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► In the darkened interior of NASA's SOFIA flying observatory, NASA and German scientists study the results of system tests. See more on **NASA**. **Page 3**



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(BDPA and LISTA: Yes We Can!)



WASHINGTON, DC—With the election of President Barack Obama, the nation is not only ushering in a change in minority representation at the highest levels of office, but a change in technology opportunities. The desire and foresight by the United States President to seek and apply renewed interest in science and technology is a crucial element in the country's growth and in revitalizing the U.S. economy.

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Summer 2009

Bolden Nominated as NASA Administrator

President Obama selects former Astronaut to lead Agency



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WASHINGTON, D.C. – NASA | May 23, 2009

President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate the following individuals for key administration posts: General Charles Bolden, Administrator of NASA and Lori Garver, Deputy Administrator of NASA.

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◀ Photo: *NASA Hubble Telescope*

Almost 20 years after helping launch the Hubble Space Telescope, Charles F. Bolden Jr. (inset), a former Marine Corps combat pilot, major general, and veteran space shuttle commander, has been selected by the Obama administration to serve as the space agency's next administrator. In August of 1990, General Bolden presented slides of the Hubble Telescope to a **National BDPA Technology Conference** audience in Washington, D.C. after his successful Shuttle mission. **bt**



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- **Bolden Nominated to Lead NASA** | First African American to head Agency
- **National BDPA IT Showcase** | August 5-9, 2009 Raleigh, NC
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President Obama said, "These talented individuals will help put NASA on course to boldly push the boundaries of science, aeronautics and exploration in the 21st century and ensure the long-term vibrancy of America's space program."

Major General Charles Bolden, USMC (Ret.) is the nominee for Administrator of NASA. Charles Bolden retired from the United States Marine Corps in 2003 as the Commanding General of the Third Marine Aircraft Wing after serving more than 34 years, and was CEO of Jack and Panther, LLC, a privately-held military and aerospace consulting firm upon his nomination. MGen. Bolden began his service in the United States Marine Corps in 1968. He flew more than 100 sorties in Vietnam from 1972-73. In 1980, he was selected as an astronaut by NASA, flying two space shuttle missions as pilot and two missions as commander. Following the Challenger accident in 1986, MGen. Bolden was named the Chief of the Safety Division at the Johnson Space Center with responsibilities for overseeing the safety efforts in the return-to-flight efforts. He was appointed Assistant Deputy Administrator of NASA headquarters in 1992. He was Senior Vice President at TechTrans International, Inc. from 2003 until 2005. MGen. Bolden holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the United States Naval Academy, in Annapolis and a M.S. in Systems Management from the University of Southern California. MGen. Bolden graduated from C. A. Johnson High School in Columbia, South Carolina.

Lori Garver is the President of Capital Space, LLC, and has served as Senior Advisor for Space at the Avascent Group, a strategy and management consulting firm, based in Washington, D.C. She was the lead civil space policy advisor for Obama for America, and she helped lead the Agency Review Team for NASA during the Transition. She has intimate familiarity with the agency and knows well the challenges it faces. From 1998 to 2001, Ms. Garver served as NASA's Associate Administrator of the Office of Policy and Plans. Reporting to the NASA Administrator, she oversaw the analysis, development, and integration of NASA policies and long-range plans, the NASA Strategic Management System, and the NASA Advisory Council. Ms. Garver also served as a primary spokesperson for NASA. Prior to this appointment, she served as a Senior Policy Analyst for the Office of Policy and Plans, and Special Assistant to the Administrator. Ms. Garver earned an M.S. in Science, Technology, and Public Policy from the George Washington University and a B.A. in Political Science and Economics from Colorado College.

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On Wednesday, August 5th, 2009, National BDPA, formerly known as Black Data Processing Associates, will convene their 31st annual National BDPA Technology Conference at the new Raleigh Convention Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. The national conference is designed to bring together key players from the information communications and technology industries, college students, and high school students from diverse backgrounds across all STEM disciplines. This year's conference theme is: *Challenges for Today | Strategies for Tomorrow*. See BDPA's flyer on Page 11.

Nationwide, BDPA members and stakeholders form special interest groups (SIGs) within their respective local BDPA Chapters to provide support along with professional development services.

To schedule a BDPA event near you, visit our national website at www.bdpa.org for meeting and event locations or call our national office in Largo, MD at 800.727.BDPA (2372). **bt**

BDPA's IT Showcase (ITSC) provides undergraduate and high school students opportunities to excel at presenting advanced technical concepts to general audiences. Participants publish White Papers and meet potential firms and employers for internships, scholarships or cooperative education programs.



Young Americans are treated to the latest in Information Technology (IT.) Our Youth Technology Conference (YTC) has designed intense, IT related workshops and seminars to encourage and inspire youth to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) careers with an information technology focus. High school teams from across the country annually compete for the High School Computer Competition (HSCC) National Title.

Conference excerpts provided by **Electronic Village**

Dr. Juan Gilbert Joins the School of Computing as Chair of Human-Centered Computing

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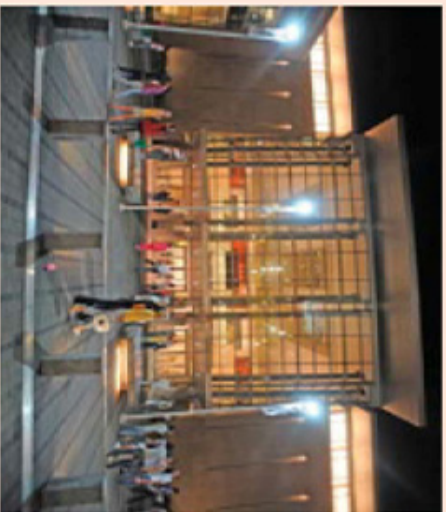
CLEMSON — Juan E. Gilbert has been named as the new Chair of Human-Centered Computing in the School of Computing at Clemson University effective August 15, 2009. Dr. Gilbert obtained his BS degree in Systems Analysis from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He received his MS and PhD degrees in computer science from the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Gilbert has research projects in spoken language systems, advanced learning technologies, usability and accessibility, Ethnocomputing (Culturally Relevant Computing) and databases/data mining. His research in electronic voting has resulted in the most accessible voting system interface ever created. His data mining and user interface research has created Applications Quest, a data mining and software analysis tool that allows admissions officers to address diversity in admissions while adhering to all judicial decisions on this matter. He has published more than 75 articles, given more than 120 talks and obtained more than \$9 million dollars in research funding over the past 9 years. In 2002, Dr. Gilbert was named one of the nation's top African-American Scholars by Diverse Issues in Higher Education. He was recently named a national role model by Minority Access Inc. He is also a National Associate of the National Research Council of the National Academies, an ACM Distinguished Speaker and a Senior Member of the IEEE Computer Society.

Recently, Dr. Gilbert was named a Master of Innovation by Black Enterprise Magazine, a Modern-Day Technology Leader by the Black Engineer of the Year Award Conference, the Pioneer of the Year by the National Society of Black Engineers and he received the Black Data Processing Associates' (BDPA) Epsilon Award for Outstanding Technical Contribution. Dr. Gilbert recently testified before the Congress on the Bipartisan Electronic Voting Reform Act of 2008 for his innovative work in electronic voting. In 2006, Dr. Gilbert was honored with a mural painting in New York City by City Year New York, a non-profit organization that unites a diverse group of 17 to 24 year-old young people for a year of full-time, rigorous community service, leadership development, and civic engagement.



Dr. Juan E. Gilbert
New Chair of
Human-Centered Computing

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Marc Di Francisco
Founder & President
Premier Events
Management

Marc Di Francisco is founder and President of Premier Events Management, producers of The CIO Forum & Executive IT Summit. The CIO Forum & Executive IT Summit works with Regional Chapters of the Society for Information Managers (SIM) to administer programs approved by CIO's in each region.



Russ Mayer
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Russ Mayer is the Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer of GE Healthcare, a \$17B division of General Electric. GE Healthcare is the global leader in medical Diagnostic technology, information systems and Biosciences. Russ is a former Senior Vice President of Information Technology and Chief Quality Officer of NBC.



Laverne H. Council
VP & CIO
Johnson & Johnson

Laverne Council accepted her current position at Johnson & Johnson in 2006 as a proven thought leader with a demonstrated track record of achievement that includes a wealth of global experience in information technology, supply chain management, and business operations.



Leroy Hill
President
Yorel

Leroy Hill is President and Chief Executive Officer of Yorel Integrated Solutions, Inc., a company he founded in June 1993. Headquartered in Charlotte, NC, Yorel is a privately held company that works with customers to solve business problems through forward-looking IT optimization solutions.



Gail M. Roper
CIO - City of Austin, TX
Formerly CIO - City of Raleigh, NC

Gail M. Roper has over 25 years experience in the technology industry in the public and private sectors. Roper joined the City of Austin, TX as Chief Information Officer in February of 2009. She is affiliated with various technology organizations that focus on providing technology solutions for community based initiatives.



Martin Davis
VP & CIO
Wachovia Corporation

Martin Davis joined Wachovia in 1985, and has previously held several positions in the technology industry to include but not limited to CIO, Commercial Technology, Senior Technology Officer, Wealth Management, Senior Vice President and Group Executive, Information Services.



Cynthia Marshall
President
AT&T NC

Cynthia Marshall has 27 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, joining Pacific Bell in July 1981 as a Group Manager in Operator Services. After serving as Senior Vice President - Regulatory and Constituency Relations for AT&T California, she was named to her current position in January 2007.



Dr. Lenny Superville
Chairman & CEO
Infosysarchitecture

Dr. Lenny Superville is CEO of Infosys-architecture and has over 30 years of experience in information technology arena with a variety of clients including government, commercial and academic sectors. He formerly served as Certified Government CIO for North Carolina's Office of the State Auditor, and Senior Technology Advisor to the NC State Auditor.

Challenges for Today; Strategies for Tomorrow

Wednesday, 8/5

Opening Ceremony
Adult & Student Workshops

Thursday, 8/6

IT Showcase
Youth Technology Camps
Adult & Student Workshops

2009 BDPA National Technology Conference Events

Friday, 8/7

Technology Expo &
Career Fair
Adult & Student Workshops
Dignitaries' Reception



Saturday, 8/8

Golf Classic
Technology Expo &
Career Fair
Awards Gala

Sunday, 8/9

Prayer Breakfast

Note: BDPA Conference Events and Workshops will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh Marriott and Sheraton Hotels.

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In 2009, BDPA Chapters invite new communities to grow with us for our next 30 years linking professional development, and community technology outreach programs.

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- **IT Programs/Chapter Events**
Host *Interest Groups* and meetings
- **Membership/Services**
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- **Communications + PR**
Join local BDPA *multimedia* teams
- **Education/Training/Standards**
Develop *courseware*, be a *Mentor*

What To Look For in 2009:

- CES 2009 (Las Vegas)
- America's new 111th Congress
- Inauguration of a new President
- Lotusphere 2009 (IBM | Orlando)
- Black Engineer of The Year Awards
- BDPA Day-On-The-Hill
- ITSMF Symposium and Gala (Dallas)
- SAPPHIRE 2009 (SAP | Orlando)
- Tech Summit '09 (Greater Columbia)
- TeraGrid '09 (Washington)
- Regional HSCC Competitions
- National BDPA Technology Conference (Raleigh, NC)
- National IT Showcase (Students)
- National HSCC Competition (Youth)
- Legislative Conference (CBCF/ALC)
- BDPA @ HBCU Football Classics
- Supercomputing 2009 (Portland, OR)
- I/ITSEC 2009 (M&S | Orlando)

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IT Career Upgrades

CompTIA is the leading association representing the international technology community. Its goal is to provide a unified voice, global advocacy and leadership, and to advance industry growth through standards, professional competence, education and business solutions.

BDPA will work with CompTIA in 2009 to make certification testing more accessible with sponsored and discounted student vouchers. This upgraded member service allows BDPA members to keep their own skill sets current with industry requirements. Advanced training and free vouchers for additional CompTIA certifications will be made available for BDPA student and full members.



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- Charleston, South Carolina
- Norfolk, Virginia
- New Orleans, Louisiana **bt**

bdpatoday | LISTA Honors Secretary of Labor at Legislative Forum



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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association's (LISTA) President and CEO, Jose A. Marquez-León, honored U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis with LISTA's Government Champion Award for her many years of working to close the digital divide as a Member of Congress. Secretary Solis was the keynote speaker during LISTA's National Technology Legislative Forum reception in Washington D.C. on June 10th, 2009. Today, as the nation's Labor Secretary, Solis is a key player in President Barack Obama's economic agenda and executing the Department of Labor's mission, training, and workforce development.

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Since the beginning of our great country, high value has been placed in the pursuit of knowledge and its application. In 1975, then-President Gerald Ford submitted a bill to the 94th Congress to create the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). Congress established OSTP in 1976 with a broad mandate to advise the President and others within the Executive Office of the President on the effects of science and technology on domestic and international affairs.

In recent history, the Nation has made major investments in ensuring growth in research and defense both in the public and private sectors. As the nation's leading organization of Latino technology professionals, the Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association (LISTA) works with both the private and public sectors to increase Hispanic opportunity, presence and representation in America's information sciences, telecommunications and technology industries.

LISTA fully recognizes that this country's future depends on nurturing and drawing upon the creative men and women in our scientific, computer science, and engineering community. As the fastest-growing ethnic group, Latinos represent both one of the greatest growth markets for the technology, telecommunications and information sectors, and are one of the greatest pools of talent for America's success in the global information economy. — **Jose Marquez-León** **bt**

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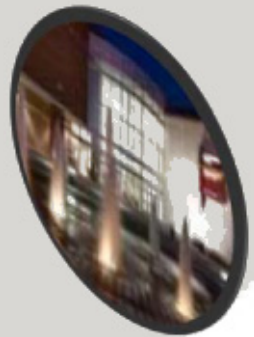
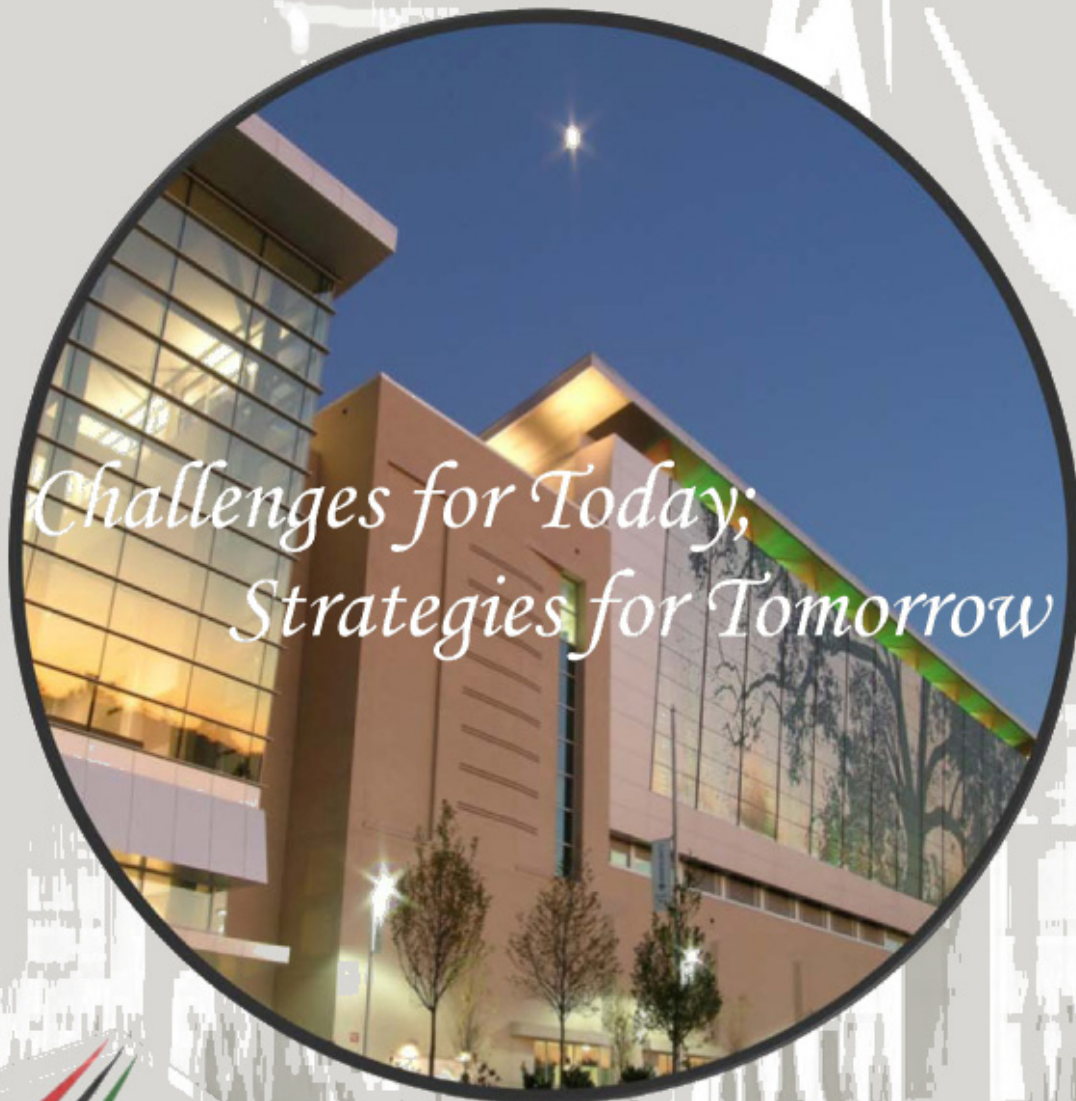
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