Dungy

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promising his principles, that was it.

"If you weren't watching the game and you just saw him afterward," Eric said, "you wouldn't know if he won or lost. He's always that way. It's kind of a running joke in the Dungy household. Anytime he asks us, or we ask him, 'How do you feel?' the only answer you ever hear is, 'Great.'"

There were plenty of times when other men would have answered otherwise. Instead, Dungy bit his lip when lesser qualified assistants jumped over him in line for head coaching jobs, then rolled up his sleeves and went to work when the only team willing to grant him a shot was a sorry Tampa franchise that seemed beyond res-

Rather than complain, he assembled a staff of like-minded assistants, guys who like him, didn't fit the NFL help-wanted ads, then challenged them to help him break the mold. Already, four members of that staff have followed Dungy into the head coaching ranks, including Lovie Smith, his counterpart on the Bears' sideline Sunday night.

Together, they made those Bucs better than respectable. More important, Dungy did it by teaching players instead of cursing them out, showing them that cheating him with their effort meant they were cheating themselves. And even when the Bucs turned around and fired him, handing the Super Bowl-ready squad he patiently built to Jon Gruden for the final step, Dungy left town with his head held high.

"Tony was like our Moses," Bucs linebacker Derrick Brooks recalled last year. "He led us out of the darkness and right up to the promised land."

Dungy went Moses one step better, though, and found other work soon enough. Nothing about him was different on the sideline in Indianapolis, save the color of his outfit and the caliber of talent that was waiting for him.

He had the Colts in position to take the final step last season, when his 18-year-old

son, James, committed suicide in December 2005. Refusing to be broken by the tragedy, he taught his players yet one more lesson, treating the blow more as a test of faith than a testament to bad fortune.

What happened to Dungy on Sunday morning, as he prepared for yet another final exam, was hardly worth mentioning, except to illustrate the way he deals with every other setback that has confronted him in life. He and a friend had set out from their hotel for a walk and lost their way. They planned to do a mile loop and wound up wandering for 2 1/2 miles or so instead.

Rather than get angry, he used the extra

"I just thought about the journey," Dungy said, "where we were and how the Lord had kind of set this up with some struggles, some ups and downs, some hills and valleys. And I thought about the way our team had persevered and how it would be a shame if we didn't win it.

"I thought about how the game was likely to go the same way, how it would have some hills and valleys and it did. And that gave me the message I wanted to give to the team, the last thing I was going to say. I told them there was going to be some storms out there and we've got to get through those and hang together," Dungy said, "and we'd be OK."

There were real storms Sunday night, of course; the ball cap and shirt Dungy wore as he spoke in the interview room were still soaked. But he was on the other side now, home safe and dry. Yet Dungy reached back to acknowledge all those men and all those sacrifices that made his journey possible, but couldn't be there to hoist the trophy alongside him.

"I thought about that as I was up there on the podium: being the first African-American to win it, and I really have to dedicate this to the guys who came before me... Jimmy Raye, Sherman Lewis, Lionel Taylor... great coaches who could have done this," he said, "if they would have gotten the opportunity."

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CONSTRUCTION OF SUNSET MAINTENANCE FACILITY

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE: \$95,000,000 to \$105,000,000

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) is soliciting bids for the construction of the Sunset Maintenance Facility. The Facility is organized into separate buildings for the Fixed Route, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Paratransit and RTC Administration Functions, and Fuel and Wash functions. Projected space needs and square footages were programmed for building spaces, covered areas, exterior areas, and parking

The facility is sited on 34.2 acres and is located north of Clark County, west 215 Beltway, south of Sunset Road and west of Decatur Boulevard. Construction systems include but not limited to: site clearing, earthwork, concrete work, masonry, structural steel, steel deck, rough carpentry, waterproofing, metal and membrane roofing, roof accessories, sheet metal, hollow metal doors and frames, aluminum entrances and storefronts, hardware, glazing, interior finishes, plumbing, fire protection, heating, ventilating, air conditioning, electrical systems, lighting, signage systems and communication alarm signal systems. Contractor shall be responsible for bringing all utilities to the site and connections for the building

PREBID CONFERENCE: A Prebid Conference will be held on February 21, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. PST, in room 296 of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Administration Building, 600 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106. The Purpose of the Conference is to review and discuss the contents of the bid package.

All questions, comments and requests for clarification on this Bid must be submitted in writing to Linda Poling, Senior Purchasing Analyst, by 5:00 p.m. March 2, 2007, via mail, e-mail to polingl@rtcsnv.com, or facsimile at 702-676-1588. Any addenda in response to questions or as otherwise amend the plans and/or specifications shall be issued no later than March 13, 2007

Bids must be received at the offices of the Regional Transportation Commission, 600 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89106 no later han 2:00 p.m. PST on March 29, 2007. Bids time-stamped at 2:01 p.m. or later will be returned, unopened to the Bidder. A public opening will immedi-

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Bid Package with Specifications and Drawings—\$350.00 each

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