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ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

A Community Stands Up



Ray Tampa, President,
NAACP St. Petersburg Branch

BY CHARLES MCKENZIE
SPECIAL TO THE CHALLENGER

ST. PETERSBURG - "As Paris Whitehead-Hamilton fell, righteousness stood up. As Paris Whitehead-Hamilton fell, a community stood up. As Paris Whitehead-Hamilton fell, blacks and whites, Jews and Gentiles stood up." These are the words which were so eloquently spoken by a minister at the funeral of Paris Whitehead-Hamilton Saturday April 11.

NAACP President Ray Tampa in repeating these words, added a few of his own;

"When Paris Whitehead-Hamilton fell, righteousness stood up but righteousness must continue to stand up. A community stood up but it must continue to stand up. Blacks and whites, Jews and gentiles stood up and they must not relent." All of these forces must remain vigilant.

It is the intent of the

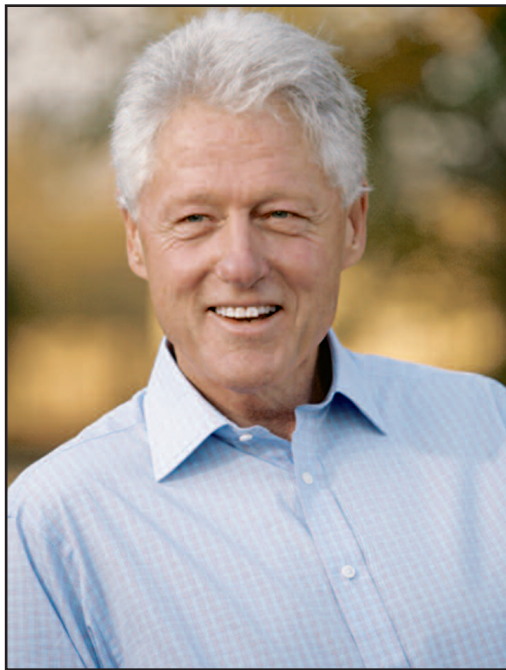
NAACP to continue to do just that, keep the community and righteousness standing up. On April 25 beginning at 10:00 a.m. the NAACP will host a community march and rally. The march will commence at Bartlett Park and end at Campbell Park. The NAACP is asking the entire community to stand up and march for Paris Whitehead-Hamilton. The theme of the march will be "Stop the violence and start the love campaign."

Also the NAACP intends to advocate for a "Paris Line." A Paris line will offer residents all over the state of Florida the opportunity to call in and report gang activity. It will allow them to call in and report violence, illegal trafficking and other issues of concern involving youth.

Furthermore, the NAACP intends to communicate with all stakeholders the possibility

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President Clinton, Congressman Meek and CNN's O'Brien Keynote FAMU's Commencement



Former President Bill Clinton



U.S. Congressman Kendrick Meek



CNN Anchor/Special Correspondent
Soledad O'Brien

TALLAHASSEE - Former President Bill Clinton will lead the line up of speakers scheduled for Florida A&M University's Spring 2009 Commencement May 3.

Former President Clinton, founder of the William J. Clinton Foundation will address students slated to receive degrees at the first of three sessions beginning at 9 a.m. in the new Multipurpose Center Teaching Gymnasium. Other speakers are: U.S. Congressman Kendrick Meek and CNN Anchor/Special Correspondent Soledad O'Brien.

Elected President in 1992, and again in 1996, Clinton will share his life lessons with

graduates and challenge them to "transform ideas into action."

Since 2001, Clinton has dedicated himself to philanthropy and public service through his foundation. He also joined forces with former President Bush with relief and recovery efforts following the tsunami in the Indian Ocean, and led a nationwide fundraising effort in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

During the early morning session, the University will present an Honorary Doctorate to Elder Ernest Ferrell, president of the National Primitive Baptist Church. Ferrell, a native of Tallahassee, is active in the community and also serves as

president and CEO of the Tallahassee Urban League.

The second commencement session will be held at 2 p.m. Meek will address the graduating class. Meek, an alumnus, is one of two Floridians who serves on the Ways and Means Committee and the only Floridian Ways and Means member of the Democratic majority.

Meek earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice in 1989 from FAMU. An experienced legislator who served eight years in the Florida House, 1995-1998, and Senate, 1999-2002, Meek launched the initiative to reduce class sizes in Florida schools.

In 2007, Meek was appointed to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He is one of only twelve members of Congress to represent the United States on the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Meek is the son of former congresswoman and alumna Carrie P. Meek.

At 6 p.m. O'Brien will offer words of advice to graduates. Since joining CNN in 2003, O'Brien has reported breaking news from around the globe. Her award-winning documentaries have helped the nation under-

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Theta Eta Lambda Chapter Of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Hold Their 18th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Golf Committee: (left to right) C.C. Givens, Atty. John Richardson, President, Rev. Fred Terry, Dr. Malcolm Butler, James Cleaves, Dr. Reginald Ligon. Not Shown: Walter Hall, Edwin Van, Edwin Lawrence, Willie Felton

ST. PETERSBURG - The men of Theta Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., invite you to join them at their 18th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, May 2, at 1:00 p.m. at the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club. Proceeds from this event are used to provide scholarship assistance to qualified college-bound students from the community.

Alpha Phi Alpha continues to promote higher education as a positive solution to the inequalities present in our society. Theta Eta Lambda Chapter has granted college scholarships for the past 22 years.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. supplies voice and vision to the struggle of African-Americans and people of color around the

world. The Fraternity has long stood at the forefront of the African-American community's fight for civil rights and is the first intercollegiate fraternity established by African-Americans.

Founded on December 4, 1906, on the campus of Cornell University Alpha Phi Alpha has initiated over 185,000 men into the organization and has been open to men of all races since 1940. Today, there are over 680 active Alpha chapters in the Americas, Africa, Europe, Asia, the West Indies, and the Virgin Islands.

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OPINION

World Conference Against Racism: History Is Important

BY NICOLE LEE
NNPA COLUMNIST

History is important. To understand the present we must understand our past.

A number of U.N. Resolutions, conventions and declarations show how the world has struggled with issues of racism and discrimination over the years. We have seen the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the adoption of the First Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination in 1973, but neither seemed to address the underlying causes of discrimination.

As we approach the Durban Review Conference which will take place in Geneva, Switzerland April 20-24, the discussion seems to focus only in terms of the 2001 World Conference against Racism. What we fail to properly articulate is that both conferences evolved from historical movements that have worked to combat global racial discrimination and ethnic violence against the most marginalized people around the world. During the 1978 and 1983 World Conferences to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, in

Geneva, we saw how unjust discrimination began to take the center stage on the international arena as the world addressed apartheid South Africa. Even though powerful countries such as the United States and the United Kingdom were sympathetic to the apartheid regime at the time, the international forum served as an important catalyst to galvanize the world opinion to support the people of South Africa in their struggle against racial segregation. “For me personally, the most vivid memories of that complex and difficult conference were of the ordinary people, many of whom had never traveled before, who had come from all corners of the globe to tell their own stories,” observed former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson on the 2001 Durban conference.

That conference expanded on the previous gatherings, amplified its mission in the official title: World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

Afro-descendant and indigenous organizations in Latin America consistently point to the conference and its outcome

document as an important catalyst to increase the visibility of and support for their civil rights movements.

Durban ignited the acknowledgement in Latin America of the racial disparities existing in many countries. In Brazil, affirmative action programs saw movement which did not exist before. The forum was important to African-Americans as it brought the issue slavery reparations onto the international stage. Mary Robinson notes that “Amongst the most striking aspects of the consensus which emerged out of Durban was the identification of a number of specific victim groups, and agreement on measures for redressing the injustices they continue to face.”

Fast forward to 2009, where we see the U.S. inaugurate its first black president, Barack H. Obama. A powerful message is sent worldwide. As a presidential candidate, Obama pledged that the U.S. would be more engaged with the international community if he was elected.

Sadly, as the Durban Review Conference prepares to begin, the Obama administration has chosen

not to be engaged in the process that has been years in the making. Language that the Obama administration called “severely flawed” was removed from the draft outcome document, and yet still they will not participate in this vital conference.

The Administration’s actions are reminiscent of past U.S. administrations’ non-engagement with the international community. The Reagan Administration pulled out of UNESCO, and Secretary of State Colin Powell walked out in Durban in 2001. Our actions in the past have emboldened nations who do not want deal with the legacy of discrimination in their own countries to also pull out of the Durban Review Conference, and our absence in this vital discussion sends a clear signal to countries that taking action to combat the legacy of racism is not important. The world is watching and it does not like what it sees.

History is important, and the U.S. will help write the next chapter in this historical battle against global racism and discrimination. I can only wonder, what will that chapter say?

Black And Green

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX
NNPA COLUMNIST

Earth Day is April 23, but environmentalists, taking a page from black folks’ book, have decided to make a month of it and declare April “Earth Month”.

They are right to take as much time as they need — we will all perish if we cannot sustain our planet; so there have been actions, large and small, to focus our attention on issues of environmental sustainability.

There was a booth outside my local Whole Foods with free samples of an “environmentally friendly” laundry detergent, and an earnest young woman who explained why it mattered that this detergent be chosen over traditional brands.

“It produces fewer pesticides for the Chesapeake Bay”, she said. “It is friendlier to the crabs, already threatened by a toxic chemical mix in the Bay”.

Her display tabled brimmed over with free samples of lip gloss, detergent, and other products, as well as literature about the environment. Just one question, I asked. How does this detergent compare in price with the detergent that I might use? “It may cost a little more”, she said. How little, five cents, ten cents, fifty? She wasn’t

sure. And there’s the rub.

Too often that which is environmentally friendly is also more expensive than the alternative. As long as that is the case, the cash-strapped are going to go for the economically prudent possibility. Organic vegetables, pesticide free and better for us, are frequently more expensive than those that are traditionally grown. Solar and wind energy options are more expensive than other energy. And yes, this environmentally free detergent and cleanser is, if not more expensive, more inconvenient to produce. And yet we have this planet that we must sustain, and an African-American community that must be engaged in sustaining the planet.

While people of African descent do not dominate the environmental movement, several have notably lifted their voices and gained recognition for their work. Dr. Wangari Muta Maathai earned a Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her work in sustainable development, democracy and peace.

She was Assistant Minister for Environment and Natural Resources in Kenya between 2003 and 2005. A powerful speaker and activist, she has attempted to focus more people on the many ways we can sustain, and save, our environment.

Van Jones was an Oakland, California based activist until President Barack Obama tapped him to advise him on environmental issue. The founder of Greens Jobs for All has worked to promote green jobs for the disadvantaged, and focused on building an inclusive green economy. Working with legislative leaders like Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and former Vice President Al Gore, Van Jones has garnered national media attention for the power of his ideas. He has been the driving force behind successful legislation to create green jobs, and is likely to help President Obama broaden the ways his environmental program will transform our nation.

Majora Carter is an environmentalist justices advocate for the South Bronx, and a founder of Sustainable South Bronx, an environmental action organization. An inspiring national speaker and activist, she has broadened her base by forming a consulting company that helps universities and others “turn green”. Here work began to garner national recognition after she was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship in 2005. She has gone on to earn several other national and international awards. She has been lauded for her positions on environmental justice and for her

advocacy that communities of color should not become dumping grounds for toxic waste.

Wangari Maathai, Van Jones and Majora Carter are all examples of influential environmentalists of color, folks who are both black and green. They remind us of the many ways that civil rights and environmental justices are intertwined, and ways that the burgeoning environmental movement will benefit from African-American and African participation.

At the same time, these leaders are implored to include economic aspects of the environmental movement into their work. While Jones certainly focuses on green jobs, it is important for us all to focus on the ways that environmental friendliness is consistent with economic frugality. With the official unemployment rate at 8.5 percent, and the unofficial African-American unemployment rate hovering above 25 percent, who can blame a sister or a brother from eschewing the organic route, however healthy, in favor of that which is more immediately affordable.

We may want to save the planet in the long run, but at the checkout counter, we may simply want affordable groceries!

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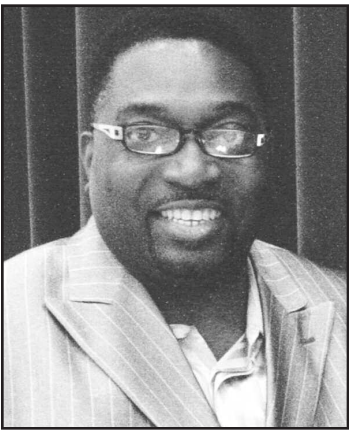
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COMMUNITY NEWS



All I can say is WOW!

What is news if it's not worth reading? What is reading if you don't enjoy it? In the world we live in all of the events are not enjoyable and it is my quest to find the enjoyable that's worth reading as an alternative to the sad news of the day. Many of these issues will be addressed in my new column; Out & About W/Steve

Greetings to all of the Bay area readers:

I never dreamed or thought I would ever have an opportunity such as this. I have always loved to write, and I have always been concerned with people getting appropriate information properly. For ten years, I have been an avid reader of The Weekly Challenger since my tenure here in the Bay area. The headline stories, articles, and community news have always intrigued me. It caused me to feel such a sense of belongingness and become keenly aware that area residents afar and near really count on The Weekly Challenger to keep them connected to what's going on in the world and more specifically in the Bay area. I am both honored and overjoyed to be one of its new columnist.

Out & About W/Steve will be taking a look at events, topics, and information that people want to know and should know in the Bay Area, the state, and even national information. It will allow you the readers a chance to gain knowledge and perspectives from different points of view from different

areas. It will allow you to see what is really on and popping in your surroundings.

Just so you would know, a little bit about me, I am a graduate of the University of Florida where I received my Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Master of Arts in Organizational Management. I have been involved in education for numerous years. I have taught at local colleges here in the bay area as well as served as Assistant Principal at a middle school elsewhere. I am currently an event planner. So, as you could guess I have seen and experienced lots of stuff and encountered numerous people. I have traveled abroad and am very thankful for all of the things and people that have crossed my path. Having said that, I plan to bring all of these experiences, expertise, and encounters into a column that the Bay area would be proud of and want to read every week! So tell your neighbor, friend, and yes even an enemy about what's about to take place. We don't want anyone left out. Because we are going to be bringing it to you hot off the press, live and popping!

Allow the sails of your mind to be lifted and take your feet off the breaks. So let's take a trip to a place you have never seen. See sites that you have never seen. Experience things you have never thought about. How are you going to do this? I invite you to accompany me weekly right here as we go Out & About W/Steve.

The Beacon Of Light Award Banquet

LARGO - On Friday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m., the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry will be honoring Sheriff Jim Coats by presenting him with the Good News Beacon of Light Award at its annual banquet at Anona United Methodist Church in Largo, 13233 Indian Rocks Rd.

The Good News Beacon of Light Award is given to honor a recipient who has demonstrated outstanding service to the community. The award considers a Pinellas County resident, business operator, or organization leader who has benefited the community through service and commitment as shown in deeds that have spanned beyond the narrow confines of self-interest and positively impacted the community. Sheriff Coats, while directing law enforcement and incarceration facilities, was

selected for the award because of the many areas where he has sought proactively to rehabilitate offenders and steer youth into positive lifestyles through his efforts in things not usually associated with law enforcement and incarceration.

At the Pinellas County Jail, the Sheriff has fostered numerous programs designed to help offenders cope and become better citizens after their release. One program that exemplifies Sheriff Coats' dedication is Smart Choices, which he proactively sought after a similar program also designed to help inmates to a better life outside the jail but was cut due to budget constraints. Other law enforcement and detention and corrections heads might have let the program that helps offenders simply die as a budget casualty. There are numerous examples

of the Sheriff's interest in helping the community.

This annual award is given by the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, which has been active in Pinellas County for forty years. The Good News Ministry is headquartered in Richmond, VA, and for nearly fifty years has placed chaplains in jails and prisons in twenty four states and twenty two countries with almost four hundred chaplains in place. Chaplain Herb Schluderberg has been ministering for 3 years in the Pinellas County Jail as a full-time chaplain.

Good News is a non-denominational, faith-based organization whose chaplains raise their own funds, refusing any tax dollars. For additional information contact Chaplain Herb, 727-249-6876.

Correction: Replica Congressional Gold Medal Presented To Tuskegee Airmen And Jazz Great Al Downing

ST. PETERSBURG - A bronze replica of the Congressional Gold Medal was presented by Congresswoman Kathy Castor to Mrs. AL Downing during a ceremony at the Royal Theatre Boys and Girls

Club Tuesday, April 7.

This statement is a correction to the article that was featured in the April 9 edition of The Weekly Challenger. The Tuskegee Airmen were officially bestowed the Congressional Medal of

Honor by former President George Bush in March 2007. The original Congressional Gold Medal for The Tuskegee Airmen is on display at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington.



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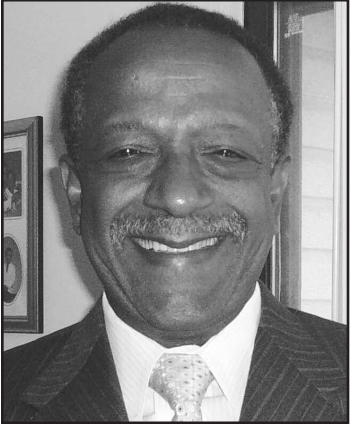
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COMMUNITY NEWS



THE Gantt Report

BY LUCIUS GANTT

Have you ever heard the saying, “Don’t hate the player, hate the game?” Well, I feel the same way about opinion writers.

As a newspaper columnist for about the last fourty years, I’ve had my share of readers that disagree with columns that I have written. However, every now and then, I touch someone’s nerves and they feel a need to let me know it and let me have it, so to speak.

Like it or not, we all have a right to an opinion. Each person that reads this column or the columns of America’s other black columnists has the right to disagree with our column’s content but no one has a right to denigrate, disparage or demean a writer just because they disagree with an expressed opinion. In other words, hate the opinion. Don’t hate the writer.

Anything that newspapers print will have readers that love the material and readers that don’t love the articles. I would encourage people that want to reveal their disagreements with newspaper columns to write a column themselves or write a letter to the editor that points out a more logical, factual and reasonable expectation about whatever column or topics provokes you to respond.

Attacking writers with opinions that differ from yours is dangerous! When you attack the writer and not what the writer wrote, sometimes writers defend themselves. Sometimes writers strike back.

Most of the people that attack me about something I wrote are baby mamas. I don’t complain about that. In fact, I understand it. Mothers should protect their children.

However, my concern comes when mothers and fathers arbitrarily attack individuals personally for expressing their thoughts and feelings.

You see, it’s easy for black folk to hurl personal insults and attack each other but it’s hard for us to

attack our caucasian bosses. It’s hard to attack the blond haired satan or the blue eyed devil. It’s hard to attack the police brutalizer, the child molester, the racist, or the white supremacist. It’s hard to attack the beast!

The next time you feel a need to attack me, or George Curry, Leonard Pitts or Cynthia Tucker, Barbara Howard or Al Calloway just remember that editorial columns are not news, columns are not history, columns are not the so-called final word. Editorial columns are merely opinions, one man’s or one woman’s opinion.

People that get emotional about a newspaper column, fly off and write a hateful attack on the writer usually get upset most about the truth! The truth hurts and when columnists says something like our most educated community leaders can sometimes be the least smartest, writers are bound to feel the brunt of an individual attack.

So mama, don’t let your child grow up to be an opinion writer unless your child has heart, unless your child has courage and unless your child is on a mission from God to tell our people and his readers the truth whether they want to read it or not, whether people agree with the writings or not.

I encourage the readers of The Gantt Report to disagree with the author and to write a letter to the editors that explain the issues in our communities, with our institutions and with our sometimes soft, handkerchief-headed and weak Negro leadership in a more accurate and correct fashion. I encourage Gantt Report readers to subscribe to and advertise in black newspapers and on black internet sites.

Speaking for myself though, I try not to hurl accusations at individuals. If readers want to attack me, I prefer that they attack me in person so that I can defend myself against any threat to my life or my livelihood.

SCLC And Family Of Paris Hamilton Unveils Campaign To Issue The Call To Mobilize

ST. PETERSBURG - The SCLC/St. Petersburg -Pinellas County Chapter, Florida Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the family of Paris Hamilton are proactively responding to the murder of little Paris. Sevell C. Brown, III, as president of both organizations stated, “We stand united today to save our children, our community and city by attacking the hedge of protection the murderers of Paris have wrapped around themselves. Like the Amber Alert was authored in as a result of the kidnapping abduction of the little child 9 year old Amber Hagerman of Arlington, Texas in 1995, we are officially instituting the “Helping Paris Connect the Dots Campaign”

“This Campaign leaves a positive legacy for little Paris,” says Thelma Davis, Grand Educational Director of the Order of Eastern Stars. Christine Hayes, Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Stars and International F & AM Masons stated that “they are proud to endorse the campaign and many of their members marched in the SCLC Prayer Vigil March for Paris Friday, April 10 at 5 p.m.

Some 300 people marched from the Frank Pierce Center at Bartlett Park down 18th Ave. S. west to 16th St. S. to attend the Wake for Paris

Whitehead-Hamilton that began at 6 p.m.

Approximately 500 people entered the Chapel at Smith’s Funeral Home to see the slain 8 year old girl. It was a solemn moment in space and time as everyone walked by to view their angel and princess little Paris. Her favorite toys and bears were positioned inside the casket simulating how she once lived.

But on their way to the Chapel, Evangelist Dr. Clarice Pennington send up a fervent prayer. Sevell Brown, III with bull horn in hand, called for the family to step off into the streets with the children of Paris family and her classmates carrying the banner in her honor.

Stu, the popular DJ of 95.7 FM, THE BEAT, lead the march off with Sevell Brown, III of SCLC taking turns leading songs and chants with the 300 marchers.

“Fired Up,” said Brown and Stu. “Fed Up,” the family and marchers shouted back! Everybody joined in “Ain’t Gonna Take It No More!!!”

Brown shouted, “What You Want?” The family and marchers shouted back, “JUSTICE!!!” Brown shouted, “When you want it?” Everyone said, “NOW!!!”

Brown was emphatic about keeping the momentum going and not waiting. “This



Sevell Brown, III

family needs something positive to remember little Paris by other than the tragic way she was taken from them and this is the family and public’s last opportunity to honor her life and give her a positive legacy. That’s why we’ve joined together to do this historic Prayer Vigil March for Paris. The “Helping Paris Connect The Dots Campaign” will be explained in the weeks to come as SCLC goes forward with the Campaign.

See the “Helping Paris Connect the Dots Campaign” poster and pictures from the march and Paris’ funeral on page 12.

St. Petersburg Council Member Karl Nurse Announces Bid For Election

ST. PETERSBURG - Karl Nurse, District 6 St. Petersburg city council member, has announced his campaign to retain his seat in this fall’s municipal elections. The primary election will be held Sept. 1, with the general election following Nov. 3.

Appointed to the St. Petersburg City Council last April, Nurse has worked primarily to strengthen the city’s economy, namely by providing foreclosure prevention counseling, attracting

banks to urban areas to provide over 18,000 households with banking services, and making the city’s buildings more energy efficient. These issues, along with plans to increase public safety, plan to figure prominently in Nurse’s campaign.

“I wake up everyday trying to make a difference in our community, whether it’s making neighborhoods safer or providing more help in these tough economic times. Voters can depend on me to deliver results. I am here to

listen, and I am here to work for the people of District 6 and for everyone across our great city,” Nurse said.

The Nurse campaign will kick off its efforts aggressively with a highly targeted and organized petition drive to secure the five hundred signed petitions required to qualify for placement on the ballot, coupled with a broad-based fund-raising effort.

For information, contact Darden Rice at 727-560-2479 or darden.rice@mac.com

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Businesswomen Mark Equal Pay Day

ST. PETERSBURG - Business and Professional Women will hold the group's annual "Unhappy Hour" Tuesday, April 28, in recognition of Equal Pay Day. The public is invited to attend the event at Gratzzi at BayWalk, 199 2nd Ave. N., St. Petersburg, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend.

Equal Pay Day, which this year is April 28, marks the day the average woman in the United States finally earns the same amount of pay that her male counterpart earned in the previous year. According to the 2007 U.S. Census Bureau report, the average woman is paid 77 cents for every dollar a man is paid. Therefore, if a man were paid \$50,000 to perform his job from Jan. 1 through December 31, 2007, it will take a woman in the same position, on average, from January 1, 2007, through April 22, 2008, to earn the same amount.

Gratzzi will host the event with drink and meal specials

from their outdoor patio area on the second floor of the BayWalk complex. BayWalk merchants will also participate with sales, discounts and giveaways to mark the occasion.

BPW/St. Petersburg-Pinellas is a local organization of BPW/USA, a national alliance of individuals dedicated to improving the professional, personal, economic and educational outlook for working women. BPW's network across the country includes members of diverse ages, races, occupations and politics. BPW/USA pursues the issues that matter most to women who work including Economic Equity, Health Care and Civil Rights.

BPW/St. Petersburg-Pinellas meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Gratzzi. For information, e-mail RSVP@BPWStPetePinellas.org.

For more information on the April 28 event, call Kristin Guenthardt at 727-551-5225. For more on BPW/St. Petersburg-Pinellas, check the website at: www.BPWStPetePinellas.org.

WUSF-TV Goes All-Digital On Thursday

TAMPA - WUSF Public Broadcasting's television station WUSF-TV will cease broadcasting in analog and make the switch to an all-digital format on Thursday at midnight.

Although Congress voted to extend the national analog-to-digital television conversion from the original deadline of Feb. 17 to June 12, WUSF-TV selected an earlier date to make the transition. "While the extension gives consumers more time to prepare for the switch, waiting until June would not be good for WUSF-TV, and many other stations, for a number of reasons," said JoAnn Urofsky, General Manager for WUSF Public Broadcasting.

WUSF-TV management had already made a sizable investment in new equipment to be prepared to make the switch by the original Feb. 17 deadline, according to Urofsky. "Waiting until June would mean we would be paying for both analog and digital signals for several months until we make the switch. That is both expensive and an inefficient use of our

financial resources," she said.

Viewers with cable or satellite TV systems and anyone with a digital TV purchased after 2004 doesn't need to do anything to continue receiving the WUSF-TV signal. However, anyone who depends on a roof antenna or "rabbit ears" and still wants to receive WUSF-TV programming after April 16 must do one of the following: buy and install a converter box, subscribe to cable or satellite service, or buy a new digital television.

Converter boxes are available at stores such as Wal-Mart, Target, Sears and Best Buy, and cost about \$40 to \$90. To help with the cost, the federal government has extended its program to provide two \$40 coupons to any American household upon request. To order the coupons, call the 24-hour free telephone hotline: 1-888-388-2009 or apply online at www.dtv.gov.

More information is available on the WUSF Public Broadcasting website, www.wusf.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Saturday, April 18 - Festival of States Harvey's 5K Run, North Straub Park. 8:15 to 10 a.m. Run along the downtown St. Petersburg's beautiful waterfront. Awards ceremony. www.festivalofstates.com or 727-821-9888.

Saturday, April 18 - Art in the Park, Williams Park. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy a stroll in the park surrounded by arts vendors exhibiting their works, music, performers, food and music. 727-898-6061.

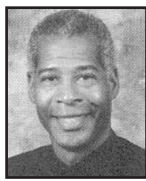
Saturday, April 18 - Festival of States Day Parade, Winding through downtown St. Petersburg's beautiful waterfront. 10 a.m. Fabulous floats, marching bands, music, dancing and beads galore, a fun-filled day for everyone. Followed by Family FunFest at North Straub Park. www.festivalofstates.com or 727-821-9888.

Saturday and Sunday, April 18-19 - 34th Annual Mainsail Arts Festival, Vinoy Park, Bayshore Drive & 7th Ave. N.E. Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 250 juried fine art and craft exhibitors, live entertainment, Young at Art student show, Kids Create art activity tent, culinary arts food court. Volunteers needed. www.mainsailartsfestival.org or 727-892-5885.

Monday, April 20 - Tampa Bay Job Fair, Coliseum, 535 4th Ave. N. Time TBA. The Job Fair is an exciting all-day employment event. The Job Fair provides an opportunity for employers to showcase their organization and promote available employment opportunities. www.stpete.org/coliseum, 727-892-5202 or 727-893-8523.

Wednesday, April 22 - Earth Day at the Pier Aquarium, Pier Aquarium, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. Information all day. www.pieraquarium.org or 727-895-7437.

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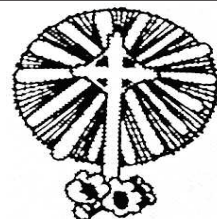
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Families pay approximately 30% of their family income as rent for these apartments.

Lakeside Terrace Apts. - (727) 489-6470 Fax: (727) 489-6457
3802 62nd Avenue North, Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Rainbow Village Apts. - (727) 581-4793 Fax: (727) 585-3891
12301 - 134th Ave North, Largo FL 33774

- Families with 1 - 2 persons are invited to apply for the One BR apartments at Lakeside Terrace & Rainbow Village.
- Families with 4 - 8 persons are invited to apply for the Four BR apartments at Rainbow Village
- Families with 5 - 10 persons are invited to apply for the Five BR apartments at Rainbow Village

Applications will be accepted as follows:

April 21st through 23rd 2009 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Applications will also be available at the PCHA Central Office located at 11479 Ulmerton Rd., Largo FL 33778

Disabled applicants may call the Lakeside Terrace or Rainbow Village offices to request an application by mail.

Applications may also be returned by mail to the above address.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY HOUSING

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Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who lights all roads so that I can obtain my goal. You who give me the Divine gift to forgive and forget all evils against me, and that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you. And even in spite of all material illusions I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

Pray this prayer for 3 consecutive days, after 3 days the favor requested will be granted. Even if it may appear difficult you must publish this prayer immediately after the favor is Granted without mentioning the favor. Amen.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Juvenile Diabetes Annual Walk Comes To The St. Pete Times Forum

TAMPA - More than 3,000 walkers representing local corporations, families, schools, and other organizations are expected to participate in the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) annual Walk to Cure Diabetes Saturday, April 18, at the St. Pete Times Forum beginning at 9:00 a.m. The fundraising goal of the chapter is to realize more than \$450,000 for research to find a cure for diabetes and its complications.

In addition to widespread corporate support, entire families, from kids to grandparents, take part in the fundraising efforts of the Walk to Cure Diabetes – many of whom are affected, but also those who are not among the fourteen million Americans with a personal connection to type-1 diabetes. At the Hillsborough County Walk, there will be plenty of children’s activities on hand, along with hamburgers courtesy of Grillsmith Restaurants. On-site registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The three-mile walk will start at the Forum and will continue down scenic Bayshore Boulevard.

JDRF Walks are held in more than 200 cities worldwide. Nearly 500,000 people nationally walked last year and raised \$94 million to cure diabetes.

JDRF was founded in 1970 by the parents of children with type-1 diabetes - a disease that strikes children, adolescents, and adults suddenly, makes them insulin dependent for life, and carries the constant threat of devastating complications. Since inception, JDRF has provided more than \$1.16 billion to diabetes research worldwide. More than 85 percent of JDRF’s expenditures directly support research and research-related education. JDRF’s mission is constant: to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. To register now and participate, sponsor the event, build a Walk team, or for more information please visit www.jdrf.org or call 727-344-2873.

COMMUNITY

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of changing the name of Preston Avenue to Paris Avenue in honor of this little girl.

The community is outraged, as it should be. This anger was reflected in the comments of so many in the community at the funeral Saturday. State Representative Daryl Rouson, County Commissioner Ken Welch, City Councilman Wengate Newton along with leadership from the Muslim community expressed their passionate desire to save our children and change our city.

So then, we must ask ourselves the question, where do we go from here? One thought that comes readily to mind is not back to business as usual. We cannot afford to be righteously indignant for only a brief moment. No, we must stand up now as never before and be compelled to action. We must join with other groups and organizations to watch and protect our children and our neighborhoods. We must return to the collective sense of responsibility that our parents and foreparents had. We must come to see that none of us is safe until all of us is safe.

As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stated, we are all tied together in a single garment of destiny, bound by an inescapable network of mutuality. What affects one directly affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be.

Paris Whitehead-Hamilton belonged to all of us. We are all linked by common chords and we must work tirelessly to insure that her precious life was significant and that her death was not in vain.



IN MEMORY OF Earl S. “Coach” Kitchings 1926 - 2009

Softly, on the morning of April 6, 2009, angels quietly lifted the soul of Earl and carried him to his heavenly home. He was born in Jacksonville, to his now deceased parents, Willie and Rubie Kitchings. Attending the local schools of Jacksonville, he received degrees from FAMC/U of Tallahassee, Columbia University and was Honorably Discharged as a Master Sergeant from the U.S. Army. His career was in the educational circle of Duval County where he served as a Coach and Athletic Director at M.W. Gilbert and Wm. M. Raines High Schools, Asst. Principal at Fletcher High School, and Dean of Students at FCCJ. He touched the lives of many and enjoyed the times spent with them all. He was a member of the Duval County Coaches Association, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

During his time as a coach he has helped many players earn college scholarships, with some players earning spots on NFL and CFL rosters. Curtis Miranda New York Giants, Tommy Chandler New England Patriots, Bob Hayes Dallas Cowboys, Ken Burrough

Houston Oilers, Harold Carmichael Philadelphia Eagles, David Thomas Washington Redskins, and Leonard Robinson Phoenix Suns. Touching the lives of hundreds of individuals, he became a mentor and father-figure to many. He loved and enjoyed spending time with all of them.

Honors received were William Raines High Athletic Hall of Fame, 1991 Jacksonville Sports Hall of Fame, 1997 Florida A&M University Sports Hall of Fame, 2002 Bob Hayes Track Meet Hall of Fame I and 2003 Jaspers Lifetime Achievement Award.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elaine Fears; son - William Earl, Sr., Angela; Grandsons Cemal Lazier and William Earl, Jr.; Brother - Willie Kitchings, White Plains, NY; Sister - Juanita Pierce, St. Petersburg; Sister-in-law - Ernestine Hawkins, Orlando; Nephews - Ernie Fears, Patti, Washington, Eric Fears, Athens, GA; Niece - Dr. Anita Hawkins, Baltimore; Terry Hall, Jacksonville and Curtis Miranda, Jacksonville.

CHURCH NEWS

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3300 31 St. S., St. Petersburg. “One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One Church”

Because he lives, “That’s good news.” The Lord is Risen, what an affirmation of faith. The tears of grief have given way to tears of joy; the followers of Jesus Christ now try to live in a world where evil, darkness and death itself have been unconditionally conquered. Evil conquered? Yes! Death conquered? Yes! To live in a world where evil holds no fear and death holds no threat requires a radical shift in understanding and attitude. Such a world is no longer under the dominant control, that darkness can never extinguish the light that gives us confidence and hope in this season and in all seasons. Praise be to God our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ is Risen as He said!

Dr. John A. Evans, Sr., God’s anointed and appointed leader and the entire Friendship MBC Family extends a cordial welcome to each of you. Join us for regular worship services Sunday at 7:45 and 10:45 a.m.

We are believers in Christ who are

reaching out to the world, preaching the gospel to the unsaved and teaching the saved to serve by demonstrating the love of Christ.

Weekly Activities

Weekly Meditation on WRXB at 6:45 a.m. Tune in to hear Dr. John A. Evans, Sr.

Wednesday Noon Day Bible Study; 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer; 7:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study.

Visit www.fmbctheship.org or send email to fmbc3300@verizon.net. Phone: 727-906-8300.

McCabe United Methodist Church

Family and Friends Day Fish Fry

THEME: " Planting Seeds To Grow God's Harvest" Saturday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. at McCabe United Methodist Church, 2800- 26th Ave. So., St. Petersburg, Fl 33712

Dinner Choices: Fish, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans or Fish, Grits, Hush Puppies or Fish Sandwich.

Come wrap your taste buds around some "bream, tilapia, or mullet

For more information call (727) 867-5287.

Save this date on your calendar: May 17, for the culmination of McCabe's Family and Friends Day celebration.

Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

“Impact the World by Equipping Believers to Reach the Lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ”

BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER & PRAISE SERVICE

The Mt. Zion Progressive MBC family, under the leadership of our esteemed Pastor, the Reverend Louis M. Murphy, invites everyone to attend our weekly Wednesday night Prayer & Praise service, followed by Bible study. Our Prayer & Praise service begins Wednesday at 6 p.m. and is immediately followed by Bible study at 6:30 p.m. Our Youth Chapel also offers fellowship for middle and high school students at 6:30 p.m.

COUPLE’S MINISTRY FREE MOVIE EVENT, “FIRE PROOF” This acclaimed movie is for every

couple that wants to strengthen their marriage against today’s adverse influences and lifestyles. “Never Leave Your Partner Behind” This community event is Friday, April 17 at 6:45 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

DEACON ORDINATION

Sunday April 19 at the 10 a.m. service

Mt. Zion Progressive MBC, 955 20th St. So., FMI 894-4311.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

“ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, ONE HOPE”

Our Esteemed Pastor, Reverend Carlos L. Senior and the New Hope Church family invite you to our weekly services and events.

Early Morning Service 7:45; Sunday School 9:15 (Classes for all ages) Mid-Morning Service 10:30.

MIDWEEK P.U.S.H. (Prayer + Understanding = Spiritual Healing)

Wednesday Prayer Service, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Bible Study 7:30-8:30. Thursday Prayer Band, 11:00 a.m. and Mass Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING HOPE INSTITUTE “LOVE BOAT”

Classes for everyone: single, divorced, widowed, or married! (Mark your calendars now) April 22 –24, 7-8:30 p.m.

“FLAME” CONCERT

April 25, “FLAME” has released three albums, garnered nominations from the Dove, Stellar, and GRAMMY Awards and was honored by the Holy Hip Hop Association for his invaluable service, sacrifice, labor and contributions to the music industry.

“We cannot shine if we have not taken time to fill our lamps.”

New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

1210 Union St. S., St. Petersburg. New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church cordially invites you to join us in the celebration of our 2nd Church Anniversary. We will kick off Sunday, April 19 at 5 p.m. with the Rock of Jesus Baptist Church - Rev. Frank Peterman - Pastor. The celebration continues Wednesday 4/22 at 7 p.m. with Concord Missionary Baptist Church - Rev. Willie Miller - Pastor, Thursday 4/23 at 7 p.m. with Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church - Rev. Clark Hazley - Pastor,

Friday 4/24 at 7 p.m. with Galilee Missionary Baptist Church - Rev. Ernest Jones - Pastor. The celebration will conclude Sunday 4/26 at 4pm with the Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church - Rev. Rickey Houston - Pastor.

Pastors Only Retreat • Seven X 7 Clergy

Pastors Only Retreat. Seven x 7 Clergy. Meet this Saturday to Discuss the Possibility.

To the clergy and ministry leaders who contributed their help to the Seven x 7 movements in 2008, this one’s for you.

This Saturday, April 18 at 7 a.m., the Seven x 7 groups will meet for prayer, breakfast and conversation about the possibility of convening a two day retreat, specifically for the Pastors working together to revive the City.

Rev. Louis Murphy, Sr. of Mt Zion Progressive says, “Many of our Pastors have expressed the need for Pastors to spend time in fellowship and to have open dialogue about the unity of the body, and the needs of our

community. This April 18 meeting will allow us the time to discuss the substance and timing of such a retreat.”

This Saturday’s meeting will be hosted by Rev. Frank Peterman, Jr. at the Rock of Jesus Missionary Baptist Church, located at 3940 18 Ave. S. in St. Petersburg. For more information or to RSVP, call 727-894-4311 x807.

St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church

923 Dr. Martin Luther King St. S. St. Petersburg, FL 33705

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DISTRICT REVIVAL

Come join us at St. Mark AME on April 19 – 21 at 7 p.m. nightly. SHARE DAY, April 25, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Join us as we reach out to the community and help those in need of clothing and small household items.

If you would like to donate gently used items, please drop off your items at the church.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

April 26

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

The St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of its dynamic, spirited, man of God, the Reverend Brian Kenneth Brown, its official staff of Deacons and Trustees, and the entire congregation of St. Mark, extends to the community at large, its wishes that there would be an overflowing of God’s blessings upon their lives. St. Mark is grounded in a Christ-centered doctrine that has as its central theme, a belief that we are a haven of hope, help, and healing for a world hungering for and thirsting after the enlightened word of God. At St. Mark, we are Christians willing to work and partner in unity, praising God for His awesome gift, His son Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Events for April

April 21 - 7:30 p.m. Church Outing to New Jerusalem for Church and Pastor’s Anniversary.

April 26 - Red and White Mission Program featuring 9:30 a.m. Special guest Sunday school teachers; 4:00 p.m. Worship Experience

April 27 - 2009 PIZZA Ministry featuring “Movie Nights.” Sharing the gospel with children in the community by way of movies, rap sessions, food, fun and fellowship.

Sunday School Offers ...

St. Mark School is held for both children and adults of all ages. Sunday School starts each Sunday morning at 9:30. All are invited to come out and join us.

Baptist Training Union is each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Members and the

general public are invited to come out and study the Bible with us and learn “What Baptist Believe”.

Children and Youth Ministry Meetings are held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. Children in the community are welcomed to join us.

Sunday School Teachers’ Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Senior Hour of Power Bible Study is held every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study every Thursday evening at 7:00.

St. Mark After School Tutoring Ministry: Open to all school age children ever Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Homework help and reading tutors available.

Trinity Presbyterian Church

2830 22nd Ave. S., St. Petersburg.

The public is invited to join us for worship this Sunday April 19. The Trinity Male chorus under the direction of Johnny Mells will sing and Pastor Alfonso Woods will deliver the message. We also welcome the men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the mentees of the “Guide Right” mentoring program as our special guest at the 11:00 a.m. service.

The Trinity family would like to offer warm words of congratulations to members Bobby and Eloise Thompson and Michael and Janice Clarke. Both couples were recognized recently at the 2009 Black Marriage Day Celebration. The celebration was a part of a larger effort promoted in more than 300 cities worldwide to highlight the benefits of marriage, pay tribute to successful marriages and promote marriage in the black community. The Clarkes and Thompsons collectively share more than 80 years of wedded bliss.

Rev. Alfonso Woods - Your comments are welcome: pastor-woods07@yahoo.com

BLACK HISTORY

“Celebrating Our History Is An Everyday Thing”

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Oscar Robertson



Oscar Palmer Robertson was born November 24, 1938 in Charlotte, Tennessee. Nicknamed “The Big O” or “O-Train,” he is a former American NBA player with the Cincinnati Royals and the Milwaukee Bucks. The 6-foot-5, 220-pound Robertson played the shooting guard/point guard position, and was a twelve-time All-Star, eleven-time member of the All-NBA Team, and one-time winner of the MVP award in fourteen professional seasons. He is the only player in NBA history to average a triple-double for an entire season, and he is regarded as one of the best and most versatile NBA players of all time. He was a key player on the team which brought the Bucks their only NBA championship in the 1970-71 NBA season. However, his playing career, especially during high school and college, was plagued by racism.

For his outstanding achievements, Robertson was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1980, and was voted one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History in 1996. The United States Basketball Writers Association renamed their college Player of the Year Award the Oscar Robertson Trophy in his honor in 1998, and he was one of five people chosen to represent the inaugural National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame class in 2006.

Robertson was also an integral part of the Oscar Robertson suit of 1970. The landmark NBA antitrust suit, named after the then-president of the NBA Players' Association, led to an extensive reform of the league's strict free agency and draft rules and, subsequently, to higher salaries for all players.

Robertson was born in

poverty and grew up in a segregated housing project in Indianapolis. In contrast to many other boys who preferred to play baseball, he was drawn to basketball because it was "a poor kids' game." Because his family could not afford a basketball, he learned how to shoot by tossing tennis balls and rags bound with rubber bands into a peach basket behind his family's home. In 1954, Robertson attended Crispus Attucks High School, a segregated all-black school. As a sophomore that year, he starred on an Attucks team that lost in the semi-state finals, state quarterfinals, to eventual state champions Milan, whose story would later be the basis of the 1986 movie classic Hoosiers.

At Crispus Attucks, Robertson's coach was Ray Crowe, whose emphasis on a fundamentally sound game had a positive effect on Robertson's style of play. With Robertson leading the team, Crispus Attucks proceeded to dominate its opposition, going 31-1 in 1955 and winning the first state championship for any all-black school in the nation. The following year the team finished with a perfect 31-0 record and won a second straight state title, becoming the first team in Indiana to secure a perfect season along the way to a state-record 45 straight victories. The state championships won by the all-black school were the first-ever for Indianapolis. However, the celebrations were cut short by the city's leaders. The players were driven outside of town to hold their party because, said Robertson in the Indianapolis Star, "They said the blacks are gonna tear up downtown." Robertson was also named Indiana "Mr. Basketball" in 1955, after scoring 24.0 points per game during his senior season. After his graduation that year, Robertson enrolled at the University of Cincinnati.

Robertson continued to dominate his opponents while at Cincinnati, recording an incredible scoring average of

33.8 points per game, the third highest in college history. In each of his three years, he won the national scoring title, was named an All-American, and was chosen College Player of the Year, while setting 14 NCAA and 19 school records. Robertson's stellar play led the Bearcats to a 79-9 overall record during his three varsity seasons, including two Final Four appearances. However, a championship eluded Robertson, a phenomenon which would become a repeated occurrence in his later career. When Robertson left college he was the all-time leading NCAA scorer until fellow Hall of Fame player Pete Maravich topped him in 1970.

Despite his success on the court, Robertson's college career was soured by racism. He was Cincinnati's fifth black player, preceded by Chester Smith, 1932, London Gant, 1936, Willard Stargel, 1942, and Tom Overton, 1951. Road trips to segregated cities were especially difficult, with Robertson often sleeping in college dorms instead of hotels. "I'll never forgive them," he told the Indianapolis Star years later. Decades after his college days, Robertson's stellar NCAA career was rewarded by the United States Basketball Writers Association when, in 1998, they renamed the trophy awarded to the NCAA Division I Player of the Year the Oscar Robertson Trophy. This honor brought the award full circle for Robertson since he had won the first two awards ever presented.

After college, Robertson co-captained the United States basketball team at the 1960 Summer Olympics with Jerry West. The team, described as the greatest assemblage of amateur basketball talent ever, went undefeated during the competition to win the gold medal. Robertson was the team's starting forward, but played point guard as well. He was the co-leading scorer with fellow NBA legend Jerry Lucas, as the United States team won its nine games by a dominating margin of 42.4 points per game.

ENTERTAINMENT



Timeless, Classic And Beautiful Carmen McRae

It was a warm, sultry evening in Windsor, Canada. My best friends Calvin Vinson, Carter Jones and I were sitting in a jazz club, completely hypnotized by a voice so convincing that you would think the words were directed solely at you. It was the first of many times to come that I would get to see and hear Carmen McRae, jazz vocalist extraordinaire; Carmen is brought to your attention because of her birth date, April 8. It's something a jazz fan would want to know. Why? Well, if you have to ask, it's obvious you've never heard her sing.

The reasons are many, but the first one that brought her to my attention was not her vocalizing but her piano playing. She was a great straight-ahead jazz piano player. Later, when I heard her sing, I couldn't believe my ears. She was just that good. Jazz history has it that Billie Holiday was Carmen's idol. However, it was not long before she outgrew her emulation of Billie to become a distinctive stylist in her own. Carmen possessed what some described as a "smoky" voice; I referred to it as being downright "sexy." Her vocals were emotional, easy on the ear melody variations done mostly on jazz standards.

While attending Howard University, 1952 - 1956, most of the students were into Carmen McRae. Occasionally, she would appear on television, i.e. Ed Sullivan Show, and we would fill the TV Room in the girl's dormitory to watch and hear her perform while holding hands, of course, with the "apple of our eye." Afterwards, there was usually a minor fun filled debate as to who was the better vocalist,

Sarah Vaughn, Ella Fitzgerald or Carmen McRae. The three of them were the most popular jazz vocalists at the time.

Although resources indicate that Carmen was an African-American jazz vocalist pianist and actress, citing that her parents Osmond and Evadne McRae were West Indian, Jamaican. However, in the past I have come across sources which referred to her as American Indian, specifically Cherokee. As for her appearing in the movies, I remember her in "Jo Jo Dancer: Your Life Is Calling." This was a movie based on the life of comedian Richard Pryor with Carmen playing the part of his grandmother in the movie.

Carmen was born in Harlem, and studied the piano as a child of eight years. Her parents were music lovers and her home was filled with the music of jazz giants like Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington. She met Billie Holiday when she was 17, who Carmen often said was "her primary influence".

During Carmen's teen years and early twenties, she had the opportunity to play piano at Minton's Playhouse, a famous jazz club in Harlem. During this time, in order to make ends meet, she was also getting jobs as a chorus girl. And, it was at Minton's that she met jazz icon and trumpet player Dizzy Gillespie, and several other famous jazz musicians. Through her connections with musicians of Gillespie's caliber, it was not long before Carmen was able to land her first significant job as pianist with the Benny Carter Big Band, and then later performing with Count Basie and Mercer Ellington.

Around about the early 1950s,

Carmen's career catapulted when she landed a recording contract, and then in 1954 she was voted Best New Female Vocalist by Down Beat magazine. She toured extensively, recorded frequently, and appeared in many musical projects, i.e. tribute to Thelonius Monk "Carmen Sings Monk," 1990, and Sarah Vaughn, "Sarah: Dedicated to You," 1991.

For more than fifty years, Carmen sang in jazz clubs throughout the United States and abroad. She was one of the more popular performers at the legendary Monterey Jazz Festival. She performed brilliantly with Duke Ellington at the North Sea Jazz Festival, and also performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival. Personally, I have Carmen on video performing at the Newport Jazz Festival.

Unfortunately, as in the case of so many habitual cigarette smokers, Carmen refused to quit smoking and was forced to retire in 1991 due to emphysema. She died November 10, 1994 from a stroke, following complications from respiratory illness.

Pick up on at least one of her many albums, such as "The Great American Songbook, Alive!" "Something Wonderful", "Take Five" or "Easy to Love." You're guaranteed to enjoy music from a great singer.

Remember to "Keep Jazz Alive" by "Supporting Live Jazz!"

Jazz fans - do you have any feedback? I would like to hear from YOU! You may visit my website at: rickgeesjazzjamm.com or email me at JazzJamm@aol.com. You may also mail your letters to Rick Gee's Jazz Jamm, c/o The Weekly Challenger, 2500 ML King St., S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705.

Book Review: 'Act Like A Lady, Think Like A Man'

BY LYNIA WHITE

Steve Harvey, comedian, television star, and host of the nationally syndicated "Steve Harvey Morning Show" is now a bestselling author. His number one book has truly been a hit. It has blown away so many readers. The comedy that we have come to love from Steve Harvey is all throughout this book. Amidst the humor, there is actually some practical relationship advice.

Harvey discusses these topics:

- The Ninety Day Rule: Ford requires it of its employees. Should you require it of your man?
- How to spot a mama's boy and what if anything you can do about it.
- When to introduce the kids and what to read into the first interaction between your date and your kids.
- The five questions every woman should ask a man to determine how serious he is.

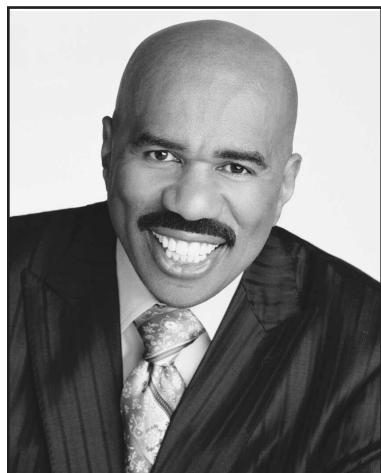
Harvey has an interesting viewpoint of how relationships between a man and a woman should be. "Old-fashioned"

concepts are praised. A man should be a man and a lady should be a lady. What's wrong with that? That is how it should be.

Men are simple. Women aren't. Obviously, men and women are different. Harvey provides insight into how a man really thinks. If you want to know about men, ask a man. For example, Harvey candidly explains how a man feels about the words "I want to talk."

Here's an excerpt:

"For a man, few words are as menacing as those four—especially when a woman is the one saying them and he's on the receiving end. Those four words can mean only two things to men: either we did something wrong or, worse; you really literally just want to talk. Now, we understand that we're not the essence of perfection and there are going to be times when you're mad at us and need to let us know it; we get that, though we don't necessarily want to have to concentrate on an hour-long angry lecture about how we screwed up but even more? No man wants to sit around gabbing with you like we're one




Steve Harvey

of your girlfriends, ever. It's just not in our DNA to lounge around, sip coffee, and dab at our eyes with tissue as if we're in an AA meeting or on some psychologist's couch trying to get things off our chest. When men are talking, and especially when they're listening, it's with purpose."

Harvey helps us to bridge the gap between the sexes and laugh about it. No wonder this book is a hit!

Lynia White is a columnist, book reviewer and the founder of The Quality Corner Bookstore. This book and others can be found online at www.thequalitycorner.com.



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CHALLENGER SPORTS

Who’s The Real MVP?



Kobe Bryant
BY PHILLIP HAYWOOD JR.
CHALLENGER SPORTSWRITER

When you are talking about who’s the best player in the NBA, let the debate begin. Everyone knows that there are only three guys who are worthy of that accolade, Kobe Bryant, LeBron James and Dwayne Wade. They are the premier players in the league. All of these players are valuable to their team, and they all have the ability to change the complexion of a game on any given night. If you take these players from their teams, will any of these teams make the playoffs? Thats debatable and that depends on who you are talking with. Each player possess an uncanny ability to lead their teams to victories. They are also popular among the fans around the league. Their personalities also play a part in how valuable they

are to their franchises. Here is a brief synopsis of the best players in the NBA.

KOBE BRYANT: Has been around for a long time, some critics say that he is a selfish player. Bryant definetly has the knack for changing a game at any given moment. If you take Kobe away from the Lakers, they still will have a shot at making the playoffs. Out of all the canidates Bryant has a better supporting cast and they have all been together for a few years.

Only one question still reamains, can he put a team on his back and win a championship without Shaquille O’Neal in the middle. He has taken them to the finals, but that elusive title has been missing since the “Big Guy” has departed. Has he made his teammates around him better? When he wins a championship without Shaq then he will have my vote.



LeBron James

LEBRON JAMES: Physically he is the most gifted player in the NBA. After every season this guy works on every facet of his game. His free throw shooting percentage has gone up each of his seasons in the league, his outside jumpshot has definetly improved. If there is one player that makes everyone around him better, it’s LeBron. Lets think - if you took this guy away from Cleveland, would they make the playoffs? I doubt it!

His supporting cast compliments his abilities and you can tell since he has been there he has made marginal players step their game up. With the addition of Mo Williams, James has the other piece of the missing link. This guy probably means more to his team than anyone else in the league. If he does not win it this year, he will in the years to come.

DWYANE WADE: If you are looking for an MVP, look no further. This guy has all the tools to be the most valuable player. Wade simply puts the Heat on his back every single night and carries them to victories. True indeed he has one title under his belt, with Shaquille O’Neal. For the most part he does not have the supporting cast like LeBron

and Kobe, but it looks like he is going to take his team to the playoffs and there is a small chance that they may advance past the first round.

If there is a guy that means a lot to his team its got to be Wade. If I were casting a vote it would go to Wade who does more with less talent around him.

All of these players are



Dwyane Wade

worthy of MVP status. We all know that there can only be one. The criteria will vary from critic to critic and it really depends on who’s doing the balloting. The question that will be asked forever, how many titles did Kobe win without Shaq? Can LeBron win with the present supporting cast? Will Wade get enough help to win another one minus Shaq? Selecting an MVP this season is very tough and we all know what each player means to their teams.

Coach, Pastor Says Some Skills Used In Both Jobs

BY WARREN WATKINS

SEARCY, Ark. (AP) - Tim Harper, 40, follows two playbooks one for life and one for football.

As the pastor of First Baptist Church of Higginson for the past five years, and as the new head football coach for Searcy High School, Harper combines some of the skills of each post to connect with people.

“It’s more similar than what we may want to admit,” Harper said of the two professions. “A pastor has to convince people to not do things they want to do, that is, to fight sin. A coach gets boys to do something they may not want to do, such as getting in shape or studying more.”

Both jobs are a calling, Harper said, and the common denominator is motivation.

“We’re motivating people to do things that better themselves, pointing them in a positive

direction,” Harper said. “Success means that with a player, you’ve bettered a young man and at church it may mean you’ve convinced them to stop smoking, for example.”

While his football playbook is filled with Xs, Os and arrows, his other playbook is also a basic plan for success.

“I think we should use the same playbook no matter what profession we’re in the Bible,” Harper said.

There are some cautions Harper has learned, such as when and where to tell someone to “take a few laps” or “run wind sprints.”

“I haven’t tried to run any of my church members,” Harper said. “With church it is a little bit different. I try to get people to see how something is going to affect them.”

Harper was a Hornet, Bear, Reddie and Eagle before

becoming a Lion. Born in Tampa, Harper graduated from Bryant High School, where he ran track and played football. After attending the University of Central Arkansas, Harper transferred to Henderson State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in 1993.

As a six-year coach at Des Arc High School, Harper took his team to the state championship game in 2008 and went 45-23 during his stay there. In February, Harper took his Des Arc wrestling team to the state championship tournament, where the Searcy wrestling team was also competing.

Harper and his wife of fifteen years, Amanda, have two daughters, ages 10 and 5, who will attend Searcy schools starting this fall, and the family is in the process of building a home west of Searcy.

The coach-pastor admits both jobs put a certain amount of pressure on him.

“When you’re coaching or preaching, you’ve got all eyeballs on you,” Harper said. “They’re looking for your mistakes.”

While some critics of the Searcy High School football program which has gone 3-37 over the past four years say prayer is desperately needed, Harper had a different take on the matter.

“I don’t pray to win,” Harper said. “I don’t think that’s something God’s worried about.”

High school principal Claude Smith has faith in Harper.

“We interviewed several people, and all good ones, but Coach Harper just rose to the top with his enthusiasm, knowledge of the game, integrity as a gentleman and reputation as a family man,” Smith said. “We’re very excited about having him on board.”

Freshman Shines In USF Spring Game



TAMPA (AP) - B.J. Daniels threw two touchdown passes and rushed for another as the Green defeated White, 21-20, in the South Florida spring game

Saturday.

Daniels, who is battling Evan Landi for the backup spot behind starter Matt Grothe, had a 56-yard completion to Dontavia Bogan on the second play of the game and scored on a 1-yard run to give the Green team an early lead.

Landi also threw for two scores, including a 5-yard pass to Colby Erskin as time expired. The attempt for two failed when Landi’s pass to Theo Wilson was

overthrown.

“I thought that was about as exciting a spring game as you could ask for,” head coach Jim Leavitt said. “The guys competed hard and they’re tired right now.”

Starting quarterback Matt Grothe played in the first two series before leaving the game in the hands of the competing redshirt freshmen. All-American defensive end George Selvie was in uniform, but did not play.

Both quarterbacks also

threw interceptions. Quenton Washington returned one for a touchdown.

“The freshmen quarterbacks played real well,” Leavitt added. “They made a couple of mistakes but made some excellent plays as well. We’ve got three quarterbacks that are very elusive.”

Daniels threw a 46-yard touchdown Bogan and a 20-yard score to Jeffrey Wilson. Landi’s first touchdown was a 55-yarder to Daniel Bryant.

Demps (track) also have missed most of spring practice to play other sports.

Meyer said the mounting injuries might force him to re-evaluate how he’s going to handle the spring game.

“I’ve got some work to do this week to figure out what’s best for our team,” he said.

NFL Draft Preview Picks 12-6



12. DENVER BRONCOS:

The Broncos will be starting with a clean slate. Jay Cutler is history and so is Mike Shanahan. Josh McDaniels who has been tabbed as one of the young bright minds in football will come in and tweak the Broncos system. Kyle Orton and Chris Simms will compete for the starting quarterback spot. Areas of need are as follows, Defensive End - They drafted Jarvis Moss and Tim Crowder and neither has emerged as a starter so there is a need in the draft. Defensive Tackle - there is very little depth at that position and that is why the run defense was so porous. Safety, they found Josh Barret late in the season and they are very thin at that position.

11. BUFFALO BILLS:

With the addition of Terrell Owens that could make the Bills a contender for the playoffs. This could be the year that the Bills end a nine year playoff drought. Coach Dick Jauron has been given a 3-year extension and he has not made any coaching changes. If this does not work out then he could be ultimately fired. Draft needs, center, the middle needs to get stronger, so their backfield can prosper. Defensive End - their pass rush finished 28th in the league with just 24 sacks. Tight End - they have not had a good tight end since Pete Metzcalars, during the glory years.

10. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS:

All Mike Singletary wanted was a chance. He finished the season with a 5-4 record. He has created some optimism within the organization. Still he has alot to prove. Singletary fired pass happy Mike Martz. He wants to rely on the run. Draft day needs, pass rusher - whether its a line-backer or defensive end they need to find someone to rush the passer. Free Safety - their safety Mark Roman has not intercepted a pass in two seasons. Presence is definetly need in the secondary. Offensive Tackle - they have a good player at left tackle, however help is needed on the right side.

9. GREEN BAY PACKERS:

The Packers have found a familiar name to become the defensive coordinator. Dom Capers, who brings a ton of experience with him. He also has been a head coach with the Texans and Panthers. He employs a 3-4 defense, which he will need big-bodied lineman. Draft needs, defensive tackle. Pressure on the quarterback all but went out of the window after Cullen Jenkins went down with an early season injury. Defensive End - often injured Justin Harrell remains questionable. Tight End - Donald Lee was not productive and contributions from some young players were limited.

8. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS: Change is in the air for the Jaguars. Looking through the wreckage of last season. The Jags are a good team that had a bad season. Due to age and a lack of chemistry. During the off season reciever Matt Jones had another run in with the law and he was waived. Longtime veteran runningback Fred Taylor was also cut.

Maurice Jones Drew will carry the load. This could spell trouble for the Jags and Dell Rio. Left Tackle needs some help to protect David Garrard. Pass Rusher - they drafted Derrick Harvey and Quentin Groves in the first two rounds of the 07 draft and neither has made an impact. Wide reciever with Matt Jones gone and Jerry Porter, who wont be back. Dennis Northcut is not a deep threat.

7. OAKLAND RAIDERS:

The Raiders had yet another disappointing season. They finished the season winning their last two games. Owner Al Davis removed the “interim” label from Tom Cable. The Raiders have had five coaches since the 2003 season. It seems to me that they have an abundance of talent, however they are missing something. Jeff Garcia has been brought in to backup JaMarcus Russell. Their draft day need are as follows. Wide Reciever - Johnnie Higgins only caught 22 passes last year, so they could use an infusion of speedy talent. Quarterback - Jeff Garcia has been signed, so that should help Russells developement.

Next week the following teams will be covered Cincinnati, Cleveland, Seattle, KC, St. Louis and Detroit, followed by a mock draft.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers 2009 Schedule

Wk	Date	Matchup
1	Sun., Sept. 13	vs. Dallas Cowboys
2	Sun., Sept. 20	at Buffalo Bills
3	Sun., Sept. 27	vs. New York Giants
4	Sun., Oct. 4	at Washington Redskins
5	Sun., Oct. 11	at Philadelphia Eagles
6	Sun., Oct. 18	vs. Carolina Panthers
7	Sun., Oct. 25	vs. New England Patriots
8	Bye	
9	Sun., Nov. 8	vs. Green Bay Packers
10	Sun., Nov. 15	at Miami Dolphins
11	Sun., Nov. 22	vs. New Orleans Saints
12	Sun., Nov. 29	at Atlanta Falcons
13	Sun., Dec. 6	at Carolina Panthers
14	Sun., Dec. 13	vs. New York Jets
15	Sun., Dec. 20	at Seattle Seahawks
16	Sun., Dec. 27	at New Orleans Saints
17	Sun., Jan. 3	vs. Atlanta Falcons

Gators Lose Four More Starters To Injury

GAINESVILLE - National champion Florida will be without four more starters for the team's spring game Saturday.

Center Maurkice Pouncey, cornerback Janoris Jenkins and defensive linemen Carlos Dunlap and Lawrence Marsh were ruled out Monday. “The good thing is they’re all going to be back here

fairly shortly,” coach Urban Meyer said.

Pouncey had shoulder surgery and will be sidelined three months. Dunlap and Marsh have abdominal issues and might need surgery. Jenkins injured a finger.

The Gators already were working this spring without guards Mike Pouncey, shoulder,

and James Wilson, foot, return specialist Brandon James, ankle, linebacker Brandon Hicks, shoulder, defensive lineman Justin Trattou, shoulder, receiver David Nelson, ankle and running back Emmanuel Moody, hand.

Receiver Riley Cooper (baseball) and running back Jeff

STATE NEWS

On The Legislative Front Lines, Sen. Arthenia Joyner Reports On Mid-Session Progress

Part One Of Two Part Article

TALLAHASSEE – It's a little past the mid-point in the 2009 annual Legislative Session, and now, as during the earlier Special Session, the budget and Florida's failing economy continue to dominate the action in the Capital City.

Our state is facing unprecedented challenges: skyrocketing unemployment rates, the on-going housing crisis, falling state revenue, all of it is adding up to a whopping \$6.1 billion budget hole we have to plug in order to fulfill our one Constitutional obligation: balance the state budget.

Tallahassee is also wrangling with a controversial project dealing with commuter rail in the Orlando area. The \$1.2 billion CSX deal is pitting powerful lawmakers against each other in an argument over whether during such tough economic times, state tax dollars should go to a private railroad for a project from which few will benefit statewide.

This week, both Senate and House committees tasked with carrying out its mandate to balance the state budget signed off on their respective spending packages. And a little more than half a billion dollar difference stands between their proposals. But there are some big differences in how the Senate's \$65.6 billion spending plan and the House's \$65.1 billion budget outline arrive at their bottom lines.

As a member of the Senate, I can tell you firsthand that the plan here is to rely on \$3 billion in federal economic stimulus dollars along with an expansion of the gaming contract signed with the Seminole Indians that not only expands gambling on tribal lands but in the state's pari-mutuel facilities. The gambling proposal would raise about \$400 million annually. We're also looking to raise \$680 million through new fees and surcharges on our state's residents, adding to their own budget stresses in these difficult times. Some of these new fees will be tacked onto license plates (from \$12 to \$25), and vehicle titles (from \$ 24 to \$40). Filing a civil suit could go from \$ 295 to as high as \$2,000. If there's been a death in your family, probate filings could rise from \$280 to as much as \$2,000.

Finally, the Senate is also proposing imposing a hefty "surcharge" on not just cigarettes

but all tobacco products. That means an additional \$1 a pack "surcharge" on cigarettes and small cigars, and a \$1 per ounce "surcharge" on cigars and other tobacco products like snuff.

On the House side, there is limited enthusiasm for expanded gambling and little support for taxing tobacco products. But their proposals hike fees even further than the Senate's – up to \$800 million in new fees and surcharges.

Remember that this is only the beginning of reaching a budget agreement. Both plans have yet to be voted on by the full chambers, and once that happens, both proposals will go to a special conference committee appointed by the leadership of the Senate and the House to work out the differences.

Whatever fees and surcharges are ultimately selected, they will come on top of the more than \$120 million in fees raised last spring, and an additional \$63 million levied during the January special session when speeding fines were stiffened.

As the Senate eyes revenue increases, it's also looking at spending reductions. Here are some of the highlights in various services, programs, and our education system:

Throughout the state, about 2000 full time positions would be terminated, including 800 of them currently filled. In law enforcement, more than 100 employees at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and 200 at the Department of Juvenile Justice would receive pink slips.

In our judicial system, Court Clerks will see a 10 percent budget cut. Most troubling is the proposed reduction to the state Guardian ad Litem program, which shepherds children through the complicated, and often times intimidating, court system.

Parents with children in our university system and community colleges will face an 8 percent increase in tuition, although those students currently receiving Bright Futures scholarships will be spared.

Health and Human Services are among the hardest hit areas. Under the Senate's plan, reimbursement rates to nursing homes and providers of hospital outpatient and inpatient services, among others, all face reductions.



Sen. Arthenia Joyner

In addition, the program which allows seniors to remain in their own homes rather than placement in nursing homes faces cuts, as well as adult and children's mental health and substance abuse programs and foster care. The last two are especially worrisome because it jeopardizes our ability to pull down federal dollars as well.

In our pre-K-12 education system, funding is held at \$22.2 billion for the 2009-10 school year. Thankfully, districts are not expected to see significant reductions under the Senate's proposal.

All in all the news is not good. The Senate has managed to shut some loopholes that give some unfair advantages to out of state corporations and high end real estate developers. I'm hopeful that the House agrees to close them as well.

While the budget has been the dominant force during the session, other bills and other events have been notable as well.

Here's a review of some of my bills that are important to our community, along with others that could have an impact as well. All of these are still moving through the Legislature:

The mortgage foreclosure crisis facing Florida and the nation cuts a wide swath, affecting not only property owners and lenders, but also renters. Legislation I'm sponsoring, Senate Bill 1038 and Senate Bill 1646, Landlord Tenant Relations and Mortgage Foreclosure, would require adequate notice to tenants who live in a property facing foreclosure. The bill requires a landlord to return the security deposit within five days after the property is sold and subjects the landlord to potential criminal charges if he or she does not comply.

Article to be continued in next week's edition of The Weekly Challenger.

FAMU

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stand issues affecting the African-American community. One of her most recent projects include CNN Presents: Black in America, a ground breaking initiative that focused on the state of black America 40 years after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

O'Brien was part of the coverage teams that earned CNN a George Foster Peabody Award for its Katrina coverage and an Alfred I. DuPont Award for its coverage of the tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia. She has also won an Emmy for her work as a co-host on Discovery Channel's "The Know Zone".

Completing the evening session, President James H. Ammons will present Art

Collins, president and CEO for Public Private Partnership, Inc., with an Honorary Doctorate. Collins is a former member of the FAMU Board of Trustees. He served as Senior Political Strategist for President Barack Obama during the 2008 presidential campaign. Following the election he served as a public liaison with the Obama-Biden Transition Project.

The FAMU Schools and Colleges graduating at the 9 a.m. session include the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Law, the School of Architecture and Environmental Sciences Institute. The line of march for this session will begin at 8:30 a.m. Graduates are to arrive at 7:30 a.m., and doors open for the public at 8 a.m.

Students in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical

Sciences, the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, School of Allied Health Sciences and the School of Nursing will be presented at the 2 p.m. session. The line of march for the 2 p.m. session at 1:30 p.m. Graduates are to arrive at 4:30 p.m., and doors open for the public at 5 p.m.

The final commencement exercise will include the School of Business and Industry, College of Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture, College of Education and the School of Journalism and Graphic Communication. The line of march will start at 5:30 p.m. Graduates are to arrive at 4:30 p.m., and doors open for the public at 5 p.m.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hopes For Solid 1Q Profits Lead Bank Stocks Higher



BY SARA LEPRO

NEW YORK (AP) - Several bank shares bucked the broader market Monday and plowed higher as investors placed bets on which ones might report better-than-expected earnings in the coming weeks. After markets closed, Goldman Sachs Group Inc. said it earned \$1.66 billion in the first three months of the year, beating Wall Street's expectations.

The KBW Bank Index, which tracks twenty-four of the nation's largest banks, rose 7.9 percent. Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp. shares led the gains among large lenders, rising 25 percent and 15 percent respectively.

Analysts said much of the buying was fueled by investors trying to determine which other banks could be the next Wells Fargo & Co., which wowed the market Thursday when it said it expects to report a record quarterly profit for the first quarter.

The surprise announcement buoyed bank stocks and helped send the overall market sharply higher ahead of a long weekend. Markets were closed for Good Friday.

On Monday, Goldman Sachs kicked off the banks' earnings reports, releasing its results a day earlier than expected. Its \$3.39-per-share profit strongly beat analysts' estimates of \$1.64 a share. The bank also said it planned a \$5 billion stock offering. In after-hours trading Goldman shares slipped 1.7 percent.

"People are looking for the biggest opportunity out there," said Keith Springer, president of Capital Financial Advisory Services, a Sacramento based wealth manager. "Traders are looking for the next shock. Who is going to shock again and surprise us with a great number?"

Analysts also attributed some of the buying to "short covering," or the buying of stocks to cover misplaced bets that banks would fall when they post results this week. Short covering has played a large role in the surge in bank stocks over the past few weeks.

Citigroup shares were also boosted by a report that the bank is considering selling its Japanese banking units. Japanese news service Kyodo News said Monday that Citi is considering a sale of Nikko Citigroup Ltd. along with brokerage Nikko Cordial Securities and Nikko Asset Management.

In January, Citigroup reorganized itself into two entities, Citicorp and Citi Holdings. The first is focused on traditional banking around the world, and includes Nikko Citigroup. The second holds the company's riskier assets and tougher-to-manage non-core ventures, including Nikko Cordial. It has been speculated that Citigroup would shed Nikko Cordial as part of its restructuring, but this is the first the Japanese retail bank has been mentioned.

Citigroup spokesman Mike Hanretta declined to comment on the report. Citi shares rose 76 cents, or 25 percent, to close at \$3.80. Bank of America rose \$1.47, or 15.4 percent, to \$11.02.

Investors are extremely anxious ahead of banks' first-quarter earnings reports, hoping for signs of improvement during the quarter. Reports from

Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase & Co. plan to report this week.

Over the past month, bank stocks have led the market higher, helping the major indexes stage their biggest four-week rally in more than 75 years. The surge was driven in part by encouraging announcements from several big bank CEOs that they were having a better quarter than most expected — which helped fuel hopes for an economic recovery. Many hinge the end of the recession on the restoration of the nation's banking system.

But a handful of pessimistic forecasts about potential loan losses began to surface, jolting investors' new found confidence. Wells Fargo, however, helped to solidify investors' hopes that huge spikes in revenue will help offset rising loan losses. Wells Fargo shares edged up 6 cents to \$19.67 after surging 32 percent on Thursday.

On Monday, Rochdale Securities analyst Richard Bove started coverage of JPMorgan with a "Buy" rating, noting solid earnings potential. Though loan losses will likely remain elevated through 2011, the rate of growth of losses should slow, Bove said. At the same time, the bank's deposits and net interest income are growing at a fast clip.

JPMorgan added 95 cents, or 2.9 percent, to \$33.70.

Regional banks also posted big gains Monday. Huntington Bancshares Inc. soared 71 cents, or 33 percent, to \$2.86, while Fifth Third Bancorp rose 76 cents, or 21.2 percent, to \$4.34. Regions Financial Corp. added 72 cents, or 16.7 percent, to \$5.03, while KeyCorp rose 98 cents, or 11.9 percent, to \$9.23.

PNC Financial Services Group Inc. rose \$1.82, or 4.7 percent, to \$40.30, while U.S. Bancorp rose 37 cents to \$18.01.

Circuit City Seeks To Sell Brand, Web Site



BY MICHAEL FELBERBAUM

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - Circuit City Stores Inc. hopes to sell its brand, trademarks and e-commerce business to Systemax Inc., the same company that purchased electronics retailer CompUSA's intellectual property when it closed in 2008.

Richmond-based Circuit City, also a shuttered electronics retailer, has entered a so-called stalking horse agreement with Systemax for \$6.5 million, according to bankruptcy court filings. A stalking horse bid is an initial offer for a bankrupt company's assets from an interested buyer chosen by the company.

The agreement also includes two and one-half years of payments to Circuit City of a portion of Systemax's revenue from the Circuit City Web site.

Port Washington, N.Y.-based Systemax manufactures and sells consumer electronics online, by direct mail and in retail stores under the TigerDirect and CompUSA brands. When it bought Dallas-based CompUSA's intellectual property in January 2008 from restructuring firm Gordon Brothers Group LLC, it also acquired some stores.

Systemax believes the transaction would "further extend its position as a leader in online retailing of value-priced, branded consumer electronics," the company said in a statement.

Other companies will have an opportunity to bid on Circuit City's intellectual property, if a federal bankruptcy court judge at a hearing Tuesday grants a motion for a May 11 auction and May 13 sale hearing.

Court filings show about 40 interested parties looked into

buying the assets.

Richard L. Kaye, executive vice president of Northbrook, Ill.-based retail consulting and liquidation firm Hilco Merchant Resources LLC said Hilco and its joint venture partner Gordon Brothers still "have a very active interest" in acquiring the Circuit City assets and plan to participate in the auction.


Circuit City closed its 567 remaining U.S. stores March 8. It has laid off about 34,000 workers since filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in November. A small staff remains at the corporate office.

The company, which posted losses in seven of its final eight quarters, sought bankruptcy protection as it faced heightened competition, pressure from vendors and waning consumer spending.

It had hoped to emerge this summer as a stronger and more competitive company, but the hobbled credit market and consumer spending cuts proved insurmountable.

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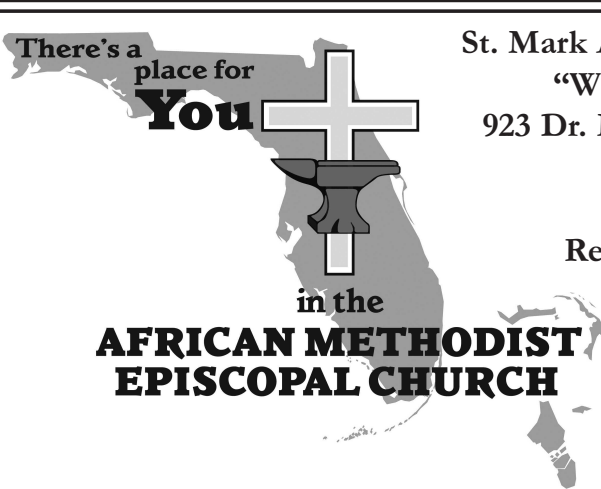
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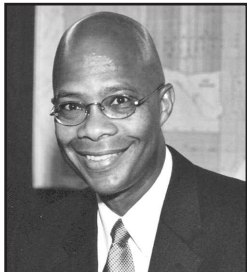


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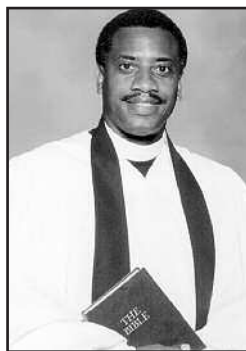
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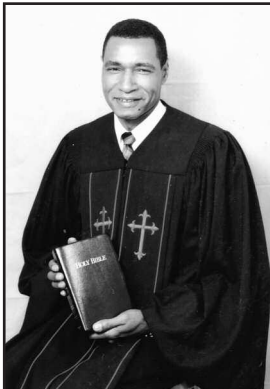
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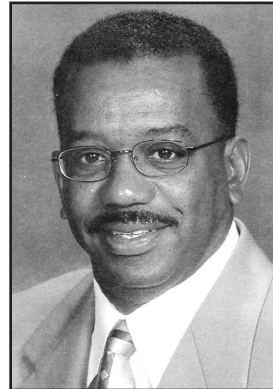
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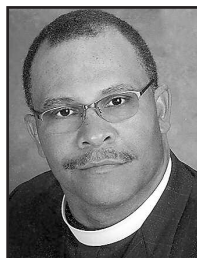
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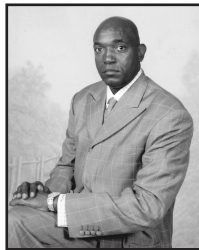
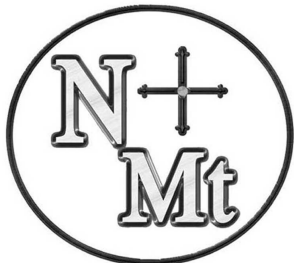
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