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American Stage Opens 2009-10 Season With August Wilson's FENCES



Reggie Robinson

ST. PETERSBURG – American Stage Theatre Company performs its first play of the 2009-10 season with its next chapter in preeminent African-American playwright August Wilson's "Century Cycle", FENCES, running Sept. 25 thru Oct. 11, with previews Sept. 19, 20, 23 and 24. "Pay-What-You-Can" nights are Sunday, Sept. 20 and Tuesday, Sept. 29.

FENCES is August Wilson's towering masterpiece, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for "Best Play". Set in 1957, FENCES explores what holds families together (and drive them apart) in a powerful story filled with humor, love, hope, failure and triumph. The play

follows Troy Maxon, a former Negro League baseball star whose prime came before Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball. After Troy's rapid rise ends, he is forced to let go of his dreams and deal with his headstrong football playing son who has a chance to go so much further than he did.

Renowned director Timothy Douglas will head this installment of American Stage's productions of the August Wilson "Century Cycle." Douglas directed the world premiere of August Wilson's final play, RADIO GOLF, at the Yale Repertory

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The Weekly Challenger's 42nd Anniversary 'Reflecting On Endurance'

BY DIANNE SPEIGHTS
GENERAL MANAGER

ST. PETERSBURG – There are many awe-inspiring in pursuit of the "American Dream" stories that inspire and enlighten, and our own strength and endurance story of The Weekly Challenger is one such story that holds its own with some of the mightiest little engines that could.

Sometimes nothing is harder in life than to just endure.

I once read an article by Harold Phillips that said, "There is the strength of the wind that sways the mighty oak, and there is the strength of the oak that withstands the power of the wind. Also, there is the strength of the locomotive that pulls the heavy train across the bridge and there is the strength of the bridge that holds up the weight of the train. One is an active strength; the other is a passive strength. One is the power to keep going; the other is the power to keep still. One is the strength by which we overcome; the other is the strength by which we endure."

Ethel Johnson, publisher of The Weekly Challenger newspaper, can certainly be compared to the little engine that would not give up; that managed to gain strength and momentum when things got tough.

"As the economic downturn grew out of control," said Mrs.

Johnson, "black-owned newspapers across the country began shutting their doors-permanently. The hurting economy didn't immediately affect the Challenger as much as it did other businesses because we were used to operating on a shoestring budget with a small multi-talented staff; however, now we are affected because our advertising revenue is down. The Challenger, just like many other National Newspaper Publisher Association (NNPA) publishers lost as much as 40 percent of advertising dollars."

"Typically, when the economy is bad, business is good for black publishers because advertisers spend money trying to get customers back into their stores," said Chris B. Bennett, co-publisher of the Seattle Medium. This time that hasn't been the case. Therefore, black publishers have resorted to creative advertising packages for some of their local community-based organizations and businesses.

"We have to rely on the community that's been relying on us for so many years to help balance our budgets that would've been lost from losing some of our major advertisers," Bennett continued.

"The Challenger, like some other struggling publications, remains resilient despite the deep recession and chooses to reflect on its strength and



Mrs. Ethel Johnson, CEO and Publisher

endurance as we celebrate 42 years of service to the community," Johnson shared.

Today, we reflect back on The Community Service Foundation, the early sponsor of The Weekly Challenger, as well

as M. C. Fountain, who died in 1967. Today, we pay tribute to Cleveland Johnson, (Publisher, 1967-2001) short on cash, with

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Message Kennedy Leaves For America: 'Never Give Up'



Sen. Edward M. "Ted" Kennedy

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
NNPA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – Despite the fact that he is now gone, honored by America after dying of brain cancer Aug. 25, Sen. Edward M. "Ted" Kennedy leaves a message that will continue to resound. That's the one that says, 'Never give up' the fight on behalf of the oppressed.

President Barack Obama rendered the eulogy Saturday.

"The world will long remember their son Edward as the heir to a weighty legacy; a champion for those who had none; the soul of the Democratic Party; and the lion of the United States Senate - a man who graces nearly 1,000 laws, and who penned more than 300 laws himself," President Obama said. "We can still hear his voice bellowing through the

Senate chamber, face reddened, fist pounding the podium, a veritable force of nature, in support of health care or workers' rights or civil rights."

Kennedy's persistence through more than 40 years of service will set an example for lawmakers and activists for years to come.

"I just heard somebody on the radio describe his many attempts to pass health care in America. He tried, he failed. He tried, he failed. He tried, he failed. And he just kept on going," says Julian Bond, chairman of the NAACP in an NNPA interview. "White Americans who don't have his courage and his bravery, they have to see him as an example. He was

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We Value *Diversity*. We Value *Education*. We Value *History*.

- A knowledge of history brings a feeling of fellowship that runs through the ages — be it a territory, a village, a district, or a nation.
- To live without history is likened to living without a form of memory.
- To be without history is to live without roots or a past, with the present having no real foundation, and very little meaning for the future.
- To know the events of our past (can help us) to know what future events can be.
- *The Weekly Challenger* is committed to featuring articles of all ethnic cultures for the reading enjoyment of both the young and old generations.

Boycotting Glenn Beck’s Sponsors Is Not Enough



BY GEORGE E. CURRY
NNPA COLUMNIST

Some of the nation’s blue chip companies – many that rely on African-American consumers for a significant portion of their profits – advertised on right-winger Glenn Beck’s incendiary program on Fox TV. They include: Procter & Gamble, Kraft Food, ConAgra (maker of Healthy Choice foods), Clorox, UPS, the U.S. Postal Service, Honda, General Electric, Travelocity, State Farm Insurance, Geico, Farmer’s Insurance, Pfizer, Wal-Mart, Best Buy, Office Depot, RadioShack, Sprint, CVS, Red Lobster, Nestle, Progressive Insurance and pharmaceutical companies Roche and Sanofi-Aventis (maker of Plavix).

Beck touched off a firestorm when he labeled President Obama “a racist” who has “deep-seated hatred for white people.”

ColorOfChange.org, an Internet-oriented black grass roots advocacy group, quickly organized a petition drive urging advertisers to stop sponsoring his show.

One by one, more than 30 sponsors, some claiming there had been a “miscommunication” about their ever wanting to advertise on Beck’s program, requested that their spots be aired elsewhere on the Fox network.

While this was a partial victory for ColorOfChange.org, it did not address the larger issue of Fox’s overall hostility toward progressives and people of color. As Marketwatch.com noted, “For its

part, Fox News said through a spokeswoman that while some advertisers have ‘removed their spots from Beck,’ they have just shifted to ‘other programs on the network, so there has been no revenue lost.’”

Hear that? No revenue lost. When commercial sponsors or Fox experience lost revenue, that’s when we’ll get the change we’ve been waiting for. Meanwhile, Beck supporters have organized defend-glenn.com to pressure advertisers to stay with the controversial host. Interestingly, many of the major companies that advertised on Beck’s radio and TV shows until it became a public liability, specifically told ABC radio that they didn’t want any of their ads airing on liberal Air America programs.

MediaMatters.org, the watchdog group, obtained an internal memo in 2006 that named the companies, including Wal-Mart, Office Depot, General Electric, Farmers Insurance, Nestle, Red Lobster, State Farm, Travelocity, the U.S. Postal Service and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.

Other companies that advertised on the television and radio programs of conservatives Rush Limbaugh and Lou Dobbs (who likes to pretend he’s an independent) while prohibiting ads from running on Air America were: JC Penney, Frito-Lay, Home Depot, Visa, the American Heart Association, the U.S. Navy, Bayer and Allstate.

Allstate and Red Lobster said, contrary to the memo, they never

requested that their commercials not appear on Air America. Beck’s attack on Obama was not an isolated one. Earlier, he said Obama’s congressional priorities were driven by his support of reparations and the desire to “settle old racial scores.” He said the president was moving the U.S. “into a system of fascism” and called Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor “a racist.”

Rush Limbaugh, apparently reading from the same playbook, alleged Obama “is the greatest living example of a reverse racist.” He claimed, “Obama’s entire economic program is reparations.” And he said, “Of course, I want Obama to fail.” He added, “We are being told that we have to hope he succeeds, that we have to bend over, grab the ankles because his father was black.”

CNN’s Lou Dobbs claims that the birth certificate provided by Obama is not “the real document.” He incredulously asserted, “A certificate of live birth is not a birth certificate.”

What are we to think of companies that support loud mouths that make such outlandish charges? I have two suggestions for the boycott organizers. First, continue to monitor companies that remain sponsors on Glenn Beck’s radio and TV programs. I’ll print the list of all of the companies in this space once you’ve completed the research.

My second recommendation is that we compile a list of companies that sponsor the radio and TV programs of Glenn Beck, Rush

Limbaugh and Lou Dobbs. Cross check the names of those firms with our major black radio stations. I know we can’t list everyone, but let’s start with radio programs hosted by Joe Madison, Bev Smith, Tom Joyner, Steve Harvey, Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, Michael Eric Dyson, Gary Byrd in New York and Cliff Kelley in Chicago. Let’s use those as starters; we can expand the list later. Once the list of major sponsors has been compiled, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) should compare that list against its national advertisers and publicize that information.

Simultaneously, we should develop a list of companies that are supportive of the black press and make their names public as well. Working with these two lists, we will be able to identify those companies that support us and those that support our ardent foes. The list should be compiled every year.

The next step is a natural one: We shouldn’t support companies that don’t support us. According to the Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia, the annual buying power of African-Americans will grow from \$318 million in 1990 to \$1.2 trillion in 2013. We shouldn’t spend one cent with companies that support the likes of Glenn Beck, Rush Limbaugh and Lou Dobbs while neglecting to support the black press.

Katrina’s Children Still Struggling



BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN
NNPA COLUMNIST

“Dear President Obama: My name is Jade Windon, 7th grade student at McDonogh 42 Charter School in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. President, I write to you expressing how many of our lives continue to be affected today by the storm that happened almost four years ago. Hurricane Katrina devastated the lives of everyone here and in the Gulf Coast region. Here in New Orleans, we are making very little progress. Our communities are still feeling the effects of Katrina. I ask you Mr. President to please help us rebuild our lives and city. Our school, jobs and health care are just a few of the things that I would like to see fixed. Thank you Mr. President and may God Bless America, especially New Orleans. Sincerely, Jade Windon.”

Jade is one of thousands of children from New Orleans and the surrounding areas for whom life is still not back to normal four years after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast August 29, 2005. Even though significant strides toward recovery have been made, for many residents there is still a long way to go. A new report commissioned by the Children’s Defense Fund’s Southern Regional and Louisiana offices outlines many of the ongoing needs and the lessons for our nation. Three of the most serious problems still facing

children and families are housing, health care and education.

Hurricane Katrina displaced approximately one million people. Many families are still struggling to find and afford housing. Many more are worried about possible foreclosure on their homes or the expiration of rental assistance provided by the government, especially in areas where rents have skyrocketed since the storm. Some families are still contesting the decisions of insurance companies and government relief programs to deny housing assistance or aid to rebuild their properties.

Others who are still living in FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) trailers while waiting for their homes to be rebuilt are facing local community ordinances demanding they move out because the trailers are seen as eyesores and magnets for crime. The rebuilding of demolished public housing units also lags far behind the demand for housing and is contributing to a rise in homelessness. It’s estimated that more than 250,000 housing units are still unfit for human habitation.

Many hospitals and clinics in the region remain closed including New Orleans’ only public hospital. Louisiana ranked 49th in a recent state-by-state study on child well-being and 50th in the percentage of its population lacking access to quality health and mental health-care. Without serious intervention and a forward-thinking strategy for

health and mental health services for children and their families, we can anticipate a worsening of health problems—including conditions like substance abuse, alcoholism, and domestic violence that are all linked to the untreated post-traumatic stress that many storm survivors still face.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, approximately 118,000 school-age children in Louisiana and 20,000 school-age children in Mississippi were displaced. It’s estimated that more than 50,000 children did not attend school in 2005-06, and approximately 15,000 did not attend in 2006-07. Although the consequences of missed school days and other setbacks in education and child care services haven’t been fully assessed, it’s clear that the post-Katrina government response has not adequately ensured access to schools and child care centers. Despite the unmet needs, FEMA denied government applications for assistance to rebuild heavily damaged or destroyed child care centers because it does not consider child care an essential public service. At the same time, FEMA identified zoos and museums as examples of essential public services eligible for rebuilding assistance, a decision whose rationale defies logic.

Even before Katrina, the New Orleans school system was in a state of serious decline. The storm’s damage to approximately

100 public school buildings facilitated the takeover of failing schools and the drive to make New Orleans the first majority charter school district in the nation. But the introduction of charter schools hasn’t remedied the educational inequalities, the increased need for counseling services, or the unstable living conditions many students face. What exists now is a system of schools—not a school system worthy of its children.

Despite a litany of seemingly insurmountable human conditions and problems, there are some glimmers of hope. There is a tremendous activism led by Gulf Region residents to address many of the issues that plagued their communities before Hurricane Katrina. This activism is supported by people and organizations from across the United States and abroad, all of whom have stepped into the void of governmental leadership and the continuing failure of government to have a prescribed standard of care for recovery for all of its citizens. But there shouldn’t be a void. Four years after our nation expressed shock and horror that so many poor and black citizens had been left behind during the storm, many Americans probably assume the crisis has been solved. Instead, the slow recovery continues and is still leaving many of the same children and adults behind. Our nation can and must do better.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Tutoring In Reading And Math For St. Petersburg Youth

With funding from the Federal Government’s ‘No Child Left Behind’ program, Pinellas County will once again be able to offer free tutoring to approximately 3,000 students this fall.

To be eligible for the free tutoring, students must be in first through fifth grade, attend an eligible Title 1 School, and be on either Free or Reduced Price Lunch. Parents must fill out an application form, and enrollment will be based on prior testing results to ensure that children with the lowest scores are served first.

Parents of eligible students are asked to choose one tutoring company, out of about 30 options. These tutoring companies are from all over the country. They all have different prices and delivery models. How are parents supposed to know which one is best for their child?

ALC – Advanced Learning Centers has been a part of Pinellas County’s free tutoring program since the very beginning, and boasts an impressive track record of helping local kids improve their FCAT scores. The combination of experience and results makes ALC your SMART choice for all tutoring services. Better yet, kids really enjoy the fun, active sessions. ALC offers tutoring in a number of safe locations: at your child’s school campus, in your home, or at many convenient offsite locations.

ALC is a local company, owned and operated by the Sterensis family. Joe Sterensis, ALC’s Owner & President, has been providing St. Petersburg and Tampa Bay area students with exceptional tutoring services for over ten years. Joe couldn’t be more proud to announce his daughter Abby has recently joined the family business as ALC’s Director of Community Outreach.

The security and reliability of a local company and the flexibility of choosing your tutoring locations and times, combined with a 10 year proven record of success helping kids raise their grades and FCAT scores makes ALC an easy choice for parents!

Parents need to remember to sign up early, because funding is limited and enrollment may close. Look for the Free SES Tutoring application in your ‘back to school’ mailing from Pinellas County Schools, in your child’s backpack, or ask for it at your child’s school.

Don’t miss out on this amazing opportunity for your child! Check with your child’s school to find out if they are eligible, get the application, and choose ALC as your #1 choice for Free Tutoring! Let the ALC family help your family!

28 Pinellas County Schools Receive Florida Five Star Designation

Pinellas County Schools’ Office of Strategic Partnerships announced that twenty-eight schools have received the 2009 Five Star School Award from the Florida Department of Education for exemplary work in family and community involvement. The schools will be honored at an upcoming board meeting.

Elementary schools receiving the award are Bauder, Bay Point, Belcher, Blanton, Curtis Fundamental, Dunedin, Garrison-Jones, Leila Davis, Marjorie K. Rawlings, McMullen-Booth, North Shore, Oldsmar, Orange Grove, San Jose, Starkey, Sunset Hills, Sutherland, Tarpon Springs and Tarpon Springs Fundamental. Middle schools receiving the award are Carwise, Dunedin Highland, Madeira Beach Fundamental, Palm Harbor, Seminole and Tarpon Springs. Clearwater High, Palm Harbor University High and Seminole High are also receiving the award.

To qualify for the Five Star School recognition, a school must provide documentation that it has achieved 100 percent of the established criteria in the categories of business partnerships, family involvement, volunteerism, student community service and School Advisory Councils.

For more information, contact Michelle Roberge, (727) 638-2995.

Hurricane Season 2009 Spirals Toward Halfway Point

What started out as a nice, quiet hurricane season suddenly got busy. Pinellas County Emergency Management officials are reminding residents that a quiet start doesn’t mean the season won’t be busy. The first storm of the 1984 season formed Aug. 28, but was followed by 11 named systems.

The Atlantic hurricane season is also ramping up to what is statistically the busiest time of the year – the month of September.

With the increased activity, hurricane survival plans should be finalized in case a storm threatens the Tampa Bay area. The most important steps include:

Know your zone. Residents should find out today what their evacuation level is. This information can be found at Pinellas County’s Emergency Management website, by calling (727) 453-3150 or by checking a utility bill or the recently mailed Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice.

Prepare your survival kit. It is possible that residents will spend the first five to seven days on their own after a storm makes landfall. A survival kit should contain at least water, nonperishable food, a first aid kit, a flashlight, a battery operated or crank radio, a car cell phone charger and necessary medications. A complete list of supplies can be found on the county’s website or in the Surviving the Storm hurricane guide available at city halls and libraries.

Stay in the know: Since conditions can change rapidly this time of the year, residents are urged to check a weather forecast at least daily to stay aware of the situation in the tropics.

For more information on how to build a hurricane preparedness plan, visit Pinellas County’s Emergency Management at www.pinellas-county.org/emergency, or call (727) 464-3800.

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A Surrogate parent is anyone who has a passionate interest for the success of children. (A respected person - example: a grandmother, teacher or older adult sibling, or any person who replaces an inaccessible parent.)

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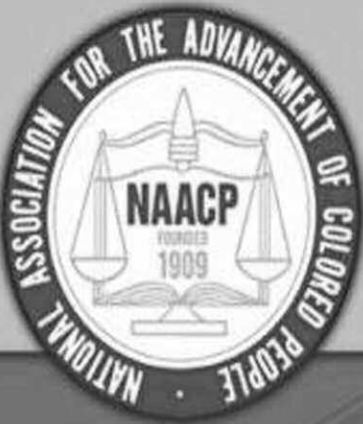
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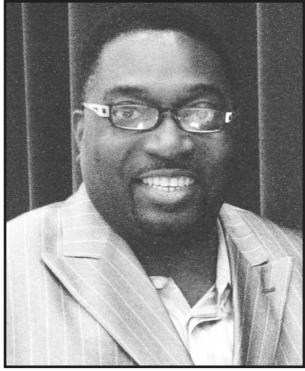


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COMMUNITY NEWS



24 Hours Of Continued Encouragement

Many people are plagued with the ills of our economic conditions. People have sustained losses in their jobs, houses, and even financial investments. Our country is ardently searching for some solace and things to make them feel better and experience some hope.

Many in our society have turned to listening to inspirational music to subdue some of their economic woes. The bay area is certainly not oblivious to these pressures and inspirational music, particularly gospel music serves as sufficient relief for many of this area's financial woes.

One entity that has continuously aided in soothing its listeners with this wonderful music is the legendary 1590 AM WRXB.

The station was founded 28 years ago by Steve Eugene Danzey. He in turn sold it to the Metropolitan Radio Group who nurtured the station for five years. Finally, it was sold to Polnet Communications of Chicago, Illinois.

The station formerly known for its mixture of music is now going to be completely 24-hour gospel music and many may feel that this is very timely in lieu of the plethora of discouraged and down trodden people affected by our economy.

WRXB has some new innovations coming to its listeners. One of them is YAMS - the

Yolanda Adams Morning Show. This is a talk show hosted by gospel diva Yolanda Adams known for her sultry and vibrant voice. She is a Grammy and Stellar award-winning singer who has transcended all genres of music and is well known for "The Battle is The Lord's" and "Riding Through The Storm".

Other innovations will be Bible trivia, the daily word, and prayers from local pastors and ministers. WRXB will continue with its experienced, energetic and exciting show host that most of the bay area has grown to love.

The Legendary 1590 will continue to air the latest church events, community activities, and advertisement for local businesses. The station prides itself on being cost efficient while reaching the target audiences for clients and not consuming the client's entire budget. The request line is 727-864-1600 and the office number is 727-865-1591.

So, as we face the blows of these economic times, be aware that you have a mechanism to battle and combat some of these pressures in the Legendary WRXB. Please keep your radio locked on 1590 AM for 24-hours of never ending encouragement. Thank you for reading and I hope you have enjoyed your time OUT & ABOUT W/Steve.

FAB Family Kid Fabulous Participants Celebrate Weight Loss



Photograph courtesy of Jessica Ziegler

Fit, active and fabulous kids celebrate their accomplishments

BY BLANCHE L. GANEY
SPECIAL TO THE
CHALLENGER

ST. PETERSBURG – Twelve weeks ago 11 over weight children and their parents committed to the Fit, Active, Black (FAB) Families weight loss program funded by the Department of Health and Human Services Community Partnership to Eliminate Health Disparities. This grant stems from Healthy People 2010, a federal program that challenges all to take specific steps towards longevity and healthy living. The 12 week Kid Fabulous program and its seven partners designed the program to help young people get healthy.

Saturday night the children that successfully completed the program were awarded at a banquet held at the Childs Park YMCA sponsored by the FAB grant. Seven of the 11 original participants completed the program and received honors for a job well done.

Keisha Bell, project manager of FAB Families, believes if children are introduced to a healthy lifestyle and taught how to make healthier life choices and can see the benefits, they are more apt to maintain the behavior throughout their lives. "These young people don't want to be over weight," said Bell, "but like so many people they don't always know how make good nutritional choices or the benefits of incorporating exercise in their daily routine."

Every Saturday, for 12 weeks personal trainers, Natasha Walker, provided by the YMCA and Gregory Hinton of the Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. lead the children in rigorous, fun activities; taught

them how to count calories, and how to make healthy choices when grocery shopping with parents or choosing a meal at a fast food restaurant.

"I love this program," said parent Tasha Adams, mother of Amani Jones, 14. "There was no pressure and the people were nice. I learned so much and because I suffer with high cholesterol I now know the benefits of eating more fruits, vegetables and brand."

The children and parents were encouraged to attend all 12 weeks of the program so as not to miss any of the lessons. In order to remain in the Kid FABulous! Program, the youth couldn't have more than two unexcused absences and the parents had to attend all three mandatory parent-child classes. These goals were very necessary in order to obtain desired outcomes, as well as, in shaping group accountability. Although there was a large interest in the program, 11 of the youth submitted the initial required documentation and were admitted into the Program. Of those, seven successfully completed it. "I am extremely happy with this outcome," shared project manager, Bell. "It speaks volumes that 64 percent of the youth dedicated their summer to this program, especially considering that it is a program where the completion of weekly homework assignments was required. I am especially happy with the parental support of the youth. It truly took a collective effort to obtain desired results."

"Even though my son Tyler suffers with asthma I made sure he attended regularly," said Zawanda Williams, mother of program graduate, Tyler Crump. According to Williams both she and Tyler are more active than they were before

the program and now look forward to the activity.

All of the youth have changed behavior reports Bell, "I was reading over the evaluation forms the youth completed and almost cried because of the positive impacts that they reported the Program having on their lives. By them understanding the health affects that may result if they do not take steps to be responsible for their health is great because knowledge is power. Each of them exercises more and considers the food selections they make and its impact on their bodies. In addition, these youth have expressed their desire to come back as youth leaders to help support the youth in the upcoming Kid FABulous! class. What a great indicator—that when the youth volunteers to give back to a community program to help others!"

The program has come to an end and all of the participants, leaders and youth, expressed sadness in leaving. "These are like my kids now," said trainer Natasha, "and I hate to see them leave. I want to keep in touch with them so I know they are doing well."

Gregory Hinton expressed similar sentiments, "Natasha and I often did the good cop bad cop routine to motivate the kids, but they knew we cared about them and so they were good with it. I will miss them too, but we are ready for the next group to come through."

According to Bell the next Kid Fabulous class will begin Sept. 26. Deadline for registration is Sept. 14. For more information contact Keisha Bell at 727 895-9622 ext. 241 or kbell@stpeteym-ca.org.

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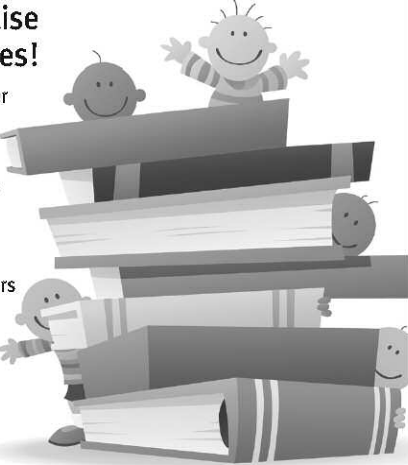
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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Parenting Privilege

BY GREGORY JOHNSON,
PRESIDENT AND CEO
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Parenting has been the single most important area of responsibility I have ever had in my life. When I look at my children and grandchildren I occasionally ask myself the question of whether or not I did a good enough job.

Have you ever asked yourself the same question? Has the thought ever crossed your mind or have you tried to deal being a parent just as it has presented itself in front of you with each passing day?

In the last article on parenting we focused on love and communications. Both are important elements in being a great parent as well as making a family as solid as possible. With your permission I would like us to think for a moment about one of the Seven Principles of the Rights of Passage¹ and Kwanzaa. The specific principle I think is extremely significant as African-American Parents is Self-Determination.

Self-determination through the Seven Principles is defined as such: *"To define and name ourselves. To create and speak for ourselves, instead of having others defining or determining our paths or selves."*

Why the topic of self-determination? Since our people arrived to this land others have worked overtime to redefine us in every way. Our native names were taken from us and Anglo/Colonial names were assigned to us as our first name. We were given our slave master or plantation owner's last name to identify who we belong to. Our customs and values were stripped from us and the master's standards were the only acceptable standards under which we could exist. The list is pretty exhaustive of standards that were thrust upon us in the face of our history of respect and mutual or communal living.

So, one of the most important areas requiring our own definition is in the parenting arena. How we raise our children must be from the heart and as we would like our children to mature. Self-determination requires us to seriously think about how we wish to raise our own children. The outside forces are strong and are influencing our children as well as each of us. We see things on television and hear things on the radio or in our music that influence the standards of a so called "modern day society." It would not hurt to return to some of the traditional values and methods of building family. It would not hurt to learn, understand and appreciate the dynamic benefits of love in a family as a standard barrier to raising a great family.

Again, the message is to determine for yourself how you wish to raise your child and manage your family. Just because your mother did it a certain way does not mean it will work for you. Just because your father did it a certain way does not mean that it will work for you.

I'm certain there were some good qualities and there were some that you definitely are not interested in imposing on your child. You have the freedom to determine what is right for your child and your family. Just do it!

Take a moment and think about the parenting you received as a child. Determine whether you would like to be the same type parent or if you would like to be a different type parent. What type of parent relationship do you want to have with your child? What type of parenting partnership do you want to have with the other parent? What are the barriers to making all this happen in your quest to be the best parent possible? The message is clear, YOU determine the parent YOU wish to be. No one else can decide for YOU.

Parenting is not a walk in the park, it is work. Priorities need to be established for your child at certain stages and priorities need to be established for yourself; raising your child is a huge priority. In my life, raising my children was my number one priority. The only thing of greater priority was God. I came to realize my life priorities even more the morning I walked to my 19 year old son's room and found him dead. My son was dead on the floor and I did not have a chance to tell him how much I loved him one last time. So, yes I think parenting is a gift from our Creator/God without options. Whether you are the mother or the father your child is your responsibility more than anything else in your life.

Fathers need to step up and show the world that you are there for your children and your family. Starts today by telling them you love them. Start by participating in Fathers Walk Sept. 10 at your child's school. Start by taking them to the park or to church on your day of worship. The key is to START and tell them you love them.

So, what is the challenge? The challenge is determining the type parent YOU want to be for your child and in partnership with the other parent. In many situations one parent may be in the household and the other elsewhere. Remember, both brought your child into this world and both have a first responsibility for the growth and development of this beautiful gift you both have been blessed to parent.

Remember this article is not intended to be a magic formula to successful parenting but only food for thought as you take on what may be one of the most important challenges of your life.

After Sept. 15, you will be able to either pick-up or download a Parenting Tool-Kit at the Pinellas County Urban League office or on our web site www.pcul.org.

¹ Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor of Africana Studies at California State University, Long Beach, author and scholar-activist who stresses the indispensable need to preserve, continually revitalize and promote African American culture.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Thursday, Sept. 3 - City Budget Hearing, City Hall, Council Chambers, 175 5th St. N. 6 p.m. The proposed 2010 St. Petersburg city budget and any proposed reductions will be heard at this forum meeting. Council members will hear public input on next year's projected spending plan, which includes an anticipated \$15-20 million general fund shortfall and additional budget reductions. The forum will be televised live on St. Pete TV, Channel 35; Knology cable channel 15; Brighthouse cable channel 615 or Verizon FiOs channel 20. Council is likely to adopt the proposed 2010 spending plan and tax rate at the Sept. 3 meeting; the final budget and tax rate is expected to get final approval, along with the Capital Spending Plan, at the Sept. 17 meeting. For more information on the city budget or the public forums, visit www.stpete.org/budget or contact the City Clerk. 727-893-7448.

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IFB #09-007 document packages will be ready for pick-up on **Tuesday, September 1, 2009**. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Graham Park offices located at 327 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705 on **Monday, September 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.**

Proposals are due by 3:00 p.m. EST, Friday, September 25, 2009. Bids will be opened publicly.

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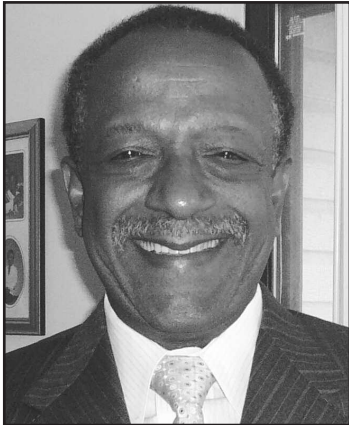
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COMMUNITY NEWS



THE Gantt Report

BY LUCIUS GANTT

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Criticism is all they do. They never have any praise, never any appreciation, never any thanks or good will.

The most criticism I've gotten recently is when I wrote about historical black colleges and universities (HBCUs). If you say no school is perfect, even though the statement is true, the haters will have a field day on you.

But if you write about Barack Obama and question anything he does, you'll be attacked left and right.

Well, get ready to attack me! Again!

Change is something you hear in every election cycle but the word "change" was heard more in the last election than ever before. I know it's early in the presidency, but does it seem to anybody that President Obama is changing from his election vision and is starting to become more like his predecessors?

What was once vanilla in the nation's capitol, now seems to only be dipped in chocolate!

Some of us feel Obama must step up! The president's desire to be "non-partisan" and cooperative with his political enemies is not working out. The endless and multiple concessions that he has given Republicans in the proposed health care legislation has gotten the president nowhere! The GOP gets every amendment to the health care bills that they want and still vote against the legislation. The war machine in America is not subsiding, it is increasing and more troops are being sent to foreign lands.

I think the president must push for his ideas

as hard as he can and if he has to go down, go down fighting!

Let me explain, if my memory serves me correctly, I thought many people voted for Barack Obama in hopes that he would end the war in Iraq and bring American soldiers home from other countries. I thought he would fight for universal health care that would cover all Americans and not be persuaded by greedy insurance companies to abandon his public option ideas to curb health care costs. I thought Barack Obama would oppose bankers and mortgage companies that prey on the poor and practice neighborhood red-lining and predatory lending.

I thought our new president would stand up for citizens that have been victimized by housing discrimination. I thought Obama wanted to improve race relations and reduce profiling and police misconduct.

Well, maybe he is doing a lot of good things but from my view, I'm seeing more waffling in Washington than I see Waffle House and Roscoe's Chicken and Waffles!

I want my president to stand up and speak out for things that are best for all Americans and not just parrot the governmental lobbyists or rubber stamp whatever big business tells him to.

Many black voters prayed for God to send us another Moses, a modern day Joshua or a contemporary David that could slay the gigantic and devilish beast that wants the rich richer and the poor in America poorer.

If Barack Obama fights for the things we need, I and others will defend the President with our lives. If Obama wants to be nice and compromising and cooperative with America's and the world's political satans, I can't be with that. (Buy Gantt's book "Beast Too: Dead Man Writing" and contact Lucius at www.allworld-consultants.net

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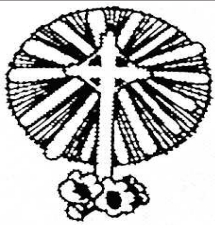
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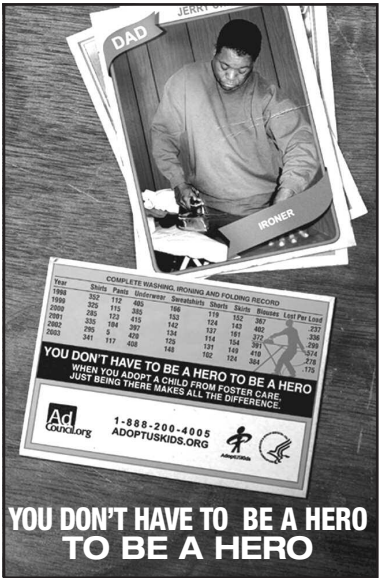
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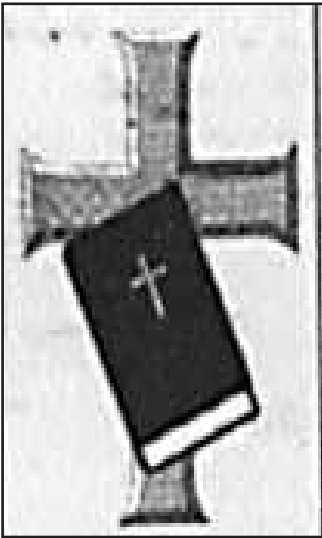
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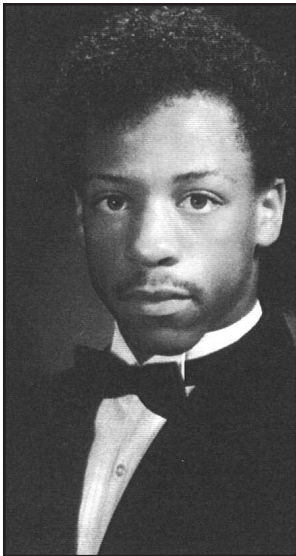


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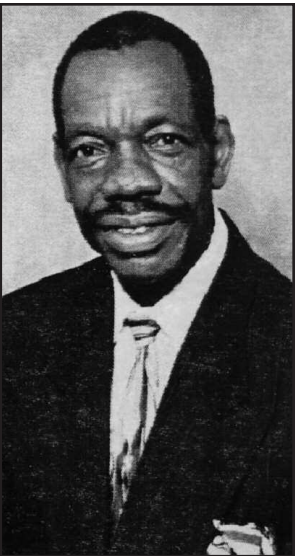
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LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Garage sales are for treasures. Museums are for the ages. Mayme Clayton spent a lifetime scouring one so her son could build the other.

When it's finished, curators say the Mayme A. Clayton Library & Museum of African-American History & Culture will rival New York's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in size and significance.

Avery Clayton, 56, is still cataloging the hundreds of thousands of things his mom collected, but is working with the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino on a joint project and the Clayton's first major exhibition is scheduled Oct. 24 to Jan. 4.

"Her role was to collect and acquire and his role was to create a house for it," said Sara "Sue" Hodson, curator of literary manuscripts for the Huntington. She is one of Clayton's biggest boosters and has spent many Saturdays cataloging with him and his group of volunteers.

Clayton started the project long before his mom died in 2006 of pancreatic cancer at 83.

She spent most of her career as a librarian at the University of Southern California and the University of California, Los Angeles. In 1969, she helped establish the African-American Studies Center Library at UCLA.

"She was an obsessive collector, hoarder and pack rat. She went to garage sales, rummage sales, flea markets, swap meets, antique stores, thrift stores, pawn shops and if somebody died, she tried to be first to get into their attic," Clayton said.

She kept a card catalog of many of her purchases, including where she found them and how much she paid.

Born in Van Buren, Ark., in 1923, Clayton graduated from high school at 16, moved to New

York where she was a model and photographer's assistant and met her husband, barber Andrew Lee Clayton. In 1946, they moved to a small house in Los Angeles. There would eventually be three sons and a divorce, but through it all there would be the collection.

Except for her music and films, everything was stuffed in a dilapidated garage next to the house or in storage units around town.

Days before his mom died, Clayton signed a \$1-a-year lease on an old courthouse about 10 miles west of downtown Los Angeles. The city agreed to lease the 23,000-square-foot building for the future benefit the museum promised.

Clayton started cataloging the 30,000 rare and out-of-print books because they took up the most room. A quarter of them have been processed.

One of the most treasured is the first book published in America by African-born Phillis Wheatley, "Poems on Various Subjects Religious and Moral." It is signed and dated 1773, when she was a slave in Boston.

Hodson said a few years after Clayton bought it for \$600 from a New York dealer, he asked to buy it back. "She said, 'No way.'"

In 2002, the book was appraised at \$30,000, Clayton said, and "it's definitely gone up."

Clayton built the largest black film collection in the world, with 1,700 titles dating back to 1916. It is housed at the UCLA School of Film and Television. Those films will stay at UCLA, Clayton said, because it would cost too much to move and store them. In exchange, the university is doing any restoration work needed.

Lloyd, the youngest Clayton son, is putting together the music collection from more than 9,500 sound recordings. Those recordings, which include the earliest from Duke Ellington and Bessie Smith, will be moved to the library in coming months. Brother Renai is handling the sports memorabilia.



Avery Clayton sits in front of a portrait of his mother, Mayme Clayton, at the Mayme A. Clayton Library & Museum of African-American History & Culture in Los Angeles, Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009

About 1970, Ms. Clayton invested in a bookstore, but the owner squandered their profits on the horses, so she agreed to take the collection of black history books rather than take him to court, Clayton said. She got 4,000 books out of the deal.

She stashed away more than 75,000 photographs and scores of movie posters, playbills, programs, documents and manuscripts.

In 1972, she formed the original, non-profit Western States Black Research Center, which officially became the library in 2008, Clayton said.

Clayton's goal is to open the museum in 2011. "I am encouraging him not to open too soon. Once you open, you have all new demands," Hodson said.

Clayton said he needs \$8.5 million for the museum's first three years. He has raised about an eighth of that, he said.

One box Clayton recently opened contained the first book of Negro spirituals in the United States. It was dated 1867, two years after the Civil War.

There are a number of slave documents, including a plantation inventory from Jamaica in the West Indies written in 1790.

Every day, Clayton said, the scope of what his mother did leaves him in awe. "She did this. She saved our history."

BLACK HISTORY

“Celebrating Our History Is An Everyday Thing”

Source: Wikipedia Free Library

Ethel Waters



After her start in Baltimore, she toured on the black vaudeville circuit. As she described it later, "I used to work from nine until unconscious." Despite her early success, Waters fell on hard times and joined a carnival which traveled in freight cars to Chicago, Illinois. Waters enjoyed her time with the carnival, and recalled, "The roustabouts and the concessionaires were the kind of people I'd grown up with, rough, tough, full of larceny towards strangers, but sentimental, and loyal to their friends and co-workers." She did not last long with them, though, and soon headed south to Atlanta, Georgia. There, she worked in the same club with Bessie Smith. Smith demanded that she not compete in singing the blues opposite her, and Waters conceded to the older woman and instead sang ballads and popular songs and danced. Though perhaps best known for her blues singing today, Waters was to go on to star in musicals, plays and TV and return to the blues only periodically.

She fell in love with a drug addict in this early period, but their stormy relationship ended with World War I. Ethel Waters moved to Harlem and became part of the Harlem Renaissance around 1919.

Waters obtained her first job at Edmond's Cellar, a club that had a black patronage. She specialized in popular ballads, and became an actress in a blackface comedy called Hello 1919. Her biographer, Rosetta Reitz, points out that by the time Waters returned to Harlem in 1921, women blues singers

were among the most powerful entertainers in the country. In 1921 Waters became the fifth black woman to make a record (recording for the tiny Cardinal Records label). She later joined Black Swan Records, where Fletcher Henderson was her accompanist. Waters later commented that Henderson tended to perform in a more classical style than she would prefer, often lacking "the damn-it-to-hell bass". According to Waters, she influenced Henderson to practice in a "real jazz" style. She first recorded for Columbia Records in 1925; this recording was given a Grammy Hall of Fame Award in 1998. Soon after, Waters started working with Pearl Wright, and together they toured in the South. In 1924 Waters played at the Plantation Club on Broadway. She also toured with the Black Swan Dance Masters. With Earl Dancer, she joined what was called the "white time" Keith Circuit. They received rave reviews in Chicago, and earned the unheard-of salary of US\$1,250 in 1928. In 1929, Harry Akst helped Wright and Waters compose a version of "Am I Blue?", her signature tune.

During the 1920s, Waters performed and was recorded with the ensembles of Will Marion Cook and Lovie Austin. As her career continued, she evolved toward being a blues and Broadway singer, performing with artists such as Duke Ellington.

In 1933, Waters made a satirical all-black film entitled Rufus Jones for president. She went on to star at the Cotton Club, where, according to her autobiography, she sang "Stormy Weather" from the depths of the private hell in which I was being crushed and suffocated." She took a role in the Broadway musical revue "As Thousands Cheer" in 1933, where she was the first black woman in an otherwise white show. She had three gigs at this point; in addition to the show, she starred in a national radio program

and continued to work in nightclubs. She was the highest paid performer on Broadway, but she was starting to age. MGM hired Lena Horne as the ingenue in the all-black musical Cabin in the Sky, and Waters starred as Petunia in 1942, reprising her stage role of 1940. The film, directed by Vincente Minnelli, was a success, but Waters, offended by the adulation accorded Horne and feeling her age, went into something of a decline.

She began to work with Fletcher Henderson again in the late 1940s. She was nominated for a Best Supporting Actress Academy Award in 1949 for the film "Pinky." In 1950, she won the New York Drama Critics Award for her performance opposite Julie Harris in the play The Member of the Wedding. Waters and Harris repeated their roles in the 1952 film version of "Member of the Wedding" In 1950, Waters starred in the television series Beulah but quit after complaining that the scripts' portrayal of African-Americans was "degrading."

Despite these successes, her brilliant career was fading. She lost tens of thousands in jewelry and cash in a robbery, and the IRS hounded her. Her health suffered, and she worked only sporadically in following years. In 1950-51 she wrote her autobiography, "His Eye is on the Sparrow," with Charles Samuels. In it, she talks candidly about her life. She also explains why her age has often been misstated, saying that her mother had to sign a paper saying she was four years older than she was. She states she was born in 1900. In her second autobiography, "To Me, It's Wonderful," Waters states that she was born in 1897.

Her biographer, Rosetta Reitz, called Waters "a natural". Her "songs are enriching, nourishing. You will want to play them over and over again, idling in their warmth and swing. Though many of them are more than 50 years old, the music and the feeling are still there."

Joseph W. Hatchett



Joseph Hatchett was born in Clearwater, Florida in 1932. His mother worked as a prostitute and his father was a cotton picker. Hatchett rose from these working class beginnings to become the first black man elected to the Florida Supreme Court.

When he applied to law school in 1956, law schools in the state of Florida were still segregated. Hatchett attended


Howard University in Washington, D.C. On graduation in 1959, he returned to Florida, was admitted to the Florida Bar, and began a private practice.

When Hatchett began his law practice, Jim Crow laws were still in effect in the state and segregation in schools, hotels, and other facilities was the norm. Hatchett took a more direct role in ending this. From 1960 to 1966 he woked with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

On Sept. 2, 1975, Hatchett was appointed to the Florida Supreme Court by governor Reubin Askew. An even more significant step in ending racial separation was Hatchett's reelection in 1976. He became the first black justice to be reelected to

the Florida Supreme Court. In 1979, Hatchett resigned his position a Florida Supreme Court Justice in order to step into another first. In that year Hatchett became the first black justice admitted to a federal court of appeals in the south when he was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. When the 5th Circuit split in 1981 to form the 5th Circuit and 11th Circuit, Hatchett went with the 11th Circuit. He remained in this position until 1999 and served as Chief Justice of this body from 1996 to 1999.

Hatchett now works as an of counsel attorney with Akerman Senterfitt in Tallahassee, Florida.



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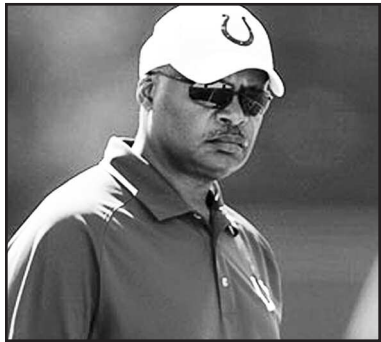
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CHALLENGER SPORTS

Colts Coach Searching For Progress On Defense



Jim Caldwell
BY MICHAEL MAROT

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Indianapolis spent the offseason trying to beef up its defense.

New coach Jim Caldwell changed coordinators, hiring longtime NFL assistant Larry Coyer. Team president Bill Polian selected bigger players in the draft and re-signed 296-pound defensive tackle Ed Johnson to stop the run. And Coyer has revamped the system to take advantage of the Colts' speed and versatility.

So after three preseason games, fans want to know: Where's the new 'D'?

On Monday, two days after struggling to stop Detroit, Caldwell insisted the Colts are getting better, even if it hasn't been noticeable yet.

"Sometimes it's tough to tell," he said. "I can tell you this, we are improving. We do think we have some fundamental

issues in terms of our tackling, which hasn't been where we'd like it."

A year ago, when Indy ranked in the bottom third in the league against the run, it allowed 4.2 yards per carry. In three preseason games, that number is down to 4.0. Opposing quarterbacks have completed 66.1 percent of their passes in the preseason, down from 68.4 percent during the 2008 regular season.

But it was the performance at Detroit that prompted the most concern. On a week that the Colts typically use as a regular-season dress rehearsal, the Lions gained 412 yards, ran 24 more plays than the Colts and scored two TDs.

Part of the explanation is the Colts were nowhere near full strength.

Indy was missing Johnson, cornerback Kelvin Hayden, defensive end Raheem Brock and middle linebacker and defensive captain Gary Brackett on Saturday. Cornerback Marlin Jackson, back from knee surgery, played in nickel packages against Detroit. Safety Bob Sanders, the 2007 defensive player of the year and the key to Indy's defense, is still out after offseason knee surgery and has not even practiced.

"It's been sort of mix-and-match, but tackling has nothing to do with that," Jackson said. "You've got to do your job. When you're learning a new defense, you're going to have some bumps."

In this case, maybe hidden agendas, too.

Though coaches and players have frequently discussed that they're incorporating more blitzes and more movement, the Colts have used mostly vanilla formations fitting with their traditional preseason model.

Clearly, though, Caldwell expected to see better results with or without his starters by now.

"You can lure yourself into a trap that way. We try never to think that way," he said. "We expect whoever is out there to play and play well. They should play up to our standards, which are lofty. We haven't done so consistently at this point."

Some of those who haven't measured up won't be around much longer. Indy waived four players Monday and still must make one more roster move before Tuesday's deadline, then trim another 22 players from the roster by Saturday. Three defenders defensive back Michael Coe and defensive ends Rudolph Hardie and Curtis

Johnson were all placed on the waived-injured list Monday.

With time running short for those trying to win an NFL job, Caldwell is likely to give most, if not all, of his defensive starters an extended break Thursday at Cincinnati.

"There will be limited play for them (the starters)," Caldwell said. "We're just not certain what that 'limited' means. It means hardly any for some and a little bit for others."

Still, Caldwell expects things to get better.

He doesn't seem concerned with the prospect of going an entire preseason without have his 11 projected defensive starters on the field for a single snap. He'd rather they follow the Colts trend struggling in August before rolling through the regular season.

And the Colts are convinced that when the games count, they will get better.

"I think we've been inconsistent," Brackett said. "Minnesota was not a good week for us. Against the Eagles, we picked it up a little bit and last week, it was kind of back to the same things. It's a little tough (with injuries), but nothing's changed. Whoever is out there has to play football and I think we'll be OK."

Browns QB Derby Drags On



Eric Mangini
BY TOM WITHERS

BEREA, Ohio (AP) - Brady Quinn's strong performance didn't sway Browns coach Eric Mangini.

Cleveland's quarterback derby drags on.

On Monday, Mangini said he has not yet settled on Quinn or Derek Anderson as his starter. Mangini repeated for the umpteenth time this summer that he has no timetable for a decision and will continue to examine his two quarterbacks as the Browns inch toward their Sept. 13 regular-season opener against the Minnesota Vikings.

The clock is ticking. The coach is taking his time.

"No real change," Mangini said. "No decision yet. We're going to go through the whole process and then we'll make a decision."

Mangini also reiterated that rotating Quinn, who threw a touchdown pass in a win over Tennessee, and Anderson from week to week during the regular season is not an option.

After reviewing game tape, Mangini praised both Quinn and Anderson for their outings in Saturday night's 23-17 win over Tennessee. Quinn started and threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Braylon Edwards - Cleveland's only passing TD thus far in the preseason - and finished 11 of 15 for 128 yards against the Titans, one of the NFL's top defenses.

Anderson went 7 of 11 for 77 yards, but made two questionable throws and was sacked on a play that killed a potential scoring drive.

"He did some positive things," Mangini said. "Regardless of which quarterback was in for that play we probably would have eaten dirt."

It may be Anderson's turn to start, but Mangini hasn't decided how he will use his quarterbacks for Cleveland's final exhibition game on Thursday night in Chicago.

Mangini approached Titans coach Jeff Fisher for insight on how to best use his starters in the fourth exhibition, normally a game where the starters play one or two series and rest up

for the opener.

Against Tennessee, Quinn played four series to just two for Anderson. Mangini has been careful not to show any favoritism and has been mindful of evenly splitting the practice reps and playing time between the two. A quarterback controversy could be a potential distraction for any team if not handled correctly, but Mangini feels there are positives in having his two QBs rotate with the first- and second-team offense.

"You get guys working with a lot of different people," he said. "Over the course of the weekend there were a couple of different quarterbacks hurt in games and now the No. 2 guy goes in and who knows how long he's going to be in? Maybe he hasn't gotten that kind of work, so now you have to radically transition to that person."

"I think the upside with working with a lot of different people was there is always uncertainty. There are always injuries and hopefully we won't have any but usually during the course of the season there is."

Mangini felt both QBs were in rhythm with the offense while they were in the game. The revolving-door approach could make it tough for continuity, but wide receiver Mike Furrey said there is no drop off whether No. 10 or No. 3 is lined up under center.

"At this point it just seems, whoever's in there, either one of them, it just seems so comfortable," Furrey said. "They know what they're doing. We have trust. We've been around each other for the last three or four months. We've earned the trust and the respect from all of them, so it's kinda like whoever's in there, we trust in them, they trust in us. It's been real comfortable."

Mangini is relying on his experience in New York to guide him through the Quinn vs. Anderson quarterback dilemma. During his first summer coaching the Jets, Mangini was patient while Chad Pennington and Kellen Clemens battled it out.

"I think it made both guys better and I think it made us a better team," said Mangini, who eventually named Pennington his starter before the season opener.

That announcement came after weeks of constant peppering by the New York media. It's been no different in Cleveland, where Mangini's daily news conferences center on the QB conundrum.

"I don't remember when I did it (name a starter), but I know I would get the questions," he said. "I'm not trying to be difficult for the sake of being difficult."

UP NEXT FOR THE BUCS:

The Bucs (1-2) will face the Houston Texans (1-2) Friday Sept. 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Gundy Hopes No. 9 Cowboys Now Ready For 'Big Time'



Mike Gundy
BY JEFF LATZKE

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) After a full offseason of buildup, coach Mike Gundy emerged from Oklahoma State's last season-opening clash with Georgia two years ago and made a sobering proclamation that his Cowboys were "not ready for the big time."

So much has changed since Oklahoma State was manhandled in a 35-14 loss between the Hedges, marring its bid for the first marquee road win of the Gundy era. This time around, Gundy's team will take a top 10 ranking into the season for the first time ever and be favored at home against the 13th-ranked Bulldogs, who've lost quarterback Matthew Stafford and tailback Knowshon Moreno to the NFL.

Still, Gundy knew the question was coming: Are the No. 9 Cowboys ready for the big time now?

"I hope so. My only answer would be that we've played some pretty good football teams

in the last couple of years since then and either beat 'em or stood toe-to-toe and fought 'til the end," Gundy said Monday.

"Standing toe-to-toe and fighting to the end is not what we're looking for."

Since that loss to Georgia, Oklahoma State has emerged on the national scene primarily because of a 28-23 win at No. 3 Missouri last season. There have been other close calls in big games along the way two against Texas, one against No. 5 Kansas in 2007 and one against rival Oklahoma last year.

Road games against Texas Tech and the Sooners resulted in lopsided losses in that stretch, too. So, there's still the question of whether Gundy's squad with its loaded offense and an improving defense coached by new coordinator Bill Young can take down a traditional SEC powerhouse like the Bulldogs.

"Everything that we've done since we played Georgia has just helped us get more prepared for this game coming up," linebacker Andre Sexton said. "We've been put in a lot of situations that we weren't used to in the past, before we played Georgia. Now we've learned from them and we've grown a lot as a team."

Players admit that Gundy's criticism was appropriate back in 2007. Perrish Cox, who returned kicks against Georgia

before becoming a starting cornerback later that season, said the Cowboys weren't focused enough and didn't have enough vocal leaders before facing the Bulldogs the last time.

"After we went into that game, I kind of agree with him. But now, I don't think he would say that right about now," Cox said. "We're well-prepared. We work hard every day. We're just ready for that time to get here."

Receiver Dez Bryant, who made his Oklahoma State debut against Georgia, said he headed in thinking he and his teammates were ready to make a splash. Two years later, the Biletnikoff Award finalist realizes how much room the Cowboys had to grow.

"Now I know not only me but the whole team, we're ready. We feel very confident going into this game," Bryant said. "We've busted our butts each and every day in the summer. We've been focused and looking forward to this game."

In an attempt to get his players more focused on the game, Gundy closed off interviews with the media for 12 days prior to Monday. He said he thought questions were getting repetitive and players were getting fatigued by the attention, which included the first Sports Illustrated cover in school history.

Gundy acknowledged noticing

how excitement is building in the community before the Cowboys play a Top 25 opponent at home in their season opener for only the second time in school history. The other was a 64-21 loss to No. 2 Nebraska in 1995.

In that kind of atmosphere, Gundy wants to make sure his players are keeping the right mindset.

"At some point, you may put too much pressure on yourself as a player or a coach and you're not going to be any good anyway. You can't do anything because you're so tight, you can't think and have fun," Gundy said. "TV and money and BCS games and bowl games and everything has gotten so big in this profession, I think there's probably too much pressure put on the players and then it trickles over to the coaches."

That doesn't mean Gundy is trying to downplay what's at stake, considering that a win Saturday would rank among the most significant ever for OSU.

"Tradition takes a long time, but it has to start somewhere and I think that this group of seniors has started that," Gundy said. "I think over the last few years that most of the teams that we've played realize that if we take care of the football and play hard, we can beat them. Doesn't make any difference who it is, or where."

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SPORTS

NATIONAL NEWS

South Carolina Native Bolden Becomes NASA’s Top Man

BY JIM EDWARDS
SPECIAL TO THE
NNPA FROM THE SOUTH
CAROLINA BLACK NEWS

(NNPA) - Retired Major General Charles F. Bolden Jr., a native of Columbia, S.C., became the first black man to head the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) last month. And he is only the second astronaut to be selected as the program’s administrator in its 50-year history. Vice Admiral Richard Truly was the first. The Senate confirmed Bolden without objection.

“Today, we have to choose. Either we can invest in building on our hard-earned world technological leadership or we can abandon this commitment, ceding it to other nations who are working diligently to push the frontiers of space. If we choose to lead, we must build on our investment in the International Space

Station, accelerate development of our next generation launch systems to enable expansion of human exploration, enhance NASA’s capability to study Earth’s environment.”

Dreams of space exploration were pursued and made tangible for Bolden as a result of his mother Ethyl and father Charles Seniors’ nurturing and support. Upon graduation from the Naval Academy in 1968, Bolden began a 34-year career with the Marine Corps that included flying more than 100 combat missions during the Vietnam War. As a NASA astronaut, Bolden flew four times on the Space Shuttle, commanding two of the missions.

Bolden would take the helm of NASA at a time when human space flight is under review and the space shuttle is facing retirement.

Bolden calls for NASA to “lead space science to new



Major General
Charles F. Bolden Jr.

achievements, continue cutting-edge aeronautics research, support the innovation of American entrepreneurs, and inspire a rising generation of boys and girls to seek careers in science, technology, engineering and math.”

to make deals with Republicans in order to get a bill passed.

“The key to Kennedy’s leadership was engagement. He was willing to sit and listen, but more than that, he invited people with opposing or strident viewpoints to the table,” says Laura Murphy, former a senior consultant for the Campaign for a New Domestic Human Rights Agenda, a coalition of more than 50 civil rights groups, and former director of the ACLU’s Washington Legislative Office, recalls the diverse complexion of Kennedy’s Senate staff while many Senate offices are lily White.

“He probably holds the Senate record for his early and consistent commitment to a racially integrated staff,” Murphy said.

Often loud and passionate as he challenged his colleagues, Kennedy is remembered by traditional civil rights leaders as a lionic figure, who fought alongside them unflinching in his beliefs.

NAACP President and CEO Ben Jealous called him a “friend, ally and civil rights champion.”

He said, “Senator Kennedy was a courageous leader for civil and human rights. He championed more civil rights initiatives than any other Senator in U.S. history . . . Even as he took his last breath, he was passionately fighting for the health care reform our nation critically needs. His dedication and vision will be profoundly missed.”

Political wrangling has already begun over who will succeed Kennedy. A new law requires a special election to fill the seat, but that could take months. Therefore, Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick is being pressured by Democrats to appoint a successor until the election can be held.

Whoever takes the seat will be expected to continue a seemingly endless struggle.

Recalls Wade Henderson of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, “Senator Kennedy’s life-long fight for equality and opportunity taught America that the cause of civil rights makes us stronger as a society and a nation. He often liked to end his speeches and writings by saying, ‘America will not be America until we finish the unfinished business of civil rights.’”

years later, even the reflections of that leadership upon his death continue to engender hope for people of all races, socioeconomic backgrounds and walks of life,” said Danny Bakewell, Chair of the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

The official funeral services started on the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 26. His body lay in state at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston until Friday at 3 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 7 at the library. On Saturday morning, a funeral mass was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Basilica in Boston. Guests included former Presidents George W Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

His children and niece served as the pallbearers. They were his daughter Kara Kennedy, sons Ted Kennedy Jr. and U.S. Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy (D-RI) and his niece Caroline Kennedy, daughter of the late President John F. Kennedy. His wife, Vicki, has been by his side since he became ill early last year is considered a possible successor for his Senate seat.

Afterward the funeral, Kennedy’s body was carried by plane to Washington. The body was carried by hearse to the front of the U. S. Senate steps at the Capitol, where thousands of his current and former Senate staffers cheered and mourned. The casket was then taken to Arlington National Cemetery, where a burial ceremony was held Saturday afternoon.

Whether observing his example from the outside or inside of Congress, Kennedy is still receiving accolades this week, especially for that unwavering stance for those that the Bible calls “the least of these.” “We mourn the loss of a man whose life has shown us the true meaning of ‘to whom much is given much is required.’ Ted Kennedy always showed great compassion for those less fortunate and dedicated his life to improving the lives of others throughout the world,” said U. S. Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.), chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Kennedy was also seen as one who also walked the walk of political and racial inclusion, willing to reach across the aisles

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greatly loved - even by those who opposed his policies.”

Republicans and Democrats alike expressed words of great admiration for Kennedy, nicknamed by his colleagues as the “liberal lion of the Senate”. His legacy and that of his family have long been admired by Americans who nicknamed the dynasty family of Cape Cod, Massachusetts “Camelot”.

His brothers, President John F. Kennedy and Sen. Robert Kennedy, both assassinated during the 1960s, are also known as heroes in the struggle for civil rights. Among the reasons for their popularity was that they sacrificed to give public service although they did not have to. “It’s important to remember that Senator Kennedy was born into a family of wealth and political power. Yet he dedicated his life to public service on behalf of those less privileged,” recalls Wade Henderson, president of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. “Despite the tragedies that touched his own life, he never gave up fighting to help America live up to its ideals.” That dedication started on day one for Sen. Kennedy. In his maiden speech to the U. S. Senate on April 9, 1964, he suddenly switched gears. He said he had planned to speak on “industry and employment” in his home state of Massachusetts.

But, given the controversy raging on the Senate floor, he quickly changed his mind. He was compelled to address H.R.7152, the Civil Rights Act of 1963 on which the Senate had resumed consideration.

“To limit myself to local issues in the face of this great national question would be to demean the seat in which I sit, which has been occupied by some of the most distinguished champions of the cause of freedom,” he stated in that maiden address.

Members of the Black Press who have both fought for and covered civil rights for years understand this passion – especially the impact it had on white America which often struggled to understand issues of inequality. “For them and for the rest of America, his leadership brought hope and enlightenment. And 46

STATE NEWS

Florida’s SAT and AP Performance On The Rise

Record numbers of students prepare for a post secondary education

TALLAHASSEE – Florida saw increases in both performance and participation on the SAT this year according to information released today by the College Board. The state’s combined SAT reading and math score climbed two points to 995 in 2009, with a record 100,179 students taking the college entrance exam. The results also indicate that Florida’s Hispanic and African-American students are outperforming their national counterparts on the reading and mathematics sections of the SAT by 42 points and seven points, respectively.

“Florida’s students continue to respond to higher academic expectations by challenging themselves and making significant learning gains,” said Gov. Charlie Crist. “In this way, our schools and teachers are ensuring a strong learning environment for all Florida students.”

Florida’s participation on the SAT continues to outpace the nation with 58 percent of its graduates having taken the test compared to 46 percent nationally. Minority student participation

also continues to be high, representing 48 percent of all test takers, compared to 40 percent for the nation.

“This year’s SAT and AP results are simply outstanding and I couldn’t be more pleased with the hard work of our teachers and school administrators who are working overtime to increase the college preparedness of our children,” said Education Commissioner Dr. Eric J. Smith. “With record numbers of students taking college entrance exams and higher level coursework, it’s clear that Florida is on the right track to ensuring a successful and highly trained workforce.”

The SAT consists of three major exam sections including reading, mathematics, and writing. Each section receives a score on the scale of 200–800. For individual exam sections, Florida’s average score was up one point in reading (497), up one point in mathematics (498) and down one point in writing (480) compared to 2008.

Florida’s AP Participation and Performance

The College Board also released Advanced Placement (AP) results, and for the fourth year in a row, Florida had the greatest one-year increase in the number of public school AP exam-takers when compared to all other states. In addition to large increases in the number of test takers, the state also experienced a 13.7 percent increase in the number of AP exams being scored 3-5 compared to a 9.4 percent increase for the nation.

Minority student participation is a primary reason for the state’s growing AP success. According to the College Board, Florida continues to have the greatest number of African-American AP test takers and the greatest number of AP exams scored 3-5 when compared to all other states. Florida also ranks third among all states in the number of Hispanic AP test takers and the number of test takers scoring a 3-5.

For more details on Florida’s performance on the SAT and AP, visit www.fldoe.org/evaluation.

Joyner & Jordan-Holmes Merges With Stiles, Taylor & Grace, P.A.

TAMPA – Stiles, Taylor and Grace, P.A., a 50-person law firm with offices in five Southeastern cities, is proud to announce its merger with Joyner & Jordan-Holmes, a four-attorney Tampa firm, into a multi-service firm positioned to meet the diverse needs of insurance, government and corporate clients.

The merger, which became effective Aug. 1, brings added muscle to the litigation, mediation and government-affairs team at Stiles, Taylor & Grace, which remains the firm’s name.

Stiles Taylor is considering similar growth strategies at its Hollywood and Jacksonville offices, said president and CEO Mary Ann Stiles. Besides Tampa, the firm also has offices in Atlanta and Tallahassee.

“This merger allows us to branch out into other things,” Stiles said. “It positions us for the future.”

Ironically, the firm’s desire to diversify comes from Stiles’ success in Tallahassee, where she

effectively lobbied to change the laws that govern worker’s compensation, a change that has dramatically lowered insurance costs for business. Given the reduction in worker’s comp litigation, Stiles wants to grow the firm’s defense work in other areas.

“Our mainstay was worker’s comp defense,” Stiles said, whose firm employs 20 attorneys. “This merger brings more litigation experience, more personal-injury defense experience.”

Joyner & Jordan-Holmes was co-founded in 1991 by state Sen. Arthenia Joyner, a former president of the National Bar Association. “This merger represents a unique opportunity for two well-established, diverse law firms to come together and provide greater services to our clients – and to attract new clients,” Joyner said.

It is worth noting that Joyner, a Democrat, rarely supported bills backed by Stiles, a Republican, when she was general counsel of Associated Industries of Florida.

But Joyner’s firm similarly specializes in defense work, as well as administrative law, municipal financing, mediation, wills and trusts, and real estate.

“Arthenia and Mary Ann have both served this community, and put their intellect and energy into making this a better community,” said Clark Jordan-Holmes, who besides co-founding the firm with Joyner, has served as general counsel to the Hillsborough Area Transit Authority for nearly 18 years. “They may have come at it from a totally different direction, but they both have the same objective.”

Joyner and Jordan-Holmes will be shareholders in Stiles, Taylor & Grace.

Stiles says the merger creates enormous possibilities. “Arthenia and I will be able to go into the community and attract additional business. I think we will be a powerhouse – in the community, in the state of Florida and beyond.”

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11:00 A.M. - Morning Service

9:00 A.M. - Tuesday Prayer
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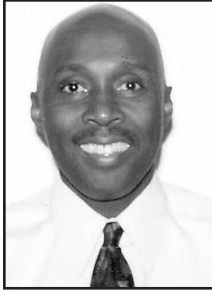
Victory Christian Center Church

3012 18th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Fla. 33712
(727) 321-0911
www.victorychristiancenterchurch.com

Schedule of Services
Sunday Worship*
10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study* -7:00 p.m.
Friday Prayer -7:00 p.m.
Intercessory Prayer - 9:00 a.m.
(except Wednesdays)

Claude S. Williams, Pastor

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Sunday School . . . :9:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting (Tuesday) . . . :6:00 p.m.
Bible Study (Tuesday) . . . :7:00 p.m.
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Elder Benjamin Adams, Jr., Senior Pastor

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Mailing address: P.O. Box 1235, Clearwater, FL 33755
Church Phone: (727) 443-1861 • Fax: (727) 443-0431
Email: sjpbcc@tampabay.rr.com
Radio dial: 1340 AM 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Radio internet: tantalk 1340.com

Scheduled Services:
Church School8:00 a.m.
Early Morning9:30 a.m.
Wed. Mid-week Family Night Bible Study7:00 p.m.

Theme: "Movers of the Christ Purpose"
Edifying the Church; Evangelizing the Community (Acts 1:4-8)




Elder Benjamin
Adams, Jr.,
Senior Pastor

New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

1210 Union Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 823-2545

ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday School9:30 AM
Sunday Worship Service11:00 AM
Bible Study Wednesday7:00 PM

Mission Statement
Reaching The Lost And Teaching The Saved
Luke 14:23 and Psalm 119:33,34



Rev. Jerry B.
Alexander Jr.
Pastor

10th Street Church Of God
207 - 10th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
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Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study7:30 p.m.

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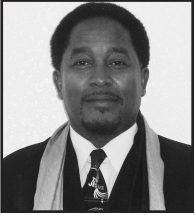
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Bible Study7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Tutoring6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Clark Hazley, Sr.

Mission Statement
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2830 22nd Avenue South
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pastorwoods07@yahoo.com

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study – Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.
Holy Communion Every First Sunday



Alfonso Woods,
Pastor

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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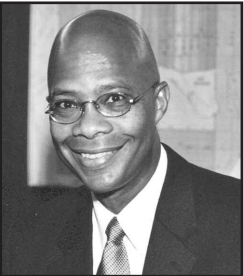
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(727) 321-6631 • www.stmarkch.org

Schedule of Services
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Thursday 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.


Rev. Brian K. Brown

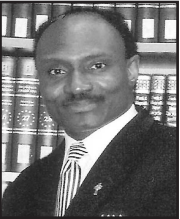
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Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Teen Summit (Wednesday)7:00 p.m.
Bible Study (Wednesday).....7:00 p.m.


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Praising”*

Sunday7:45 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. Worship
Sunday School.....9:30 A.M.
Monday Morning Meditation WRXB.....6:45 A.M.
WednesdayNoonday Bible Study and
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Thursday7 P.M. Youth Enrichment

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Bro. Robert Smith

Sunday Morning Worship7:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:20 a.m.
Sunday Morning Second Worship.....10:40 a.m.
Ladies Bible Class Monday.....7:00 p.m.
Monday Evening Bible Class7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Morning Bible Class10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Class7:00 p.m.

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Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor
Elder Carson Skinner, Assistant Pastor
1137 37th Street South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33711
(727) 321-0670

SERVICES
Sunday Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.
A. M. Service – 11:30 a.m.
YPWW (1st & 3rd Sunday) – 5:30 p.m.
P.M. Service (1st & 3rd Sunday) – 6:30 p.m.
P. M. Service (2nd & 4th Sunday) - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Morning Prayer – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study (for all ages) – 7:30 p.m.



CHURCH NEWS

Mt. Zion Progressive
Missionary Baptist Church

“Impact the World
by Equipping Believers to Reach
the Lost with the Gospel of Jesus
Christ”
MID-WEEK DEVOTION
The community is invited to join
us for Mid-Week Devotion held every
Wednesday, from Noon to 12:30, in
the main sanctuary.
MT. ZION HUMAN SERVICES
TUTORING PROGRAM
Mt. Zion Human Services is
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students that qualify under the SES
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Schools. We are also offering other
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programs. FMI: Pat Fried or Doris
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1906 at 9th Ave. S. The third Tuesday
of each month is earmarked to assist
young adults (16-25) on their personal
road to recovery. FMI call Rev. Keith
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worship.
MIDWEEK P.U.S.H. (Prayer +
Understanding = Spiritual Healing)

Prayer Service and Bible Study
are held Wednesday evenings. Prayer
begins at 6:30 and Bible Study begins
at 7:30. You are invited to study the
Word of God with us. The Adult
classes for the 3rd quarter will
complete the study in Proverbs. Youth
Bible Study: “What’s Up With The
Word”
UPCOMING EVENTS

(For further information, call 727-
896-5228)
Sept. 5 - Men’s Forum - Health
Issues 10:00 a.m. - Noon. ALL men
are cordially invited! Your health is
important!
“Love is never afraid of giving too
much.”

Prayer Tower COGIC

Prayer Tower COGIC Missionary
Society Presents ... Annual Night In
White. “Salvation Is Free, But The
Anointing Cost You Something” Sept.
20, 4:30 pm.

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Francis Glenn, College Hill COGIC.
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Prayer Tower Church of God in

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President: Missionary Elaine Murray,
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Petersburg, 33711.

Rock of Jesus Missionary Baptist Church

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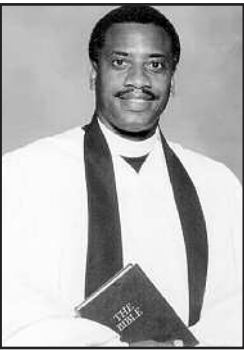
completion. God has been faithful to
The Rock of Jesus Missionary Baptist
Church during our existence, and He
has shown great favor toward us, His
People, and to our Pastor, His servant.
God is positioning this fellowship to
make an even greater impact upon the
surrounding community, and we
welcome the challenge.
The preacher for the occasion is
none other than the Rev. Chico Dials,
Associate Pastor of Without Walls
International Church.
We are looking forward to an
inspirational Word from the Almighty

to take us to the next level.
Please join us in this revival
service where we hope you will
receive encouragement and motiva-
tion for your spiritual journey, also.
We also extend an open invitation
to the community at large to come and
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Devotion: 10:00 a.m.-10:20 a.m.;
Praise and Worship: 10:20 a.m.-10:30
a.m.; Morning Worship Service:
10:30; Bible Study each Tuesday:
6:30 p.m.

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Bible Study each Tuesday:6:30 p.m.

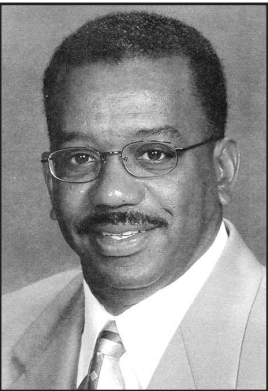
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Rev. Frank W.
Peterman, Jr.
Pastor

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Sunday Children Church10:00 a.m.
Sunday School8:50 a.m.
Bible Study (Wednesday)6:30 p.m.
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Rev. I. James Mitchell,
Senior Pastor

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

The St. Mark Missionary Baptist
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extends to the community at large, its
wishes that there would be an over-
flowing 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.
Sept. Events
Sept. 19 - Rev W. J. Glover


Memorial/11th Historical Scholarship
Banquet at 5:00 p.m. Location: Carver
Recreation Center in Bartow, Florida.
Sept. 20 - Friends and Family Day
during 10:45 a.m. worship service and
concluding with dinner in the fellow-
ship hall after services. Friends and
family of St. Mark invited to join us.


Trinity Presbyterian Church

This Sunday September 6, Trinity
Presbyterian Church, located at 2830
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celebrate a holy time of worship. We
corporately come together as we do
every first Sunday as one body to
remember and celebrate what Christ
did for us as we observe Holy
Communion. Pastor Alfonso Woods
will deliver the sermon and lead the
congregation in the celebration of the
Lord’s Supper. Trinity choir under the
direction of Mr. Johnny Mells will offer
songs of praise. Sunday school begins
at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship
begins at 11:00 each Sunday. Bible
study is held each Wednesday evening
at 6:30. The fall study will begin
Wednesday Sept. 16.
Upcoming Events:
The Women’s Organization will
host their annual Women’s Day cele-
bration Sunday September 13 at 11:00
a.m. Special guest speaker for this
occasion is former St. Petersburg City
Council member Sister Renee Flowers.
Theme: The Master Jeweler:
“Discovering God’s Perfect Design”
Women’s Bible Study – Every
Wednesday after the first Sunday –
6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
Fall session begins Wednesday
Sept. 9 – Subject
“The Master of The Gemstone”
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Pastor Richard Jackson,
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For more information: Contact Southside Tabernacle Baptist Church
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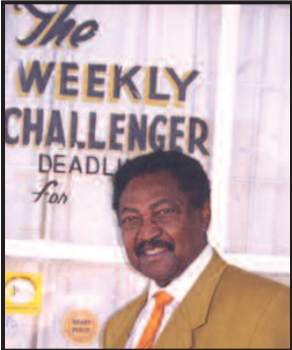
Cleveland Johnson and former Mayor David Fisher



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Publix Pork, All-Natural, Full-Flavor
SAVE UP TO 1.40 LB

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On Monday, September 7, 2009.



Sweet Corn.....**.25**
Bi-Color, White or Yellow Varieties, Delicious Grilled, each
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French Hamburger Buns, 8-Count.....**2⁷⁹**
Handmade in Our Bakery, Baked Fresh Throughout the Day, From the Publix Bakery, 16-oz pkg.
SAVE UP TO .50



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Variety of Flavors, Cool and Refreshing, Goes Great With Our 8-Piece Mixed Fried Chicken, Also on Sale this Week, 1-gal bot. Quantity rights reserved.
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12-Pack Assorted Corona Beer.....**11⁹⁹**
12-oz can or bot. or Assorted Beck's Imported Beer, 12-oz bot.
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DiGiorno Pizza.....**2 FOR 10⁰⁰**
Assorted Varieties, 13 to 34.2-oz box
SURPRISINGLY LOW PRICE



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12-oz can
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