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Winnie Foster Honored As A Great Humanitarian



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Winnie Foster

BY BLANCHE L. GANEY
SPECIAL TO THE CHALLENGER

ST. PETERSBURG - Winnie Foster, concerned citizen, community activist and caring neighbor smiles as she attempts to remember all of the many civic organizations, committees and boards she's served and continues to serve for more than sixty years.

However, on Monday, during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Awards Breakfast held at the St. Petersburg Coliseum she was honored for her commitment and service to the community as the recipient of the 2008 Humanitarian Award.

Winnie Foster and husband Al, grew up in a community that followed the beliefs of Quaker George Fox, who established the Friends Church in and promoted the belief that all men are created equal. George Fox questioned how some Christians claimed to be followers of Christ and cared so little for those less fortunate.

People who know Winnie Foster believe one of the

reasons she does for people the way she does and is as active in the community as she is, is because of what she's learned over the years about caring for others in the Quaker Friends movement.

Growing up in a small somewhat segregated farming community in Danville, Ind., certainly did not expose Winnie to the diversity and integration she advocates for today.

She attended the Olney Friends Quaker Boarding School, where she met her husband of over 60 years, Al.

She and Al were married and several years later, Al's job transferred the couple to St. Petersburg with their three children, Dena, Geoffrey and Peter who all still live in Florida.

Winnie was always very active in the lives of her children and in the mid sixties simultaneously served as president of the PTA for the high school, middle school and elementary schools that her

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Kuykendall Encouraged Audience To Take Responsibility For Children

BY JOYCE NANETTE JOHNSON
CHALLENGER CORRESPONDENT

ST. PETERSBURG - The 22nd annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Awards Breakfast celebrated the vision and legacy of Dr. King and also issued an urgent call to save the youth of our community. The event, co-sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg and The National Council of Negro Women Inc., St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section, had a record breaking crowd of 1100 attendees who came together to honor the man who ignited the civil rights movement and became the voice and conscious of a nation. The multi-ethnic crowd talked about the importance of the non-violent civil rights movement of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and how this "drum major for justice" still affects their lives today.

"It keeps the memory of Martin Luther King in the forefront," said political activist Lorenzo Dickens. "The sacrifices he made for this country, we can't let them die." Deveron Gibbons commented that we all stand on somebody's shoulders and that Dr. King was a positive force instead of a negative one. Youth pastor Eric Ford, of Mt. Zion Progressive M.B.Church, brought a large contingency of children. He wanted to expose them to this part of their culture and history. "It's important that they're around people who know their history and keep the memory alive. The younger they are, they don't remember him [King]," Ford said. "We need to teach the kids about our history and influential leaders." Dr. Crystal Kuykendall,

keynote speaker, spoke of her concerns for African American children during her dynamic address.

This educator, attorney and mother of three challenged the attentive crowd to step out of their comfort zones and mentor the youth of today and become "Merchants of Hope." During her message she cited three specific needs of children: affection, appreciation, and achievement. "We're quick to judge," she said. "We're quick to label and penalize our youth for some of the same mistakes we've made." She also offered her own formula for the success of children that she referred to as C.P.R. "The 'C' stands for your commitment to the dream and your compassion," she explained. "P" is for your persistence to overcome fear of failing and the "R" is for Resilience." The message concluded with powerful, yet eye-opening words of encouragement. She reminded the audience that "When you're up, always be willing to reach down." "The future of the people and the nation depend on the well-being of the children," she said. "When children are convinced that they're not going to make it on the high road, they start life on that low road, the gangs, the drugs. We all pay a price," she continued. "What we're witnessing now is a nightmare. We've forgotten the dream has not been realized." Dr. King once said, "We have a mountain of despair, we must find a stone of hope."

Dr. Kuykendall is the author of "Developing

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Photo by Kelley Collier

(l-r) The Rev. Louis Murphy Sr., Signora Farris and Thomas Packer



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Dr. Crystal Kuykendall accepts the Key to the City of St. Petersburg from Mayor Rick Baker

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Black Enterprise Magazine Helps Give Local Woman Her Dream Of Homeownership

BY JOYCE NANETTE JOHNSON
CHALLENGER CORRESPONDENT

CLEARWATER - Recently, Earl G. Graves Sr., founder and publisher of Black Enterprise magazine, presented Clearwater resident, Ms. Elena "Elle" Borneman, a \$10,000 check as the latest winner of Black Enterprise Magazine's "Own Your First Home Contest". With the prize money, from Black Enterprise and a \$15,000 loan from Clearwater's Down Payment Assistance Program, Ms. Borneman turned her dream of homeownership into a reality and was able to purchase a \$140,000 three-bedroom, three-bath, tri-level town house. It is the first permanent home for Elle

and her 12-year-old identical twin girls, Victoria and Elizabeth. Among much fanfare and excitement the oversized check was awarded to Ms. Borneman for her eloquent, prize winning essay on not only what it meant to her to become a first time homeowner, but also on the tumultuous obstacles, road blocks, and adversity that she had to overcome.

Black Enterprise Magazine provides information on finance, entrepreneurship, and career building. According to Alfred A. Edmond Jr., Black Enterprise's senior vice president and editor in chief, this was the third annual Black Enterprise "Own your First Home Contest" and they received over 1000 essays. However, it

was Ms. Borneman's personal story of strength over adversity and her steely determination to succeed in life for her and her twins that swayed the editors to name her the winner. "It was an amazing story," Mr. Edmond said. "She had the courage to overcome diversity." Edmond feels that we as African Americans delay homeownership, when we should be attempting to purchase a home as soon as we're able. He believes that homeownership is the cornerstone to building wealth. "It's never too early to consider homeownership," Edmond said. "A lot of us want to pursue the dream but we do not want to make the sacrifices to obtain that dream." Some of the steps that Ms.



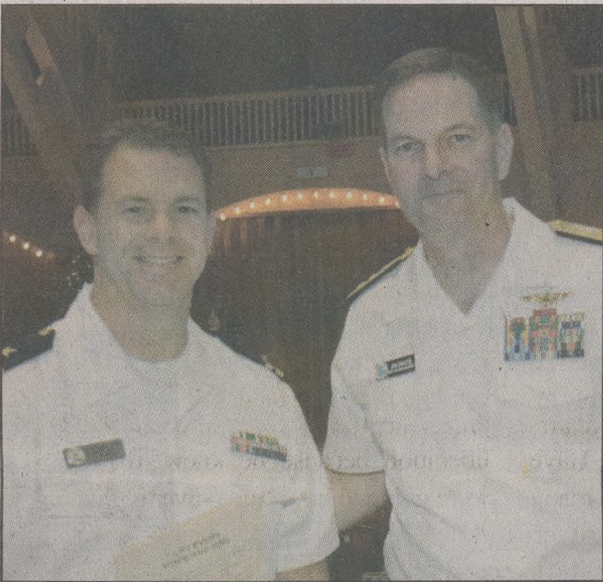
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REFLECTIONS FROM MLK BREAKFAST

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

OPINION

Invest In Your Own Business



BY FARRAH GRAY
NNPA COLUMNIST

You know I'm not going to let you go on this one. I've been giving you a lot of information about where to put your money and how to start thinking like a bona fide investor. But here's a harsh reality: it's very difficult to make millions by just doing a regular 9-to-5 job with modest increases in income and investing your money on the side in an interest-bearing account or through other financial vehicles.

The old-fashioned pinch, save, and wait approach won't get you to millions in a short time period. It's similar to the problem that serious debt can cause — it can be very difficult if not impossible to get out of deep debt working with what you currently have in fixed income. You must find new ways to tap greater sources of income to clean up your financial house quickly. You must "un-fix" your income.

We also just saw in the examples above how it could take decades to reach a million. Yes, compound interest is amazing but it won't win

on the race track against someone who's got premium fuel in the tank thanks to the blessings of a high, unfixed income. You are constantly at the mercy of how much you have to invest, as well as how long you have to invest and the rate of your return. You are also at the mercy of inflation and taxes, both of which can ruthlessly filch your hard-earned dollars.

Rates of return and time are not so much in your control as is how much you have to invest. And that, as you can predict, relates directly to income. Unless you can substantially increase your income or, in a perfect world, break free from a fixed income, you won't get rich in the near future.

So how do you do this? Here are strategies for increasing income, such as getting more aggressive about raises, taking on a larger role in your company, creating passive streams of income, and thinking about starting your own business where the sky is the limit on what you could potentially make. Truth be told, the vast majority of millionaires and billionaires got rich through the various businesses they started or

helped run.

Did you get that? I also said helped run. Not everyone may aspire to be a fully-fledged entrepreneur, and I respect that. That doesn't mean you can't become the next-best thing to owning a wonderful company that makes a lot of money: being its most indispensable employee or leader. If you can become an invaluable member of an organization, no matter how big or small, you will no doubt welcome numerous financial benefits that can translate to millions.

Top positions at many companies can offer equity in the company, which, as a stakeholder means you are entitled to a percentage of the profits. You may even find yourself sitting in the CEO's office someday. It may not have been the company you founded, got going, and saw through all the tough times. But now it's the company you've helped run of late, and you've become a priceless member by helping it continue to grow, increase revenues, and transform itself through the years. This is exactly what Jack Welch did to GE, and what Ursula Burk is doing now for

Xerox.

Okay, so here's another challenge you may be thinking: what if you want to start a business? Does that count as in "investment?" And how do you juggle paying down debt, setting up investment accounts with hard-to-find savings, yada, yada? Is this realistic?

Of course it is. I don't expect you to get rich overnight. Aim to have a combination of investments, including stocks, real estate, CDs, bonds, and businesses—whether they be solely your own or a piece of a larger organization.

You can also consider investing in the businesses of others who approach you as an investor. Just be sure to do your homework, even if it's your Curious George cousin or brother with a self-proclaimed brilliant idea.

Any business you sink money into is an investment, even if it's your own. Because start-ups typically require you to invest your own dollars and personal funds to get started, you'll find the priorities figuring themselves out. Again I repeat: nothing happens overnight. Be patient with yourself.

Please Forgive Us, Martin



BY JAMES CLINGMAN
NNPA COLUMNIST

As I write this article on the eve of Martin Luther King's birthday, I am sickened by the fact that so many black folks have gotten and are still getting so much from MLK's work, but so few have been willing to do what MLK did. I am appalled by the banter between the Obama and Clinton campaigns regarding what MLK did and what he said. I am outraged that, yet again, for the 40th year, many of the black folks laying claim to Martin's legacy, that is, getting in the trenches and getting something done, are those who continue simply to pontificate on MLK's righteousness, strength, and fearlessness.

This year, which marks the end of the fourth decade after his death, we have turned it up a notch. We have resurrected Dr. King this time in the name of pure politics. The Democratic Party is in self-destruct mode over, of all things, "Race." Yes, the Clinton-Obama candidacies have turned out to be a race about race.

Divide and conquer are at play in a big way in 2008. By the time it's all over, we may be looking at another Republican who wants to keep us in

Iraq and make forays into Iran. If the Dems keep fighting old, and I do mean old, John McCain will waltz into the Presidency, probably with Joseph "Benedict Arnold" Lieberman as his V.P. How stupid are the Democrats anyway? A better question is: How stupid are we, black folks? We are divided, to the extent of spilling blood, over two Democratic candidates for President, while once again, for the umpteenth time, the "black vote is critical to this election."

We have two black billionaires, one for Hillary and one for Barack, trying to sway us to support their guy or gal, as we, the Proletariat, sit in the peanut gallery and the bleacher seats, watching it all play out. The sad part is that we think we have some skin in the game. Just what will black people win if any of these candidates is elected? We may not need to ponder that question for too long though; these guys are spending millions to get the job, which by the way, could be better spent on something that would help the poor and disenfranchised.

The notion that Martin Luther King Jr. is being inserted into this political race is insulting to his work and his legacy, but it will continue I am sure. They are going to get all the

mileage they can from "The Dream" this year. They will recite, "I Have Been to the Mountaintop" so many times it will make our heads swim. They will invoke his name, but they will never do what he did. They will traipse out U.S. Congressman John Lewis and recount his Bloody Sunday experience. They will cite the fact that April 4, 2008 will be the 40th Anniversary of MLK's assassination. No stone will be left unturned, folks. They will vie to see who can be the best MLK sympathizer and who can give the best sermon or speech.

It is amazing that those who use MLK to achieve their personal advancement seldom use anything beyond the two quotes cited above. I often wonder why, for instance, they never talk about the part of the Mountaintop Speech in which King said, "...we've got to strengthen black institutions. I call upon you to take your money out of the banks downtown and deposit your money in Tri-State Bank—we want a "bank-in" movement in Memphis.

Economic leadership requires us to do more than recall, recant, and revisit a couple of quotations regarding MLK, who was so much more than a civil rights martyr. He understood and was willing to do the

things necessary for our economic liberation because he knew, if we were going to have true power in this country, collectively, we would have to use the leverage of our dollars to attain that power.

King continued, "Now these are some practical things we can do. We begin the process of building a greater economic base. And at the same time, we are putting pressure where it really hurts.

I ask you to follow through here. We don't have to argue with anybody. We don't have to curse and go around acting bad with our words. We don't need any bricks and bottles, we don't need any Molotov cocktails, we just need to go around to these stores, and to these massive industries in our country, and say, 'God sent us by here, to say to you that you're not treating his children right. And we've come by here to ask you to make the first item on your agenda fair treatment, where God's children are concerned.'

Now, if you are not prepared to do that, we do have an agenda that we must follow. And our agenda calls for withdrawing economic support from you."

As I said at the beginning, "Please forgive us, Martin."

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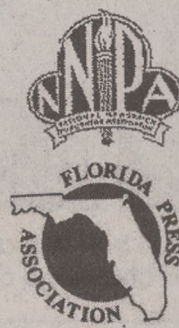
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COMMUNITY NEWS



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Dr. Crystal Kuykendall held the audience captive with words to challenge and inspire

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Leadership for Parent/Citizen Groups," "Improving Black Student Achievement through Enhancing Self-Image," and "From Rage to Hope: Reclaiming Black and Hispanic Students." She is a tireless advocate for the survival of youth.

John Wilson, anchor of Fox 13-WTVT presided over the affair, while greetings came from co-chair Mary H. Clowers, The Honorable Alex Sink, Chief Financial Officer for Florida and Mayor, Rick Baker, who said the event brings the community together which fits into what he calls a "seamless city."

President/CEO Jeff Lyash, of Progress Energy Florida served as honorary chair and platinum corporate sponsor of the event. The ceremony also presented several awards including the Humanitarian Award, to Winnie Foster, the Verdyia Dennard Robinson Youth Award to six

graduating seniors: Rachel Coney, Alicia Holden, Ashley Holden, LaRhea Freeman, Givonna Kidd, and Taraya Williams.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award was presented to Karey Seay in remembrance of the late Rev. M. Mason Walker, the late Charlie F. Carroll, and the late William E. Packer Sr.

The Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, was awarded the Faith Based Award for having the largest number of attendees in 2007. In return, Rev. Louis Murphy Sr. paid tribute to the memory of William E. Packer Sr. by presenting the award to William Packer's, brother, Thomas Packer.

Closing remarks were made by Dianne Speights, coordinator of the breakfast who thanked all for their contribution of time and efforts to make the breakfast possible. Finally, all 1100 assembled linked hands and sang out clearly, "We Shall Overcome."

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ST. PETERSBURG - The Pinellas Chapter 115 of SCORE will be holding free workshops throughout Pinellas County.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Borneman had to initiate are what all prospective homebuyers must go through. "I had to increase my income, and build and repair my credit report," Elle said. She also said that lending institutions look for stability in factors such as long-term residency, retaining a job, and having a good income-to-debt ratio. However, it was her harrowing life story that showed her indomitable spirit and will to overcome.

In her essay, Ms. Borneman said she shared her experience of being an unwed, 19-year-old mother of twin girls who became homeless. She says the retelling of her story became a catharsis of healing and it gave her an opportunity to reflect on how far she's come. "My father told me that I was just going to become a statistic," she laments sadly. "Different angels came to provide me with love, assistance, and guidance." She counts former mayor of Gainesville Ed Jennings Sr. and "Nana" Barbara Smith, a friend's mother, as being surrogate parents to her in a time of need. Ms. Borneman and her twins relocated to the Southeast section of Washington, D.C., which at the time was a high crime area and moved into a tiny apartment. "We had no furniture and slept on blankets and pillows," she remembers. "We sometimes had to use the stove for heat. I had no boots or coat for the snow and every morning the girls and I would have to get up at 4:00 due to the many bus transfers I had to take to get to my job," she said. "Sometimes I could eat. Sometimes I could not." However, she states proudly that her children always had sufficient food and clothing even if she went without. The Borneman family has had 10 addresses within the last ten years. Eventually, Ms. Borneman became employed with Neighbor Works organizations in Gainesville, Miami, and Clearwater. "It fuels me, it excites me to give people an opportunity at life," she said.

"I hope that I can serve as an inspiration and testimony that with hard work, dedication, and a network of friends and family that anything is reachable," Ms. Borneman said enthusiastically. Her next goal is the start up of her own non-profit business, 'LaVita Health and Wellness Inc.' Her twins say they are proud of their mom and that she's a great role model. "I try to be a living example to them, they know nothing is out of their reach," Elle said. "My promise has always been that mommy is going to buy you a home. It's the biggest gift that I can give them that will have a generational effect."

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can."

~ George Bernard Shaw

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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JANUARY - 2008

Friday, Jan. 25 - Grand Central Stroll. Grand Central Business District, from 1st Ave. N. to 1st Ave. S. and from 19th St. to 31st St. N. 5 to 9 p.m. Shops, nightspots and businesses open late with specials, entertainment and more. A Florida Main Street Community. Free. 727-328-7086.

Saturday, Jan. 26 - Saturday Art Market. Williams Park. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fine arts and fine crafts show and sale. Free. 727-898-6061.

Saturday, Jan. 26 - Saturday Market at Gas Plant Antiques and Fergs. Central Ave. and 13th St N. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring local artists, gifts, live music, fresh produce and much more. Free. 727-895-0368.

Saturday, Jan. 26 - Saturday Morning Market. Central Ave. between 1st St. and 2nd St. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. European-style open air market featuring fresh produce, prepared foods, gourmet baked goods, greenery, handcrafted housewares and gifts, work by local artists, live music and more. Free. www.saturdaymorningmarket.com or 727-455-4921

Sunday, Jan. 27 - Sunshine City Band Concert, Williams Park bandshell, 2nd Avenue North and 4th Street 2 p.m. Sundays through March 16. Free 727-898-1541

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Friday, Feb. 1 - Get Downtown. Central Ave. between 2nd St. and 3rd St. 5:30 to 10 p.m. Festive street party with live jazz music and vendors. Bands to be announced. Breakfast Optimist Club. Free. 727-393-3597.

Friday, Feb. 1 - St. Pete. Shuffle. St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Courts, 559 Mirror Lake Dr. N. 7 to 11 p.m. Free. www.stpeteshuffle.com or 727-867-7228.

Sunday, Feb. 3 - Sunshine City Band Concert. Williams Park bandshell, 2nd Ave. N. and 4th St. 2 p.m. Musical entertainment for the whole family. Free. 727-898-1541.

Monday, Feb. 4 - Ebony Fashion Show. Progress Energy Center for the Arts at Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. 8 p.m. A fast paced fashion show of American and International designers. \$30. www.zuochapter.com or 727-420-2819.

Tuesday, Feb. 5 - Lecture by Robert Bazell, NBC's chief science correspondent. Progress Energy Center for the Arts at Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. 8 p.m. Part of the USF St. Petersburg Energy and Environment Series. 727-873-4088

Saturday, Feb. 9 - Walking Tour of Downtown St. Petersburg Historic District. Central Avenue and 2nd Street second Saturday monthly, 10 a.m. to noon. St. Petersburg Preservation Inc. visits historic buildings and tells the history of St. Petersburg during this walking tour of downtown beginning at the Detroit Hotel corner. \$5 donation. www.stpetepreservation.org or 727-824-7802.

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 9 and 10 - Great Engines of the Past. Pinellas Pioneer Settlement, 2900 31st St. S. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Antique engine demonstrations, tractor pulls, a tractor parade, hay rides and old time music. 727-866-6401.

Saturday, Feb. 16 - Get Active Tampa Bay. Vinoy Park, Bayshore Drive and 7th Avenue Northeast 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Over 50 sport activities for families, seniors and teen with music and food. Free. 727-456-3100.

Friday, Feb. 22 - Tampa Bay Symphony presents A French/Spanish Connection. Progress Energy Center for the Arts at Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. 8 p.m. 727-442-3696.

Saturday, Feb. 23 - Suncoast Classic. BayWalk, 2nd Street and 2nd Avenue North 8 a.m. 10k and 5k run. 9 a.m. Pelican mile. 9:30 a.m. fun run. Register at www.runforkids.com or 727-767-8221.

Sunday, Feb. 24 - Black History Pageant's 30th Annual Production. Progress Energy Center for the Arts at Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. 4 p.m. Theatrical youth production illustrating black history facts through acting, singing, poetry and dance. 727-892-5767

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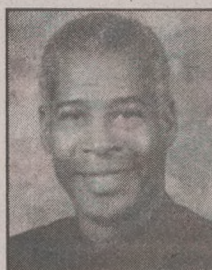
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Tampa Bay Goes Red For Women with Heart Disease

February is American Heart Month

ST. PETERSBURG — Individuals, businesses and even buildings are “going red” across Tampa Bay to raise awareness that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, killing more than the next five causes of death combined. February is American Heart Month and Feb. 1 is National Wear Red Day, a component of Go Red For Women, the American Heart Association’s national campaign to make women aware of their risk of heart disease and take action to reduce their risk. To stimulate heart disease awareness and help women live heart healthy lifestyles, Go Red For Women is organizing exciting 2008 activities. It’s easier than ever for women to Go Red — in their own style.

The Go Red movement has inspired members throughout the community to stump on

Thursday, Jan. 31, in honor of women and heart disease. Volunteers will stand on street corners in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Tyrone — including the intersection of Westshore Blvd. and Kennedy Blvd. in Tampa from 7:00 - 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — encouraging passers-by to wear red on Friday, Feb. 1, in support of National Wear Red Day and help raise awareness that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women.

The American Heart Association invites women and men to join the Go Red For Women movement by calling 1-888-MY-HEART. By registering for the movement, individuals will receive a free red dress pin — the symbol of women and heart disease — and educational materials. By visiting www.GoRedForWomen.org, men and women can take the Go

Red Heart CheckUp to receive a free, 10-year risk assessment for developing heart disease.

Go Red For Women is a nationwide movement that celebrates the energy, passion and power women have to band together and wipe out heart disease. One in three women has cardiovascular disease, and every minute one woman dies as a result of this health threat. Today, we want millions of women across America to take heart disease personally. Using the simple platform “Love Your Heart,” Go Red For Women engages these women — and the men who love them — to embrace the cause. For more information about Go Red For Women, please call 1-888-MY-HEART (1-888-694-3278) or visit www.GoRedForWomen.org. The movement is nationally sponsored by Macy’s and Merck.

Pilot Targets Food Industry Manipulation Of Students

LARGO - Kidz Bite Back, a multi-year pilot project in eight Pinellas and eight Hillsborough schools, seeks to teach students to recognize marketing strategies used by “Big Fat Industries” (fast food, soft drinks, junk food industries) and “Couch Potato Companies” (TV stations/networks and video game companies) to convince them to make poor nutrition and activity choices. A high-energy, entertaining training session for 200 students will be held at Gulfport Elementary Friday, Jan. 25, beginning at 9:15 a.m.

In addition to Gulfport, the involved schools in Pinellas

are Belcher, Blanton, Curtis Fundamental, Highland Lakes, Kings Highway, Pinellas Park and Seminole elementaries. Two students at each school are trained as peer educators (Kidz Advocates) and teach their fourth- and fifth-grade classmates how companies target kids and bombard them with billions of dollars in advertising to get them to eat and drink as much of their unhealthy food as possible, and watch TV and play video games all day every day.

Kidz Bite Back is modeled after the TRUTH CAMPAIGN, a student-led campaign empowering students

to recognize how they are manipulated by the tobacco industry to use tobacco products.

An evaluation of a similar campaign in Broward and Palm Beach counties reported that 71 percent of involved students reported changes in their behavior as a result of Kidz Bite Back. Exercising, eating healthy and eating less fast food were the top three reported changes in student behavior. To learn more, visit www.kidzbiteback.com.

For more information, contact Peggy Johns, supervisor, preK-12 health education, (727) 588-6346.

Arts & Crafts Vendors Wanted

ST. PETERSBURG — Vendors are welcomed to sign-up for the “Sunsational Arts and Crafts Show” at the Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth St. N. in St. Petersburg.

Preregistration is required by Friday, Feb. 8. Items for

sale must be new and handmade crafted items only. A 10’ x 10’ area will be available for \$25 per vendor and includes a 6’ table (\$20 if you bring your own table.) Extra card tables can be rented for \$5 each.

The show will be held

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Sunshine Center’s Shuffleboard Ballroom. Vendor set-up will be Feb. 15 at 8 a.m.

Please call Ronnie at (727) 893-7622 for more information or an application form.

Special Thanks To NCNW Associate Men

ST. PETERSBURG - The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Awards Committee would like to pay tribute to the Associate Men of the NCNW who were the winds behind the success of the MLK Leadership Awards Breakfast.

We acknowledge with great appreciation: Lewis Clowers, Thomas “Jet” Jackson, Dr. Gustave Victor, Solomon Stephens, the Rev. Martin Rainey, attorney Darryl Rouson, Dannie Williams, James Ayers, Emanuel Stewart, and Minister Thomas Whitlock.



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children attended. Winnie teasingly shares that the P.T.A. was community basic training for her. “If you can survive the fray over what type of cookies to serve with the tea you can survive anything,” she said smiling.

Standing up for others and being the voice for the voiceless was demonstrated by Winnie’s mother-in-law, Millicent Foster, who Winnie proudly admits she modeled herself after. “I had never seen a person like her, let alone a woman. I was intrigued and worked hard to be as much like her as I could,” said Foster.

Foster is an unassuming white-haired octogenarian, who quietly moves about the community going to meetings, voting on issues, signing petitions and talking to people about change, long before “change” was the political buzz word.

In 2006 she opened a community service center on 16th Street and called it “Sojourner Truth Center” after former slave, abolitionist, preacher and author, Sojourner Truth. This office was opened to and for the people to organize around grass root issues. “I want people to know that they do not

have to believe and accept everything they hear from our community leaders and to also know knowledge is power. The more questions we ask the more truth has to be provided,” said Foster. “Sojourner Truth,” Foster continues, “was a woman who went places and did things that people never thought she would and she stood up for what was right and I proudly named my office after this great activist.”

The office closed a few months ago. Foster is working with Orlinda George, who is the owner of the old icehouse building on 18th Avenue South, to secure space and re-open the Sojourner Truth Center in the newly renovated, soon-to-be green building.

A need arises and Winnie Foster tries her best to fill the need. Former African American chairperson of the Pinellas County Executive Democratic Chapter, Iris Wilson said, “I can remember Winnie befriending a homeless family and taking them home with her and feeding them and letting them rest while she figured out how to find them temporary shelter. I later fussed at Winnie and told her not to ever do that again, but I knew when I said it she was not paying me any attention.” Wilson said she knows of plenty of others Winnie has quietly helped, not expecting

anything in return, but hoping to plant a seed of community that would catch root and spread. Winnie still today moves throughout the black community with ease, registering people to vote and talking to convicted felons about rights restoration.

1970 when the Foster children were growing up, Al and Winnie decided the family needed a bigger house and was able to find a house on the south side of St. Petersburg in spite of verbal protests from their realtor who said he wasn’t supposed to show homes to whites on the south side. “The house was great, the neighborhood was wonderful and when our youngest son saw the house he said this is our house, so we moved in and have been there ever since,” she says smiling.

It has been these type of racists and discriminatory acts that have propelled Winnie to join many grass root organizations dealing with eradicating discrimination. She is one of the founding members, along with the late Doug Jamerson, Doris Swangels and others, of AAVREC - African American Voters Research and Education Committee which has gained political influence, successfully backing single-member districts for Pinellas County Commission and School Board, and helping to elect a black county commis-

sioner and the first black (elected) School Board member. AAVREC was the first organization in the Tampa Bay area to seek restoration of rights for felons who have served their time.

She is also an active member of the League of Women Voters which is a non-partisan, non-profit political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

The early seventies proved to be a trying and tumultuous time for Americans dealing with the ravages of the Vietnam War. Many people felt their rights were being encroached upon and knew little about how to buffer the violation. Winnie strongly opposed the war and became a member of the “People for Peace” movement. In the mid 70’s Winnie and her husband opened their home to Vietnam veterans against the war, giving them shelter when there was none and caring for them when they were sick. “These were scary times,” she said, “we did what we could and we were always afraid that there were people watching us before we had witnessed the violence directed at people who spoke out about the war.”

Winnie said it was during

he uses the stair-master and lifts weights. He also then climbs 17 plus floors on a regular basis. Mr. Jones has a goal to climb 42 floors (914 stairs) in under 20 minutes. He says the only thing that will slow him down is the heart rate monitor he is suggested to wear. His loving wife of over 60 years, Mary, will be at the Tampa Club on the 42nd floor to congratulate him and celebrate his accomplishment at the finish line party.

Join Former Mayor Jones and the American Lung Association and huff and puff your way up 42 floors, (914 stairs.) This vertical race challenge is professionally timed and ranked. Many people climb in honor or in memory of someone with lung disease. Others are doing it

to test their fitness levels. Several firefighting teams participate in full gear, which adds an extra 65 pounds to the challenge, and still complete the climb in seven minutes! Last year’s time to beat is 4 minutes and 33 seconds. Whatever the reason, the climb is for a great cause!

The 3rd Annual “Climb Tampa” stair climb event will raise awareness and funds for lung cancer research, education, and prevention programs. People do not realize that lung cancer is still the number one leading cancer killer in both men and women, causing more deaths than the next three leading cancer killers combined: breast, colorectal, and prostate! Help the fight against lung cancer by signing up today: www.StairClimbTampaBay.com.

these times that she stepped up to serve on the Americans Civil Liberties Union board, both local and state chapters, and at one point serving as president of the local chapter. “I felt compelled to serve on the ACLU because they defend the Bill of Rights and they do it through litigation. Fight fire with fire when you have to,” said Foster.

Winnie Foster’s name is known in the community among many leaders because she owned an impressive collection of names and numbers that she carried around in a shoebox.

She was one of many campaign workers who worked for the James B. Sanderlin campaign successfully helping to get the first African American elected as judge in the county in 1972.

She was soon after appointed to the watchdog Revenue Sharing Committee which was responsible for overseeing federally funded agencies. All agencies and programs had to come to the Revenue Sharing Committee for funding. It was the many hours spent on this committee that trained Winnie to monitor the delivery of services of government programs and social agencies. “I still get calls from people who feel they have not received services or goods that were promised to them and I do what I can to help,” she said.

Under the watchful mentorship of Gwendolyn Cherry, the first African American woman elected to the Florida Legislature and founding mother of the Florida chapter of the National Organization of Women, Foster became parliamentarian of N.O.W., learning to further promote the rights of women. She was later hired as administrative assistant to Cherry when Cherry served as chairperson for the Florida Women’s Conference in 1976.

Currently Winnie is part of the 100 strong steering committee for “People Acting Together for Change” organization working with Gypsy Gallardo and Gwen Reese against violence in the streets in the black community and the issues facing African American children concerning the achievement gaps in the Pinellas County school system. “There is so much to be done and I hope everyone knows they are needed in this effort,” said Foster.

There are still meetings to attend and many votes to be cast and counted, so until she’s not able to, Winnie Foster will be doing what she does best, moving quietly about the community affecting change. If anyone is interested in becoming involved contact Winnie Foster at 727 867-8994.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Omega's Presents Pathfinders Workshop, "The Law And You"

BY THOMAS PACKER
SPECIAL TO THE CHALLENGER

ST. PETERSBURG - Eta Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in Partnership with

Zeta Upsilon Omega Chapter of AKA; held a special workshop for its boys program on Saturday, Jan. 5. Eta Rho recognizes the need for black youth to have a better understanding of

how to communicate with law enforcement officers in any given situation. The workshop presenter Mr. Lendel S. Bright from the Pinellas County Urban League, Black on

Black Crime Prevention Program featured three key points: 1. Show respect, 2. Cooperate, and 3. Be honest when dealing with an officer of the law. There were 51 youth in

attendance that enjoyed a lively discussion pertaining to many concerns they shared. The men of Omega used this opportunity to interact with the boys on a one-to-one basis and encour-

aged open dialogue on any issues of concern. The young men benefit from this special time together, while building lasting friendships that will carry over into adulthood.

Does Your Child's Favorite Teacher Deserve An Award?

(SPM Wire) Being a teacher is a tough job. So don't just give your child's favorite teacher an apple this year, consider nominating him or her for a national award.

The U.S. Department of Education is seeking nominations for its fifth annual American Stars of Teaching project, which recognizes exemplary teachers who raise student achievement, use innovative classroom strategies and make a difference in their students' lives.

Teachers across all grade levels and disciplines will be honored later this year as 2008 American Stars of Teaching. One teacher will be recognized from every state and the District of Columbia.

Colleagues, parents, students, school administrators or members of the community may nominate a teacher they believe has demonstrated the skills, talents and qualities that personify a true teaching star.

Nominations for American Stars must be submitted by March 31. The online nomination form and more information about the Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative are available online at www.ed.gov/teacherinitiative.

"The American Stars of Teaching are but a fraction of the committed teachers across the country who spend the time,

effort and energy necessary to ensure the academic success of every student," said U.S. Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings. "Recognizing these teachers is a small way to show our gratitude for making a difference in the lives of students."

Last year the Department of Education received more than 4,000 nominations for the program. Honorees were selected by a committee composed of former K-12 teachers who now work for the U.S. Department of Education.

This year, as in the past, Education Department officials again will visit the schools of American Star teachers to congratulate them on their success.

The awards project is part of the government's Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative, which was developed by teachers for teachers. Its overall goal is to engage some of the nation's best teachers and practitioners in sharing strategies for raising student achievement and informing teachers of the latest successful research-based practices.

The initiative also includes regional and district summer workshops for teachers, roundtables, regular e-mail updates, digital learning and other professional development opportunities.



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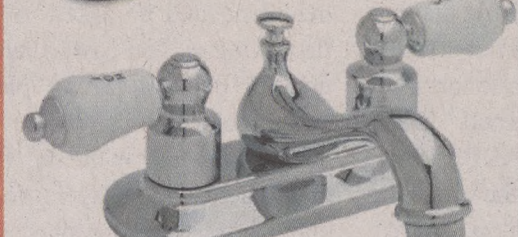
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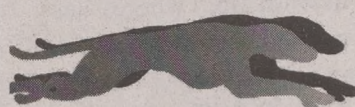
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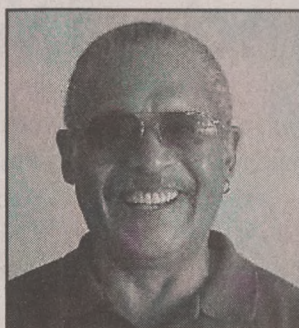
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Jam Session Etiquette (Part IV)

Last week's information dealt with Preparing for a Jam Session. In fact, I shared with you that I was preparing to sit-in with a group on Friday, and had been practicing the popular tune "The Nearness of You." Well, I did play, and it turned out just fine. However, I was asked to play a second tune "Sugar" which caught me by surprise. I should have declined the opportunity, but Mr. Ego got in the way. I was able to play it, but it did not turn out as well as the first...which, goes to prove that preparation is the key. I had practiced The Nearness of You, and my playing turned out well. I did not practice playing Sugar, so true to form my playing was not as good. Thus, remember to "PREPARE."

So, you arrive at the venue for the jam session...Now What? Hopefully, you've arrived early. That's when the best players are going to play. Other musicians will be sitting in later. This is your opportunity to meet the main players, so you might be able to work with them in the future. Go ahead and introduce yourself to them, including the leader of the rhythm section being used at that time. Let him or her know that you're interested in sitting in. If possible, grab a sit-down near the stage keeping your "axe" in its

case until you're asked to play. That's proper etiquette; however, in New Jersey at the Peppermint, the players were allowed to not only sit on stage, but also take out their instruments and tune up. Of course, if tuning up would disturb the musicians playing, they would tune up in another area out of hearing range.

You've got to be PATIENT! There's a possibility that even though you've taken the time to "PREPARE" to play, you may not be asked to play for a while, if at all. Usually, musicians who are "regulars" will receive partisan treatment, and be asked to play first. Unless, you have a reputation for being a "great" player, newcomers will often be called upon to play later in the set. Keep in mind that the players do not know how well you play, so it profits you to be GRACIOUS and PROFESSIONAL. If and when you're called upon to play, be the complete professional. One thing is for sure at a jam session, you never know who you might be playing with...jazz legend or beginner. However, if it happens that you're put together with musicians not at your playing level, show them respect and encourage them as you would want someone to do to you, if you were in the same situation.

Because they lack the ability, don't jump in playing and interfere with their participation...be PATIENT for your turn to play. Regardless of what happens on stage, you should remain PROFESSIONAL. What others do on stage that demonstrates unprofessionalism that's their business. Don't you be concerned about correcting them; it's not your job. In the early stages of your playing, you're trying to build and maintain your own reputation.

Billy Phipps, my flute instructor used to point out to me how Miles Davis could make a statement by playing just a few notes. He would say "You don't have to be all over the place." In other words, "less is more." This applies to the length of the solo you take and the tune you select to play. When called upon to call a tune, choose something that is relatively reasonable. I remember when I wanted to sit in and play "I Remember Clifford." Phipps explained to me that not everyone is familiar with the tune. Plus, it's a tune that has somewhat difficult changes that everyone is not familiar with, so it would be best to leave it alone. Also, it might even create a negative effect, since calling out such a tune may come across as being

egotistical rather than being "hip." Something else you should be aware of is it's verboten to call a ballad unless you're asked to do so by the leader. Playing a ballad is not a good thing to do if more than one musician will solo. Ballads are specialized solo vehicles and do not usually allow for multiple soloists. Nevertheless, on Friday, before I sat-in, I discussed with the leader (Valerie Gillespie), if it was okay to play a ballad. Plus, I asked if she would join me on alto flute. I played the melody up to the bridge, and Valerie played the bridge to the end, then we alternated with solos. Fortunately, it turned out to be successful. We were both pleased.

Next time we're going to get into "KNOWING THE SIGNALS", and some other good stuff! Stay tuned!

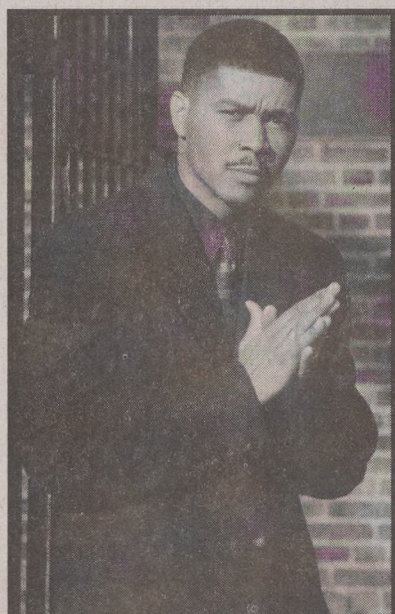
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READERS CHOICE BOOK REVIEW

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What do mega-ministers, Eddie Long, Joel Olsteen, Creflo Dollar and T.D. Jakes have in common? If we are to believe the latest unveilings by author and talk show host, Reuben Armstrong, these pastors' ministries are supported in large part by lower-class, single, heads of households who live paycheck-to-paycheck as the rule rather than the exception. This household demographic is most notably single women.

In his latest offering entitled "Snakes In The Pulpit," Armstrong suggests the ministry has been turned into an internet ad campaign for many churches, complete with props and glitzy billboards popping up in well-to-do neighborhoods. Clergy are also able to obtain packets online that instruct potential shepherds how to start a church. Without providing significant detail into the structure of these church organizations, Armstrong compares their operations to "pyramid" scandals with a "processed, fast-food mentality."

Mr. Armstrong is equal opportunity in his stark criticisms as chapter seven of the book is entitled, Jezebel Juanita Bynum. In the interest of not spoiling for the reader these eye-opening recapitulations, it will suffice to say the author advises Ms. Bynum's recent violent altercations with

her husband may lead to additional riches for the prophethood.

A sampling of the names of the chapters include, Homosexual Pastor, Booty Shaking Pastor, and Bait Hook and Switch. The challenge extended by the author to churchgoers worldwide is to make certain "...God has called you to the church you attend."

Armstrong contends today's church is impotent because the anointing flows from the head down and it is his belief that the aforementioned ministers are operating in their gifts but without the sanctioning of God's anointing.

Readers who consider themselves religious or non-religious, God-believing or agnostic, will most certainly be left with an opinion regarding the author's observations. Ultimately, as the author admits, every individual must decide for himself

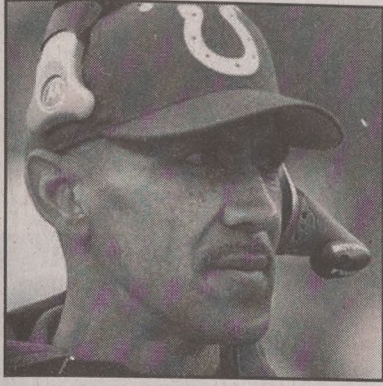
how he wishes to worship, where he wishes to worship and to whom he wishes to sow seeds of financial blessings.

"Snakes In The Pulpit" can be purchased at Reader's Choice Bookstore. Reader's Choice is located at 4301 34th Street South, Suite 102. Reader's Choice is a store front at the Maxi Mall. The store is open seven days a week. The store phone number is 727-867-3696.



CHALLENGER SPORTS

Indianapolis Colts Coach Tony Dungy To Remain With Team



Tony Dungy

BY MICHAEL MAROT

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (AP) - Tony Dungy insists family always comes before football.

But Dungy believes he can make those priorities coexist - even if it means long commutes.

With his passion to coach high, his family supportive of his ambitions, and the Colts team owner intent on bringing him back, Dungy followed his heart and his family's wishes Monday deciding to return for at least one more season as head coach before turning the job over to his chosen successor, Jim Caldwell.

"I love this franchise, I love my family," said Dungy, whose contract runs through 2009. "I wouldn't have come back if I was going to shortchange either one, or my children were not for it. It was really a family decision."

The weeklong deliberation created an emotional tug-of-war for the deeply religious Dungy, who grew up in Jackson, Mich.

His family recently moved back to Tampa, Fla., and his 16-

year-old son, Eric, is attending high school there. The perception was Dungy had to choose between leaving the NFL so he could be spend more time at home - as he often cajoles other parents to do - or becoming a regular commuter on off-days to fulfill family obligations.

Dungy believes he can do both well.

Owner Jim Irsay offered to make Dungy's life easier by reducing his day-to-day workload, provide his own private jet for trips to Tampa, and give Dungy a chance to groom his longtime friend, Caldwell.

It wasn't the offers that convinced Dungy; it was the opportunity to keep winning and the chance to use coaching as a pulpit for his message.

"I enjoy my job, the players, the staff we have here and Bill (Polian) and Jim," Dungy said. "But it is a platform and that's something I talked to my wife and pastor about. I said 'I could stop and start a ministry, but I might not have a platform like this.' So I see it as a little more than a job."

Irsay wasn't the only Colts official relieved. Team president Bill Polian was pleased with the outcome, and last week players repeatedly expressed their desire to have Dungy back.

"I think there's not a guy in this locker room who wouldn't love to see him back," defensive tackle Darrell Reid said then.

The 52-year-old Dungy has

spent more than half his life coaching in the NFL and became the first black coach to win a Super Bowl last season. He'd like to add to that collection next season.

By promoting Caldwell to head coach-in-waiting, the Colts could also keep their legacy of stability in the coaching ranks in place.

Two-time league MVP Peyton Manning has played for only two head coaches, Dungy and Jim Mora, and one offensive coordinator, Tom Moore, in 10 seasons.

Running backs coach Gene Huey has been with the team for 16 seasons, offensive line coach Howard Mudd and linebackers coach Mike Murphy for 10, and defensive coordinator Ron Meeks, defensive line coach John Teerlinck and defensive backs coach Alan Williams all came with Dungy in 2002.

"I think that would be the hope and that we do keep moving forward, keep those guys in place, keep the same systems in place and keep getting the same types of players," Dungy said. "I think that would be Jim's hope."

However, he had become a trendy candidate over the past year, interviewing for jobs with the Atlanta Falcons and Baltimore Ravens earlier this month and the Arizona Cardinals last January.

Caldwell will now be included in more decision-

making discussions although Dungy will retain his vote.

"As far as the duties, those won't change," Caldwell said. "I'll be working with the quarterbacks and doing what the boss asks me to do. I certainly appreciate the opportunity to lead this team in the future, and I hope it's in the distant future."

It's not the first time Dungy considered leaving.

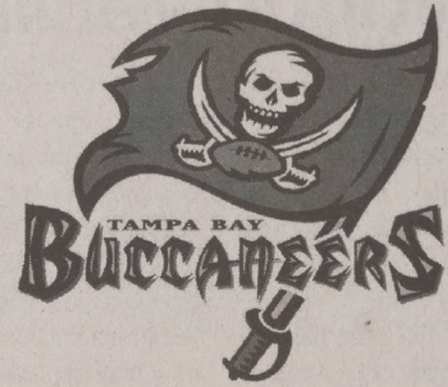
He often said he was not an NFL "lifer" and that he originally planned to retire by age 50. Many thought he would leave after the 2005 season, following the death of his 18-year-old son, James, but he returned to Indy in 2006 and won the Super Bowl.

Dungy is the only coach in Colts history to make the playoffs and win at least 10 games six consecutive years and has won a record 80 games, including playoffs, in six seasons. He's won five straight AFC South titles, reached the AFC championship game twice, and is tied with Hank Stram for 19th all-time with 136 career wins, including playoffs.

He also won a franchise-record 54 regular-season games at Tampa Bay, turning around one of the league's worst teams and leading it to the 1999 NFC championship game.

Caldwell replaced Dungy for one game late in the 2005 season so Dungy could attend his son's funeral. The Colts lost that game 28-13 at Seattle playing primarily backups.

BUCS



CORNER

Defensive Coordinator Monte Kiffin Signs Contract Extension With



Monte Kiffin

TAMPA (AP) - Monte Kiffin of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers signed a contract extension Friday, extending the longest tenure for a NFL defensive coordinator and ending speculation he'd leave after 12 seasons.

The Buccaneers have finished in the top 10 in total defense 10 times since Kiffin joined the team in 1996. Tampa

Bay allowed the second-fewest yards in the league in 2007 after ranking 17th the previous season.

Terms of the contract were not announced by the team.

Kiffin is the father of Oakland coach Lane Kiffin, and there were rumors that he might be willing to leave to join his son. There also was talk that he might join close friend Pete Carroll if the USC coach decided to take over the Atlanta Falcons.

All along, Bucs coach Jon Gruden and general manager Bruce Allen said they expected Kiffin to return.

Under Kiffin's guidance, the Bucs have led the NFL in total defense twice, including 2002 when Tampa Bay won its only Super Bowl title.

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NFL TRIVIA OF THE WEEK

Who holds the NFL record for passing attempts in a single game?
Hint: Was the 1st Overall pick in the 1993 NFL Draft.

Last Week's Answer:

The San Francisco 49ers

See Sports Page Next Week For The Answer!!

Roy Jones Wins One-Sided Decision Over Felix Trinidad



Roy Jones Vs. Felix Trinidad

BY GREG BEACHAM

NEW YORK (AP) - Roy Jones Jr. defiantly wore a gilded crown into a ring surrounded by hostile fans of a Puerto Rican hero. He then taunted Felix Trinidad, wagging his chin and shaking his rump, before rudely flooring Tito twice.

Some old guys just never learn how to behave - yet the 39-year-old Jones showed he can still get down to business, pounding another iconic boxer whose prime is well past.

Jones pranced and punched his way to a unanimous victory over Trinidad on Saturday night, dominating their 170-pound bout. From the opening minutes to the increasingly lopsided final rounds, Jones simply was too fast, even in a fight that was several years too late.

Jones and the 35-year-old Trinidad might have put on the year's best fight - if the year was still 2001, back when both were kings of the sport.

"I can't believe you stayed in there 12 rounds with me," Jones said to Trinidad after the fight. "People thought we were old."

Actually, they still do. The 1990s' most dominant boxer has reflexes that are fading, but not totally faded - and more than

enough to beat another declining dynamo.

Jones (52-4, 38 KOs), the erstwhile pound-for-pound king who had lost three of his past five fights, was content mostly to clown away the early rounds of his first significant victory in four years. When he finally went to work, he knocked down Trinidad in the seventh and 10th, landing a power punch in nearly every exchange.

"He was slipping some really good punches," Jones said. "I was missing knocking him out by about an inch on some of those shots."

Trinidad (42-3) hadn't fought in 32 months since his second retirement. Tito still is his native island's most beloved athlete, judging by the frenetic support from the Madison Square Garden crowd, but the 35-year-old revealed the rust many expected in just his fifth fight in 61/2 years, his first since a decisive loss to Winky Wright.

Fighting 10 pounds over his heaviest previous weight, Trinidad couldn't match even Jones' diminished skills.

"I take nothing away from Roy, but if I could have avoided the knockdowns, I think I could have won the fight," said Trinidad, who hasn't decided whether he'll fight again. "Roy was very fast and strong. He threw great punches. I have no excuses. He demonstrated speed and took my body."

Judge Julie Lederman scored the bout 117-109 for Jones, while Nelson Vasquez and Tom Kaczmarek saw it 116-110. The Associated Press also called it for Jones, 118-108.

Jones connected on 172 of his 482 punches (36 percent),

while Trinidad was 160-for-552 (29 percent). Jones had a big lead in power punches, landing 147 to Trinidad's 101 - including a commanding 97-52 edge for Jones in power connections over the final seven rounds.

Though Jones hardly earned a title shot with this win, he would love to fight Joe Calzaghe, the unbeaten 168-pound Welsh champion, assuming Calzaghe beats Hopkins in their expected meeting in April. Jones even said he would travel to Europe for the fight, something he's been reluctant to do throughout his career.

"I'd go to Wales tomorrow," Jones said.

After Jones mostly played defense in the first 2 1/2 rounds, he repeatedly teased Trinidad late in the third, pounding his own stomach and sticking out his chin while doing a jig. Tito was more businesslike, but mostly ineffective against Jones' defense.

With chants of "Tito!" filling the Garden, Jones finally landed a few damaging punches in the sixth round. Jones then dropped Trinidad to his knees early in the seventh with an overhand right.

Jones soon had control of the fight, sitting back on defense and pounding Trinidad's head. He floored Trinidad again late in the 10th with a jab and a straight right hand, removing nearly all doubt in the outcome.

Fans were left to wonder what might have happened if these champions had been matched sooner. Though both won armloads of title belts and millions of fans during their primes, Jones and Trinidad were

kept apart by obstacles ranging from mandatory title defenses to the jab of Bernard Hopkins, whose upset win over five-time champ Trinidad sank a potential matchup with Jones six years ago.

Both then plummeted from the sport's elite ranks in 2005 with embarrassing defeats and eroding skills. Trinidad retired for the second time, while Jones was reduced to fighting in Boise and Biloxi - but last year, Trinidad asked promoter Don King for a comeback fight against Jones, the eight-time champion who turned 39 on Wednesday.

Few would argue Jones hasn't been the same since he fell from his perch as boxing's pound-for-pound best with three consecutive losses from 2004-05, including knockouts by Glen Johnson and Antonio Tarver.

Saturday's 170-pound catch weight presented potential problems for both fighters: The normally skinny Trinidad had never fought above 160, but Jones hadn't been as light as 171 since 1998. After winning a heavyweight title in 2003, Jones shed 18 pounds of muscle to make weight in his first fight against Tarver, and the ordeal contributed to his fall from pre-eminence.

Trinidad seemed joyous as he basked in the pre-fight cheers of his fans, but he also wasn't the same Tito who has enthralled Puerto Ricans and millions of New Yorkers since winning his first welterweight title in 1993. Thousands of those fans turned out at the Garden, yet exorbitant ticket prices kept many more away in a crowd of 12,162, well short of capacity.

STATE NEWS

Famu Hires New Vice President For University Relations

TALLAHASSEE - Florida A&M University has hired a senior level development professional from the University of Toledo to serve as its new vice president for University Relations.

Carla S. Willis, who has had more than 17 years of experience in the advancement field, will assume her new post on Feb. 18, and has agreed to an annual salary of \$175,000. She also will serve as vice president of the division and executive director of the FAMU Foundation Inc.

"I'm excited about Mrs. Willis joining the leadership team," said FAMU President James H. Ammons. "She is talented, personable and highly skilled in the area of fund raising. I am confident that she can help the university to reach its goals and build a strong fund raising division."

Willis has served as a principal gifts officer for the University of Toledo and a senior consultant for John Brown Limited, a New Hampshire based-development consulting firm. At the University of Toledo, she was responsible for developing and sustaining a comprehensive development program for University-wide development initiatives in the mid-Atlantic Region and focused nationally on initiatives for the College of Law. In her consulting role, Willis managed large institutional client projects in the

areas of feasibility studies, development audits, pre-campaign planning and preparation, staff coaching, strategy development, and solicitation of donors.

"I am pleased to serve as the next vice president for University Relations and executive director of the Foundation for Florida A&M University," said Willis. "FAMU has a long and rich history, and I look forward to helping shape its future through the philanthropy of alumni, board members, students, corporate supporters and friends."

Willis has also served as a director of development at Ohio Northern University, a regional director for the east coast for the University of Michigan Law School, and headed up her own development consulting firm, Willis Development and Communications Associates.

She began her development career in the early '90s at the University of Missouri. Prior to her career in advancement, Willis had a 10-year career with IBM Corporation.

Willis is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), and earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Toledo. She is an active member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and currently serves as a board member and chair of the Committee on Equity for CASE District V.

She was recently selected as



Carla S. Willis

one of 20 international participants in the 2008 Minority Advancement Institute, sponsored by CASE. A noted and frequent presenter on topics related to philanthropy and development, she also is an active member of the Association of Fund Raising Executives (AFR) and has held many offices in the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the organization including Chapter President in 2002.

She is a native of Kansas City, Missouri and is married to Edward Willis and has two teen-aged sons, Brandon, 16, and Christopher, 19.

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career center. "The expo officially kicks off our recruitment efforts for the rest of the semester."

Business attire is required for all expo participants. Free shuttle service is available. For additional information, call (850) 599-3700.

Tuesday, Jan. 22, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center. Both events are free of cost.

"The expo and the reception gives the students and alumni the opportunity to network with potential employers on a formal and informal basis," said Delores Dean, director of the

NATIONAL NEWS

Rep. Castor Backs Plan To Strengthen Military, Support Our Troops

After Unnecessary Delay Caused by President's Veto, Our Troops Will Get the Pay Raise, Bonuses and Other Critical Benefits They Deserve

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Castor today joined an overwhelming bipartisan majority and backed a plan to strengthen our military, support our troops and improve military readiness. The Defense Authorization Bill was approved and is expected to be passed by the Senate as soon as it returns next week. The Administration has said that the President will sign the bill.

The Defense Authorization Bill had been originally passed by the House of Representatives by an overwhelming vote of 370 to 49 on Dec. 12 and by the Senate by an overwhelming vote of 90 to 3 on Dec. 14. However, the President vetoed this critical, urgently-needed bill on Dec. 28.

The bill passed today includes provisions ensuring that the military pay raise, as well as special pays and bonuses for the troops, are retroactive to Jan. 1.

"I am pleased that our brave men and women in uniform will now be getting the pay raise of 3.5 percent, as well as other critically needed benefits, that are included in this legislation," said Rep. Castor. "We worked to make sure that, under the bill, the pay raise and the special pays and bonuses for the troops were made retroactive to Jan. 1."

"The American military is

the greatest in the world, and I was proud to back legislation that will make our armed forces stronger and our nation more secure," said Castor. "This bill protects our troops and their families and helps ensure that our fighting men and women have all the resources they need and deserve."

The Defense Authorization Bill authorizes new resources for additional Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles (MRAPs,) up-armored Humvees and body armor. The legislation also includes resources for efforts to stop Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) that have proven to be a threat to American troops in Iraq.

The legislation also includes critical support for troops and their families by providing a pay raise for troops that goes above the President's request and blocking fee increases in the military health care program (TRICARE). Additionally, the bill includes the Wounded Warrior Act, which responds to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center scandal by improving the care of injured soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The men and women like those from MacDill Air Force Base risk their lives for our nation," added Castor. "They deserve the best equipment on the ground and the best medical



Rep. Kathy Castor

care when they come home."

The Defense Authorization Bill takes steps to remedy the Army readiness crisis in America. Army readiness has dropped to unprecedented levels, and Army National Guard units have, on average, only 40 percent of their required equipment. Furthermore, many stateside units are not fully equipped and would not be considered ready if called upon to respond during an emergency.

The measure passed in the House today helps restore our nation's military readiness by creating a Strategic Readiness Fund to address equipment shortfalls, fully funding the Army's and Marine Corps' equipment reset requirements, and authorizing new resources to provide the National Guard and Reserve critically needed equipment.

Judge Grants Approval For \$6.2 Million Partial Settlement Of Historic Union Discrimination Case

NEW YORK, N.Y. - A federal court has granted final approval for a \$6.2 million partial settlement for black and Hispanic sheet metal workers who suffered discrimination by their union, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) announced today.

The EEOC and the State and City of New York, along with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, DC and the New York law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP representing the minority members, had sued Local 28 of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association in New York City (Local 28) for underpaying the workers because of their race or national origin for many years. The EEOC says this practice has been worsening in recent years. Such alleged conduct violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits race and national origin discrimination by labor organizations. The partial settlement was reached through intense negotiations between the plaintiffs and Local 28.

Judge Robert L. Carter of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York granted final approval of the settlement,

which would compensate minority members of Local 28 for lost wages for the years 1984 to 1991. The parties have also agreed to significant changes in the union's job referral system as well as monitoring systems aimed at equalizing members' access to job opportunities.

Litigation of the remaining claims of union members who suffered discrimination after 1991 continues, as do settlement negotiations, in an effort to obtain a prompt and fair resolution of those remaining claims.

"We hope that these developments are an indication that, with the recent change in leadership, the union has decided, after many years of costly litigation, to work with the court and the plaintiffs in obeying the court orders and to begin to resolve the outstanding claims against it," said Spencer Lewis, the District Director of the EEOC's New York office.

"We are thrilled that our clients are finally on the path to receive compensation for some of the discrimination they suffered," said Michael L. Foreman, director of the Employment Discrimination Project of the Lawyers' Committee. "Without the tireless commitment of our co-

counsel at Debevoise & Plimpton, who have devoted significant time and resources to this pro bono case, this outcome would not have been possible."

"We are extremely pleased that such a substantial settlement has been preliminarily approved for this set of claims, and we are eager to continue working toward resolution of remaining claims and issues," said Jyotin Hamid, a partner with Debevoise & Plimpton.

"This is a significant step forward in what has been a decades-long process to end discrimination against black and Hispanic members of Local 28 and restore their lost wages," said Joshua Rubin, Senior Counsel at the New York City Law Department. "We will continue working to ensure good practices at the union going forward and to help others reclaim their compensation."

The EEOC enforces federal laws prohibiting employment discrimination based on race, color, gender (including sexual harassment and pregnancy), religion, national origin, age, disability and retaliation.

Further information about the EEOC is available on its web site at www.eeoc.gov.

Florida A&M University Sponsors Spring 2008 Career Expo

TALLAHASSEE - All students and alumni are encouraged to attend Florida A&M University's C.C. Cunningham Career Center's Spring 2008 Career Expo on Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center. A career expo reception is scheduled for

Tuesday, Jan. 22, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center. Both events are free of cost.

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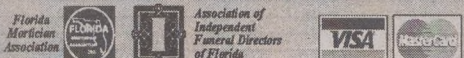
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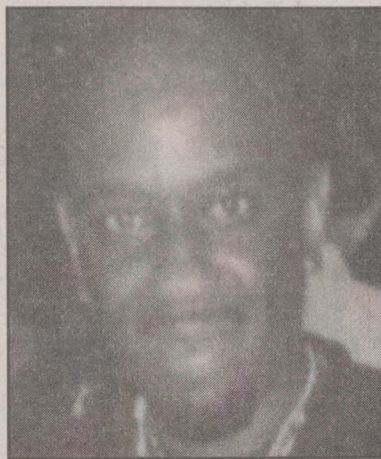
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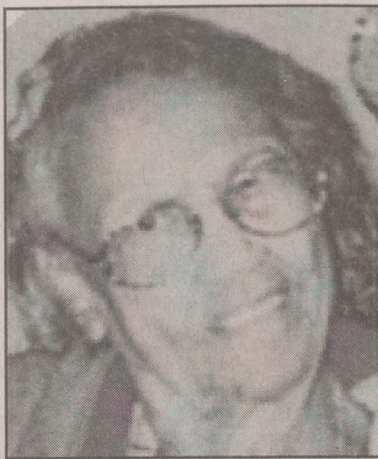


CALVIN G. ROBINSON

Calvin G. Robinson was born to the late Catherine and Turner Robinson on December 20, 1962 in St. Petersburg. He departed this life on Monday, January 7, 2008.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two brothers, Charlie Jones (Forrestine) of Camilla, Georgia and Clem Robinson of St. Petersburg; three sisters, Conchetta Robinson-Johnson (Randy), Jovita Robinson, both of St. Petersburg and Eva Jones of Atlanta, GA; and a host of devoted loving relatives and friends.

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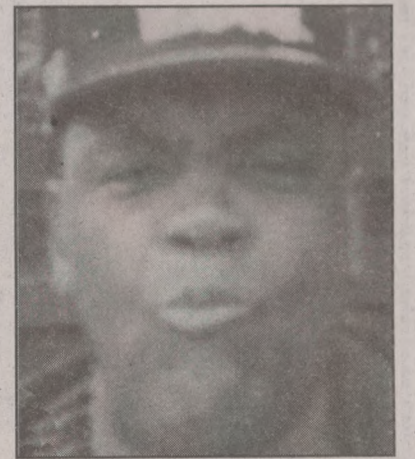


EARLENE HALL

Earlene Hall, 45 of St. Petersburg passed away on January 6, 2008 at Bayfront Medical Center.

She was born in Quincy, Florida and came here at an early age. She attended Northeast High and worked at Jacaranda Manor as a Certified Nursing Assistant for 10 years and Eckerd College as a housekeeper. She loved pets, especially dogs and cats. She was a member of The Holy Ghost Church of God Purchased With His Blood. Survivors include her mother Viola Hall of St. Petersburg; two sons, Antwan Hall and Tyree Bonner of St. Petersburg; four brothers, Joseph Bostic of Las Vegas, Nevada, Johnny Lee Hall and Roosevelt Hall of St. Petersburg; two sisters, Patricia Hall and Clairetha Hall of St. Petersburg; her paternal grandmother Louvenia Grace of St. Petersburg; two grandchildren, Antwan Hall Jr. and LeAndre Hall of St. Petersburg.

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Henry Joseph Niblack was born to the late Booster and Burnell Niblack on December 9, 1941 in Jacksonville, FL. He departed this life on January 9, 2008.

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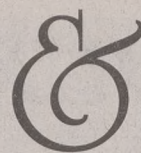
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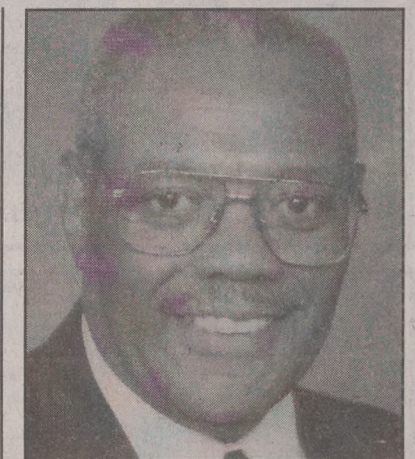


JOHNNY BAINES

Johnny Baines was born to the late Charles and Daisy Baines on January 20, 1950 in Newton, Georgia. He departed this life on January 6, 2008.

He leave to cherish his memories: his wife, Lorene Baines of St. Petersburg; two daughters, Christina (Donald) Henry, of Atlanta, GA and Yolanda (Thomas) Reed, of St. Petersburg; two sons, Andre Blossom and Johnandree Baines, both of St. Petersburg; three sisters, Eula Baines, Patsy (Cornell) Sims and Juanita (Douglas) Thomas, all of St. Petersburg; eight grandchildren and a host of aunts, uncles, cousin, other relatives and loving friends.

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STANLEY BAZLEY

Stanley Bazley was born to the late Robert Lee and Minerva Jiggets Bazley on September 20, 1927 in Boston, Massachusetts. He departed this life on January 8, 2008.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his devoted wife, Hattie Drayton Bazley; sister, Betty Ann Govann of Boston, MA; grandchildren, Regina Gayle, Lisa and Georgina Bazley, all of Boston, MA; mother-in-law, Sadie Drayton; step-daughter, Daphane Dixon of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; step-sons, Rev. Willie Dixon (Nancy) and Alfred Dixon, both of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; special son, David Boyd; eight sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, ten great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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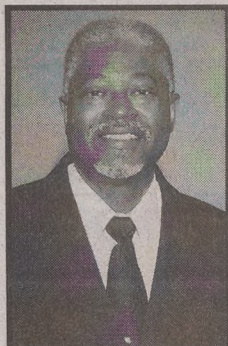
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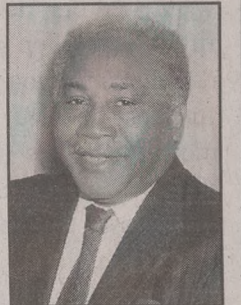
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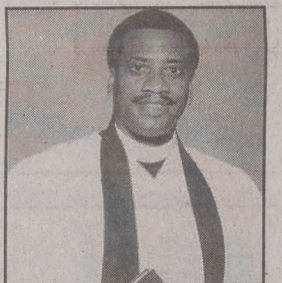
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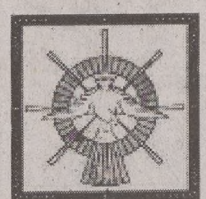
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St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

The St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of its dynamic, spirited man of God, the Reverend Brian Kenneth Brown, its official staff of deacons and trustees, and the entire congregation of St. Mark, extend to the community at large its wishes 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.

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- **Sunday School** is held for both children and adults of all ages. Sunday School starts each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to come out and join us.
- **Baptist Training Union** is each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Members and the general public are invited to come out and study the Bible with us and learn "What 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.
- **St. Mark After School Tutoring Ministry:** Neighbors Involved in Kids Education (N.I.K.E.). Open to all school age children every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Destination Graduation Phase II** is now in progress and offers certified teachers, counselors and FCAT specialists each Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday are for high school seniors only needing assistance with applying for colleges, financial aid and scholarships, and writing essays for college admissions and scholarships. Wed. nights are for ages four years to 18 years. Certified teachers are available to assist with reading comprehension and application; reading readiness for children four to six years; Literary analysis/reading comprehension for Middle and High School as well as FCAT, ACT and SAT preparation for those who still need to pass or make a good score on these tests.
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Workshop Schedule of Events
Friday, Jan. 25, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Registration and Opening
Saturday, Jan. 26, 6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Continental Breakfast
Registration/ Workshop Sunday, Jan. 27, 4:00 p.m. Concert

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Theme: "Crossing Over..."

Pastor Carlos L. Senior and the New Hope Church Family invite you to worship with us whenever our doors are opened. We believe firmly that when praises go up, blessings come down! Won't you join us in giving God thanks for the wonderful things He has done. Sunday morning begins at 7:45 with Early Morning Service. Sunday School begins at 9:15. There are classes available for all ages. Bring the entire family!

Worship continues at 10:30 with the Voices 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.

"Everyone is valuable to God."

MIDWEEK P.U.S.H.

(Prayer, Understanding & Spiritual Healing) Bible Study (Adult and Youth) and Prayer is held on Wednesday evenings. The schedule for 2008: Prayer - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes - 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Why not join us?

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

Calendar of Events January 2008

(For information concerning any events, please call 727-896-5228.)

- Jan. 26: Women of Hope Ministry Meeting Topic: "Eating the Right Foods"
- Jan. 27: New Hope Nursery Baby Shower

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Historic Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, located at 912 3rd Avenue North, downtown St. Petersburg, FL, under the pastorage of Rev. David L. Connelly vision is to "develop a prophetic ministry in an age of mega change with greater creativity, depth and relevance."

On Sunday, January 20, 2008, representatives of the dynamic Men of Bethel spoke on the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speaking on topics of: Love, Non-Violence, Brotherhood, Peace, Truth, Compassion, Unity, and Freedom. Each speaker shared their personal, spiritual, and life experiences which reflected the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 27, 2008, Bethel's local Lay Organization, will host it's annual "Men of Vision" service. This event will be held at 7:30 a.m. and will feature three speakers who will tell of the Joy of the Lord!!! An invitation is extended to the local and surrounding church community. Please plan to attend. Breakfast will follow immediately following this worship service.

Bethel's doors hinge on Welcome. If you are visiting our great city, or looking for a church home, the pastor, officers and members of Bethel, invite you to join us in our worship services and ministries.

We offer various ministries some of which are listed below:

- Feeding ministry, Sunday morning at 7:30
- Church School each Sunday morning at 9:00
- Morning worship service each Sunday at 11:00
- Youth Church, Mon & Wed evenings at 5:30-7:00
- Prayer & Bible Study, Tuesday evenings at 7:00
- Music ministry, Wednesday evenings at 7:00
- Women's Missionary Society
- Young People's Division
- Lay Organization

Our mission is "To reflect the very heart and soul of each member at Bethel in all engaging manifestation in the worship of God". The Christian life is not merely knowing, hearing, and talking about what should be done, but doing the will of Christ. The only way to realize that we are God's children is to let Him lead us to our Father in everything we do.

Information on these and other church ministries can be obtained by contacting the Church Office, Mon. - Fri., 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at (727) 822-2089 or email us at Bethel1894@knology.net

"I will bless the Lord at all times, HIS praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Mt. Zion A.M.E.

"Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." John 3:18

Mt. Zion A.M.E. church located at 919 20th Street South, St. Petersburg, under the leadership of Rev. Clarence Williams, it official staff and the entire church family extend to the community at large an invitation to join us in worship this Sunday and to all Church related activities and events during the week. Our doors are always open and we would love to have you join us.

Services begin at 7:30 a.m., there we let go and let God be God. The Richardson Special Chorus will render song service throughout the day. Church School will commence at 9:30 a.m.; we invite family's to come study the Word of God as we seek to grow spiritually together. Our contemporary worship service is at 11:00 a.m. The spirit is always high. Pastor Williams will deliver two power packed messages. Come be blessed!

WEEKLY MINISTRIES:

In need of a mid-week lift? Then stop by Zion for a day of ministry. Wednesday - Vintage Bible Study, 11:00 a.m., Bible Study, 6:00 p.m., Hour of Power, 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 2 - Super Bowl Tea, 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 10 - Pre-Valentine Tea, Lay Organization
- Feb. 11-14 - St. Petersburg District Conference
- Feb. 24 - 83rd Church Anniversary

Thought for the week: "Compassion is Love in Action."

Be blessed and have a Jesus filled week.

New Philadelphia Community Church

"A Prophet who Served Not for PROFIT"

The church family of New Philadelphia will recognize the prophetic nature of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In observance of the MLK holiday, insights into his life as a true prophet will be surveyed. In comparison to the prophetic role of ministry as seen in Scripture, and models of church ministry witnessed presently, Dr. King exemplified difference between serving and being served.

From a strong social consciousness which was concerned with eliminating societal injustice in these United States, he was a model of prophetic servanthood. Dr. King served as prophet and refused to minister for PROFIT! Segregation, racism, oppression and other social ills were quite prevalent during Dr. King's ministry. However, he chose to utter prophetically against these social ills rather than profit from them financially.

With Ghandi's social tactic of nonviolence and love ethic of God as demonstrated in the incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, and Holy Spirit advent, Dr. King truly served as prophet (a God-sayer) rather than serve for profit. Like Jesus, love of God manifest itself in agape love for others. The culmination of this observance will be the annual Salad Festival following parade. This event will take place at the James Sanderlin Center.

Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

ALL CALL TO CLERGY

Clergy and Lay Leaders - Please be present to Pray & Plan for a massive 49 church revival to claim the mission field for Christ in South St. Petersburg on this Saturday, January 26th @ 8:30 am at Mt Zion Progressive (955 20th Street S in St. Petersburg). Breakfast will be served.

Please RSVP or contact clergy leaders involved in this endeavor: Pastor Ellis Hodge (727-823-2610); Pastor Louis M. Murphy, Sr. (727-894-4311); Pastor Carlos Senior (727-896-5228); or Elder Martin Rainey (727-420-1326).



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BLACK HISTORY

"Celebrating Our History Is An Everyday Thing"



Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, from Georgia's 5th District

John Robert Lewis is an American politician and was an important leader in the American Civil Rights Movement. He was chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and played a key role in the struggle to end segregation. Lewis, a member of the Democratic Party, has represented Georgia's 5th Congressional District (map) in the United States House of Representatives since 1987. The district encompasses almost all of Atlanta.

Born in Troy, Ala., the son of sharecroppers, Lewis was educated at the American Baptist Theological Seminary and at Fisk University, both in Nashville, where he became active in the local sit-in movement. He participated in the Freedom Rides to desegregate the South, and was a national leader in the struggle for civil rights. Lewis became nationally known after his prominent role on the Selma to Montgomery marches, when police beat the nonviolently marching Lewis mercilessly in public, leaving head wounds that are still visible today.

Of John Lewis, the historian Howard Zinn wrote: "At the great Washington March of 1963, the chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), John Lewis, speaking to the same enormous crowd that heard Martin Luther King's I Have a Dream, (speech) was prepared to

John Robert Lewis

ask the right question: 'Which side is the federal government on?' That sentence was eliminated from his speech by organizers of the March to avoid offending the Kennedy Administration. But Lewis and his fellow SNCC workers had experienced, again and again, the strange passivity of the national government in the face of Southern violence."

"John Lewis and SNCC had reason to be angry. John had been beaten bloody by a white mob in Montgomery as a Freedom Rider in the spring of 1961. The federal government had trusted the notoriously racist Alabama police to protect the Riders, but done nothing itself except to have FBI agents take notes. Instead of insisting that blacks and whites had a right to ride the buses together, the Kennedy Administration called for a 'cooling-off period,' a moratorium on Freedom Rides."



Lewis at meeting of American Society of Newspaper Editors, 1964

"The white population could not possibly be unaffected by those events — some whites more stubborn in their defense of segregation, but others beginning to think in different ways. And the black population was transformed, having risen up in mass action for the first time, feeling its power, knowing now that if the old order could be shaken it could be toppled."

Standing at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial, John Lewis turned his wrath, not at the easy target, the Dixiecrats, but against the Administration.... To many, the

March had been presented as a gigantic lobby for the Administration's Civil Rights Bill, but Lewis pointed quickly, unerringly, to the weaknesses in the bill. Furthermore, by sponsoring a new civil rights bill, the Administration had skillfully turned attention to



Lewis (far right) with Bayard Rustin, Andrew Young, William Fitts Ryan, and James L. Farmer Jr.

Congress, and deflected the erratic spotlight of the civil rights movement from possibly focusing on inadequacies of the Executive. The straight, crass fact at which John Lewis was aiming is this: the national government, without any new legislation, has the power to protect Negro voters and demonstrators from policemen's clubs, hoses and jails—and it has not used that power.

Lewis is, according to the Associated Press, "the first major House figure to suggest impeaching George W. Bush," arguing that the president "deliberately, systematically violated the law" in authorizing the National Security Agency to conduct wiretaps without a warrant. Lewis said: "He is not King, he is president."

For many years, he has served on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee and is the chairman of its Subcommittee on Oversight.

Lewis is an outspoken progressive and staunch opponent of the Iraq War.

On Oct. 12, 2007, Lewis endorsed the presidential campaign of Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton.

James Farmer

After his time at Howard University he began traveling the Midwest speaking about racial equality and pacifism. Farmer decided to fight the Southern Methodist Church's policy of segregation rather than become an ordained minister.

In 1942, Farmer along with a group of students co-founded the Congress of Racial Equality, an organization that sought to bring an end to racial segregation in America through active nonviolence. The organization was also known as CORE. Farmer was the first leader of the Congress of Racial Equality but after several years he became inactive.

In 1961 Farmer, who was working for the NAACP at the time, was called back to lead the Freedom Rides for the Congress of Racial Equality.

He also helped organize the Freedom Rides. The Freedom Rides led to the desegregation of bus terminals and interstate buses. He immediately planned a repeat of CORE's 1947 Journey of Reconciliation, a trip of eight white and eight black men challenging segregation in transportation in the upper South. This time, however, the group would journey to the Deep South, and Farmer coined a new name for the trip: the Freedom Ride.

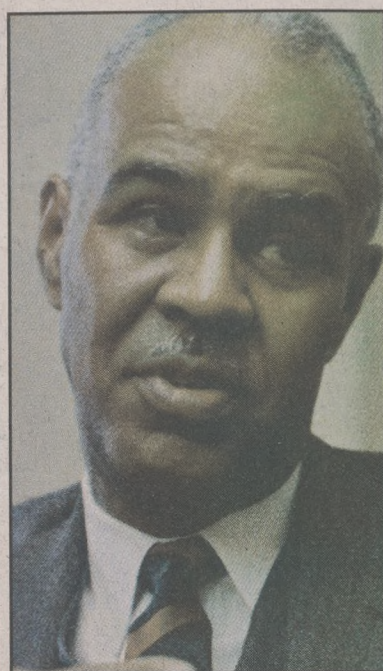
On May 4, participants journeyed to the deep South, this time including women as well as men, and tested segregated bus terminals as well as seating on the vehicles. The riders were met with severe violence and garnered national attention, sparking a summer of similar rides by other civil rights leaders and thousands

of ordinary citizens. Although the Freedom Rides were attacked by whites, the Freedom Rides became recognized and the Congress of Racial Equality received nationwide attention.

By the mid 1960s Farmer was growing disenchanted with emerging militancy and black nationalist sentiments in CORE and resigned in 1966. He took a teaching position at Lincoln University and continued to lecture. In 1968 Farmer ran for U.S. Congress as a Republican, but lost to Shirley Chisholm. However his defeat was not total; the recently elected President, Richard Nixon, offered him the position of Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

James Farmer co-founded Fund for an Open Society (www.openoc.org) in 1975, which has as its vision a nation in which people live in communities which are stably integrated; where political and civic power is shared by people of different races and ethnicities. He led this organization until 1999.

Farmer retired from politics in 1971, but remained active lecturing and serving on various boards and committees. He published his autobiography, *Lay Bare the Heart*, in 1985. Farmer lived to see CORE move closer to its centrist roots in the 1980s and 1990s. President Bill Clinton awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998. Farmer taught a class on the civil rights movement at Mary Washington College (now The University of Mary Washington) in Fredericksburg, Va. until his death in 1999.



Roy Wilkins

Roy Wilkins was a prominent civil rights activist in the United States from the 1930s to the 1970s. Wilkins was active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and between 1931 and 1934 was assistant NAACP secretary under Walter Francis White. When W. E. B. Du Bois left the organization in 1934, Wilkins replaced him as editor of *Crisis*, the official magazine of the NAACP.

Born in St. Louis, Mo., Wilkins graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in sociology in 1923. He worked as a journalist at *The Minnesota Daily* and became editor of *St. Paul Appeal*, an African American newspaper. After he graduated he became the editor of the *Kansas City Call*. In 1929 he married social worker Aminda "Minnie" Badeau; the couple had no children. In 1950, Wilkins—along with A. Philip Randolph, founder of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and Arnold Aronson, a leader of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council—founded the

Roy Wilkins

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. LCCR has become the premier civil rights coalition, and has coordinated the national legislative campaign on behalf of every major civil rights law since 1957.

In 1955, Wilkins was named executive secretary (the title was later changed to executive director in 1964) of the NAACP. He had an excellent reputation as an articulate spokesperson for the civil rights movement. One of his first actions was to provide support to civil rights activists in Mississippi who were being subject to a "credit squeeze" by members of the White Citizens Councils.

Wilkins backed a proposal suggested by Dr. T.R.M. Howard of Mound Bayou, Miss., who headed the Regional Council of Negro Leadership, a leading civil rights organization in the state. Under the plan, black businesses and voluntary associations shifted their accounts to the black-owned Tri-State Bank of Memphis, Tenn. By the end of 1955, about \$280,000 had been deposited in Tri-State for this purpose. The money enabled Tri-State to extend loans to credit-worthy blacks who were denied loans by white banks.

In 1955, Roy Wilkins was chosen to be the executive of the NAACP. Then in 1964 he became the executive director. At the age of 76 he retired. Wilkins was a staunch liberal and proponent of American values during the Cold War, and denounced suspected and actual communists within the civil rights movement. He has been criticized by some on the left of the civil rights movement for his cautious approach, suspicion of grassroots organization, and conciliatory attitude towards white anticommunism, which was signif-

icantly detrimental to the post-war civil rights movement.

Wilkins participated in the March on Washington (1963), the Selma to Montgomery marches (1965), and the March Against Fear (1966).



Civil Rights March on Washington, D.C. (Sammy Davis Jr., actor and performer, with Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. 08/28/1963)

He believed in achieving reform by legislative means; he testified before many Congressional hearings and conferred with Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, and Carter. Wilkins strongly opposed militancy in the movement for civil rights as represented by the "black power" movement.

In 1967, Wilkins was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Lyndon Johnson. During his tenure, the NAACP played a pivotal role in leading the nation into the Civil Rights movement and spearheaded the efforts that led to significant civil rights victories, including Brown v. Board of Education, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Mary Church Terrell



Mary Church Terrell

Mary Church Terrell was a writer and civil rights and women's rights activist. Her parents, Robert Reed Church and Louisa Ayers, were both former slaves. Robert Church reputedly became a self-made millionaire from real-estate investments in Memphis. He was said to be the son of his white master, Charles Church.

Mary Church majored in classics at Oberlin College, an African American woman in a student body that was composed primarily of white men. She was elected class poet of the freshman class, elected to two of the college's literary societies, and served as an editor of the *Oberlin Review*. When she earned her bachelor's degree in 1884, she was one of the first African American women known to have earned a college degree. She attained her master's degree from Oberlin in 1888. During the centennial celebration at Oberlin College in 1933, Mary Church was recognized as one of the school's 100 outstanding alumni. In 1948, Oberlin conferred upon Mary Church Terrell the honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Church taught at a black secondary school in Washington, D.C., and at Wilberforce College in Ohio. She studied in Europe for two years, where she became fluent in French, German, and Italian.

On Oct. 18, 1891 in Memphis,

Church married Robert Heberton Terrell. Robert Terrell was a lawyer who became the first black municipal court judge in Washington, D.C. He also taught school and became a principal. After Mary Terrell's first three children died in infancy, Mary gave birth to a daughter, Phyllis Terrell. The Terrells later adopted a second daughter, Mary.

As a high school teacher and principal, Mary Church Terrell was appointed to the District of Columbia Board of Education, 1895-1906. She was the first black woman in the United States to hold such a position.

Through her father, Mary met Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington. She was especially close to Douglass and worked with him on several civil rights campaigns. Shortly after her marriage to Robert Terrell (as she described in her autobiography), she considered retiring from activism to settle down. It was Douglass who persuaded her that her talents required her to do otherwise.

Terrell was an active member on the National American Woman Suffrage Association and was particularly concerned about ensuring the organization continued to fight for black women getting to vote. With Josephine Ruffin, she formed the Federation of Afro-American Women. In 1896, Terrell became the first president of the newly formed National Association of Colored Women. The NACW members established day nurseries, kindergartens and helped orphans. In 1896, Mrs. Terrell also founded the National Association of College Women, which later became the National Association of University

Women (NAUW).

In 1904 Terrell was invited to speak at the International Congress of Women, held in Berlin, Germany. She was the only black woman at the conference. The Tennessee native received an enthusiastic ovation when she honored the host nation by delivering her address in German. She then proceeded to deliver the speech in French, and concluded with the English version.

In 1909, Mary Terrell was one of two Negro woman (Ida B. Wells-Barnett was the other) invited to sign the "Call" and to be present at the organizational meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, thus becoming a founding member of the NAACP.

During the First World War, Terrell and her daughter Phyllis joined Alice Paul and Lucy Burns, of the Congressional Union of Woman Suffrage (CUWS), in picketing the White House on demobilization of Negro servicemen. A celebrity in both America and Europe, she was a delegate to the International Peace Conference after the end of the First World War. While in England, Terrell stayed with Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Wells.

Mary Church Terrell worked actively in the suffrage movement, which pushed for enactment of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution. Active in the Republican Party, she was president of the Women's Republican League during Warren G. Harding's 1920 presidential campaign, the first in which all American women were given the right to vote.



Mary Church Terrell



James L. Farmer Jr. at a meeting of American Society of Newspaper Editors

James Farmer was a black civil rights activist who was one of the "big four" leaders of the American civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

Born in Marshall, Texas in 1920, Farmer was an excellent student who skipped several grades in elementary school. After he completed high school at the age of 14 he attended Wiley College. He considered careers in both medicine and the ministry during his undergraduate days. However, after he received his bachelor of science degree in chemistry in 1938 he also realized he could not stand the sight of blood, so he enrolled in Howard University's School of Religion, receiving the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1941. When World War II began the pacifist Farmer refused to serve, especially in a segregated army. He opposed war in general, and more specifically objected to serving in the segregated armed forces. Farmer was deferred from the draft because he held a divinity degree.



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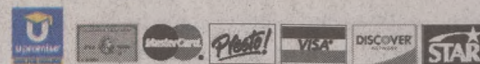


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