

# The State of Aging Ohioans: A Report from AARP

## Nancy LeaMond at The City Club of Cleveland

CLEVELAND, OH—Nancy LeaMond, group executive officer for social impact at AARP, will present the findings of AARP Ohio's The State of 50+ Ohio 2006 at noon on Wednesday, September 21, 2006, at The City Club of Cleveland.

Ohio is the sixth fastest aging state in America. Many pressures—economic conditions, health and health care, household types, care takers, and difficulties with daily activities—impact the quality of life of older adults in Ohio.

What is life really like for Ohioans over the age of 50? The State of 50+ Ohio 2006, AARP Ohio's first analysis on the quality of life for Ohio citizens age 50 and over, is an examination of a number of quality of life indicators in our state dealing with the well-being of people all over Ohio.

LeaMond is charged with implementing AARP's Ten Year Social Impact Agenda, which aims to give people age 50+ independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable for them and society as a whole.

Prior to joining AARP in late 2001, LeaMond served as chief of staff to U.S. Trade representative Charlene Barshefsky. During President Clinton's first term, she was a member of Ambassador Kantor's senior policy team serving as the assistant U.S. Trade representative for Congressional Affairs. LeaMond also was president of the Congressional Economic Leadership Institute and spent several years as the chief of staff to U.S. Congresswoman Mary Rose Oaker.

Tickets for this City Club Special Program are \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. Lunch is included. Reservations are required at least 24 hours in advance of the event.

They can be purchased by calling The City Club at 216.621.0082 or visiting the website at www.cityclub.org.



# OCA DEPLORES USE OF RACIAL SEGREGATION TO BOOST RATINGS

Washington, DC - OCA expresses grave concerns regarding CBS's proposed format for the upcoming fall season of, "Survivor: Cook Island," where the show is planning to divide the competing "tribes" by race. The tribes will be separated into African Americans, Latino Americans, Asian Americans and Caucasians.

"The racial discrimination that has existed in this country has divided this nation. While the United States has made great strides in overcoming this racial divide, it is by no means over. Racial slurs, stereotyping of ethnic

groups, acts of violence against individuals because of their race, continue to occur," states Ginny Gong, National President.

Dorothy Wong, Executive Director, adds, "TV shows have a tremendous influence in shaping how we perceive others and how we conduct ourselves. Fueling viewers' competitive nature by having them root for one race over the other does little to promote greater understanding among an increasingly diverse citizenry, at a time when greater understanding is needed. To use such a polarizing tactic as pitting one race against another in order to

boost ratings is a sad commentary on the judgment of the producers. In light of the racial tension associated with the immigration debate in today's social climate, it is critical that we not add fuel to the fire. We should join hands in the name of diversity. OCA believes in diversity and inclusiveness; this show will accomplish the opposite.



# Job Creation Continues More Than 5.7 Million Jobs Created Since August 2003

Today, The Government Released New Jobs Figures 128,000 Jobs Created In August. The economy has created more than 1.7 million jobs over the past 12 months and more than 5.7 million jobs since August 2003. Our economy has now added jobs for 36 straight months. The unemployment rate is 4.7 percent below the average of each of the past three decades.

**President Bush Has A Strategy To Sustain Economic Growth And Keep The American Economy Competitive**

**President Bush Has Called On Congress To Make His Tax Relief Permanent.** The economy grows when Americans have more of their own money in their pockets to save, spend, or invest. The President worked with Congress to double the child tax credit, reduce the marriage penalty, cut taxes on capital gains and dividends, create new incentives for small businesses to invest, and reduce income taxes for every American who pays them.

**The President Is Working With Congress To Control Spending.** In February, President Bush signed the Deficit Reduction Act into law, saving our Nation almost

\$40 billion over the next five years. The President has also called on the Senate to join the House and pass the line-item veto, which would allow a President to target wasteful spending in large bills and return that spending to Congress for a prompt up-or-down vote.

**The President's American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI) Will Help Keep America The Most Innovative And Competitive Economy In The World.** The ACI will encourage more aggressive investment by businesses in research and development, increase Federal support for vital basic research, and improve math and science education for America's students.

**The President Is Committed To Opening Markets Around The World And Expanding Opportunities For America's Farmers, Ranchers, Workers, And Businesses.** America can compete economically with any nation as long as the rules are fair. The President is dedicated to expanding free trade and lowering trade barriers to the sale of U.S. goods and services.

**The President Is Working To Meet America Energy Demands And The**

**Challenges Of The Global Economy By Developing Clean, Domestic, Affordable Supplies Of Energy.** We must safeguard the environment, reduce our dependence on energy from abroad, and help keep prices reasonable for consumers. The President's Advanced Energy Initiative will promote alternatives to oil and seek clean ways to power our homes and cars. **The President Is Working To Give Americans More Control Over Their Health Care Spending, Leading To Better Treatment At Lower Costs.** Last week, President Bush signed an Executive Order that increases transparency in health care by directing Federal agencies that administer or sponsor health insurance programs to increase consumer access to pricing and quality information.

**The President Has Called On Congress To Pass Medical Liability Reforms That Would Reduce Frivolous Lawsuits.** Frivolous lawsuits and excessive jury awards limit access to health care by driving providers out of many communities and increase patients' costs by forcing doctors to practice defensive medicine.



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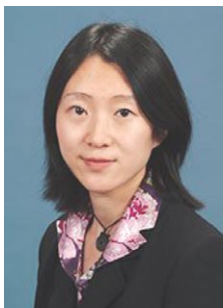
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