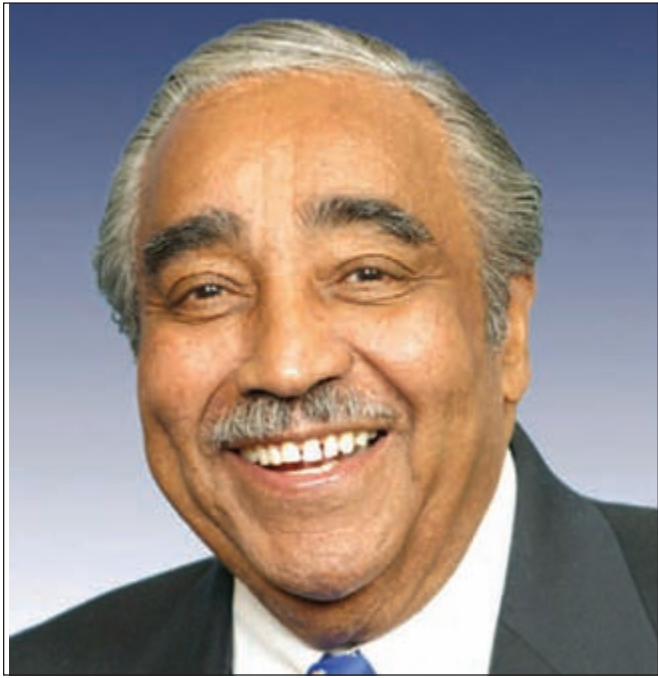


# SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## Congressman Rangel Under Siege - Again



Congressman Charles Rangel

By Herb Boyd  
Special to the NNPA from the Amsterdam News -

Until House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's gavel falls, Congressman Charles Rangel's post as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee is secure. Pelosi has informed the press that she will make no decision until the ethics committee completes its investigation of Rangel, which has been

going for more than a year.

Pelosi is getting heat from rankled Republicans who insist on Rangel being removed, given his tax problems. Rumors are afloat that Rangel may be considering stepping down in order to avoid his situation being a distraction to the ongoing health care reform debate.

But such is not the case, according to a Rangel spokesperson.

It's also an attempt to circumvent House rules, which provide for a comprehensive, bipartisan ethics committee process for reviewing matters such as these. The Congressman himself initiated the request for the Committee to review the issues and the Members should let the process work as established by the rules of the House."

Rangel, 79, who is completing his 20th term as a representative from Harlem, refused to deal with a surge from the press demanding he speak to the Republican siege.

At a recent press conference on the Upper West Side called by Rangel to discuss the economic stimulus package on local transit projects, the congressman deflected the questions hurled at him by the press.

"The press conference was called for a specific purpose and normally, the people that called for it like for those questions to be geared toward why the press conference was called," Rangel said. "I assume that there would be other questions concerning a different subject, and relying on your good faith, your integrity and your professionalism, I assume that you would respect that."

## Savannah Arts Academy Named Governor's Cup Award Winner



Odessa Richards, Arts Academy Principal, and Gov. Sonny Perdue hold up the Governor's Cup

Savannah Arts Academy received the Governor's Cup for the second year in a row.

On Tuesday, October 6, Governor Sonny Perdue and State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox honored Savannah Arts Academy students with the Governor's Cup trophy for improvement in SAT scores.

The school was presented a \$2000 grant towards SAT preparation materials.

The entire student body and faculty members also received t-shirts as part of the recognition.

Governor Perdue initiated the statewide competition in 2003 as part of an overall effort to raise Georgia's SAT scores.

The Governor's Cup is awarded annually to the school in each class with the highest average SAT score improvement over the past three years.

Savannah Arts Academy is also one of 7 SCCPSS recipients of this year's State Superintendent's Distinguished Achievement Awards.

The Superintendent's Distinguished Achievement Awards are based on the performance of students on the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT), the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT), the End-of-Course Tests (EOCT) and the state Writing Tests.

These awards acknowledge schools in the categories of improvement and achievement.

Savannah Arts Academy received Distinguished Achievement Awards in:

\* End of Course Tests (EOCT) Achievements in 9th grade Literature and Composition, American Literature and Composition, and Biology

\*Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) Achievements in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

\*Georgia Writing Test Achievement to 1st time 11th graders

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## Greater Gains to hold Stewards Annual Day

We the pastor along with the Board of Stewards of Greater Gains Chapel AME Church cordially invite you to our Annual Day on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Our guest preacher for this occasion is the Rev. James E. Taylor, Presiding Elder of the West Savannah

district of the Georgia Annual Conference. Music will be provided by the Mass Choir.

Brother Thomas Shields, Jr., serves as Pro-Tem for the Board of Stewards along with the following members, Sis. Thomasina Farr, Sis. Maryann Hazzard, Bro. Samuel Herington, Sis. Connie A.

Lovett, Sis. Ethel Mackey, Sis. Willie Martin Bro. John White and Sis. Julia Wright.

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