

## Golfers

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took to the game early on.

He won a Texas state title in high school, and in 2000 became the first Black golfer since Woods to win an American Junior Golf Association event. He excelled at

## Stackhouse

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unabashedly — who loved golf and willing to spend the time to teach it to his daughter, beginning at age 2. Stackhouse also has a job in the residential construction and design business that allows him to take time off when Mariah is playing tournaments during the spring and summer.

"I know most people aren't as lucky as we are," he said, relaxing with his daughter on the patio at the Braelinn Golf Club in this links-oriented suburb south-west of Atlanta.

Even with those built-in advantages, the Stackhouses still needed a hand from others.

A local pro, King Simmons, allowed Mariah to hone her skills on several Atlanta city courses, free of charge. Then Ralph Boston, who won an Olympic golf medal in the long jump at the 1960 Rome Games, met Mariah and her father at a local tournament.

Impressed by their passion for the game, he hooked them up with a prominent golf course owner who operated a club where Boston was a member.

That allowed Mariah to practice and play at high-quality layouts around the metro area, minus the huge cost.

"If you look at any person who's been successful in anything, there's been someone along the way who gave them a helping hand," said the 69-year-old Boston, who also won long jump medals at the 1964 and '68 Olympics before going on to a successful business career.

"Pass it forward. My mother used to say a lot of things like, 'When you get in a position where you can help someone, help them open the door and let someone else in.'"

Stackhouse knows his daughter never would have made this far without benefactors such as Boston and Simmons. A top-level junior golfer can spend as much as \$35,000 a year for course time, equipment, coaching and travel expenses.

"She certainly would have gone into another sport if not

Texas A&M, and graduated ready to take on the PGA Tour.

Reed found that unless he won immediately, or had a bank vault full of money, his progress was going to take time. "It's just really easy for

for those people's help," he said. "I couldn't have provided it golf-wise. Nowadays, you've got to have a team of people."

Mariah has a swing coach she meets with once a month, but her father handles most of the instruction.

She's been able to advance without doling out big money to attend one of those prominent golf academies.

"We still get literature all the time from those camps, but we never did any of that," Stackhouse said. "We just worked. All the guys always compliment Mariah on her work ethic. She works hard."

Mariah still remembers when it first struck her that she might have a future in golf. She was 5 or 6 years old and had just returned from spending three weeks with her grandparents.

"When I went out on the range, I was hitting my 5-iron," she said.

"I don't think I ever hit a club that good, and I had not hit a club in three weeks. I just came back and was hitting it so perfectly. I remember my dad saying, 'Wow, you're pretty good.'"

"She had a nice little draw," Stackhouse chimed in. "I remember it distinctly. That was nice. I knew I couldn't hit shots like that."

While there are certainly no guarantees that Mariah will grow up to become just the fourth African-American woman to play on the LPGA Tour — heck, she's still in ninth grade — her father has considered the significant role she might play in luring other minorities to the White-dominated sport.

"She could do a lot for women, but particularly African-American women, by inspiring them to get more involved in golf," Stackhouse said.

For the most part, Stackhouse keeps those thoughts to himself. He doesn't want to weigh down his daughter with a heavy social burden. It's hard enough to make a 20-foot putt without considering what impact it might have on an entire race.

"I don't really think about it," Mariah said. "I just love to play golf."

people to renege on things," Reed said.

He, like O'Neal, has played a variety of tours on several continents looking to break through.

O'Neal hasn't had a sponsor since 2002 and must provide for wife Melody and their two children.

He thinks more and more about how much longer he can pace courses, trying to string together enough well-struck shots to break through.

His near misses at Q-school push him forward. "Those are tough pills to swallow," he said.

Reed said he's got about \$80,000 for the year. With equipment, travel, housing and lessons, "that's still not enough," he said.

Some of Reed's focus goes to launching an upcoming venture called Destiny Golf.

The goal, he said, is pairing corporate support with rising young golfers who'll need mini-tour experience before embarking on the PGA Tour.

"We're not running a short quarter race," Reed said. "We're running a marathon."

It's something few came to see at Tradition National. Neither O'Neal nor Reed made the 36-hole cut, so they were not around for a chance at the FairwayStyles.com Open's \$30,000 first prize.

Despite his disappointment, Reed hasn't surrendered his dreams.

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## Boycott

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self-mobilization of the African-American community to get the president's attention and to let him know that the U.S. must attend this review conference," she said.

McKinney insisted that the Congressional Black Caucus must send a delegation despite what the president decides. The "issues of racism here must be placed into the international arena once again," she argued.

Joni Palmer, CBC communications director, told The Final Call the caucus is in discussion with the White House.

"We remain optimistic there could be a change in the administration's position," he said. "The CBC remains committed as it was eight years ago to have a delegation attend Durban II."

Navi Pillay, the top UN official for human rights, in a recent communique from Geneva stressed the need for UN member states to put aside differences, "uphold the consensually agreed upon objectives" of the Durban review conference and remember the meeting's importance to millions of victims of racism worldwide.

Saeed Shabazz writes for the Final Call.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### FY 2009 ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A draft of the FY 2009 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in Clark County will be available April 6, 2009 for a 30-day public review and comment period. The FY 2009 Action Plan describes the federally funded affordable housing, emergency housing, public service, and community facility projects planned for 2009-2010 in Clark County, North Las Vegas, Boulder City, and Mesquite.

The FY 2009 Action Plan must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by May 15, 2009 for review and approval. If you would like to receive a copy of the Draft Action Plan, please contact Clark County Community Resources Management at 455-5025 or email a request with name and address to: [krc@co.clark.nv.us](mailto:krc@co.clark.nv.us) or visit the Clark County website at <http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/Finance/crm/Pages/CommunityResourcesManagementDivision.aspx>

All comments on the FY 2009 Action Plan must be submitted in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2009 to:

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### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION INVITATION FOR BIDS NO. 09-078 PRINTING OF POCKET AND TRANSIT GUIDES

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) issues this formal invitation to solicit bid proposals from qualified bidders to print pocket and transit guides.

Invitation for Bids packages will be available beginning Wednesday, April 8, 2009 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the RTC's Administrative Building, First Floor Reception Desk, via facsimile at 702-676-1588 or via e-mail at [colemmand@rtcnv.com](mailto:colemmand@rtcnv.com). Requests for the bid packages should be directed to the attention of Debra Coleman, C.P.M., RTC Purchasing and Contracts Analyst.

PREBID CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 1:00 p.m., local time, conference Room 127. The purpose of this conference is to review and discuss the specifications of this project. All questions, comments and requests for clarification of this IFB must be submitted in writing to Debra Coleman by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2009, via email, or facsimile (702) 676-1588.

Bids shall be received on, or before, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 3:00 p.m. Bids must be time stamped no later than 3:00 p.m., on the due date. Bids time stamped at 3:01 p.m. or after on the due date will be returned unopened. Bids must be sent to: Regional Transportation Commission, Attention: Debra Coleman, C.P.M., Purchasing and Contracts Analyst, 600 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89106.

The successful bidder shall cooperate with the RTC in meeting its commitments and objectives with regard to ensuring non-discrimination in the award and administration of U.S. DOT assisted contracts and shall use its best efforts to ensure that barriers to participation of DBEs do not exist.

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