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## News

Thursday September 16, 2004



Yolanda King speaks to audience.

### Conference Wants Diverse Workforce

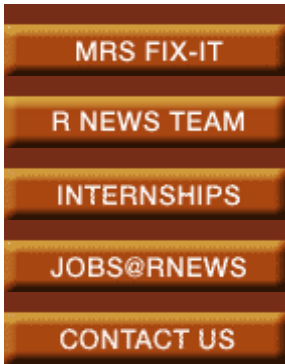
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A conference hoping to promote more workforce diversity continues through Wednesday at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

There are more than 40 speakers offering more than 50 workshops about diversity at work. The topics include everything from religion to transsexuals in the workplace.

This now national conference attracts people from companies big and small.

- **Abby Gets A Hero's Homecoming**  
The fame that comes with being an Olympi medalist kept Abby Wambach on the road.
- **Deputy Charged With Child Porn**  
Monroe County's Sheriff announced the arri veteran sheriff's deputy on charges of poss pornography.
- **Y Ignites Drive in Olympic Style**  
The athletes may no longer be in Athens, b Olympic spirit was still burning Wednesday
- **Remains Identified as Missing Tee**  
A Brighton teenager missing for more than been identified by police as the person who were found in Perinton Tuesday.
- **State Wants a Piece of Ticket Pie**  
Of the 9,000 criminal cases the town of Ga last year, two in three involved traffic ticket
- **Lenders, CATS Meet in Toronto**  
A host of meetings are taking place in Toro Rochester this week in an attempt to get th moving again.
- **After Fire, School Finds New Home**
- **Church Not Ready for Service**  
It will be some time still before Pittsford's F Presbyterian Church is ready to have every back in.
- **Friends Remember Slain Landlord**  
Friends and family mourn the loss of Roche recent homicide victim.
- **Schumer Hopeful After Ferry Talks**  
New York's senior U.S. senator says he is





"If you want to be a successful organization regardless of what it is, a corporation, a school or a government agency, you've got to totally involve everybody in its success," said conference organizer Mike Streeter. "So you need an inclusive environment where people are allowed to contribute regardless of their background."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s daughter Yolanda King, spoke to attendees about diversity by reading excerpts from her book.

She spoke to R News about growing up as Dr. King's daughter.

"There was time in my life when I tried to be all things to all people. It was not a healthy or wise way to live," said King. "What I've had to do is being true to my self, what my strengths are. And, it took a little time. It's been a long hard fight to be strong in myself and what is really my contribution to this unique legacy that I come from. "

King performs "A Raisin In the Sun" at Cornell University starting Sept. 16th. .

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by talks with the head of the Australian lending institution that backed the fast ferry.

• **School Bus Drivers Consider Strike**  
A potential strike by unionized school bus drivers could affect more than 30,000 Rochester-area students.

• **Fire Guts Public Market Building**  
Rochester's Public Market on North Union Street is one of its oldest buildings to fire Wednesday morning.

• **What's Next for Assini?**  
Monroe County Legislator Mark Assini lost his Republican primary for the 29th Congressional District but could he still run in November?

• **Louisiana Braces For Ivan**  
Hurricane Ivan is headed into the Gulf of Mexico with dumping heavy rains as it moved past the tip of Cuba.

• **No Light Show At Seneca Park**  
A local businessman who hoped to bring a light show back to Monroe County says it will not happen this year.

• **Jeffries Pleads Not Guilty**  
A not guilty plea was entered today by a Rochester man charged with killing his infant daughter.

• **Fish Spill Closes Thruway**  
A truck carrying ten thousand pounds of fish spilled a section of the New York State Thruway to close on Tuesday morning.

• **First Cajun Bakery Opens In City**  
Investment in businesses along Rochester's Main Street appears to be paying off.

• **Mayor Calls Ferry 'Top Priority'**  
Rochester's mayor says it's the community's top priority right now. Bill Johnson says he'll do everything he can to see the fast ferry gets up and running between here and Toronto.

• **Kodak Sues For One Billion Dollars**  
One billion dollars are at stake for Kodak in court. The company is suing a California hardware software maker for one billion dollars in a patent infringement case.

• **Garbage Truck Crashes Into Building**  
A garbage truck crashed into the front of a storage building in Wayne County this morning.

• **Library to Feature Art from ARC**  
There are very few public galleries in the county, but the one opening at Rochester's central library.

• **County Seeks Aid After Floods**  
Monroe County has started the process to seek aid to help area towns and villages recover from floods.

• **Once Wounded, Forsythe Serves Community**  
A local police officer wounded on the job eight years ago is moving up in the ranks at the Monroe Sheriff's Department.

• **EPA To Buy Homes Damaged by Floods**  
The Environmental Protection Agency announced it will spend more than \$1 million to buy eight homes in the town of Holley.

• **Wayne County Visit Will Decide if Residents Qualify for Federal Aid**  
Federal officials will be in Wayne County Tuesday to determine if residents there qualify for federal aid.

- **Web Portal Helps Respond To Terror Attacks**  
When the 9/11 commission issued its report on the attacks, one thing that became apparent was the breakdown in communications during the attacks.
- **Gay Alliance Director Resigns**  
The executive director of the Gay Alliance of the Valley is stepping down.
- **RPD Warns of Home Invasions**  
The Rochester Police Department is asking residents to be aware and cautious when answering the door ...especially if you're not expecting someone.
- **Pivotal Week For Ferry**  
The fast ferry still sits docked at the Port of Rochester nearly a week after the company that runs it suspended service.
- **SUV and Bike Collide; Man Injured**  
A Greece man is in guarded condition after a motorcycle hit the back of an SUV Monday.
- **Stacy DeBeer Pregnant Again**  
The Ontario County mother, who killed two newborn children and entombed them in concrete, is pregnant again.
- **Assault Weapons Ban Expires**  
The national assault weapons ban expires Monday and Congress took no action to renew the ban.
- **Conference Wants Diverse Workforce**  
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- **Fort Drum Troops Return to Families**  
Some military families in New York are being reunited with their loved ones this weekend.
- **Religion on the Racetrack**  
A Hall of Fame jockey is promoting the importance of chaplains at racetracks.
- **Protestors Use Silence Against War**  
Anti-war demonstrators in Rochester used silence to make a statement Sunday.
- **Fatal Plane Crash in Ontario County**  
Federal investigators are trying to determine why a small plane went down in Ontario County Saturday afternoon killing the pilot onboard.
- **Ceremonies Remember 9/11**  
Americans gathered around the nation Saturday to pay their respects on the 3rd anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.
- **Man Returns from Ivan-Hit Grenada**  
When Hurricane Ivan hit Grenada Tuesday, it damaged hundreds of homes and killed dozens of people. It left behind a state of chaos.
- **Gates Home Destroyed by Fire**  
Firefighters in Gates are investigating a fire that destroyed a home Saturday afternoon.
- **Family Rescued from Black Creek**  
A woman and her two children were swept from a boat in Black Creek in Churchville Saturday afternoon.
- **U.S. Women's Soccer Game A Sell**  
Ticket prices aren't cheap, but that didn't stop hundreds from lining up to buy seats to see the game.

women's national soccer team in action at I Field on September 25.

• **Fire District Holds 9/11 Ceremony**

At the Ridge Road Fire District another ceremony marked the 9/11 tragedy.

• **Area Volunteer Shares 9/11 Memory**

A local emergency medical technician, who was at ground zero shortly after the attacks reflects on his experience Saturday morning.

• **Fire Damages Home on Lime Street**

Rochester firefighters doused flames inside a Rochester home Saturday morning.

• **Remembering 9/11**

It's been three years since terrorists flew two passenger jetliners into the twin towers and a fourth plane into the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

• **Fast Ferry Leaves Couple Stranded**

News of the Fast Ferry's suspension spread Tuesday. Information about what passengers to get home was a little slower.

• **RPD Investigate HSBC Bank Robbery**

Rochester Police are investigating a bank robbery.

• **Red Cross Volunteers Return From Florida**

A group of Red Cross Volunteers are home from Florida this weekend.

• **Pataki Receives Rigged Letter**

A spokesman for Governor Pataki says he was among a number of leaders who received tampered letters this week.

• **Communities Remember Sept. 11**

In honor of those who died on September 11, several community groups are holding remembrance ceremonies Saturday.

• **Black Creek Waters Recede**

Water finally started receding at Black Creek Churchville.

• **RIT Dedicates New Fieldhouse**

The Gordon Field House was dedicated at Rochester Institute of Technology Friday.

• **Resident Cleans Up Raw Sewage**

Several homeowners on Rochester's west side are dealing with the aftermath of this week's flooding.

• **Getting Back To Normal, Slowly**

Cleanup continues in many western Monroe communities hit by flooding Thursday.

• **PTAC Cuts Red Tape For Business**

An expansion project at Fort Drum could mean more jobs in the pockets of local business leaders.

• **New Trial Set For Penfield Attorney**

A Penfield attorney accused of murder in the death of his wife now has a new trial set.

• **Penfield Cleanup Underway**

Several condominium owners spent their Friday cleaning up from the week's flooding.

• **Moment Of Silence For 9/11 Victim**

Outside our studios on Mount Hope Avenue, Warner Cable employees held a moment of silence in memory of those killed on 9/11/2001.

• **County Employees Support Soldier**

A Monroe County Probation Officer got a fi

send off as he heads off for duty in Iraq.

• **Couple Jailed For Assaulting Child**  
Seneca County Sheriff's Deputies arrested sexual assault charges.

• **Spencerport Assesses Flood Dam:**  
Spencerport and Ogden are cleaning up what's left behind in Thursday's flooding.

• **Cayuga Creek Claims Life Of Todd**  
Emergency workers recovered the body of a year-old boy from an Erie County creek.

• **Canadian Smuggling Shut Down**  
U.S. and Canadian authorities say that they've shut down a lucrative human-smuggling operation with the arrest of two Canadians.

• **No N.Y. Schools Make Dangerous**  
A New York State Education Department spokesman says not one of New York's more than four thousand schools are considered "persistently dangerous" under state criteria.

• **Desmond Tutu to Visit Rochester**  
Human rights activist Archbishop Desmond Tutu returns to Rochester next month.

• **CATS Creditors Will Visit Rochester**  
Representatives from the Australian lender that loaned CATS the money to operate the casino will visit Rochester next week.



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