keep them filled because the message is no longer that Christ is coming, get your affairs in order. No the message is more of how are we going to keep these building from being foreclosed on! My point is that there is more emphasis being placed on everything else instead of preparing for the return of the Bridegroom for His Bride.

This is very much possibly the last generation before the return of Christ. We who are in the five fold Ministry may be the last generation of preachers that this world will know! But what will we be known for? Who had the most buildings, the most stuff, (cars, houses, air planes)? Are will we be remember for preaching the Word of God to a people that were so consumed by the pleasures of this world that it really took some preaching and teaching to save many from heaven because of things? It may seem like a simple thing, but remember the first century preachers including the original 12 Apostles, had a different task than we have. While it was a battle to get the world as they knew it to come to Christ, we have just as hard a task to keep apostasy from consuming the church today.

We are telling a people today who trust in their many high paying jobs, fine automobiles, large homes, fine clothes, their jewelry, their technology, which soon it will all come to an end, that they must place their trust in Jesus. But they can believe that, so many of them if they don't get their ears tickled, or walking away from their churches. We are in a time where sound doctrine does not mean much to some people, so it will be incumbent for these "End Times" preachers to continue the task at hand, just as the first preachers of the church were steadfast.

There are a lot of events to take place before the Second Coming of Christ, but the rapture of the church can happen at anytime! Therefore we must be prepared as the 5 wise virgins were and not be as the foolish 5 virgins as Jesus warned us in Matthew 25, please read:

**Matt 25:1-13**

**25:1** Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

**2** And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

**3** They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

**4** But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

**5** While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

**6** And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

**7** Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

**8** And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

**9** But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

**10** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

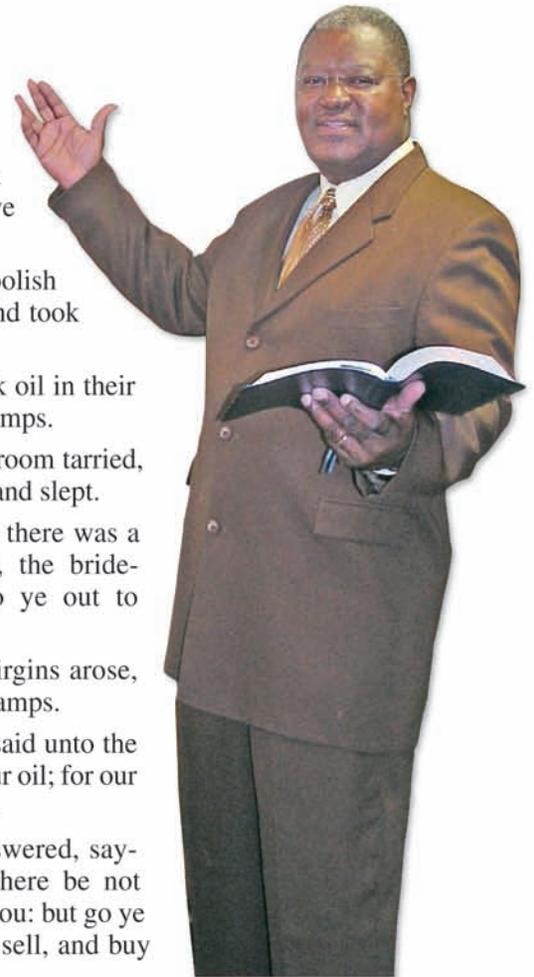
**11** Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

**12** But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

**13** Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

*KJV*

This is but one of the many passages that warns us of the return of Christ for His church, but woe to them that are left behind! Therefore, to the preachers of this last generation, let's be faithful to the end! Now is not the time to be caught up in the foolish things of the past that kept us from our assignment from the Lord, let us work while it is still day, for when night comes, no man can work! God Bless you all, I love you!



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# BREAK THE CHAINS OF FINANCIAL SLAVERY

By Darlene Robinson,  
President/The Steeple HOME Team

In the state of today's economy, with millions losing their homes to foreclosure and their jobs due to downsizing, many people turn to prayer to relieve themselves of their stress and burdens of life. Most people don't know that the bible contains almost 500 verses on prayer and a little less than 500 verses on faith, yet over 2,300 verses that address in very practical, specific ways how to earn, save, spend, invest and give money. Two-thirds of the parables deal with money. The Bible has more to say about money than heaven and hell combined, even more to say about money than salvation. The Bible has more to say about money than any other subject except love. So isn't it time we take charge of our own finances and break the chains of financial slavery and eliminate our debt?

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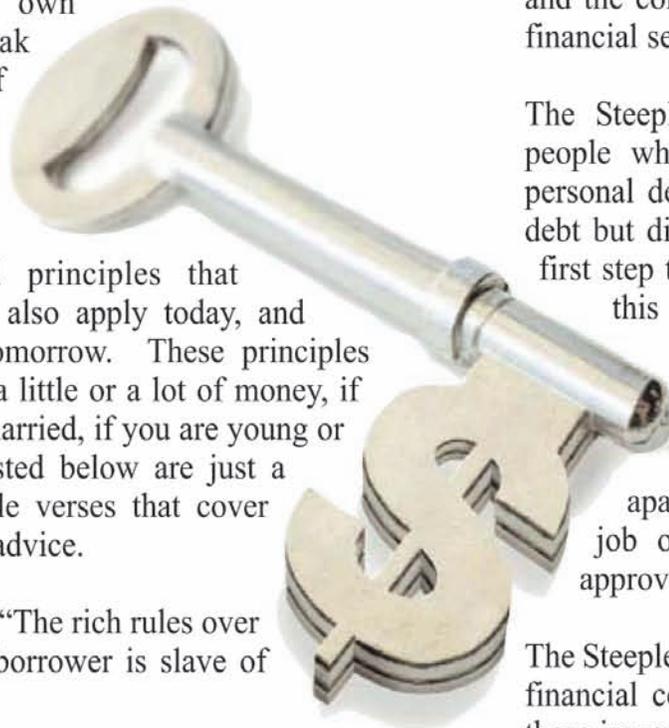
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"I'm so excited about bringing the show to my hometown once again," says Roslyn ("Auntie Roz") Burrough, a renowned performing artist and former schoolteacher with the Duval County school system who grew up in Jacksonville's north side. "I'm especially pleased that the show is back by popular demand."

The "Auntie Roz Peanut Show" will be in town for one week only, March 7-11, at the Coleman Auditorium of Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church, located at 1118 Beaver St. Performances are at 10 a.m., and admission is \$5.

Fourteen students from local schools have feature roles in the show, which uses music, story-telling and other cultural forms to encourage schoolchildren to strive for academic excellence and develop strong core values. Tutelage by Auntie Roz, while purposeful, "is always good fun," and is for "children of all ages, including teachers and parents," says Burrough with a smile. "We're all in this soup together, and our children are our best hope for the future, so we must encourage them," she adds.



The great scientist, explorer, botanist, educator and inventor George Washington Carver, who was born into slavery, is both model and metaphor for "The Auntie Roz Peanut Show," says Burrough, who crams a truckload of life lessons and learning into a dazzling, hour-long show. "He is a shining example of perseverance and personal commitment to achievement, and his remarkable work centered on the humble peanut. The lesson here is, one's circumstances in life don't determine one's destiny. And, like the peanut, there is so much to be discovered, including about ourselves, if only we take the time to look."

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# NICK COLLINS' ROAD TO GLORY

By Dominique D. Barrs  
Staff Writer

**B**ethune-Cookman University fans throughout the nation celebrated with Nick Collins in his biggest moment on the nation's biggest stage – Super Bowl XLV. The All-Pro safety for the Packers took full advantage of the moment when Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger dropped back to pass in the first quarter and Collins 40 yards down field, grabbed the fluttering pass. “I was just reading Ben’s eyes,” he said. “I was able to get a nice jump on the ball.” The former B-CU standout grabbed the pass and reverted to his days as a star running back at Dixie County High School. Collins weaved his way through the Steelers’ would-be tacklers and then launched himself into the end zone. Collins became just the 12th player in Super Bowl history to return an interception for a touchdown.



Collins was thinking of his late father, Willie Collins, who starred as a quarterback for B-CU in the mid-1970s. “I just wish my dad was still here, but I know he’s looking down, smiling,” Collins told reporters. Nick Collins is in elite company: He’s the third former Bethune-Cookman player to win a Super Bowl. Larry Little, a legendary offensive lineman, and defensive tackle Maulty Moore played for the Super Bowl-winning Miami Dolphins teams in the 1970s.

Nick Collins place in Bethune-Cookman University history was already sealed by his performance in the 2004 Florida Classic. In that thrilling contest, he intercepted a Florida A&M pass with less than two minutes to play in regulation, allowing the Wildcats to go on to a 58-52 overtime win. But on Super Bowl Sunday, Nick Collins ascended to the Wildcats’ football pantheon with the interception that put the Green Bay Packers on course for victory in Super Bowl XLV.

When Nick Collins made NFL history several of the former Bethune-Cookman star’s coaches and teammates felt like they were along for the ride.

Collins interception and 37 yards touchdown run lifted the Packers and the spirits of B-CU Wildcats

everywhere, including his former head coach, Alvin Wyatt. “Nick, doing what he did uplifting to all his former coaches and team-mates,” Wyatt said the following morning, just minutes after having a phone conversation with Collins. “To me, that was probably the happiest moment I’ve had in the last two years.” Wyatt was Collins’ coach when the defensive back played for the Wildcats from 2002-04.

Collins etched his name in NFL records by becoming just the 12th player to return an interception for a touchdown in a Super Bowl. He also made four tackles in the Packers’ 31-25 victory — the winning margin being identical to Green Bay’s reward for Collins’ pick-six. Before Collins came to B-CU, he was a two-way star for Dixie County High School — the only school in the rural county near Gainesville. Brent Wilkerson, his high school coach, watched every moment of

Super Bowl coverage that he could Sunday, and it paid off. “I flipped over to ESPN after the game and saw Nick getting interviewed,” Wilkerson said. “He told them when he caught the ball he just went back to his days as a high school running back. You could tell by the way he ran that he grew up with the ball in his hands.”

Collins played quarterback for Dixie County his junior year and as a senior moved to running back. It was a good move. He set a school record with more than 2,000 yards rushing. Wilkerson said he had no doubt that when Collins fell to his knees in the end zone, threw open his arms and looked up, that it was an expression of love for his father who died nearly two years ago. “That was for his father. We were all talking about that (Sunday) night when it happened,” Wilkerson said. “It’s a shame they gave him a penalty, because he was not showboating. He was thinking of his dad.”

Collins’ Super Bowl moment was captured by TV cameras and still photographers around the world as Collins kneeling in the end zone, arms spread, with linebacker Clay Matthews clutching him in celebration.

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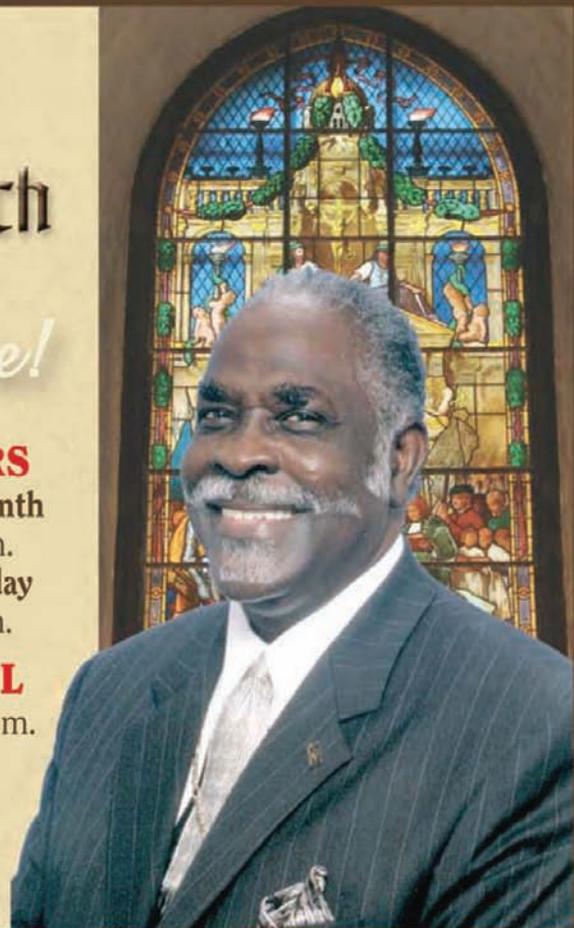
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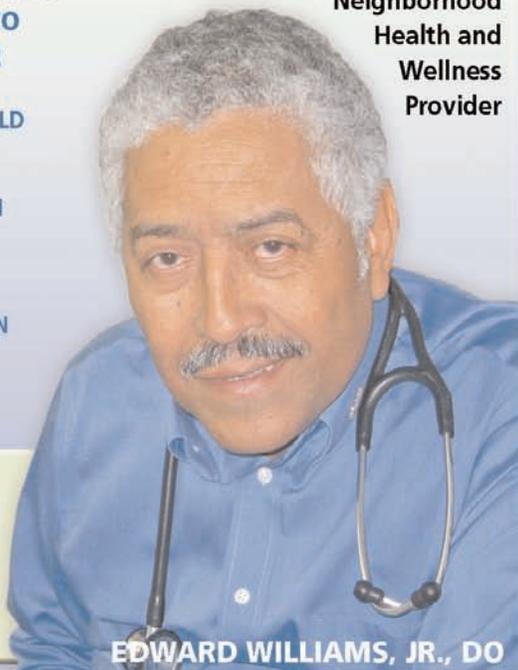
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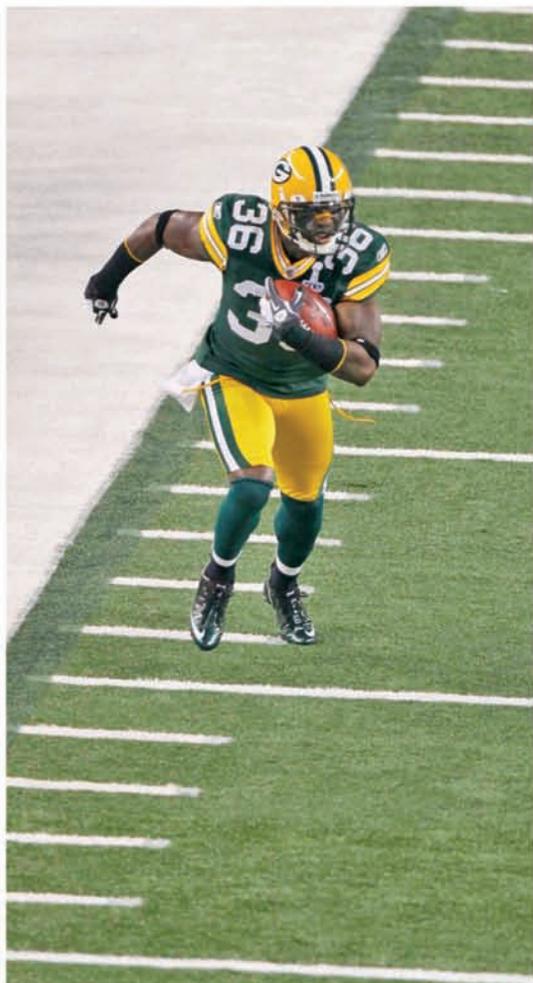
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## **NICK COLLINS'** **ROAD TO GLORY**

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### **Nick Collins:**

Born August 16, 1983 to Willie and Alberta Collins in Gainesville, Florida, Nick is the youngest of three-siblings. While in high school Nick excelled in football, basketball, baseball, and track. Collins was lettered twice as a quarterback, running back and defensive back at Dixie County High in Cross City, Florida. He was named first-team all conference and team MVP as a senior. He also earned two letters as a guard on the school’s basketball team and three letters as a center-fielder for its baseball team. But it was ultimately football that lead him to a full athletic scholarship to attend Bethune-Cookman University. While majoring in recreation at Bethune, Collins was a three-year letterman and two-year starter.

Nick was selected by the Green Bay Packers as the first of two choices in the second round (51st overall) in the 2005 NFL draft. After his first season in the NFL he established the Nick Collins Scholarship Fund at his hometown high school which provides four scholarships annually to students heading off to college. It was this very scholarship fund that catapulted the start of the Nick Collins Jumpstart Foundation. Nick is married to Andrea whom he met through a mutual friend and has a daughter, Jenajah Collins who is his oldest child. The couple has two sons together, Nicholas Collins Jr., and Nmar’e Collins.

### **Andrea Collins:**

Andrea is the proud wife of Nick Collins. She graduated from American Senior High in 2000 where she was a member of the cheerleading team, Health Occupation Students of America (H.O.S.A.), and the National Honors Society. Upon graduation Andrea attended the University of Florida where she received a Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition.

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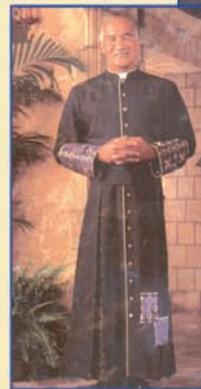
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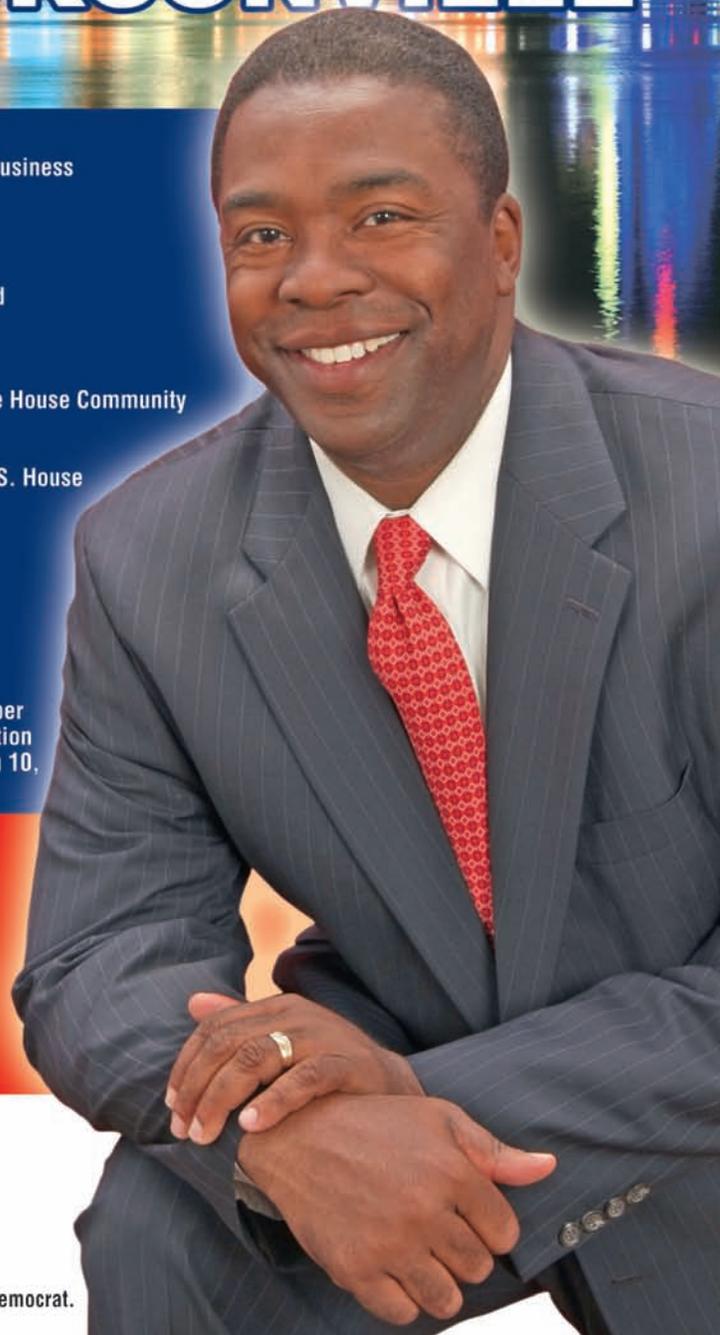
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# Are Blacks An Endangered Species?

By Makeisha Lee

Author, "Why Black People Can't Lose Weight"

Blacks are officially considered to be an endangered species due to obesity and terrifying related illness. Diets, surgeries, pills, exercise motions and potions; though easily and readily available have done little-to-nothing to help people lose weight long-term. Even with all of these mechanisms in place, the 50 million pound question that lies before us is: Why is it that we as "Blacks" are STILL some of the most obese people on the planet?

The facts are the facts! Prevalence of obesity among Blacks has increased 35 percent in the past 10 years alone. According to the CDC (Center for Disease Control), we lead in the highest percentages in both sexes and even amongst children, as compared to other ethnicities when it comes to the contemptible "beast of burden"- obesity. So what is REALLY going on?

There are in fact an infinite number of theories, but here are a few thought provoking ideas that many don't want to address, but that will definitely make you want to go "Hummm!"

1) Too many of us are being brainwashed; covering ourselves up with being ignorance instead of trying to find out the real truth about why Blacks have been unsuccessful as a whole at getting/and or keeping the weight off.

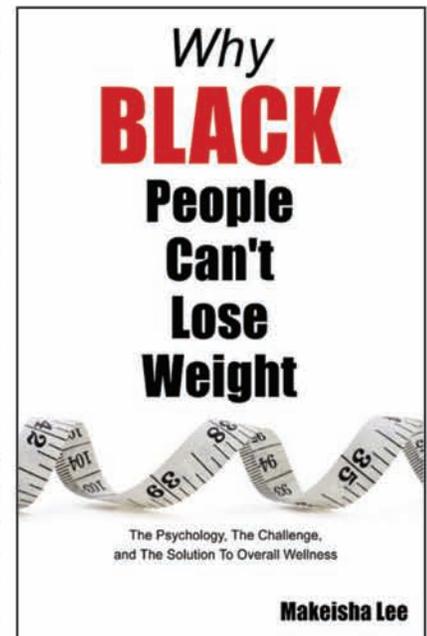
2) All of these diets, various weight loss challenges and campaigns that are currently underway are nothing more than band-aid remedies that will bring us right back to the drawing board - if we don't find out

about pre-existing and current outside elements. That's right, in this day and age mainstream society still suppresses corruption that adversely affects our lives, as a people; as a nation.

3) We may have to begin exposing some that are right within our own community that acts as wolves in sheep's clothing – impeding progress. It's been said that the "mean green" has caused stranger things to happen. Or perhaps, they are not wolves at all; rather it's just a bad case of "blind leading the blind".

4) Whatever the theory or rationale of the matter, one thing most can agree on is that the obesity pandemic for Blacks is unequivocally multi-factorial. People who can think for themselves can surmise that all on their own!

We all do well to open our minds, and eyes to the fact that if we don't get proactive and put on our investigative hats - TODAY; we will be tottering upon a horrific human existence and will eventually land ourselves on the brink of extinction.



## Why **BLACK** People Can't Lose Weight

Makeisha Lee is a nutritional advisor and extensive researcher in the field of alternative health. Her work is inspired by her grandmother's untimely death due to obesity. Her weekly columns are featured in hundreds of newspapers nationally, and she regularly appears on urban radio shows.

Lee travels domestically and internationally to speak on a wide range of health topics. She is the founder and CEO of Cleanse Formula and Freedom Health Solutions. She is also the author of the popular e-book entitled *The African American Guide To Cleansing*.



### This Book Discusses:

- \* The Psychology Behind The Vicious African American Weight Loss Cycle
- \* The Truth About Fad Diets and Weight Loss Surgery
- \* The Chronic Disease Burden That Makes Blacks An Endangered Species
- \* New Scientific Research That Debunks All Current Methods and Approaches To Overall Wellness
- \* A Powerful Two-Step Process To Change Your Psychology Towards Health Goals
- \* Revolutionary Health Secrets
- \* How To Live A Completely Balanced Life (whether you're trying to lose weight or not)

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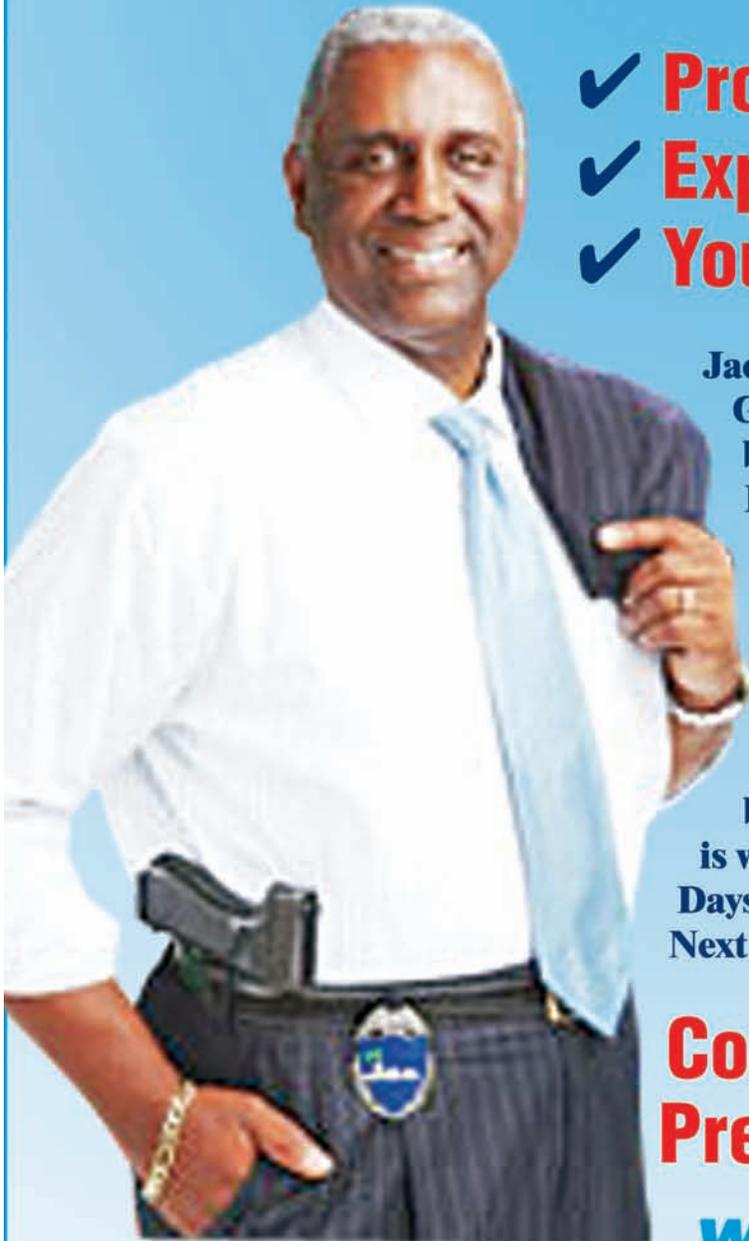
MAKEISHA LEE and consumer health advocates are asking everyone to join her as she sets out to change the future of health and wellness in the community by getting life-saving information out into the hands of every African American! Support this phenomenal sister by purchasing her newly published book, *Why Black People Can't Lose Weight - NOW!*

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White Plains, NY - Dr. Madelon Murphy, a dentist from White Plains, New York, has opened a unique concept hair salon call Swang, Inc - where weaves are a big no-no, and growing your own is advocated with techniques, information and support. Hair has been a passion and interest of Dr. Murphy's, but the damage caused by improper styling techniques on afro-textured hair has distressed her.

“Hair is a part of the human body like any other, and therefore it should be diagnosed like any other part, before treating it or altering it,” she says. “The African-American hair industry is a multi-billion dollar industry and is proof that black women are highly motivated to achieve long, healthy, beautiful hair, but due to misinformation, sometimes passed down for generations, they do not achieve the length and health desired.”

In her experience, Dr. Murphy has noted that hair growth often becomes a one step forward, two steps back effort. Women get discouraged and just sew in some fake hair as a fast, easy alternative. But chemical and mechanical damage can be permanent. Uninstall many hairweaves and the immense damage to the client's natural hair is heartbreaking. The flip side of this scenario, a full head of healthy, mid-back, afro-textured hair is breath-takingly beautiful and versatile.

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For more details about Swang Inc, visit their salon at 257 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605, call them toll-free at **(877) 55-SWANG**, or visit **www.swangsalon.com**



# HEAL THE LAND

## ARTISTES UNITED AGAINST VIOLENCE IN NIGER DELTA

**M**usicians from the Akwa Ibom State have come together to produce a musical album in support of the nation's avowed quest for peace in the Niger Delta region. This **HEAL THE LAND United Peace Song Project** is an initiative lead by Mrs. Ima Ikon Jackson (a.k.a. Lady I), a Nigerian and a top flight broadcaster and radio personality who resides in Daytona Beach, Florida. She has lived through the violence of the brutal Nigerian Civil War (1967-970) and was a teenager during Nigeria Civil war. "With our music and song, we want to inspire our brothers to lay down arms and embrace dialogue. We want to let the entire world know we are a peace loving people," explains Ima Jackson.

**HEAL THE LAND United Peace Song Project** is a CD featuring songs like: "It Takes a Village," "Heal the Land" and "Niger Delta,"

performed by over 20 Akwa Ibom State musicians and written and composed by Ima Ikon Jackson. Proceeds from the project will go toward providing quality education at post primary school levels to children in the Niger Delta region.

The launch of this peace project was well received in Uyo, the capitol of Akwa Ibom State by dignitaries and celebrities, and Ima Ikon Jackson hopes that the cause will be greatly supported in the United States with purchases being made by individuals, churches, social communities, sororities and fraternities.

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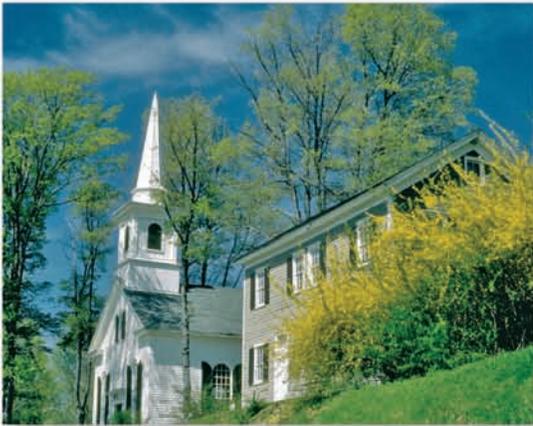
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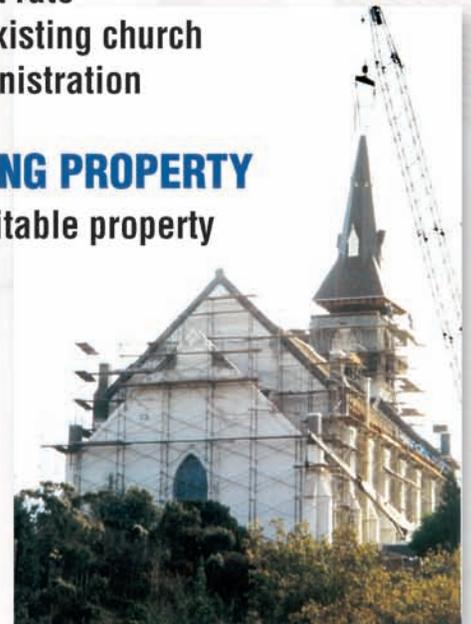


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## NAACP IMAGE AWARD WINNING STAGE PLAY “CAMP LOGAN” HITS SOUTH FLORIDA FOR A STUNNING EXPERIENCE OF THEATRE

Miami, FL - The African American Performing Arts Community Theatre, Inc. (AAPACT) proudly presents “Camp Logan”, an award-winning stage play and critically acclaimed military drama written by Celeste Bedford Walker.

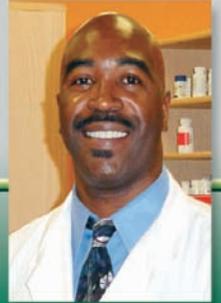
The play is staged at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center located at 6161 N.W. 22nd Avenue in Miami, Florida 33142 from March 30 through April 16, 2011. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 3:00 p.m. Matinees on Sunday. Directed by Teddy Harrell, Jr., featuring Sheldon Cohen (Zuelke), Andre? L. Gainey (McKinney), Marcell Black (Moses), Finley Polynice (Gweely), Kristoff Skalet (Bugaloosa), Anthony Roberts (Franciscus) and Barry K. Gibbs (Hardin).

Here’s the synopsis: After weeks of harassment from the city police and white civilians about a hundred members

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of the 24th Infantry Regiment marched to the west end of Houston from their bivouac at the construction site of Camp Logan. When they arrived in the San Felipe district they fought a running battle with members of the Houston Police, other military units, and armed citizens. “Camp Logan” tells the story of 13 decorated veterans from the 24th United States Infantry Regiment, an all black regiment, who in 1917 were court martialed and then hanged due to this clash between them and the white townspeople of Houston, Texas.

Here’s what the media is saying:

“Forceful...Well Crafted...A Timely Play” — *The New York Post*.

“...A thoughtful, sympathetic depiction of a little known, hair-raising...fascinating...episode of military history.” — *Chicago Tribune*.

Preview shows are just \$5 on March 30 and 31. The Miami-Dade County Employee Appreciation Talk Back Show is just \$10 on April 1. The Official Opening Nite Show is \$25 on April 2. The Press Invite and Industry Matinee Show is \$10 on April 3. Greek Meets Theatre Week is April 7-10. Special Colleges/University Performances is \$10 April 13-15. Two Final performances are April 16 at 1pm & 8pm. Regular Admission is \$20.

Tickets are available for purchase in advance at [www.aapact.com](http://www.aapact.com) or at the box office (an hour before showtime). Group discounts are available for 10 or more persons. The theater is handicapped accessible; please call in advance to arrange seating. Seating can be reserved by calling (305) 456-0287; email to: [theatre@aapact.com](mailto:theatre@aapact.com). The production is sponsored by the Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreations Department, and the Mayor and Board of Miami-Dade County Commissioners.

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## The Family Reunion (Family, Fellowship, Friendship, Fun, Food)

**F**amily Reunion season is here! It's a great way to get the whole gang together. Time to catch up on all the old news about aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and cousins! Time to meet and greet family you've known all your life and to welcome brand new ones. Family Reunions are times to cement bonds and celebrate roots.

Reunions, like family members, come in all shapes and sizes. More and more people are finding family reunions take on an important role in their lives. What better time to interview older relatives, to take photos, to tell the family story and to get everyone excited about and involved in preserving the family's history?

Organization and planning are important keys for a successful reunion. Listed below are a few tips that will help you get started in planning your family reunion. Find other relatives who are interested in planning a reunion and get together to make the basic decisions:

- **When will your reunion be held?**
- **Where will it be held?**
- **What will be the theme?**
- **How will you pay for it?**

### ◆ Picking a Date

Summertime is traditionally the time of the year for family gatherings. The weather is generally good, and children are out of school. But gatherings can be held any time of year. The most important decision is to set the date so that family members can put it on their calendar before planning vacations.

### ◆ Picking the Ideal Site

Location, Location, Location.

Of course, how food will be served affects the kind of site you select. Do you want a potluck meal, food that you and family members prepare at the site or catered food? If you don't want all the headaches involved in preparing and serving food and the cleanup afterwards, you might also consider a banquet room in a local hotel or restaurant.

### ◆ Creating a Theme

Use a theme in all communications about the reunion. Themes are limited only by your imagination. They can be tied to an event, someone's birthday or graduation, or to the season.

Give your theme visual impact by incorporating it into a logo and creating T-shirts for all who attend.

### ◆ Developing a Budget

Creating a budget, collecting funds and using these funds appropriately are important parts of a successful reunion and must be attended to. Be as thorough as possible. Sources of income will normally come from registration fees, donations, fund raisers, etc.

When preparing a budget, figuring expenses is of great importance. Remember, though, that some expenses are paid for directly by the attendees. For example: hotel rooms/travel, tours and meals not included in the program.

While it is important to make sure participants are happy and enjoy themselves, don't forget to relax and enjoy the fun. Discover the unexpected. After all, reunions are for celebrating the good things in life like being with family members. You may want to think about securing assistance from a professional event planner.

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and that they might have it more abundantly."  
(John 10:10 KJV)**

# DALLAS MAVERICKS' JASON TERRY'S “A ROYAL AFFAIR” FATHER-DAUGHTER BALL

*Inaugural Event Highlights Bond Between Fathers And Daughters*

**WHAT:** Jason Terry Foundation First Annual Father-Daughter Ball

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 19, Father's Day, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**WHERE:** Rosewood Crescent Hotel, 400 Crescent Court, Dallas TX

Jason Terry of the NBA Dallas Mavericks Dallas, TX - Dancing, dinner and fond memories between fathers and their daughters will mark the debut of the annual Jason Terry Foundation Father-Daughter Ball, “A Royal Affair.” The Dallas community is invited to share an evening to highlight and celebrate the importance of the father/daughter relationship while raising scholarship funds for deserving high school students. This is near and dear to Jason Terry's heart, as he cherishes the bond he has with his four daughters and his commitment to assisting youth realize their dreams through his scholarship program. Dads and daughters will have the opportunity to pose for photos, bid on fabulous silent auction items and have a chance to win prizes during this Father's Day event.



“A Royal Affair” Father-Daughter Ball is an opportunity for fathers and daughters to enjoy a memorable night of fun, food, and dancing. Our intention is to put together a celebration that will highlight the special relationship between fathers and daughters that often get overlooked within families. I know that the four princesses in my life motivate me to be the best father to them that I can be. I am blessed to be in a position where I am living out my dream everyday and if I can use my celebrity to help others in need, it is my honor and responsibility to do so,” said Terry.

Sponsors for the inaugural ball include: The Dallas Mavericks Foundation, Neiman Marcus Willow Bend, M & M The Special Events Company, Ghni Designs and Superwife Productions. “Neiman Marcus Willow Bend is proud to support the Jason Terry Foundation's first annual Father-Daughter Ball. His foundation is making a difference in our community by helping under privileged children and by presenting scholarships to the youth of North Texas,” said Marcus Wyss, Vice President/General Manager Neiman Marcus Willow Bend.

Scott Berk, Vice President and General Manager of M&M Special Events “M&M The Special Events Company is thrilled to be a part of Jason Terry's Father Daughter Ball. “The motivation behind the Jason Terry Foundation and what they stand for is amazing, and to put that effort into an incredibly special evening for fathers to connect with their daughters is truly special. M&M The Special Events Company is a family owned business and we are thrilled to be a sponsor for this pro family evening. “A Royal Affair” is going to be an event that these young ladies will remember and M&M is incredibly honored to be a part of it.”

“I am honored to participate in this philanthropic effort Jason has set forth to recognize fathers and daughters. This will be a night to remember”, said Heather Antoine, President of Ghni Designs.

Proceeds from this evening will benefit the Jason Terry Foundation (H.O.O.D.) Helping Others Obtain Dreams scholarship program. Ten scholarships in the amount of \$3100 will be granted every year to hardworking high school seniors.

To reserve your seat at the Ball, log onto [www.jasonterryfoundation.org](http://www.jasonterryfoundation.org) or [Ticketleap.com](http://Ticketleap.com) at <http://www.jasonterryfoundation.org>

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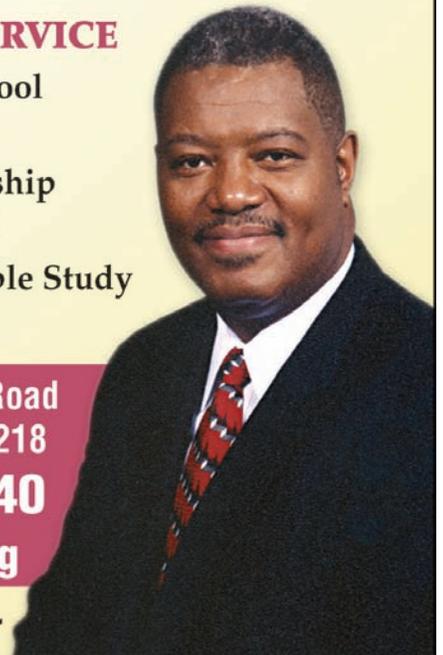
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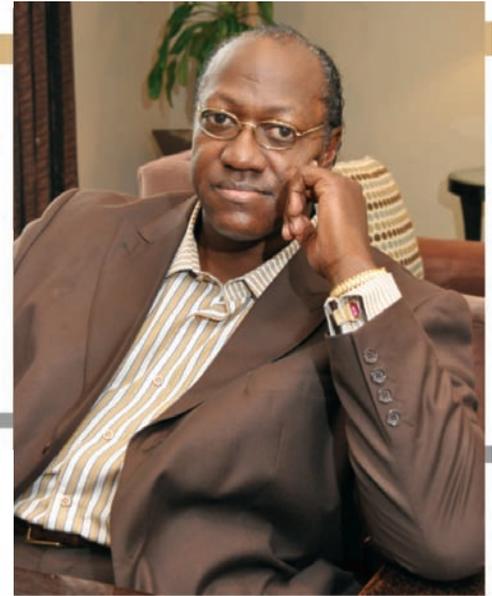
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# Publisher's Editorial

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## Winners and Losers

The Bible tells us an interesting story in Luke 16:19, of two men; one rich and the other poor. The poor man would have himself carried each day to the gate of the rich man's mansion to beg of the crumbs, which fell from the rich man's table. Not once did the rich man oblige a morsel.

Then one day both men died. At death, the Angels carried the poor man into Abraham's bosom, and the rich man was ushered to hell. From his torment, the Bible says, the rich man could see the poor man resting in comfort. Can you imagine the thought of both men at this reversal of fortune? What a difference a day makes.

That's life. We all can taste the sweet juices of the fruits of the mountaintop of success one-day, and the very next day the abandon shadows of the dark valley of pain and defeat can cover us. Life is not constant, things will either get better for us or things will get worse. Our own personal actions determine the course of direction our life takes each and everyday.

We all want to win. Be better and do better. Tomorrow we want to see ourselves further along than we were yesterday. Closer to our goal. Some basic keys to success are: 1) Plan Your Work & Work Your Plan, and 2) To Thy Ownself Be True.

No matter what your goal in life is - you must have a plan. Where you want to go and how you're going to get there. Everyday you must do something credible that genuinely sets you closer to reaching that goal. Monitor your steps and "To Thy Ownself Be True."

Self-evaluation is very important in life. What does it profit you to lie to you? To correctly evaluate yourself, you must first take away all the gray-areas. The world we live in is Black or White, Right or Wrong, Up or Down. Many times when we evaluate ourselves, we find it hard to admit being wrong, so we pencil ourselves in a gray-area. Not quite Black; Not quite White... Gray! Somewhere between right and wrong - in the middle.

To Thy Ownself Be True. You can't help you when you think nothing is wrong with you. Whatever plans you make in the presence of self-denial are programmed for failure, which is the opposite of Program Success. The truth is that every moment of your life you are at all times, either Right or Wrong, Up or Down, a Winner or a Loser... No Gray-Areas.

In your relationships, don't be afraid to admit being wrong or doing something stupid. You can grow from a negative experience and build a positive future relationship knowing what you did wrong. Don't deny being down in life when things just aren't connecting. Everybody have stages when it's hard paying bills or getting a desirable job. "Constructive Discontentment" is not liking your present situation enough to the point of doing something about it.

Finally, when you plan your work and work your plan, you must evaluate your progress. Everyday you are either a Winner or a Loser. You are a Winner when you do those things you planned to do and they take you closer to achieving your goal. You are a Loser when you fail to do what you planned and expected of yourself.

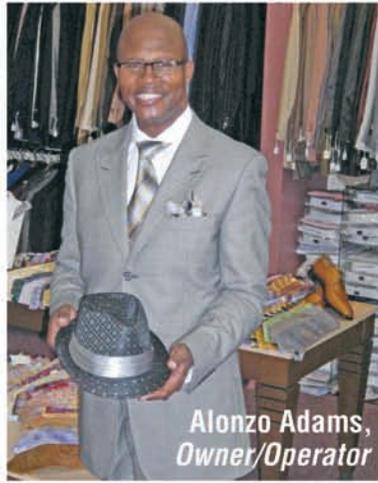
Don't place yourself in a gray-area saying you're all right when you know you haven't done what you should and are not where you want to be. That's self-destructive behavior and it only attributes to failure and underachievement.

Understand this, as our Bible story teaches us, one day can make a big difference. At anytime a Winner can become a Loser, and a Loser can become a Winner. It's your actions that determine your direction. Only what you do matters towards your success. But first and most importantly, you must know where you are today. Are you Down staying Down? Down going Up? Up going Down? Up going Up Higher? To Thy Ownself Be True.



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