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Simmons died peacefully, a devoted wife and mother who spent over thirty years inspiring fifth graders as an educator. She taught student “the love of learning” as a second generational teacher following the inspiration of her mother, and was proud to see her daughter also become a teacher. Mrs. Simmons attended Isaiah Blocker Elementary School and Stanton Junior Senior High School from which she graduated with honors. Later she earned a diploma from Tuskegee Institute, her Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida Memorial College, and her Masters of Arts from Florida A&M.

Mrs. Simmons spent her last years of teaching at Love Grove Elementary School where she was named Teacher of the



Month and was honored by the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville. She has always believed that all students could learn and that with the right motivation, every child would learn. This philosophy was evidenced when her class won the “Read to Succeed” program award for 1986-87. Throughout her career she continuously worked with her students individually as well as in groups. She considered staying after school and working

with her students, their parents and former students a vital part of the process of assuring that all of her students would receive the education to which they were entitled. She also chaired the school Spelling Bee and was the lead teacher in the “Make a Difference” program.

Her love for life-long learning was a tradition that was passed to her from her Aunt Julia Brooks

and was passed on to her children, the late Jolita Simmons Johnson, retired from the Annapolis, Maryland School System and her son, Dr. Charles E. Simmons, III, a prominent Pediatrician in Jacksonville.

For 62 years, Jolita Simmons was the devoted wife and partner to the late Charles E. Simmons, Jr. Together they were Civil Rights Advocates, Community Workers and active participants in numerous service and social organizations. She was a life member of the NAACP, the YWCA and a Golden Soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was an active member of the Jacksonville Chapter of the Links Incorporated for over 30 years, a Fla-Jill, an Alphabet, and an avid Bridge Prayer holding membership in the Smart Set Bridge Club. She served with the Red Cross and was a chairperson for the United Way Drive. She was a lifetime member of Bethel Baptist Institutional Church.



Jolita Watson, Miss Jacksonville adorns the front cover of the January 1942 issue of The Crisis magazine.





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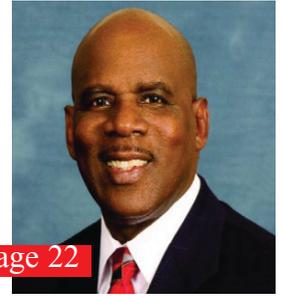
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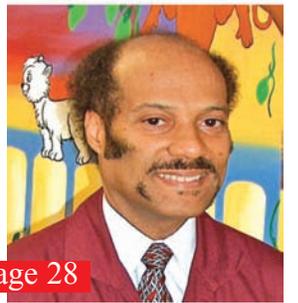
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He received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the Florida Coastal School of Law, graduating in the top 20% of his class.

QUASI-JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:

Marc has served as a Teen Court Judge in the Flagler County Teen Court for the past 2 years.

COMMUNITY DECISION-MAKING EXPERIENCE:

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- Board Director – Flagler County Human Services Allocation Committee 2006-2008
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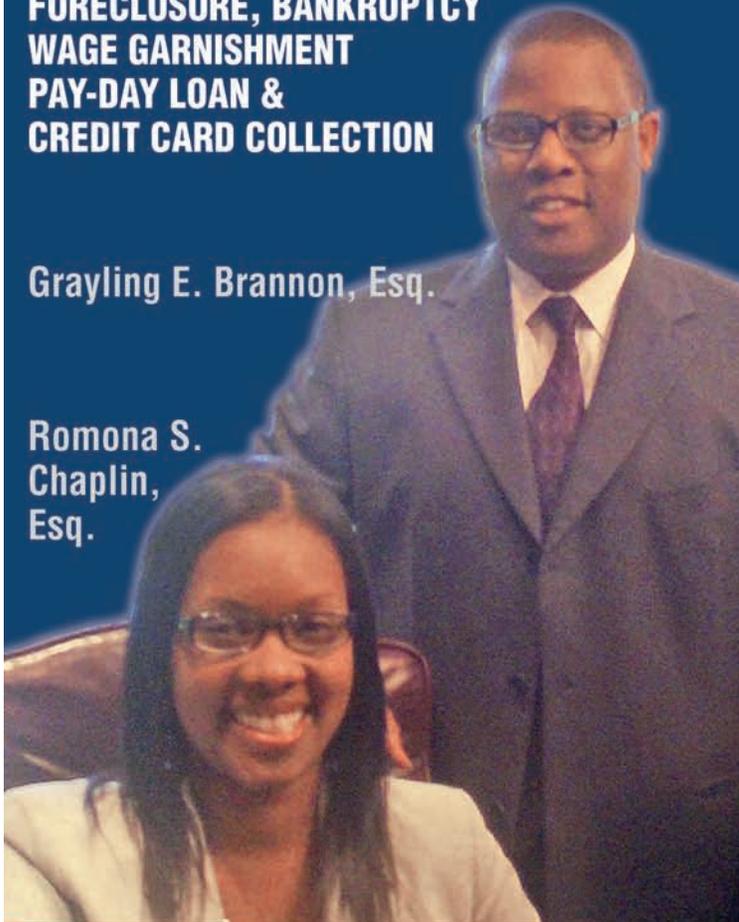
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Congressman John Lewis joins Congresswoman Brown in traveling the Florida 3rd District to inform the public of the importance of keeping the Voting Right Act viable. Congressman Lewis recounts his experiences on the Civil Rights Trail and states he does not want to see all the accomplishments repealed because of complacency.

As you know, along with Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, I have filed suit to block the so-called Fair Districts initiatives from appearing on the ballot this fall. We believe the proposed amendments to Florida’s constitution would violate the 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution and the federal Voting Rights Act and we brought this lawsuit to protect the rights of our constituents.

As you are well aware, the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides that the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged on the basis of race or color. The Voting Rights Act of 1964 came about because existing federal anti-discrimination laws were not being enforced by states or local jurisdictions. Diluting minority voting power through redistricting is one practice Congress intended to end by passing the Voting Rights Act.

The voting Rights Act (“VRA”) ensures that political processes are equally open to participation by racial or language minorities. Under the law, these groups must have “an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice.” (See 42 U.S.C. § 1973(b).) A redistricting plan violates the VRA if it diminishes the ability of minority voters to “elect their preferred candidates of choice.” (See *Bartlett v. Strickland*, 129 S.Ct. 1231 (2009).)

Generally, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act requires the creation or preservation of majority-minority districts where the minority population is sufficiently large and geographically compact so as to constitute a majority, the minority group is politically cohesive, and there is evidence of racial bloc voting that defeats the opportunity of minority voters to elect candidates of choice. (See *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30 (1986).)

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Finding Deplorable Post-Earthquake Conditions in Homeland

Hollywood, Ft Lauderdale, FL — Recently, celebrity chef Ron Duprat and former model Fayola Nicaisse visited Haiti to examine conditions six months after the devastating January 12, 2010 magnitude 7.0 earthquake centered near PORT-AU-PRINCE. Overcome by the deplorable post-earthquake living conditions and hunger still rampant in their homeland, Duprat and Nicaisse became more determined than ever to do something to address the still existent near famine conditions. Chef Duprat has partnered with Bergeron Land Development, Inc. to establish a culinary center in Haiti in an effort to help alleviate hunger in affected areas.

Duprat teamed up with Nicaisse - who is the founder of the highly-successful ébène organic skin and hair care line - shortly after the earthquake in a common love for their country and their eagerness to contribute to relief efforts. To meet their collective goal they are also currently working on expanding her line of skin care products. A percentage of the products' proceeds will benefit their continued relief efforts in Haiti.

“Ron is an amazing chef,” Nicaisse commented. “I asked him to develop new flavors for my product line. Chef Ron and I will collaborate and build from there by borrowing from his culinary expertise to add flavors and scents to soaps and lotions in my ébène Skin and Hair Care line.” She continued, “The idea is to incorporate extracts and spices from different Haitian cultural dessert dishes to share a little taste of home with our customers, while contributing to a great cause.”

While in Haiti, Duprat prepared a dinner at Caribe Hotel; visited shelters; met with young entrepreneurs from the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF); and served meals at the Food for



Celebrity Chef Ron Duprat

partner with Perdue, one of the nation's leading poultry companies, to obtain training for Haitians to learn to raise chickens for their own consumption, but most importantly to establish businesses and create jobs. Duprat explains, “This effort is a marathon, not a sprint.”

ABOUT CHEF RON DUPRAT:

A fierce competitor on Bravo TV's sixth season of “Top Chef,” Chef Duprat has cemented himself as an expert in exotic flavors - often incorporating his own Haitian Creole influences with French-Asian Fusion cuisine. The Celebrity Chef chose the culinary profession as an outlet passion, and also for the tradition that fills the storybook of world cuisine.

The community-minded chef is a board member of FLIPANY (Florida Introduces Physical Activity and Nutrition to Youth), an organization that provides affordable physical activity and nutrition programs for youth. Duprat is vice president of the Black Culinary Alliance (a nationwide non-profit, educational and networking organization of hospitality and food service professionals); a member of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative that addresses solving the challenge of childhood obesity; a member of No Hungry Kids; manager of Real Men Cook Miami, a subsidiary of Real Men Charities, Inc.; and a member of Basil Magazine's Chef Council.

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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.

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FROM GOD'S CORNER



**By Aundra Bryant
Tallahassee, Florida**

I remember when I was growing up that there was a brand of luggage that came out called Samsonite. I believe that it was given that name because it resembled the features of the Bible character name Samson

who was strong and was feared by every man. However, Satan can use baggage to keep us from going higher in the Lord if we have the wrong garments inside. Let us think back to the Book of Isaiah chapter sixty-one, verse three which says “And provide for those who grieve in Zion, to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.” The Prophet Isaiah declared the four fold mission of Jesus Christ here on earth. To bring glad tidings, heal the brokenhearted, set the captives free and bring favor from the Lord.

There are four things that the Lord wants us to carry in our Samsonite luggage as we journey here on earth. Firstly, Christ tells us that we need to carry positive thoughts as we meet our brothers and sisters each day. Jesus Christ came that we might be redeemed from our sins but also he gives us a new outlook on life. The things that we have been through in the past, he wants us to leave behind and move on. All of our past relationships and failures need to be kicked to the curb. The Apostle Paul said it best “Forgetting those things which are behind, I press toward the mark of a higher calling which is in Christ Jesus”

Secondly, the Lord wants us to make sure that we have packed clothes that are appropriate for every occasion. We are going to need some faith, hope, peace and love for this journey. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. We can now rejoice because we have faith in Jesus Christ who brought us hope after forty two generations of uncertainty, despair and hopelessness. The messiah whom Isaiah talked about is now among and he is our Prince of Peace.

Thirdly, we are going to have to keep the Word of God with us at all times. Just as the Ark of the Covenant contained the Ten Commandments and other sacred documents, the luggage that we carry every day must contain the Word of God. David declared that “The Word of God is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway”. We need to constantly study the Word of God daily

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whether in Church School, Bible Study or our daily devotion because it is power unto salvation. One day our memories may begin to fade away and we cannot remember those scriptures like we could when we were younger, but if we get it down in our Spirit, it will comfort and strengthen us. As David also declares “I once was young but now I am old but I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor its seed begging bread”. Through the Word of God we can see our testimony come alive.

The hymn writer said it best when he penned this song “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine. Oh what a foretaste of glory divine, heir of salvation, purchased by God, born of his Spirit washed in his blood. This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.”

Finally, Jesus wants us to help lead someone else to Christ. It was said that when after Jesus resurrection he came walking into Heaven carrying a man on his shoulder and he had blood on his hand. An angel asked Jesus, “Who is that you are carrying on your shoulder and why do you have blood on your hands?” Jesus replied “When I was on the cross, the thief cried out “Lord, when you get in your kingdom, please remember me”.

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President Bill Clinton once said of Corrine Brown that if he saw her coming, he just would say yes to whatever she wanted because arguing with her was useless. So what is it about Congresswoman Brown that sets her apart from the others? Why is Corrine Brown a successful leader year after year serving in the U.S. Congress? Here's what she says: “Serving the people is my passion! Having served Florida's 3rd Congressional District for the past eighteen years, I know my record stands out among all of the candidates. I believe my record of not just talking about Florida's needs, but of delivering for Florida is what best prepares me to return to Congress to represent my great constituents. In Washington, I've served 18 years on the Transportation Committee where I am Chair of the Subcommittee on Rail, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. In this leadership role, I have jurisdiction over all matters relating to freight railroads; passenger rail service, including Amtrak; high-speed rail systems; railroad labor, railroad retirement; railroad workers' compensation; and railroad unemployment insurance as well as measures relating to the transportation of hazardous materials and pipeline transportation (safety and economic regulation). On the Veterans Committee, I've risen to

the # 2 position on the committee and serve on the important Health Subcommittee.”

Congresswoman Brown, whose number one priority is jobs, knows that speed rail could be a boom for jobs and the overall economy for Florida. Federal dollars and local voters say, “Let's go,” but moving forward on the high speed rail front requires diligent daily hard work. The diligent work is true with each crucial issue. Whether it's about getting stimulus dollars into her district, bringing home Florida's fair share of tax dollars, working with labor and business to create new jobs, or working for a single constituent, Congresswoman Brown never tires of fighting for the people of the 3rd Congressional District. She says of her constituents, “Their issues such as jobs, health care, education, families, social security, veterans, military, transportation, clean energy technologies, ports, roads, and railroads are my issues. I'm



Above: Testifiers ready to speak on behalf of veterans' hospital in Jacksonville, Florida at Congressional hearing organized by Congresswoman Brown.



Above: *Corrine Brown leading Stimulus Package 09 Seminar for Jacksonville business and community leaders and all interested persons. Over 5,000 people attended.*

fighting for good jobs for my district every day. I've established a solid record of delivering for Florida during my 10 years in the Florida House and 18 years in Congress."

Without question, Corrine Brown is a hard worker, a fighter, and a determined negotiator with proven delivery skills who has helped create tens of thousands of good paying jobs, improved education by hiring more teachers and reducing class sizes, worked to get the COPS program to Florida with an additional 100,000 cops, and passed the largest increase in veterans' health care in the history of the United States. And on military issues, she's equally tough. "I've fought to keep Florida's military bases open, and I will continue to fight for a strong military presence in Florida", says the Congresswoman. "I believe my record of not just talking about Florida's needs, but of delivering for Florida is what best qualifies me to continue representing Florida's 3rd Congressional District. For years, Florida has been a donor state to the Highway Trust Fund and Airport Improvement Program. I was a leader in the fight to change transportation funding through "SafeTea-21," which returns 57% more transportation money to Florida. Florida remains a donor state and needs a fighter to deliver for Florida and to drive our tax dollars home for schools, veterans, seniors, families, and our military and business communities!"

We all know that Florida, at the top of the list for job loss, home foreclosures and high mortgage rates, needs more

proven leaders with a strong voice for the people. Our economy is in a shambles. Families, facing many problems, including job loss, high mortgage rates, and foreclosures, are hurting and need help. Finding solutions is what Corrine Brown is all about. For instance, Congresswoman Brown's well-attended and successful seminars and job fairs are the envy of other Members of Congress. Planning and organization is the key, and Congresswoman Brown has a gifted Congressional office

staff second to none and well-placed in Washington, Jacksonville and Orlando with outreach capabilities to every part of her district.

Congresswoman Brown, strong and solid on women's rights issues, has made women's health a primary concern. From better pre-natal care to mammogram testing to better elderly care, she knows the needs of women have been ignored too long and must be addressed starting now. When asked about the issues, she replied, "Did you know that 7 out of 10 working-age American women (64 million women) either have no health insurance, insufficient health care coverage, trouble paying medical bills or a lack

of access to needed health care due to cost? That's just wrong – and I aim to deliver for Florida's women and families."



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UNIQUE MUSIC ARTIST BRINGS SWEET AND SOUL SOUNDS TO INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCES

London, UK — Chinie's sound is that refreshing cooling fusions of sounds that makes people simply relax with imagination, and think of places, sounds, weathers and wonderful things. Chinie is a UK international sweet and sour music artist that makes you think of the bold, the fusion, the blend and the thirst quenching. Chinie has been writing music for years now from childhood, and having English and American influences as well as influences of the many places she had also been to as a child. Chinie lives in London where she's always lived and counts all over the world as home.

The track 'Don't Be Afraid' is a sweet and a little quirky sour melodic and harmonious fusion of sounds that sort of quenches your thirst for melodies all summer long and of course in all weathers'. This slightly comic style artist will awaken your magical senses of storyline and keep it awake. Chinie is your introduction to that wonderfully and verily awaited sound that you've just got to have and love. It's different. It's new. It's fresh. The tracks are wonderful and simply described by people as quenching your thirst. Let 'em know, let 'em decide.

'Dont Be Afraid' is one of the earliest tracks written at the same



— Singer Chinie is Available for Bookings —

time as 'Bless My Day', followed by pop tunes like 'Bebop' which is more like a high school reunion party, the first to be released by Chickito Records. 'Don't Be Afraid' climbed the US NME charts in early 2010. 'Don't Be Afraid' which was also included in Grammy listings for 2010 is a first self release on its own as a single, part of the 'Of The Lamp' album. Who didn't love it, as it would keep people interested and listening to this innovative fusion of boom, pop, jazz, rhythm fusions.

'Don't Be Afraid' is a track that has climbed up the NMW US charts in early 2010. It is a fusion of really delicious urban/tribal/pop/fusion/ and even jazzy combinations of fusion pop in one track that many claim is futuristic in terms of sound, whilst also keeping listeners interested and listening which is what its about. It is a combination of sounds that makes a listener think of weathers, sounds, places, drums, and a vocal fusion of the artist's own vocal opera style singing and later deep vocal tones by the same artist, who also loves to perform in varied languages such as French, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese and even Arabic and Persian. 'Don't Be Afraid' lets you imagine a lot of things.

Chinie is very simple but innovative and truly a combinations artist. A UK artist, Chinie's tracks also include foreign versions of many of her singles. The track is 'Don't Be Afraid' is very available especially with the 'Bless My Day' track, as a single release from all good online mainstream retail music shops. It can also be downloaded from all good entertainment download sites. The videos for both tracks have been award nominated at prestigious levels. Catch this very simple black artist in action. Watch the much raved about award winning and well nominated and still being nominated videos of 'Dont Be Afraid' and 'Bless My Day' at www.myspace.com/chinieofficial or Tweet with her at www.twitter.com/chinie1

Bring this artist to your doorstep and let her quench your thirst. To buy her CDs go to amazon.com or search Chinie CD's online for places that sell them. Chinie is a UK international saucy performing artist that has been writing music jovially.

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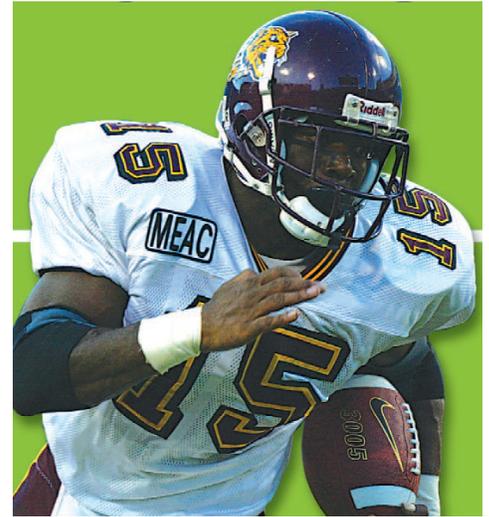
Bethune-Cookman University New Coach Brian Jenkins Looks To Kick-Off Season With High Expectations



Brian Jenkins
Wildcats Football Coach

Norfolk, Virginia - B-CU Head Football Coach Brian Jenkins talked with the MEAC media Friday, July 31st and addressed the MEAC Kickoff Luncheon along with the 12 other head coaches in the afternoon in the annual MEAC Football Kickoff.

“I am honored to be the head coach of Bethune-Cookman and to be up here with all these great coaches,” said Coach Jenkins at the luncheon. “I know what it is to be a Cookman man and we want to restore that legacy, being proud and carrying on the traditions of Mary McLeod Bethune.”



we are set with. Everybody asks the questions of what kind of offense and I am optimistic and guarded with all that. Our players will be working very hard and our coaching staff will prepare them for the opening game and we look forward to that.”

Jenkins spoke to the media earlier in the day and lauded B-CU’s All-MEAC pre-season players Reggie Sandilands (Jr. LB) and senior DE Ryan Davis who both made second team defense honors. “Reggie Sandilands and Ryan Davis are returning players and team leaders that will be very instrumental for us this year defensively.” The Wildcats open training camp Sunday, August 7 and the team media/photo/fan day will be August 15, time TBA, at Municipal Stadium, showcasing the new Field Turf surface in the 2010 season.

“We will be concerned with and preparing hard for the first game, (Edward Waters September 4) and that is all



Bethune-Cookman University



2010-2011 SCHEDULE			
Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
09/04/10	vs. Edward Waters	Daytona Beach, Fla.	4:00 p.m.
09/18/10	vs. Savannah State	Daytona Beach, Fla.	4:00 p.m.
09/25/10	vs. Norfolk State *	Daytona Beach, Fla.	4:00 p.m.
10/02/10	at Morgan State *	Baltimore, Maryland	4:00 p.m.
10/09/10	vs. Delaware State *	Daytona Beach, Fla. -B-CU Homecoming-	4:00 p.m.
10/16/10	at South Carolina State *	Orangeburg, S.C.	1:30 p.m.
10/23/10	at North Carolina Central	Durham, N.C.	2:00 p.m.
10/30/10	vs. North Carolina A&T *	Daytona Beach, Fla.	4:00 p.m.
11/06/10	at Hampton University *	Hampton, Virginia	2:00 p.m.
11/13/10	vs. Howard *	Daytona Beach, Fla.	4:00 p.m.
11/20/10	vs. Florida A&M *	Orlando, Fla. (Citrus Bowl)	TBA

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Congressionally-Directed Spending – Congressman Grayson increased targeted federal spending here by more than 500% in a year when we needed it the most. The \$12 million creates jobs and meets basic human needs. The money does not appease lobbyists.

Foreclosure Mediation – Congressman Grayson dealt with the housing crisis by getting our local judges to institute a mediation program to prevent foreclosures. The Supreme Court of Florida just expanded our model throughout the state.

Boosting Tourism – Congressman Grayson busted through years of delay and procedural logjams to pass the Travel Promotion Act, establishing a fully-funded federal commission that will spend \$200 million a year promoting our #1 industry, tourism.

Saving Our Schools – Congressman Grayson’s vote helped deliver more than \$200 million in additional federal money to Orange County schools. The money directly prevented schools from closing. The bill also provided \$80 million for schools in Lake and Marion Counties.

National Hurricane Research Center – Congressman Grayson secured a commitment from the House Leadership to build a \$50 million National Hurricane Research Center in Orlando as part of the climate change bill.

Pinecastle Jeep Range – Congressman Grayson arranged for funding and progress in the cleanup at the Pinecastle Jeep Range, to help keep our children safe.

Unparalleled Constituent Service – Congressman Grayson established offices in Ocala, Tavares, and Winter Garden, to meet the needs of people in our 140-mile-long district. He and his staff responded individually to almost 100,000 e-mails sent to his official website, grayson.house.gov. He also held more health care town hall-type events than other Member of Congress from Central Florida.

Increase In Grant Funding – The hard work of Congressman Alan Grayson, D-Fla., paid off in a big way for the people of our district. A new analysis of grant information showed that federal grant dollars for Florida’s 8th Congressional District increased by 98% during the Congressman’s first year in office.

Audit the Fed – Congressman Alan Grayson voted in favor of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act today. The bill implements common-sense rules to en-





sure that Big Banks and Wall Street can't play Russian Roulette with our economic future ever again.

The Pay For Performance Act – Congressman Grayson introduced the bill which prevents unreasonable or excessive compensation for employees at companies in which the government now has an ownership stake through TARP (bailout) money. This was the first substantive bill introduced by a freshman member to be passed by the House of Representatives during the 1st Session of the 111th Congress.



Amendments Combat Wasteful Defense Spending – On June 25th, 2009, Congressman Grayson introduced two successful amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 2647) in the House of Representatives. His first amendment requires revealing the names of all contractors causing overruns in defense contracts – a Contractor Hall Of Shame. Grayson's second amendment requires that cost or price to the Federal government be given at least equal importance as other criteria in evaluating bids for defense contracts. The bipartisan bill passed by a final vote of 389-22.

Teach the Constitution Week – On September 14th the U.S. House of Representatives approved Congressman Grayson's "Teach The Constitution Week" resolution. The bill (H.Res. 686) urges high schools to spend one week each September teaching the Constitution to seniors. Congressman Grayson's non-partisan resolution passed unanimously.



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Net Neutrality For The Internet - Don't Believe The Hype

By: Robert M. Spooney, Th.D

Executive Director/ CEO of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida and the Associate Pastor of Christian Education at Fellowship Baptist Church of Pine Hills in Orlando, Florida

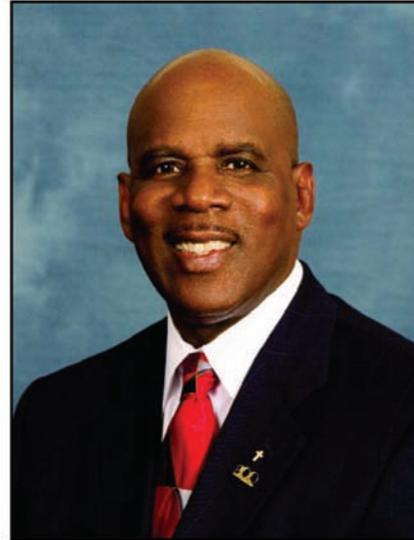
The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) is in the process of determining how it can regulate the Internet. The focus of the FCC, unfortunately, is not on what is on a website but rather how to get to a website. It wants to control how Internet Service Providers (ISPs) allow consumers and businesses to access Internet Content Providers (ICPs or websites). I believe that such control will have a devastating and negative affect on how small businesses, especially small minority businesses, access the Internet.

In a nutshell, the FCC is proposing a rule on “Net Neutrality Regulation”. This rule will supposedly prohibit Internet Service Providers from interfering with the free flow of information and certain applications over their networks.” Currently, ISPs can slow or block certain types of content, such as file transfers which use peer-to-peer software and have the ability to consume as much as 70 percent of broadband capacity. Since bandwidth is a finite resource, overuse of bandwidth can slow or cripple Internet access for the rest of the ISPs customers. In today’s environment heavy users of broadband capacity pay more. That’s how it should be. As congestion threatens to impede quality of service, some ISPs have responded by prioritizing traffic streams and by varying the price of network access on the basis of the transmission capacity and traffic volume.

This is a concept based on usage sensitivity or you pay for exactly how much you use. It is the same as paying for driving on a toll road, the more you use it, the more you pay. The concept is called Traffic Prioritization and it keeps a content provider from utilizing too much capacity without paying extra. In order to keep an even flow of data moving, ISPs routinely monitor their networks to ensure that all content have equal access. Net Neutrality Regulation will prohibit ISPs from controlling the flow of traffic.

Now how does that affect small businesses?

The answer is simple. In today’s business environment minority entrepreneurs are often content providers (website owners) that do not have the financial resources of larger more established companies. Major mainstream companies are now beginning to increase their offerings of high-bandwidth products like movies and music. Large volumes of streaming video and music files require



Dr. Robert M. Spooney

large amounts of network capacity. Broadband availability is not unlimited so it is conceivable that many minority companies that are content providers (website owners) will have to wait for bandwidth availability, due to traffic bottlenecks, in order for their content

to be delivered to the consumer. To add insult to injury, the delivery may not be in a timely fashion. In other words by instituting “Network Neutrality Regulation” and blocking traffic prioritization, the FCC would eliminate the ability of minority entrepreneurs to gain entry and scale by partnering with ISPs to ensure that their content is delivered at competitive speeds. Without the ability to take advantage of ISP partnerships and incentive programs that are a bi-product of traffic prioritization, many minority digital entrepreneurs will not be able to take full advantage of the transformative power of broadband and afford the network access needed to deliver their content to the consumer.

As I see it, the FCC’s push for “Net Neutrality Regulation” is not good for small businesses. What can you do? You should encourage the FCC to adopt a flexible traffic prioritization policy that would preserve business relationships and reduce the cost of services for consumers. This can be done if ISPs have the latitude to create ways to recoup a fair share of costs from the large content providers and heavy Internet users. Write to the following address and express your views:

**The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554**

Dr. Robert M. Spooney is the Executive Director/CEO of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida and former Staff Manager/Competitive Analyst- BellSouth Business Systems (Now AT&T)

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Corrine Brown is proud to bring home successful projects to our communities in these tight, stressful economic times. The *Florida-Times Union* reported that out of 435 U.S. House Members, Corrine Brown ranks 3rd in securing member priorities totaling \$664 million dollars for the 3rd Congressional District. Her constituents know that she works diligently for them and will remain focused on the needs of the people. She declared, “Every two years, my constituents go to the polls and give me the only report card that really matters their Vote.”

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- ★ Through her leadership on the Transportation Committee she has secured Stimulus Funding for improvements on bridges, roads, highways, seaports and airport projects
- ★ Veterans Hospital, Veterans Clinics and Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville
- ★ Co-sponsored Commerce for Defenders Act 2010 – Assist Veterans with securing business Loans through the SBA

Corrine Brown works with mayors, transportation authorities, the military, labor unions, business, educators, and countless dedicated citizens to secure funding for more jobs. She supports rehabilitation of educational facilities in underserved areas and to improve educational institutions in her district. Some of her funded projects include:

- New Veterans Hospital, Veterans Clinics and Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville
- Secured Stimulus Dollars for the SAFT America Plant which will provide jobs in construction and provide 300 high quality jobs in manufacturing batteries
- Secured Stimulus Funding for Jacksonville Transportation Authority and the City of Jacksonville
- Florida State College of Jacksonville Military Long Distance Learning Programs
- Jacksonville University's Marine Science Research Institute
- University of Florida's Cooperative effort with Shands Teaching Hospital
- Edward Waters College Facility improvements
- Bethune-Cookman University Learning Center
- Commuter Rail Initiative for service from Jacksonville to Miami

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A Celebration of Love

Ronesia Annette Hoyt, daughter of Ronda Johnson and Derrick Hoyt of Atlanta, Georgia, along with Darryl A. Barrs, Jr. son of Darryl and Gwendolyn Barrs of Daytona Beach, Florida celebrated their love by joining in Holy Matrimony Saturday, July 10, 2010.

Darryl and Ronesia met on MySpace in the summer of 2006 while they both were attending separate colleges in Florida, Ronesia, Stetson University, and Darryl, Bethune-Cookman University. As time passed, they met and became best friends. Soon they were both smitten with each other which quickly turned into Love. They have been together ever since.

Their ocean-side wedding and reception in Daytona Beach Shores, Florida at the home of the groom's parents began at 4:00 p.m. with both of the couple's fathers officiating, in the presence of the couple's family and closest friends. The colors chosen were mango orange and lime green which was incor-

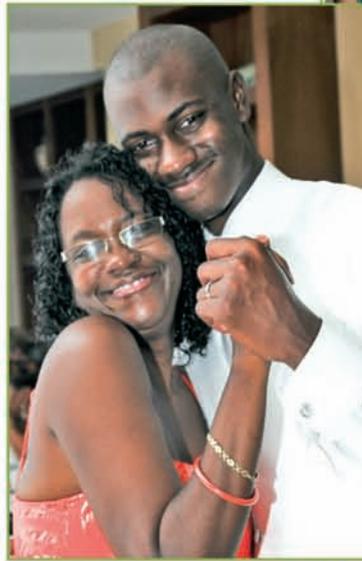
porated throughout the decorations for the ceremony and reception.

After the ceremony the guests enjoyed an outdoor cocktail party in the courtyard. The reception moved into the beautifully decorated club room. With the Atlantic Ocean as the backdrop the guests dined on a catered buffet meal which included Chef Carved Roast of Beef with Au Jus Gravy and Horseradish.

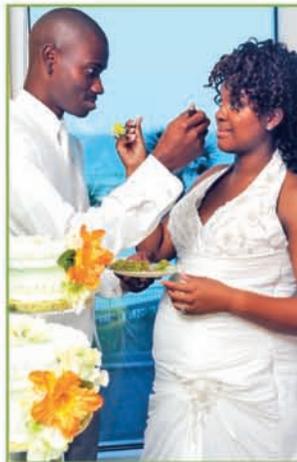
After the dinner and toast the couple cut their wedding cake which consisted of three tiers, a special creation of Ladreeka Atwater of Cupcake Connection Bakery in Jacksonville, Florida. Each tier was a different flavor, lime, orange, and vanilla which complimented the wedding colors. Then the dancing began. Upon leaving the reception, guests were presented with individual cupcakes that read "From Our Hearts To Yours" along with other favors.

The newlyweds will conclude their storybook wedding adventure with a honeymoon in September.

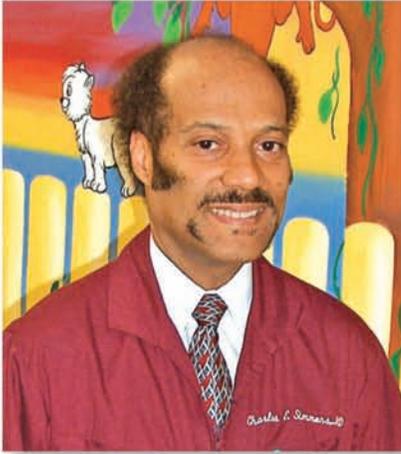




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 Medical Student

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.

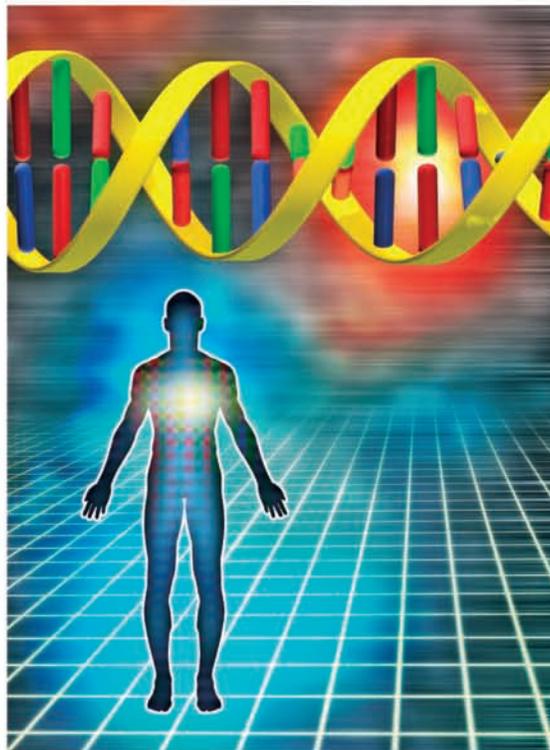
Color Blindness

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.

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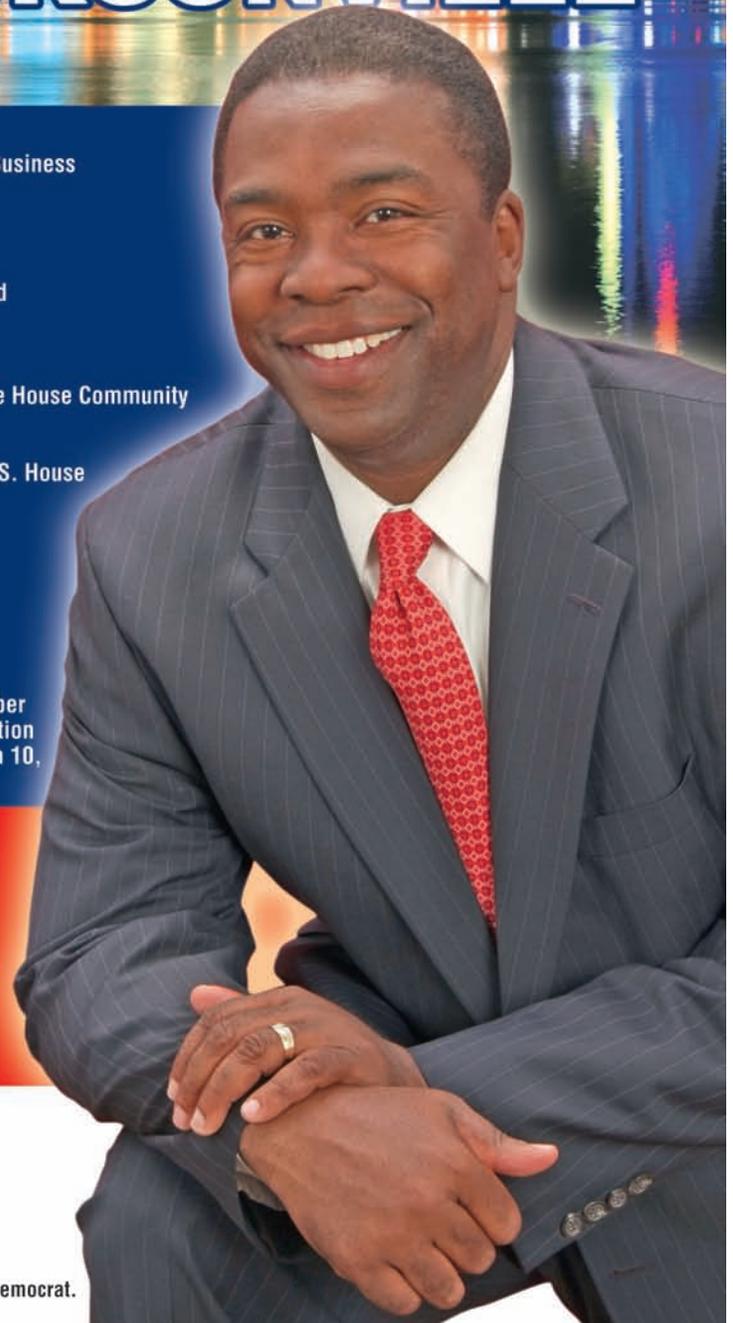
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VOTER RIGHTS

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As you may recall, my election to Congress in 1992 was made possible because a federal court held that the previous district plan violated Article I, § 2 of the United States Constitution, the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, the one person, one vote principle, and the Voting Rights Act. (See *DeGrandy v. Wetherell*, 794 F. Supp. 1076 (N.D. Fla 1992).) In 1996, the district was challenged as racially gerrymandered, was redrawn and has remained relatively intact since then despite challenges. (See *Johnson v. Mortham*, 950 F. Supp. 1117 (N.D. Fla 1996).

In other words, even though the district as it stands was not specifically designed to favor any particular race, the communities of interest it contains affords minorities the opportunity to elect their preferred candidate, as they have done consistently for nearly twenty years. Therefore, the residents of my district are entitled to the protections of the Voting Rights Act and I joined this lawsuit because Amendments Five and Six threaten those protections.

Under the proposed amendments, districts cannot be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor an incumbent or a party. Furthermore, districts must be compact and utilize existing political and geographical boundaries. The amendments



Congresswoman Corrine Brown and Congressman John Lewis with Darryl and Gwen Barrs, Publishers of the Program Success Magazine

attempt to incorporate language from the VRA by stating that boundaries cannot be drawn in ways that deny or abridge the equal opportunity of minorities to participate in the political process or diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice. That language will prove to be a smokescreen.

Due to the history of legalized racism in Florida and the settlement patterns it produced, however, all these goals cannot be met. In order to preserve the ability of minority voters to elect their candidates of choice, districts must be drawn in a way that recognizes where minorities live and accounts for the person or party voters have actually chosen in the past. If the legislature ignored incumbency or party and drew lines by county or some other geographic feature, minority voters would be dispersed and their voting power submerged – a clear violation of the Voting Rights Act and the 15th Amendment. Under § 2 of the VRA, violations can be proved by showing discriminatory effect alone – intent is not relevant. (See *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30 (1986).

While this argument may seem simplistic, this so-called reform really does break down to the proponents wanting to have it both ways: they claim to preserve minority voting rights and at the same time create districts that follow arbitrary geographical boundaries. Unfortunately, because discrimination produced a widely dispersed minority population, both goals cannot be achieved. The VRA and Constitution make the choice clear: the ability of minorities to elect their preferred candidates of choice must be preserved.

One goal of the Voting Rights Act was remediation of past discrimination and the legal rights of many, many residents of the 3rd District to elect a person of their choice would be violated if this intent were ignored in favor of districts that look better on a map. I am sure you recall that before 1992, the last African American from Florida in Congress was Josiah Walls of Gainesville, who lost his seat in 1876. We must not return to the time when our voice cannot be heard and I will do everything in my power to prevent that from happening.



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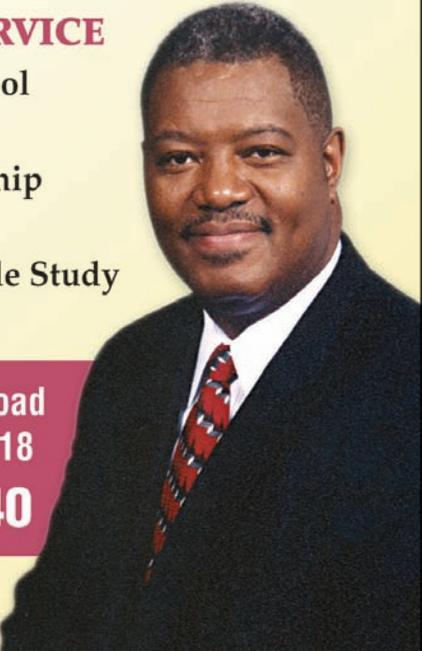
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Where Are the Shepherds?

By Pastor Leon R. Bing
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Where are the shepherds? You know who I mean, the ones who God has placed over His people to lead and guide them. In many congregations the shepherd has been replaced! By whom you ask? Some shepherds have been replaced by CEO's, (Chief Executive Officers). Now that is fine for running the business side of the church, but when pastors can't separate the two duties, then there is a problem. And it not only a problem for pastors, but when congregations can't see their pastor as a shepherd, they too miss the point! It is time that the church of Jesus Christ gets back to the Shepherd / Sheep relationship.

The Shepherd / Sheep relationship is God ordained. We have not outgrown this concept, well, maybe the CEO's have, but true shepherds have not. Let's take a moment and read a little bit of God's Word.

John 10:1-16

1 "I assure you, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber!

2 For a shepherd enters through the gate.

3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they recognize his voice.

5 They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't recognize his voice."

6 Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant,

7 so he explained it to them. "I assure you, I am the gate for the sheep," he said.

8 "All others who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them.

9 Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. Wherever they go, they will find green pastures.

10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

12 A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will leave the sheep because they aren't his and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock.

13 The hired hand runs away because he is merely hired and has no real concern for the sheep.

14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me,

15 just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice; and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

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What I want us to see here is that a true shepherd is called into this position. However, there are some who step into the office of a pastor in different ways. Some were voted in; some were hired into the position having never been called to the office; and some even just thought it was a good idea and made themselves pastors! Jesus said that a shepherd comes in through the gate, and He is the gate! The gatekeeper is the Holy Spirit and it is He that opens the way for both sheep and shepherds.

A shepherd will defend the sheep from the wolf. But let's make it plain, the wolf represents trouble, shepherds are to help the sheep in times of trouble, but a false shepherd will run when the times get rough! Why, verse 13 says because he has no real concern for the sheep! There is no real relationship between sheep and shepherd. Question, do you know your shepherd's voice? Do you hear your shepherd's voice when someone is teaching something that conflict's with both your shepherd and God's Word? When you enter into business decisions, do you of a sudden you hear your shepherd's voice when they have taught on a subject matter that reflects what you are about to get yourself into? You know how you often say, "My pastor says this or that." Or "my pastor always warns us about this or that"! But if there is no relationship, you can't possibly hear you shepherd's voice! Let us read one more passage:

Ezekiel 34:1-10

1 Then this message came to me from the LORD:

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds, the leaders of Israel. Give them this message from the Sovereign LORD: Destruction is certain for you shepherds who feed yourselves instead of your flocks. Shouldn't shepherds feed their sheep?

3 You drink the milk, wear the wool, and butcher the best animals, but you let your flocks starve.

4 You have not taken care of the weak. You have not tended the sick or bound up the broken bones. You have not gone looking for those who have wandered away and are lost. Instead, you have ruled them with force and cruelty.

5 So my sheep have been scattered without a shepherd. They are easy prey for any wild animal.



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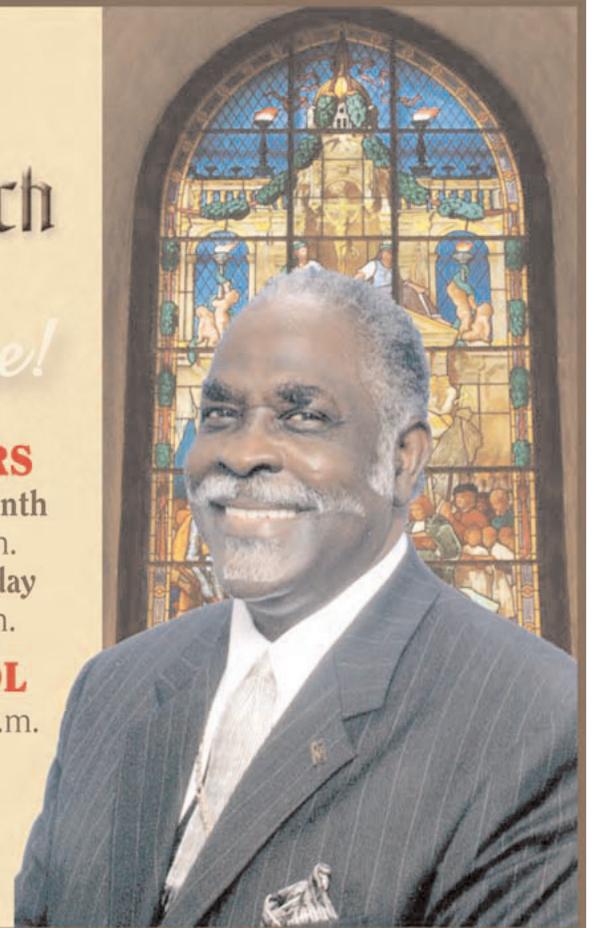
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6 They have wandered through the mountains and hills, across the face of the earth, yet no one has gone to search for them.

7 “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

8 As surely as I live, says the Sovereign LORD, you abandoned my flock and left them to be attacked by every wild animal. Though you were my shepherds, you didn’t search for my sheep when they were lost. You took care of yourselves and left the sheep to starve.

9 Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD.

10 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I now consider these shepherds my enemies, and I will hold them responsible for what has happened to my flock. I will take away their right to feed the flock, along with their right to feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths; the sheep will no longer be their prey.

NLT

I want to briefly show you that God has an issue when shepherds don’t fulfill the shepherd / sheep relationship. A CEO is concerned with making it up the letter of

success; a shepherd should be concerned about God’s people, the sheep! Ministry is not about how much I as a shepherd can get, but how I can best lead my sheep. Many leaders have taken ministry to the extreme yet their congregations are hurting, okay, maybe not all of them but if one is hurting or without, that’s too many!

Let me close with this, people need to see their pastors as shepherds, not CEO’s. Pastors should seek to have that shepherd / sheep relationship with their congregations. Then we, the body of Christ, can get back to the plan of God for the church where the Chief Shepherd can lead us back to where God would have us to be as his people! I love you all, Blessings!

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The First Coast African American Chamber of Commerce



Dr. Carlton Lamar Robinson
President - FCAACC

The Chamber On The Move

The First Coast African American Chamber of Commerce is on the move. Effective June 1, 2010 the chamber will enter a one year pilot as a Business Mentor & Exchange Center in beautiful downtown Jacksonville, FL. In this new role Dr. Robinson & the chamber can be reached at:

**The First Coast African American Chamber of Commerce,
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Purpose: The purpose of this initiative is to help increase the business participation rate and sustainability of entrepreneurs within the First Coast region through mentoring and information exchange.

Why now? Funding is a major issue in all communities and declining quickly. When funding becomes restricted the emphasis on how we support entrepreneurs, as a community, shifts. Unfortunately, that normally spells bad news for aspiring business owners and entrepreneurs. For example, in the state of Florida nearly 92% of all businesses are either self-employed or Stage One. And yet, the grant deliverables are shifting towards creating more Stage Two businesses.

To make matters worse there is a strong push towards race-neutral programs in public contracting. When you review the totality of “most” race neutral programs it has more to do with legalese than business practice. Think about it, if segments of your business population struggled to get 10% or less of available contracts with supporting programs what will happen without them? Some have successfully argued that it is cheaper to “purchase” an inaccurate disparity study that implies no disparities exist (from a legal

perspective which can be different from reality) than it is to develop an effective business environment that creates opportunities for “all qualified” businesses. These might be good talking points for your political leadership as we near upcoming elections.

For these reasons and many more we must begin to develop more Business Mentor & Exchange Centers throughout the community. This means partnering and delivering relevant small business solutions through existing individuals and entities. On the First Coast we have a wide range successful executives, entrepreneurs, and professionals who have pledged their support to Dr. Robinson in an effort toward building a stronger entrepreneurial framework at the center.

Other news and highlights:

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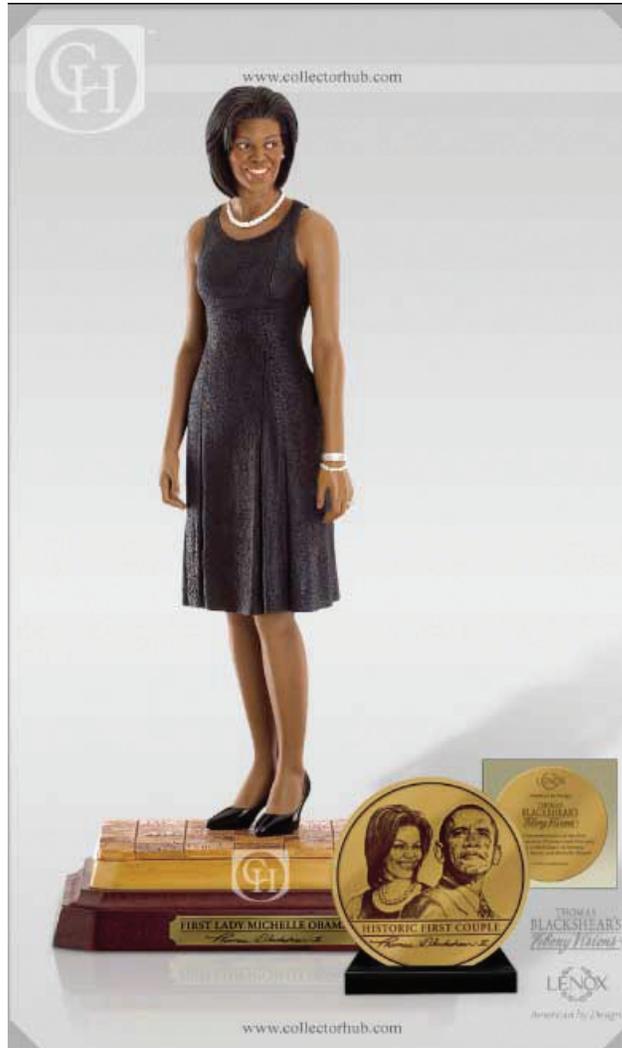
In the likeness of her official White House portrait, Thomas Blackshear's interpretation of the First Lady is sure to impress. A lovely complement to the President Barack Obama figurine; Michelle wears a classic sleeveless dress resembling the one designed for her by Michael Kors. As in the official photograph of Mrs. Obama taken in the Blue Room of the White House by Joyce N. Bognosian, the First Lady Edition figurine bares her delicately sculpted arms to show off her signature style.

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America's infatuation with its First Ladies is not at all a passing trend. President's wives are an intricate part of this nation's history. Serving their country silently, the presidential wives have remained loyal and supportive from the past to the present. First and foremost a mom and

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"I believe that each of us - no matter what our age or background or walk of life - each of us has something to contribute to the life of this nation." — Michelle Obama, Speech at the Democratic National Convention



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About Thomas Blackshear:

Widely known for his dignified and uniquely powerful depictions of African-Americans, Thomas is one of the hottest contemporary collectible artists in the world. His imaginative portrayals are full of lifelike details that transcend stereotypes and resonate with universal truths. Thomas has helped bring the African-American experience to life in a way that's never been conceived of before. A touring exhibit of his Black Heritage works premiered at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. He has been honored with the coveted International Collectible Artist award. He has also been featured on The 700 Club, Ebony/Jet Showcase, and in The Saturday Evening Post. Blackshear has created works for Disney, Coca-Cola, National Geographic, the United States Postal Service and

Universal Studios; and these are just a few of his accolades.

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ARE YOU ABEL?

It seems these tough economic times have everyone discombobulated. Will I keep my job? Where can I get a job? How long can my business hold on? Is it time for me to seek other options to provide for my family? How long is this current economic crisis going to last, six months more, another year... two years?

The fact that tough times have come in the past, and that they came to past, is no consolation to those going through it now, many who have never seen things this bad their entire life. To make it through, you will have to be at your best and do things you may have never had to do before in order to succeed. The question is, Are You Able?

Adam and Eve began the population of the world with two sons. Abel was the second child born but the first to obey God. The Bible says Abel was a Shepard and brought an offering unto the Lord of the firstling of his flock and the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and his offering. Abel knew what was expected of the Lord for his life and he followed God's general guidelines and specific directions.

Are you Abel to perform your work in a manner that is excellent and pleasing to God? The work you do in life tell the most about the person you are. You should be your very first critic setting a very high standard for yourself to achieve. Then others will be baffled with brilliance by your work.

Are you Abel to fulfill your service to the world? Your job in life is not necessary your service in life. What you do to make money is what you do to provide for you and your family. Your service is what you do to make life better for others. The world is a better place only when we collectively work in our specific areas of service whether it is cutting the grass of a Senior Citizen; grocery shopping for a disable person; volunteering at a center for retardation and deformity; tutoring children after school; sponsoring summer educational trips; taking a group of your children friends to dinner to teach etiquettes.

Are you Abel to commit to your goals until you succeed? Many have made resolutions which over the years have proven to be exercises of infertility. We must be careful of the tones which come from our mouths. They become talk, talk, and only talk. Simply saying it is not enough. Now is the time to talk less and do more. Let your accomplishment sang the praises of the life you live.

Are you Abel to endure the criticism and envy of others in response to the success of your labors? When you do what the Lord requires of your life, your success become a mirror to others they look in and many will see themselves not doing what the Lord requires of them to do. Sadly enough, instead of stepping-up, many choose to break the mirror. Success breeds Success. It also creates strife and jealousy, and you may find yourself rejected and ostracized.

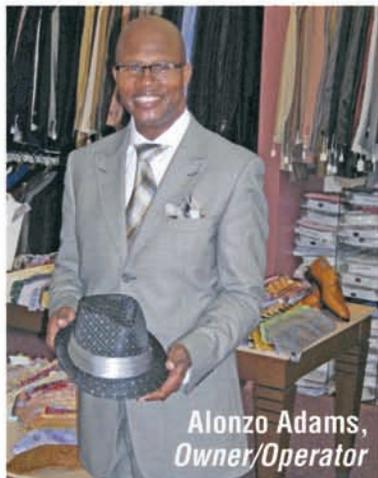
Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man that did what the Lord required of him to do. Few of us today would want to be tasked with his burden of service nor would we want to offer his supreme sacrifice. However, still today some choose to discredit Dr. King's message and accomplishment by punching holes in his character as if that changes the fact that he was a man that allowed God to use him in a way all of us today is blessed. Martin Luther King, Jr. indeed was Abel.

Are you Abel to live beyond your life? People will forever remember what you did for them and how you made them feel. Abel is the first name mentioned in God's Hall of Fame (Hebrews 11:4), "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous. God testifying of his gifts and by it he being dead yet speaketh."

Are you Abel? The world today more then ever before needs Abel people. Those that rise early and work late. Those that understand that failure is not an option. Those that see life as an Obstacle Course; mountains to climb, troubled waters to swim across, valleys to jump over, storms to endure.

Are you Abel? I hope so and hope you have H.O.P.E. in these difficult and enduring times. Hope is the feeling of expectations that what is wanted to happen will happen. One way to ensure this is to follow H.O.P.E. the acronym: Helping Other People Endlessly.

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