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In Memory Isaac Hayes Dies at 65



Isaac Hayes

Isaac Hayes, the singer and songwriter whose luxurious career included arrangements in songs like "Theme From 'Shaft'" died on Sunday in East Memphis, Tenn. He was 65.

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office said that Hayes's wife, Adjowa, found him collapsed near a treadmill at their home in Cordova, an eastern suburb of Memphis, and he was pronounced dead an hour later.

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Actor, Comedian Bernie Mac Dies at 50



Bernie Mac

Actor, comedian Bernie Mac died Saturday, August 9 at age 50, of complications from pneumonia in a Chicago-area hospital, his publicist, Danica Smith, said in a statement from Los Angeles.

Bernie Mac gained stardom as a standup comedian, in films including the

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Grand Re-Opening Ceremony held for Hill Hall



Among the leaders attending the grand re-opening of Historic Hill Hall are SSU President Dr. Earl Yarbrough, former SSU Interim President Dr. Clyde Hall and State Senator Regina Thomas.

The oldest building on the Savannah State University's campus, Walter Bernard Hill Hall, is now re-opened after 12 years. A grand ceremony was held on Monday, August 11, 2008 with faculty, students, alumni and community supporters.

Designed by Gunn, Meyerhoff and Shay architects of Savannah, renovation included data wiring, fire protection systems, electrical upgrades, plumbing and new stair wells.

The new facility also include state-of-the-art technology computers and students will be able to access the university's Web-based system. There will be seating areas for students and visitors in

the reception area.

Hill Hall is an historic site that was formerly a bookstore, student center, male dormitory, and library. It also served as a backdrop in the John Travolta movie "The General's Daughter" and barracks for black World War I troops in training. It will now house the admissions, financial aid and registrar's offices. This building will be known as the university's Enrollment Management center, with professionals trained in every area.

A presidential suite, complete with adminis-

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AKAs Celebrate 100 Years of Service

Under the leadership of President, Emma Conyers, approximately seventy-five (75) local members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority traveled by train, plane, cars and motor coach to the nation's capital to enjoy the festivities of the Centennial celebration of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. National and international media took note of the solidarity of 25,000+ members spotlighting 100 years of years of service to all mankind.

As CNN broadcast the momentous march on Capitol Hill from Dorothy Height's National Council of Negro Women's headquarters (6th and Pennsylvania) to the Nation's Capitol, we saw women from all walks of life: doctors, lawyers, teachers, business women, authors, politicians, public administrators, government workers, military personnel, entertainers, college professors, retirees, mothers, grandmothers, and students. Not only were they



Members of the Unity March.

marching to celebrate 100 years of existence but the march denoted a Call for Change. Other fraternal and sororities in a unity march joined Alpha Kappa Alpha calling attention to the need for better education, health care and employment, particularly for African Americans. The climax of the march included speeches by Alpha Kappa Alpha's

International President, Dr. Barbara McKinzie and Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, Congressman Sheila Jackson Lee, who is an AKA of Texas, and several others.

It was in 1908 when nine women came together on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. - each the prod-

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Obama's Strategy to Maximize Vote in Black America



Senator Barack Obama

By **Cash Michaels**
Special to the NNA from the Wilmington Journal

WILMINGTON, N.C. (NNA) - Two weeks before his momentous Democratic National Convention appearance in Denver, Colorado, presumptive presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama knows he is in the fight of his life with GOP rival, Sen. John McCain, in their intense battle for the White House.

After a barrage of negative attack ads that questioned the Illinois senator's experience and patriotism, and likened his celebrity to that of fluff princesses like Brittany Spears and Paris Hilton, Obama is counting on a 50-state strategy to force McCain to spread his resources.

That means going toe-to-toe with the Arizona Republican in so-called GOP-leaning states like North Carolina, which the Obama campaign has designated as a top tier target they intend to take from the Republicans this presidential election.

While North Carolina remains very much a Democratic state in terms of electing its governor and state Legislature, the Tar Heel state hasn't been won by a Democratic presidential candidate since a little known peanut farmer and governor of Georgia, Jimmy Carter, took it in 1976.

The Obama campaign says it plans to change that paradigm, and bringing more eligible Black voters into the process will be key.

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