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Students honored for academic success

BY HOLLY KESTENIS
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — The Imagine Middle School at St. Petersburg, located at 1950 1st Ave. N., has had its struggles in recent years, but that hasn't stopped the students in grades 6-8 from striving for excellence.

The staff wasn't timid about pulling out all the stops to recognize those students demonstrating attributes of good character as well as academic prowess.

Honored students and parents were treated to a piping hot breakfast consisting of eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, waffles and fresh fruit just to name a few of the menu items. To make the event more special, food was individually served to each student for a day they won't soon forget.

"When we started out the year we stated that our primary objective is focusing on our academics and character," said Principal Carolyn Wilson to the honorees and their families. "Think 'A' while we strive for 5," she continued. A slogan she recites to inspire students to improve in their studies and work together to raise the school grade to an A and increase FCAT scores.

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City Councilmember Bill Dudley giving award.



The community came out to show support for the NAACP Freedom Fund Gala last Sat., Nov. 2.

NAACP celebrates annual Freedom Fund Gala

BY PUNEET SANDHU
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — Below blue streamers and yellow string lights, a diverse array of people gathered at the Coliseum, 535 4th Ave. N., Sat., Nov. 4 for the annual Freedom Fund Gala celebrated by the St. Petersburg chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

"The NAACP Free-

dom Fund Gala is a yearly fundraiser and it's done at the state, local and national levels," St. Petersburg NAACP President Manuel Sykes said. "It's the way our organizations support themselves. It's also a time to reach out to the communities, get some memberships, give awards and recognize people that stand out in various areas of the community, so it's a sort of culmination of the

year's work."

For the St. Petersburg chapter, the event was also a chance for the Mayor Bill Foster to make a proclamation recognizing Nov. 4 as the local NAACP Day.

"There was also a proclamation by Kathy Castor's office," Sykes said. "That was presented to us by her representative though, not read."

According to Sykes, the figure raised by the

event will be calculated later this week. The funds will be used for the operation of the St. Petersburg branch of the NAACP, which unlike other branches, is one of the few to have their own office.

The theme for this year's gala, "We shall not be moved," comes from a Charley Patton song first recorded in 1929. The song is written in the first

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Embrace Fashion Show celebrates beauty, body and life

BY ALLEN A. BUCHANAN
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — The Embrace Your Beauty, Your Body and Your Life Fashion Show exhibited a dazzling array of colorful garments and accessories last Sat., Nov. 2 at the Carter G. Woodson African American Museum in St. Petersburg.

Women of all shapes, sizes and color were seen

strutting their stuff down the runway in designer couture. Even the men got in on the fun with a featured segment by Classic Gentlemen Boutique.

Dressed as if they were standing on a Paris stage at Fashion Week, Deborah Figgs-Sanders and Rene Robinson Flowers welcomed the community to the event.

Despite the inclement weather, a standing room only crowd packed the

museum to witness local designers showcase their fashions. The extravaganza had all the variety, elegance and sizzle of an Ebony Fashion Fair.

Featured designers included Deree's Fleming, Najea Designs, Empress Majestic, Designs by Toni, Jacka Design, hats by designer Beatrice Morris, Classic Gentlemen and Audrey Pat Designs.

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Deanie K. Victor celebrates 50th class reunion

BY JOYCE NANETTE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — Deanie K. Victor recently returned from her 50th class reunion at the Zion Bible Institute, recently renamed Northpoint Bible College in Providence, R.I. It was a time of remembrance, renewed friendships, and a source of pride and love.

Deanie K's Beauty Salon has been a mainstay on Martin Luther King Street South since 1974. Her clientele has grown and changed through the years, but it is the atmosphere of warmth, welcome and encouraging words sprinkled with passages from the bible that will never change.

Mrs. Deanie explains that she has a strong relationship with God and that it was nurtured through her attendance at Zion Bible Institute.

"My father wanted me to go to beauty school so I would know how to take care of myself and not depend on a man," she explained.

Her life changed course when she heard a sermon by a young preacher, the Reverend Stanley Long now based in New Jersey.

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Deanie K. Victor

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Family town hall series urges vulnerable residents to speak out

ST. PETERSBURG – This month’s reduction in food stamps is just the latest example of how budget cuts continue to cause hardships for those who can least afford them. The fact that one in six Americans don’t have enough to eat at the same time that additional billions will be sliced from the food stamp program over the next 10 years means that those affected cannot keep suffering in silence.

That is why For The Family, Inc. has created the Family Town Hall Series. The latest round began with six meetings across Hillsborough County between September and October. It concludes in St. Petersburg with meetings on Tues., Nov. 12 from 3-5 p.m. at the Phillip Benjamin Tower Retirement Center, 250 58th St. N., and the following Tues., Nov. 19 from 11-1 p.m. at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave., S.

The series has a very simple goal of encouraging people to describe their real-world situations and then share them with the community. For The Family Administrator Ward Cox said that “when people realize that silence doesn’t protect them from budget cuts, then their stories will show the community that practically everyone is vulnerable sooner or later. The wolves are much closer to the door than we think.”

Previous meetings showed how the harm from ongoing budget cuts extends to vulnerable people and families of virtually every description.

For example, Sonalee Moctezuma is a 48-year-old mother of three whose 32-year old daughter Gregoria is a quadriplegic. She also has cerebral palsy and a brain disability that requires her to be fed through a tube.

Her challenges don’t keep her from “providing so much love that it’s unbelievable” according to Sonalee. However, the money allocated for medical services that

were already determined to be absolutely necessary has been cut by 12 percent every year for the past seven years. This is on top of program cuts enacted by Congress within the past five years.

As a result, Gregoria has progressively lost funding for the care that she has had to rely on throughout her life. Just one example includes underwriting the complex dental treatment (including intense anesthesia) required due to her disability. Gregoria’s yearly dental assistance is now \$400 where it had once been \$3,000. Because of this and other ongoing cuts, there is no longer money available for speech and physical therapy or maintenance for her wheelchair.

The latter issue also confronts 70-year-old Jay F., who wished to remain anonymous because of his wife’s concern about repercussions from his Medicare supplemental care provider. Jay has been confined to an electric wheelchair since his knee was removed after a staph infection almost killed him three years ago.

His wife has health issues that prevent her from pushing him in a manual wheelchair. The five-year warranty for his electric chair was voided when the company servicing it was raided by the federal government about a year ago. When the manufacturer offered to assume the maintenance under the original warranty terms, the insurance provider said no even though a Medicare ombudsman told Jay ten months ago that it was required. Instead, he was referred to companies that only repaired manual chairs.

As a result, they had to pay \$700 for stopgap repairs to keep the wheelchair operational. Now, they are worried because the wheels are wearing out and their finances are very limited.

Of course, food stamp cuts are on the minds of many people as well. An earlier



meeting was attended by more than 40 kinship care parents from the Family Enrichment Center in Tampa. These heroic individuals are often grandparents or other relatives who step up to raise children who would otherwise be placed in foster care.

Kinship Program Director Robert Davis said that these parents are barely making it as it is and often must quit their jobs because day care and other costs are so high. He puts it this way: “Could you pay for a child’s needs with the \$180 per month that an average kinship care parent receives in assistance? Taking care of these kids enables them to excel in school and stay out of trouble.”

Mary McDaniel’s situation is all too typical. She suffers from diabetes, but it doesn’t stop her from raising a 15-year-old grandson and twin 8-year old great-granddaughters. Mary’s food stamp allotment dropped from \$638 to \$309/month in July, though it rebounded to \$421 in October be-

fore dipping again to \$392 this month. Even though there is still more to work with than in July, Mary is cutting corners by scrimping on her own special diet. “My 15-year old eats enough for three but I sacrifice what I can for the kids.”

Alberta Jackson is also diabetic and has been raising her grandchild for about four years. Her monthly food stamp benefits were cut from \$175 to \$92 at about the same time as Mary. The total allotment is now \$72/month. This has hit her family especially hard because Alberta has other health issues and also has to eat special foods.

Unfortunately, this is only the tip of the iceberg. That’s why the Family Town Hall Series will take place across the Tampa Bay area twice each year. For more information on just how important it is to not be ignored any longer, please call (813) 653-5239 or e-mail ALFOLK@aol.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Fond memories of 50th class reunion

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Victor is the chaplain for the Metropolitan Section of the NCNW. Seen here posing with her sisters.

"I was influenced because he made the bible come alive," she said. "He whetted my appetite to know more about the Lord."

It was Long who took her to the bible college after her high school graduation, but she did not get in. Not deterred, she applied the next year and was accepted. Although her father was a deacon in the church and her mother was a missionary, at first they gave her no support to initiate her life's dream because they wanted her to continue at beauty college.

Following her heart and not letting family pressures sway her; Mrs. Deanie knew it was an honor to have the chance

to become a disciple of God.

"The church was set apart from all schools in the country because it was built through faith," she explained. "Faculty, staff, and students trusted God to take care of the needs of all of us. There were no school fees only a registration fee. It was a privilege for me to go to that college."

At the school she had classes that included bible theology, Christian education, gospels and bible doctrines. She explained that every class had a "spirit-filled prayer before it began."

Mrs. Deanie graduated from Zion Bible Institute in 1963 and continued her education by obtaining a

bachelor's degree in 1966 from North Central Bible College in Minneapolis, MN. She remembers fondly that her father relented and was her first convert.

The 1963 class of Zion Bible Institute had 48 graduates; Thirty-eight are still alive and 23 were present for the reunion.

"Not one had a cane or wheelchair, we're very mobile. It was awesome to see how God had kept most of us."

The reunion was attended by at least 100 former students from other graduating classes with the oldest alum being 100 years old.

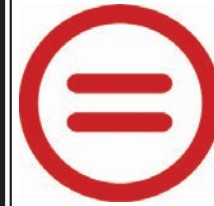
Mrs. Deanie came to St. Petersburg in 1968 one year after marrying Gus-

tave Victor. Both devout Christians, Reverend Victor is an assistant pastor at the Dominion Worship Center and Mrs. Deanie has been an adult Sunday school teacher for years. She is also the Chaplain for the Metropolitan Section of the National Council of Negro Women.

"God allowed me to go to school," she stated. "He gave me the opportunity and privilege to share and listen to other people's problems. I open up the door for people to talk. I tell them what the scriptures say. Not gossiping just sharing God's word. We're a Mom and Pop shop; we could have been closed. God placed me here for a reason."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Saturday, November 9 – Casting calls! The 37th Annual Black History Pageant is seeking talented young students ages 10-21 to staff all phases of the production "Endangered Species: Saving the Future of African-American Men." Auditions and interviews for theatre crew workers, actors, dancers, singers, artist and poets will be held both days from 1-3 p.m. at the Rock of Jesus MB Church, 3940 18th Ave. S., St. Petersburg. Volunteers are also welcomed for the Jan. 26 performance at the St. Pete High School auditorium. Contact Theresa Riggs at 727-422-4548 or ladyzinga2002@yahoo.com or vavelch@yahoo.com.

Saturday, November 9 – Come out to look for great finds and the best fish in town prepared by survivors of SISTAH'S SURVIVING BREAST CANCER from 8-2 p.m. The original yard sale and fish fry Sistahs! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to SISTAH'S SURVIVING BREAST CANCER. The event will be located at 4730 1st Ave. N. in St. Petersburg. Email Cheryl Clinton for more information: Sistahssurviving@gmail.com

Saturday, November 9 – Come out for Zala's Official Studio and Gallery Opening Reception. Meet Zala and the other wonderful artists at ArtCentral Studios, 2109 Central Ave., Studio 1 in St. Pete. For more information, call 727-902-0444

Saturday, November 16 – The Deuces - 22nd Street South Walking Tour - starts/ends at Carter J. Woodson Museum, 2240 9th Ave. S. Tour starts at 10 am. An often overlooked but important part of the city's history is found along 22nd Street South. This special tour will be led by Jon Wilson, a former St. Petersburg Times journalist and Gwendolyn Reese, President of the African American Heritage Association of St. Petersburg, Inc. During the segregation era, 22nd Street South was the vibrant main street of St. Petersburg's African American community. At its zenith about 1960, the street was home to more than 100 businesses, many Black-owned and operated.

Friday, November 22 – Klement Family Dental Care will host its first annual Dentistry From The Heart (DFTH) event providing a free day of dental care to local residents. Patients will be able to begin signing up for care at 7 a.m. in the parking lot outside the practice on 38th Avenue North. Dentistry From The Heart located at 38th Avenue North, between 66th Street and Tyrone Boulevard. For more information please visit www.dentistryfromtheheart.org.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Breakfast of achievement

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The number of children receiving awards could stand some improvement; however, Principal Wilson took pride in the students who were successful in reaching their goals for the first grading period and believes it is the beginning of a new direction in student achievement.

There was one standout student who made Principal's List (all As) seven made honor roll (As and Bs), and 11 earned Honor Roll of Achievement (a 3.0-3.3 grade point average).

"We would like to enhance this number because you are going to be the model students that will motivate your classmates," she told the honorees, "so then we are all moving to a degree of academic excellence."

The guest speaker, District 3 Vice Chair Bill Dudley of the St. Petersburg City Council, spent nearly 38 years in the public

school system before making politics his second career. He took a moment to speak to those in attendance about their decisions in life and how what they do now will play a part in opportunities allotted to them in the future.

"Nothing is ever guaranteed," he said speaking of the rollercoaster ride of life. "The value of education is that it opens up opportunity for you."

Dudley encouraged students to stay focused and make an effort to remain on the right path for a prominent future. The path that views education as the ticket to an easier existence.

Staying determined was the consistent message being enforced and the students were all ears. "Some people are motivated by what their parents or somebody else may say," Dudley explained. "Some are motivated by negative things." He suggested students find that

spark that keeps them driven and always striving to be on top.

Certificates from the city and a present consisting of writing utensils and a key chain were awarded to honorees, all wrapped up in a bow. Parents also gave gifts to their students along with inspirational notes to express their joy. Instructional Coach Daren Everage read the parents notes causing a few to blush.

Entertainment was provided by a few students at the school. The Drayton sisters, Keniya and Kenae' sang an inspirational song and student group "Beat Plus" tapped in rhythm on a table bringing inspiration through their words of poetry.

Principal Wilson is looking to increase the number of students earning awards for educational achievement and character in time for their next banquet. She states that the key to success is to remain focused.



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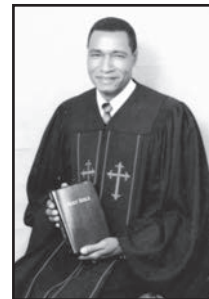
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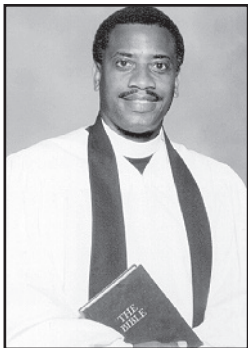
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Wednesday YPWW Bible Study – 7:30 p.m.



CHURCH NEWS

McCabe United Methodist Church

The members of McCabe United Methodist Church invite you to join them as they celebrate the church's 108th anniversary at 10 a.m. Sun., Nov. 10 at the church, located at 2800 26th Ave. S., St. Petersburg.

In addition to choral performances and an insightful sermon, the church will offer a fellowship dinner after the worship service.

For further information, contact the church at 727-867-5287.



St. Mark MBC

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

Events for November
Nov. 8 - Annual end of Year Business Meeting at 7 p.m.

Nov. 16 - the Music Department of St. Mark is sponsoring an in-house workshop from 8 a.m. -12:30 p.m. for all current choir members of St. Mark and any new members

who would like to attend. No registration fee and a continental breakfast will be served.

Nov. 17 - Church Outing- Macedonia Baptist Church, Rubonia, FL Rev. Danny Thomas, Pastor.

Nov. 21 - Women's Intermediate Auxiliary assisting with Thanksgiving Food Bags: Meeting at 7 p.m.

Nov. 23 - General Mission Ministry meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Nov. 24 - Final day to bring Thanksgiving food bags

Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Food Bags prepared and distributed (9:30 a.m.)

Leadership Meeting with Pastor Brown and all Ministry Leaders; Presidents, Vice Presidents and Advisors. Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

Weekly Scheduled Activities for St. Mark

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

us.

Baptist Training Union is each Sunday at 5 p.m. Members and the general public are invited to come out study the Bible with us, and learn "What Baptist Believe."

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

N I. K. E. After School Tutoring (4:30-6 p.m.) on Tuesdays & Thursdays (closed during holiday seasons and school breaks)

Young Adult Ministry every Monday from 6:30 p.m. (Bible Study)

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting is held every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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fice.

Calling all men and Young Adults, Each Tuesday our Male Chorus rehearsal takes place at 7 p.m., followed by the Generation Restored Young Adult Choir at 8:00 PM. Both are held in the main sanctuary.

3rd Thursday of the month – Men's Unity Ministry – Calling all Men... The Men's Ministry invite you to come out on the third Thursday of each month for their unity fellowship and study of "What a Man of God Should Look Like."

CARE- Choosing Addiction Recovery Efforts - Now meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month 7 p.m., CARE building, 1906 9th Ave S, For more information contact Min. Keith Murphy at 727-289-6057.

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Pastor's Corner

BY PASTOR SARAH EDWARDS
Visible Voices Christian Community Association

Do you really love your city?

When I was just a young girl my dad and I would sit on the front porch in the evening having wonderful conversations. I learned many life lessons from him. He was exceedingly wise for his time and age. Many young men in the community would also seek advice from him because of his gift of wisdom.

Two lessons that stayed with me all these years were: whenever a boy would ask me if I loved him and he wanted me to prove it, I should always remember that he just wanted me to allow him to have his way with me by enjoying my gifted treasures. However, whenever a man asked me if I loved him, it was because he wanted to give me his honor by marrying me, provide and protect me as his wife.

Rather than pondering if you really love your city perhaps you should ask if your city really loves you. Six generations, more than a 100 years ago, of my family has survived being black in St. Pete. There are four generations living here today. Surely we are quite capable of understanding the true history of this beautiful city.

The progression and relapses of people of color being toyed with as a 'commodity' rather than as another American. Some are either running in place or running around the same mountain singing and dancing while expecting a different result. Before the civil

rights amendment became law, we had "heroes" in our neighborhood. Lately I keep hearing that today in Midtown, the African Americans need "leaders." Who are the European-American leaders? The Cuban-American Leaders? And all the other ethnicity-American leaders in St. Pete? I'm told the government determines who is a significant Negro and will appoint them as a 'leader' of colored people.

I find that quite amusing especially being a Christian that embraces the other life-long lesson my dad taught me when I was knee-high to a grasshopper—the revelation of the 23rd Psalms. Indeed, the LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He leads me..... Jesus is Lord and is the same today as he was yesterday and shall be tomorrow [Hebrews 13:8]! I am in the world, but not of it. I do not process nor conclude my reasoning in the same manner as non-Christians. When we submit our works unto the Lord, He will establish our thoughts [Proverbs 16].

Therefore, my priority is to live my life and demonstrate being a good citizen of the government of God. Jesus' Kingdom is not of this world. Anyone who desires to replace Jesus Christ as your leader must possess the spirit of the anti-Christ. He despises the power of the individual creativity that is woven from gifts and calling, given to us by our Father God. Up until 2000 the

Sunshine City tax base was from mom and pop business – not the big box stores.

The last concentrated place blacks were herded to was Midtown and unbeknown to the law makers – this area is the highest land elevation within the city and the water tablets are getting higher. Most homes are paid for and owned by a second or third generation and/or seniors. Perhaps this affects the income level being lower than in other areas. When I returned home, the propagandizing machines were working overtime projecting Midtown as the worst area of the city due to its crime rates. That scared a lot of people including me for a minute; that is until I researched it myself. Crime in other "hoods" was not being publicly reported on the same level. The propagandizes are now using "blight" and "po-folks" to revictimize Midtown once again.

Blight and brown field areas are a result of neglect from the government. CRA bankrupted three cities in California by ballooning the status of 'preselected' and out of town developers to gain financially. Of course, they will provide jobs since there is no proposal to offer the local developers, contractors and builders the first right of refusal.

Oh well, perhaps another song will be played in another 100 years or so. Tell me, do U LUV ME?

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Mark your calendar

As God's people, we are to love and care for those that are in the service of God and that minister to us in holy things; we honor our God by esteeming his ministers highly in love for their work's sake.

Our upcoming theme celebration is titled "The man of God who knows something about God's Grace" - 1 Corinthians 15:10-11.

On November 10 and 17, 2013, we hope to express our love and esteem to Dr. John A. and First Lady Teresa Evans, Sr., as the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will observe Pastor's and Family Appreciation Celebration honoring his 36th Pastoral Ministry and 16 years as our Pastor.

The Kick-off celebration begins Sunday, November 10, 4 p.m., with Pastor Carlos Senior, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Saint Petersburg, Florida, delivering the message.

The culminating celebration will be November 17, the Reverend Dr. Alphonso Jackson, Sr., Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, will deliver the message during the 7:45 a.m. worship experience.

The celebration will end at 10:45 a.m. worship experience, Sunday, November 17, with the Dr. Gaston Smith, Pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, delivering the message.

We encourage all our church members, their families, friends and the community to make a special effort to be in church with us, Sunday, November 10 and 17 to celebrate this great milestone in our Pastor's life. Through it All, God Has Been Good - 2013 FMBC Appreciation Committee. Deacon Henry Webb, Chairperson, Sister Naomi Nesbitt, Co-chairperson.

Have you found the key? If you're looking for the key to happiness or heaven, you'll find it through Jesus Christ. Dr. John A. Evans, Sr., and Friendship welcomes you to our open doors. Friendships' worship experiences are 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School begins at 9:30 a.m.

Join us each Wednesday for Noonday Bible Study or each Wednesday night at 7 p.m. as we study in the book of Mark - Dr. John A. Evans, Sr., facilitator.

Friendship is located at 3300 31st Street South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33712. Our telephone number: 727-906-8300.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Freedom Fund Gala 2013

From **NAACP**, page 1

person, with the refrain “Like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved” being the inspiration for the gala’s theme.

“[The theme] attests to the fact that we are NAACP-ers who have stood together ... more than a century in terms of being a living, vibrant opposition to any attempts to practice discrimination, prejudice, inequality, or oppression of any sort,” Sykes explained.

“And that covers economics, education, health-care, the environment, the legal justice system, voter rights and political systems—every area where black people and other minorities have historically and systemically been kept out of the loop or disenfranchised. We fight and we advocate on multiple levels, whether it be legally, whether it be through marches, whether it be through meetings, whatever we have to do to level the playing field. So that slogan says, ‘we’re not going to stop, we’re not going anywhere,’” stated Sykes.

During the gala, awards were presented to six different African-American churches within the city who have existed for 100 years or more: Bethel African Methodist Episcopal, Bethel Metropolitan, First Baptist Institutional, New Hope Baptist Church,

New Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church and McCabe United Methodist Church.

R-Club and Head Start received an award for Economic Development. “That award is for businesses and individuals ... that help to create jobs and opportunities for minorities and African American individuals and communities,” Sykes said.

Individuals were also presented with awards representing the areas in which they made community contributions: the late Vyrlle Davis received an Education Award, Johnnie Mack received the Community Activist Award, Jesse Wells was honored for being a lifetime St. Petersburg NAACP member and the late David Welch received a Political Action Award. For the first time, a Humanitarian Award was also presented this year to former St. Petersburg Assistant Police Chief Cedric Gordon on behalf of his daughter, Brittany Gordon, who died last year while serving in Afghanistan.

Additionally, a video about the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) played at the gala. The NPHC, or “The Divine 9,” is a collaborative organization of nine historically African American, international Greek lettered fraternities

and sororities that was formed in 1930 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C.

“They were developed to bring about unity, cohesion and spirit of all the African-American males and females,” Sykes said. “They had their moral, spiritual and community components that encouraged each member to make a contribution to the community, to the public service, and also to stand up for the rights and the protections of African Americans.”

Divine 9 attire was on sale at the back of the Coliseum and proceeds from the sales also went toward supporting the St. Petersburg NAACP.

Sykes encouraged the community to become local NAACP members. He hopes that in the future not only does membership grow, but that the members become more hands on and work collectively to increase the visibility of the organization.

“I want us to be a well-respected organization. I want us to be fiscally sound so that the programs we do offer now, we’ll be able to build on those programs. I’d like to see us really be a force to be reckoned with in the St Petersburg area, and I want us to be a force for change,” he said.



COMMUNITY NEWS



By Pastor Martin Rainey



Increasing parental and community engagement: It is beginning to happen!

The Parent Support for Education Council, Inc. (PSFEC), a community-based, non-profit organization, has conducted several summits that have had low parent/guardian and community participation. However, after a brief assessment, they found evidence that the schools and the community are beginning to step up to the task.

Several initiatives have begun to increase family and community engagement namely:

- Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church has adopted Campbell Park Elementary and is working closely with administration and staff under the leadership Principal Robert Ovalle
- John Hopkins Middle School is being impacted by Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Church
- Pinellas County Schools have hired outreach personnel to focus on increasing family and community engagement. Including the implementation of "Parent Academies"
- The PSFEC has hosted four or more education summits on the imperative need to increase parental and community engagement. In partnership with South County

Community Council-JWB, *The Weekly Challenger* and 14 supporting churches

- The Weekly Challenger* has adopted the PSFEC concept for increasing parental and community engagement by: Publishing the "Parent Award" that features parents who are engaged in the lives of children in education and other social endeavors. (This is a non-competitive initiative)
- My articles dealing with the need to increase parental-community engagement, which gives media coverage to various issues in education.

The community is truly blessed by the Lord in that when the Parent Council began its ministry, many did not have faith in investing in increasing parent and community engagement!

Let's also be reminded that recent research indicates that parental and community engagement on a sustained basis improves school readiness, results in higher student achievement, enhance social skills and behavior, increase likelihood of high school graduation and is cost effective (family engagement could save \$1,000 per students).

Question: What would be the positive effect on the school

if parents and community were engaged in all elementary schools by contacting the schools three times a week for the remainder of the school year?

Answer: The Lord would be pleased (2 Cor 12:14)

Question: What if Church Prayer Warriors would join together in prayer for our schools with emphasis on increasing parental and community engagement?

Answer: The Lord said let's reason together (Isa 1:18) in prayer and obedience.

Let's pray, pray and pray!

Pastor Rainey is the President of the Parent Support For Education Council, Inc., Chairman JWB South County Community Council and also serves as Outreach Pastor for Faith Memorial MB Church, Rev. Dr. Bragg L. Turner, Senior Pastor. Pastor Rainey may be contacted: mrainey390@verizon.net or call (727) 420-1326

The Parent Council meets every third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Resource Center, located at 1800 18th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, adjacent to Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church. The community is welcome.

POPS inducts 76 students

ST. PETERSBURG — Recently on Sat., Oct. 26, 76 students were inducted into the Professional Opportunities Program for Students (POPS) Inc. The ceremony held in the Grand Theater at Gibbs High School was the fourth induction ceremony since the program started in St. Petersburg in 2010.

POPS provides students, from a variety of backgrounds, the opportunity to explore, discover and experience a series of different career goals. Through workshops, tutoring, career exploration and workplace learning placement in professional environments for five to six

weeks during the summer, POPS gives high school students of all socio-economic, cultural, and educational backgrounds, the opportunity to experience various career paths.

The 2014 class is both the largest class and the first with a number of students from various public and private high schools throughout the city. Another first for the St. Pete POPS program is the male enrollment of nearly 50 percent.

The program was attended not only by the inductees and their families and friends, but supporters and partners were also present.

Mayor Bill Foster, a staunch supporter of the program gave the invocation and congratulated the students and parents.

Others bringing greetings and words of inspiration included State Representative Darryl Rouson, who is responsible for POPS coming to St. Pete; Councilmember Steve Kornell, who is also a member of the POPS Advisory Council; Pinellas County School Board Member Rene Flowers and her grandson, Councilmember Wengay Newton and Rita Wesley, Chair of the POPS Advisory. Dr. Kevin Gordon from St. Petersburg College was unable

to attend and sent congratulatory remarks which were read by Nykko Ford.

Shenice Gammage, Class of 2012 and Nykko Ford, Class of 2013 served as mistress and master of ceremonies, respectively. Special recognition and awards were presented to Gibbs High School, Boley and the Pinellas County Urban League.

POPS, Inc. is a non-profit community-based organization which started in Orlando in 2001 by Senator Gary Siplin to assist students in the completion of high school, and motivate them to pursue advanced education and gainful employment.

In August 2010 Rep. Rouson ask Gwendolyn Reese to attend a meeting with Sen. Siplin in Orlando. The meeting was concerning the expansion of POPS, Inc. to other cities in Florida. St. Petersburg was the first expansion city and launched the program immediately with 40 students.

The program has a three-star approach to its mission and focus: Character Building; College and Career Exploration and Community and Civic Responsibility. The work of the organization is rooted in collaboration among students, parents, schools, and community and business

leaders.

The 2013-2014 school year will be filled with exciting experiences, new relationships and wonderful opportunities. We are pleased to announce our partnership with the National Urban League Incentives To Excel and Succeed (NULITES) program this year. This partnership will expand the opportunities and services provided to you.

If you would like to learn more about the POPS program or to donate shoes to the "POPS Shoe Drive," please contact Gwendolyn Reese at gwenreese@tampabay.rr.com or 727-537-0449.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Significant sports moments for African Americans, Part 2

BY FRANK DROUZAS
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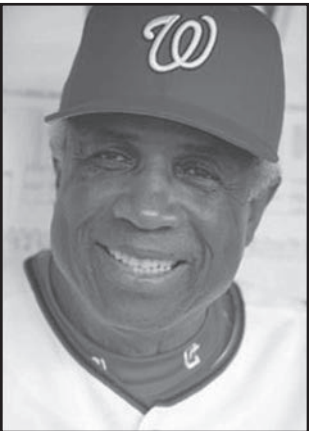
Althea Gibson plays in the U.S. National Championships

For reigning Wimbledon champ Louise Brough, it was a chance to notch another title at the U.S. National Championships. But for the 23-year-old newcomer facing her at the other end of the tennis court in Forest Hills, New York; it was the chance of a lifetime.

It was a breakthrough for a black tennis player to be invited to compete at all on that court in 1950, and in doing so Althea Gibson became the first African American—man or woman—to receive an invitation to the prestigious tournament that would eventually become the US Open. It was a close contest, but Gibson fell short that day as she dropped the three-match set to the more experienced Brough.

Yet a determined and talented Gibson came back strong the following year to win her first international title, the Caribbean Championships in Jamaica. On the momentum of that victory, Gibson competed in Wimbledon later that year, finally bowing out in the third round.

In the ensuing years she hit her stride as she won the 1956 French Open singles championship, becoming the first black woman to accomplish the feat. But the next year was perhaps her greatest as Gibson took the top prize at Wimbledon in July and was welcomed home with a ticker tape parade in New York City, a rare honor. And to top it all off, a month later Gibson defeated her old rival Brough in straight sets to win her first U.S. National Championship.



Frank Robinson becomes the first black manager

During his playing days, Frank Robinson at the plate was a fearsome sight for pitchers. How could he not be? In a career that spanned 21 seasons, he smacked nearly 3,000 hits and belted 586 home runs. He won the MVP award in both leagues and notched a triple crown (tops in the league in batting average, home runs and RBIs, is a very difficult feat). Oh, and he captured a Word Series championship with the 1966 Baltimore Orioles.

But his most groundbreaking accomplishment was becoming player-manager of the Cleveland Indians in 1975. When Robinson took the reins of the team he became the first African American to manage in the major leagues. He went on to manage the San Francisco Giants, Orioles and the Montreal Expos/Washington Nationals (he was not only the first black manager in the American League, but in the National League as well when he helmed the Giants).

He won over 1,000 games as skipper and netted the Manager of the Year award in 1989, in which he completely turned around a team that had lost 107 games the previous year, leading them to a winning season.

John Baxter Taylor, Jr. wins gold at the Olympics

in the Olympics (bronzes in the 1904 St. Louis Games), Taylor was the first black athlete that could call himself an Olympic champion—the first of a long line.

Ray Robinson wins middleweight title for a record fifth time

Winning a championship



and the subsequent victory in that rematch, Robinson was set to take on scrappy Carmen Basilio, one of the toughest fighters around. For 15 brutal rounds in New York's Yankee Stadium, the combatants traded fierce punches but in the end the 5' 6" Basilio won it on a split decision to take the middleweight title.

The much-hyped rematch was on. This time it was in Chicago's Wrigley Field and if possible was even more brutal than the first meeting. Throwing furious punches, Robinson managed to badly damage Basilio's left eye, and as the fight wore on it was swollen completely shut. But Basilio refused to quit or go down. For the full 15 rounds he continued absorb blows and slug it out but it was Robin-



The spirit of trailblazing abounded in 1908, with explorer Robert Peary setting sail for the frigid North Pole and Ernest Shackleton setting out to conquer icy Antarctica.

And in London, a young African-American sprinter from Pennsylvania University got the opportunity to represent his country in the world's grandest sports stage—the Olympic Games.

Long before integration became the norm in athletics, Taylor—with his incredibly long stride — became an integral part of Penn's track teams from 1904 to 1908. During that stretch, Taylor established the collegiate record for the 440-yard race and set a new record for that same event in 1907, with the scorching time of 48.6 seconds.

Yet his greatest moment came in the 1908 London Games. Taylor had already won races in England and France four years previously, helping him win international acclaim. But now the world was watching as the greatest and swiftest runners were competing at the highest level. Taylor had two chances to win a medal. In his first event, the 400-meter race, there was some controversy when a fellow American runner was accused of obstructing British sprinter Wyndham Halswelle. The Americans refused to run the race again, so that left only Halswelle to rerun it and take the gold in a walkover.

But Taylor and the Americans did not disappoint in the one mile race, as Taylor, along with relay mates Melvin Sheppard, William F. Hamilton and fellow Penn grad Nathaniel J. Cartmell not only won the race but set the world record! This made Taylor the first African American to win the Olympic gold medal. And although Joe Stradler and George Poage were the first black athletes to win medals

title at all for a fighter involves a healthy measure of will, talent and determination. Doing it twice takes a hard-nosed perseverance. Doing it a third time takes almost superhuman dedication. Yet in 1958 Ray Robinson defeated scrappy, tough-as-titanium Carmen Basilio to win the world middleweight championship a staggering five times!

Robinson was a pugilist whose style and movements were so fluid that his coach called them "sweet as sugar." And the aptly nicknamed "Sugar" Ray went on a tear terrorizing his opponents—amateur and then pro—winning his first 140 fights.

With great footwork and mule-kick punching power, Robinson tore his way through his opponents to win the world welterweight title by beating Tommy Bell in 1946, a title he held for five consecutive years. After dispatching all challengers that came at him, he decided to move up a weight class to middleweight so he could get a shot at some of the marquee names in the sport, like the Bronx Bull—Jake LaMotta.

The two warriors met in 1951 in a highly anticipated match, and after thirteen brutal rounds, Robinson managed to stop LaMotta with a TKO in the 13th round and win the middleweight crown. LaMotta and Robinson would go on to fight a total of six bouts, all wars, and some were immortalized in the superb film Raging Bull.

Later that year Robinson faced British boxer Randy Turpin and lost his title in a fight that went the distance, but wrested the title back from the Brit two months later when he knocked Turpin out in the rematch. After moving up to light heavyweight, Robinson went back to middleweight and defeated Bobo Olson to yet again win that title. Then after a loss to Gene Fullmer

son's day as the 36-year-old "Sugar" Ray won it on a split decision. All told, Robinson was middleweight champ five times from 1951-1960, which may be, "pound for pound," the most impressive achievement in the sport of boxing.

Tiger Woods wins his first Masters Tournament

Swinging a golf club by the age of two, Eldrick "Tiger" Woods truly was

born to play the game. He embodies the word "natural" in sports, as adept and gifted at what he does as possibly anyone in all of sports.

His accomplishments and accolades would probably fill a medium-sized coliseum, as these include winning the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship multiple times, winning the Pac-10 Championship where he shot a course-record 61 in 1996, being named Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year and PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year (both also in 1996). The following year Woods was chosen as The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year for 1997, the year of one of not only his, but perhaps golf's, biggest milestones.


Already a phenom, Woods had yet to win his first major championship before starting play in Augusta, Georgia for the 1997 Masters Tournament. As gifted as he was, he still had to face fierce competition from the world's greatest and most established golfers, which would not be easy. After the first round, Woods shot an impressive 70, but the cal-

iber of the competition was apparent, as this was only good enough for fourth place. He tightened his game even more in the second round and shot a 66, which put him into the top slot, just above Scotland's Colin Montgomerie.

At this point Woods seemed to be locked into a tunnel vision as he showed the world just how unstoppable he was. Golfing an even lower score in the ensuing round, Woods put his game into overdrive and sped well ahead of his closest pursuers as none of them could keep up. After the fourth and final round Woods finished a staggering 12 strokes in front his nearest competitor, fellow American Tom Kite, as he finished the challenging course with a score of 18 under par! It was the largest margin of victory in a major championship at the time.

With the convincing victory, Woods became the youngest player to win the illustrious tournament, at 21. Furthermore, he became the first African American to win the Masters in its 61-year history.





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High fashion in St. Pete

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Donna Wooten Thompson paid a tribute to renowned Florida fashion designer Francisco ‘Azucar’ Gomez. She held a moment of silence for the Miami native that had a heart attack and died backstage just prior to the 5th Annual Chillounge Night event here in St. Pete last year.





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