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## Bishop Vinton Anderson passes

Bishop Vinton Randolph Anderson greeted Senator Barack Obama when Obama attended an African Methodist Episcopal Church conference at the America's Center in St. Louis on July 5, 2008 while campaigning for president.



Photo by Wiley Price

### 92nd bishop of AME Church leaves lasting legacy of service

By Marissa Price  
For The St. Louis American

Bishop Vinton Randolph Anderson, community leader and 92<sup>nd</sup> bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, July 9, 2014, just two days shy of what would have been his 87th birthday.

Bishop Anderson had been ailing recently, but his death came as tremendous shock to the many people whose lives he touched throughout the years, said Jackie DuPont-Walker, his former executive aid and current International

■ "His motto as a pastor was, 'Love the people you serve.'"

— Vivienne Anderson

Social Action officer for the AME Church.

"My life has not been the same since getting to work with him," said DuPont-Walker. "All of the people whose lives he touched have stories

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## Mavis Thompson faces challenge

### Incumbent license collector defends seat in Aug. 5 primary

By Chris King  
Of The St. Louis American



License Collector Mavis T. Thompson, who was appointed to the position by Gov. Jay Nixon last October when Michael McMillan resigned to take leadership of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, face a challenge in the August 5 Democratic primary.

■ "Whether or not you own or operate a business, the money that we collect benefits the general public in services provided through general revenue."

— License Collector Mavis Thompson

Treasurer Tishaura Jones, who defeated Boyd to win her seat.

Thompson has a fascinating professional background. With graduate degrees in both nursing

As a competent incumbent in a citywide seat that is typically treated as a fiefdom in local politics, she faces a highly unusual primary challenge, not only from within her own party, but from within her own North St. Louis base.

Her challenger, Alderman Jeffrey Boyd, was endorsed (over the Democratic incumbent) by Mayor Francis Slay before filing even opened. Thompson subsequently was endorsed by both members of the African-American majority on the city's Board of Estimate & Apportionment, Comptroller Darlene Green and aldermanic President Lewis Reed — in addition to

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## Moving on up



Photo by Wiley Price

Jaylan Scott, 9, enjoyed some rock climbing when Fair St. Louis was held in Forest Park for the first time on July 4.

## KIPP school opens in North St. Louis

### KIPP Victory starts this fall in SLPS with 200 K-4 students

By Bridjes O'Neil  
Of The St. Louis American

On Friday, North St. Louis' West End neighborhood celebrated the fall re-opening of the once-vacant Mitchell Elementary School, at 955 Arcade Ave., with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

■ "Now, we'll be able to make sure that our kids never experience educational inequity in the first place."

— Tiara Abu

scores of KIPP students will be added to SLPS's tally.

KIPP Victory will begin with a founding class of 200 kindergarten and first-grade students, adding one grade a year through the fourth grade.

The partnership was made possible through the "visionary leadership" of SLPS Superintendent Kelvin Adams and Rick Sullivan, head of the SLPS Special Administrative Board, said KIPP St. Louis Executive Director Kelly Garrett.

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