Andrew Gillum shares his guberntorial vision at the Woodson Museum

BY J.A. JONES Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG – Fresh from the Hillsborough County NAACP Democratic gubernatorial candidate forum—where he was the only candidate to show—Andrew Gillum brought his vision of becoming Florida’s next governor to the Carter G. Woodson African American History Museum last Saturday.

Earlier that morning, Gillum sat down on the stage at Middleton High School in Tampa where he was able to chat with more than 200 voters intimately.

Branch President Yvette Lewis said she met with each candidate two weeks prior about the forum, but claims they all backed out earlier in the week, except one.

After the Tampa forum and before he made across the bridge to the Woodson, he tweeted: “We don’t have a private jet, but I guess I was the only one of my opponents who could beat the 14 traffic to make it.”

City Council Chair Lisa Wheeler-Barnes was inches to introduce Gillum and spoke of their shared belief in “common sense” gun legislation.

She spoke of how he fought the gun lobby and the NRA when he refused to repeal the Second Amendment.

“I believe if I’m elected governor, the state of Florida will not have the same gun laws that we do now.”

She added that he said the new rules of their shared vision in “common sense” gun legislation.

Held at the Enoch Davis Center Tuesday night, Pork Chops and Politics aimed to help constituents make informed votes and held elected officials accountable.

The attending candidates and some of their positions are summarized below.

District 2 – School Board Member, community

Current board member Terry Kraseker said “not to make excuses, but it has been tough” to deal with the new mandates coming down from Tallahassee.

She said that while dealing with safety is the great challenge to the district.

As a member of the district’s safety team, she shared that trying to get a school safety officer in each school as mandated in the time given has been hard.

She also said that more mental health counselors and school counselors had also been added to the district.

Jeff Larsen, a reading teacher in Tampa Springs, is running for school board because he feels “we can do better.” He stated the district needed to shift its focus from testing.

“Once students have become members, they’ve become student.”

Lawrence felt that communication, transparency and accessibility to information should be improved for parents, including changing meeting times so that PCULPY hold Politics and Pork Chops, School Board edition

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BY ATTY. JACQUELINE HUBBARD
ASALH President

Thurgood Marshall was born in Baltimore in 1908 and was the descendant of slaves on both sides of his family. He later shortened his first name to “Thurgood.” He attended public schools in Maryland and graduated from high school, attended and received his undergraduate degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

He applied to the University of Maryland Law School after graduating from Lincoln University but was rejected because of his race. The rejection was an indignation that had a lasting effect on his career. It was a wound he never forgot.

Instead of the University of Maryland, Marshall attended Howard University Law School and graduated first in his class in 1933. He was fortunate enough to have as his mentor Charles Hamilton Houston, who was dean of Howard University Law School and a supreme talent in African American law.

Houston recognized Marshall as a gifted student of the law and nurtured his talent. After graduation from law school, Marshall began a lasting working relationship with Houston and with the national NAACP.

In 1936, Marshall became the staff attorney for the NAACP. In 1940, he founded the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund and became its executive director. As the executive director, Marshall argued 32 civil rights and criminal defense cases before the Supreme Court. Of the 32 cases he argued, he won 29 of them.

It is often said that Marshall was the most feared and gifted civil rights and criminal defense attorney of his generation, and possibly in American history. Through unwavering belief in the legal system and the comprehensiveness of American jurisprudence, along with his talented co-counsels and mentors, created social change in this country.

As author Juan Williams stated in his book, “Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary,” “The great achievement was to expand rights for all Americans. But he especially succeeded in creating new protections for African American women, children, prisoners, homeless, immigrants, and veterans.”

It was the law of the land that brought about the real social and racial segregation in America. All of the cases he argued before the Supreme Court were notable, especially Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas. This case established, in 1957, the judicial precedent that there can be no “separate but equal” segregation of the races in America and prohibited segregation in public schools and other public accommodations. This alone was revolutionary in American history.

One of his most famous criminal cases was that of four black men accused of raping a white woman in a small town in Alabama. The four black men were tried, convicted, and sentenced to death but survived several attempts on their lives. Nonetheless, Marshall took on the case in 1955 and successfully defended the surviving young men.

President John F. Kennedy appointed Marshall to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 1961. Marshall remained on the court until 1965 when President Lyndon B. Johnson named him to be the United States Solicitor General, the first African American to hold the office.

On June 13, 1967, Johnson nominated Marshall to become the first African American on the United States Supreme Court. Marshall was confirmed in August 1967 and served for 24 years. He died in 1993 at the age of 84.

Marshall paved the way for every black lawyer who came after him. He set a high standard for intellectual excellence, scholarship, research, and respect for the law. We continue to honor him as a “Lion of the Law.”

Attorney Jacqueline Hubbard graduated from the University of Texas Law School. She is currently the president of the St. Petersburg Branch of the NAACP. She is the author of the winning book by Gilbert King entitled, “From the Docks in the Greve... Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America.”

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Her preparation, her process, her impact, and how they’ve shaped her journey to this milestone case. Its ruling resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court. Her record of service extends far beyond these events, but there is a picture in the May 1988 edition of the San Francisco Chronicle showing Savage laughing while being driven away by two police officers.

He was quoted as saying: “I was laughing to keep from crying.” According to Keisha Bell, Esq., Savage retired from the sanitation department in 1996. He is quoted as saying, “I was raised in a church. I'm not saying I've been baptized in the name of the Lord, but my life was the habitation of the family of which I have all been filled, including him.”

Upon returning to work, the man had to work with all the people he had to work with on Saturday; they were paid for a full day, but they had no day off. He was given religious benefits. Savage and James B. Clydesdale, who was legal counsel for the sanitation workers, found the settlement to be unsatisfactory. They were not given any vacation benefits. They were given a day off, but they lost their seniority, sick leave and any other benefits.

More importantly, however, the strike was seen as a test run for a larger movement. The black community united over the issue of segregation in public schools. The city council passed a law allowing the workers to form a union that was not a strike against any individual, but a protest against the system of segregation.

Even though they were paid for a full day, they were not given any vacation benefits. They had no day off. The workers were given a settlement of $100,000, but they lost their seniority, sick leave and any other benefits.

Joseph E. Savage, a sanitation worker, spearheaded a movement leading 211 to 300 African-American sanitation workers to strike against the city of Tampa. He was a man concerned about his community and his rights. He was a man who knew how to fight for what he believed in.
I have heard several people ask recently the question: "Do you believe in the flu vaccine?" I decided to write this week’s blog because of the recent calls that anti-vaccine groups are making. Why is it so difficult to reason with some people? Is it because they just don’t want to believe the truth?

In today’s world, it is not uncommon for people to believe in the flu vaccine. People have been using the flu vaccine for years to protect themselves and their loved ones against the flu. However, there are still some people who are skeptical about the flu vaccine. This is a problem because the flu vaccine is an important tool in preventing the spread of the flu.

I believe that the flu vaccine is effective in preventing the flu and saving lives. It is important for everyone to get vaccinated against the flu, especially those who are at higher risk of complications from the flu such as seniors, young children, and people with certain medical conditions.

There are many reasons why people might be hesitant to get vaccinated against the flu. Some people may be concerned about the side effects of the flu vaccine, while others may believe that the flu vaccine is not necessary because they never get the flu. However, these concerns are not supported by scientific evidence.

The flu vaccine is made with inactive or dead virus, and it is not possible to get the flu from a flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is also not contagious, so it cannot be spread from person to person.

In summary, I believe that the flu vaccine is a safe and effective way to prevent the flu. It is important for everyone to get vaccinated against the flu to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Dr. Randi Valentine

Please take the time to get vaccinated against the flu. It is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu.
I WILL STOP DONALD TRUMP AND RESTORE PRESIDENT OBAMA’S WONDERFUL LEGACY!”

— PHILIP LEVINE, DEMOCRAT FOR GOVERNOR

PHILIP LEVINE IS THE LEADER FLORIDA NEEDS NOW

LEVINE WILL FINALLY GET FLORIDA WORKING FOR ALL OF US. AS GOVERNOR, HE WILL:

• RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE: As Mayor of Miami Beach, Philip Levine took on Governor Scott and the Tallahassee Republicans by passing a local ordinance that raises the wage to over $13 per hour.

• REFORM OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: As Mayor, Levine reformed the police department, revised the department’s use-of-force policy, required officers to wear body cameras and hired the first African American Deputy Police Chief.

• INVEST IN OUR SCHOOLS: Levine’s platform includes raising teacher pay by at least $10,000 as well as investing in universal pre-K for all Florida’s children.

• ENACT TOUGH GUN REFORM: Levine, long a leader on gun reform issues, supports repealing the extreme NRA-backed “Stand Your Ground” law, and would ban assault weapons and will push to close the gun-show loopholes.

Democrat Philip Levine for Governor.

VOTE. TUESDAY, AUGUST 28
The leader

BY INDUNA SUERO ACOSTA

ST. PETERSBURG — With less than 25 years under her belt, Akilé Anai represents many young and people of “color” who have been marginalized and GenXers being in south St. Pete. She ran for City Council, District 5 in 2017 and is affiliated with the African People’s Socialist Party and the Uhuru movement.

Born Ertha “Akilé” Caissai, her path took a different route than expected after graduating with a degree in art from St. Petersburg College. She had planned to move to New York and become an artist but decided on staying in her hometown and becoming a community leader.

Her desire to fight against inequity and injustices started in middle school. When her uncle was sent to prison for 26 years, she decided to turn around and become an artist but decided on moving to New York and becoming a community leader.

Anai believes that the oppression massed around people of color is so heavy that it can’t go along doing business as usual,

“Anai witnessed her community decrease while areas on the other side of Central Avenue flourished. Gentrification has forced a number of black people out of their community and into an uncertain future,” she says.

She is still concerned about the increase in arrests.

There’s an economic development for this community. It’s a horrible re-arrangement that black people have to go through,” she says.

Anai is continuing her work with Communities United for Reparations and Economic Development with her activism, Akilé Anai demands reparations and economic development for St. Pete’s black community. She is also fighting for the economic freedom of her people. As a young woman in a police force in an attempt to desegregate and segregation and discrimination, she continues to fight for the black neighborhoods.

“They [white police] can’t go along doing business as usual,” she said, adding that the status quo of locking up black people needs to stop now.

For her, the black community needs the work, money and attention it should have around the area.

She feels it is equal to what St. Pete has to do with the all of the damage that has occurred in the past such as segregation and division, she continues to fight for the black neighborhoods with the current condition.

Anai is also on the figure for city council has been in elections. Although, she did not win the seat, she was a large force in the city and doing damage is a plus.

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Country club set to sell to developers

from RESIDENTS, front page

multiple species of flora and fauna and a lower quality of life for the residents?

On Tuesday, Aug. 14, the Community Planning and Preservation Commission seemed to answer this question with a “yes,” when it recommended city council approval of the country club’s request to amend its zoning and land use maps on three of four plots presented.

The Lakewood Estates Country Club, a website gives the impression that most residents of the neighborhood believe that it is the golf course that gives the estates its value—and therefore, what is best for the golf course is best for the residents. However, some residents worried about the precedent the move would set, and whether it opened the door to gentrification.

“Rubber stamping” the application included four plots presented.

The Lakewood Estates Country Club claimed it had to sell because it was losing money, and if it couldn’t stay afloat, the entire property would have to be sold to developers.

Simon revealed the country club sold property to a developer in 2014, who built two-story “McManions” targeted exclusively to highly priced buyers at prices below $500,000. He expressed concerns regarding what a more high-priced development would mean for the neighborhood’s mixed-income and diverse population, recommending that the commission ask the country club to rezone the remainder of land they owned. He believed the application included too many plots, and questioned what constrictions would be given the maximum amount of time for notification. Residents should have opportunities to have face-to-face discussions and alleviate their concerns.

Delilah Garret, who lives less than 100 feet away from one of the proposed areas, said that she was “devastated.”

Gwendolyn Reese, who represents the St. Petersburg City Council, said her two neighbors were “watch-listed” for living that just a few years ago, some younger people wereximity to Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, which carries out regular prescribed burns in clear measures species, protect endangered species’ habitats and prevent wildfires. To reach J.J. Jones, email jjones@theweekly-challenger.com.
By Allen A. Buchanan

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BY DR. YVONNE SCRUGGS-LIGHTWICH

Many occasions come to mind of African-American women’s leadership in support our communities, our neighbors, our families and advance the traditions of freedom. Special mention, I believe, deserves the status in our country, the United States of America.

For a people who have needed our “backs to be broken” for centuries and called utterly literally to survive, black women, through their sweat, the breath for themselves and for their families. They continue to do that.

Today, nationally, there is a unique African-American woman Kamala D. Harris from California— and there are 20 African-American women currently in the 115th U.S. House of Representatives — the most ever. One of the black women members of Congress, Frederica Wilson, makes her mark.

She is recognized as a political beacon and a leader, whose name— Dr. Yvonne Scruggs-Lightwic— reminds us of the congresswoman that we have never uttered. We w omen who called the congresswoman Chief of Staff John Kelly, Chief-of-Staff Kelly?

What follows below is what we know about her, her commitment and for their families. We have often been vilified for that leadership role, locally and nation-wide.

He said we need to “re-learn” that leadership role.

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She also wants m ore opportunities to work with the public service to increase the number of African-American women and men within the federal service.

She also said that this fall the board is planning m eetings with the tutorial with which Mr. Chief-of-Staff Kelly did not know w ho Congresswoman Wilson’s predecessor— Shirley Chisholm— was.

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Primary Election Tuesday, Aug. 28

From GILMUM, front page

ORDINANCES PREVENTING THE SHOOTING OF GUNS IN A PUB- LIC PARK.

He never backed down on any issue, as an gov- ernor I know he will never back down,” proclaimed Wheeler-Bowman.

The crowd applauded enthusiastically when Gillum took to the mike. Flanked by his wife and two children, he joked, “We are a real family... when you cannot find a sitter, you got to bring your kids to work with you.”

Regarding his fight against the NRA, he ex- plained, “They took us to court; the good news is we beat them at the appellate court, and the court, we beat them at the circuit court, we beat them at the apothecary court, and we will see you in the Supreme Court if you want to take it there.”

He spoke of founding the Campaign to Defend Local Solutions, which brings together a national coalition of officials, or- ganizations and individ- uals organized to push back against state-pre- emption of local laws.

Gillum said the campaign is “a way to make sure local governments are able to stiffen our spine and square our shoulders and be prepared to push back through a unified and collective voice.”

The Tallahassee mayor also took time to acknowledge Campaign Coordinator Steve Kennel, Loren Tay- lor, who sponsored the event and Terri Lawey Scott, executive director of the Woodson. Gillum also personalized his rela- tion to the museum, quok- ing from Carl C. Woodson’s “The Misrele- cation of the Negroes” and sharing the book’s impact on his life.

“An inadequate effort at liberation of the mind, and of the spirit—to make sure every single day we are being free.”

Stating that part of “liv- ing free” is not shrinking back but standing in one’s truth, joking that while Republicans often tried to catch him in a lie, they never could because television shows he was al- ways consistent “saying the same thing every- where.”

Lionel before the way a Democrat is going to win this race is not by capitulating, pretending to be something we’re not... but by bringing the truth, giving people the reason to go out and vote for something, not just against [something], he insisted.

He referred to Demo- crats losing the last five leg- islative races, leaving a Republican governor in office for the previous 20 years. He also noted that in the last two elections, Gov. Rick Scott only won the race by single-digit percentages—farther than 70,000 votes.

“We have to turn our viewers out like we’ve never done before,” he as- serted.

He also spoke of not only a metaphorical mess in clean up in govern- ment, but also a literal mess—our ocean’s wastes.

“We’ve got algae blooms flowing out of the east and the west side of this state right now—of hurricanes content in some places. It’s disgust- ing—but worse than dis- gusting is deadly,” Gillum asserted, speaking of the toxic blue-green algae, blooming from the overflowing of Lake Okeechobee that caused Gov. Scott to de- clare a state of emer- gency.

He noted that the last 20 years of Republican leadership had resulted in our environmental protec- tion being overseen by the worst, largest “poll- itators” the state has ever seen and that when it came to corrective action, all that’s been required is a plan of “best practices,” but no follow-up or re- quirement for those prac- tices to be carried out.

“When we win this race, we are going to hold those owners accountable for their actions and make them do right,” Gillum af- firmed.

Also an advocate for renewable energy, he said, “I’m proud that the same week Donald Trump—I can’t call it that, he discarded, pun- ting, but the same week Donald Trump pulled out the Paris Ac- cord, in my city we were ground on a 132-acre solar farm tripling the amount of solar energy that we use now.”

Listing other environ- mental accomplishments, he added he would hold his ecological record up against any of the candi- dates’ records in either party.

An outspoken advo-cate against “stand your ground,” he also spoke of the shooting of Markis McGlocklin.

“Stand your ground has no place in civilized society” a statement that also brought cheers, breaking passionately. Gillum maintained that the law allowed individ- uals to become judge, jury and executioner. “That law has to be repealed, and that will be a top pri- ority for our administra- tion,” he reiterated.

He talked about edu- cation, a woman’s right to choose, supporting a $15 minimum wage and being for the governor who does what was in the best inter- est of all of Florida, re- garding of class, color, sexuality and gender iden- tity. “I have a mortgage.”

Against any of the candi- dates, he joked, “I should be number one.”

Democratic running who is most qualified...who just happens to be a per- son, of color... and isn’t a millionaire.”


Primary Election Day is Tuesday, Aug. 28.

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