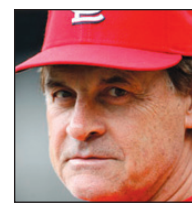


Washington vs. La Russa in World Series

Both Texas Rangers' manager Ron Washington and St. Louis Cardinals' manager Tony La Russa will be in the hunt for Manager of the Year honors.

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COMPLIMENTARY

Nixon appoints Judge Draper

Second black ever appointed to Missouri Supreme Court

By Chris King
Of The St. Louis American

Gov. Jay Nixon made history yesterday by appointing Judge George W. Draper III to the Missouri Supreme Court. Draper is the second African American in Missouri to serve on the state's highest court.

"Now we can look at the judiciary and see it is racially diverse, just like the state of Missouri," said Ronnie L. White, a partner at Holloran, White and Schwarz and the first African American to serve on the court after his appointment by Gov. Mel Carnahan

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— Judge Ronnie L. White

in November 1995. He retired from the court in July 2007.



Gov. Jay Nixon



Judge George Draper

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BUSINESS SALUTE

Diversity starts at the top

Wells Fargo Advisors: 2011 Corporate Diversity Awardee

By Rebecca S. Rivas
Of The St. Louis American

The CEO of a national company with \$1.2 trillion in client assets could get involved in endless committees. But the key is choosing those activities wisely, said Danny Ludeman, president and CEO of Wells Fargo Advisors.

For the past 10 years, Ludeman has chaired the company's Diversity and Inclusion Advisors Council — since the council's inception.

"This actually starts at the top," he said. "As CEO you can get involved in lots of things, but I've tried to get involved where my presence would make a huge difference."

One of the company's top five goals is to attract, retain, and excite a talented and diverse workforce.

Ludeman said a company tends to naturally become more diverse when the senior leadership becomes more diverse.

On November 9, Wells Fargo Advisors will receive the St. Louis American Foundation's 2011 Corporate Diversity Award at the Salute to Excellence in Business Awards & Networking Luncheon. The event



Photo by Wiley Price

■ Danny Ludeman, president and CEO of Wells Fargo Advisors, said diversity "is integrated into every decision we make at the firm."

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Obamas tour MLK monument



Photo by Ricky Carioti/The Washington Post

Harry Johnson Sr., the St. Louisan who spearheaded the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial project, takes the families of President Barack Obama and Martin Luther King III for a tour of the new monument on the National Mall during the dedication ceremony on Sunday, October 16 in Washington, D.C.

Chaz returns to STL radio

Saunders new midday host for My Foxy 95

By Kenya Vaughn
Of The St. Louis American

"When the other station and I parted ways, I took it personally that I didn't get a chance to say goodbye to my listeners," said local radio icon Chaz Saunders. "But I guess it wasn't meant for me to say goodbye after all."

It's been three years since Chaz Saunders signed off of her midday show on Majic 104.9 FM with her trademark "May the windows of heaven open and pour upon you an abundance of blessings."

Starting today (Thursday, Oct. 20) she will be back on the air with Radio One St. Louis as the new voice of midday (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) for My Foxy 95.5.

The station has reunited listeners with Saunders and DJ Kut — who will hit the airwaves in the 6 p.m. slot starting



Chaz Saunders

■ "If St. Louis loves you, they love you, but it is no faking it with them."

— Chaz Saunders

Oct. 31.

"I'm excited, it's surreal and it's a great thing," Saunders said. "It's going to be as though I never left."

But she did leave. And back in 2008, a universal gasp coupled with outrage was the overwhelming response when after more than 20 years she was no longer on the air.

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SLPS FOCUSES ON EARLY CHILDHOOD

Froebel Elementary opens new preschool classroom

By Rebecca S. Rivas
Of The St. Louis American

Seconds after the ribbon was cut at his new preschool Friday, Elijah Little, age 3, grabbed St. Louis Public Schools Superintendent Kelvin Adams by the hand and pulled him into his classroom.

Being in Froebel Elementary's new preschool class since August, Little knew exactly where the puzzles were. Adams, who stands over six feet tall, looked like a

■ "As a company, this is our focus, early childhood education. These are our future employees and customers."

— Rick Sems, regional president of PNC Bank

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