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NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL ISSUE

FAMU Named One Of The Most Popular National Universities



FAMU President James H. Ammons

TALLAHASSEE - Florida A&M University (FAMU) has been named one of the Top 15 most popular national universities in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. FAMU is the only historically black college or university that is ranked in the Top 15 with other Ivy League universities such as Harvard, Stanford, Yale, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Princeton. University of Florida is the only other university in Florida to be listed in the top 20.

The list is compiled by the yield of students who enroll in a university after being accepted.

"This ranking shows that FAMU remains a popular choice of students across the country. "We are proud of this ranking and all of the others we

have received since fall 2011. This year marks our quasiquintennial and this achievement builds on our momentum as we celebrate our legacy of excellence," said FAMU President James H. Ammons

According to the U. S. News and World Report's website, one of the best indicators of a school's popularity among students is the school's yield the percentage of applicants accepted by a college who end up enrolling at that institution in the fall. In fall 2010, FAMU accepted 4,993 and the first year enrollment was 2,815; therefore, 56.4 percent of the students who were accepted were enrolled as part of the fall 2010 class.

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Presidential Proclamation National African American History Month, 2012

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION - The story of African Americans is a story of resilience and perseverance. It traces a people who refused to accept the circumstances under which they arrived on these shores, and it chronicles the generations who fought for an America that truly reflects the ideals enshrined in our founding documents. It is the narrative of slaves who shepherded others along the path to freedom and preachers who organized against the rules of Jim Crow, of young people who sat-in at lunch counters and ordinary men and women who took extraordinary risks to change our Nation for the better. During National African American History Month, we celebrate the rich legacy of African Americans and honor the remarkable contributions they have made to perfecting our Union.

This year's theme, "Black Women in American Culture and History," invites us to pay special tribute to the role African American women have played in shaping the character of our Nation — often in the face of both racial and gender discrimination. As courageous visionaries who led the fight to end slavery and tenacious activists who fought to expand basic civil rights to all Americans, African American women have long served as

champions of social and political change. And from the literary giants who gave voice to their communities to the artists whose harmonies and brush strokes captured hardships and aspirations, African American women have forever enriched our cultural heritage. Today, we stand on the shoulders of countless African American women who shattered glass ceilings and advanced our common goals. In recognition of their legacy, let us honor their heroic and historic acts for years to come.

The achievements of African American women are not limited to those recorded and retold in our history books. Their impact is felt in communities where they are quiet heroes who care for their families, in boardrooms where they are leaders of industry, in laboratories where they are discovering new technologies, and in classrooms where they are preparing the next generation for the world they will inherit. As we celebrate the successes of African American women, we recall that progress did not come easily, and that our work to widen the circle of opportunity for all Americans is not complete. With eyes cast toward new horizons, we must press on in pursuit of a high-quality education for every child, a job for every American who wants one, and a fair chance at prosperity for every individual and family across our Nation.



President Barack Obama

During National African American History Month, we pay tribute to the contributions of past generations and reaffirm our commitment to keeping the American dream alive for the next generation. In honor of those women and men who paved the way for us, and with great expectations for those to follow, let us continue the righteous cause of making America what it should be — a Nation that is more just and more equal for all its people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2012 as National African American History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

New Digs For Childs Park Recreation Center

SPECIAL TO THE CHALLENGER

ST. PETERSBURG - Childs Park Recreation Center is sporting a newly remodeled building with lots of amenities. There are fun and exciting activities for the whole family, not just the kiddies. Adults have access to the computer lab, and if you're not computer savvy you can sign up for a class. Want to learn Spanish? Well, there's a class for that too. Did you forget about that New Year's resolution to drop some pounds and get healthy? Let the newly remodeled fitness room jog your memory. Activities range from Zumba fitness classes to hitting balls on the tennis court.



Yolanda Anderson Childs Park Center Director with Bro John Muhammad, Neighborhood Association President at Childs Park Grand Opening in 2011.

There is no excuse not to get moving.

Of course, there are countless amounts of activities

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L-R, Childs park Teens Staff Louise Fowler Teen Sup I, Deondrick Royal YDW, and Elmira Walter YDW

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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.

OPINION

Expand Your Mind During Black History Month



BY JAMES CLINGMAN

(TriceEdney Wire.com) - Here we go again, right?

It's Black History Month; get ready for the deluge of regurgitated information that always comes along this time of the year. Be prepared to hear MLK reduced to two lines; you know them, "I've been to the mountaintop" and "I have a dream." Get ready to hear the song, "We shall overcome," if you have not heard it already. Sit back and watch the TV vignettes and 30-second sound bites from singers, actors, and athletes. And, yes, I am sure you will be rejuvenated by all the information regarding who invented what.

Not to make light of Black History Month, but does it ever occur to you how you get your Black History and from whom you get it? I am sure Carter G. Woodson, back in 1926, when he offered up Black History Week, did not intend for his idea to be parroted, parodied, and pirated by commercials that sit in cans only to be opened once each

year for Black History Month. I would venture to guess that he wanted us to really learn about ourselves, to know ourselves to the point of being able to tell our own story instead of having it told to us and sold to us by corporate marketers and unscrupulous profiteers.

No, I believe we can best pay homage to Dr. Woodson and his initiative of celebrating Black History, first, by learning as much as we can about it, and then by sharing it with others — with the world. Unfortunately, many of us just sit back and wait for February to roll around so we can "get our pride on" through passive participation in what Carter determined to be the very foundation of our progress in this country: knowing our own history.

I began my Black History Month with two delightful experiences. I served as visiting professor at Howard University to teach a class on Black Business History and Entrepreneurship, and I was the guest on WOL 1450 Radio with Carl Nelson for two hours, during which time we discussed not only history but solutions to some of the chal-

lenges we face in this country. For the balance of the month, I will speak to a group of young people on Black History, speak at another Black History event at a college, and participate in Black Heritage Day at our church here in Cincinnati.

Why not try something different this time for Black History Month? Try expanding your knowledge of the subject, which far exceeds what will be thrown at us for four weeks. Search out little known information about yourself and your people, beyond your own family line.

Learn more than the fact that Jan Matzeliger revolutionized the shoe making industry with his shoe lasting machine; learn about black men and women who once owned, or still do own, shoe repair shops in your city.

Learn more than the fact that Garrett Morgan invented the traffic light; learn that Charles Patterson owned an automobile manufacturing business and sold a car, The Patterson, that some say were better than Packards and Fords.

In other words, dig deeper during Black History Month; expand your mind by increasing your knowledge

of the entire spectrum of Black History. There is a veritable feast of valuable information at your fingertips. It is shameful that more of us don't access it and share it with our children. It is also dangerous for black people in general not to know as much as possible about who we are and what we have accomplished.

Woodson posited, "Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history." He also offered the following admonishment: "If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated."

If you expand your mind during Black History Month, you will seek out Black History all year long. In addition, you will be very proud of your people and maybe, just maybe, you or your progeny just might be the next black inventor, or the next Reginald Lewis, or the next Earl Graves, or the next Gerald Lawson, or the next Patricia Bath, or the next Cathy Hughes, or the next...

Many Are Like Romney -
'Not Concerned' About The Very Poor



BY REVEREND JESSE L. JACKSON, SR.

(TriceEdney Wire.com) - Mitt

Romney created a firestorm for saying that he was "not concerned about the very poor." Romney later explained that he "misspoke," and that he'd said something "similar to that, but quite acceptable, for a long time."

The real problem isn't that it misstates Romney's concerns, but that it accurately states our bipartisan political consensus. Romney's "gaffe" states a central truth: This nation shows too little concern about the poor.

The rich rulers in high places show amazing indifference to the poor while commercializing a religion that is rooted in a poverty-stricken Jesus. Jesus' mission was to preach good news to the poor, heal the brokenhearted and set the captives free. Too many of those in power are woefully silent about the predicament of the poor.

One in three Americans is in poverty or classified as low income.

More than 17 million children live in a household that is "food insecure," the technical term for going hungry.

One out of every 45 children — 1.5 million in all — is homeless. Of the industrial nations, the U.S. lags in ensuring that poor children get a fair start with adequate nutrition, prenatal care, stable housing and high-quality education.

Most poor people, contrary to what Newt Gingrich might think, are working. When the poor finish high school and can't afford college, they join the military and perform risky work for America. Unfortunately, many soldiers come home to foreclosure, unemployment and no health care. Hospital workers wipe our brows, clear our bedpans and change our beds when we are sick. They work every day that they can. They take the early bus. They work in minimum-wage and subminimum-wage jobs that can't lift a family out of poverty.

The poor are Appalachian coal miners who work without adequate safety protections. They are veterans who return victorious from wartime battlefields to face defeat in economic crossfires. The poor tend our children,

mow our lawns; they clean up the hotel rooms that Romney and Gingrich sleep in. But the poor can't afford adequate health care, stable housing, or to send their kids to college.

Yet neither party "concerns" itself with the very poor. They tend not to vote. They can't afford lobbyists. They don't make campaign contributions. Even as poverty spreads, politicians in both parties talk about the middle class.

We need targeted intervention by our federal government to provide jobs for our people — an FDR-like program that hires our youth, our returning soldiers, our chronically unemployed.

The last president to express real concern about the poor was Lyndon Johnson. He launched the War on Poverty. By raising the minimum wage, launching jobs programs, extending welfare for poor mothers and children, aiding poor schools, expanding food stamps and Medicare, and building affordable housing, Johnson made dramatic strides in reducing poverty.

When Ronald Reagan came in,

he painted a dishonest picture of welfare mothers living high on the state. He slashed taxes on the wealthy, doubled the military budget in peacetime and sought to slash poverty programs.

Ironically, the more both parties talk about the middle class, the more the middle class declines. The decline of the minimum wage and of labor unions contributed to declining wages. Good jobs were shipped abroad. College was priced out of the reach of more and more families. Health care costs soared.

Romney said the poor had a safety net, but he would "fix it" by shredding it. He and Gingrich promise more top-end tax cuts, more military spending and less government spending, that would require savage cuts in programs for the poor from aid to poor schools, prenatal care for mothers, Pell grants for college students, to affordable housing and more.

Conservatives argue that America is a Christian nation, but these realities offend the faith. Jesus embraced his mission to "preach good news to the poor." He would judge us by how we treated the "least of these."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dr. Jenkins Keynotes 30th Annual Women's Retreat

SPECIAL TO THE
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ST. PETERSBURG - Dr. Tara Jenkins, noted author and Christian leader, will be the keynote speaker for the annual Christian Women's Retreat planned by the Women's Growth Institute of Southside Tabernacle Baptist Church. Scheduled for March 9 and 10 at the downtown Hilton Hotel, this event marks the 30th year the women of Southside Tabernacle Baptist have invited spiritually anointed leaders, teachers, and musicians to provide inspiration and guidance to women and teens. The retreat theme is "Women Fully Relying on God's Promises." The scripture reference is II Chronicles 7:14.

Dr. Jenkins is married to Pastor Charles Jenkins, author, songwriter and senior pastor of the historic Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago. Through her position as the first lady of a 7,000 member congregation, she has had the opportunity to develop the

Daughters of Royalty Women's Ministry to empower other Christian women. In addition, she has launched the Ministry Mates Institute for Online Learning, now established as the empowerment headquarters for wives of senior pastors. Through her leadership during monthly gatherings, wives of other pastors have been able to positively impact and strengthen the women's ministries within their own congregations.

A graduate of Clark-Atlanta University with a bachelor's degree in Communications, Dr. Jenkins completed her master of arts degree in Biblical Studies at the Moody Bible Institute. She received a doctorate of education in Leadership from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Her dissertation topic was, "The Identification of Essential Components for Equipping Pastors' Wives for Ministry." She is a native of Jackson, TN and has been married to Pastor Jenkins for eleven years. They are the parents of Princess, Paris, and Charles, III.



Dr. Tara Jenkins

Among the books she has authored are "Wisdom for Wives: 21 Things Every Pastor's Spouse Should Know" and "Moments with the Master: 21 Meditations to Jumpstart Your Devotional Life." In her spare time, she enjoys doing professional voiceover services. Her voice has been heard on radio spots for Wal-Mart, Toyota, and numerous other companies. Dr. Jenkins' personal statement by which she lives is as follows: "Strive to be at the top because the bottom is overcrowded!"

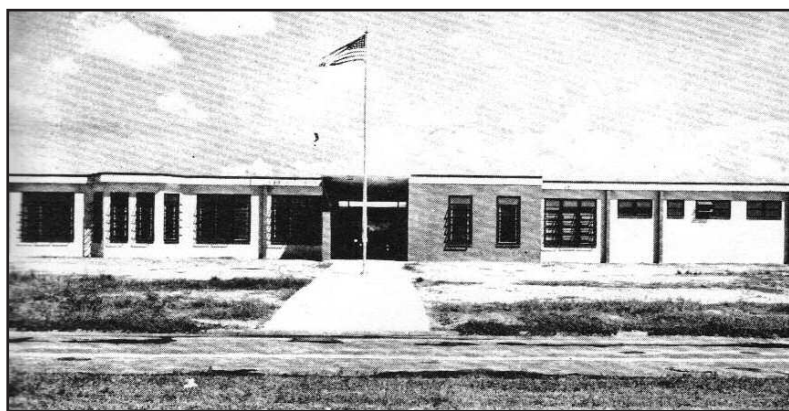
For registration forms, costs, and information, call Southside Tabernacle Baptist Church at 727-327-9711.

Remembering Pinellas Junior-Senior High School

CLEARWATER - Bridging the Achievement Gap is sponsoring a program entitled "Remembering Pinellas High School." The event takes place Feb. 29 from 6-8 p.m. at old Pinellas High School located at 1220 Palmetto Street in Clearwater (now known as Clearwater Intermediate). Knowing that the Pinellas County School System is celebrating their Centennial, it seems appropriate to remember Pinellas Junior-Senior High School.

The history of Pinellas Junior-Senior High School is one to be proud of. It opened in 1914, on Madison Avenue in northern Pinellas County. The school served the black community as the Pinellas Industrial Institute for domestic science and vocational training. It was later christened Pinellas Junior-Senior High School, graduating its first class in 1934. In 1954, the school was moved to Palmetto Street with a student population approaching one thousand in grades 7-12.

In the early 1960s, it was attended by students from Clearwater, Largo, Dunedin, Seminole, Safety Harbor, Oldsmar, Tarpon Springs and even Pasco County. The Pinellas Junior-Senior High School offered a strict



academic curriculum and business oriented courses. Along with industrial arts such as home economics, tailoring, dry cleaning, shoe repair programs, concrete finishing, and carpentry, it also boasted a physical education department with football and basketball teams. The arts were not ignored either. Extra circular activities included choral and dance ensembles, and an award-winning band program throughout the 1950s and 1960s.

With the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Pinellas County was forced to desegregate the school and students were integrated in to local community schools; however, Pinellas Junior-Senior High School must not be forgotten.

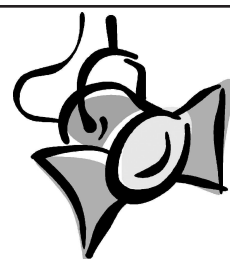
Therefore, this year Bridging the Achievement Gap is having a program entitled

"Remembering Pinellas High School." Churches, organizations and individuals are making donations so the public can attend this event free of charge.

The program will involve mingling, introducing former teachers, students of the class of 1955, and introductions of athletes that will be nominated and inducted into the Black High School Hall of Fame.

Along with the key speaker and 1959 graduate Dr. Calvin Harris, there will be four other graduates that will briefly give a testimony on how PHS helped them to achieve their career goals. A plaque will be presented to the school by Mrs. Lillie McGarrah, Chair of BTAG.

The event is free to the public. Light refreshments will follow.



Community Spotlight

By Emma Cavin • Special to the Challenger

Kevin Mims

Student, Aspiring Baker, Restaurant Worker

Kevin Mims left his home town, Augusta, GA, a few years ago, but he made it to St. Petersburg just last year. He came here from Tampa, where he and a group of friends decided to stay after coming down for a weekend of fun. A weekend turned into a couple of weeks. Money was a bit short, so he got a job, then an apartment, and began to settle down. But that was before any of them visited St. Petersburg or other areas in Pinellas County. The beautiful blue waters, white sandy beaches, and friendly helpful residents made Mims and his friends find a way to stay here. After all, they could enjoy the beaches throughout the year, not just on the weekends. His background in culinary arts led him to look for a job in a restaurant.

"I have worked at a number of different occupations," said Mims. "I have actually been working since I was 13 years old. I did odd jobs for family members and neighbors. My first real job was with my father's childhood mentor. He owned a diesel truck shop. No, I did not learn how to be a mechanic; I worked on his computer, kept his records up to date, and filed business documents. I wasn't involved with school sports, so I had a lot of time to study and to work. Then, my uncle hired me. He owned a fixit business where he made repairs and renovations. I was a helper, which means that I took down walls and did some of the landscaping and gardening. The next job was at a fast food restaurant. I saved every penny that I could save, but when the time came to go to college, there still was not enough money to cover all of my needs. I had to find my own way to go to college or a trade school. My parents did not allow me to sit around and do nothing. They have both influenced many of my decisions. As I was growing up, my mom volunteered in my school and always had snacks for me and my friends. My dad is a cross-country truck driver and a hard worker. The first trip I made to Florida was in his truck. I never forgot it."

There were so many things Mims wanted to do, so he tried several of them. First, he went to Virginia Technical College to study



massage therapy. While there, he also studied medical coding and billing. Then, he had a stint in the Job Corp program. Although he was a good student, he says that he did not know what Job Corps was all about until he got there. It did not take long for him to find something he wanted to do, however. "I love to make cakes," he said, "So I became interested in the culinary arts program as soon as I heard about it. I give my grandmother credit for my love of cooking. She often ordered me (lovingly) to get out of the kitchen and go direct traffic somewhere, instead of being in her way. It was just teasing on her part, of course. I spent a lot of time in the kitchen with my grandmother and my mom. Since I was the only male cousin around for a long time, I was like a big brother to my cousins and my sister, who is 10 years younger. The time with my parents and grandmother was not wasted. I do want to go back to school and finish the culinary arts course. In addition to cakes, I think that I might enjoy catering."

"Some day," Mims related, "I would like to own a place for hanging out and eating desserts, all made by me. Right now, I am just enjoying my new home and working. Eventually, I might even go back to college."

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Caring for the Soul

BY VIKKI T. GASKIN-BUTLER, M.DIV., PH.D.

Some time ago I spoke with the youth of our church about excellence. I told them, “Excellence is your only option.” Many died to make the dreams of our children a reality. When I see the high rates of illiteracy and poverty in our community, I wonder whether we’ve told our children that people died so they could learn to read and write. I wonder whether anyone has told our children that many died to secure their right to vote and attend desegregated schools. Many also died to desegregate public places and spaces. I wonder whether anyone has said to them that excellence is often birthed through struggle.

Yes, we experience oppression in many

ways. However, oppression is only one part of our story.

As the poetry of at least two African American sororities confirms, “The blood of kings and queens flows through my [our] veins.” Therefore, excellence is in our life’s blood.

Maybe this year during Black History Month we can make a vow to teach our children about our history – not only this month, but throughout the year. Maybe we can serve as role models for them, showing them that excellence is their only option. Success in life is not a choice, but a requirement. We owe it to our ancestors to achieve great things.



Paula Safko, Childs Park RCA with Mayor Bill Foster at Childs Grand opening that was held on December 10, 2011.

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for the kids. Flag football, basketball, tennis, and gym time will help keep them busy and out of trouble.

Childs Park youth program is a safe haven for your children; it allows them to express themselves in a safe, structured and supervised environment. Through youth counseling for elementary school age children, and teen counseling for those in middle school, the staff is working hard to help your children grow up to be productive young adults.

The afterschool program is designed to help your child succeed in school. Free tutoring and enrichment clubs are available for those who are enrolled. Teachers are certified and will assist anyone needing help with homework. Before school programs are available also.

The community at large will be able to benefit immensely from the recreation center. The



Kitchen facility



Fitness Center



Zumba Class

new multi-purpose room is perfect for weddings and baby showers, birthday parties, business meetings and more. A large kitchen is also at your disposal for catered affairs.

A great time to check the

facility out and have any questions answered will be at the Black History Family Fun Day. Come on out next Saturday, Feb. 25 from 12-6 p.m. There will be food, games, and live entertainment.

Whitney, We Will ‘Always Love You!’

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Whitney Houston, who ruled as pop music’s queen until her majestic voice and regal image were ravaged by drug use, erratic behavior and a tumultuous marriage to singer Bobby Brown, will be laid to rest on Saturday.

News of Houston’s death came on the eve of music’s biggest night — the Grammy Awards. It’s a showcase where she once reigned, and her death cast a heavy pall on Sunday’s ceremony.

“I am absolutely heartbroken at the news of Whitney’s passing,” music producer Quincy Jones said in a written statement. “I always regretted not having had the opportunity to work with her. She was a true original and a talent beyond compare. I will miss her terribly.”

At her peak, Houston was the golden girl of the music industry. From the middle 1980s to the late 1990s, she was one of the world’s best-selling artists. She wowed audiences with effortless, powerful, and peerless vocals that were rooted in the black church but made palatable to the masses with a pop sheen.

Her success carried her beyond music to movies, where she starred in hits like “The Bodyguard” and “Waiting to Exhale.”

She had the perfect voice, and the perfect image: a gorgeous singer who had sex appeal but was never overtly sexual, who maintained perfect poise.

She influenced a generation of younger singers, from Christina Aguilera to Mariah Carey, who when she first came out sounded so much like Houston that many thought it was Houston.

But by the end of her career, Houston became a stunning cautionary tale of the toll of drug use. Her album sales plummeted and the hits stopped coming; her once serene image was shattered by a wild demeanor and bizarre public appearances. She confessed to abusing cocaine, marijuana and pills, and her once pristine voice became raspy and hoarse, unable to hit the high notes as she had during her prime.

“The biggest devil is me. I’m either my best friend or my worst enemy,” Houston told ABC’s Diane Sawyer in an infamous 2002 interview with then-husband Brown by her side.

It was a tragic fall for a superstar who was one of the top-selling artists in pop music history, with more than 55 million records sold in the United States alone.

She seemed to be born into greatness. She was the daughter of gospel singer Cissy Houston, the cousin of 1960s pop diva Dionne Warwick and the god-daughter of Aretha Franklin.

Houston first started singing in the church as a child. In her teens, she sang backup for Chaka Khan, Jermaine Jackson and others, in addition to modeling. It was around that time when music mogul Clive Davis first heard Houston perform.

“The time that I first saw her singing in her mother’s act in a club ... it was such a stunning impact,” Davis told “Good Morning America.” To hear this young girl breathe such fire into this song. I mean, it really sent the proverbial tingles up my

spine,” he added.

Before long, the rest of the country would feel it, too. Houston made her album debut in 1985 with “Whitney Houston,” which sold millions and spawned hit after hit. “Saving All My Love for You” brought her her first Grammy, for best female pop vocal. “How Will I Know,” “You Give Good Love” and “The Greatest Love of All” also became hit singles.

Another multiplatinum album, “Whitney,” came out in 1987 and included hits like “Where Do Broken Hearts Go” and “I Wanna Dance With Somebody.”

The New York Times wrote that Houston “possesses one of her generation’s most powerful gospel-trained voices, but she eschews many of the churchier mannerisms of her forerunners. She uses ornamental gospel phrasing only sparingly, and instead of projecting an earthy, tearful vulnerability, communicates cool self-assurance and strength, building pop ballads to majestic, sustained peaks of intensity.”

Her decision not to follow the more soulful inflections of singers like Franklin drew criticism by some who saw her as playing down her black roots to go pop and reach white audiences. The criticism would become a constant refrain through much of her career. She was even booed during the “Soul Train Awards” in 1989.

“Sometimes it gets down to that, you know?” she told Katie Couric in 1996. “You’re not black enough for them. I don’t know. You’re not R&B enough. You’re very pop. The white audience has taken you away from them.”

Some saw her 1992 marriage to former New Edition member and soul crooner Bobby Brown as an attempt to refute those critics. It seemed to be an odd union; she was seen as pop’s pure princess while he had a bad-boy image, and already had children of his own. (The couple had a daughter, Bobbi Kristina, in 1993.) Over the years, he would be arrested several times, on charges ranging from DUI to failure to pay child support.

But Houston said their true personalities were not as far apart as people may have believed.

“When you love, you love. I mean, do you stop loving somebody because you have different images? You know, Bobby and I basically come from the same place,” she told Rolling Stone in 1993. “You see somebody, and you deal with their image, that’s their image. It’s part of them; it’s not the whole picture. I am not always in a sequined gown. I am nobody’s angel. I can get down and dirty. I can get raunchy.”

It would take several years, however, for the public to see that side of Houston. Her moving 1991 rendition of “The Star Spangled Banner” at the Super Bowl, amid the first Gulf War, set a new standard and once again reaffirmed her as America’s sweetheart.

In 1992, she became a star in the acting world with “The Bodyguard.” Despite mixed reviews, the story of a singer (Houston) guarded by a former Secret Service agent (Kevin Costner) was an international success.

It also gave her perhaps her



most memorable hit: a searing, stunning rendition of Dolly Parton’s “I Will Always Love You,” which sat atop the charts for weeks. It was Grammy’s record of the year and best female pop vocal, and the “Bodyguard” soundtrack was named album of the year.

She returned to the big screen in 1995-96 with “Waiting to Exhale” and “The Preacher’s Wife.” Both spawned soundtrack albums, and another hit studio album, “My Love Is Your Love,” in 1998, brought her a Grammy for best female R&B vocal for the cut “It’s Not Right But It’s Okay.”

But during these career and personal highs, Houston was using drugs. In an interview with Oprah Winfrey in 2010, she said by the time “The Preacher’s Wife” was released, “(doing drugs) was an everyday thing. ... I would do my work, but after I did my work, for a whole year or two, it was every day. ... I wasn’t happy by that point in time. I was losing myself.”

In the interview, Houston blamed her rocky marriage to Brown, which included a charge of domestic abuse against Brown in 1993. They divorced in 2007.

Houston would go to rehab twice before she would declare herself drug-free to Winfrey in 2010. But in the interim, there were missed concert dates, a stop at an airport due to drugs, and public meltdowns.

She was so startlingly thin during a 2001 Michael Jackson tribute concert that rumors spread she had died the next day. Her crude behavior and jittery appearance on Brown’s reality show, “Being Bobby Brown,” was an example of her sad decline. Her Sawyer interview, where she declared “crack is whack,” was often parodied. She dropped out of the spotlight for a few years.

Houston staged what seemed to be a successful comeback with the 2009 album “I Look To You.” The album debuted on the top of the charts, and would eventually go platinum.

Things soon fell apart. A concert to promote the album on “Good Morning America” went awry as Houston’s voice sounded ragged and off-key. She blamed an interview with Winfrey for straining her voice.

A world tour launched overseas, however, only confirmed suspicions that Houston had lost her treasured gift, as she failed to hit notes and left many fans unimpressed; some walked out. Canceled concert dates raised speculation that she may have been abusing drugs, but she denied those claims and said she was in great shape, blaming illness for cancellations.

Her body arrived in Newark, NJ, just before midnight on Monday.

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No Matter What She Taught Us, Whitney Was Truly The Best

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STUDIES

Whitney Houston once sang, “I Learned From the Best” to describe lessons from heartbreak. The single was released on her 1998 album, *My Love is Your Love*.

I went to the streets to find out how Whitney has affected the community. I asked people, “What have you learned from lifestyle choices, and most importantly, love, we have grown from her experiences. Although she died, Whitney has continued to move many people with her presence.

Denise Finney, 50



“Her music was always a joy to listen to. I learned you have to take stuff for stride. I struggled with drugs myself, years ago, and I know what she was going through as far as that’s concerned. It’s sad to see such great person go at such a young age.”

Katherine Frazier, 64



“Her lifestyle taught us to be careful who you hang out with, because life’s all about choices. So choose wisely.”

Gwenetta Martin, 24



“I myself am a dancer and I’m into her music, so I learned what it is to perform on stage. Every time she performed, I almost cried. She touches you every time.”

Terri Threadcraft, 35



“Even through her trials

and tribulations, she continued to persevere. She was a wonderful singer and she never gave up. Growing up I wanted to be just like her, a vocalist, because she had a very soulful voice. To be honest, now we don’t have that type of talent. We don’t see that. She is someone who is really going to be missed and lost because she was such an excellent performer.”

Verrita Walters, 59



“Basically love. It’s not always easy to love someone. Try to love as hard as you can and as long as you can because you don’t really know when your last day is going to be.”

Isaiah Robinson, 20



“She has taught me to

appreciate life more because her music always had an uplifting message. It was more positive than a lot of music now. That’s why I looked up to her. It was a sad day when she died.”

Nick Crowley, 28



“She’s an inspiration to a lot of singers in the industry, and she taught me to try to be a better person than she was.”

Katelyn Cucinotta, 19



“I think the most important thing she has taught me is to appreciate really good singers. I grew up with my mom listening to her so I know her music. She had a voice that you don’t hear these days.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Thursday, Feb. 16 - The public is invited to a community forum about St. Petersburg College’s plans for a new Midtown education center. The forum will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Enoch Davis Recreation Center at 1111 18th Ave. S, St. Petersburg. For information, contact Bea Steele at steele.bea@spcollege.edu or 341-3338.

Saturday, Feb. 18 - The public is invited as Mayor Bill Foster and Peter Kageyama, author of “for The Love of Cities” host neighborhood and community leaders for a morning of idea sharing and action planning, 9 a.m. to noon at the Manhattan Casino, 562 22nd Street S.

Monday Feb. 20 - Screening of Award-winning Documentary film “Prince Among Slaves,” a true story of an educated 26-year-old African leader, prince, husband and father who was captured in battle in 1788, shipped across the Atlantic Ocean in chains, then sold to a poor white small plantation owner in Mississippi. After 40 years in slavery, he became one of the most famous men in America before making his way back to Africa. He kept his faith and dignity when all else seemed lost. 6-8 p.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 912 3rd Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Rev. Bryant Fayson, Pastor. Call 727-822-2089 or 727-600-3193 or visit www.priceamongslaves.org for information.

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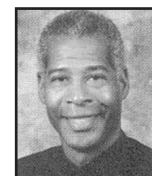


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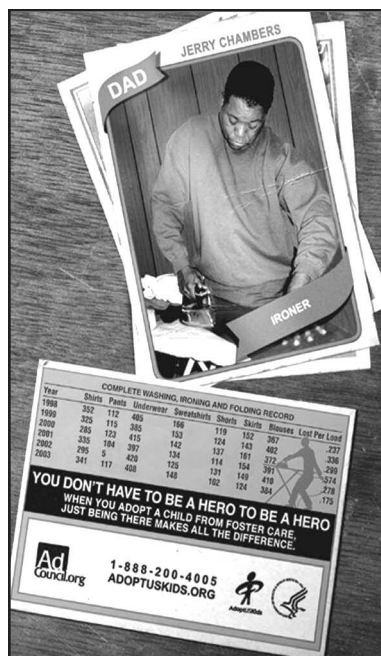
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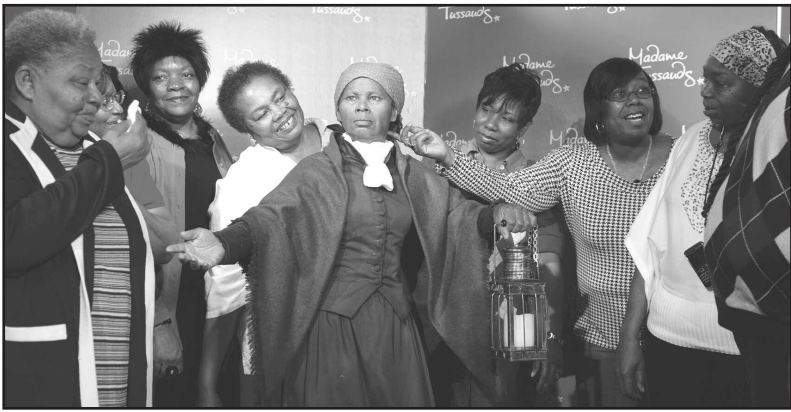
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Direct Descendants Of Harriet Tubman Unveiled Wax Figure

WASHINGTON, DC - In celebration of Black History Month, last week ten direct descendants and family members of historic icon Harriet Ross Tubman, visited The Presidents Gallery by Madame Tussauds to help unveil a new wax likeness of the renowned abolitionist and conductor of the Underground Railroad.

“Harriet Tubman was an incredible woman whose accomplishments and contributions played a pivotal role in the history of the United States, cementing her status as a true American icon,” said Dan Rogoski, General Manager of The Presidents Gallery by Madame Tussauds. “We are honored to have Harriet Tubman’s descendants with us today for the unveiling and induction of her wax figure into our expanding Presidents Gallery — an interactive journey through America’s history.”

Harriet Tubman (born Araminta Ross, calling herself Harriet later in life) was an African American abolitionist, humanitarian and spy for the Union during the U.S. Civil War. After escaping from slavery, into which she was born, she reportedly freed more than 300 slaves via the elaborate network of safe houses known as the Underground Railroad. Tubman was born in Dorchester County, MD, an area from which many



of the descendants and family members attending the event currently reside.

“We are ecstatic and overjoyed to see aunt Harriet being celebrated and receiving recognition for her contributions to humanity, which is long overdue,” said Charles Ross.

Children from Washington D.C.’s Harriet Tubman Elementary School were also on-hand to witness the unveiling of the figure of the historic woman for whom their school is named.

Madame Tussauds studio artists in London worked tirelessly to create this entirely new wax figure of Harriet Tubman. The figure-making process is incredibly intricate taking anywhere from three to six months from start to finish. For example, artists insert each strand of hair individually; creating just the head of the wax figure can take up to five weeks alone. Materials such as red silk are used to create the veins on the eyeballs and it can take tech-

nicians almost four days to make a set of teeth. In order to make the figures as lifelike as possible, Madame Tussauds artists study hundreds of photographs and when available, hours of video footage. Of course in some cases, the artists do not have the luxury of photographs or videos (as with the Tubman figure) and need to rely on historical accounts, even paintings.

The Presidents Gallery by Madame Tussauds is a fully interactive, full-sensory experience, where visitors are able to touch, see and hear major historical events and celebrities in a way unlike any other Washington, D.C. attraction. The attraction showcases wax figures of some of the world’s most recognized icons, including: international superstars Michael Jackson, Jennifer Lopez, Rihanna and Tyra Banks; as well as all 44 U.S. Presidents, featured in the recently-launched U.S. Presidents Gallery.

The Problem With All-Star African American Cast

BY TYLER PERRY

ATLANTA – (TylerPerry.com) - Unfortunately, movies starring an all African American cast are on the verge of becoming extinct. THAT’S RIGHT, EXTINCT! Ask any executive at a Hollywood Studio why, and most of them will tell you one of two things. The first thing they’ll say is that DVD sales have become very soft, so it’s hard for a movie with an all black cast to break-even. Secondly, they’ll say, most movies are now dependent on foreign sales to be successful and most “black” movies don’t sell well in foreign markets. So what that means is that you will begin to see less and less films that star an all black cast. Isn’t that sad in a 2012 America? Somewhere along the way we still haven’t realized that we are more alike than not.

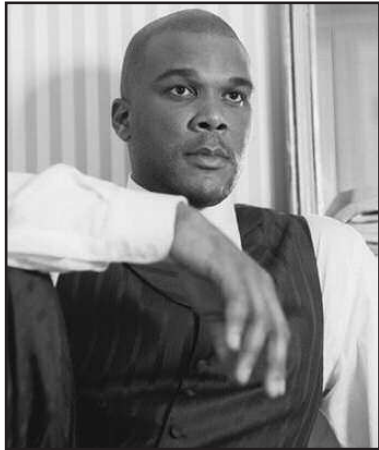
I must tell you that I have been very fortunate to work with a studio that sees the value in my type of storytelling and filmmaking. As well as having you, an audience of all races of people, who have stood by me

arm and arm. It has helped me navigate through some pretty rough waters.

I thought that as black people in Hollywood, this is just our reality, but I quickly realized that this is not racism. What made me realize this is I had a conversation with Mr. Star Wars himself, George Lucas, and he told me that he was having the same problem with “Red Tails.” I was blown away! “Red Tails” is an important story about, not just black history, but American history about the Tuskegee Airmen.

It has an all-star African American cast, including Cuba Gooding Jr. and Terrence Howard. He went on to say that he brought the movie idea of “Red Tails” to several studios and no one wanted to make this film ... AND THIS IS GEORGE LUCAS!

Not to be deterred, he put up his own money, shot the movie then took it back to those same studios, and they wanted nothing to do with it. One of them even refused to see the film, citing the above mentioned problems. So George



Tyler Perry

decided to take a huge risk by entirely funding the movie and releasing it himself. What a guy! For him to believe so strongly in this story is amazing. I think we should pull together and get behind this movie. I really do! Not just African Americans, but all of us.

I have seen the movie and screened it here in Atlanta. I loved it and I think you will too. The Tuskegee Airmen, who were at the screening, were so happy that somebody is telling a small part of their story.

Please take your kids; you will enjoy it and so will they. There is a lot of action and adventure, and also a great history lesson to be learned.

BLACK HISTORY

“Celebrating Our History Is An Everyday Thing”

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Oscar Micheaux

Oscar Micheaux was born January 2, 1884, in Metropolis, Illinois. He became an independent filmmaker after making a movie about his homestead in South Dakota. He went on to make more than 45 films for African American audiences starring black actors and actresses. The low budget films dealt with race and issues within the black community. He died on March 25, 1951. (born January 2, 1884, Metropolis, Ill., U.S.—died March 25, 1951, Charlotte, N.C.)

While working as a Pullman porter, Micheaux purchased a relinquished South Dakota homestead in 1906. Although he lost the farm because of family entanglements, his experiences became the subject of a series of self-published books, including *The Homesteader* (1917), which he sold door-to-door. In 1917 he was approached by an African American film company for movie rights to *The Homesteader*. He refused the offer but liked the idea and made his own film version, thus launching his career as an independent filmmaker.

Between 1919 and 1948 he wrote, produced, directed, and distributed more than 45 films for African American audiences, who watched these “race” (all-black) films in the 700 theatres that were part of the “ghetto circuit.” Micheaux was one of the few black independents to survive the sound era, and he did so largely because of his tenacity, personal charisma, and talent for promoting his work.

Micheaux’s features emulated familiar Hollywood genres and he used a modest version of the studio star system to lure audiences to his movies. His gangster films, mysteries,

and jungle adventures featured Lorenzo Tucker (called the “coloured Valentino”), Ethel Moses (the “black Harlow”), and Bee Freeman (the “sepia Mae West”), among others. Despite Micheaux’s understanding of certain Hollywood conventions, his films reveal a consciousness of race as a force in the lives of African Americans, and some deal directly with racial issues; these include his examination of white prejudice (*Within Our Gates*, 1920), interracial romance (*The Exile*, 1931), and skin-tone issues within the African American community (*God’s Step Children*, 1937).

Micheaux’s necessarily low budgets forced him to cut costs and resulted in technically inferior films with poor lighting, little editing, flubbed lines, continuity problems, and poor sound. Yet he treated issues that were important to his audience, offered an alternative to the stereotyping of blacks by Hollywood, and successfully operated outside the mainstream film industry during the powerful studio era. Micheaux passed away March 25, 1951 in Charlotte, NC.

Ava DuVernay

Ava DuVernay is an American filmmaker who made her feature directorial debut with the critically-acclaimed 2008 hip hop documentary, “This is the Life.” Winner of Audience Awards in Toronto, Los Angeles and Seattle, the film was released theatrically and debuted on Showtime in April 2009. The Los Angeles Times raved, “This is the Life vaults into the upper echelons of must-see hip-hop documentaries.” A UCLA graduate, DuVernay is the founder of AFFRM, the African-American Film Festival Releasing Movement and a

member of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

In 2010, she wrote, produced and directed the feature, “I Will Follow”, starring Salli Richardson-Whitfield, Omari Hardwick and Beverly Todd. Released theatrically in 2011, the family drama was hailed by critic Roger Ebert as “one of the best films I’ve seen about the loss of a loved one.”

DuVernay directed and produced three network music documentaries in 2010. “My Mic Sounds Nice” is a definitive history of female hip hop artists and holds the distinction of being BET Networks first original music documentary. “Essence Music Festival 2010” is a two-hour concert film for TV One chronicling the nation’s largest annual African-American entertainment gathering. “Faith Through The Storm” is a documentary for TV One about women in New Orleans who have reclaimed their lives after personal devastation during Hurricane Katrina.

Most recently, DuVernay released her second narrative featured film, “Middle of Nowhere” (2012). This film earned DuVernay the Best Director award at the Sundance Film Festival making her the first black woman to win the award.

Previously, DuVernay worked in the world of film as a marketer and publicist for more than 14 years, forming DVA Media + Marketing in 1999. Her award-winning firm provided strategy and execution for more than 120 film and television campaigns for acclaimed directors such as Steven Spielberg, Clint Eastwood, Michael Mann, Robert Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Bill Condon, Raoul Peck and Gurinder Chadha.

The Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum

ST. PETERSBURG - Events during Black History Month:

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Feb. 24: Jack & Jill of

America will sponsor a Black History program at 6 p.m. for area youths.

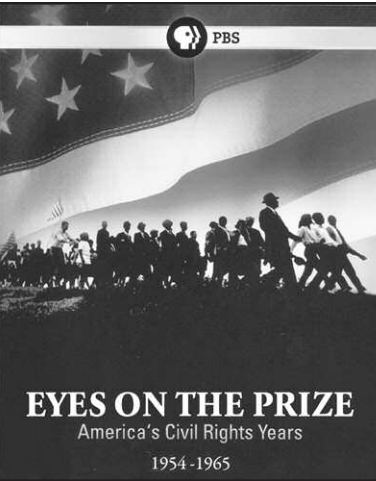
Feb. 25: Annual Civic Challenge: Seven Guitars – The Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum will host a 3 p.m. matinee showing of the August Wilson play at American Stage Theatre at 163 Third St. N in downtown St. Petersburg. Tickets are \$40.

Proceeds benefit the ongoing programming at the museum.

Feb. 26: I Have a Dream Mass Choir will host a community fair in the museum’s Legacy Garden for neighborhood youth. The free event will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

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HEALTH AND FAMILY

First Lady’s Trips Boost Health And Her Husband

BY NANCY BENAC
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DALLAS (AP) — In just the past week, she’s danced with cheering school kids, chatted with troops, swapped ideas with busy parents and engaged in a friendly cooking competition with stars from “Top Chef.”

Michelle Obama is on a national tour to promote the second anniversary of her campaign against childhood obesity. The images have been disarming, intriguing and non-political — just the type of thing her husband’s re-election campaign can’t get enough of.

Five years to the day after Sen. Barack Obama announced he was running for president, Mrs. Obama’s travels this week offer fresh evidence of what an out-sized role she’s assumed in the public eye and how powerful a political asset a first lady can be.

And, make no mistake, Mrs. Obama says she’s “incredibly enthusiastic” about making the case for her husband’s re-election.

Simply put, “I want him to be my president for another four years,” she said in a 40-minute interview last Friday with a handful of reporters.

In an effort to draw attention to her policy on childhood obesity, Mrs. Obama has seemingly been everywhere. Doing pushups with Ellen DeGeneres; serving veggie pizza to Jay Leno; playing tug-of-war with Jimmy Fallon in the White House. And now making a rare four-state tour — Arkansas, Florida, Iowa and Texas — to mark the two-year-point for her “Let’s Move” initiative.

In an election year, it’s all to the good for Barack Obama that his popular wife is traveling the country promoting can’t-miss issues like healthy living.

“This is a bit of a two-fer,” Mrs. Obama acknowledged in her interview on Friday, “because it’s an issue that I care about, and it’s an issue that’s important to the country. ... I want to make sure that what I do enhances him.”

The first lady added that she knew from the beginning of her husband’s presidency that she had to choose issues that were important to her personally because “if you’re just doing it for political reasons or there’s some ulterior, people smell that out so easily and it’s hard to sustain.”

Her issue of fighting childhood obesity allows her to connect with voters on an emotional level and relate to them as a mother who has struggled with some of the same challenges that other families face.

“We’re constantly trying to make sure that what we do is on point with what is going on in people’s lives,” Mrs. Obama told parents this week as she chatted with them over low-calorie plates of chicken and pasta at an Olive Garden restaurant in Fort Worth. “I mean, at one point I was normal. I went to the grocery store and I did all that.”

Sixty-six percent of Americans have a favorable opinion of the first lady, about even with her ratings on Inauguration Day, according to the Pew Research Center.

Mrs. Obama is particularly popular with women and younger Americans, polling shows. And she does well with



Michelle Obama

the moderate and liberal Republicans and independents whom Democrats will try to lure away in the fall elections.

There are other ways to measure her appeal: Her Twitter account shot up to more than a half-million followers in less than a month. And her Facebook page has more than 6.6 million “likes.”

The first lady still has her detractors. Her anti-obesity campaign has attracted some “nanny state” grumbling from conservatives who think it intrudes on personal matters.

Still, she’s hauling in millions with a fundraising stump speech that mixes a recitation of administration policy initiatives with a personal sketch of her husband as a man who stays up late after the children are in bed fretting over the concerns of ordinary Americans.

It’s the same humanizing role that Mrs. Obama serves regularly in her public appearances, as she mixes public policy with stories about her own family.

What parent wouldn’t think it was cool when she confessed to her dinner guests at the Olive Garden that her daughters aren’t that interested in the White House kitchen garden “because anything I do they’re not interested in.”

Put Your Grocery Bill On A Diet

WESLEY CHAPEL - This year, we’ll be paying more than ever for dinner. Food prices jumped a whopping 4 to 5 percent in 2011 and are expected to continue rising in 2012, says the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

But you can have your chocolate cake and eat it, too, without breaking the bank, says Toni House, author of Savvy Shopping: How to Reduce Your Weekly Grocery Bill to \$85 Per Week – or Less! A mom with executive-level experience in accounting and the restaurant industry pared the monthly grocery bill for her family of four to \$250. And nobody complained.

“It takes savvy shopping,” she says. “You can have great everyday meals and special-occasion feasts and trim the household budget with planning, patience and grocery shopping ‘guardrails’ to keep your cart in line.”

House offers these tips:

- Be patient – wait for good deals. Save pricier purchases for double coupon days. If you’re planning for a special occasion or celebration, save now so you can splurge a bit later. The more you rush, the less you save.
- Be detail-oriented. There

is a lot of fine print involved in being a savvy shopper, from expiration dates to special offers to asterisks. Know exactly when a coupon expires, how much it’s for, how much more it will be worth on double coupon days and whether or not it’s worth the price in the first place.

- Plan ahead. Plan a menu for at least three meals in advance; combined with leftovers; that should give you five days or more of meals, depending on the meal. This puts you in control of your shopping list; and not the other way around. Instead of always playing catch-up, replacing what you’ve run out of, you buy only when it’s on the menu. Same goes for cereal, yogurt, bananas, fresh herbs and spices, etc.

- Instead of making expensive foods (meat) the centerpiece of each meal, design menus that use the most expensive foods less often. For instance, from now on at least twice a week, try using meat as more of a filler than a main dish. Instead of making spaghetti with meat balls, or sausage, or chicken breasts, make spaghetti with a meat sauce of ground turkey, ground sausage or ground chicken breakfast sausage.

- At the grocery store, buy ONLY what you can eat. That means no paper plates, toilet paper, plastic cups, Army men, toothbrushes, jar candles, greeting cards. Grocery store prices for non-food items are higher than you’ll pay almost anywhere else, so make a hard-and-fast rule and stick to it.

- Do use coupons, but only for products you actually need. Let’s say you just bought twice as many hot dog buns as you needed last week and now you’ve run across a two-for-one coupon for ... more hot dog buns? Do you really have room in your freezer for all those buns?

House’s \$85-a-week budget does require tossing out some pricey products your family may have grown accustomed to (brand-name cereals, pre-packaged snack cakes) and changing the way you plan meals. But there are plenty of delicious, often healthier, and less expensive substitutes

“You are the leader of your family unit, not just at home but at the grocery store,” House says. “Your new quest to become a savvy shopper might meet with some...resistance... at first. Take the bull by the horns and lead the family in the right direction.”

Know The Signs Of Heart Failure

(STATEPOINT) According to the Heart Failure Society of America, five million Americans are affected by heart failure and many more may have the condition but are unaware. February is National Heart Health Month and it’s a great time to learn about heart failure and its symptoms, and what to do to stay heart healthy.

Heart failure occurs when the heart is unable to pump enough blood. Blood can back up in areas of the body and vital organs eventually shut down.

Common Causes

The most common cause of heart failure is coronary artery disease, a narrowing of vessels that deliver blood to the heart, thereby reducing oxygen levels and impairing the heart’s functionality.

Other contributors include infection in the heart muscle, valvular heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity, diabetes and age. Adults over 65 are more at risk, as well as those with a history of heart attack or cardiac arrest.

Know the Symptoms

Heart failure symptoms vary by age, population and gender, and can start gradually or suddenly. Common symptoms include shortness of breath while active or at rest, fatigue, persistent coughing,

heart palpitations, and swelling of the ankles, feet or abdomen. Symptoms become more prominent as the condition advances.

Men typically have a higher incidence rate, but it is common for women to downplay symptom severity, leading doctors to under-treat them.

“It’s important to report any symptoms or changes in health status to your physician, no matter how minor you feel they may be,” says Dr. Kevin R. Campbell, a cardiac electrophysiologist who cares for a large population of heart failure patients at Wake Heart & Vascular in North Carolina. “You may not see a correlation between symptoms, but they can signal worsening heart failure to a physician which could be life threatening.”

Reduce Risks

Simple lifestyle changes can help reduce your risks. Daily exercise, a diet high in fruits, vegetables, whole grain and low-fat proteins, quitting tobacco, and regular health screenings are all helpful.

When lifestyle changes aren’t enough, medicine may help treat symptoms and prevent heart failure from worsening. In some cases, a medical device may help improve a

patient’s quality of life. Certain kinds of pacemakers can resynchronize a failing heart to improve heart function, while implantable defibrillators can prevent sudden death. As a last resort, a heart transplant may be necessary.

“Heart failure is the most common cause of hospitalization for patients over age 65 in the U.S. and is the first-listed diagnosis in more than 875,000 hospitalizations each year,” said Dr. Mark Carlson, chief medical officer in the Cardiac Rhythm Management Division at St. Jude Medical. “Current device therapy and future devices will improve quality of life for patients, and address an important clinical and health economic problem.”

St. Jude Medical is a leading manufacturer of devices that treat heart failure, including cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT) pacemakers and implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICD). A CRT pacemaker helps each side of the heart contract simultaneously to restore pumping ability. An ICD sends an electrical pulse to stop life-threatening heart rhythms and prevents cardiac arrest.

If you believe you have heart failure, make a doctor’s appointment to start monitoring symptoms and determine treatment.

Teach Children To Accept Others

(STATEPOINT) The United States is often regarded as a melting pot, a place for people of different backgrounds to come together and ultimately grow alike. But the truth is that from language to food to religious practice, unique cultural traditions are all around us.

“We must not try to erase differences but rather respect them, even celebrate them,” says Rajiv Malhotra, author of the new book, “Being Different: An Indian Challenge to Western Universalism”

Alongside reading, writing and arithmetic, cultural diversity should be at the forefront of your children’s lesson plan.

“Tolerance is a patronizing posture,” says Malhotra, “We need to learn to respect, even appreciate and not merely tolerate religious and cultural differences.”

Here are some tips to teach children to respect one another as they become citizens of the world:

- Absorbing the nuances of a second language is easiest when one is young, so sign your kids up for a language class at an early age.

- Think differently. There are fundamental differences between the Western worldview and the Eastern worldview, say scholars. People from different countries have different traditions, religious customs and histories that shape their thinking. Being accepting of others means opening your mind to the idea that there are different approaches to resolving the problems impacting our complex world.

- Read a book. You don’t need to be a globetrotter to learn about other cultures. Your local librarian can help you find age-appropriate books that will introduce children to other cultures and allow them to explore them deeply. For example, India has a rich history and culture that goes beyond the Western

embance of spicy foods, yoga and meditation.

- Encourage friendships. Enroll your children in activities, camps and programs that foster relationships with kids of all religious, racial and economic backgrounds.

- Engage in a substantive dialogue with others that explores new ideas about the world beyond your backyard. “Question your values and be open to seeing the merit in the ideas of others,” suggests Malhotra, who founded the Infinity Foundation to encourage better East-West relations. For more information about his new book visit www.beingdifferentbook.com.

- Host a potluck. Invite your friends over and have them bring dishes featuring their family recipes.

By investing the time to teach these lessons, you can contribute toward making schools and communities a safer place for your kids.



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CHALLENGER SPORTS

Mickelson Crushes Tiger And Wins Pebble Beach



Phil Mickelson
BY DOUG FERGUSON

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) - Phil Mickelson rallied from six shots behind to win for the fourth time at Pebble Beach, a final round made even more memorable by the guy in a red shirt who was among the first to congratulate him Sunday on the 18th green.

Turns out that Tiger Woods was just along for the ride.

Mickelson closed with an 8-under 64, beating Woods by 11 shots in a one-sided showdown at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

“I just feel very inspired when I play with him,” said Mickelson, who has posted the better score the past five times he has played alongside Woods in the final round.

“I love playing with him, and he brings out some of my best golf. I hope that he continues to play better, and better, and I hope that he and I have a chance to play together more in the final rounds.”

Woods, one shot out of the lead on the sixth hole after 54-hole leader Charlie Wi fell apart early, followed his first birdie of the final round with three straight bogeys, starting with a three-putt from 18 feet on the par-3 seventh.

It never got much better from there.

He finished a miserable day with another three-putt on the 18th for a 75, the only consolation coming from belief that he’s

closer than ever to putting it all together.

“I didn’t hit it as bad as the score indicated, but I putted awful,” Woods said. “As good as I felt on the greens yesterday, I felt bad today. Anything I tried to do wasn’t working. Consequently, I made a ton of mistakes on the green.”

At least he got to watch a clinic.

Mickelson went from six shots behind to a two-shot lead on the par-5 sixth hole when he rolled in a 20-foot eagle putt, adjusting his read after watching Woods’ amateur partner Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo miss from a similar line.

Woods holed a bunker shot for birdie on No. 12, but right when it looked like a two-shot swing that could give Woods some momentum, Mickelson made a 30-foot par putt. With Woods out of the way, Mickelson made a 40-foot par putt on the 15th hole to keep a three-shot cushion, and he was never challenged from there.

He wound up with a two-shot win over Wi, who four-putted for double bogey on the opening hole and never recovered.

Mickelson, who finished at 17-under 269, became only the ninth player in PGA Tour history with 40 career wins. This one was special for many reasons, and the thrashing he gave Woods was but a small part of it.

His wife, Amy, flew up for the weekend and gave him a pep talk Friday in the rain at Monterey Peninsula when Mickelson was going nowhere. He ran off five birdies, got back into the tournament and picked up a win he didn’t see coming.

As much as Woods talks about his game being close, Mickelson felt the same way. His last win was the Houston Open last April, and while he thought he was putting well, his scores

didn’t reflect it.

“It’s one of the more emotional victories for me than I’ve had, and the reason is I’ve had some doubt these last couple of weeks, given the scores I’ve shot,” Mickelson said. “Having these great practice sessions, I started to wonder if I’m going to be able to bring it to the golf course. So this gives me a lot of confidence and erases the doubt.”

The last shred of doubt came on the 14th, a diabolical green that turn birdies into bogeys without caution. Woods hit a wedge that went down the side of the green, requiring two chips to get on the green. He made bogey.

Mickelson’s caddie, Jim “Bones” Mackay got in his ear.

“He erased all doubt and said, ‘Let’s get aggressive and make birdie, we need one more here,’” Mickelson said. “It just got me aggressive and into a positive frame of mind.”

He went at the flag and made birdie.

Wi, who started the final round with a three-shot lead, birdied his last two holes for a 72 and his fifth runner-up finish on tour. It was the third straight week that the winner began the final round at least six shots behind a 54-hole leader going for his first tour victory.

“I fought back and hung in there, because the four-putt on the first hole, I was really shook up pretty badly and my strokes were pretty iffy at best,” Wi said. “I hung in there all day. My time will come.”

The shocker, though, was how Woods fell apart.

He has been taking big strides with his game over the past few months, and he looked poised to break through after a 67 in the third round at Pebble Beach got him to within four shots of the lead. But he needed a start like Mickelson, and was

never really in the game.

Two weeks ago in his 2012 debut at Abu Dhabi, Woods was tied for the lead with unheralded Robert Rock going into the final round and didn’t break par, tying for third.

“What was frustrating is that I had a chance,” he said. “All I had to do was get off to a good, solid start today. And I didn’t do that.”

Woods used to own Mickelson, but that changed at the 2007 Deutsche Bank Championship. This was the fifth straight time Mickelson posted the better score when playing in the same group as Woods in the final round.

Mickelson has won three of those tournaments, although they have yet to be in the final group on those occasions.

“Although I feel like he brings out the best in me, it’s only been the past five years,” Mickelson said. “Before, I got spanked pretty good. Let’s not forget the big picture here. I’ve been beat up. But the last five years, I’ve been able to get some of my best golf out when we play together.”

Ricky Barnes closed with a 67 and finished third. Kevin Na tied for fifth and earned a spot in the Match Play Championship in two weeks at Arizona.

Even with Wi falling apart, that wasn’t enough for Woods to get in on the action.

Standing in the sixth fairway, Woods was only one shot out of the lead, yet the sleeves of his red shirt and his name on the leaderboard didn’t seem to make him stand out the way it has before.

The opening holes had something to do with that, and watching Mickelson play alongside him.

“He played really good today,” Woods said. “He was hitting it flush. And his wedge game was right on the money.”

Bucs Hire Mike Sullivan As Offensive Coordinator

TAMPA (AP) - New York Giants quarterbacks coach Mike Sullivan is leaving the Super Bowl champions to become the offensive coordinator for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Bucs announced Friday night that Sullivan is joining the staff of new coach Greg Schiano.

Sullivan spent the last eight seasons with the Giants. He has coached Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning and the rest of New York’s quarterbacks for the past two years.

Prior to becoming quarterbacks coach, Sullivan spent six seasons leading the Giants’ wide receivers.

Barcelona Sets Sights On Champions League

BY CIARAN FAHEY

LEVERKUSEN, Germany (AP) - With hopes of a fourth consecutive Spanish league title fading, Barcelona is turning its full attention to defending its European crown, which is bad news for Bayer Leverkusen.

Both sides are having domestic troubles going into their meeting in Tuesday’s Champions League round of 16 first-leg match, but it is arguably Barcelona which has more to prove.

Saturday’s 3-2 loss at Osasuna, coupled with Real Madrid’s 4-2 win over Levante on Sunday, left the defending Spanish champion 10 points behind its bitter rival, which has dropped only eight points all season.

“We’ll go to Europe to defend our title,” Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola said.

Leverkusen has problems of its own, having claimed only one win in its last seven games while the club is at odds with its midfielder Michael Ballack.

The former Germany captain hasn’t played for Leverkusen since managing director Wolfgang Hatzel described his transfer back to the club as a “failure.”

Leverkusen failed to win any of the three games in which Ballack remained an unused substitute, but any thoughts Leverkusen coach Robin Dutt may have had of giving the 35-year-old a final hurrah on the big stage were dashed Sunday, when Ballack tore a calf muscle in training.

Ballack’s injury is just the latest to affect Dutt’s side. Winger Sidney Sam and Switzerland striker Eren Derdiyok were both ruled out with foot injuries, the latter after stepping on broken glass in his bathroom last week.

On Saturday, Leverkusen missed their attacking presence in the 1-0 loss Borussia Dortmund, when the side looked anything but inspired.

“On Tuesday, it could be a tick more difficult,” Dutt said.

Leverkusen is currently sixth in the Bundesliga on goal difference.

“We’re not dreamers but realists,” said Leverkusen sporting director Rudi Voeller. “We want to make sure of the Europa League place and secure international football that way.”

Leverkusen captain Simon Rolfes described Tuesday’s match as “a classic David vs. Goliath game.”

Still, Leverkusen hasn’t given up hope of progressing to its first Champions League quarterfinal since reaching the final in 2002, when Ballack was in his first stint

at the club.

“Miracles are always known to happen,” Holzhäuser said.

Dutt, too, is drawing on positive thoughts.

“You always think you’ve experienced everything in football. But you haven’t experienced anything yet. This story also has to be written first,” said the Leverkusen coach.

Nonetheless, Dutt is aware of the monumental task his side faces.

“Barcelona are better than Spain. You only have a chance when you get your tactics perfect and Barcelona have a bad day,” he said, before joking that a 5-0 win would suit Leverkusen just fine.

Barcelona captain Carles Puyol insisted that the Catalans were focused on all competitions after enduring only their second loss of the season.

“We’ll fight to the end in all three competitions, whoever thinks the opposite is wrong,” he warned on Sunday.

Puyol said the players were “not machines” that could be connected one day and disconnected the next.

“We have to give everything every game, and we’ll do this until the end of the season.”

Guardiola spared Andres Iniesta and Xavi Hernandez from Osasuna’s frozen pitch with Tuesday’s game in mind.

Cesc Fabregas made only a late appearance from the bench meaning the visitors will have an almost fully fit squad, apart from the long-term absences of David Villa and Ibrahim Afellay.

Midfielder Sergio Busquets is the main doubt after missing two games but will travel with the team and could be available.

Guardiola has been using a number of reserve players recently, with wingers Isaac Cuenca and Cristian Tello making significant impacts, while midfielder Sergi Roberto started on Saturday alongside Thiago Alcantara.

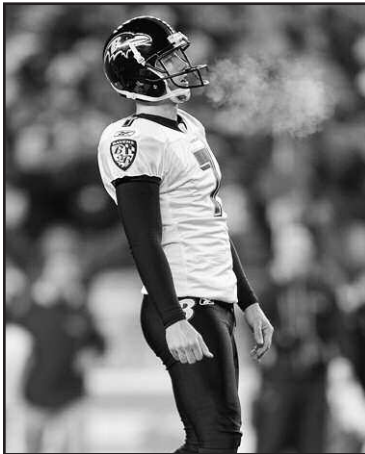
But all signs point to the return of Xavi and Iniesta on Tuesday, which could help to spark a sub-par Lionel Messi to reach his own lofty heights.

“We’ve been looking forward to this game for weeks, for the fans and for our young players to play against the world’s best team,” Voeller said. “Of course it’s a dream.”

Voeller, a former Germany striker and coach, said his side would “of course” attempt to get a positive result against Barcelona.

“But they aren’t quite so bad. You look at them sometimes and say, ‘Ah, how lovely they play.’ For the players it’s great to see at first hand how they do it and why they are so good.”

Ravens K Cundiff Grateful For Teammates’ Support



Billy Cundiff
BY LUKE MEREDITH

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - For Ravens kicker Billy Cundiff, the support of his teammates and the lessons learned from his Midwestern upbringing have helped keep the biggest miss of his career in perspective.

On Sunday, 31-year-old Cundiff returned to his home state of Iowa to accept an alumni award from Drake University in Des Moines, three weeks after he shanked a 32-yard field goal attempt with 11 seconds left in the AFC championship game that sent the New England Patriots to the Super Bowl.

Cundiff said his Ravens teammates had been even more supportive than he imagined.

“It’s been impressive. I expected a lot more backlash,” Cundiff said. “I had a lot of guys that kept telling me, ‘Look, I’ve made mistakes.’ Obviously, everyone sees my mistakes. That’s just the way it goes.”

Cundiff called the miss a “tough pill to swallow.” But it certainly wasn’t the first setback for an Iowa kid who blossomed from a wannabe quarterback at a non-scholarship FCS school to an All-Pro kicker.

Cundiff was a three-time all-state pick as a quarterback at Harlan High, a small-school football powerhouse in western Iowa, and kicked out of necessity. Cundiff had hoped to play quarterback at Drake, but he quickly discovered his future in football was as a kicker.

Cundiff was also a point guard for the basketball team who played sparingly, though he quit before his senior season to concentrate on football. He said the relative anonymity of kicking for the Bulldogs, who rarely draw more than a few thousand fans a game, allowed him to get all his mistakes out of his system away from the spotlight.

By the time Cundiff left Drake, he held school records with 284 points and 49 career field goals.

“I like to tell people that my parents groomed me to be a basketball player, but God made me a kicker,” Cundiff said.

Cundiff bounced around the NFL, spending four seasons with Dallas and one with New Orleans before finding himself out of the game in 2007.

Cundiff, who got his MBA from Arizona State, spent the next two years working for a venture capital firm. But Cleveland lured him back to the game in 2009, and he finally found a permanent home when Baltimore signed him in Nov. 2009 after the Browns waived him.

After being cut by NFL teams nine times, Cundiff earned All-Pro honors in 2010 and doesn’t have to look over his shoulder despite the biggest miss in team history.

For that, Cundiff is grateful.

“They knew if I had that same situation to play over again, I’d probably make it 99 times out of 100,” he said. “It was a really strange situation. The team understood the

context of it all. So they knew going forward that they don’t have to worry about me, because they know what I’ve been through.”

Cundiff half-jokingly said that expectations at his high school were so high that losing the state title game was considered by some to be a disappointing season. But Cundiff also learned a great deal about perspective while at Harlan.

Cundiff said his coach at Harlan rarely talked about winning or losing. He instead told his players to simply put forth their best effort, a lesson Cundiff leans on to this day.

“We just talked about playing the best we could and, as he’d say, let the chips fall where they may. And I think that’s the attitude I’ve taken when I got into the NFL. I know I’m going to fail, and I know I’m going to have some success. I’m going to put my best effort out there, and sometimes it’s not going to be good enough, and sometimes it’s going to be more than enough,” Cundiff said. “But at the end of the day, can I look myself in the mirror and say I did the best I could? If that’s the case, then I know I can’t really do any more than that.”

STATE & NATIONAL

100 Gather To Honor Black Confederate Soldier

BY JENNIFER CROSSLEY-HOWARD
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SENECA (AP) - In a Craig family portrait, a man to the right sits in the back row. He wears a black suit and hat, his hand resting on a woman's shoulder. In the grainy photo copy, it's hard to tell that he is black.

Henry Craig is posing with the family in which he grew up, the family that he served as a slave, and the family he stood by during the Civil War.

About 100 people gathered at the Craig Family Cemetery off state Highway 183 north of Seneca, SC, Sunday to honor the Confederate soldier's service. The sky was blue, painting a hopeful background for the old cemetery.

Henry followed his childhood friend, John Craig, to fight in Virginia. They fought under the Company A. First South Carolina Rifles from 1861 to 1864. When John lost his arm because of a wound, Henry brought him home to Pickens. The two remained close friends, and when Henry married, he named one of his five children John.

The ceremony last Sunday was part of a national search to identify the graves of

Confederate soldiers, said Ron Sloan, commander of the Joseph Norton Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The group performed the ceremony that has been in the works since November.

Henry Craig chose to stay with the Craig family after he was granted freedom. When the elder John Craig died, Henry Craig moved away. But he returned to Pickens in his last years. He died on July 18, 1927.

Craig was buried with the family in a spot eventually covered by Lake Keowee in Oconee County. The family was reinterred in the cemetery within sight of the Oconee Nuclear Station and Old Pickens Presbyterian Church.

Jackson Parris, caretaker of the Craig Family cemetery, is the great-great-grandson of John Craig.

"It was something I grew up listening to, the story of Uncle Henry," he said. "This is something I was hoping would happen."

State Sen. Robert Ford, a Charleston Democrat, drew laughs and claps from the crowd that gathered at the graveside.

"We need to make sure history books are reprinted in South Carolina to include people like Henry Craig," he said.

Ford proposed a bill that in



Sen. Robert Ford

2000 moved the Confederate flag from the roof of the Statehouse in Columbia to the Confederate soldier monument near the South Carolina Capitol. Ford sponsored another bill that made Confederate Memorial Day a state holiday, which drew ire from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Ford still deals with the aftermath of his decision to support recognition of Confederate history. His stance caused one man to call him Uncle Tom when he was in Newberry County a few weeks ago. Ford was incensed and said he pointed out that he also proposed the bill for the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial holiday in the state.

His work is a compromise, he said, and he stands behind it.

"I'm not a scholar, none of that," Ford said. "I'm not an educator. I just want to do the right thing."

Gettysburg's Black History Museum Propels Forward

BY MARK WALTERS
GETTYSBURG TIMES

GETTYSBURG - Ron Bailey, President and CEO of the Gettysburg Black History Museum, wants to tell stories of Gettysburg's black past. Stories that have seldom been told and some, perhaps, have never been told at all.

Stories like that of John Hopkins, a beloved, black janitor who was hired by Gettysburg College for \$15 a month. He was one of the last janitors that maintained the small, liberal arts school without the help of a staff. It was just him sweeping the halls of Pennsylvania Hall and mowing the lawn around the campus.

According to Charles H. Glatfelter's "A Salutary Influence: Gettysburg College, 1832-1985," Hopkins was referred to as "Jack the Janitor" as well as the vice president of the college after he returned to Gettysburg following the 1863 battle between Union and Confederate troops.

Stories like Hopkins' will certainly be told by the Gettysburg Black History Museum, but also stories of Mag Palm, who was attacked by slave catchers as she was leaving work on Baltimore Street, just south of Lincoln Square. Her hands were

tied and bound. However, as the story goes, she bit off a man's thumb in the process of trying to avoid being placed in a carriage and taken as a slave.

But make no mistake, the stories are far from exclusive to blacks, and Bailey will not be telling these and many more stories by himself. It would be too massive an undertaking for one modest man who has intentionally avoided the spotlight.

"I'm not a historian," Bailey said. "I'm more into marketing and communication."

His organization will open its visitors center at the 700-square-foot building at the Old Gettysburg Village by the end of this year. Guided tours will start this year as well. From there, the sky seems to be the limit.

Sure, there will be artifacts, but what Bailey is more excited about is the historians, speakers and writers who will tell the stories. The concept is more of a living history museum than that of a written and glassed-in exhibit.

Mary Alice Nutter, vice president of the Gettysburg Black History Museum and co-founder of the project, said it was a calling that she and her two sisters received from her mother, Margaret Nutter, years ago.

"She would always tell me and my sisters, 'Lookie here, you

all. You need to do something about this black history in this Gettysburg area.' Having this museum in Gettysburg is going to (help) finally tell the untold story of the black population over the years. We're going to tell our own story because it's never been told before by us, we of color."

Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau President Norris Flowers predicted that the Gettysburg Black History Museum and the tours the museum plans to host will be a great asset to Gettysburg and Adams County, especially at a time when visitation to the area is expected to spike in anticipation of the American Civil War battle's 150th anniversary in 2013.

Bailey wants the project done right, as he mentioned the importance of the museum's presentation being done in what he referred to as a first class manner.

"With living history, tours, advanced technology and an artistic approach, the presentations will be done as well as possible," Bailey said, adding that the time is now for this venture to take flight. "We needed to get this off Breckenridge Street and South Washington Street. History is about what happened. We need to tell about it."

Has The Black Leadership Abandoned Roland Martin?

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The furor over CNN contributor Roland Martin's controversial Super Bowl tweets and his subsequent suspension by the network has, curiously, been devoid of comment by Black leadership.

"I am very embarrassed at the silence within the Black leadership community," Raynard Jackson, a Washington, D.C.-based political strategist and commentator, told the AFRO.

In a related commentary sent to the AFRO, Jackson called out civil rights leaders and black lawmakers including Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, Ben Jealous Marc Morial and the Congressional Black Caucus.

"These are the same people who would call Roland Martin and ask to come on his TV show when they need to promote an issue or when they need him to do a column that would advance their cause," Jackson said. "But, now that he is in trouble, not one voice is to be heard supporting him."

Causing the uproar was Martin's Super Bowl Twitter commentary, including opinions on an ad depicting soccer star David Beckham in underwear.

"If a dude at your Super Bowl party is hyped about David Beckham's H&M underwear ad," he wrote, "smack the ish out of him!"

He later wrote on Facebook, "Who the hell was that New England Patriot they just showed in a head to toe pink suit? Oh, he needs a visit from #teamwhipdatass."

Gay rights watchdog group GLAAD immediately decried the posts, urging CNN to fire

the political analyst. And, despite Martin's explanation that his comments were not meant to be homophobic, followed by an apology and, later, a promise to meet with GLAAD, CNN on Feb. 8 decided to suspend the commentator.

In cyberspace, both support for and criticism of Martin has been effusive.

Responding to Martin's comments that he would meet with GLAAD, Frances Marie wrote on Martin's Facebook page: "Make sure you bring them a copy of ALL of your 'Roland Rules' and highlight all of the whipdatass comments made about heterosexuals and ask them why they didn't have an issue with those."

Juan Richardson also wrote: "In no way shape or fashion did his comment mention sexual orientation or violence against gays. It is commonplace for Black folk to use the phrase 'smack the ish out of...' and know perfectly well that no harm is intended. The problem is that GLAAD, while purporting itself as a organization that defends the rights of the LGBT community (as a whole) is headed by hypersensitive 'non-Blacks', who don't grasp Black lingo. This is a non-issue."

Others denounced CNN's treatment of Martin as unfair, given its failure to punish other contributors who have made similarly controversial comments. For example, Dana Loesch recently cheered members of the United States Marine Corps for urinating on the bodies of dead Afghans and suggested if she were there, she'd do the same. Loesch remains on the air and neither she nor CNN has apologized.

"The clear difference



Roland Martin

between the two cases? A sense that CNN's audience was offended," and GLAAD's well-established system for influencing public opinion, Alyssa Rosenberg wrote in a Feb. 8 article on ThinkProgress.org.

She later added, "Loesch's comments...offended human rights advocates and decent people everywhere. But that's not the same as running afoul of an organization with a well-established plan to respond to these kinds of events and a well-worn path to media outlets who would cover and amplify their response."

More recently, syndicated radio host Tom Joyner called on Martin to give an apology, regardless of the context in which he wrote his comments.

"Roland, we love you and need you full force to be able to do what you do—represent us and our views on CNN and other arenas," Joyner wrote in an open letter to Martin posted on Joyner's blog Feb. 10. "In order to continue your role on that show, on the speaking circuit, etc., it's time for you to make a sincere apology to GLAAD. When people are offended by something we say or do, it doesn't matter what our intentions are. The job of the offender is simply to apologize and learn a lesson about what to say or do going forward."

Texting-While-Driving Ban Up Again In Legislature

BY JAMES L. ROSICA
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TALLAHASSEE - Florida is among fifteen states that have not outlawed texting by all drivers operating motor vehicles. Thirty-five states and the District of Columbia already have bans, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association.

According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, drivers who texts take their eyes off the road for almost 5 seconds. Traveling at a rate of 55 mph, a driver can cross the equivalent of a football field while not looking.

The Florida Legislature, with Republican supermajorities in both chambers, has been hostile to anti-texting bills; one died in committee last year. The reason generally given is that it would be government intrusion into people's lives.

"There are already laws on the books that make it illegal to drive unsafely," said Jim Harper, director of information policy studies for the libertarian Cato Institute. Florida has a "reckless driving" law.

Being opposed to a ban on texting while driving is not being opposed to safety, "it's being opposed to silly laws that list everything you might do wrong," Harper said. "There were accidents after they started

putting cup holders in cars, but we didn't outlaw cup holders."

A spokeswoman for Republican Gov. Rick Scott, who usually pushes for limited government and less regulation, says he hasn't taken a position on a ban. As a candidate in 2010, he did tell AAA "distracted driving of any kind (including texting) has to be discouraged." He said he'd work with lawmakers "to adopt policies that address distracted driving." He says a texting driver once struck his wife's car.

Both bills would make texting subject to secondary enforcement, meaning police could cite drivers for it only if they had been pulled over for another violation such as speeding. A first violation would be a \$30 fine; a second violation within five years would be \$60.

And if texting resulted in a crash, the driver would be assessed six points; twelve points within a year leads to a 30-day driver's license suspension. Points also lead to increased insurance rates.

The House sponsor, Republican Rep. Ray Pilon of Sarasota, said his bill is in limbo in the transportation and highway safety subcommittee. The chair, Rep. Brad Drake, said the law is unnecessary.

"It's difficult to legislate every kind of human behavior

and then try and enforce it," Drake said. "People just need to be responsible for themselves."

The federal government says a texting driver is 23 times more likely to crash than one not texting. A study by AAA puts the figure lower at six times. The Florida Highway Patrol already prohibits its troopers from texting while driving on duty.

But critics point out that texting bans haven't had an effect on the number of accidents. A 2010 study by the Highway Loss Data Institute, which looks at insurance claims, said crashes didn't decrease in states that banned texting by drivers, and in fact found that reported collisions went up slightly.

Researchers surmise the bans are making a bad situation worse by causing drivers, knowing it's illegal, to move their phones down and out of sight when they text, taking their eyes further away from the road.

Of the 171,538 Florida crash reports filed during the first 10 months of last year, 149 of drivers in those wrecks - less than 1 percent - were known to be texting, state highway safety spokeswoman Courtney Heidelberg said.

All agree the real danger is what's generally called "distracted driving."

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- In Sept. 2011, Washington Monthly magazine ranked FAMU as on of the "Top 100 National Universities. This was FAMU's second consecutive year making the list.

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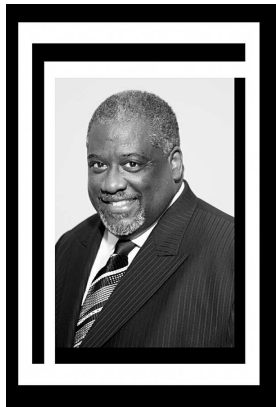
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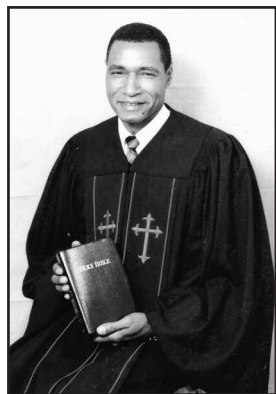
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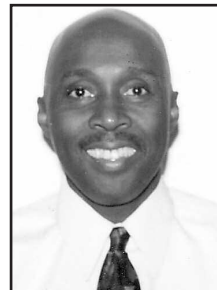
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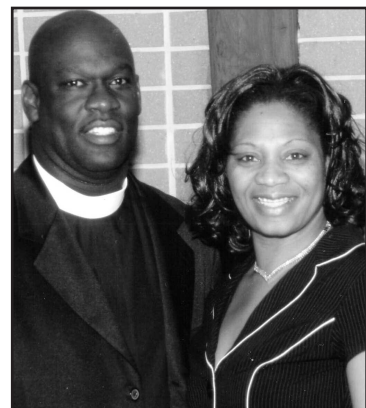
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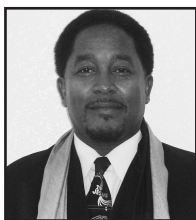
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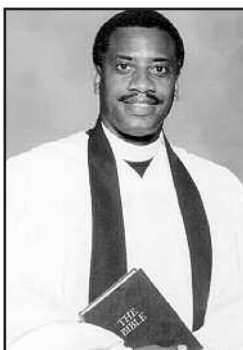
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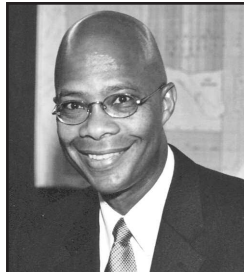
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Registration: Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 18 at 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

All attendees should be 18 and older. If you are interested, please contact Jeremy Jackson, Minister of Music or the Church Office at 727-906-8300.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 4 p.m.
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Feb. 19 - Church Outing to Galilee M. B. Church at 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 20 - Church Outing to First Baptist Institutional at 7 p.m.

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