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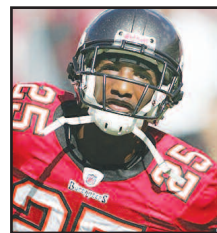
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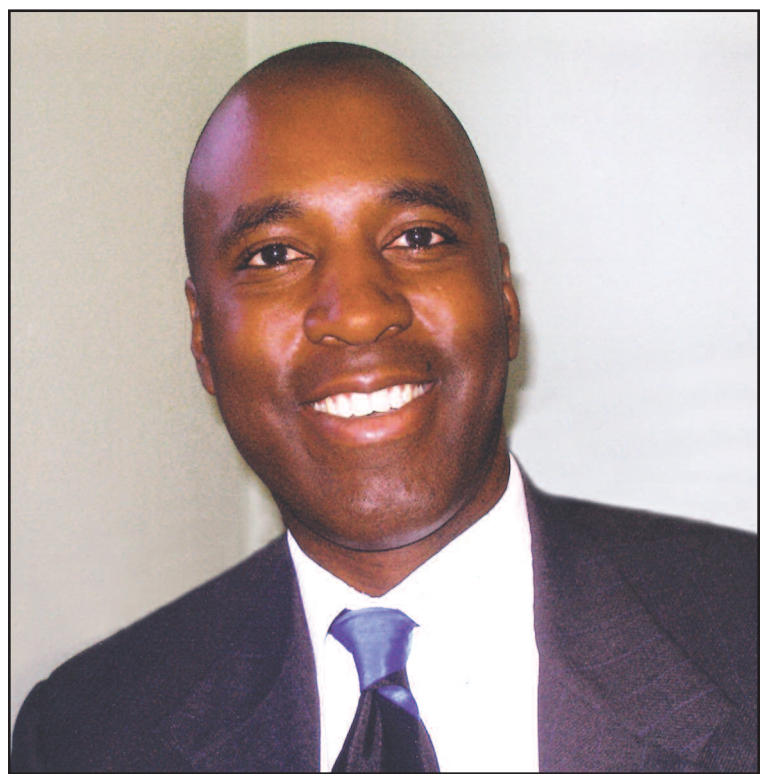
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The Weekly Challenger Welcomes New Sales Director



Alan McBride

BY JEANIE BLUE
SPECIAL TO THE
CHALLENGER

The Weekly Challenger newspaper welcomes new Sales Director, Alan McBride, who brings more than 20-years experience in sales and media marketing.

"I've had the pleasure of working with several different organizations that design publications or directories that promote businesses and organizations to specific targeted consumer markets," McBride said. "I come to this position with a lot of knowledge that can help businesses of any size grow and get more clients. With my experience, I am able to sit down with an owner or marketing manager and help

them use the appropriate mix that will yield them the highest results. What excites me about The Weekly Challenger is its market penetration, the paper's heritage, and its significant impact on this community, both past and present."

McBride has jumped right in with plans to resurrect the special edition that former publisher and owner, Cleveland Johnson, called the "Holiday Edition" of the paper. "In a conversation with publisher, Dianne Speights, she expressed the success that advertisers saw with the special editions published

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Zeta's Breakfast Sets Holiday Pace

BY EMMA CAVIN
SPECIAL TO THE
CHALLENGER

ST. PETERSBURG - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's Holiday Breakfast was exactly what was needed to set the pace for local celebrations this season. The festive mood was a perfect accompaniment to the varied winter ensembles worn by the breakfast attendees as well as the decor of the Grand Ballroom at the Dolphin Beach Resort. It was all that the crowd expected and much, much more.

The program began with greetings from the president, Lisa Wilson, followed by a touching solo from Georgetta Clark Peak. Kelly Edmond introduced members and special guests, Emma Cavin presented the occasion, and Eloise Thompson, the invocation. What came next could only be considered as one of the most delicious meals ever eaten. The group dined on an array of seasonal fruit, grits and hash browns, scrambled eggs, biscuits, sausage, bacon and many different kinds of muffins and Danish rolls. Coffee and juice completed the meal. Delightful and delicious! DJ Showtime (Horace Jones) kept the house rocking with appropriate tunes from various artists. The meal and music were enjoyed by all.

As the patrons completed their meal, President Wilson and Christopher Clark made a special presentation to the

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Left to right, Sheppard Bethune, Jerel Foster, Justin Jones, Jonathan Marina, Fernanda Maynor and Walter Peak.



Left to right, Alma Simmons Bell and Lisa Wilson



Left to right, Eloise Thompson, Lisa Wilson and Helen Shaw

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NNPA Chairman Welcomed To The White House

In an effort to further strengthen ties between President Obama and Black Press of America, Chairman Bakewell met with the President's senior advisor, Valerie Jarrett

BY YUSSUF J. SIMMONDS

WASHINGTON DC - Since becoming the chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), Danny J. Bakewell, Sr. has been working aggressively to make sure that the members of the nation's largest black newspaper organization have a voice at all levels of society and government – especially in policy-making areas.

Recently Bakewell met with senior presidential advisor, Valerie Jarrett, to make sure that NNPA can be in a position to readily articulate the President's agenda effectively to the community and by becoming more actively involved in that

agenda as a national organization. The meeting covered a wide range of topics that discussed ways in which both the NNPA and the administration could jointly affect the quality of life for African-Americans throughout the country.

According to Bakewell, "I would not divulge the specifics of the meeting at this time, but Ms. Jarrett was extremely committed to ensuring that the Black Press had full access to the President's agenda." He also added that the meeting was very fruitful and that he would put off discussing the full details,

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Chairman Danny J. Bakewell, Sr. (left) and Valerie Jarrett



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Bryan Zar
Co-owner, Restaurant des Familles
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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- *The Weekly Challenger* is committed to featuring articles of all ethnic cultures for the reading enjoyment of both the young and old generations.

OPINION

Some Want Jobs For Christmas



BY JULIANNE
MALVEAUX
NNPA
COLUMNIST

In the weeks since the “shel-lacking” of the November 2 election, there has been much talk that the economy will turn around and, indeed, is on the mend. Both pundits and expert economists are saying the economic indicators are better. The recession is over, according to these indicators, and it is unlikely that we have a double dip recession. The stock market has done well this year. So why is the unemployment rate so high?

The November unemployment numbers went up, not down. Now at 9.8 percent we are only two-tenths of a percentage point lower than this time a year ago. No wonder voters rejected Democrats at the polls in November. If there is progress it has come far too slowly, and all Americans are taking it in the pocketbook.

What does 9.8 percent unemployment translate into? It translates into a whole heck of a lot of human misery. It translates into 15.1 million people who want jobs but can't find them, 6.3 million who haven't worked for at least half a year. It means that the marginal attachment to the labor force is rising, with 2.5 million now part of that group. It means that the traditionally reported black unemployment rate is now 16 percent, 16.7

percent for African-American men, and 13.1 percent for African-American women. And Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke says we might have to live with unemployment rates this high for another few years, and that unemployment rates might not return to the “normal” 5 or 6 percent until 2015.

Of course, the 9.8 percent that is reported totally understates the reality of the situation. Including discouraged workers and others, the unemployment rate is closer to 16.3 percent and thus closer to 30 percent for African-Americans. The enormity of this problem in the African-American community is staggering and gives one the sense that the Senate and Congress are fiddling, figuratively as Rome burns and much less figuratively, in the African-American community.

Extending unemployment benefits has become a political football. And there has been little attention focused on the possibility of job creation. If Bernanke is saying that we can expect to live with high unemployment rates for quite some time, then it is irresponsible for Congress to ignore joblessness because they want to balance budgets. Meanwhile, many are gearing up to celebrate the season, while others simply want to work, but the jobs aren't there. To be sure, there will be a few new jobs this month in the retail sector as retailers desperately attempt to stimulate consumer sales. “Black Friday,” the tradi-

tional big day for shopping seems to have gone over with a thud, there will be new data out in mid-December. So far, preliminary data say that Black Friday sales were up by about 2 percent, but prices have been dropped so significantly that profits have been hurt. But profits haven't been as hurt as employment. People are hurting, and they aren't getting the results they need from those policy makers who could alleviate their pain.

There will be people caroling and crooning through the New Year, celebrating the joy of a season that must be celebrated. We manage our lives around these rituals, these mysteries of faith, this time of the year when life grinds to a halt and we recognize humanity, human values, the birth of the Christ child, and the coming of winter solstice. And yet, while some croon, others will struggle to celebrate, scraping pennies together to come up with some semblance of celebration because they have children so barraged by commercialism that they equate the end of the year with gifts and goodies.

So on one hand we have people pricing what the 12 days of Christmas would cost today and others are poring through the pricey Neiman Marcus catalog; some folks just want jobs for Christmas. Maybe this Congress will manage things so that more than a few are granted their wish.

Editorial Correction

A historical fact in The Weekly Challenger's article about Dr. Doris Reddick that ran in the December 2-8, 2010 edition under the headline “Do Whatever You Can To Make The World A Better Place Than

How You Found It,” Mistakenly credited Dr. Reddick's 1994 election to the Hillsborough County School Board as the first of an African-American to that body.

That honor rightly belongs

to the late Rev. Dr. A. Leon Lowry. Dr. Lowry was elected to the School Board in 1976 and served through 1992. The Challenger apologizes to readers for the mistake.

World AIDS Day: Another Chance To Educate

BY JEANIE BLUE
SPECIAL TO THE
CHALLENGER

ST. PETERSBURG - As more education is put forth about HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, organizers of the local annual World AIDS Day event still use Dec. 1, in an effort to promote more awareness. This years event was held at Williams Park where several medical and social service organizations provided HIV testing, medical screenings, good clothing and food to attendees while another volunteer played live music. With the advent of new medicines for HIV/AIDS, many people are living a much longer and good quality of life.

"There are lots of drugs available to people now and they are doing well," Lisa Cohen, operations manager of Disease Control with the Pinellas County Health Unit (PCHU) said. "People are on less meds and we see their CD4 T-Cells are high and the HIV viral load is down. We have seen a lot of clients going back to work," she added. The CD4 T-Cells refer to germ fighters in the body and HIV viral load is the measurment of the level of copies of the virus is detected in the body. Lower HIV viral load and higher T-Cells helps to improve the immune system, which makes a person feel healthier.

PCHU experienced a decrease in funding for HIV/AIDS medications, and had to recently establish a waiting list at the health department. According to Cohen, because of funding cuts to the federal governments AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) their agency had funding cuts in June of this year and some clients had to be placed on a waiting list for drugs.

"We have 86 clients on a waiting list for ADAP," Cohen said. "In my history of working in this field, since 1985, I have never seen the health department not be able to provide medicines to patients."

Because of the cuts Cohen and staff have researched and found other sources for the meds. Some patients are being served under a new program at PCHU called PAP, the Pharmaceutical Assistance Program. This program is able to provide meds to some clients who are on the ADAP's waiting list.

The rates for HIV/AIDS infections have seen some



L to R front, Lisa Cohen, Anissa Miller and rear L to R Rick Mendiola and Laskiesha Moore-Fuller. PCHU employees at World AIDS Day at Williams' Park.

decline in recent years, but Americans of African decent are still disproportionately affected compared to all other groups of the American public. According to the Centers for Disease Control in a report published in 2006, new treatments (<http://us.mg4.mail.yahoo.com/dc/treatment.htm>) have slowed the progression from HIV to AIDS and from AIDS to death in people infected with HIV in the United States. As a result, the U.S. rates of new AIDS cases and AIDS deaths have dropped dramatically. At the end of 2006, an estimated 1,106,400 persons in the United States were living with HIV infection with 21% undiagnosed. Increasing proportions of new infections have been among women, certain ethnic minority populations, and people infected through heterosexual contact. Florida has consistently ranked third in the nation in the number of reported cases and second in the number of pediatric cases. An important issue common to all minorities is access to health care, including HIV diagnostic and treatment services. The Florida

Department of Health estimates that 45,729 Floridians are living with HIV. Males account for 68 percent and women account for 32 percent of cumulative reported HIV infection. Of the over 45,000 cumulative HIV cases in Florida, 48 percent are among African-Americans, 30 percent are among Caucasians, and 20 percent are among Hispanics (Source: Florida Department of Health, 2010).

The African-American church appears to have recognized its power and influence in getting the word out about HIV/AIDS by establishing testing sites. The Rev. Bernard Smith of Green's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Largo, is credited for taking leadership and since he first began offering testing at his church, about nine years ago, other churches across the state are following his lead and now participate in an intitiaeve between the state Department of Health and the AME church to establish at least one AIDS testing site in a place of worship in every county.



Attendees at Williams Park

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Young Students That Rock

BY LINDA MOBLEY
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ST. PETERSBURG - Amari Nash is the daughter of the proud parents Ahmad and Shanell Nash. Amari is 7-years-old and is in the second grade at Lealman Avenue Elementary School. Amari just made her best report card ever. She made a grade of E (Excellent) in Social Studies, writing and Math. She also made Very Good in Art, Music and reading, and Satisfactory in Science. On top of all these excellent grades, her behavior improved to excellent in 3 of the classes. This was her recent report card as of a week ago.

But, the success continued as Amari came back on last Friday and made a 100 on a Math test. What was incredible was that she did 100 math problems in six minutes! Wow! You rock Amari!! This has earned her to be a member of the "mind club" at Lealman. Amari will receive a T-shirt and a certificate for this accomplishment. The T-shirt can be worn all year in lieu of the uniform. Amari says she was told it represents she is the smartest student. This looks like Amari is being groomed for great things!

Her family is very proud of her, and gives her constant support and prays for her success in school and at home.



Amari Nash

Celebrate Trees And Traditions At Heritage Village



Holiday traditions haven't changed much in more than 100 years! That's evident to visitors through Heritage Village's 21-acre living history museum now through Dec. 30 during their annual Trees and Traditions display.

Each of the village's historic houses is decorated true to its time period, locality and lifestyle, from an elaborately decorated Victorian home, to a simply adorned 1852 log cabin.

Heritage Village will also offer a special day of free holiday-related activities on Saturday, Dec. 11. The Pinellas County Historical Society will sponsor an open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with refreshments and an old-fashioned ornament-making workshop at 1 p.m. Entertainment will include The Salvation Army Brass Ensemble, Company B Ballet

Center performing scenes from the Nutcracker Suite, St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Choir, First Cut Christmas carols and Karina's School of Hawaiian and Belly Dance performing traditional holiday music and Hawaiian holiday dances. Visitors can also find those one-of-a-kind holiday gifts at the Beach Cottage Gift Shop.

The Pinellas County Market in the Park will be open on the grounds of Heritage Village on Saturdays, as well. The market features the sale of plants, handmade items, fresh produce, homemade breads, cheeses, jams, jellies and other unique food items. Holiday vendors will be highlighted at the market on Dec. 11 and 18.

Heritage Village, operated by Pinellas County government, is a 21-acre living history museum located in the heart of Pinellas County at

11909 125th St. N. in Largo. It is adjacent to Pinellas County Extension and the Florida Botanical Gardens. Heritage Village is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. It is closed on county holidays including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Heritage Village brings to life more than 150 years of rich and colorful local history in a picturesque landscape of palmettos and pine trees. More than 25 buildings and structures are restored, authentic and full of fun. A new, self-guided EnterAction adventure welcomes families and reveals secrets of the past.

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MCBRIDE

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under Mr. Johnson. We both thought it would be a great idea to reestablish this section. The upcoming Holiday Edition will allow businesses to place holiday greetings to readers at a special holiday rate," McBride said.

In addition to McBride's extensive background in marketing, he also brings a certain type of discipline earned from currently serving as a drill sergeant with the U.S. Army Reserves Charlie Company 2nd of the 485th in

St. Petersburg. He also volunteers at Bayfront Medical Center in the Pastoral Care Department where he is a Pastoral Care Volunteer. He visits patients and provides spiritual and emotional support in time of crisis.

McBride, son of Henry and Arie McBride and self-proclaimed "army brat", was born in Vicenza, Italy and lived in several states prior to coming to his mother's hometown of St. Petersburg, FL. He is a class of 1989 graduate of the Pinellas County Center of the Arts at Gibbs High School where he played saxophone with local band leaders and

musicians including the Al Downing Jazz Association, David Pate, Belinda Womack and Fred Johnson. As a recipient of a Clearwater Holiday Jazz Festival Scholarship, he attended Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA. He currently lives in the city with his wife, Yasamina, daughter Nia, 7 and son Ross, 4. Nia attends Imagine School at St. Petersburg and Ross is in preschool at Alegria Montessori School. Yasamina works at Bayfront Medical Center.

Welcome Alan McBride to The Weekly Challenger family!

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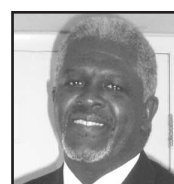
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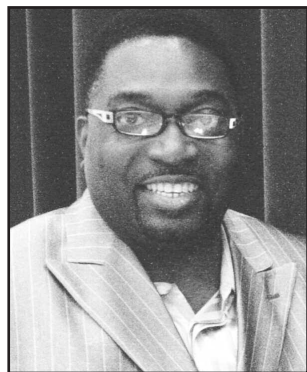


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COMMUNITY NEWS



OUT & ABOUT W/STEVE

National NAACP's Daisy Bates Educational Summit Huge Success!

Hundreds gathered in North Carolina last weekend to address racism and segregation. Mrs. Adora Obi Nweze, president of the Florida State NAACP conference and chairwoman of the NAACP National Educational committee spear headed this much needed event. America's public schools are racially segregating, and North Carolina is at the forefront of fighting the trend, says the chair of NAACP's National Education Committee.

The event was held in Raleigh at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, Dec. 2-4. The North Carolina State (NAACP) Conference has really begun to focus a lot of its energy around education which is stupendous. Nweze said, "Rev. Barber is an outstanding leader, and he's just been doing a phenomenal job in providing the kind of leadership that state conferences have to have in making education a priority."

Indeed, Rev. Barber and the NCNAACP were heralded during the NAACP Convention in Kansas during the summer for their nonviolent protests at Wake School board meetings, and filing two official complaints - one with the US Dept. of Education's Civil Rights Division - that now has the Republican-led school board under the microscope.

The North Carolina NAACP recently revealed that federal authorities have agreed to follow up on the civil rights organization's charge of racial bias against Wake County Public Schools. Rev. Barber put other school districts across the state, like New Hanover County, that any moves they make to racially desegregate their public schools, will also be legally challenged.

The 2010 NAACP Daisy Bates Education Summit honors the late Daisy Bates, former president of the Arkansas State Conference of the NAACP and advisor in 1957 to the Little Rock Nine, the students who braved hostile opponents of integration to Central High School. Despite mob threats and intimidation, cross burnings on her property, and other acts of attempted violence, Mrs. Bates persisted because of her strong beliefs. The 2010 Daisy Bates Summit garnered grassroots organizers from across the country to focus on moving the NAACP's education agenda forward with a combination of traditional and innovative education organizing techniques conducted in concert with local allies.

The summit is an integral part of the NAACP's year-round training regimen for state and unit education chairs, helping them to build capacity to address local education issues. The summit targeted a four-part agenda developed at the NAACP retreat in 2009 and amplified at regional conferences and the National Convention throughout 2010: securing access for disadvantaged and students of color to great teaching, fair discipline, equitable resources and a college and career ready curriculum.

"Three years after the NAACP won the historic Brown decision, a leader of the NAACP in Little Rock, Ms. Daisy Bates, walked with nine children every morning to give life to Brown," said Rev. Dr. William Barber, president of the NC NAACP. "Thousands of segregationists lined the streets, showering Ms. Bates and the Little Rock 9

with human spit and other bodily fluids. The segregationists threw rocks and other projectiles at Ms. Bates and the brave children. Ms. Bates taught them to look straight ahead, with their minds set on freedom, as the segregationists yelled all sorts of obscenities at them. Ms. Bates and the 9 NAACP youth members were afraid . . . but undaunted."

"With every insult thrown at our children by political opportunists who say they don't want African-American kids in 'their' schools in Wake County, a hundred new Daisy Bates come forward in Raleigh! With each predominantly African-American school the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board tries to close, a hundred new Daisy Bates spring up in Charlotte! Each time a Wilmington School Board member sends a secret e-mail to try to stop the state from investigating the board's campaign to re-segregate the New Hanover System, 100 more Daisy Bates are created. Scores of Daisy Bates are springing up around the state - in Wayne, Forsyth, Guilford, and Halifax Counties, among others. Wherever right-wing opportunists stoop to the old racial fear tactic, to harm our public schools, more Daisy Bates are created."

Rev. Barber will presided over the pre-summit reception on Thursday, Dec. 2, which included a screening of the documentary, "Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock." He also headed the Saturday session on school desegregation.

Indeed, this nation's public school systems are racially resegregating at an alarming rate, National NAACP Education Chair Adora Obi Nweze says, and the current crisis in American education means that black children have less and less opportunity to educationally succeed than ever before.

"Oh absolutely, and in many instances, our school districts have never desegregated," Ms. Nweze said, adding that, "For those who did desegregate, efforts are well underway, like here in North Carolina, to 'dismantle those efforts.'"

Pres. Jealous, who delivered the keynote banquet address during the summit, said it is critical for the NAACP to be at the forefront of national educational reform.

"The only way we can pull this country out of the great recession is to educate the next generation to compete in a global economy. That starts with access to a quality, equitable and fair education system," Jealous said in a statement. "Throughout the Summit the NAACP addressed the current problems within our education system, the attempt to re-segregate schools across the country and roll back the clock on the children of this nation."

Churches, activists, educators, and concerned citizens from across the country gathered to participate in this very needed summit. All attendees left very hopeful. I admonish all who are concerned about our future to learn from the past and embrace. I applaud Chair Nweze and the NAACP for their efforts and always being concerned about the light of education. Thank you for reading, and I hope you enjoyed your time OUT AND ABOUT W/Steve.

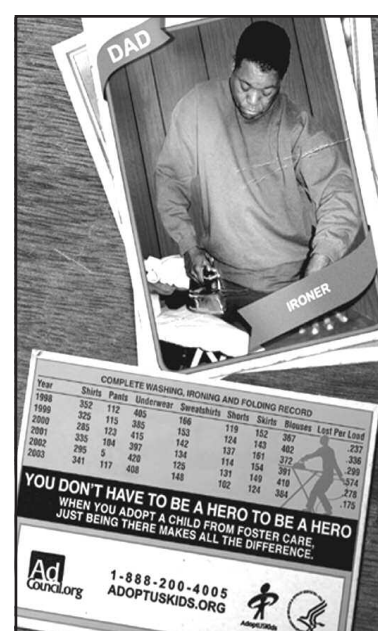
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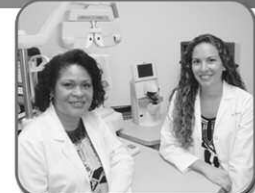
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Parent Leader Urges Florida To Reform Online Education Policies

TAMPA - Highlighting a new national report on digital learning, a Florida parent leader today called on state policymakers to act now to increase access to online learning options and to remove all barriers preventing families from choosing online schools, or risk falling behind other states.

A report released this week by Digital Learning Now (DLN), an independent, bipartisan group co-chaired by former Governors Jeb Bush (R-FL) and Bob Wise (D-WV), called for states to adopt “10 Elements of High Quality Digital Learning” – a set of policy goals to ensure all students have access to multiple high quality online learning opportunities.

Among the DLN’s recommendations is for states to remove restrictions on enrollment in online schools, increase the number of online learning options, and enable students to choose from multiple online schools and course providers.

Wendy Howard, chair of the Florida Chapter of the National Coalition for Public School Options highlighted three areas in which Florida has fallen short of the reports goals.

First, Florida prohibits students who were not enrolled in a public school the prior year from enrolling in their school district’s virtual public school, regardless of their educational need. The DLN report declares that “students who are eligible for public school should be eligible for publicly funded digital learning,” and urges states to “ensure access to high quality digital content and online courses to students in K-12 at any time in their academic career.”

Second, Florida law does not permit students to receive an education from an online school program outside of their resident district. The DLN report specifically addresses such geographic restrictions in the virtual public school context as “illogical,” and

recommends states “not restrict access to high quality digital content and online course based on geography, such as school district, county, or state.”

Finally, Florida law does not allow access to multiple high quality online course providers, nor does it allow for other proven digital learning options, such as virtual charter schools – a model that is thriving in over 20 states. Parents and students in Florida do not have freedom to choose the online public school or course provider. Children can only attend the online program sponsored by their resident district, and the state does not give families choice or access to multiple course providers through its state-run program. The DLN report urges states to give all students “access to multiple high quality providers ... including public, private and nonprofit.”

Howard said, “Here in Florida we have been traditionally viewed as a leader in online education, but there are just too many barriers to access and lack of options for families for that to be true. Sadly, unless changes are made Florida will continue to lag and risks falling further behind many other states.”

According to the 2010 Keeping Pace with K-12 Online Learning Report, Florida ranks near the bottom when compared to other states with multi-district full time online schools, with only 2,400 student enrollments. Comparatively, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and many other states are far ahead of Florida (Ohio and Arizona lead with over 30,000 students enrolled in each state last year). The Keeping Pace Report also finds that even states with a much lower population than Florida, such as Idaho and Nevada, are outpacing the Sunshine State. This same report stated that Florida’s policy has created “confusion” and is “cumbersome, inefficient, and poorly understood within the state.”

Florida also trails several other

states in online course enrollments. According to figures in the Keeping Pace report, last year Ohio had approximately 380,000 online course enrollments, Arizona had 364,000, and Pennsylvania had 295,000 (measuring states’ full time online school students at 12 course enrollments per year; not including district programs). By comparison, last year Florida had approximately 214,000 course enrollments through its state-run program and less than 29,000 in the district programs.

Howard continued, “The only reason Florida is not the true leader in digital learning are these outdated policies that block student access and deny parents options and choices. Florida was one of the first states to embrace online learning thanks to the work of many educators and the vision and leadership of reform-minded policymakers, including former Governor Jeb Bush. But today in Florida, the potential of digital learning is being held back by policies that do not make any sense anymore and only serve to frustrate many parents seeking access to online learning. So the time is now for Florida’s new leaders to step up, really unleash the potential of digital learning, and give students and families the online education opportunities they demand and deserve.”

The Florida Chapter of the National Coalition of Public School Options is organizing parents to ensure their voices are heard as Florida policymakers consider how to ensure public education options are accessible to every Florida family. For more information visit www.public-schooloptions.org/florida/

To review the full Digital Learning Now report visit: [http://excelined.org/Docs/Digital %20Learning%20Now%20Report%20FINAL.pdf](http://excelined.org/Docs/Digital%20Learning%20Now%20Report%20FINAL.pdf)



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NCNW St. Petersburg To Hosts 25th Annual King Breakfast

ST. PETERSBURG - The 25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Breakfast honors King’s legacy of tolerance, peace and equality will be held Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, 7:30 a.m. at The Coliseum, 535 4th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Tickets are currently available for purchase. Information on where to purchase tickets can be obtained by calling Angela Rouson, Coordinator at 727-641-5911 or Signora Farris, President at 727-327-3154.

The national holiday honors Dr. King’s life and contributions

for racial justice and equality. The breakfast is designed to bring the global St. Petersburg community together to celebrate Dr. King’s legacy and to present leadership awards to deserving community members.

Progress Energy will be the presenting sponsor this year, and the City of St. Petersburg is also a sponsor of the event. Area business and government leaders join the St. Petersburg community to remember the importance of Dr. King’s work and legacy, celebrating his birthday as a national holiday and

acting on his teachings and principles of nonviolence and human rights. It also serves as a reminder that the holiday is a day on for community service initiatives and programs promoting interracial cooperation, not just a day off from work or school.

Proceeds from the breakfast are used to benefit the Human Services Programs of the National Council of Negro Women St. Petersburg and restoration of the Historic NCNW Fannye A. Ponder Council House, 1835 9th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Councilman Wengay Newton Sr. Attends 2010 National League Of Cities' Conference

ST. PETERSBURG – Councilman Wengay “Newt” Newton Sr. joined thousands of fellow leaders from across the country for the 2010 National League of Cities’ (NLC) annual Congress of Cities and Exposition in Denver, Colo. The conference offered sessions and workshops to learn and share innovative ideas and solutions for their city’s economic development, infrastructure, sustainability and public safety needs.

More than 2,000 municipal officials heard from nationally-known experts such as L. Hunter Lovins, president and founder of Natural Capitalism. Lovins spoke with delegates about tools and strategies to create more sustainable local governments. Former Florida governor Jeb Bush and Harvard University political scientist Robert D. Putnam discussed steps that governments can take to form successful relationships between immigrants and their new communities.

Additionally, former US Senator Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.) offered his perspective on the current political climate in Washington, DC, in the wake

of the mid-term elections. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack discussed health and wellness and brought video greetings from First Lady Michelle Obama.

“The benefits of attending this Congress of Cities is invaluable. Learning the best practices of other cities will help move St. Petersburg forward into the future,” said Councilman Newton. “Knowledge is power and education is the key. We learn a lot from other cities.”

Each year at the Congress of Cities, local officials make connections and learn about resources to help move their communities forward. Delegates meet with thousands of peers and colleagues from around the country to discover cost-saving programs, products and services; replicate effective programs and create innovative solutions to their community’s most pressing challenges.

Attendees had an opportunity to tour model city programs throughout Denver and its neighboring communities. Mobile workshops included the Scientific Cultural Facilities District, the

US 36 Multi-Modal Transportation Project and Corridor Coalition Building and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

In addition to exploring the Denver region’s most successful municipal programs, conference participants had an opportunity to give back to the local community. In partnership with Gifts In Kind International, a non-profit organization, NLC collected donations from businesses throughout the city, which attendees sorted and distributed to various Denver charities.

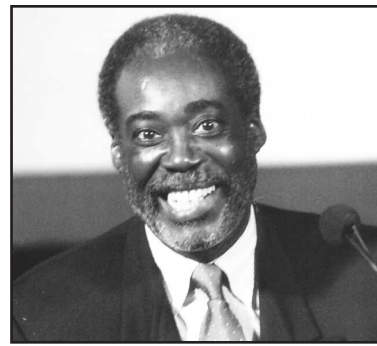
Attendees also participated in leadership training seminars, explored the latest products and services from exhibitors and learned about innovative and award-winning programs for cities and towns through the City Showcase.

The National League of Cities is the nation’s oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.

BLACK HISTORY

“Celebrating Our History Is An Everyday Thing”

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Charles H. Fuller, Jr. is an American playwright, best known for his play, “A Soldier’s Play” for which he received the 1982 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Fuller was born in Philadelphia, in 1939, the son of Charles H. Fuller, Sr. and Lillian Anderson. He attended Roman Catholic High School and then Villanova University (1956-1958), then joined the U.S. Army in 1959, serving in Japan and South Korea. He left the army in 1962, and later studied at La Salle University (1965-1967), earning a DFA. After graduation, he co-founded the Afro-American Arts Theatre in Philadelphia in 1967, co-directing it until 1971. He later moved to New York City, where he still lives.

Fuller, vowed to become a writer after noticing that his high school’s library had no books by African-American authors. He achieved critical notice in 1969 with “The Village: A Party,” a drama about racial tensions between a group of mixed-race couples. He later wrote plays for the Henry Street Settlement theatre and the Negro Ensemble

Company in New York, who have performed several of his plays. His 1975 play “The Brownsville Raid,” is based on the Brownsville Affair, an altercation between black soldiers and white civilians in Brownsville, Texas, in 1906, which led to an entire black regiment being dishonorably discharged though later pardoned in 1976.

He won an Obie Award for “Zooman and the Sign” in 1980, about a black Philadelphia teen who kills a young girl on her own front porch, and whose neighbours eventually rise up against him after being goaded out of their apathy by the girl’s father with a sign. Zooman presents himself as a helpless product of his society, but his victim’s father convinces their neighbours that they need to stand together and achieve justice.

His next work, “A Soldier’s Play,” told the story of the racially charged search by a black captain for the murderer of a black sergeant on a Louisiana army base in 1944, as a means to discuss the position of blacks in white society. Although the play school’s library had no books by African-American authors. He enjoyed a long run, Fuller has said it never played on Broadway because he refused to drop the last line, “You’ll have to get used to black people being in charge.” It nevertheless was a critical success, winning Fuller a Pulitzer in 1982, and being produced as the 1984 film “A Soldier’s Story,”

for which Fuller himself wrote the screen adaptation. His screen-play was nominated for an Academy Award, a Golden Globe Award, and a Writers Guild of America Award, and it won an Edgar Award. After this play, Fuller switched his focus to movies for several years, saying, “I always wanted to reach the most people with my work. Not enough people go to the theater.” He has since written other works for the stage, but they have not been critically acclaimed.

Of his methods for advancing the African-American cause, Fuller said in a 1982 interview, “My argument is on the stage. I don’t have to be angry. O.K.? I get it all out right up there. There’s no reason to carry this down from the stage and into the seats. And it does not mean that I am not enraged at injustice or prejudice or bigotry. It simply means that I cannot be enraged all the time. To spend one’s life being angry, and in the process doing nothing to change it, is to me ridiculous. I could be mad all day long, but if I’m not doing a damn thing, what difference does it make?”

Fuller has received grants from the Rockefeller Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. He has also written short fiction and screenplays, and worked as a movie producer. He is a member of the Writers Guild of America, East.

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chapter’s retiring member, Alma Bell. Ms. Bell served as an educator in Pinellas county schools for thirty-five years. Although she worked at more than one school and on several grade levels, she spent the majority of those years helping first and second graders get a good start in their development. Lisa Wilson presented a plaque to Ms. Bell and congratulated her on her longevity and dedication. Christopher Clark honored Ms. Bell with an original poem that he crafted especially for her and this occasion. As the audience listened to the poem, one could only marvel at the insight this young man revealed in describing the probable feelings of this dedicated teacher during those years. It was truly a moving experience.

“Men of Distinction” was the title given to the seven young men who participated in the fashion show. Their lists of accomplishments were just as awe-inspiring as the fashionable garments they modeled. They are former athletes, current role model program participants, mentors, coaches, community volunteers, and workers in their church ministries. On their jobs, they are builders, educators, entrepreneurs, a public safety specialist, a parks and recreation, and business manager. Handsome, intelligent, self-controlled,

well dressed, and accomplished are a few of the adjectives that make them “Men of Distinction.”

In the casual wear, football jerseys, jogging outfits, and comfortable slacks were the norm. What made them especially appealing was the visual statement made to the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Whatever the garments modeled, a part of each model’s outfit was royal blue. When the business attire came out, there was certainly a difference. Accustomed to looking their best, all wore suits with shirts and accessories to match the season as well as their own personalities. It was the formal wear, however, that truly distinguished them. Fraternities and their influence could be seen as individuals wore gold ties, red ties, blue ties, and even a purple tie, to show their membership in Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternities. The seven models were Sheppard Bethune, Christopher Clark, Jerel Foster, Justin Jones, Jonathan Marina, Fernando Maynor, and Walter Peak. They, were certainly an impressive group ... truly deserving to be called “Men of Distinction”.

During the time the models changed their attire, Christopher Clark returned to pay tribute to all women with a poem entitled, “Through God’s Eyes”. The stillness and reverence evoked by this poem brought a hush over the crowd,

then sounds of joy and expressions of hope. The words were spoken to a crowd, yet to each individual. It was awesome! Clark possesses a very special talent. A fitting end to the event was another solo by Georgetta Clark Peak. Her melodious voice enthralled the audience and they responded with smiles and thunderous applause.

Brandie Macon served as the fashion show commentator. She was introduced by her husband, Brian Macon, a representative of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the brother organization to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Mrs. Macon is a Pinellas County Schools administrator and third vice president of the St. Petersburg chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. The choreographers/trainers for the models were Adrienne Douglas and Pat McGhee. Event committee members included Eloise Thompson and Helen Shaw as co-chairpersons with Alma Bell, Emma Cavin, Yvonne King, Kay Mullen, and Rosa Nesbitt.

Established in 1920 at Howard University in Washington, DC, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is an international, non-profit organization focused on providing scholarship to young people and community services to help all ages. For more information about the organization or the local chapter, go to the internet for www.stpetezetas.org.

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STATE NEWS

Crist Takes Stock Of His Term

BY JOHN KENNEDY
THE NEWS SERVICE OF
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THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE - Gov. Charlie Crist stepped onto the Old Capitol stage at his January 2007 inauguration to the strains of Aaron Copland’s “Fanfare for a Common Man,” promising a bipartisan and open state government, with property-tax cuts to ease the effects of a red-hot housing market.

The past four years, though, have unspooled as anything but common.

With Florida reeling from the recession, the housing market limping from its collapse and his own political future deeply clouded, Crist reflected on his winding-down one term Thursday, sitting with reporters for his exit interview.

Once adored by Florida Republicans for his people skills and burnished for future greatness – maybe even the White House – Crist heads toward the exit reviled by many of former boosters now bitter over his defection from the Republican Party and independent run for U.S. Senate, which ended in defeat.

Next stop: Home, to St. Petersburg. And maybe a little lawyering with his longtime friend, John Morgan, Crist said Thursday.

“A defeat doesn’t mean that everything went wrong. I think it means the people made a different choice,” Crist said, during a half-hour exit interview. “We’re in a much different climate today than we were four years ago.”

Crist blamed the economic crash for curdling politics in Florida and the nation, contributing to his centrist style falling out of fashion. Florida’s unemployment rate has climbed to nearly 12 percent – almost four times the 3.3 percent level of the January day he was sworn in. Runaway home sales ended with the housing collapse, and the state is now staggered by one of the nation’s highest foreclosure rates.

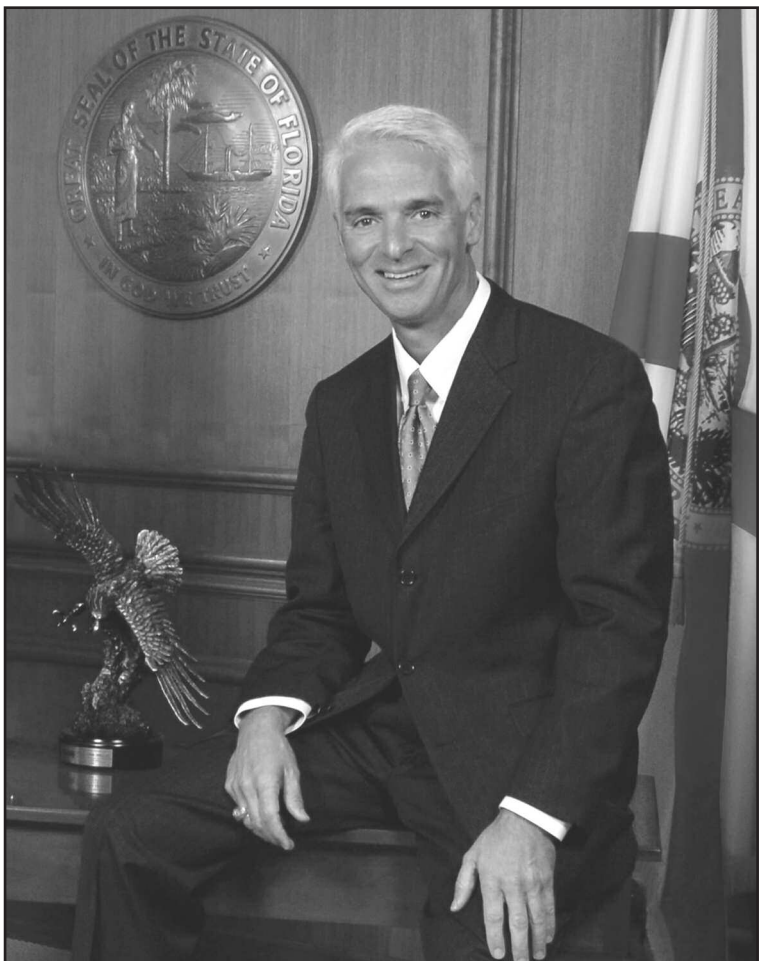
“Those who were successful at fully tapping into that despair and concern were successful,” Crist said of the November elections.

Sitting in the Florida room at the Governor’s Mansion, Crist said, as he has before, that his former Republican Party had bolted too far right for him, leaving him with few cohorts in the middle.

“There’s still some reasonable Republicans, like my parents,” he said, pausing, “and my wife.”

While Crist downplayed talk of running for office again, he didn’t rule it out – hinting he could campaign as a Democrat, Republican, or something in between. Crist said Thursday he plans to attend the Dec. 13 unveiling of what is being called the “No Label Party,” a centrist group aimed at nominating middle-of-the-road state and national candidates in 2012.

“No Labels” is being formed by Mark McKinnon, a former adviser to Arizona Sen. John McCain and President George W. Bush, Democratic fund-raiser Nancy Jacobson, and advisers to New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg,



Gov. Charlie Crist

like Crist, an ex-Republican turned independent.

“It’s become apparent to many that the gridlock we are seeing in Washington is having a very difficult, stagnating effect on the country and being able to move forward,” Crist said. “It breaks my heart that we’re seeing that. When I got elected governor, I think what we tried to do and we were initially successful in was setting a new tone in Tallahassee. It’s one of the things I’m most proud of....We were inclusive of not only the leadership of the House and Senate, but the Democrats.”

Now, however, Crist said he was looking forward to being a “casual observer,” of politics and government. A job with Morgan & Morgan, the Orlando-based personal injury law firm that formerly employed Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp, appears to be developing.

“He’s been with me a long time in a political sense,” Crist said, referring to the firm’s principle, John Morgan. Of job talks with the firm, he said, “It is serious. He (Morgan) is of the people, for the people. I like that.”

The outgoing governor declined to offer advice to his successor, incoming Gov. Rick Scott. But Crist said Scott clearly faces a new challenge – an emboldened Legislature where Republicans hold a commanding two-thirds of the House and Senate.

“It’s a different set of circumstances - they’re veto-proof. And I feel for him for that,” Crist said. “That makes leverage a little difficult. I have such a respect for the balance of power in government...the three branches need a level balance. And I have concerns for that.”

Looking back on policies enacted over his one term, Crist said he didn’t regret accepting federal stimulus money. Refusing the \$24 billion which flowed to Florida the past three years – which Scott has derided for failing to create jobs – would have been a “grave mistake,” Crist said.

He also pointed to his role in the purchase of thousands of acres from U.S. Sugar to help restore the Everglades as a major accomplishment still unfolding.

Crist conceded, though,

that much of his legacy was diminished by the economy and politics. Still, he did not expand on his own role in orphaning some once-touted initiatives.

Crist again promoted his push to enact a strict energy plan aimed at lowering Florida’s dependence on fossil fuels by 2020. He said that is a direction Florida should embrace, although Crist did little to advocate the plan the past two years amid resistance from lawmakers and the state’s business lobby.

His Cover Florida health insurance plan, designed to provide low-cost coverage options for some 3.2 million uninsured Floridians, has attracted only 7,000 families. Insurers, Floridians, and even the governor seemed to have little interest in it. Crist on Thursday acknowledged it needed better marketing.

In all, Crist said his administration was handicapped by the deep international recession.

“It’s hard to be better off than before the global meltdown hit,” Crist said, when asked to take stock of Florida in 2010 compared with four years ago.

“But...I’m proud of what we’ve been able to do in a very challenging time. Our graduation rates have never been higher, our crime rate is the lowest in about 40 years, our taxes were not raised, except on cigarettes which, is probably good health-wise...a lot of people who would have been unemployed, but for my acceptance of Recovery Act moneys, would have been out of jobs,” he concluded.

Crist also said he hasn’t been looking at the political path not taken – one that may have seen him remaining a Republican and running for reelection.

“I sleep very well at night. If you don’t follow your heart and your gut instincts, what is it that you’re following?” he said. “I’m very content. Winning an election isn’t everything. There’s a lot more to life.”

Crist added, “I look forward to the future. I don’t know what it holds, but I am excited about it. And I still have a twinkle in my eye every morning when I wake up.

Miss FAMU Has A Suit For You: Suits For Our Sons

TALLAHASSEE - Miss Florida A&M University (FAMU) Kindall Johnson believes there are so many college students who would dress professionally if they only had the means to do so. In an effort to give them a helping hand, Johnson’s current initiative, “Miss FAMU Has Suits For You: Suits for Our Sons,” will give Rattlers the opportunity to take care of their fellow Rattler.

Johnson is asking alumni and local professionals to donate a new business suit or reach into their closets and donate a gently used suit. She is collecting suits, shirts, ties, blazers, slacks, polos, khakis, belts, hard bottom shoes and any other professional

wear for young men.

“I saw that there was a need to increase the professionalism of young men on campus,” said Johnson, 21, a senior journalism student from Tampa, Fla. “Right now, my vision is to help our young men. I believe that their professionalism will set a standard that will cause young ladies to rise to the occasion. Nonetheless, I would be happy to receive and distribute any items I receive for women.”

Suits can be dropped off at the Fitness Center on Wahnish Way, Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Johnson will distribute all

collected suits the first day of the spring semester, Jan. 5, which is the giveaway day.

“I am targeting freshmen men,” said Johnson. “However, any man on campus who has an interview, wants to improve his image or just needs a nice suit for church is welcome.”

To date, Johnson has collected approximately 50 items.

“To the FAMU alumni, I would like to say, there’s more than one way to give back,” she said. “We look forward to future contributions that will benefit not only the men of FAMU, but the black community and the world.”

FDIC Guide To Managing A Checking Account

In 2001, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) developed a user-friendly financial education curriculum called Money Smart to help consumers take charge of their finances and create a better financial future. Over 18,000 residents of the City of St. Petersburg do not have a banking relationship, relying instead on expensive check cashing businesses. Many people are paying \$1,000 a year or more for services they could obtain for free or for minimal charge at a bank or credit union. The “Check it Out” module of Money Smart offers a guide to learning how to manage checking accounts wisely by providing knowledge, security and confidence. With the right tools, consumers can make their banking relationship work for them, without expensive fees.

DETERMINING YOUR CHECKING ACCOUNT NEEDS

The first step is to determine your checking account needs. When deciding on a checking account, remember that financial institutions offer different types of checking accounts. To determine what you need, think about how you plan to use your checking account. The following questions will help you determine what you need in a checking account.

Convenience

How many checks do you think you will write every month?

Do you want a bank that is close to your home or work?

What are the bank’s hours of operation?

Will you use the ATM often?

Does the bank have ATMs close to where you live or work?

How often do you plan to visit the bank to use teller services?

What other bank services are important to you?

Cost

How much money will you keep in your account?

Will you be charged for writing extra checks?

Are you willing to pay a monthly fee?

If so, how much?

Will you be charged to use your bank’s ATM?

Will you be charged for using other banks’ ATMs?

Will you be charged for

using teller services?

Are there ways to avoid paying fees?

CHECKING ACCOUNT FEES

Ask the bank or credit union for the fee schedule for checking accounts. Compare the costs of the various accounts you are considering. Ask the bank how to avoid fees and about new legislation that can help you avoid overdraft fees in particular. Some of the fees may include:

Monthly Service Fee

Also called a maintenance fee. The bank might charge a fee each month just for having the account. You might also be charged a fee if your balance drops below the required amount. Many financial institutions offer free checking, so it is wise to comparison shop.

Per Check Fee

Some accounts charge a fee for each check you write. Depending on the account, you might pay the fee for each check or only when you write more than a certain number of checks (perhaps five) a month.

Check Printing Fee

You can buy checks from the bank or through the mail from other companies. If you buy checks from the bank, the charge for printing the checks is usually automatically deducted from your checking account. Fancy checks cost more than plain checks. You can buy more than one box at a time. Carbon copy checks are an option.

ATM-Use Fee

You might be charged each time you use the ATM at your bank or each time you use an ATM at a bank other than your own.

Overdraft Fee

Also called insufficient funds or non-sufficient funds (NSF) fee. Expensive fees apply when you bounce a check. The bank will notify you if a check is returned to the person or company to whom it was issued because there was not enough money in the account. Your bank will charge a processing fee to your account because of the cost to return the check. Merchants might also charge a fee if you use a bounced check to purchase goods or services.

Many financial institutions offer “courtesy overdraft protection” or “bounce protection” plans so that your checks do not bounce and you do not

overdraw your account. With these plans, you will avoid the merchant’s returned check fee, but you still have to pay the financial institution an overdraft fee or a bounce coverage fee for each item. New legislation requires the bank to explain that you do not have to use the overdraft protection. Customers who were unfamiliar with all aspects of their checking accounts often were charged a number of costly overdraft fees without realizing this possibility.

A relatively new law called the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act, or check 21, allows an image replacement document or substitute check to have the same legal standing as the original check. Banks can exchange images instead of paper in the check collection process. This means that your check will clear the bank very quickly. So you need to make sure you have the funds to cover it when you write the check.

Returned Deposit Item

Banks might charge a fee if a check you deposit in your account bounces.

Stop-Payment Fee

If you lose a check or need to make sure a check is not paid by the bank for some other reason, you can request a “stop payment.” There is a fee for this service, and the bank might not be able to stop the check before it is paid.

Fee for Helping You Balance Your Checkbook

Some banks will help you balance your checkbook. Others might charge you for this service.

To be continued in a later edition.

The Wealth Building Coalition of Pinellas County promotes community awareness of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and free tax preparation for working families and individuals. Its mission is to promote and expand economic and asset-building opportunities for low and moderate income households throughout Pinellas County. The Wealth Building Coalition is a program of the James B. Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center and is supported by JWB Children’s Services Council and The Weekly Challenger. FDIC is a Coalition partner.

NATIONAL NEWS

Congresswoman Kathy Castor Argues For Seniors

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Kathy Castor argued in favor of a boost for seniors on Social Security to counterbalance the flat cost-of-living increase this year during U.S. House consideration of the Seniors Protection Act. Castor, a member of the Congressional Task Force on Seniors, co-sponsored the Seniors Protection Act, which will give a one-time additional Social Security check to seniors.

The legislation is in response to the Social Security Administration’s recent announcement that monthly benefit checks will not include a cost-of-living adjustment. The Social Security Administration based that decision on inflation calculations by the Bureau of

Labor Statistics

The Seniors Protection Act will provide a \$250 payment to about 54 million Americans. Castor recently visited seniors at River Apartments in Tampa and pledged to them she would extend this lifeline.

“Seniors have told me that the \$250 payments will provide important support during this difficult economic time,” Castor said. “Throughout the past several years, seniors have seen their pensions decline, their retirement savings decline, their health costs increase and, in many cases, their housing costs increase. We must do right by our seniors. Our older neighbors are having trouble staying afloat. For many seniors, Social Security is their primary source

of income. This boost will ease their financial strain and economic stress.”

Six in 10 seniors rely on Social Security for more than half of their income, and approximately one-third of retirees have little other than Social Security on which to live. Approximately 3.7 million Floridians receive Social Security, including about 105,000 in the area Castor represents. Nationwide, more than 50 million Americans receive Social Security benefits. The average monthly retirement benefit is \$1,157.

“We cannot let our parents and grandparents down,” Castor said. “Social Security is a fundamental promise.”

Wells Fargo Promises Greater Corporate Responsibility

WASHINGTON (TEWire) – Wells Fargo, the banking institution that has worked with the NAACP over the past year to improve its fair lending practices, will press to strengthen its services to black consumers in the coming year, including millions in more loans, Wells officials have announced.

“We are aware that thriving small businesses can be the engine that drives the spirit that improves the economic health of our nation,” says Marvin Clark, senior relationship manager and vice president of business banking for Wells Fargo. “Though Wells Fargo is certainly proud of its long history of what we’ve achieved in terms of diversity and inclusion in employment, empowerment, philanthropy and governance, we recognize quite frankly that there’s a great deal more that we can do to learn from you, the free press.”

Clark was speaking to an audience of media moguls, activists, and Washington insiders, who gathered at the National Press Club Nov. 19 for the launch of the Trice Edney News Wire, for which Wells Fargo was a sponsor.

“So, what does this mean to us? It means taking a closer look at how we do business, it means taking a closer look at how we

support communities and consider tangible steps to improve our service to those that we entrust with their finances. It means listening to thought leaders like you and hearing the issues that you hear from the people on the street every day and delivering our commitment back to that community,” Clark said.

Particularly over the past three years, the banking industry has come under fire for lending practices that caused voluminous forecloses in black communities. As Wells Fargo and Wachovia Corporation transition to one company under the Wells Fargo brand, Wells has become the first and remains the only bank to sign the NAACP’s “Fair Lending Principles”, says Monique Morris, NAACP vice president for Economic Programs, in an interview this week.

Morris, who has been on special assignment to work with Wells in its development of community based programs to help them out of the economic mess, was guarded due to a pending a joint announcement with Wells and the NAACP.

“Things are going well,” she said. She added that a “soft launch” is expected in December and a “major announcement in the first quarter of next year.”

In a nutshell, “They have been working with us closely with respect to lending practices, access to services and alternatives in communities of color,” says Morris, who specializes in monitoring data for equity and fairness.

“As time progresses, Wells Fargo will continue to do what is right for our customers and communities in the Mid-Atlantic region as well as across the country. It’s not only good for business, but it’s the right thing to do,” Michelle Thornhill, senior vice president and African-American segment manager at Wells Fargo, told the D.C. audience. Thornhill has said that Wells Fargo has loaned a billion dollars to African-Americans over the past decade and plans to double its lending to African-Americans to \$1 billion more by 2018.

The pending NAACP-Wells Fargo announcement comes during a season of heightened unemployment at 15.7 percent and continued record foreclosures in black communities. The white unemployment rate is 8.8 percent, well under the national average of 9.6 percent. It also comes on the heels of government bail outs of lending institutions that left bad tastes in the mouths of those who have suffered most.

Minority-Owned Businesses Catalyze Job Growth For All Americans

BY DAVID HINSON

WASHINGTON D.C. - The federal government just revealed that private-sector firms created 159,000 new jobs in October. The unemployment rate, however, remains persistently high, at 9.6 percent.

Policymakers continue to search for ways to help those looking for work find jobs. The minority business community should be at the center of that conversation.

Minority firms have been an engine of job growth for the U.S. economy, outpacing growth within the general business community for most of the last decade.

Minority firms are twice as likely to generate sales through exports as non-minority firms.

With these figures in mind, there's no doubt that minority entrepreneurs will lead the American business community's charge to double exports within the next five years, as the President's National Export Initiative has challenged.

While minority-owned businesses are growing at a breakneck pace, disparities continue to exist between minority- and non-minority-owned firms. Just 800,000 of America's nearly 6 million minority firms have more than one employee. The annual revenue for the average minority-owned firm is about \$300,000 less than that of a non-minority-owned firm.

Closing the entrepreneurial revenue gap between minority- and non-minority-owned businesses based on the share of the adult minority population would add \$2.5 trillion to our nation's economic output, creating 11.8 million more American jobs and unleashing the innovation of a long-undervalued economic sector.

options for growth. Otherwise, as history has demonstrated, company revenues plateau and job growth grinds to a halt.

The most successful minority-owned businesses in this country have embraced aggressive models to join the upper echelons of the American economy - and have created thousands of jobs in the process.

Many of the largest black- and Hispanic-owned businesses were created through mergers, acquisitions, or joint investment projects. For instance, McDonalds collaborated with a Hispanic entrepreneur to form Lopez Foods, a top supplier that now generates \$500 million annually in revenue.

Johnson Controls partnered with a minority management team to create Bridgewater Interiors - now a billion-dollar company. And more than 20 years ago, Coca-Cola partnered with a minority investment group to create the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Minority-owned firms don't have to pursue these growth strategies blindly.

The Minority Business Development Agency at the U.S. Department of Commerce supports more than 40 business centers nationwide to help minority-owned firms secure access to capital and contracts and assistance in entering growing foreign markets.

Corporate America can strengthen its efforts to make minority-owned businesses a larger part of its global supply chain, and minority business owners can and should do a better job of embracing aggressive growth models and capitalizing on opportunities for alliances, mergers and strategic partnerships.

At the initial stages of growth, most business owners look to expand their operations in small steps, taking on one new contract or customer at a time. This approach makes sense as a company establishes itself.

But once a firm starts posting sustained profits, it must explore more sophisticated

Adults Need Training To Respond To Bullying

BY ROGER CALDWELL

In the month of September 2010, there were four US teens that received local, regional, and national exposure from the media, because they committed suicide as a result of bullying. It is obvious that there is a fundamental problem in our culture, when teenagers are threatened, intimidated and abused because their sexual orientation is different.

These tragic incidents indicate that our society is failing in protecting our children, and parents, teachers, administrators and leaders are looking the other way and not doing their job. For example, in Florida, James Jones, a father decided to take matters into his own hands and admitted getting on a school bus, and threatened students who were bullying his daughter. There is an epidemic in our schools and it is terrible that someone has to die or almost die

before laws are enacted.

At a federal seminar this year, the Education Secretary Arne Duncan gave 2007 bullying statistics, which are appalling and an indictment on safety in our schools. In 2007, 1 out of 3 students in middle school and high school during the school year reported being bullied. Over 2.8 million students said they have been pushed, shoved, or spit on during the school year. Over 1.5 million have been threatened with harm and 900,000 high school students reported being cyber-bullied.

In every school system, there is a need for diversity training and respect for alternative lifestyle choices. It is important that parents and teachers receive training with the students and learn what to do when there is a problem. The parents and teachers must be aware of the signs, when a student needs help.

New Jersey student Tyler Clementi jumped from a bridge after his roommate allegedly taped him having sex with a man and posted it on the internet. Asher Brown, a 13 year old from Houston Texas shot himself after being accused of being gay. Seth Walsh and Billy Lucas of Indiana hung themselves for being bullied for their sexual orientation.

Teasing and practical jokes is something that teens and young adults do when they are having fun. However, there is a thin line when the teasing is vicious, malicious, and becomes a criminal act. Laws will have to be enacted to stop and control bullying in our schools.

Opening the lines of communication with the students is vital, if our society accepts respect for everyone. Because someone is different or sick does not condone disrespectful, bullying, and aggressive behavior.

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until a later date. “I will be releasing a list of activities which will be undertaken by NNPA and the President, as a result of the meeting and that story would depict future plans and involvement between NNPA and the President.”

Some of the actions that

Bakewell has taken on behalf of the African-American community and as chairman of the NNPA, include testifying before Congress during the census count; seeking ways for NNPA members to get their fair share of stimulus dollars; holding elected officials accountable; and raising the organization’s profile to act on, instead of reacting to,

problems within the African-American community.

The NNPA, which has a membership of approximately 200 newspapers, has been and continues to be, a group of the President’s unwavering supporters, and who has carried his message non-stop, unfiltered and unblemished, to its constituency and beyond.

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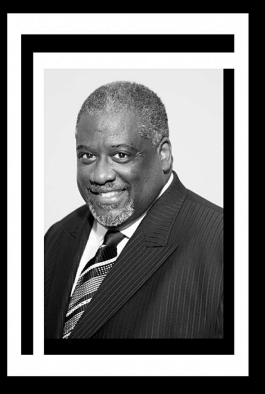


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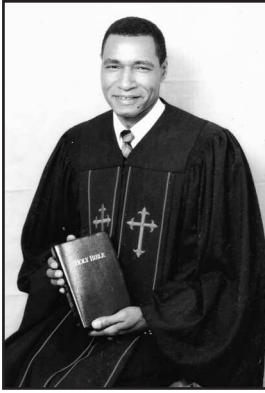
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Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.
Baptist Training Union ..... 5:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Thursday 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



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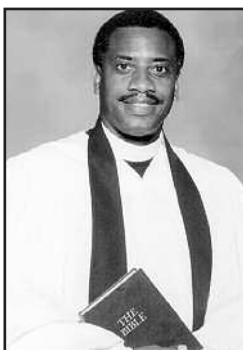
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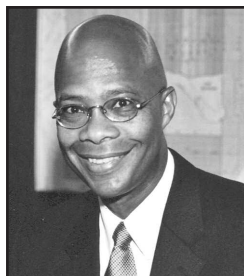
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Bible Study (Wednesday) .....7:00 p.m.



Rev. Rickey L. Houston, Pastor

“God’s House In The City”

CHURCH NEWS

Matters Of The Heart Ministry

When: Saturday, Dec. 12
Where: Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 4200 17th Ave N., St. Petersburg
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
“Tis the Season to be Jolly” when Friends and family come together to share the joy, peace, love and blessings of God during this Christmas Holiday

Season” Everyone is invited to attend Matters of the Heart Radio Ministry Anointed Christmas Event for a time of High Spiritual praise and worship, singing, praise dancers, inspirational messages, Comedy and Special Gifts of Love. God has a blessing with your name on it, so you need to

be present to receive your blessing. It is our prayer that you’ll be there. Merry Christmas “ Delectables “ will be served.

Contact Princess Denise for additional information at 727-488-8818 or email: princess-denise.8818@yahoo.com.

Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

“Impact the world by equipping believers to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

On Saturday, December 11th at 4 p.m., our Home Going Ministry presents its Annual Service of Remembrance for love ones who’ve departed this life. Pastor Patrick Banks - The House of Hope International Ministries - will preside over this memorial service in our main sanctuary, 955 20th Street South.

All Hail King Jesus 2011, “Triumphal Entry.” Our Music & Performing Arts Ministry will conduct two interest meetings 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 14 and 28, in our main sanctuary.

Our Children and Youth Ministry presents “The Christmas Story” 4 p.m. Sunday, December 19, in our main sanctuary. Special performances by our mime, youth praise dancers, children’s choir, school of music, and The Starlights Performing Arts, Inc.

30 Minutes ... can make a difference in your life! Join us for Mid-Day Bible Study Wednesdays, Noon to 12:30 p.m., in our main sanctuary.

Be sure to tune in to WRXB, Praise 1590AM, 7:30 a.m. Saturday mornings to hear Pastor Murphy share a Word from the Lord.

Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, 955 20th St. S. Phone: 727-894-4311. www.mzprogressive.org.

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

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

December Calendar

of Events

Dec. 11-Pastor’s Aid Meeting at 11:00 a.m.
Deaconess Meeting at 12:00 p.m.
Women’s Bible Study
“Christian Fellowship-Christmas Cookie Exchange at 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 18-Christmas with the Community. Everyone is Invited (3:30 p.m.)

Dec. 24-Christmas Eve
Dec. 25-Christmas Day
Dec. 31-Watch Night Services at St. Mark M.B.C. Also at St. Mark ...

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

Baptist Training Union

is each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Members and the general public are invited to come out and study the Bible with us and learn “What Baptist Believe.”

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

Young Adult Ministry every Monday from 7-8:00 p.m. (Bible Study).

Sunday School Teachers’ Meeting is held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

United For Christ Freewill Baptist Church

United For Christ Freewill Baptist Church is in search of a

musician. Please contact Pastor Ford for more information,

727-258-4993, Church cell phone 727-744-3589.

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church, “God’s House in the City,” under the leadership of Dr Rickey L. Houston extends an invitation to the community to join us as we declare the living Word of God. Join us at 9:00 a.m. for Sunday School and at 10:15 a.m. worship service. Bible Study and Teen Summit/Children Rising are held on Wednesday evening, at 7:00 p.m.

We are committed to a Christ-centered, people-centered, team-centered and Bible-based ministry; with priorities focused on love, forgiveness, unity, peace and growth. We celebrate in

worship, we care for one another, we cultivate the fullest spiritual life possible both individually and corporately; and we communicate God’s truth at every opportunity. Living out these principles results in a kaleidoscope of ministries for all ages and interests. We also encourage the community to make use of our Prayer Line. (727-321-9645)

Bethel will observe its annual Memorial Service for those members who had their homegoing in 2010 on Sunday, December 19th during the morning worship service. Family and friends are invited to join us

in this service of remembrance.

Faith Bible Institute (FBI) is now accepting applications for elective courses. These courses are open to anyone 12 grade and older. The first elective being offered beginning January 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. is a six (6) week course in Eschatology, the study of the Doctrine of Prophecy. Please contact the church office for additional information.

“Working as God’s Chosen in 2010” John 15:16, Titus 2:14, I Peter 2:9.

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Donations Benefit Farmworker Children And Families



Above left, attendees gather and listen as Lourdes Villanueva, right, former RCMA student who returned after college and now is employed as a social worker for RCMA speaks.



ST. PETERSBURG - The children of immigrant farm worker families move from field to field depending on whether it's time for planting or harvesting. This presents a difficulty for children to access early childhood development education that could enhance their chance of breaking the cycle of poverty often associated with being a farm worker. In 1965, the Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) was established to help these families and children by

providing child care and educational programming from early childhood development to adulthood.

On Dec. 3, Church Women United (CWU) gathered at Bethel AME and filled a van with donations of food, good clothes, toys, books and personal care items that RCMA will deliver to farmworker families mainly living in Immokalee.

In addition, CWU brought attention to social justice issues facing immigrant workers and

did focus on two current legislative issues. The two legislative issues are: 1) Discourage Florida legislature from endorsing the Arizona Immigration Law and 2) Encourage th U.S. Congress to pass the "Dream Act", that stipulates that children of illegal immigrants who are attending college successfully should not be deported. RCMA needs volunteers and more donations. If you're interested in helping please call 800-282-6540 or visit its website RCMA.org.

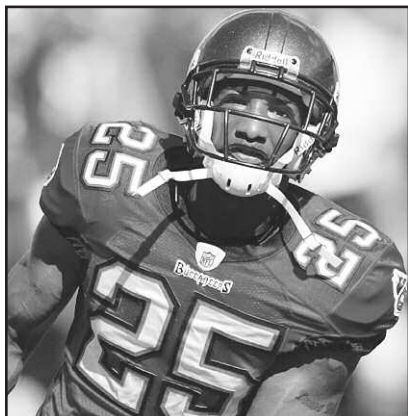
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BUCS ***CORNER***



Bucs Place CB Talib, C Faine On Injured Reserve



BY FRED GOODALL

Cornerback Aqib Talib and center Jeff Faine were placed on

Talib arguably is the team's best player on defense. He is tied for

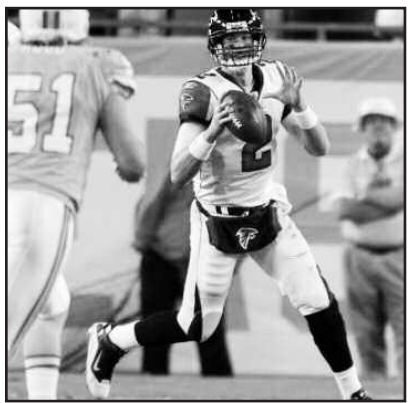
Injuries have forced Morris to constantly adjust the lineup, particularly on the offensive line, where the Bucs figure to begin next Sunday's game at Washington with four inexperienced starters pressed into duty because of injuries: rookie guards Ted Larsen and Derek Hardman, third-year tackle James Lee and versatile third-year pro Jeremy Zuttah, who's started one game at right guard and four more at center, filling in while Faine was sidelined.

Talib was a first-round draft pick in 2008 and generally draws the assignment of covering the opposing team's top receiver. He returned one of his six interceptions for a touchdown. Second-year pro E.J. Biggers will replace him in the starting lineup, and rookie Myron Lewis likely will assume an expanded role as a backup.

UP NEXT FOR THE BUCS:

The Bucs (7-5) will travel to Washington to face the Redskins (5-7) Sunday, December 12th at 1 p.m.

Falcons Rally For 28-24 Win Over Buccaneers



BY FRED GOODALL

Atlanta (10-2) retained sole possession of first place in the NFC

“The mindset was the same. We

Tampa Bay turned Sean Jones' interception into a touchdown to pull even in the closing seconds of the first half. Ryan's second turnover led to

"I think a good or great team, they go out and finish games," Morris said. "We're not going to wait until we become a veteran team to go out and try to finish games. We've got to do it the next four weeks."

Miami Looking Forward To Matchup With Notre Dame

Shannon's predecessor has not been determined yet. Athletic

The Hurricanes will begin

“Forget about the quarterback,

Miami has lost three of its last four bowl games, including both games under Shannon.

"I'm hoping and praying that you're going to see a team full of energy and fired up to play this game," Stoutland said.

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