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ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

Betty Hayward Retires From Pinellas Opportunity Council



Betty Hayward

The Enoch Davis Center auditorium was the scene on last Friday night as a 200 plus crowd of family, friends and well-wishers came together to pay tribute to Betty Hayward who retired after 30 years of service with the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program, a segment of Pinellas Opportunity Council.

Hayward is native Floridian and very active in the community. Her past experiences include Aging and Adult Services division of HRS, chairperson of the Area Agency of Aging Advisory Council-Pasco/Pinellas, Vice president of Florida RSVP Directors Association. She has also served as a columnist for the St. Petersburg Times, Seniority Section and board member of Highland Bayou Neighborhood Association.

Betty has also given her time and talents to numerous professional and civic

associations to include the American Association of University Women, United Negro College Fund, Pinellas County Volunteer Directors Association, POC Federal Credit Union and the National Council of Negro Women, Faith In Action Board of Directors, Family Service Center and the Alumni Singers.

"Betty is the type of person who will not let you say no when she asks you to serve on a committee," said long time friend and colleague, Carolyn Chance who came out to speak and congratulate her for many years of faithful service.

The program was emceed by Blanche Ganey and Edwina Graham, nieces of Hayward. The outstanding food was provided by Sofia's Catering service, Hayward's daughter. Eleanor Brooks of POC and colleagues organized the spectacular event.

In closing Betty took the stage to thank everyone for coming out. "Thank you for giving me my flowers while I'm still here to appreciate them," said Hayward "Not everyone is lucky enough to see and receive these types of accolades. I will never be able to express to each of you how much this means to me." Betty is married to McKinley Hayward. They have two children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

I Have The Power To End Stroke



Audience members workout to end stroke

BY BLANCHE L. GANEY
SPECIAL TO THE CHALLENGER

ST. PETERSBURG - Andrea Baptiste, former contestant of the popular NBC television program, Biggest Loser professed over and over again, we do not have to be sick.

"We have the power to be well and fit and we give that power away everyday by not exercising and by eating large amounts of foods that are not good for us," said 31 year old Baptiste who admits that even though she has modified her lifestyle by watching what she eats, she still loves collard greens, cheesecake and all the other foods that are considered soul foods.

"Somebody once said to me," said Baptiste laughing, "Collard greens give you high blood pressure." Baptiste laughed as she shared this story because like the person who said this to her about collard greens, so many people know very little about nutrition and the impact that food has on their bodies. "I had to tell the lady that made the comment, that greens are one of the healthiest vegetables we can eat; it's the fatback and salt that we add to vegetables that make them deadly.

On Saturday morning at Tropicana Field, the American Heart Association presented a local event of the national power to end stroke campaign, focusing on African American women who are

dying more than any other ethnic group from heart disease, stroke and diabetes. Black women tend to die more from disease for a number of reasons including economics, but the reason that is most heartbreaking, is lack of knowledge.

Tammie Fields from Tampabay 10 News, who was the emcee for Saturday's event, said that black women know their dress size, shoe size and every other size connected to their bodies, but not the numbers that could save their lives such as triglyceride count, cholesterol or blood pressure.

According to the American Heart Association high blood pressure is the most important risk factor for stroke. It's often called the "silent killer" because it usually has no symptoms. It affects 40 percent of African-American men and women over age 20. A high level of total cholesterol in the blood is a major risk factor for heart disease, which raises your risk of stroke. Among non-Hispanic blacks age 20 and older, more than one-third of men and nearly half of women have total blood cholesterol levels over 200 mg/dL — a level at which the risk for heart attack and stroke increases.

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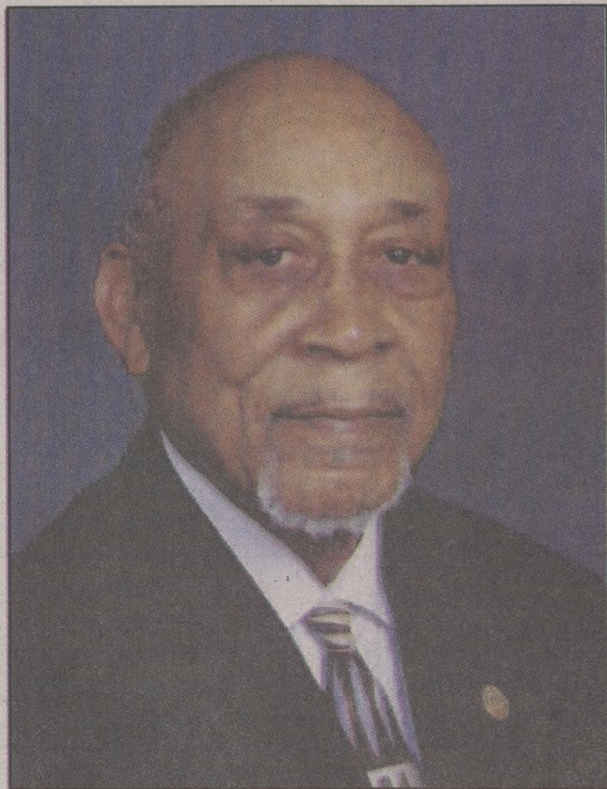
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'Lefty' Goss Inducted into Kentucky State Basketball Hall of Fame



Dr. James C. "Lefty" Goss

CLEARWATER- Dr. James C. Goss was recently elected to Kentucky State University's Athletic Hall of Fame for his outstanding contributions in basketball.

Dr. Goss, known to friends, schoolmates and teammates as "Lefty" because of his precise left-handed shooting prowess, earned All-State distinction for the 1950 through 1952 seasons at his high school, Jones High School in Orlando. This was followed by All Mid-Western Conference honors in 1955 and 1956 at Kentucky State. He started with the first team and also lettered all four years, and served as team captain for 1955-1956.

The Hall of Fame induction was part of homecoming festivities at the University held in October in Frankfurt, Kentucky.

Following graduation Dr. Goss played basketball for the U.S. Army's Third Division (tanks) in Europe, helping the team achieve a 53-9 record and receiving the MVP award and All-tournament Honors in the Army Divisional Tournament in 1958.

Dr. Goss spent his professional career in education, retiring as vice president for Administration at St. Petersburg (Florida) College. Currently he is involved in many community and statewide public service organizations. He is a lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. and serves as Chairman of the Pastor Relations Committee of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Clearwater. He also serves as president of the Pinellas County Florida Retirees' Club.

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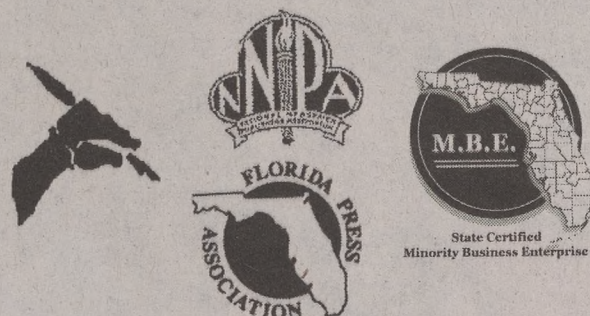
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We Value Diversity. We Value Education. We Value History.

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- 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

Dates To Celebrate: Oct. 31, 1919, Oct. 16, 1995



BY. A. PETER
BAILEY
NNPA
COLUMNIST

Two major historical black events happened during October that we as people need to celebrate, study carefully, learn from and build on. The first was the launching, on October 31, 1919, of its first ship, The Yarmouth, by Marcus Garvey's Black Star Steamship Corporation.

In the book, *Marcus Garvey and the Vision of Africa*, edited by John Henrik Clarke, with the assistance of Amy Jacques Garvey, the great, visionary leader speaks on the memorable achievement: "I thought if we could launch our ships and have our own black captains and officers, our race, too, would be respected in the mercantile and commercial world, thereby adding appreciative dignity to our down trodden people."

In the space of two or three months, the corporation of the Black Star Line was able to purchase its first ship, the S.S.

Yarmouth, which was rechristened the S.S. Frederick Douglass.

On a day in October 1919, we launched in the New York harbor the first boat of the line. That was a day never to be forgotten. It was a Sunday. Hundreds of thousands of people gathered at the foot of the 125th Street Pier at the North River to see the boat sail under the Black captain. People also gathered in thousands on River Side Drive to witness the wonderful spectacle.

The fact that Negroes had launched a ship in New York became a world sensation and the news was flashed from one center of our civilization to the next. Thousands of letters of inquiry came from all parts of the world. The result of [all this] tended to create more branches of the Universal Negro Improvement Association." According to reports, "White newspapers splashed the news (of the launching) in disbelief all over the world. Black people rejoiced...the Black Star Line was designed to show what self reliance could do. It was financed from its sharehold-

ers, all of whom were black and most were UNIA members..." This was a classic example of what pooling of our resources can accomplish.

A second major October historical event was the Million Man March on October 16, 1995. It was an unforgettable sight to see over one million black men gathered together on that day in fellowship and unity on the Mall in Washington D.C. to share conversation, beliefs, visions, grievances and expectations. A survey of 1,070 of the participants by political science faculty and researchers from Howard University found that "eighty five % said the fact that the March encourages building broad-based black unity attracted them to the March; 85 % also said that calls for self-determination by the black community attracted them to the March. Seventy-eight % said they attended because the March places black men in the forefront of black progress attracted them to March; 77% cited calls for atonement and reconciliation among blacks. Seventy-five percent noted they

were moved to participate in the March because it supports independent black economic programs." The survey's conclusion noted that the attendees were "energized and ready to engage in political action to promote fairness for the black community."

They expressed nationalist ideals in that an overwhelming majority of them wanted some form of self determination for the black community. They wanted more control of the politics and economics of the black community and were particularly inclined to support black businesses developed in the black community.

Both the March and the launching of the ship need to be carefully studied; they provide valuable lessons about what to do and what not to do in the ongoing campaign for true economic, political and cultural empowerment. Though neither realized its ultimate goal each mobilized more of our people to action than any other event in our history. That's why we need to celebrate, learn from and build on them.

Raising Teaching Standards: NYC Bonus Pay



BY. MARCH
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COLUMNIST

In the words of Marc Fisher, a columnist for the Washington Post, there are no two words together that "strike such fear and loathing in the heart" of teachers and their unions as "merit pay."

But "no other concept" has enjoyed such support among those interested in bringing accountability to the nation's public schools and at the same time improving student achievement, according to Fisher's blog.

Recently, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg orchestrated a coup in public education by getting the teachers' union to agree to voluntary pay incentives for educators in the city's top 200 high-need schools to raise student achievement. The historic pact would provide \$20 million in cash bonuses, funded through private donations in the first year, contingent on the progress their schools make on achievement tests.

"We've reached a breakthrough agreement establishing a new program that will reward excellent performance by individuals and by entire schools," said Mayor Bloomberg. "We are rewarding our teachers who prove that they are the

most successful in helping students make academic progress. This initiative will help us reward our great teachers and foster excellence in our public schools."

During a leadership luncheon opening the National Urban League's 2007 annual conference, the mayor touted the use of performance bonuses to encourage teachers to give their all in the classroom, especially in low-performing schools. "We should be offering teachers and principals incentives not only to take the toughest assignments and to fill special needs, but also to get the best possible results from their students," he said.

The collective-bargaining agreement did not come without some compromise on Bloomberg's behalf to get the United Federation of Teachers to bite. It included a provision allowing teachers 55 and over to retire with full benefits after 25 years in the classroom and a stipulation that performance bonuses be granted according to school-wide as opposed to individual or classroom progress in student achievement to recognize the importance of collaboration in the educational process. Under the plan, eligible schools are required to form committees consisting of at least two UFT members and two principal's representatives to determine how the added money will be allocated to school employees.

The compromise "recognizes and builds upon the UFT's core philosophy that students learn, achieve and benefit most when all educators in a school collaborate to provide the best possible education," said union President Randi Weingarten at a recent city hall press conference. "It properly refocuses the misguided debate over individual merit pay. Respecting and understanding the importance of teamwork and collaboration is precisely why the UFT enthusiastically supports this school-wide initiative and has consistently opposed the idea of individual merit pay for teachers — especially when based solely on student test scores."

Merit pay and its various incarnations — performance incentives, bonuses, etc. — is neither new nor non-controversial. The term was born in 1710 in England, when teachers' salaries were based on students' test scores in reading, writing and arithmetic, according to Vivian Troen and Katherine C. Boles, authors of *Teaching Your Children?: Why the Teacher Crisis Is Worse Than You Think and What Can Be Done About It*.

The final outcome? Not so great. "Teachers and administrators became obsessed with financial rewards and punishments, and curriculums were narrowed to include only testable basics... Teaching became more mechanical as teachers found that drill and rote rep-

etition produced the 'best' results. Both teachers and administrators were tempted to falsify results, and many did," observed Troen and Boles in a Boston Globe editorial from late September.

In their book, the two women, lecturers at Brandeis University and Harvard School of Education, respectively, reviewed dozens of merit-pay plans, finding that: "None of them, past and present, has ever had a successful track record. None has ever produced its intended results. Any gains have been minimal, short-lived and expensive to achieve."

The New York City agreement may very well emerge as one of the success stories because it represents the first time that a school system and teacher's union managed to find a middle ground on performance incentives. Unlike previous efforts to use such bonuses to boost test scores, the plan also benefits from being part of an ambitious and comprehensive effort to improve the city's schools. Merit pay by itself is by no means the panacea for a failing educational system.

But when incorporated with other initiatives, it has a greater chance of succeeding and helping get our nation's schools back on the right track for a brighter future for generations to come.

Marc Morial is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

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LOCAL NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Saturday, Nov. 3 & Sunday, Nov. 4 - Art Arbor. Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Way, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Annual autumn festival features more than 70 arts & crafts vendors, environmental exhibits, free-guided tours, a hay maze and a variety of programs highlighting birds, reptiles and animals found at the preserve. Top local bands perform bluegrass, acoustic and folk music festival. Adults \$2, children \$1 727-893-7326

Friday, Nov. 9 & Saturday, Nov. 10 - Deck The Halls. Art space, 10 5th St. N. 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Artists from all over Florida create holiday ornaments for sale, \$5 each, with proceeds benefiting The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast. www.art-spaceartists.com or 727-418-8887.

Saturday, Nov. 10 - The Hospice St. Pete Stroll. The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E., 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Take a leisurely stroll along the waterfront. Registration at 8 a.m. www.the-hospice.org or 727-586-4432.

Saturday, Nov. 10 - African American Health Forum. Johnnie Ruth Clarke Center, 1344 22nd St. S. Breast cancer awareness walk 6:30 a.m. Community forum, health screenings and activities 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. 727-821-6701.

Wednesday, Nov. 14 and Thursday, Nov. 15 - 6th Annual Senior Friendly Extravaganza. Tropicana Field, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 250 exhibitors featuring information on senior services, lifestyles, health and wellness, travel and more. Lots of musical entertainment with a special appearance by Frankie Avalon and celebrate 50 years of American Bandstand

with music from doo-wop to Elvis. Fitness icon, Richard Simmons warms up the crowd at the Senior Fitness Walk. Car show, magic, cutiest grandkids photo contest, bingo, arts & crafts, prizes, food and product samplings Free admission and parking. www.srmagazine.com or 727-595-5455.

Saturday, Nov. 17 - Fire Station Open House. Lakewood Station #11, 5150 31st St. S. 9 a.m. to noon. A celebration of the Fire & Rescue 100 year anniversary: meet your local firefighters, get a close look at the trucks, take a tour of the station and ring the 100 year old bell. Free. 727-893-7218.

Saturday, Nov. 17 - National Council of Negro Women, (NCNW) general body meeting, 9:30 a.m.- Fanny A. Ponder Council House 1835 9th Avenue S.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 - Florida Republican Presidential Debate. Progress Energy Center for the Arts at Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. 7 to 9 p.m. The Republican Party of Florida, CNN, and YouTube will partner to produce a historic debate between the Republican presidential candidates. Live broadcast on CNN and CNN En Espanol, moderated by Anderson Cooper. Invitation only. www.rpof.org, www.mahaffeytheater.com or 727-893-7465.

Friday, Nov. 30 - World AIDS Day. Williams Park, 2nd Ave. N. and 3rd St. N. Noon to 4 p.m. Health fair and prevention education. Hepatitis, HIV testing, general health screenings and flu shots will be available. Free. www.pinellascounty.org or 727-824-6964.

Igniting The Power Event Addresses Stroke Risks And Education

BY BEN FRY
NEIGHBORHOOD
NEWS BUREAU

ST. PETERSBURG - Helen Morris didn't know she was having a stroke.

Her words seemed a little slurred, her vision a little blurry and she had numbness in her right leg. She thought it was just stress or fatigue. She closed her New Orleans business for the day and went home.

No one who was around her that afternoon recognized the symptoms, but when she woke up the next morning she couldn't walk, talk, or feel the right side of her body.

"I was paralyzed," said Morris. "My life stopped." She was 45.

On Saturday, 10 years after her stroke, she wore a look of triumph on her face as she carefully descended the stairs after addressing the crowd at Tropicana Field for the American Stroke Association's Ignite the Power in Tampa Bay. The event was part of the nationwide Power to End Stroke campaign

designed to increase awareness of stroke in the black community.

"If you learn anything today, learn that you should do everything to prevent it from happening to you," Morris told the crowd.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the nation. A stroke afflicts someone every 45 seconds, and a fatal stroke occurs, on average, every three to four minutes. Symptoms occur suddenly and include weakness of arms, legs or face on one side of the body, confusion, trouble seeing, trouble with balance or coordination, and severe headache. Even minor symptoms could be a sign of a stroke.

Andrea "Drea" Baptiste, the keynote speaker for Ignite the Power in Tampa Bay and a former contestant on NBC's reality show The Biggest Loser, said that people have to take ownership of their lives. She said people need to "get through the mental roadblocks" and empower themselves to do all they can to prevent a stroke, such as find out their family histories and

other risk factors.

Health and fitness guru Donna Richardson Joyner led an aerobics session at the event.

"We know we should be better stewards for our temples," Joyner said.

Morris agrees. She spent three months in the hospital after suffering a stroke. She had physical therapy and speech therapy. She now participates in aqua training once a week, where she does exercises in a pool.

She has made great strides in the past ten years. Her speech has improved, and she can walk again with the help of a walker. She drives now, and she visits stroke victims in the hospital so that they can use her experience and recovery to gain hope.

"You never get over it. You get better but you never get over it," Morris said.

Ben Fry is a reporter for the Neighborhood News Bureau, a program of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

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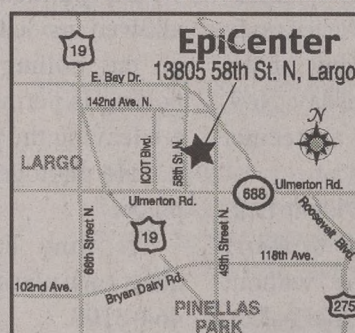
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LOCAL NEWS

Eckerd Dean Of Faculty Lloyd W. Chapin Receives Union Theological Seminary's Distinguished Alumni Award



Union President Joseph Hough, Jr. presents the 2007 Unitas Distinguished Alumni Award to Eckerd's Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Lloyd W. Chapin.

ST. PETERSBURG - Lloyd W. Chapin, Eckerd College Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, was recently honored with the 2007 Unitas Distinguished Alumni Award during Union Days, the annual reunion for the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York.

Recipients of the Unitas Distinguished Alumni/ae Award are chosen to represent all of the Union graduates who have distinguished themselves in the church, academy, and society across the country and around the world. Dr. Chapin received his M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees in church history from Union.

"During Dean Chapin's 40-year career in higher

education, he has had a far-reaching impact on literally thousands of faculty and students," says Donald R. Eastman III, President of Eckerd College. "During his 27-year tenure as Eckerd's chief academic officer, he built on the college's early promise and shepherded the institution into a vibrant, thriving model of excellence."

"To me Union in New York has always been the primary center for the academic study of religion and ethics," reflects Dean Chapin. "Although I did not go there with the goal of becoming an academic dean in a liberal arts college, it turned out to provide the perfect preparation. I feel extremely fortunate and deeply grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of Eckerd for so many years, a college that fosters the same values that make Union great - intellectual vitality, authentic personal faith, and the desire to make the world a better place."

Lloyd W. Chapin has been Vice President and Dean of Faculty at Eckerd since 1979, where he also holds the rank of Professor of Philosophy and Religion. He received the B.A. degree from Davidson College and the M.Div. and the Ph.D. degrees in church history from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He has held appointments on the faculty of Colgate University, where he served as Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion and Assistant Dean of Faculty, and at Emory University, where he was a member of the religion department and Associate Dean of the College.

Last-Minute Reminders for November 6 Elections

Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark encourages citizens who plan to vote in the November 6 elections to remember the following information to make Election Day go smoothly. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Election Day. Sample ballots may be viewed at www.voteinpinellas.com.

Florida residents who were registered to vote by October 9 and currently live in St. Petersburg, Largo or the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District are eligible to vote in this election.

Some polling place locations have changed. Voters are encouraged to confirm their polling places by calling 464-6108 or visiting <http://voteinpinellas.com/ElectionPollingPlaces.aspx>.

Mail ballots may be returned to any of the three Elections Offices until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6. Mail ballots cannot be accepted at a precinct polling place.

Please bring photo and signature identification with you to the polls if possible to avoid delays and extra paperwork. Anyone without valid and current ID can vote a provisional ballot.

A canvassing board will later determine the validity of any provisional ballots.

State law requires that a citizen vote in the precinct in which he/she resides. If you have moved, you are required to vote in your new home precinct.

Name, address or signature changes may be made at any Elections Office or by printing a Voter Registration Application at www.voteinpinellas.com; completing and signing the application; and returning it to any Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Office. Address changes may also be made by phone.

No political activity or campaign signs are allowed inside the polling place or within 100 feet of the polling place entrance. However, exit polling is permitted in designated areas as voters are leaving the polls.

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If you have any other election-related questions, please call the Elections Office at (727) 464-6108.

Stetson Invites Prospective Law Students To Attend Law School Information Day

GULFPORT - Stetson University College of Law invites prospective law students to its annual Law School Information Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 17 at 1401 61st Street South in Gulfport.

The program features a simulated law class, faculty-led seminars, campus tours, and information about law school admissions and financial aid for law school. Prospective students can also learn more about

Stetson's part-time law programs, international study abroad programs, its award-winning trial and moot court teams.

"Law Day is an opportunity for prospective law school students to get an overview of both law school and the Stetson experience," said Laura Zuppo, director of admissions. "Prospective students can learn more about the legal field and law school. They can experience a mock first-year class, learn what it is like to be a law student, meet

faculty members and take tours of campus with current students."

Last year's event drew more than 300 people from across the state and nation to Stetson's Gulfport campus.

To learn more and to register for this free event, please visit Stetson online at www.law.stetson.edu/admissions/lawschoolinformationday.asp.

The deadline to register is November 12.

A Call To Action

On Friday, November 2, be sure to attend A Call to Action from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, 921 20th Street South in St. Petersburg.

The PACT Council of 100 will meet to discuss progress made toward closing the achievement gap and stopping the violence among black youth. Be there for this open dialogue on the new plan to resegregate Pinellas Schools and the next generation of black leadership.

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Monitoring diet and becoming active are major weapons in the war against disease. Many African American women forego exercise because of their hair. They say they'd rather be fat and sick than have their hair sweaty and nappy. Andrea, who is known as Drea, said she had those types of concerns when she first went on the Biggest Loser show.

"I was very particular about my hair, but I learned the first day of the show that if I was going to be serious and do the things needed to stay on the show, and more importantly get my self healthy, I had to get a hairdo that would withstand physical activity," said Drea who is a licensed exercise physiologist. She said that because she is a licensed personal trainer many people were surprised that she had gotten as heavy as she got. "Life comes after all of us and many of us turn to food," she said, "getting fit and healthy is a choice and no matter how much you know until you make up your mind to take control of your life you will not do it and regardless of all the excuses we make it is a choice. I was sick and tired or being sick and tired so the Biggest Loser show was my turning point for getting my life back on track."

Donna Richardson Joyner who was also part of the Igniting the Power in Tampa Bay event came out on stage ready to get the crowd moving.

She didn't do the normal clap your hands and shuffle your feet activity; she did real movements that got heart rates elevated. The crowd was energized and in sync with her as she moved them through powerful exercises inspired by encouraging spiritual music that played in the background. Donna reminded the crowd that the body is the "temple of God" and that we are each responsible for maintaining these bodies the best that we can. Donna is the creator of the popular exercise videos, Buns of Steel and Sweating in the Spirit.

The crowd was pumped and encouraged when Donna left the stage, only to be dazzled by the inspirational words of local celebrity Elder Aayako Watkins who is cofounder of Caring For Your Temple, a scriptural approach to weight loss and wellness. "It is time for us to take back our power and do what the scriptures have commanded us to do, and that is to be well and healthy," said Watkins.

The attendance at the event was lower than expected but not the energy level. Many of the women left the event informed and armed to incorporate a healthier lifestyle and eating habits in their every day lives. The power is ignited in Tampabay and the torch of information is being passed to others.

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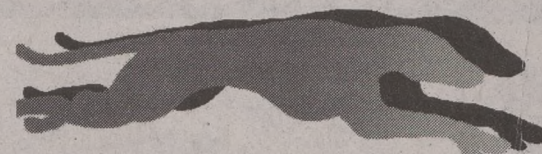
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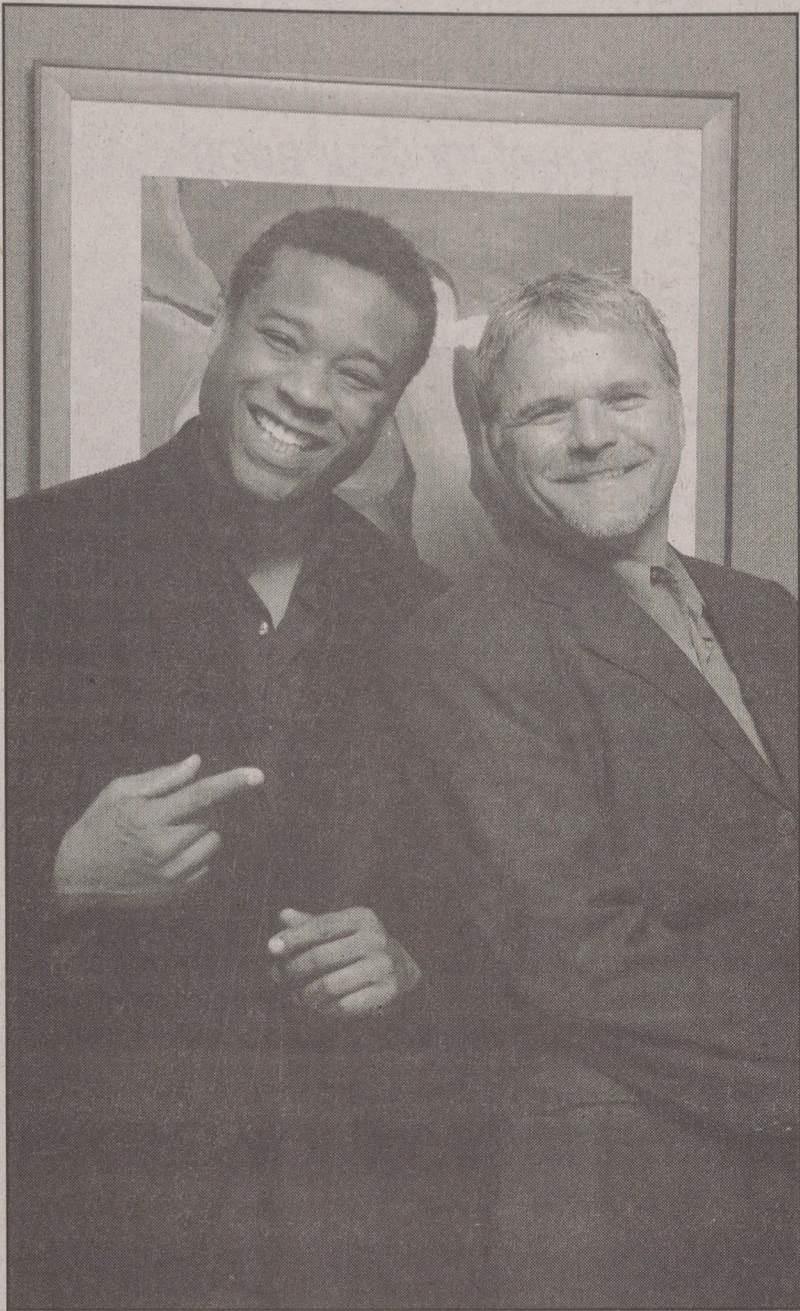
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LOCAL NEWS



Charles Mattocks (l) and Dr. Bart Rademaker (r) share their message of hope and wellness each Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on AM1040 NewsTalk Radio

Charles Mattocks Host And Creator Of The Poor Chef™

With the success of Mr. Mattocks' TV segment and his story having appeared in such national magazines as Quick and Simple and Soul Food and his appearances on the nationally syndicated TV shows, "The Daily Buzz" and "iVillage," Hollywood has taken notice. Mr. Mattocks is currently in talks with major networks to take the full length Poor Chef™ TV Show nationwide. In addition to The Poor Chef™ TV segment, he also has his own Poor Chef™ All Purpose Seasoning by the Everglades brand. It is available online on his web site at www.thepoorchef.com or by going to www.evergladesseasoning.com. The seasoning can also be found on the shelves of U-Save grocery stores. In addition, having signed with a major publisher for his first Poor Chef™ cookbook, Mr. Mattocks has taken his message of healthy lifestyle to a new level.

Walk With Wellness™ is the brainchild of Mr. Mattocks. By applying key elements in your life and taking the steps to always find the positive and view each breath as a new opportunity for change, Walk With Wellness™ looks to help many find answers to their questions. He has teamed up with Dr. Bart Rademaker, a well respected plastic and

reconstructive surgeon and owner of Rejuva Medi Spa. Dr. Bart Rademaker has studied at the renowned Mayo Clinic and had a Nobel Peace Prize nomination for his help with relief efforts in Sri Lanka. Together, Charles and Dr. Bart aim to share their message of hope and wellness with the world. "Growing up as the nephew of the late Bob Marley," states Mr. Mattocks, "my youth was steeped in conversations about social responsibility for both my personal life and for the global community that I live in. The Poor Chef™ allowed me through entertainment to educate my audience on healthy cooking habits to provide the foundation to lead an active lifestyle."

The Walk With Wellness™ Radio Show airs each Saturday on Tampa Bay's WWBA NewsTalk Radio AM1040 from 3:30-4:00 p.m. and streams live online on the station's web site at www.1040wwba.com. The show features many renowned professionals in their respective fields of health and wellness from authors to nutritionists. Listeners also have an opportunity to call in and ask questions. Tune in each week for in-depth conversations, gripping interviews and real life issues that need real life answers by two guys that care—your hosts, Charles and Dr. Bart!

90th Birthday Celebration for Mary Lee Strong

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies."

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Mrs. Mary Lee Strong celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday October 6, 2007. Mrs. Strong is a well known citizen of St. Petersburg, FL and has been a member of First Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church for over 60 years under Pastorship of the late Rev. Napper, Rev. Moses Newsome, and the current pastor, Rev. Elliott. She also serves on the Mothers Board of First Mt. Zion.

A dinner celebration was

given in her honor at Piccadilly Restaurant on US 19 north.

Mrs. Florence Thompson dedicated a poem to her, and tributes were given by her oldest son, Joseph R. Strong, and son-in-law, Lamont Richardson, both of College Park, Georgia.

In attendance were her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, along with other family member and friends.

TAMPA - Charles Mattocks, nephew of the late reggae legend, Bob Marley, accomplished actor, host and creator of The Poor Chef™ which airs every Thursday between 10:00-11:00 a.m. on NBC's "Daytime" Show and is syndicated throughout the southeast, has been

pushing healthy living for some time. The premise of The Poor Chef™ is cooking a meal that will feed at least two people all for under \$7. Guest cooks from all ethnic backgrounds step up to the challenge each week as Charles brings them onto his show to cook their \$7 meal.

Royal Theatre Arts Academy

The dance department at the Royal Theatre is a new program that offers technical training in ballet, modern, hip hop, jazz and tap. This program will serve as a launching pad for many young up and coming dancers in the Midtown area.

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transfers onto other parts of the child's life. We have seen many children improve academically as well as behaviorally after participating in the dance program.

There are many exciting plans this season including five performances, the Black History Month parade and Feet on the Street. They will

also be attending the Show Stoppers Regional Dance Competition May 2-4. The Dance Department at the Royal Theatre is an exhilarating new program and an important addition to Midtown St. Pete. For more information contact the Royal Theatre, 1011 22nd St. S. at 327-6556 or Jessica Hickman 687-4111.

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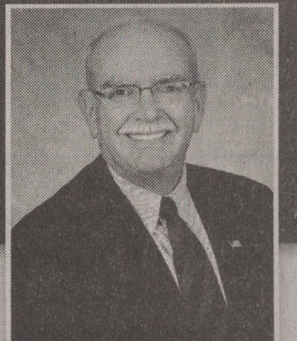
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LOCAL NEWS

BPW Monte Carlo Night Funds Scholarships for Women

ST. PETERSBURG - Business and Professional Women/St. Petersburg Pinellas (BPW/SPP) will hold the group's third annual BPW Monte Carlo Night on Friday, November 2, 2007 from 6 to 10PM at the newly renovated Treasure Island Yacht and Tennis Club located at 400 Treasure Island Causeway, Treasure Island. The public is invited to enjoy an evening of gaming, dining and dancing to support educational opportunities for women through a variety of scholarships. BPW/SPP works with the Pinellas Education Foundation and other organizations to provide direct funding and subsidized housing expenses for women at various colleges and universities throughout Florida.

For further information about this event, please visit www.BPWMonteCarloNight.com. If you have questions you can contact Kristine Ketcham at (727) 502-5790, Sherrie McGill (727) 510-7009 or e-mail MonteCarlo@BPWStPetePinellas.org.

BPW Monte Carlo Night, promises "fun with a purpose" including casino style gaming and a silent auction. There will be opportunities throughout the night to win prizes donated by dozens of sponsoring businesses throughout the Bay area including "Royal Flush" sponsors AYPagesUS, Inc. and "Full House" sponsors MRI Associates of St. Petersburg Inc., Comprehensive Physicians Services Inc., and Doctor's Pain Management Services.

League Of Women's Voters Co-Sponsor "The COST OF GREEN"

ST. PETERSBURG - Tampa Bay area chapters of the League of Women Voters have teamed up with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program's Community Advisory Committee and the Weedon Island Preserve to present "The Cost of Green," a free public community forum on residential fertilizer use.

The session, moderated by reporter Bobbie O'Brien of WUSF-FM National Public Radio, will take place on Thursday, November 8 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Weedon Island Preserve Environmental Education Center, 1800 Weedon Drive N.E., St. Petersburg.

The forum will address varying perspectives on issues related to residential use of fertilizers, explore ways to minimize adverse environmental impacts, and review pending state rulemaking on the use of fertilizers.

Space is limited. For reservations, call Nanette O'Hara at 727-893-2765 or email Nanette@tbep.org.

The League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area (LWVSPA) was founded in May 1939. Later that year, the St. Petersburg group joined with two other Leagues in Winter Haven and Winter Park-Orlando to establish the League of Women Voters of Florida. Pat Richardson is the 2007-2008 president of LWVSPA, which includes all the communities of South Pinellas.

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Urban League Luncheon Meeting

The Pinellas County Urban League will host its 2007 annual membership luncheon meeting on Monday, Nov. 19th at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront located at 333 First Street South, St. Petersburg from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In addition to our program's overview, the meeting will

include the election of some new members to the board of directors, beginning January 1, 2008. All members of the urban league are eligible to cast a vote during the annual meeting.

For more information on the Urban League's programs and services, please call (727) 327-2081.

Library Offers Driver Safety Class

Clearwater's North Greenwood Library is hosting a two-part AARP Driver Safety Class on Wednesday, November 7 and Friday, November 9 from 1 - 5 p.m. each day. The North Greenwood Library is located at 905 North Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, St. Petersburg.

This eight-hour classroom

refresher course is designed for drivers ages 50 and up. The class is divided into two four-hour sessions. Auto insurance rates may decrease with discounts after this course is taken.

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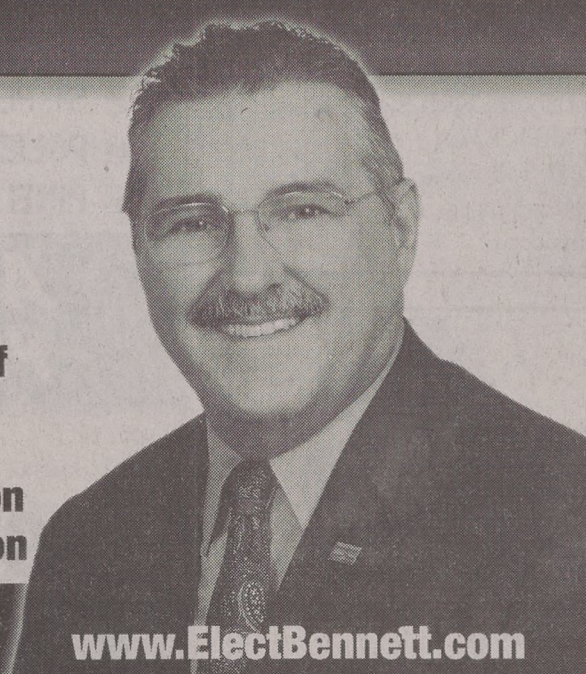
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ENTERTAINMENT

Jackson Family Patriarch Decries Media Image; Discusses Proposed Museum



Joe Jackson

GARY, IND. (NNPA) - The father of the "King of Pop" believes his legacy in shepherding the rise of the world's most successful music family is being distorted, and maligned in a concerted effort to rewrite history.

Instead of focusing on his success as a father, businessman and philanthropist, Joseph "Joe" Jackson says the U.S. media is on a campaign to discredit him and distort the impact a "black family" from Gary, Indiana, has had on world (entertainment) history.

In an exclusive interview with the Crusader Newspaper Group, Jackson reflected on his accomplishments and why he is involved in a project to bring a Jackson Museum to the city of Gary, Ind., where the family's legacy began. He said he and his wife, Katherine, are adamant about preserving the true history of their family which will allow popularized, negative commentaries, such

as Martin Bashir's 2003 infamous televised documentary featuring Michael Jackson, to serve as an official record.

"The real story has never been told in a way that truly reflects what we accomplished as a family — a black family in America," said Jackson, speaking from his home in Las Vegas.

"This (museum) can really be something great if people get behind it. I have 28 grandchildren now and I want them to know their history and the sacrifices we made to have what we have today."

Similar to Graceland, which hails the life of rock and roll legend Elvis Presley, the Jackson Museum will house memorabilia, rare family footage from around the world and serve as the official archive of the legacy of the entire Jackson family, including sibling pop icons Michael and Janet. In addition, the facility will also house a proposed Jackson Radio Network which is currently in consideration by XM Satellite Radio based in Washington, D.C. The 24-hour channel will play all Jackson music and feature exclusive interviews with family members.

Both projects are conceived and spearheaded by Glenn Cosby and Mel DeVonne, two Chicago-based

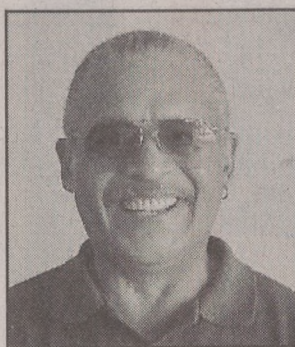


Jackson Family

radio personalities having nationally aired on over 70 stations through the ABC Radio Networks. Abe Thompson, president and owner of WUBU-FM, in South Bend, Ind., also involved in the project is as an advisor on Oprah Winfrey's \$54 million channel XM Radio.

Cosby, a former national program director for ABC explained, "There is no other family in American history that has contributed to global music history like the Jacksons and something of this magnitude is long over due," he said. "This museum will not only preserve their legacy but serve as a beacon of inspiration to show that racism, poverty and barriers cannot deprive you of success."

According to Jackson's business partner, Rick Neville, the proposed museum complex will include a state-of-the-art auditorium, multi-media rooms, classrooms, high-tech exhibits, audio tours and a souvenir shop. It may also house the actual Jackson home, which sits at 2300 Jackson Street.



Who Is Jimmy Scott?

Writing about Jimmy Scott is long overdue. It's finally time to share some of what I know about this jazz icon and dear friend. I believe that Jimmy Scott is by far the best male jazz vocalist of our time. Nevertheless, on several occasions, I've asked local jazz fans, if they've ever heard of Jimmy Scott. Their responses have been a loud and resounding "No, I haven't!" I was surprised that so many had never heard of this brilliant vocalist and beautiful person.

By contrast, everyone in a club I belonged to, the "Monarch's Athletic & Social Club" knew of Jimmy Scott and his music. It was his albums that were played over and over at the one-dollar admission fund raisers held in our clubhouse in the Baxter Terrace - Newark Projects. Those were the so-called good old days, when on Easter and Labor Day, Jimmy was featured at "Lynn & Lynn's" a jazz spot in Newark, on a shared billing with featured comedians Redd Foxx, or Slappy White.

Born in 1925, Jimmy was



Jimmy Scott and Rick at birthday bash

raised in a family of ten in Cleveland, Ohio. At the age of 12, he began his singing career. When he reached his teens, his musician friends helped him obtain work at some of the bars and clubs, even though he was under age. Later, he took a job in Meadville, Pennsylvania, and was able to work with some of the best jazz musicians of the day; such as Lester Young, Ben Webster, Slam Stewart, and many others. In 1948, Jimmy joined the

Lionel Hampton Band. Lionel became Jimmy's mentor, and they say that it was Lionel who gave Jimmy the stage name of "Little Jimmy Scott." At the time, Jimmy was 23 years of age, quite thin, young looking, and less than 5 feet tall.

In the early 1940's, Jimmy joined the Caledonia Revue traveling the Southern "Chitlin' Circuit" to the East. Sometime in 1945, while performing in Baltimore, he met Redd Foxx. They became fast friends, and it was Foxx and Joe Louis, the boxer, who persuaded Jimmy to go to New York, instead of traveling the "Chitlin' circuit." They convinced him that with his voice, he could make it on his own. Once Jimmy began performing in the Metropolitan area of New York/New Jersey he quickly became a household name. However, he still had not reached the big-time.

Finally, through all of his up's and down's, in the late 1990's more and more people began to take notice. Some of Jimmy's admirers and their comments about his singing come from personalities such as Nancy Wilson, who cites Jimmy as her sole influence, and claims "There would be no Nancy Wilson, if it weren't for Little Jimmy Scott." Billie Holiday's favorite singer was Jimmy Scott, and whenever Dinah Washington couldn't make a gig, she would get Jimmy to substitute. She said "they won't be disappointed if they get Jimmy." Liza Minnelli said "Every singer should get down and kiss his feet." Madonna claims that Jimmy is the only singer who could make her cry. Bill Cosby, Quincy Jones, Ray Charles, Marvin Gaye, Billy Joel, Elton John, Max Roach, Gloria Lynn, former President Bill Clinton, Dr. Billy Taylor, and hundreds more all have glowing things to say about Jimmy.



Jimmy Scott at Rick's Jamm

It's taken a long time for the public to get to know Jimmy Scott, and seems somewhat unfair that someone with such a beautiful voice could be overlooked for so long. However, a recipient of more than 40 awards and accolades, when questioned about success coming late in life, Jimmy said, "I'm content that my voice is pleasing to people. In a way, I feel like now maybe people will hear what I have to offer, whereas before the music never got to a level where all people had access to it. All I can do is to give what I really feel."

Local jazz historian Al Williams had this to say about Jimmy: "I've got almost everything he ever made. I'm crazy about his singing. Even when he got old, he was good. His enunciation was perfect." Personally, I'm proud to say, Jimmy is a friend of mine, and sang at my home during a jamm session celebrating my 60th birthday. I own four of his CDs, and highly recommend "All The Way." Get it, and I bet you too will become a fan of Jimmy Scott!

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

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CHALLENGER SPORTS

BUCS CORNER



Buccaneers Confident They Can Regain Winning Edge

BY FRED GOODALL

TAMPA, (AP) - Jeff Garcia tried to put a positive spin on Tampa Bay's third loss in four games.

The team's promising 3-1 start has dissolved into a 4-4 record, however the Buccaneers are confident they will regroup the second half of the season and remain in contention for a playoff berth.

"We can beat ourselves up about a lot of things, but we're only halfway through the season and I'm not going to allow myself to hang my head and be disappointed," Garcia said, reflecting on Sunday's 24-23 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"I think there are a lot of positive things to look at. We have eight games remaining, and I know this team's going to come back this next week, give everything they have to give, fight, battle, and do whatever it takes to turn this season around."

A lopsided loss at Indianapolis four weeks ago was much easier to swallow than setbacks the past two weeks against Detroit and Jacksonville, which held off the Bucs despite playing without injured quarterback David Garrard.

Tampa Bay outgained the Lions and Quinn Gray-led Jaguars by hefty margins, but undermined themselves with turnovers and other mistakes.

Tampa Bay lost two costly fumbles at Detroit and Garcia threw three interceptions during the loss to Jacksonville. Meanwhile, the Bucs defense didn't force a turnover in either game.

"You can go through all the statistics you want, play fantasy football and draft whoever you want. At the end of the day it's turnover ratio that decides football games," coach Jon Gruden said.

"We turned it over too many times in two weeks, and we haven't gotten any turnovers. Usually that'll do you in."

Injuries have been a factor in the slide, but so have youthful mistakes and penalties.

Despite gaining 422 yards against Detroit and 385 against Jacksonville, the offense has struggled to finish drives and score touchdowns. Two of the four TDs the Bucs scored against the Lions and Jaguars came on long receptions by Joey Galloway.

With tailbacks Carnell "Cadillac" Williams and Michael Pittman sidelined by injuries, the running game has been inconsistent. The defense also has been affected by injuries, with cornerback Brian Kelly and end Patrick Chukwurah missing significant playing time.

Still, the Bucs are very much alive in the NFC South, where division-leading Carolina, New Orleans and Atlanta all have at least three losses.

"If we can get some guys back in the second half of the season, we could hang around and make this interesting," said Gruden, whose team has missed the playoffs three of the past four seasons.

Linebacker Derrick Brooks agreed. "The reality is we're one game out of first place and we play that team again, so let's not hold your heads down," said Brooks, though the Bucs actually trail the Panthers (4-3) by a half game.

"We're trying not to get frustrated because we're doing so many things well. On the same token, it's about finding a way to win. For us to not have turnovers (the past two weeks), from my standpoint defensively, is not a way to turn the corner. We've really got to find a way to do it."

The first step is rebounding next Sunday against Arizona (3-4), which is coming off a bye.

"Right now we're going to find out the true character of this team," defensive end Kevin Carter said. "Basically, we've got to establish whether we're gonna be a playoff contender or not."

UP NEXT FOR THE BUCS:

The Bucs (4-4) host the Arizona Cardinals (3-4) Sunday November 4th at 1:00 p.m.

Florida State Heads For Showdown With No. 2 Boston College

BY BRENT KALLESTAD

TALLAHASSEE, (AP) - After a workmanlike win over Duke under its belt, Florida State now turns its attention to another Saturday night date, but this time at No. 2 Boston College.

"You're dealing with the uppercrust now," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said Sunday. "That used to be us. every saturday. Now it's the other way around."

After several years of relative mediocrity, Florida State is thirsting for a chance to reclaim some of the attention that made it one of the nation's most elite programs through the 1990s. And a win against the undefeated Eagles on the road would be a promising step.

Boston College (8-0, 4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) pulled out a 14-10 win at Virginia Tech last Thursday after scoring a pair of touchdowns late in the fourth quarter.

"They've passed every test there is," Bowden said Sunday about BC. "Every year ... for some team, it seems to be their year." And he was glad that BC survived. "I didn't want to catch them on the rebound," Bowden said.

The veteran Florida State boss is anxious to start on a nasty schedule in the final month of the season that also includes road

dates at No. 11 Virginia Tech and No. 18 Florida sandwiched around a home finale Nov. 17 against Maryland.

"I know the schedule is tough," Bowden said. "But at least the kids will stay focused."

Whether they'll be at full strength for Saturday's 8 p.m. kickoff is another question.

Florida State (5-3, 2-3 ACC) lost receiver Richard Goodman for the year late in the Duke game, but hopes to have wide receiver Greg Carr back this Saturday.

Carr, who has caught touchdown passes against BC in each of the last two years, was held out of the 25-6 win over Duke with two sprained wrists.

Goodman, who started in place of Carr, fractured his right ankle in the fourth quarter after a career night in which he caught 11 passes for 73 yards.

Antone Smith also left in the waning minutes of Saturday's game after rolling his left ankle, which was diagnosed Sunday as a mild sprain. Smith turned in his second consecutive 100-yard rushing game, with 146 yards on 23 carries.

The Seminoles also played without Damon McDaniel for the second straight week. McDaniel missed several practices earlier this month to address some family issues in Virginia.

In his first start in nearly a month, quarterback Drew Weatherford threw for 339 yards and a touchdown and was turnover-free, although Smith and Preston Parker each lost one fumble.

allowed only 254 yards and held the Dolphins out of the end zone for the first 58 minutes for a victory that only the winners could view as anything remotely beautiful.

Miami pulled within 13-10 when Cleo Lemon hit Ted Ginn Jr. for a 21-yard score with 1:54 left. But Jay Feely's onside kick went out of bounds and the Giants kneeled on it three times to seal the game, ignoring the loud boos from a crowd of 81,176 that wanted more.

Miami fell to 0-8 and kept 0-16 very much in play for the season on this, the 35th anniversary of their perfect, 17-0 season in 1972.

The idea behind this game was supposedly to offer Londoners a first-hand look at the real thing after they'd suffered through decades of exhibition games and NFL Europa. And while the mud made for good television and some fun slips and slides, this was hardly a clinic of American football at its best.

High School Football Scoreboard

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

November 2, 2007

Bishop McLaughlin at Keswick Christian
Bradenton Bayshore at Boca Ciega
Cardinal Mooney at Clearwater Central Catholic
East Lake at Countryside
Pinellas Park at Dixie Hollins
Palm Harbor University at Dunedin
Largo at Gibbs
Lakewood at Southeast
Osceola at Norhteast
Northside Christian at Shorecrest
Seminole at St.Petersburg
Tarpon Springs at Springstead
Lake Placid at St.Petersburg Catholic

November 3, 2007

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Last Week's Scores

Osceola 0 Boca Ciega 28
Cambridge 14 Calvary Christian 7
Central 10 Tarpon Springs 27
Countryside 42 Clearwater 24
Clearwater Central Catholic 0 Mitchell 27
Dixie Hollins 28 St.Petersburg 31
East Lake 35 Palm Harbor University 7
Pinellas Park 13 Gibbs 38
Indian Rocks Christian 7 Fort Meade 39
Keswick Christian 56 Out-Of-Door Academy 0
Lakewood 24 Northeast 21
Largo 34 Seminole 0
Lakeland Christian 7 Northside Christian 27
St.Petersburg Catholic 21 Mulberry 41
Gateway Charter 20 Shorecrest 27

NFL TRIVIA OF THE WEEK

Who holds the NFL record for most sacks in a career?

Hint: Was the 1st pick in the 1985 NFL draft.

Last Week's Answer:

Indianapolis Colts QB Peyton Manning

See Sports Page Next Week For The Answer!!

BCS STANDINGS



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| 1. Ohio State 9-0 | 14. Hawaii 8-0 |
| 2. Boston College 8-0 | 15. Texas 7-2 |
| 3. LSU 7-1 | 16. Auburn 6-3 |
| 4. Arizona State 8-0 | 17. Alabama 6-2 |
| 5. Oregon 7-1 | 18. South Florida 6-2 |
| 6. Oklahoma 7-1 | 19. USC 6-2 |
| 7. West Virginia 7-1 | 20. Florida 5-3 |
| 8. Kansas 8-0 | 21. Wisconsin 7-2 |
| 9. Missouri 7-1 | 22. Boise State 7-1 |
| 10. Georgia 6-2 | 23. Virginia 7-2 |
| 11. Virginia Tech 6-2 | 24. Wake Forest 6-2 |
| 12. Michigan 7-2 | 25. Clemson 6-2 |
| 13. Connecticut 7-1 | |

AP TOP 25

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| 1. Ohio State (59) 9-0 | 24. Tennessee 5-3 |
| 2. Boston College (1) 8-0 | 25. Clemson 6-2 |
| 3. LSU (3) 7-1 | |
| 4. Oregon 7-1 | |
| 5. Oklahoma 7-1 | |
| 6. Arizona State (2) 8-0 | |
| 7. West Virginia 7-1 | |
| 8. Kansas 8-0 | |
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| 10. Georgia 6-2 | |
| 11. Virginia Tech 6-2 | |
| 12. Hawaii 8-0 | |
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| 15. Michigan 7-2 | |
| 16. Connecticut 7-1 | |
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| 21. Wake Forest 6-2 | |
| 21. Boise State 7-1 | |
| 23. South Carolina 6-3 | |

Others Receiving Votes

Wisconsin 132,
California 131, Kentucky 123, Virginia 33, Penn State 30, Purdue 22, Brigham Young 22, Troy 13, Kansas State 12, UCLA 11, Oklahoma State 5, Illinois 4, New Mexico 4, Rutgers 1.

Dropped From Rankings

Kentucky 14, California 18, Virginia 21, Penn State 24, Rutgers 25.



New York Comes Out Winner After Giant Road Trip, 13-10 Over Miami

BY EDDIE PELLIS

WEMBLEY, England (AP) - They mucked their way through a steady rain.

They played as if they were in a London fog.

The NFL's first regular-season trip overseas was every bit as sloppy as it was predictable Sunday. Eli Manning threw for only 59 yards, but ran for New York's only touchdown to lift the Giants to a mud-caked 13-10 victory over the still-winless Miami Dolphins.

The Giants (6-2) had more riding on this game, coming in with a five-game winning streak and in no mood to take a 3,500-mile trip to London to make history on behalf of the NFL. But Brandon Jacobs helped make the journey a success, running for 131 yards, the second straight week he's hit a career high.

Helped in part by a steady rain that made for an "unfriendly pitch" at torn-up turf Wembley Stadium, the New York defense

STATE NEWS

Crist Signs \$1.1 Billion Budget Cut Plan; Approves Tuition Increase

TALLAHASSEE (AP) - Gov. Charlie Crist has made final \$1.1 billion in state budget cuts but he did so grudgingly and without fanfare.

Crist fixed his signature Friday to the budget revision bills sent to him two weeks ago by the Legislature. They enact tuition increases at public universities and colleges and cuts to the state's water supply projects, among other things.

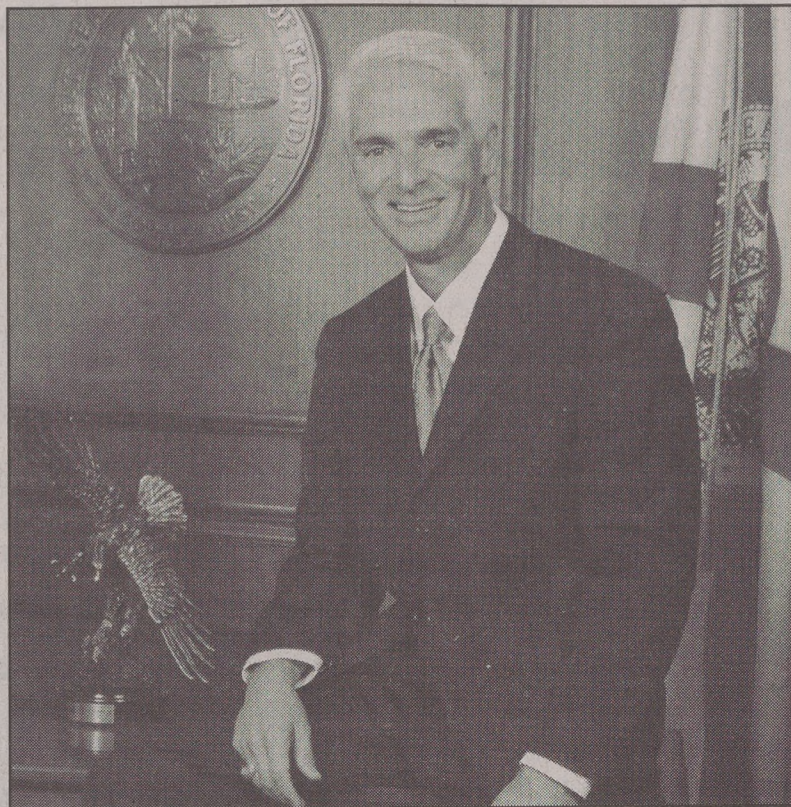
"Though fully aware of the state's revenue projections and the need to reduce expenditures, I have specific concerns with some of the reductions," Crist said in a letter accompanying the bills. "I want all concerned parties to understand that piecemeal approaches to our higher education system are unacceptable to me."

Lagging home sales and a sagging economy forced lawmakers into a special session earlier this month to deal with a \$1.1 billion budget shortfall in the state's \$71 billion plan.

Health care for the poor is among the areas suffering the biggest cuts in the revised budget. Programs that serve Medicaid patients lose \$233.8 million; nursing homes that care for them lose another \$164.5 million.

Crist reversed his earlier position, signing a bill that allows state universities and community colleges to raise tuition by 5% beginning in January.

The governor had vetoed a similar increase in the spring, but said he did not attempt to veto



Florida Governor Charlie Crist

this time because he believes residents are being provided with other financial relief. He said he also expects at least 30 % of the tuition increase to be used for financial aid.

The increase will amount to a \$55 boost for university students taking 15 credit hours in the spring semester and about \$29 for community college students taking 12 credit hours.

The bill will also let universities impose a technology fee up to 5% of the tuition beginning in the fall of 2009.

Still, some higher education officials said the increases did not go far enough.

"We understand the state is in a difficult situation and this 5%, while helpful, is not going to

make that much of a difference on the bottom line until we get a better handle funding education in this state," said David Mann, director of governmental affairs for the University of West Florida, where hiring and spending freezes are in effect.

An alliance of business groups and environmentalists failed to convince Crist to veto a \$30 million reduction in the state's alternative water supply programs.

"I don't care what you cut in the budget, but it should not be water. We have drought, we have shortages, we have water wars starting," said Sen. Paula Dockery, R-Lakeland. "This is the very last place we should cut."

Lack Of Presidential Candidates Looms Over Democrats' Convention

BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON

LAKE BUENA VISTA (AP) - Nearly three thousand Democrats rallied around their top politicians and party leaders Saturday, but the biggest impression was made by who wasn't there: Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama, John Edwards and other presidential candidates.

The candidates skipped the convention to honor a pledge not to campaign in Florida because the state violated party rules by setting its primary date before Feb. 5.

Well, not all of them. "Mike Gravel for president!" shouted state Senate Democratic Leader Steve Geller, announcing his support for the former Alaska senator and the only candidate who agreed to come. Geller had previously endorsed Edwards, the former North Carolina senator, but withdrew it because of the Florida boycott.

The convention comes in the middle of a months-long feud over Florida's Jan. 29 primary. The GOP-dominated Legislature and Republican Gov. Charlie Crist put the date into law last spring. After considering holding caucuses after Feb. 5 to meet national party rules, the state party decided to stick with the early primary so as many people as possible can participate.

The Democratic National

Committee responded by voting to strip Florida of all its delegates. Candidates were pushed by party leaders in the DNC-approved early voting states - Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada - to sign a pledge not to campaign in Florida unless the state complied with DNC rules.

Florida Democrats were given 30 days to change their minds. They refused.

Gravel was enthusiastically greeted by several Democrats before he addressed the crowd. "I make my own decisions, and the decision I made is that the people down here need recognition. All I hear is 'Thank you for coming, thank you for coming, thank you for coming,'" Gravel said. "They feel insulted."

Sen. Bill Nelson devoted much of his address to the primary quarrel. He and U.S. Rep. Alcee Hastings are suing the DNC over the issue.

"Our lawsuit is about the right of every American to have access to the ballot box, and to have that vote count - and to have it count as intended," Nelson said. "We believe there's no reason that anyone can excuse the denial of this fundamental right."

He also stirred loud boos when he mentioned the candidates' boycott.

"Equally troubling is that the average citizen in Florida no

longer can see their candidates for president. The party bosses have barred them from campaigning here, except for private fundraisers," he said. "This is unacceptable. Paying for political participation is unacceptable."

Still, many of the attendees waved signs for candidates. Clinton, the New York senator and former first lady, appeared to have the most support and Obama, the Illinois senator, was also well represented.

"I'm disappointed that the candidates aren't here, but I think there's fabulous spirit here and we are totally going to take back the White House in '08," said Connie Washburn, 61, of Coral Gables, who was holding a Clinton sign. "Florida wants a change."

The event did have a strong turnout, and Republican bashing was heavy. It also showed a video poking fun at Republican presidential candidates, with the suggestion that former U.S. Rep. Katherine Harris should be recruited to run.

"The Republicans want you to believe that just because a few of our friends aren't joining us Florida Democrats are going to start voting Republican. Can you all believe that?," Thurman said as the crowd jeered. "I will put one of our all-stars up against their benchwarmers all day long."

NATIONAL NEWS

Jesse Jackson Jr. Recalls Father's White House Bid In Obama Ad

BY JIM DAVENPORT

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - White House hopeful, Barack Obama planned to launch a new radio ad Tuesday, in South Carolina, featuring the son of civil rights activist, Jesse Jackson.

In the one-minute ad, U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. recalls 1988, when his father won South Carolina's Democratic presidential primary.

"South Carolina voted for my father and sent a strong message to the nation," the younger Jackson says in the ad. "Next year, you can send more than a message. You can launch a president."

In the ad, Jackson, D-Ill., says "A lot of politicians call themselves our friends. But Obama has a heart that beats for our community, and he's dedicated his life to the struggle."

Jackson goes on to mention laws the senator has supported to stop racial profiling, and the rail-roading of the poor in the justice system.

Obama's campaign committee said the ad will air on "36 Urban", gospel and other stations aimed at black

listeners around the state.

The campaign committee has previously stated it was too early to target groups of voters in South Carolina, where half of the Democratic primary voters are black. But Jackson said in a telephone interview Tuesday that this ad is an effort to reach black voters.

"Who doesn't target in political campaigns?" Jackson asked. "We are reaching out to African-Americans, and to other surrogates. During the campaign we will be reaching out to other demographics within that campaign."

Jackson said he was trying to convince voters that Obama "is not speaking as a friend of the community. He is part of our community, he's one of us and he directly relates to the struggles within the African-American Community."

The ad launch comes one month after The Columbia State



Jesse Jackson

Newspaper in South Carolina reported that Jackson's father said Obama was "acting like he's white," for not speaking out more forcefully about the racially charged school beating in Jena, La., that sparked demonstrations by civil rights advocates.

The elder Jackson later stated that his quote had been taken out of context.

Georgia Supreme Court Releases Genarlow Wilson

BY THE ASSOC. PRESS

ATLANTA, GA - Georgia's Supreme Court on Friday ordered the release of a young man who has been imprisoned for more than two years for having consensual oral sex with another teenager. The court ruled 4-3 that Genarlow Wilson's 10-year sentence was cruel and unusual punishment.

Wilson, 21, was convicted of aggravated child molestation following a 2003 New Year's Eve party at a Douglas County hotel room where he was videotaped having oral sex with a 15-year-old girl. He was 17 at the time.

Wilson was acquitted of raping another 17-year-old girl at the party.

The 1995 law Wilson violated was changed in 2006 to make oral sex between teens a close in age a misdemeanor,

similar to the law regarding teen sexual intercourse. But the state Supreme Court later upheld a lower court's ruling which said that the 2006 law could not be applied retroactively.

Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears wrote in the majority opinion that the changes in the law "represent a seismic shift in the legislature's view of the gravity of oral sex between two willing teenage participants."

Sears wrote that the severe punishment makes "no measurable contribution to acceptable goals of punishment" and that Wilson's crime did not rise to the "level of adults who prey on children."

The state Supreme Court had turned down Wilson's appeal of his conviction and sentence, but the justices agreed to hear the state's appeal of a Monroe County judge's decision

to reduce Wilson's sentence to 12 months and free him. That judge had called the 10-year sentence a "grave miscarriage of justice."

Dissenting justices wrote that the state Legislature expressly stated that the 2006 change in the law was not intended to affect any crime prior to that date.

They said Wilson's sentence could not be cruel and unusual because the state Legislature decided that Wilson could not benefit from subsequent laws reducing the severity of the crime from a felony to a misdemeanor.

They called the decision an "unprecedented disregard for the General Assembly's constitutional authority."

A spokeswoman for Wilson's lawyer said his legal team received no advance notice of the decision.

Magic Johnson Is 2007 Freedom Award Recipient



Magic Johnson

MEMPHIS, TN (AP) - Former NBA star and Michigan native Magic Johnson, historian John Hope Franklin and Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf have been named recipients of the National Civil Rights Museum's annual Freedom Awards.

The museum on the site of

Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination handed out the awards at a banquet Tuesday night.

The museum said it was honoring Johnson for his work since leaving the NBA on promoting economic development, improved health care and educational opportunities in low-income urban neighborhoods.

Johnson, 47, retired from the NBA after contracting HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and became a campaigner for AIDS awareness. His Magic Johnson Foundation supports HIV/AIDS prevention and health care education in low-income communities.

Johnson was modest about his selection. "I don't know whether I actually deserve this

award," he said earlier Tuesday. "They (Franklin and Johnson-Sirleaf) have written history, seen people die. My history is yet to be written."

Franklin, 92, a prolific chronicler of civil rights history, was part of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund team that helped develop the Brown v. Board of Education case which led to the U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing racial segregation in public schools.

Johnson-Sirleaf, 68, was inaugurated in January as president of Liberia. Known as "Iron Lady," she is her country's first elected female president. She was named by Forbes Magazine last year as one of the "100 Most Powerful Women in the World."

OBITUARIES



Barbara Jean Fountain

Mother Barbara Jean Fountain age 59, was called from labor to reward on Thursday, October 18, 2007. She was born on February 25, 1949 in Fort Myers, Florida to the late Lenton Hobbs, Sr. and Amanda Jackson. She was a member of Genesis Worship Center where she served faithfully on the Mother's Board. She is survived by spouse Herbert Fountain; daughter, Pamela Hobbs; sons, Bernard Hobbs, wife Sherie, Tyrone Hobbs and wife Talia, brothers, Melvin Hobbs, Lenton Hobbs Jr., wife Carolyn E., and four grandchildren.

ZION HILL MORTUARY



Johnny Lee Gamble

Johnny Lee Gamble was born on February 10, 1917 in Manning, S. C. to the late Don Dozier and Pattie Gamble. After a long illness he departed this life on October 22, 2007. He leaves to cherish his memories three daughters: Harriet Cade, Sadie Marie Martin, and Yuvnett Bolden all of St. Petersburg, Florida; one son: Nate Williams of California and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

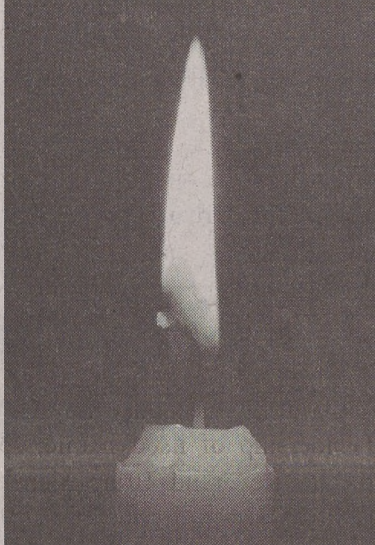
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Vinnie Louise Hurst

Vinnie Louise Hurst was born on August 13, 1920, in Vidalia, Georgia to the late Oddie Miller and Adline Eason Miller. She departed this life on October 22, 2007. Those left to cherish her memories: two sons, Malcolm Hurst (Pamela) of Atlanta, GA and Tommy Hurst of Bronx, NY; four daughters, Louise McCoy (Charles), Ruthie Mayes (Ruben), Olivia Hurst, all of St. Petersburg and Pamela Blount (Patrick), of Orlando, FL; one brother, David C. Miller (Ola Mae) of Miami, FL; 21 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

SMITH FUNERAL HOME



Doshie Mathis

Doshie Mathis, 54 of St. Petersburg died Friday, October 19, 2007 at Bayfront Medical Center. She was born in Dothan, Alabama. She was a graduate of Dothan High School. She worked in the Medical Records department at Bayfront Medical Center. She was Baptist. Survivors include her husband, Edward Rolax Sr., one son, Edward Rolax Jr.; one daughter, Devin Mathis, all of St. Petersburg; two brothers, C.J. Mathis of St. Petersburg and Oran Mathis Jr. of Dothan, Alabama; three sisters, Gertha Mathis of Dothan, Alabama, Lillie Wilson and Mattie Beaton of St. Petersburg and two grandchildren.

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MRS. JESSIE K. WELLS
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Teri L. Stephens

Born on July 29, 1965, in St. Petersburg, Teri L. Stephens departed this life on October 12, 2007. Those left to cherish her memories are godson, Jordan Goggins; mother, Dorothy Stephens; sister, Marilyn Gore; brothers, Michael Danny and Jerome; several aunts, uncles and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends.

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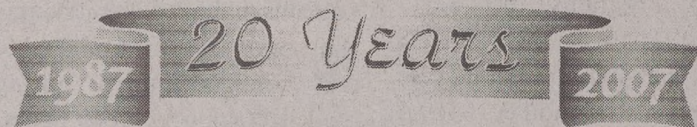


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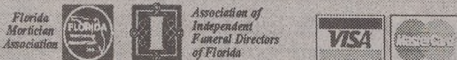
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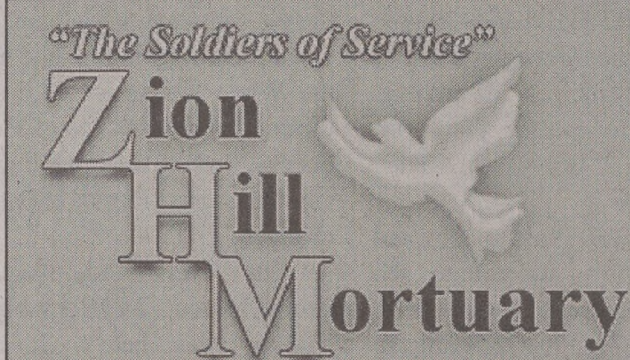
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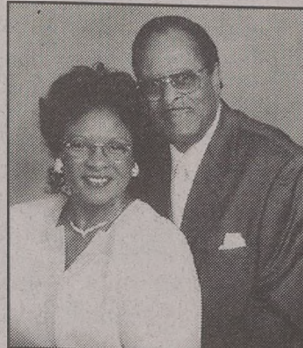
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CHURCH NEWS

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

*"Write the Vision and make it plain on tablets,
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For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but
at the end it will speak, and it
will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it,
because it will surely come, it will not tarry."
Habakkuk 2:2-3*

Dr. John A. Evans, Sr. God's anointed and appointed leader of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, the official staff and the entire Friendship Family located at 3300 31st. Street South graciously extend to all a cordial welcome to join us for worship. The doors to our church are always open to our guest.

We anxiously await your presence with joy deep down in our hearts and arms open wide. The vision at the SHIP has been given to Pastor Evans by God. Join us as we venture into a unique worship experience in God's holy place. This worship experience leads to the victory in Christ Jesus.

The entire Friendship Church Family would deem it an honor to have you worship with us during our early morning worship service which commences at 7:45 a.m., church school at 9:30

a.m. followed by 10:45 a.m. mid-morning worship. Pastor Evans will impart God's word to his people. The Friendship Adult Choir will sing songs of praises.

Worship with us as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our Pastor Dr. John A. Evans, Sr. and first family. "Our Theme: Continuing the Vision of a Divine Purpose."

Kick-off Service - Sunday, November 11, 2007, 4:00 p.m. Pastor Carlos Senior and the New Hope Church Family, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Black Tie Banquet - Friday, November 16, 2007 Mirror Lake Lyceum at 7 p.m. (please call the church at 727-906-8300 for additional information).

Culmination Services - Sunday, November 18, 2007, 7:45 a.m. Pastor Troy Adams, New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church; 10:45 a.m. Pastor Andrew Thomas, Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Columbia, SC; 4:00 PM Pastor Charlie Barfield, Pineland Missionary Baptist Church, Madison, Florida.

"To God Be the Glory for all of the great things He has done."

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New Philadelphia Community Church

Church Anniversary Observance

The church family of New Philadelphia will commence celebrating seventeen years of spiritual solidarity on Sunday. At mid-morning worship service throughout month of November, praise and thanksgiving will be expressed to God for how He has kept this faithful remnant of loving servants together. Attire for the following worship services will be:

- 1st Sunday - White
- 2nd Sunday - Black
- 3rd Sunday - Church family T-Shirts
- 4th Sunday - Casual wear

Thematic emphasis for this year will be "The

Story Behind Our Praise." The church family collectively praises God for the faith-filled adventure of our journey together. Individual testimonies will be an integral part of each Sunday worship service. Members are urged to be present.

Additional activities during anniversary observances will include ordination of Deacons. These church family members will be honored during mid-morning worship. A fellowship repast will take place with members sharing "break-fast" at a commemoration service commencing at 9:00 a.m. More information about these activities will be forthcoming.

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- Sun. Nov. 4th, 4 p.m.
- Mon. Nov. 5th, Wed. Nov. 7th and Fri. Nov. 9th, 7 p.m. - Nightly services
- Sat. Nov. 10th 6 p.m.: "NIGHT OF THANKS."
- Sun. Nov. 11th - Official Dedication Service - 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information please contact Rebecca or Teresa Evans at 727-867-4144.

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Reverend Carlos L. Senior Pastor
November 1 - 8, 2007

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Worship continues at 10:30 with the Disciples of Hope leading the congregation in praise. The Music team consists of Michael McKenny, Vernard McKenny, Marcus Childs, and Corey Givens. The Bread of Life will be served by our Esteemed Pastor, Reverend Carlos L. Senior. The Ordinances of the Church will be observed during this Worship Experience!

MIDWEEK P.U.S.H.

Prayer, Understanding & Spiritual Healing Bible Study (Adult and Youth) and Prayer will be held on Wednesday evening. Prayer begins at 6:00p.m. Bible class begins at 7:00p.m. Come let's study the Word together!

Prayer Band is held on Thursday mornings at 11:00. "Effectual, fervent prayers of the righteous availeth much." Come let's praise God together.

Upcoming Events (Month of November)

- November 3 Clothes Give-away and U.S.D.A. Food Distribution
- November 7 - 9 West Coast Baptist Association - Orlando, FL
- November 10 ministry training
- November 11 new members luncheon Church engagement: Friendship M. B. Church
- November 17 district meetings
- November 19 college tour

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Bay Point Christian Church Hosts the New Life Revival

November 11th - 15th, 2007, Bay Point Christian Church, 2001 62nd Ave So., St. Petersburg will host The New Life Revival, Four days of preaching, music and prayer based on Ephesians 4:20-24.

Dr. Tommy Green, Senior pastor of First

Baptist Church, Brandon, will be the keynote speaker Sunday Night (11th) and Wednesday Night (14th). For further information, please call church office at (727) 866-8814.

Contact person: Susan McEliece

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

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St. Mark Offers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Mark After School Tutoring Ministry: Neighbors Involved in Kids Education (N.I.K.E.) is open to all school-age children every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

St. Mark Technology Lab: the St. Mark Computer Lab will be open and available for use on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 pm. to 7:30 p.m. The lab is available for St. Mark members as well as for members of the community. We invite you to come learn basic information about how to use a computer, and how to use Word or Excel software to complete letters, reports or projects. Volunteers are needed who can assist with questions about Microsoft applications, internet and email.

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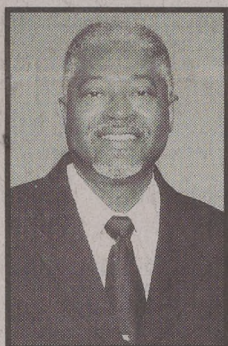


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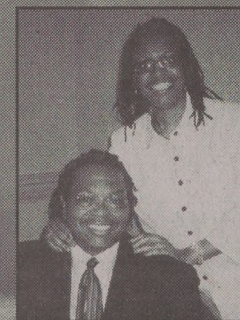
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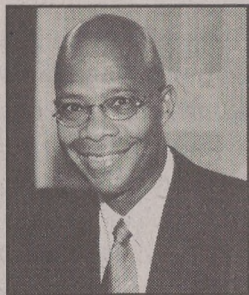
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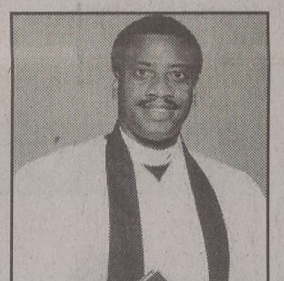
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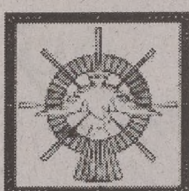
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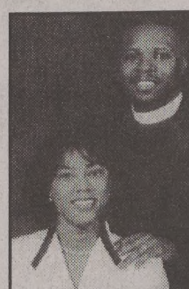
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Simple, Soothing & Satisfying Soup



Sweet Potato and Apple Soup

Soup is a super meal choice — there's nothing more soothing than a bowl of soup. A bowl of piping hot Sweet Potato and Apple Soup might be the recipe for better health according to Holly Clegg's book "Eating Well Through Cancer: Easy Recipes & Recommendations During & After Treatment." In the book, which Clegg co-authored with an oncologist, you'll find easy and nutritious recipes to ease the symptoms during treatment.

Like this soup recipe, all the recipes in Clegg's book are easy to prepare and provide necessary nutrition during the various phases and types of cancer treatment. The book offers recipes to help cancer patients better tolerate symptoms of treatment and maintain a healthy lifestyle after treatment. Many of the recipes feature ingredients that provide fuel and energy for the body. The healthful recipes are customized to address cancer patients' issues, but they're also a smart, nutritious choice for anyone.

Sweet Potato and Apple Soup, a subtle sweet-savory choice, might be considered one of those "super" soups because of all the great health benefits. By including Louisiana yams, the soup is packed with fiber, beta-carotene and nutrients, making it as nutritious as it is delicious.

Available year-round, the sweet potato (Louisiana yam) is extremely versatile. Apples blend well with sweet potatoes and a touch of ginger and curry create an amazing flavor combination. This pantry-friendly soup works well with leftover baked sweet potatoes or canned yams.

For more information about Louisiana sweet potatoes plus free recipes and nutritional information, visit www.sweetpotato.org or write the Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission, P.O. Box 2550, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2550.

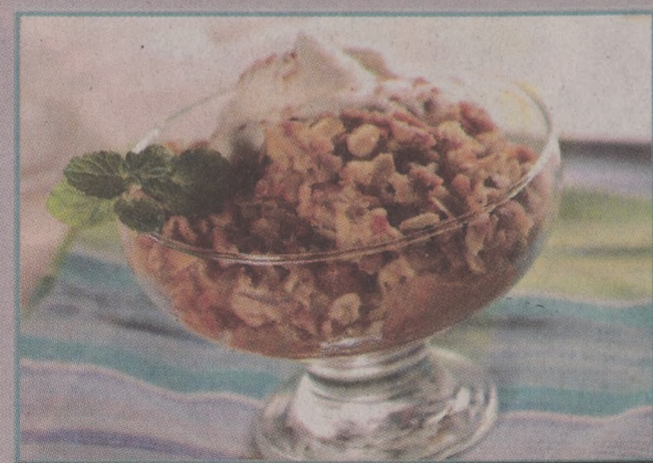
Sweet Potato and Apple Soup

Sweet potatoes and apples blend with a bite of ginger and curry in a celebration of flavors in this distinctive and remarkable soup. The finale of toasted walnuts makes this simple soup sensational. Make ahead and refrigerate. To reheat, add more milk if soup is too thick. Makes: 5 cups

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| 1/2 cup chopped onions | 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger |
| 4 cups peeled, chopped sweet potatoes (yams) or | 1/2 teaspoon ground curry |
| (4) 15 oz. cans sweet potatoes, drained and mashed | 1 tablespoon honey |
| 2 cups peeled, cored and chopped baking apples | 1 cup skim milk |
| 2 cups low-sodium fat-free chicken broth | 1/3 cup chopped walnuts, toasted |

In a nonstick pot coated with nonstick cooking spray, sauté onions until tender. Add sweet potatoes, apples, broth, ginger, curry and honey. Bring mixture to a boil; reduce the heat, cover and simmer until potatoes are tender, approximately 25 minutes. Transfer to food processor and puree until smooth. Return to saucepan; stir in milk until blended. Sprinkle with toasted walnuts when serving.

Nutrients per serving: 233 calories, 6g protein, 41g carbohydrates, 6g fat, 22% calories from fat, 1g saturated fat, 5g dietary fiber, 1 mg cholesterol, 288 mg sodium. Diabetic Exchanges: 2 starch, 0.5 fruit, 1 fat.



Butterscotch Apple Crisp

(Makes 12 servings)

APPLE LAYER

- 2 1/2 pounds tart apples, peeled and thinly sliced
1 2/3 cups (11-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Butterscotch Flavored Morsels
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

TOPPING

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
1 cup chopped nuts
3/4 cup quick or old-fashioned oats

PREHEAT oven to 375° F.

FOR APPLE LAYER: Arrange apples in 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Combine morsels, sugar, flour and cinnamon in small bowl; sprinkle over apples. Bake for 20 minutes.

FOR TOPPING: Combine flour and sugar in medium bowl. Cut in butter with pastry blender or two knives until crumbly. Stir in nuts and oats; sprinkle over apple layer.

BAKE for an additional 30 to 40 minutes or until apples are tender and topping is lightly browned. Cool slightly. Serve warm with ice cream, if desired.

Nutrition Information per serving: 370 calories; 160 calories from fat; 18 g total fat; 9 g saturated fat; 10 mg cholesterol; 60 mg sodium; 48 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 35 g sugars; 3 g protein.

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