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The Homicide Of African-American Men

by Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.

A new study released by the federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, GA concluded that the homicide rate for African-American males, ages 15-25, increased 66.6 percent in the U.S. between 1984 and 1988. Federal officials at the CDC have also confirmed that this alarming rate of homicide, particularly among young African-American males, continues to increase in the 1990s.

This latest report on homicides issued by the federal agency that monitors and researches mortality and life expectancy rates should be very disturbing to all Americans. Yet, the tragic reality is that too many persons in our society have become insensitive to the slaughter of African-Americans. In fact, some urban areas in the U.S. have now become literal killing fields for African-American men under age 25.

The key author of the CDC report, Dr. Robert Froehike, stated: "In some areas of the country it is now more likely for a black male between 15 and 25 to die from homicide than it was for a U.S. soldier to be killed on a tour of duty in Vietnam." Froehike found almost all of the dramatic increases in the current trend of African-American male homicides correspond to the increase in the rate at which young African-American males were being murdered by the use of a gun. Froehike believes that this situation necessitates urgent public health and other corrective measures on a national level.

Dr. Froehike admitted that it was indeed strange that to date there is no real governmental or public outcry to stem these killings. He stated, "If there were a disease that was causing 40 percent of deaths in a group, then there would be a substantial public health and other agency efforts in trying to address it."

The social climate in the U.S. is permeated with racism to the point that shocking reports similar to Dr. Froehike's are not perceived to be shocking but are accepted as being normative. A society that systematically devalues the life of an African-American child is a society that will not be alarmed about the elimination of young African-American males.

The CDC report presented a list of contributing factors that helped to cause the increase in homicides among African-American men. The report listed the following factors: "immediate access to firearms, alcohol and drug abuse, drug trafficking, poverty, racial discrimination and cultural acceptance of violent behavior."

Who brings and sells the guns to youngsters in the African-American community? Who really controls and allows the drug epidemic to devastate racial and ethnic communities across the nation? Why is there still poverty in rich America? How does racial discrimination lead to the homicide of African-Americans and others? The answers to these questions are necessary for a comprehensive understanding of the CDC report.

We take exception, however, to the notion in the CDC report that African-American culture provides an "acceptance" of African-American homicides. It is a terrible fact that much of the homicide against African-Americans is done by African-Americans. Yet, this is not because of African-American cultural acceptance of this problem but, to the contrary, it is the growing absence of African-American culture and moral values that may contribute to the problem of these increasing homicides. No one in the U.S. is born with self-hatred and feelings of inferiority. These psycho-myths are promulgated by the process of racist socialization which is historic and endemic to American society. We thank the CDC for its report, but we believe the issues raised need to be understood more comprehensively. We must work together to find a solution to the problem.

The future of the African-American community is at stake. Stop the killings now.

Toward A Diplomatic Resolution Of The Gulf Crisis

War in the Gulf is not inevitable

War in the Gulf is neither necessary nor inevitable. Opportunities must urgently be sought for a diplomatic resolution of the current crisis. To be effective, diplomatic steps must overcome both the current determination of the U.S. — with UN Security Council backing — to persist with the massive military threat to attack Iraq if it does not withdraw and the Iraqi determination to hold on to Kuwait in the face of this threat. The course of a war in the Gulf could not be controlled and its effect would be so destructive

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BUSINESS EXCHANGE

by William Reed

Let's Make A Deal

War, what is it good for? For us, absolutely nothing! Throughout history, war's only friend has been the undertaker. Unless President George Bush refrains from his desire for war-making in the Persian Gulf, far too many African-American parents and families will be making arrangements with a friendly undertaker while the rich and mighty continue their feeding off our lives, labor and taxes. As we go to a war sought and paid for by the wealthy sheiks of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the similarly rich Seven Sisters (oil companies) of the world, Black families should now be asking, "What is it that we will get out of the deal?"

The entire Persian Gulf and Middle East situation provides graphic illustrations of the inequity of the Anglo mentality, black and white relationships around the world and the continual gap between the haves and have-nots. In the U.S., Bush refuses to sign Civil Rights legislation to allow Blacks a better chance of being and moving up in the workplace while he willingly accepts our out-of-work youth to die for rich people's interests in a land 8,000 miles away. In the super-rich Gulf States area, there is ample proof that what African-Americans in the Desert Shield operations will be protecting is years of chattel slavery of other Blacks who're being used in the palaces of the ruling families of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. And in the broader Middle East, our ally Israel, has broken as many rules as Iraq is accused of and has been an occupying force in southern Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza Strip with impunity for years. While war may be good for everyone who has a vested economic and real estate interest, African-Americans can't even get a job or fair shake in their

own land and are expected to put their lives on the line to protect the lands of the sheiks, oil companies and the military occupations of the Israelis. As we go to protect the economic claims of rulers from here to there, when will African-Americans demand that we get a better deal from oil companies, the administration and Congress?

Don't Black Americans need a better deal than to have our young die in far-away wars and then to return to a status quo and ongoing rejection in this country? Don't the Palestinians need a better deal than to be held captive by Israel in their own lands? If we go to war, shouldn't the dark-skinned people who have been held in the Gulf States' slave trade be given a better deal than to be unwilling slaves, servants and concubines there? And if we are being fair, doesn't Iraq need a better deal for access to waterways and oil fields that at one time were part of its territory?

The war that President Bush continues to seek is for maintenance of cheap oil to fuel the industries of Anglo countries, to put the harems of the kings and princes of the Gulf States back in place and to keep Israel as the unchallenged war and political force in the Middle East. The war that Bush seeks means absolutely nothing to the lives, progress or justice of African-Americans. The war that Bush will make at \$40 million a day has nothing to do with democracy, liberty or freedom for us or the millions of dark-skinned people who are trying to survive in the Middle East.

So what good is the coming war for the African-American community? Absolutely nothing! We, like Saddam Hussein and most of the Arabs, have been treated to a double standard by the same people who are now seeking that we lay down our lives for them. Isn't it time that African-Americans form a broad united front demanding that Congress, the White House and the lying mass media stop the war and start to give us a better deal regarding our lives and living in America? War is not what African-Americans need or want. A collective plan of inclusion toward broader economic development in our commercial corridors, businesses and housing is the type of intervention that most African-Americans are seeking in preference to a war that means absolutely nothing to us.

HBCUs Ask For More AID

by Larry A. Still

WASHINGTON, DC — Approximately 100 major educators, corporate executives and health professionals met with congressional leaders, President George Bush and cabinet officials last week in two days of discussions on increased budget support for historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

The meetings included sessions with retiring Rep. Augustus Hawkins (D-CA), chair of the House Education and Labor Committee; Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and Secretary of Education Lauro F. Cavazo, who suddenly resigned his post following the White House and luncheon talks with the Black educators. Officials later emphasized that Cavazo's departure was in no way related to the HBCU visits but the White House ceremony was closed to the media and photographers in an unusual action.

HBCU presidents presenting testimony at the hearings included Doctors Robert Albright, Johnson C. Smith (Charlotte); Frederick Humphries, Florida A&M (Tallahassee); Oswald Brunson, Bethune-Cookman (Daytona Beach); Edison Jackson, Medgar Evers (Brooklyn); David Beckley, Wiley College (Marshall, TX); William Harvey, Hampton (VA); Tyrone Richmond, North Carolina Central; Charles Walker, University of Arkansas (Pine Bluff); Thomas Cole, Clark-Atlanta; Edward Fort, North Carolina A&T (Greensboro); Wesley C. McClure, Virginia State (Petersburg); Niana Sudarkasa, Lincoln University (PA) and David Satcher, Meharry Medical College (Nashville).

In urging congressional support for administrative proposals for \$33 million in the fiscal 1991 budget for Title III Endowment Challenge Grant funds for HBCUs and an additional \$27.5 million in House Labor, HHS, Education appropriations for the fiscal year, President Harvey of Hampton announced the formation of a Black college joint legislative committee representing

HBCU members in NAFEO, UNCF and the Office for the Advancement of Public Black Colleges which he now chairs to speak with one voice relative to legislation and appropriations for HBCUs.

Hospital Sponsors I Can Cope Sessions

ST. PETERSBURG — You are invited to attend the American Cancer Society's I Can Cope sessions, sponsored by Humana Hospital, Northside and Humana Hospital, St. Petersburg. The sessions will be held at Humana Hospital, St. Petersburg, 6500 38th Avenue N., beginning Feb. 13, 1991 and will meet from 1:30-3 p.m. through March 27. Cancer patients, family and friends are welcome.

The sessions are free but pre-registration is requested. Call Kathy Peterson at 546-9822 to register.

NNPA FEATURE

Business in the Black

By Charles E. Belle



The Top And The Bottom

The white male syndrome in the U.S. has its ill-gotten gains. U.S. global monetary power has been diminishing at a rapid rate since 1970. The World Market Capitalization (WMC), or where the money is, was 65.6 percent in the U.S. in 1970. In 1990, the U.S. owns only 34.5 percent. This nearly 50 percent loss in the WMC did not, however, dent the ungodly dollars doled out to those who make the top decisions of major American corporations, a stronghold of the white male.

In fact, they are still at the top of the pay bracket for total remuneration for chief executive officers the world over in spite of their obvious inability to protect America's business leadership. This loss of American ability to grow and provide jobs is a major reason why African-Americans, and especially low-skilled teenagers, are unemployed at catastrophic levels.

The average American CEO's total remuneration including cash, benefits, perks and long-term incentives is \$633,000 a year, according to a survey by Towers Perrin, specialists in international compensation. Compared to Japanese CEOs of only \$308,000, which by the way, have moved money in the WMC from less than 5 percent (4.4) in 1970 to 31 percent in 1990.

The ability of the Japanese to work as one country and one company, one for all and all for one, has given them their current rewards. Since those in superior positions in American corporate board rooms do not accept all Americans as part of their team, they are bound to keep on losing in the global marketplace.

African-Americans' greatest gift to the U.S. is its young people. Putting today's teenagers to work is what will help

bring America back up to its past success in the marketplace. African-American teenagers experienced increased unemployment between the first and second quarter of 1990. Their hidden unemployment was 56.3 percent for males and 52.1 percent for females in the second quarter, according to the National Urban League research department. Deviation between African-Americans and white Americans is increasing negatively in general.

African-American unemployment rate of 11.4 percent not only was higher than last quarter, but also an increase in unemployment in service jobs from white American unemployment. Unless the greed at the top of the corporate ladder is lessened and put in line with at least world market rates, the U.S. is going to continue to be headed for ruin. Racism is no escape from ineptitude, mismanagement and ill-gotten gains.

The facts are that the CEOs of America's corporations have done a poor job in past years. Standard and Poors 500 corporations will report operating earnings on an average per share basis back to the 1987 level at the end of 1990. That is the wrong direction for those overpaid U.S. CEOs (white male only) at the expense of the unemployed poor.

Agency Announces Appointment

ST. PETERSBURG — Educational Tours and Travel Association, 6727 1st Avenue S., 347-3690, announces the appointment of Lonnie Morris of 986 11th Avenue S. He is the son of Laurel and the late Thomas Facyson.

Morris, a 1969 graduate of Gibbs High School, recently retired from the U.S. Air Force in

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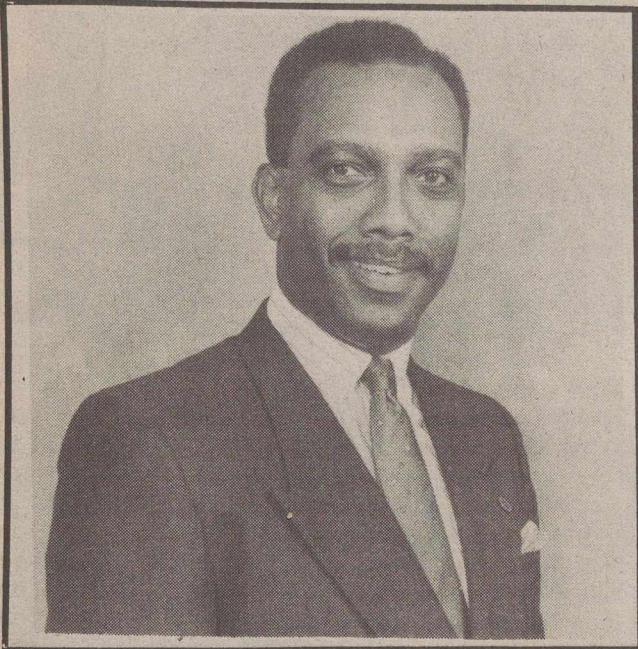
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We keep saying Johnny can't read because he's deprived, because he's hungry, because he's discriminated against. We say Johnny can't read because his daddy is not in the home. Well, Johnny learns to play basketball without daddy. We do best what we do most, and for many of our children, that's playing ball. One of the reasons Johnny does not read is that Johnny doesn't practice reading.

--Jesse Jackson

Leslie J. Miller, An Active Man



TAMPA — Have you ever wondered what happens to Black political candidates after an election? Well, *The Weekly Challenger* caught up with former candidate, Leslie J. Miller Jr. and found out that he's quite a busy person.

After running for state representative in 1982, Miller returned to his job at TECO where he had worked since his graduation from the University of South Florida. In January 1988, Miller ran for city council and after that election, he opened his own business in government/developmental

marketing and joined the Urban League staff. In October 1990 he accepted a position with Time Customer Service as a human resource recruiter. He's also on the Hillsborough County Planning Commission.

The Tampa native graduated from Middleton High School in 1969, entered Bethune-Cookman College and then served in the U.S. Air Force from 1970 to 1974. After his stint in the service, Miller majored in political science at USF.

When asked what he would do to make life

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Hispanic Heritage Program Held At VA Center



TAMPA — A Hispanic Heritage program, sponsored by the Department of Veterans' Affairs of James A. Haley VA Hospital, the EEO advisory committee and the Hispanic employment program, was held on Dec. 14 at the VA Hospital.

During the program, Hospital Director Richard A. Silver presented a certificate of appreciation to Andrea Serrano, RN, for her outstanding contributions to the hospital.

Dr. Luis Tenorio of nuclear medicine ser-

vices was guest speaker at the affair. Local musicians provided entertainment.

Andrea Serrano, holding her certificate of appreciation, poses with Sandy Flores, RN. (Photo by David Burgess)

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Barbara Norris Prepares Christmas Dinner

ST. PETERSBURG — A Christmas dinner for the homeless, needy and senior citizens will be served on Dec. 25 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Elks home on 1331 18th Avenue S. A program will feature Christmas carols, poems and inspirational verses.



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Open Season Of Oppression

by Ron Daniels

The holiday season is upon us and the celebration is about to reach fever pitch. What cannot be ignored, however, despite the veritable orgy of merry making, is the permanent open season of oppression and exploitation which plagues the masses of African Americans. Though the most disadvantaged will also struggle to enjoy the festivities of the holiday season, there will be no pause, no let-up in the vicious cycle of poverty, racism and neglect which is destroying huge sectors of the Black nation.

It is one of the basic tenets of the psychology of the oppressed that the victims of oppression often turn on each other instead of turning to each other to confront the victimizer. A recent article in the *New York Times* (12/7/90) reported that between 1984 and 1988 the homicide rate for Black men between the ages of 15 and 25 increased by two-thirds. Citing a report compiled by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta authored by Dr. Robert Froehle, the article indicated that there appears to be no relief in sight. In fact the epidemic of fratricide is escalating at an alarming rate. Dr. Froehle offered the startling observation that "in some areas of the country it is now more likely for a Black male between his 15th and 25th birthday to die from homicide than it was for a U.S. soldier to be killed on a tour of duty in Vietnam." The homicide rate for Black males "was about six times greater than that of all people in that age group."

But the devastating damage being done to the Black community does not end with the self-destructive

rate of homicide within Black communities. The life expectancy of African Americans is actually declining and the gap between the life expectancy of African Americans and white Americans is growing. This declining life expectancy rate cannot be attributed solely to the fratricide frenzy which is sweeping Black communities.

The *New York Times* article also cited a study by the *International Journal of Epidemiology* which indicated that African Americans, who comprise from 12 to 14 percent of the population, "suffer 80 percent of premature deaths from disorders not normally fatal if treated early." These premature deaths are largely due to the lack of access to health care services or the lack of income to afford quality medical services, in other words, societal neglect.

Then there is the frightening reality of the growing Black prison population. According to data compiled by the 200 Years of the Penitentiary Project of the American Friends Service Committee, "The U.S. imprisons a higher proportion of people of African descent...than does apartheid South Africa." The highly publicized Mauer Report revealed that 1 in 4 African-American men is now in prison or under some form of correctional supervision. Between 1978 and 1987 the enrollment of Black males in colleges and universities declined by 46,000. But from 1984 to 1987 the Black male prison population increased by 76,000.

I am not trying to spoil anyone's holiday season. However, I am attempting to hammer home the point

that there is an urgent need to be somber about the fact that for the Black poor in rural America and the sprawling urban ghettos there is a permanent open season of oppression, exploitation and neglect that all African Americans as a matter of family business must be aware of in all seasons.

Our celebrations must be tempered by the reality that the policies of neglect, racism and genocide of the U.S. government is shredding the fabric of our community through poverty, unemployment, lack of quality education, mis-education, inadequate housing, poor health care, drugs, tension/conflict, fratricide and premature death.

African Americans are not inherently violent. Our young people are turning to violence because African Americans are being violated by a violent society. Poverty is violence. Hunger is violence. Joblessness is violence. Ignorance is violence. Neglect and abuse are violence. Racism and discrimination are violence. African Americans are not inherently criminals. African Americans are being warehoused in prisons because we live in a criminal, anti-human, greed oriented, profit hungry society which is criminalizing our people.

As an African-American family, community and nation our condition demands that we set aside a portion of every holiday season to reflect on the permanent open season of oppression which afflicts the masses of our people and think about strategies and actions to make our people whole again.

African Americans Protect Persian Gulf Situation

by Gwen McKinney

WASHINGTON, DC — The last active duty task for ex-Air Force Sgt. Mike Bowden was to bring home body bags of Marines killed in the Beirut bombing in October 1983. Today Bowden is mobilizing anti-war actions in Philadelphia.

Larry Moore of Milwaukee recently organized a press conference against the Persian Gulf deployment on the same spot where a 17-year-old boy had been killed a week earlier during a dispute over a leather jacket. The press conference message: "Bring the troops home. End violence in the Middle East. Combat the causes of violence in our community."

Linda Stouts with the Piedmont Peace Project in rural North Carolina was astounded to learn that two-thirds of some 80 people at a recent meeting had a loved one in the desert.

Leonard McNeil, a 45-year-old Vietnam war resister, who spent 1968 through 1970 in Canada, is engulfed these days in the demand of counseling hundreds of young

men and women who are confronting a new twist on the old theme, "Hell no, we won't go."

Pat Bryant has led caravans through about 37 communities in the Gulf Coast and Deep South. Forming human barricades at gas pumps, their battle cry is: "No blood for oil!"

This is the stuff that grassroots movements are made of. In African-American communities across the nation, a growing tide of opposition to the Persian Gulf war is building, fueled by the disproportionate deployment of Black people on the frontlines and the ever-increasing economic hardships at home.

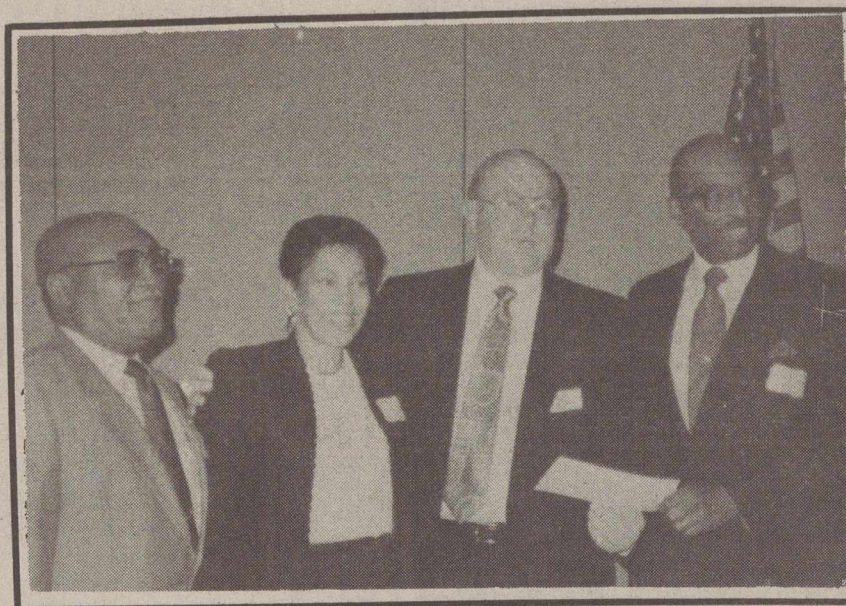
Budget analysts estimate that maintaining the troops in the Gulf region will cost about \$30 billion in fiscal year 1991, amounting to \$82 million a day. That figure does not include the cost of combat.

"This isn't our fight in the Persian Gulf," laments Bowden, who works with a Philadelphia anti-war coalition. "When the brothers and sisters come home and

take off their uniforms, all they can look forward to is homicide, homelessness and drugs."

Recent opinion polls indicate that African Americans form the largest core of opposition to President Bush's policy in the Persian Gulf. The protests are expected to intensify. Demonstrations are planned across the country on Jan. 15 to mark the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

That date ironically authorizes the use of force against Iraq if it does not withdraw from Kuwait.



B-CC Receives Award From Winn-Dixie

DAYTONA BEACH — Bethune-Cookman College president Dr. Oswald P. Bronson Sr. (right) accepts a \$5,000 check from Daniel G. Lafever, Winn-Dixie vice president/division manager at a recent Good Citizenship lunch

hosted by Winn-Dixie in Orlando. B-CC administrators (left) Dr. Ernest C. Cook Sr., vice president for fiscal affairs and Donna Meade, interim vice president for development, accompanied Dr. Bronson to the event.

This is the seventh year that B-CC has been chosen for this award, which is given to non-profit organizations in the central Florida area for their contributions to the community.

Ray Charles To Appear In Benefit Concert

TAMPA — It will be a first when Ray Charles appears at the University of South Florida Sun Dome at 8 p.m. Feb. 15 with the USF Symphony Orchestra, the USF Jazz Ensemble I and the USF Gospel Choir.

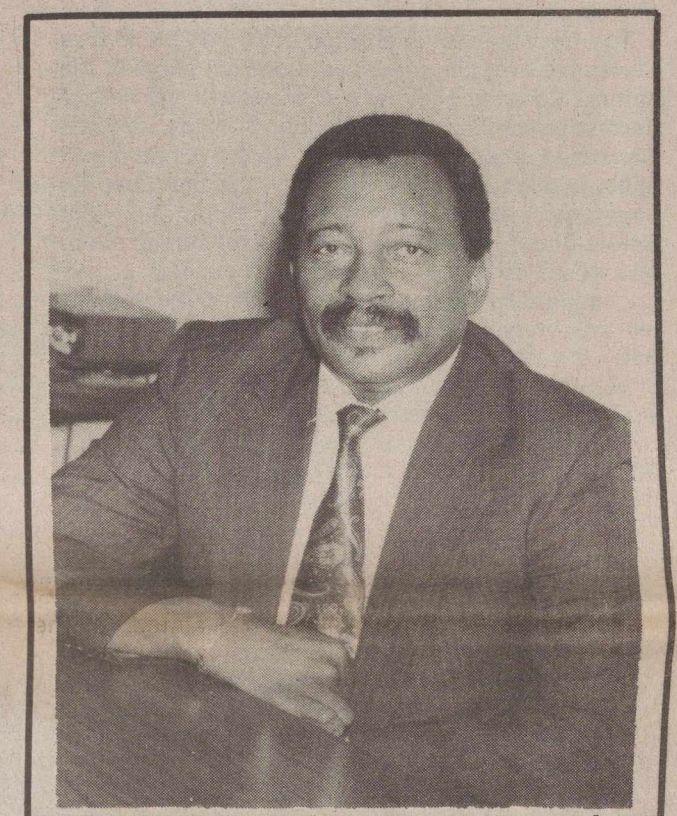
The concert, Ray Charles at USF, will benefit the College of Fine Arts music scholarship fund and Charles' own Robinson Foundation, an organization devoted to helping the

hearing impaired with an emphasis on children with hearing problems.

Charles, who devotes several months each year to guest appearances with major symphony orchestras in the

U.S. and Europe, has not previously appeared with a non-professional orchestra.

Tickets for the Feb. 15 event are on sale at all Ticketmaster outlets.



Lewis Williams Crusades For Youth

by Heidi Traylor

ST. PETERSBURG — Lewis Williams makes decisions that greatly affect the lives of hundreds of school-age children each year. His primary responsibility is handling appeals from concerned parents.

"I am in the first line of appeal before going to the school superintendent," Lewis says. "For example, if a boy or girl is suspended from school by the principal and the parents feel that the decision is unfair, they can appeal their case to me. I would then make a thorough investigation and attempt to resolve the problem. Also, I am happy and proud to admit that very few cases go to the superintendent of schools."

The violence in our school system today is escalating at an alarming rate. Florida ranks as one of the highest in the nation in regards to teen pregnancy, drug or alcohol abuse and illiteracy. Because of these serious issues, Williams

works directly with disruptive children.

"Kids with behavior problems are referred to me by the school principal usually after everything has been done to correct the dilemma," Williams says. "We are at a record setting pace. Reaching the students today is becoming increasingly more difficult. I don't feel that we have enough programs to meet the needs of our youth. As teachers, counselors and administrators we are not getting to the core of the problem. If a child is to do well in school, he or she must have two components, self-esteem and basic happiness. It is hard to convince a young man who is successfully selling drugs on the street to stay in school."

Although Williams sees the need for more programs, he is optimistic and does see improvement.

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Leave it to Millie Jackson to always come up with something uniquely new and different in entertainment. As quiet as its kept, the lady is a creative genius and that's no lie! She's been commuting to Dallas every Monday from all over the world to play the role of an air personality ala Millie Jackson style over radio station KKDA. A stint she has been handling for several months, which reportedly has labeled her show the hottest radio show in town, especially the segment billed as "The Dangerous Dallas Dating Game," which seemingly gets everybody in town involved and jams the switchboard with calls! If you can picture Dr. Ruth and Whoopi Goldberg pairing up with Millie Jackson to give advice to residents of Dallas asking questions on love, sex and dating, then you got the picture of what goes on when Millie's on the air.

To offset the fact she would not be on the air live Christmas eve, she pre-taped a special show in the spirit of Christmas for her audiences with the help of her many show biz friends. Working from the standard Christmas poem, "The Night Before Christmas," Millie applied her creative ability and produced an hour-long soulful parody which she calls "The Night Before Christmas in the Ghetto," which turned out to be a most hilarious and entertaining hour of radio programming. The many show biz friends helping Millie tell this story include Patti LaBelle, Little Richard, Betty Wright, Latimore, Reynaldo Rey, The O'Jays, Chuck Jackson, the Rude Boys, Keshia Jackson, Kool Mo Dee and quite a few others.

Fortunately for the city of Dallas, radio listeners will get a chance to hear this hour-long hilarious Christmas parody by Millie Jackson and friends and unfortunately for the rest of the world, Millie's Christmas radio show was not finished in time to get it syn-



dedicated for airing on other radio stations. However, the news of the show has generated great interest from several radio syndicators who are pitching Millie now for the rights to distribute the show for next yule season...and the beat goes on!

Speaking of Millie Jackson, she's currently preparing material for a new album that'll feature her doing some serious singing. This album will feature a song she penned titled "Young Man, Older Woman," which she'll sing as a duet with her bus driver Marcus Weathersby, who can really sing.

HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE...

It's all there for MCA recording artist Jody Watley, who's been selected to sing the musical collaboration of Henry Mancini, Alan and Marilyn Bergman entitled "It's All There" for the Blake Edwards comedy film "Switch," a Warner Bros. release set for early 1991.

Balladeer Freddie Jackson is currently touring the country by "Love Bus" promoting his new album "Do Me Again." This promotional tour for Freddie by bus is really a unique promotion that will feature autograph signing sessions, breakfast on the bus with radio station contest winners. He'll also do parties at record stores in various cities across the nation prior to getting into rehearsals for his worldwide tour slated to start in February that will carry him all over the States, Europe and Japan.

The title of Nell Carter's new show, "You Take the Kids," really runs true to life for her and her two adopted sons, Daniel and Joshua, ages 9 and 11 months, respectively. Nell takes her boys with her wherever she goes. The boys accompany her to the set of "You Take the Kids" every day, and while mom Nell does her scenes with Roger E. Mosley and the rest of the cast, the boys spend the time in her dressing room with their nursemaid. The fact that she takes the kids with her wherever she goes is no stage joke. As Nell puts it, "If the invitation does not include them, I don't go." To assure the boys of growing up with lots of strong male influence, since she's divorced, Nell Carter has recruited 10 godfathers for each boy from her list of close friends including doctors, lawyers, accountants and her series producer.

Sir Graham's Restaurant, one of Tinseltown's finest, is getting a complete new look inside and out and Henry and Hazel and planning a week-long grand reopening gala to celebrate it all early in the new year.

Speaking of food, the newest sports fad on the west coast is now turkey bowling, a sport created by brother Derrick "DJ" Johnson, a former 31-year-old grocery clerk from Santa Ana, CA. It all happened when he knocked over a few soda bottles accidentally with a frozen Butterball turkey a few years ago. It might have cost him his job but it sure started something new for the self-appointed commissioner of the PBA (Poultry Bowlers Association). His new-found sport has even gotten him on Arsenio Hall's show to turkey bowl and even generated feature stories in Sports Illustrated, People and USA Today. He's even been threatened by a law suit from Swift-Eckrich, Inc., an Oak Brook, IL company that markets Butterball turkeys, but he's still pushing the idea of making turkey bowling a big new sport...and that's Hollywood this time! Until the next time, Lanier



Little Prince/Little Princess Contest

ST. PETERSBURG — Celebrity Kids Club will host its annual Little Prince/Little Princess contest for 1991. The contestants are, from

left, (front row) Cyrus Hansberry, Artesha Wise, Whitney Griffin and LaTonya Givens. In back row from left, Latosha Robinson,

Se'lah Hinds, Trisch Williams and Deron Mitchell. (Shakya Hudgins, not shown.)

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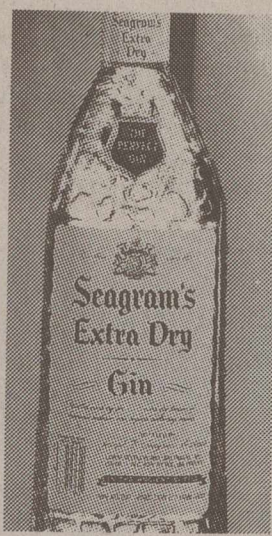
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AFTER-XMAS DANCE

Gibbs class of 1959 will hold its dance at the National Guard Armory, 3601 38th Avenue S, on Friday, Dec. 28 from 9 p.m. until. Music by CJ the DJ.

FIRST ANNUAL GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

The Gibbs High School Alumni Association is asking all former GHS students to meet with them on Thursdy, Jan. 24, 1991 to make plans for a first reunion during the winter of 1991, to be held annually. Plans are being made to purchase a sign for the two players who were killed during the electrical storm in 1972. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Avenue S. For information call Benjamin Maxwell at 893-7134 or Theodis C. Wright at 867-1612 after 5 p.m.

RETIREMENT PARTY

A retirement party for Betty Jean Johnson was held Dec. 7 at the VFW. Betty, who was employed at the GTE downtown office for many years, officially retired on Nov. 30. There to help celebrate were many family members, co-workers and friends. Fun, fun, fun for all! Betty, we will miss your smiling face, nutty jokes, expertise and experience. Enjoy your retirement and remember we love you!

XMAS PARTY

The Hearts of Glanzell held their Xmas party at the VFW Friday night until the wee hours. The food was delicious and the tables beautifully decorated and set up with your favorites. The disco kept everyone on their feet. The group exchanged Xmas gifts and introduced their officers and members. A beautiful Xmas party and congratulations on being crowned federated queen for 1990-91.

FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY AT 89

On Saturday, Dec. 15, a birthday celebration was held for Mrs. Mary E. Clark, who is 89 years old. There to help celebrate were five generations of family members and plenty of good friends. Music was provided by Willie James; prayer by Fred Burney; solo by Mary McCloud; greetings from the Elks, Exalted Ruler T.C. Stockton brought greetings from Sunshine City Lodge 255 and Sunshine Temple 168; poem by Burnetta Walker, who turned 89 on April 25, 1990; solo by Mae Walker; presentations by Jimmy McCloud, orchids; Robert McCloud, a dozen roses;

Marlow Scott, beautiful sheet cake; a beautiful watch, Gwanda Thompson, Carrie Wimberly, Mary McCloud and Grace Summers. Yours truly was master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Clark was born in Charleston, SC and moved to St. Pete 60 some odd years ago. She was secretary for Shining Light Lodge 19 OES for many years, a member of Lily Lodge, past secretary of the Sightless Blind Association and a member of Faith Memorial. Here's to many more good years, Mrs. Clark!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 20: Walter Bradley, Virginia Tyner, George (Jo-Jo) Butler Jr. and Sabrina Ventura. Dec. 21-26: Dyrone Lawson, Dharvette V. Reid, Melvina Drayton, Charee Howard Hobbs, Anita Smart, Otis George, Priscilla Mitchell, Charetta Bell Johnson, Thomas E. Hines, Rita Forbes, Mattie Mills, Carolyn Johnson, Robert Keys and Delceda Walker.

One of the loudest sounds in the world is the first rattle in your new car.

In the near future, we will do an article on our loved ones in the Persian Gulf. Please call in names or mail so that your loved one will not be missed.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Seek the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture." (Psalm 100: 1-3)

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

FAMU Wins Grant To Open Translation Center

TALLAHASSEE — The Department of Defense has awarded a \$400,000 grant to Florida A&M University associate professor James Earl Norman to establish a center for translation services, the only center of its kind in the state university system.

The center, scheduled to open in the spring of 1991, will provide a unique professional service for state government, private business and the community.

The Center for Translation Services will be fully staffed with a director, faculty, executive secretary and translators who will translate government, commercial and private documents from English into

Spanish, English into French and vice versa. According to Norman, requests for other language combinations will be honored as the need arises.

In addition to the traditional areas of specialization: foreign language teacher education and language and literature, the center will broaden the curricula in foreign languages to include a third, more global marketplace option for students, translation and interpretation.

Upon completing the required translation and interpretation courses, FAMU students as well as ad hoc students from the community will be awarded a certificate of translation or certificate



Dekesha Joree Seay

Little Miss Future Fashionetta Fantasia Scheduled

ST. PETERSBURG — Dekesha Joree Seay, the daughter of Charles and Delores Seay, is one of several little girls vying for the title of Miss Future Fashionetta which is being sponsored by the Sapphire Group of Zeta Upsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. This activity supports the chapter's Miss Fashionetta contest currently in progress with Wanda Baker as the

group's contestant.

An afternoon Fantasia in which all the little girls, their escorts and a court of supporting youngsters will participate, will terminate the Miss Future Fashionetta contest on Saturday, Jan. 19, 1991, 4 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 3100 Freemont Terrace S. Funds from this affair will benefit the Pinellas County Urban League, scholarship funds, St. Petersburg Sickle Cell

Disease Foundation and other sorority projects.

Sapphire group members are Pauline Besseli, Lena Brown, Sonia Cotton, Faya Ford, Loretta Gilstrap, Carolyn Hadley, Sylvia Moore, Myrna Starling, Sarah Susberry, Eyan Williams and Myrtle Williams.

Dekesha is sponsored by Besseli, Starling and Susberry. (Photo by W.L. Jones)

year an expert from that school will conduct two-week seminars on translation and interpretation techniques at FAMU where students will receive two credits.

of interpretation.

Other important features of the Center for Translation Services will be summer internship opportunities for select-

ed students to study and work in the National Cryptologic School's program in translation and interpretation in Washington. Also, each

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which he had served for 20 years. A highly decorated Vietnam war veteran, Morris spent 10 years as an Air Force recruiter and was named recruiter of the year while stationed in Little Rock, AR.

Morris recently graduated from the International Airline Travel Academy in St. Louis, MO. He will serve as travel representative and consultant for educational tours and travel specializing in group sales and tours.

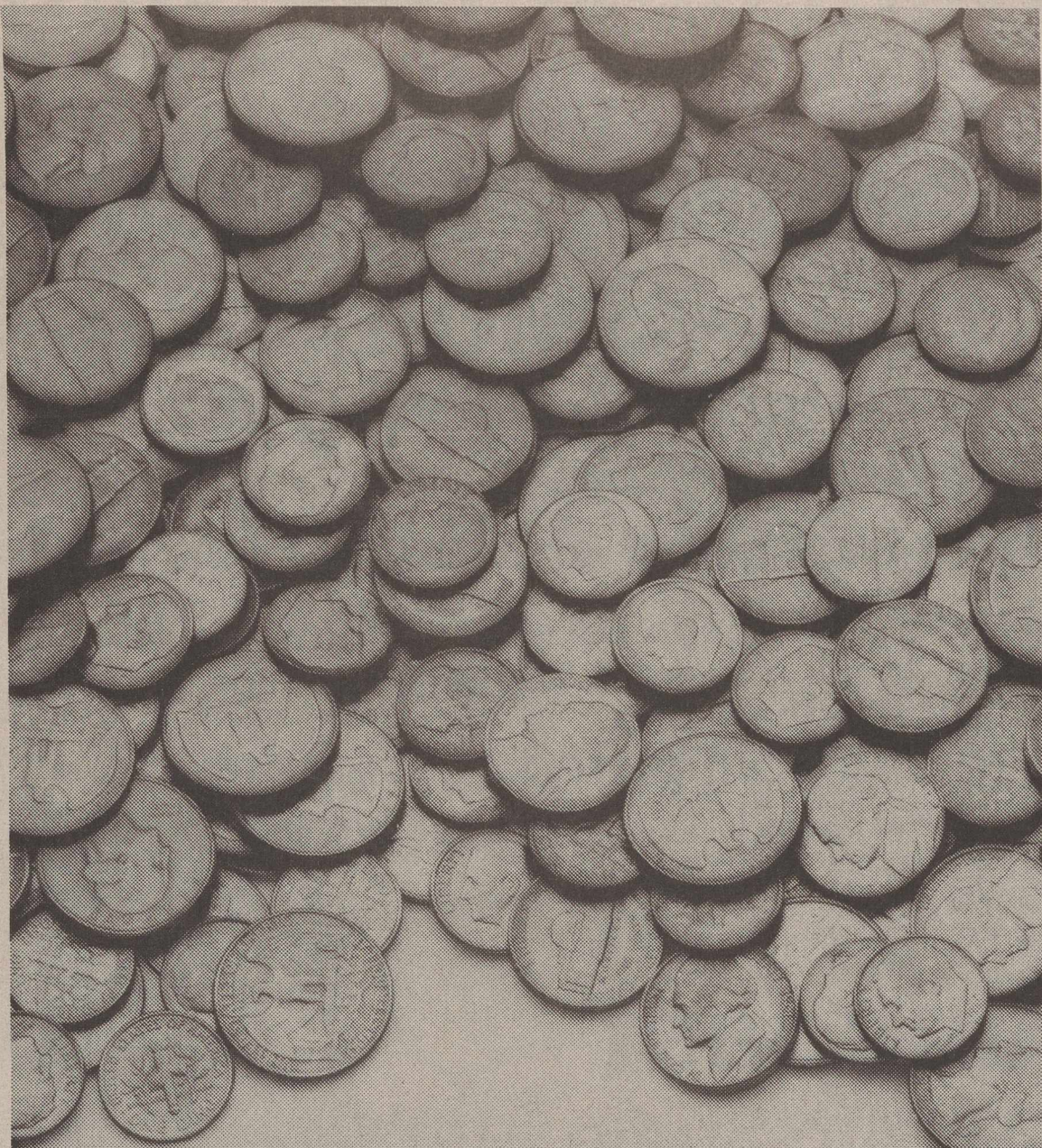
He is a member of Grace Mary Missionary Baptist Church.

Kestrel Presents Two Holiday Productions

CLEARWATER — Kestrel Inc. will present two productions this holiday season. *The Four Poster* will be presented as a matinee Thursdays through Sundays at 2 p.m. The show closes Saturday, Jan. 5. The show is a warm-hearted comedy designed together with a dinner and show package to make a delightful and unusual gift of good cheer. Groups are welcome at discounted ticket price. Reservations are required.

Times Square Angel by Charles Busch will be the evening presentation at 8 p.m. This comical wink at the 1940s black and white movies runs through Jan. 5. Performances are every Thursday through Saturday evening. Student, senior and group discounts available.

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Question of Beauty

by Deanie K. Victor

Waves have been around since the beginning of the beauty industry. What is new is the variety of waves. The young, the old and those in between are attracted to and are wearing the styles that are so popular today.

First of all, let us list and describe the waves. The croquignole wave is the most enjoyed by those who like their hair in soft, natural waves that they can comb. These waves are made by rolling the hair on small rollers or by curling the hair tightly with a small curling iron and then combing the curls out and forming the waves with the fingers and a comb. Putting wave clamps in and reinforcing them with a heated curling iron makes them last even after combing. The hair remembers the set with ease.

The marcel wave is almost a lost art. Only those who have been trained by the older stylists have mastered this technique. These waves are very precise and exact. They last indefinitely. These waves are formed by using a hot marcel iron and a comb to swing the hair into the wave pattern. Both the croquignole and marcel waves can be done on relaxed or natural hair that has been pressed.

The newer pencil waves or finger waves can only be done on relaxed hair. As a matter of fact, they really can be executed better on hair that has been recently relaxed. Those whose hair has been recently done with a chemical curl can wear the pencil waves providing the curl is not too tight or there is not too much new growth. Kinky or under-processed hair does not wave very well. The natural wave and the humidity will fight against the waves put in by the stylist. The straighter, the better and the longer the waves will last. Using styling lotion undiluted will allow the waves to stay in from shampoo to shampoo. These waves cannot be combed. They must be rinsed out.

The stand-up waves are combed in with two combs using a regular setting lotion. They are spaced widely enough to allow wave clamps to be put in. When the hair is dry, the waves are then lifted up and off the scalp with a special comb. They are then spritzed and sprayed with a sheen.

The pineapple wave is a different technique that requires a hair net, a gel and the end of a metal-tipped rattail comb. The hair is lifted up and made to resemble the bottom of a pineapple. Some say is also resembles the curl. There are those who also call them the popcorn waves.

All of these waves can be combined with other looks and curls to provide more answers to the question of beauty.

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that it would serve no one's interest.

Economic Sanctions

It is too early to determine how seriously the economic sanctions authorized by the United Nations are affecting Iraq. Both patience and persistence are needed to give this negative incentive time to convince Iraq that a peaceful solution is preferable to the relentless erosion of its military strength and industrial base. It is also important for the anti-Iraq coalition to find a diplomatic strategy of positive incentives to encourage Iraq to withdraw.

Five requirements for a diplomatic strategy

1. Unilateral and simultaneous confidence building gestures and offers
2. Mediation of mutual guarantees leading to mutual withdrawal of forces
3. Implementation of guarantees
4. Settlement of outstanding issues and disputes between Iraq and Kuwait
5. Comprehensive and long-term negotiations on fundamental issues of peace and security in the Middle East

Consequences of a war in the Gulf

Should the multilateral forces in the Gulf start a war against Iraq in order to destroy its military and political infrastructure and to force its withdrawal from Kuwait, there would be enormous human suffering, physical destruction and political instability throughout the region.

First, there would be widespread human and environmental costs incurred in the destruction of cities and industries in Iraq and Kuwait and possibly elsewhere in the region.

Second, Iraq would be economically ravaged and a political and social vacuum would emerge. The social fabric of the country, with a large Shi'ite population and a Kurdish minority, could become unwoven with internal strife. In order to protect ethnic and sectarian interests, Iraq's neighbors might intervene. Even worse, members of the multilateral forces might decide to occupy Iraq in an attempt to restore civil order. Such an occupation could trigger unrest throughout the Arab world as political forces react to the destruction of an Arab society.

Third, these political reactions would likely provoke serious long-term political instability in many countries throughout the Middle East. Nationalist and religious responses to foreign troops on Saudi Arabian soil have already been vociferous, and an actual attack could unleash violent attacks against individual Arab governments as well as against foreign embassies and economic interests in many Arab states.

Fourth, Iraq could attempt to draw Israel into the conflict either by a rocket or air attack or by sending troops into Jordan. This would turn the conflict into an Arab-Israeli war in which case non-Arab troops could easily become embroiled in an Arab-Israeli conflict.

Given the consequences of war, there appears to be no real alternative to finding a peaceful resolution of the Gulf crisis through diplomacy.

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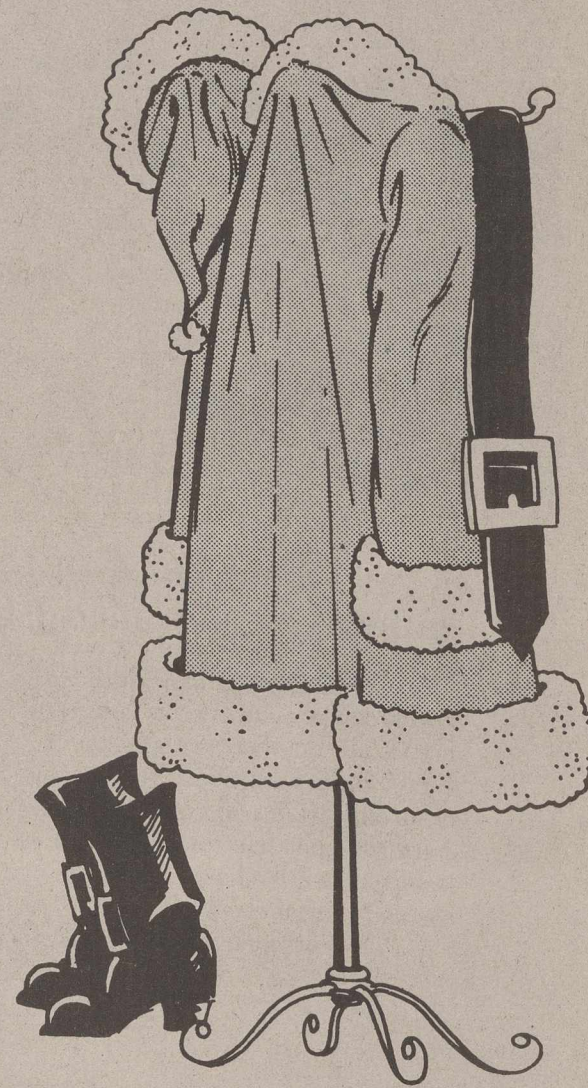
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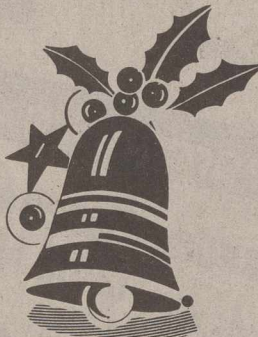
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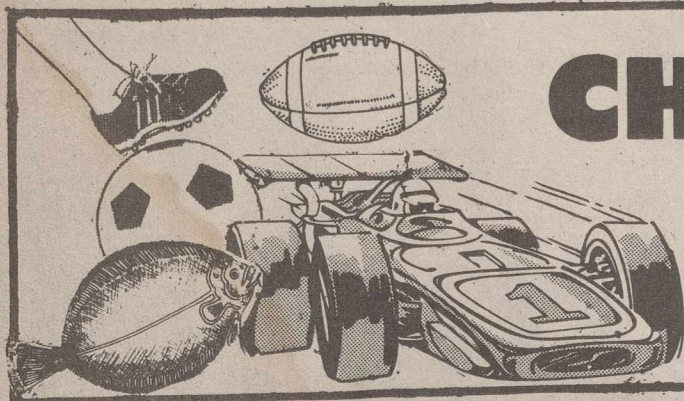
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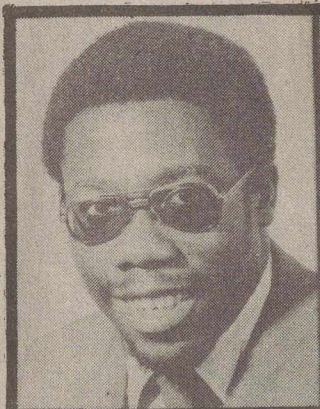
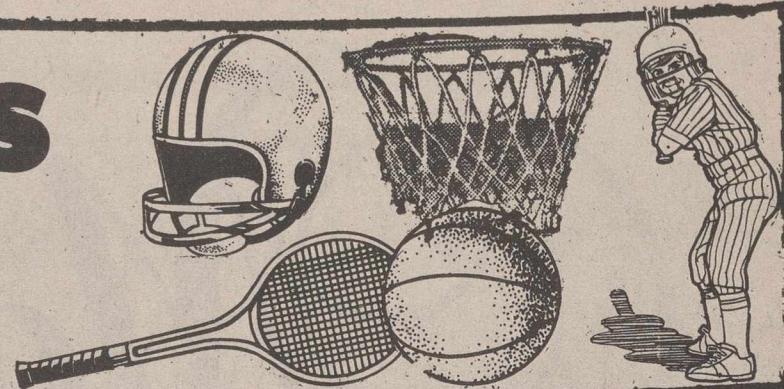
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CHALLENGER SPORTS



The Sports Column

by Barry Cooper

Are Black Schools Better Off In Division II?

Most of the Black college athletic directors don't agree with me, but my feeling is that all the Black college football teams should leave Division I-AA and come on home to Division II.

You may not be familiar with the NCAA's alphabet soup. Division I-A is supposed to be for the football factories like Notre Dame and Southern California; Division I-AA is reserved for not-ready-for-prime-time players like Akron, Tennessee State, Howard and Grambling; and Division II is for even smaller schools such as Albany State, Morehouse and Clark College.

Like everybody else, I'm all for our Black colleges reaching for the sky. Hey, if the brass ring is in sight, go for it. But the problem is that there isn't any brass ring in Division I-AA and that is why the Black colleges are wasting their time — not to mention a whole lot of money — fooling around in the division.

Since I-AA was formed 12 years ago, only one Black college has advanced to the I-AA title game. Florida A&M won the first championship in 1978 and the Rattlers took advantage of the fact that the tournament was only four games long that year. FAMU beat Jackson State in the semifinals and then found itself in the title game, where it rolled over Massachusetts.

Now, teams have to win four playoff games in a row to claim the title. That is a hard road to travel and the Black colleges haven't been up to the challenge.

Being a part of I-AA hasn't brought the big bonanza for Black colleges in basketball either. Since there isn't an I-AA for basketball, the Black college basketball squads are tossed in the same grouping with Duke, North Carolina, UCLA and all the other powerhouses.

Of course our schools don't have a ghost of a chance at competing. So every year, the Black college champions from the Southwestern Athletic Conference and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

NBA Teams Fire Two Talented African Americans

by Barry Cooper

Stu Jackson and Billy McKinney, two of the most talented young African-American administrators in the National Basketball Association, have lost their jobs.

Jackson, 35, the youngest head coach in the NBA, was fired by the New York Knicks. McKinney, 34, one of the brightest young player personnel directors in the league, resigned his post with the Minnesota Timberwolves in a dispute over control of his job.

Race did not play a role in either dismissal but the NBA is without two of its sharpest talents. Both Jackson and McKinney have declined to speak candidly about why they left their jobs.

Jackson was let go after the Knicks got off to a 7-9 start including a five-game losing streak. But Knicks general manager Al Bianchi, who is fighting to save his job too, made what appears to be a desperate move by firing Jackson.

After all, it was Bianchi who surprisingly hired Jackson last season even though Jackson, then an assistant under former Knicks coach Rick Pitino, had never been a head coach on any level. Critics in the media cried out about Jackson's inexperience and Bianchi alluded to that a few times. But

didn't the Knicks know that Jackson was inexperienced when they hired him? Also, despite the problems this season, Jackson guided the Knicks to a 45-37 record in his first season, the second-best effort ever by a first-year Knicks coach.

Bianchi, who said "I'm on a short fuse," said he decided that if the Knicks are to fire him after this season, then he should go down with the coach of his choice leading the way. He said the man he hired to replace Jackson, John MacLeod, was his choice all the way.

"When I hired Stu he knew exactly where he stood in the rankings. He knew I wanted John. My opinion is that we wouldn't be in this position (losing a lot of games) if he (MacLeod) had taken the job when it was first offered to him. He was always the guy I wanted."

MacLeod originally turned down the job because he wanted to remain in Dallas where he was coach of the Mavericks. But the Mavericks later fired him and MacLeod has been working as a sports broadcaster.

With Jackson no longer employed by the

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New World League Names Black GM

The new World League of American Football (WLAF), which will begin play in March, has named its first Black general manager. Michael Huyghue, 29, will become the GM of the WLAF team in Birmingham, AL.

Huyghue has worked for the NFL Management Council for the last five years in New York City.

Birmingham owner Gavin Maloof, who said Huyghue came "highly recommended," said, "If he can please 28 (NFL) owners, I know that he

can please me."

Civil rights groups and others have been closely watching the World League with regard to its minority hiring. The league is owned and operated by the National Football League, which has a deplorable affir-

mative action record. There is only one Black head coach in the NFL, Raiders' chief Art Shell, and no Black general managers. There also are not any Blacks involved in ownership of

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Black Students Are On The Move In Pinellas County Schools

This article represents a partnership between WRXB Radio in conjunction with McDonald's of 4th Street S, *The Weekly Challenger* and Pinellas County schools. The partnership goal is to enhance pride, self-esteem, motivation and to salute two students demonstrating academic excellence in south county secondary schools. Students featured this week are Jarrish Jones and Radiah Corn.

Jarrish Antoine Jones, a native of St. Petersburg, is a 17-year-old junior at St. Petersburg High School. He is the son of Eddie Mae Holloway. Jarrish is a member of New Covenant Fire Baptized Holiness Church.

According to Jarrish, pride in school and the desire to share his knowledge with others are reasons behind his school involvement. He is a member of the Key Service Club and he serves as president of the French Honor Society. Jarrish also maintains a 3.80 GPA resulting in his induction into the National Honor Society.

Tutoring of neighborhood students is one of the many ways Jarrish is involved in his community. He feels that this is of great prudence because better educated Black youths mean success for the Black community as a whole.

The perpetual encouragement of his mother has greatly enhanced his positive self-esteem. She encourages him to set goals ahead and strive to accomplish them through never-ending hard work and determination. This encouragement has been taken to heart by Jarrish and is exemplified by his academic achievements.

Jarrish writes: "My post-secondary school plans are to attend either Howard or Johns Hopkins University and major in pre-med. Afterward, I aspire to begin a private practice and specialize in pediatric neurology. My becoming a doctor will be another way in which I can serve my community. I must give back to the community what it has given to me: self-respect and respect for others."

Radiah Corn is the daughter of Ruth and John Corn. She is a junior at Gibbs High School, a member of the Lady Gladiator varsity basketball team and a member of the Student Government.

She is also a percussion major in the Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs and a member of First Baptist Institutional Church.

Aspiring to be a pharmacist, Radiah plans to attend a major university where she will earn her BS degree and eventually a Ph.D. in pharmacy. However, right now she is working hard to graduate in the top 5 percent of her class.

Self-motivation and encouragement from her parents are what keep Radiah working and studying hard. According to Radiah, "Knowing my goals in life and knowing that it takes dedication, faith and perseverance to achieve those goals are what keeps me self-motivated."

The friends that Radiah has and the people that she surrounds herself with don't involve themselves in negative activities. However, Radiah does feel pressure from her friends, the pressure to always do her best. (Photos by Ernest Fillyau, PTEC St. Petersburg)

by Dianne Speights

Area IV Volunteer Program Coordinator

African Americans In Aviation

ATLANTA — In 1917, Eugene Jacques Bullard, an American who faced racial discrimination in his country's armed forces, joined the French Foreign Legion and became the only Black pilot to fly in World War I. With his pet monkey Jimmy on his shoulder, Bullard flew missions on the Western Front, downing two enemy aircraft. Forced out of his position by the discrimination of high-ranking American military officials, Bullard was grounded. But the spirit of his achievements inspired African Americans the world over to take wing. In his footsteps, the history of Blacks in Aviation was off and running.

In tribute to this forgotten page of history, NEPCO, Inc. is organizing a traveling exhibition to salute the brave men and women who have dedicated their talents to this field. A comprehensive look at

the contributions of African Americans in Aviation History, from Eugene Bullard through the Space Age, is being scheduled for a 12-city tour beginning in Atlanta in the fall of 1991.

Unfortunately, few records have been kept recording this exciting and important period of history. A research team is currently working on compiling information about commercial, military and private contributions to aviation to place on display in the tour. Because of the relatively short history of aviation as a whole, they hope that some of you may have been eye witnesses to history. Readers with any information or memorabilia regarding the history of African Americans in aviation, particularly prior to 1940, are encouraged to contact: Keith Resseau, National Ethnic Promotions Co., 3819 Oakcliff Industrial Court, Doraville, GA 30340.

First Union Announces Executive Title Changes

JACKSONVILLE — Billy J. Walker, chair and chief executive officer of First Union National Bank of Florida and First Union Corporation of Florida, has announced key title changes for the organization that will become effective in March 1991.

Walker announced

earlier this year that First Union National Bank of Florida President Byron E. Hodnett will become chief executive officer of the bank in March. Recently, the position of chair of First Union National Bank of Florida was added to Hodnett's title.

Walker will remain

chair of the bank's executive and credit policy committee, chair of First Union Corporation of Florida and vice chair of Charlotte, NC-based First Union Corp.

Jack Mitchell, chief credit officer of First Union National Bank of Florida, will succeed Hodnett as president of

the bank. Ken Thompson is vice chair of the Florida bank and heads its general banking group.

"With these key executives working with me, we now have the senior management team in place to capitalize upon our position as a leader in the competi-

tive Florida banking market," Walker said.

Hodnett was named president of First Union Bank of Florida in 1987. He had served as executive vice president of the Florida bank's general banking group since 1986.

Mitchell was named

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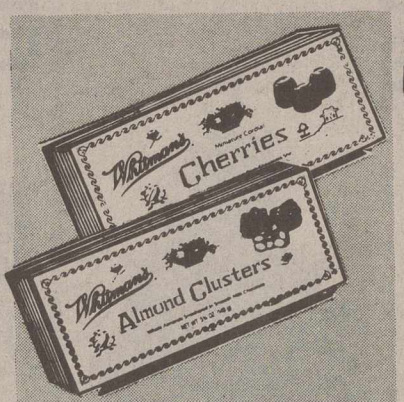
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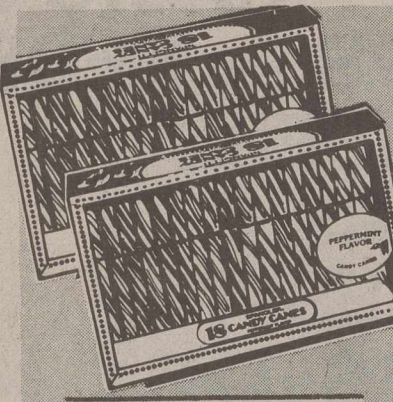
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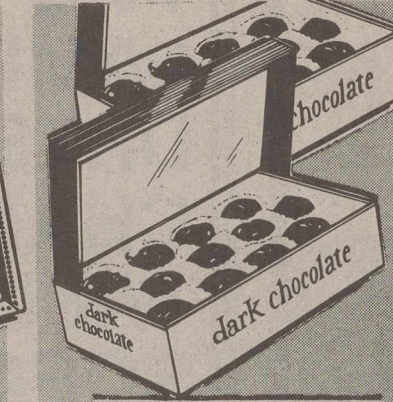
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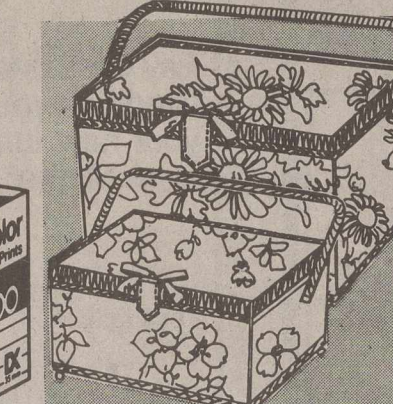
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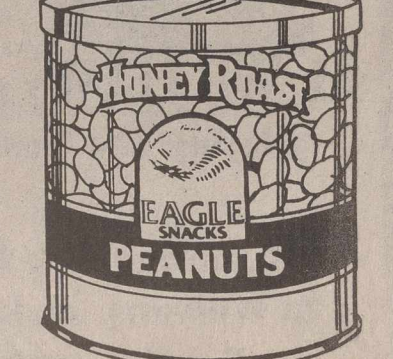


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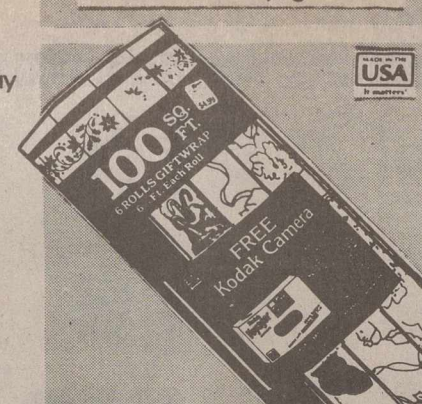
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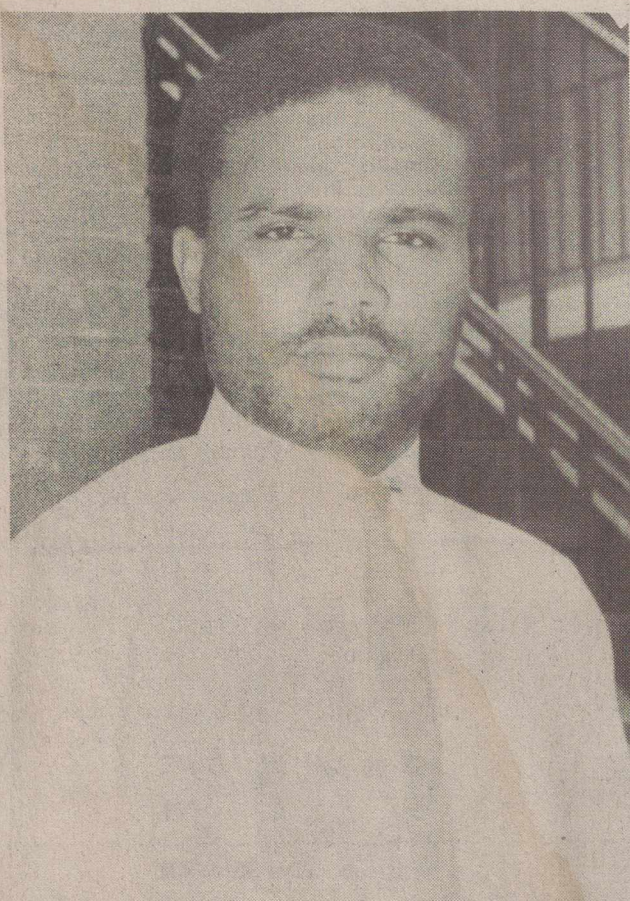
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Donald Dowridge Hopes To Become A Writer

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Class Of 1966 Plans Christmas Party

ST. PETERSBURG — Members of the Gibbs class of 1966 (seated from left) Jackie Anderson, Pat Noal, Joan Bliss, Lolita Brown (standing) Morris Lee Williams, Rev. Latimore Jones, Jackie Williams, Gwen Claxton and Brenda Green are preparing for their Christmas party, which will be held Dec. 26, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge on 49th Street S.

To begin the year, a class church service will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 13 at Pentecostal Temple, 2230 22nd Avenue S, Elder William E. Anderson, pastor.

Classmates are urged to join in making plans for the 25th year reunion. For more information call 864-3323, 864-2245 or 329-8492. (Photo by W.L. Jones)



First from pg. 9
chief credit officer of First Union National Bank of Florida in 1989. Prior to that, he served as senior vice president and head of human resources for the parent company.

Thompson served as head of human resources for First Union National Bank of North Carolina prior to being named executive vice president of First Union National Bank of Florida in 1987.

As of Sept. 30, 1990, First Union National Bank of Florida, headquartered in Jacksonville, reported assets of \$16.2 billion and operated 317 branches in 33 counties. It is a subsidiary of Charlotte, NC-based First Union Corporation (NYSE:FTU and FTUp) which has assets of \$39.1 billion.

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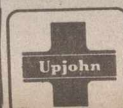
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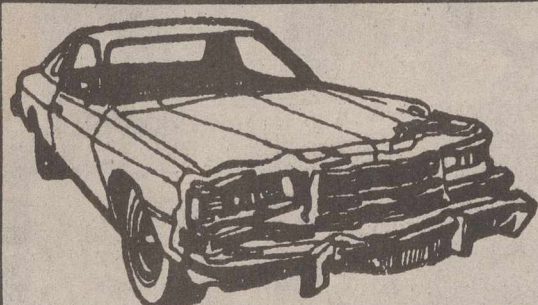
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From left to right are Sigmas Oscar French, chair; Ronald Gardner, business manager, and Al Dixon, secretary. Zannie Mount is chapter president.

Lewis Williams from pg. 1

provement. During his years at Pinellas Park High School, Lewis initiated a program called STEP (Students Targeted for Education Performance). "I was very concerned about the number of Black students in advanced classes," he says. "My studies and research indicated that minority students could perform as well as any other students, yet many of them were not in the accelerated courses. This inspired me to start the STEP program. Other high schools in the area will also participate."

Williams is pleased with the fact that an effort is being made to recruit more Black teachers. "We need more minority instructors in this county. Over the years the percentage of Black teachers has decreased," he observes. A native of Orlando, Lewis is a graduate of Jones High School. He received a BA degree in social studies from Allen University of Columbia, SC. In 1970, Lewis obtained a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from South Carolina State. He is three courses short of his doctorate at USF.

During the 20 years Lewis has worked in the Pinellas County school system, his track record has been impressive. He has been principal at several schools in the county.

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Leslie Miller from pg. 7

better for Blacks, Miller said: "I would like to see more equal employment opportunity offices in the larger firms that don't honor affirmative action." (Photo by David Burgess)

Dowridge from pg. 10

he also writes poetry for the magazine.

Dowridge, a native of Baltimore, MD, came to Tampa in 1974. He says he has sent his poems to schools and people around the country. He also writes songs, which he sends out to celebrities, hoping that the songs will one day be accepted by them.

At present, Dowridge is a member of the modeling organization Gizell Enterprise. He says he likes working for the firm.

Dowridge says that although it takes a long time to be recognized, he is optimistic about becoming a writer. (Photo by David Burgess)

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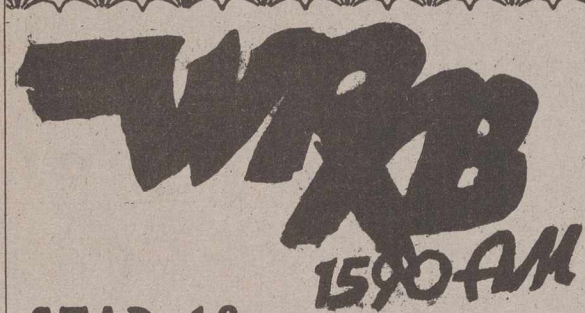
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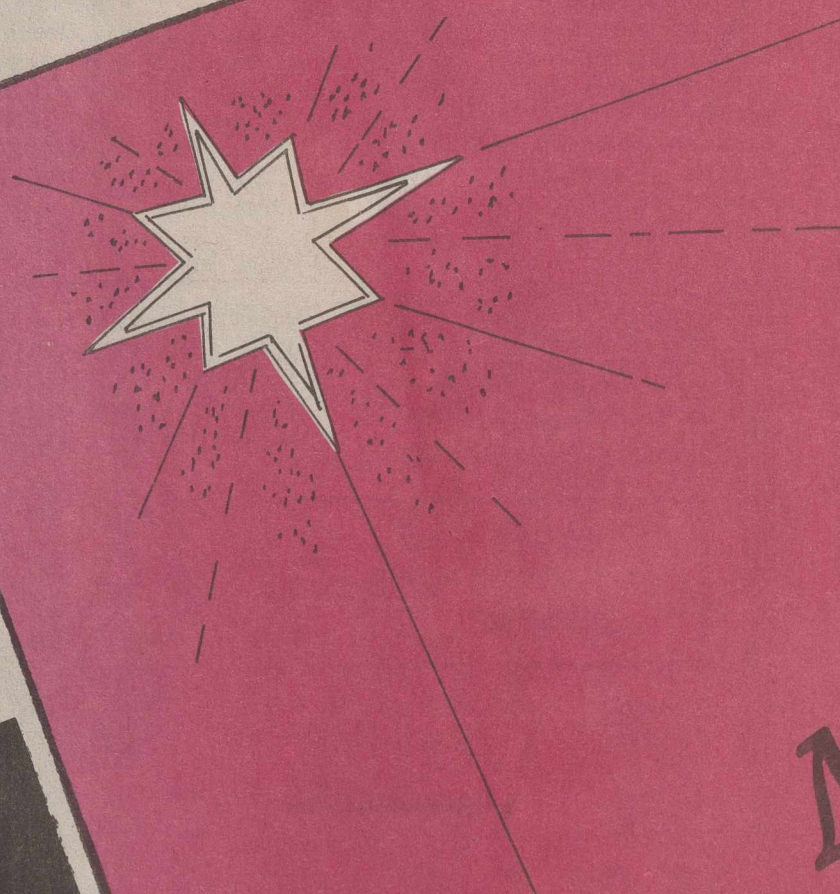
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Heritage from pg. 1

Dr. Luis Tenorio, head of nuclear medicine services at James Haley VA Medical Center, speaks at the Hispanic Heritage program. (Photo by David Burgess)

Richard A. Silver, director of the James Haley VA Center, presents a certificate of appreciation to Andrea Serrano, RN. Myrna Pinto (right) is the manager of the Hispanic Employment Program. (Photo by David Burgess)

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The holiday season is here again. The St. Petersburg Fire Department urges the following precautions for heating and lighting.

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•Never leave light sets on when leaving the house or going to bed.

•Do not leave them on when children are present and unsupervised.

•Always look for the UL label.

Extension cords
•Again check for the indoor/outdoor application.

•Use extension cords that are rated at least 15 amps when using high wattage appliances.

•Inspect extension cords for signs of wear, exposed wires or loose plugs.

•Don't place extension cords under heavy furniture or rugs.

Holiday parties
•Upon conclusion of your holiday parties or family gatherings, be sure to check for cigarette butts in upholstered furniture before you go to bed.

•Don't empty ash trays into trash receptacles until ashes have had time to cool down.

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•Keep the space heater at least 3 feet away from furniture and combustible materials.

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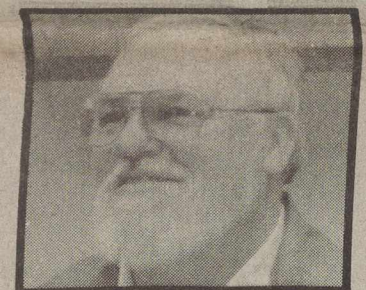
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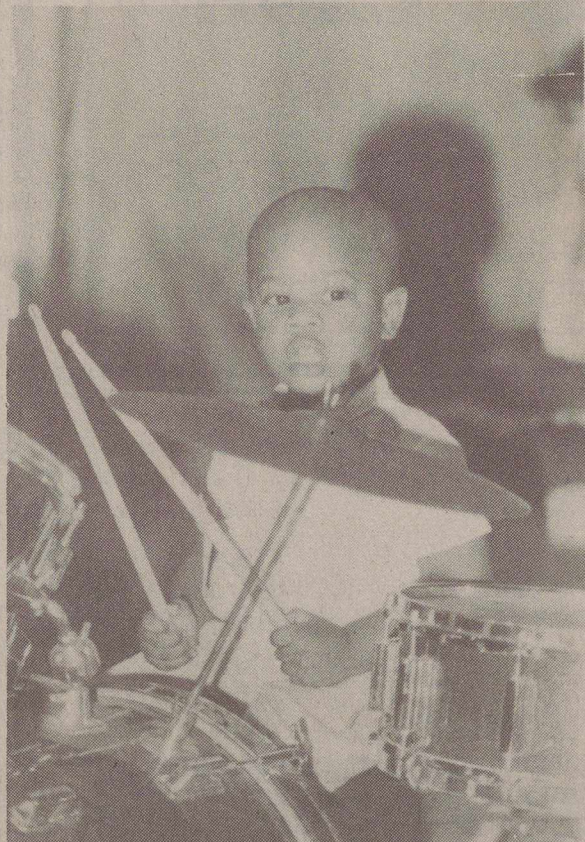
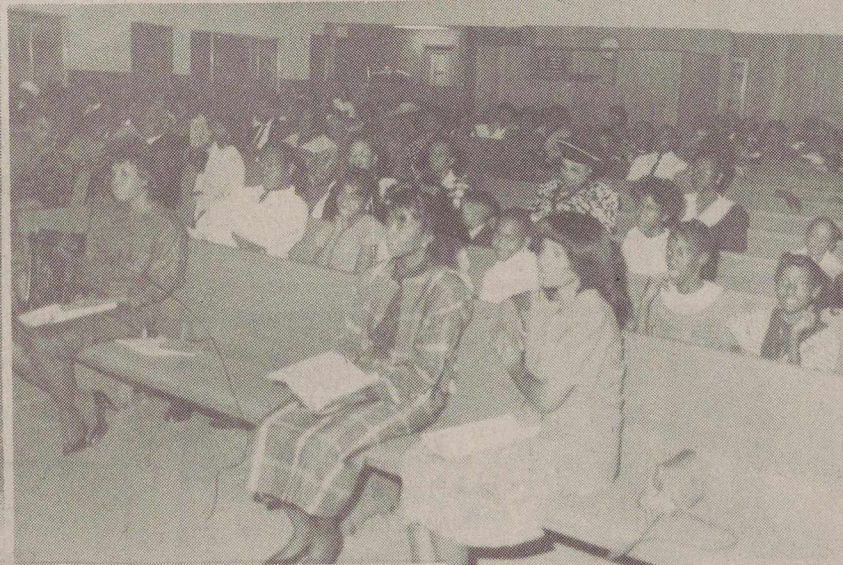
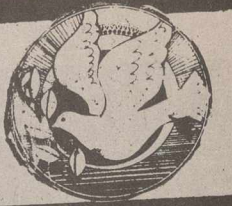
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CHURCH ACTIVITIES



Christian Music Recital

TAMPA — Gwen's School of Music presented a seasonal Christian music recital on Sunday, Dec. 16 at Cathedral of Faith, Rev. James Howell, pastor.

All songs performed by the students were familiar tunes but Gwen added to the sound or rearranged the music to give it a more interesting sound. Beginners, advanced students and adults performed Christmas carols, hymns and spirituals for the audience's listening pleasure. (Photos by David Burgess)

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

Pastor Lyons and members invite you to join them on Sunday for services at 8 and 11 a.m. The Chancel Choir will sing at 8 a.m. and the Angelic and Youth Choirs at 11 a.m.

You are also invited to intercessory prayer classes on Monday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Bible study and prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Sunday school Christmas program will be held Sunday, Dec. 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Annual Watch Night services will be held Dec. 31. The first service begins at 8:30 p.m. Elder Anthony Conage will bring the message. The second service begins at 11 p.m. Dr. Lyons will bring the message. Bid the old year out and see the new year in. Join us in church.

Mt. Zion AME Church

Rev. Alan B. Stockton, pastor, and members invite everyone to share in Sunday services at 7:45 and 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m.

The Men's Day committee will meet on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. All men of the church are asked to be present and get involved in the activities. Men's Day will be held on the second Sunday in February.

CAM will sponsor a weiner roast in the church fellowship hall on Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. All young males and fathers are urged to come out and support this organization.

The O.L. Nicks Missionary Society will host a breakfast and will also prepare food baskets on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 8 a.m.

An old fashioned banquet and skit, "The Womanless Wedding," will be presented on Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. in fellowship hall.

Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist

Everything is focused on the "reason for the season," Jesus Christ's birth. Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas.

The annual Christmas program was held last Sunday at 4 p.m.

Planning has started for Faith's 22nd anniversary. News of programs, worship services, speakers, guest participants, etc. will be forthcoming.

Regular worship services

vice Sunday at 11 a.m. Music will be provided by the Male Chorus under the direction of Ruth Lockett, minister of music. Pastor B.L. Turner or one of the associate ministers will deliver the message.

A memorial service will be held during the 11 a.m. worship. The Missionary Society will be in charge of the service. Oradine Hudson, reporter

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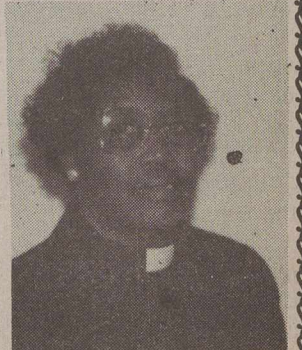
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Friday:

Prayer & Meditation 7:30 p.m.

Saturday:

Children's Church 1:00 p.m.



SOUTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. J.L. Daniels, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

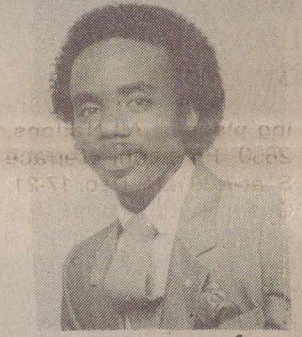
Evening Worship 8:00 P.M.

Wed. Night Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

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Church School 9:30 a.m.
Mid-Morning Worship Sunday 11 a.m.
Bible Study 5 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
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St. John Missionary Baptist

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Rev. Steve Thomas, Pastor

Early Morning Worship 8 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Late Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Come join us each Sunday for any or all of these services. You are welcome.



Grace Mary Missionary Baptist

299 11th Street N

Rev. W.J. Billue, Pastor

Early Morning Worship 8:20 a.m.

Church School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Thursday Night

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Breakfast 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Morning Worship 11 A.M.

Class Prayer Meeting Bible Study Tuesday 7:00 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

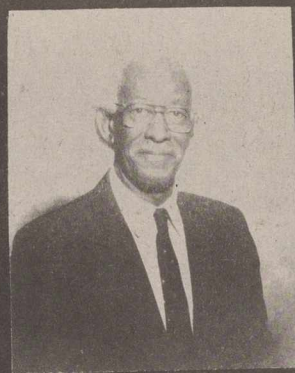
Junior Church - Thursday 6 P.M.

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Morning Worship 8 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

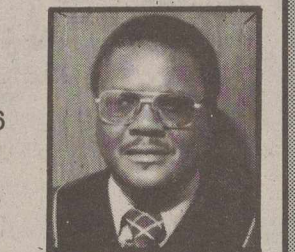
Mid-Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.

Bible Class Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting Thursday 7:30 p.m.

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Adult Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.



Rev. Larry Batie, M. Div. Pastor

Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church

919 20th Street S

St. Petersburg, FL

Rev. Alan B. Stockton

Early Morning Worship 7:45 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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10:50 a.m. — Worship Service

5:00 p.m. — Women's Ministry

6:00 p.m. — Men's Ministry

Mondays: 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

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8:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m. — Testimony, Praise, and Prayer

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7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. — AWANA

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Saturdays: 1st Sat., 9:00 a.m.

— Assoc. Pastor's Staff Meeting

2nd Sat., 9:00 a.m. — Deacon's Staff Meeting

3rd Sat., 8:00 a.m. — Food Distribution

4th Sat., 9:00 a.m. — Pastor's Staff Meeting

11:00 a.m. — Instruction for Preachers

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Luncheon

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Sunday Services

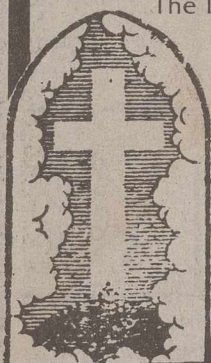
Bible Class 8 a.m.

Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.

Church School 9 a.m.

Breakfast 10 a.m.

Visitors Are Welcome





CHURCH ACTIVITIES



Conference Holds Service

The Baptist Ministerial Conference, Rev. L.P. Davis, president, will hold its Christmas early morning service at 7 at Southside Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. L. Lampley, pastor.

Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist

On Dec. 23, Mt. Pilgrim will hold a children's Christmas program following the kids' Christmas party.

Christmas evening service will be held on Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. The public is invited. Rev. Nathaniel W. Tindall II, pastor; Rev. Alfonso Woods, associate pastor.

Grace Mary Missionary Baptist

Pastor Billue and members welcome everyone to their services on Sunday. The young people will be in charge of the 8:20 a.m. service and Rev. Morris will bring the message.

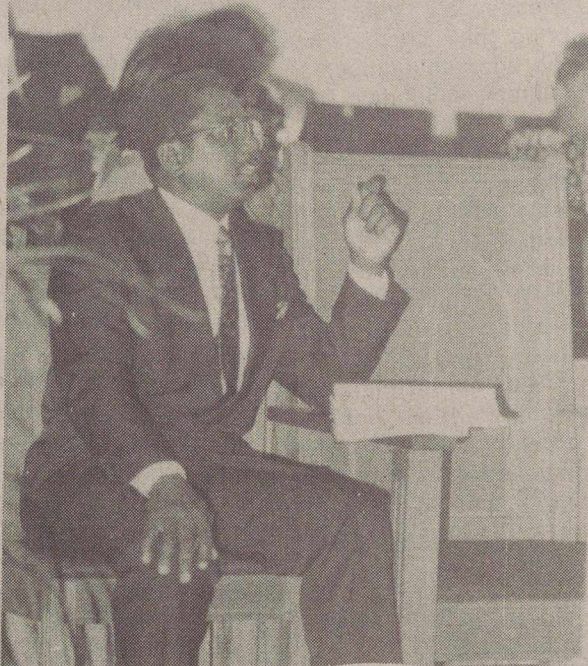
The pastor will preach the sermon at 11 a.m.

The Christmas program will be held on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. All parents are asked to bring their children to the program on time.

All Nations Church Of God By Faith

A youth revival is taking place at All Nations, 2850 Freemont Terrace S., at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17-21. Guest ministers are the Revs. Timothy Lancaster, Corey Hodge, Craig Oliver, Gordon Curry and Ben Adams Jr.

On Sunday, Dec. 23 at the 11 a.m. service, the guest speaker will be the Rev. Brian Brown. Everyone is welcome to come. Elder J.L. Williams, host pastor. Davene Ross, reporter



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

During this season of Advent, St. Joseph's welcomed three new members into the parish family. May God bless the children, parents and godparents.

The social committee is planning Midnight Mass and the social that follows on Christmas Eve. This is a big affair held throughout the world in Catholic churches. The public is invited to attend. Christmas carols are sung at 11:30 p.m. followed by the Mass at midnight.

On Christmas day there will be only one Mass at 10 a.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 22 the youth group will perform in a Christmas pageant after the 5:15 p.m. Mass. A Christmas party will follow the pageant.

Thursday, Dec. 20, weekly practice for the 11 a.m. Mass Choir at 7 p.m. in the church.

Saturday, Dec. 22, weekly practice for the 9

a.m. Gospel Choir at 1 p.m. in the church.

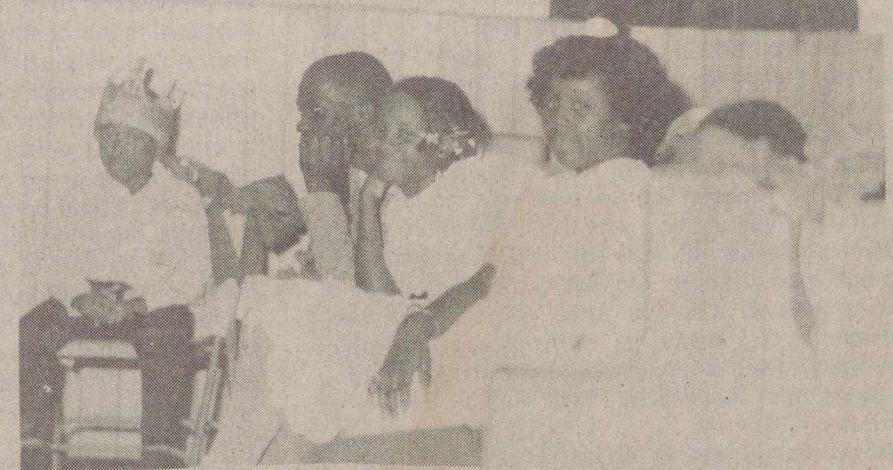
Pastor William Mason and members of St. Joseph's extend season's greetings to the community. Mary Calloway, reporter

New Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist

In the spirit of Christmas, the New Mt. Olive Youth Department will hold a prayer breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 8 a.m. All members and friends are invited to attend.

On this fourth Sunday in December, the Mass Choir will sing for the 11 a.m. worship service. Come, let us worship together his holiday season.

At 5 p.m. the youth will



New Birth Missionary Baptist Church

TAMPA — New Birth Missionary Baptist Church held its second annual Youth King and Queen coronation on Sunday, Dec. 16. Robin

McFadden served as chair and Learlean Blash as co-chair.

Maude Jackson presided over the service which included a wel-

come by Ann Walker, presentation and crowning of the king and queen and remarks by Pastor Herbert McFadden. (Photos by David Burgess)

present their Christmas program.

All Christian education school classes will be out for the Christmas holidays Dec. 19-Jan. 2. Classes will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.

If you are looking for a

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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:
Bible School — 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service — 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday Choir Rehearsals — 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS
Bible Study — 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 4:30 p.m.
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Morning Worship Service 11 a.m.

Weekly Activities
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
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Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.
YPWW 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Bible Band 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Prayer & Worship Service 7:30 p.m.

Mt Zion Christian Church (Disciple of Christ)
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Revelation — Human Destiny In Christ

by Rev. F.J. Johnson

Pastor, Bethel AME Church

"And all of us, reflecting the splendor of the Lord in our unveiled faces, are being changed into likeness to Him, from one degree of splendor to another, for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

(II Corinthians 3:18, Goodspeed)

All of us are being changed into likeness to Him! How audacious the claim! How lofty and spiritually arrogant it sounds! But no, here is a realist about human nature; a man who in his epistle to the Romans gave us a brutally candid psychoanalysis of himself, who knew the old Adam, the animal side of human nature; who had tried some severe self-disciplines to remake his own nature, and failed. "...all of us (who are following this Christ) are being changed into likeness to Him." Human destiny is Christ!

I have called this an Advent Affirmation: a truth which entered the world with the coming of Jesus. In Christ God not only disclosed His own character most completely and savingly, in Christ God revealed the true picture of man. Jesus is the God-revealer; He is also the representative Man. In Him you find the example and pattern of what man was meant to be. He is the reason why we must not grow discouraged about human nature.

Humanity could be compared to a beautiful statue which has been shattered and the parts dispersed — in one place an arm, in another a foot; here a torso, there a broken hand. There is a beauty and glory even about the fragments. It is from these fragments that men try to guess what the perfect statue must have been like. At last the various portions are brought together into one museum, and the artist suggests that all were fragments of one statue. He then sets to work joining them together. The statue grows in perfection and completion, and other men see the original idea of the artist in all the fullness of its beauty. So in ordinary men we see this virtue and that; this strength, that tenderness; this energy, that patience; this justice, that capacity for self-sacrifice. In Christ all these scattered virtues are united and combined and the perfect ideal of a complete humanity stands revealed. Why did God become a Man? To let humanity see what it could become; what it is meant to be.

Christ is more than a revelation of what man is meant to be; He is also the prophecy of what man shall be. The sight of perfection is not always an inspiration; frequently it is a discouragement. Jesus is unique in this; though perfect, He is imitable. He is not simply the ideal; He is the dynamic, the power within us. "We shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is." But more: We are being changed into likeness to Him, from one degree of splendor to another,

for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. The Kingdom is our destiny. Christlikeness is our future. Even now, this partial likeness stands revealed. We see men and women being changed into the image of Christ. We see the cowardice of Peter being changed into this courage; the fierce temper of John into the quiet love; the greed of Zacchaeus into generosity.

Why are we so confident that this is our destiny? Because once in history God found it possible to disclose Himself in a human personality. Man is made in God's spiritual image.

God in Christ offers us this magnificent destiny: that we should grow up to the stature, attain the maturity of Christ. We have the freedom to choose; and again and again we choose the darkness instead of the light.

A thousand years from now, some things will remain unchanged. Human nature will not be the same; not in its behavior, its social systems, its quality and consequence. The future belongs not to dust, but to divinity; not to Caesar but to Christ. You and I can become, now, something of what the future will need!



St. Mark Missionary Baptist

Pastor David Thompson Jr. and members of St. Mark extend a cordial invitation to everyone to worship with them this Sunday beginning with 9:30 a.m. church school.

Morning worship opens with a hymn of consecration and youth leading devotion. The youth will be in charge of service throughout the day. The Youth Choir, under the direction of Franklin Gray will render song services and the Youth Ushers will greet and serve the need of the congregation. The pastor will deliver the message.

Announcements

All members and

New Hope Missionary Baptist

On Sunday, Dec. 23 observance of the birth of Christ will be acknowledged throughout the day.

Youth church at 8 a.m. Youth Ushers/Choir will serve, Merrell Brayboy, organist.

Sunday school assemblies at 9:20 a.m.

The annual Christmas Cantata will be presented by the combined choirs at 11 a.m. worship accompanied by pianist/organist Claudina Jones and Charlene Billue. Pastor J.L. Fennell, Rev. Paul Hodges and Rev. Henry Jones will assist. Senior Ushers will serve at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The Sunday school will present its annual Christmas program on

friends are asked to bring their presents for the adopted families to church by Sunday, Dec. 23.

Baptist Training Union at 5 p.m. The youth will bring words of inspiration.

Bible study, Tuesday at 7 p.m.; Prayer and teachers meeting, Thursday, 7 p.m.

The Children/Youth Department will hold its annual Christmas extravaganza on Sunday, Dec. 23, 7 p.m. at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to come out and join us. Queen Powell, reporter

Sunday, Dec. 23 promptly at 3 p.m. You are welcome to come and enjoy the program. Bobbie J. Tampa, Sunday school superintendent; Brenda Green, director.

Calendar

Tuesday, Youth Choir rehearsal, 6 pm; prayer meeting, 7 pm; Bible study, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Cub/Boy Scouts, 6 p.m.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. day care board meeting, combined choir rehearsal

Friday, Dec. 28, business meeting in pastor's study at 7:30 p.m.

The annual Christmas Pageant will be held Dec. 21 at 7:45 p.m. Students from each class will participate.

Bethel AME Church

The choirs of Bethel, under the direction of Ruth Lockett, will present a Christmas Cantata on Friday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

The Hattie Lilly unit of WMS will again sponsor the candlelight service on Sunday, Dec. 23 during the Christmas program at 5 p.m. Anyone wishing to have loved ones remembered or honored at this service, should contact any member of this group of Mattie Everette.

Pastor F. Josephus Johnson and the Bethel family invite you to begin Christmas day by celebrating Christ's birthday with them during a candlelight service on Tuesday, Dec. 25 at 5 a.m. What a glorious time this should be!

Advent provides the

opportunity to consider the continuous coming of the risen Christ into our world and into our hearts. We can sense the moving toward the final consummation when the coming of Christ will usher in the final rule of God. Christmas needs to recur again as we make room for this new life; therefore, every Advent can be a time of great adventure.

We will learn more about the great adventure as Pastor Johnson brings to an end his series of Advent messages. See this section.

You are invited to attend worship services at 7:30 and 11 a.m. "Where the old time Gospel is preached every Lord's Day."

Call 822-2089 for transportation to all regular services.

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist

At the 7 a.m. Sunday service the Gospel Chorus will provide music and Male Ushers will serve.

The Christmas program will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 23. Prayer meeting and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Gospel

Chorus and #2 Choir rehearsals; ministers wives council, 7:30 p.m. Friday, teachers meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Angelic Choir rehearsal, 11:30 am; Junior Ushers meeting, 4 pm; intermediate women's meeting, 5 pm; Junior Choir rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.

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Saturday Sabbath School 11 a.m.

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801 6th Avenue So. • St. Petersburg, FL

Elder Joseph Harris, Pastor

Sabbath Services
Sabbath School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Weekly Services
Community Service Tuesday 9:15 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Youth Hour M.V. 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
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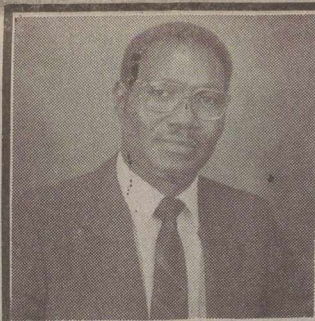
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Elder William E. Anderson, Pastor
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Y.P.W.W. 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Monday Night Prayer 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday Prayer 12:00 Noon
Tuesday Bible Band 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Evangelistic Service 7:30 p.m.

Communion is served during the 1st Sunday Morning Worship. Everyone is welcome!

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Adult Bible Study & Prayer Service Wed. 7:00 PM

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Sunday — 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

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342 11th Street N St. Petersburg, FL

Rev. David Thompson

Schedule of Services

Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Thursday 7 p.m.

"One week from church, makes one weak."



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Rev. Joann Mann

Pastor

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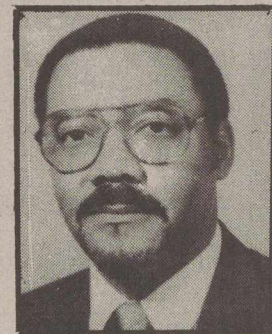
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Baptist Training Union ... 7 p.m.

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Bible Study 7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting 8:15 p.m.



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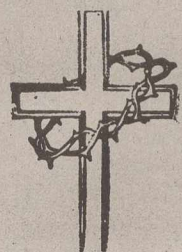
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Missionary Baptist Church

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Pastor - Rev. Moses Newsome

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9:45 A.M. - Sunday School
11:00 A.M. - Worship Service
5:00 P.M. - B.T.U.

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Pastor - Rev. Moses Newsome

Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church

2051 9th Ave. S. St. Petersburg, FL

Church School
9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship
11 a.m.

Baptist Training Union
4:30 p.m.

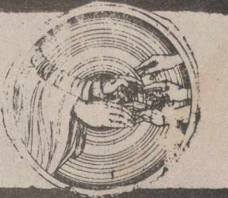
Evening Worship
5:30 p.m.

Rev. Frank G. Jackson, Pastor





CHURCH ACTIVITIES



His Ministry Reaches Out To All

TAMPA — Minister Larry Freeman is the pastor of the Church of Faith (nondenominational) at 3514 Sarah Street. His ministry reaches out to the poor, lost, hopeless by way of WTIS

radio. He is planning a radio ministry in the Miami area by March 1991.

Freeman is also engaged in street evangelization in Tampa and St. Petersburg through the

Gospel and through a writing ministry. His books, to be soon published, are *Biblical Approach to Dealing With Stress* and *How To Be Free From a Bad Relationship*.

Freeman is an ex-bail bondsman and insurance agent. He graduated from Seminole County Training School and served in the Army for three years. (Photo by David Burgess)

Traveler's Rest Missionary Baptist

The Mass Choir extends a cordial invitation to share in its Christmas fellowship dinner on Friday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. at Aston's Restaurant, 140 5th Street N. For additional information, contact Eleanor Smith or call the church.

This fourth Sunday in Advent will find the children, youth and young adults in charge of both early and mid-morning services. Renee Rembert and Robert Vinson Jr. will be the youth day speakers at both early and mid-morning services. The talents of the youth will be highlighted during mid-morning service as they tell all about the meaning of Christmas through recitations and songs. Christmas program coordinator

Laura Anderson is encouraging everyone to come out and support the youth. The Youth Choir will render music under the direction of Lettice H. Johnson.

Parents of children participating in this year's Christmas program are reminded that rehearsals will be held on Friday, Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 22 at 3 p.m. Attendance is also encouraged and requested at all other youth activities on Saturday including Youth Council at 12:30 p.m., Youth Ushers rehearsal at 12:45 p.m. and Youth Choir rehearsal, 1:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir members are reminded of scheduled rehearsals on Saturday, Dec. 22 and 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Moore's Chapel AME Church

The 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday services will be led by Pastor M. Mason Walker, who will deliver the pre-Christmas sermon at both services. Music will be provided by the African-American Youth Choir directed and accompanied by Michael Melvin. Stewardess Board #3 and Youth Ushers will serve.

The Christmas program will be presented by the Youth Department at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday.

Director Genorice White asks participants to be at the church at 9 a.m.

Male Chorus rehearsals are held on Tuesdays.

Bible study/prayer service on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

YPD and Voices of Joy rehearsals are held on designated Mondays.

African-American Youth Choir rehearsals, Mondays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

The Mt. Zion Youth Department invites all to come out and get the true meaning of Christ-

mas. On Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. they will celebrate Christmas in Scripture, songs, poems and recita-

IMA NEWS

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance met on Monday, Dec. 10 at Atwater's Cafeteria. The discussion included the usability of the building on 9th Avenue and 22nd Street for meetings, ministry and daily operation. In order for the place to become functional, a great deal of housekeeping must first take place such as painting, carpeting, security, furniture, phones, air conditioning/heat, etc. Some of this work is in progress and volunteer efforts are welcome.

A group of ministers visiting the Challenge School last week were pleased with the program and the expressed commitment of the administration to make

things progressively better. Culturally, the student makeup is about 60 percent white and 40 percent African America. Staffing is out of proportion regarding its racial mixture and more minority professionals are needed to offset that imbalance. An effort is being made to recruit more minority teachers and volunteer role models from the community. IMA will work out a schedule for ministers to spend a few hours of quality time at the school and hopefully generate more self-esteem among the students.

The next meeting will be held at 12 noon, Jan. 14 at the IMA building on 9th Avenue and 22nd St. across from Sanchez Funeral Home

Franciscan Center Holds Alternate Celebration

TAMPA-The Franciscan Center, Tampa, offers a unique celebration of the New Year December 31, 1990-January 1, 1991.

The Center Team will give a presentation and invite participants to join in prayer, reflection, fellowship, and Eucharistic Liturgy in a joyful atmosphere as we

welcomes the birthing of a new year.

Registration is at 6 p.m. on December 31, supper at 7 p.m. The celebration closes after breakfast on New Year's Day. There is no set charge; however, a donation will be accepted.

To register, please contact the Franciscan Center.

tions. Come out and get the true meaning of Christmas with their performance of The Story of Christmas.

On Dec. 31, the Mt. Zion Young Adult Choir and the Boca Ciega Gos-

pel Choir will be in concert at 8 p.m. immediately following the concert and Watch Night services, breakfast will be served. Help us to bring in the New Year by lifting up the name of Jesus.

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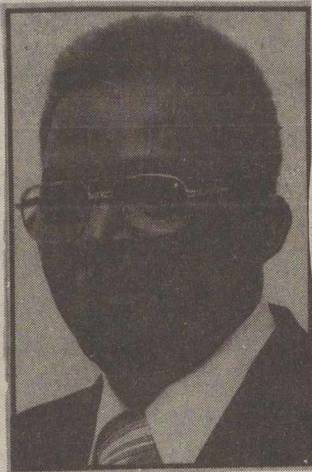
Prayer Tower Church Of God In Christ

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Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11:30 a.m.
YPWW 6:30 p.m.
Night Services 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday Services 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Bible Band, Thursday 7:30 p.m.



First Mt. Pilgrim Evangelical Missionary Baptist Church

On the corner of 22nd Street N and 1st Avenue N, St. Petersburg
Rev. L.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Baptist Training Union ... 5 PM



Wednesday
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:30 PM

Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

1800 18th Avenue S. St. Petersburg, FL
Rev. Bragg L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Membership Training 5 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Tuesday 7 p.m.
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Evening Worship Service 5 p.m.
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Men's Training Class
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Youth Church 8 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 3:30 p.m.



"The Church of the Open Doors"

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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Fourth Sunday Laymen's Meeting 4 p.m.



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Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.



Minister Robert V. Simmons

Bible Holiness Church Of God In Christ

419 5th Street South St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Church: 898-3838
Residence: 821-9501
Pastor: Elder B. O. Walker
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Midweek Service Friday 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Tuesday Morning 9 a.m.
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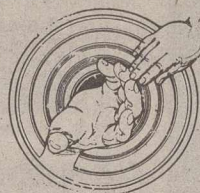
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327-0997
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Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
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Baptist Training Union 4:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Thursday 7:30 p.m.



Rev. Jerry Mangum, Pastor

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The Rev. Thomas Dawkins
The Rev. Juanita Drummond
The Rev. Ronald Fluker
The Rev. Godfrey King
Morning Worship 8 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Mid-Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Bible Class Wed. 7 p.m.
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AKA Donates Scholarship Money To B-CC

DAYTONA BEACH — The Gamma Mu Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority recently donated \$1,000 to Bethune-Cookman College for scholarships for two students at the college. B-CC president Dr.

Oswald Bronson accepted the check on behalf of the college (center, photo).

Among the stipulations required by the scholarship are that one student must be a health-career major with a desire to attend medical

or professional school majoring specifically in either biology, chemistry, medical technology or nursing and have at least a 3.0 grade point average. The other student must be an education major enrolled in a

teacher education program and also have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Students will be interviewed and must submit a letter stating their needs. These funds are to be allotted solely for books, tuition or fees.

Yuletide Networking

ST. PETERSBURG — Various city of St. Petersburg employees will network at a Yuletide get-together on Friday, Dec. 21 at Bibas Lounge, Howard Johnson's from 5:30 p.m. until. This after-work gathering will be an opportunity for friends to express Christmas cheer and to renew old acquaintances.

Employees of the city of St. Petersburg, Housing Authority, Florida Power, GTE, PC Urban League and St. Petersburg Times are some of the businesses participating. Other employers are encouraged to attend

this holiday event. To help spread the

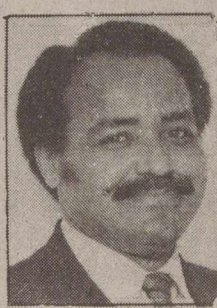
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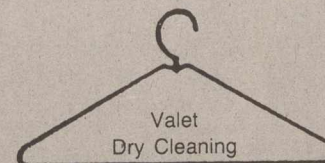
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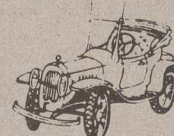


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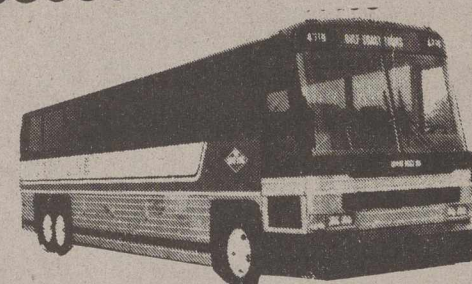


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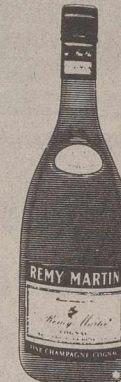
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Ms. Challenger Of The Week



TAMPA — Kim Barry of Tampa plans to have her own child care center some day. That's because she likes to spend time with her own kids. She also lives to travel and dance. She prefers men who have time to spend with her. (Photo by David Burgess)

**DEADLINE
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NCNW Announces Health Research Project

WASHINGTON, DC — The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) has announced a major research project to assess the reproductive health priorities of African American, Latina, Native American and Asian women from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. The project begins with focus groups in Chicago, Boston, Charlotte, NC and Pierre, ND.

The focus groups will guide the development of a national public opinion poll that will allow women of color to speak in their own voices about their reproductive health care needs, NCNW presi-

dent Dr. Dorothy Height emphasized.

Dr. Height called the public opinion project "a benchmark project for women of color and reproductive health issues." She noted that women of color have been included in general population polls on reproductive health issues but "not a single poll or research effort has focused solely on the attitudes of women of color."

The project will be conducted jointly with the Communications Consortium Media Center, a non-profit organization also based in Washington, DC.

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New Grief Support For Families Of AIDS Patients

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Professional Hospice

counselor Enid Lythgoe will lead the group sessions, which are informal and discussion based, encouraging participants to share their feelings and experiences.

Donations are accepted to offset the cost of materials.

In order to receive the full benefit of the six-week series, participants should join the group no later than the second session.

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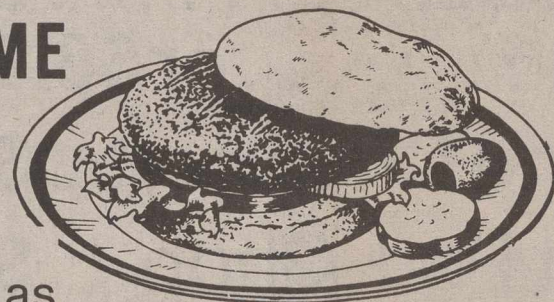
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enter into the first round of the NCAA Division I tournament, are stomped by 20 or 30 points and then trudge home to deposit their appearance check of around \$250,000.

Sure, that payday goes a long way toward drying up some of the red ink that seems to crop up in every Black college athletic department balance sheet. But what else are our Black colleges getting out of trying to hang on in Division I-AA?

Are any of our teams competing for championships? Are any of our players being considered for the top individual honors such as the Heisman and the Butkus? Are our games being shown by the big TV networks?

The answer to all of those questions, as you may have guessed, is no. The Black I-AA schools are big-time in name only.

I say the schools need to pull back into Division II. Let's give Grambling a real chance to win a national championship. Let's give all the Black college stars a chance to win the Harlan Hill trophy, given to the best player each year in Division II. Let's make all the Black college basketball conferences as strong as the incredibly successful Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, which by the way, refused to join Division I-AA.

Smart league, that CIAA.



Charmettes Host Annual Ball

TAMPA — The Charmettes will hold their annual "Puttin' On the Ritz-Roarin' Twenty Style" at the West Tampa Convention Center on Saturday, Dec. 29. The gala benefit is chaired by E.N. Cusseaux and FiFi Glymph.

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and Carroll Dawson, Rowena Brady, Ann Carey, Lille Joe, Mona Newsome, Yvonne Holmes, Annie Haugbook, Juanita Cannon and Doris Scott.

Proceeds from the ball will aid in the organization's national project, the Cancer Research Center at Howard University, and other local charities.

Al Downing and Tom "Smiling" Robinson will provide entertainment for the affair. (Photo by David Burgess)

Black Victory

There wasn't much coach Ben Jobe could say after his Southern University Jaguars had rolled over tiny Texas College 159-65.

Southern, expected to be one of the top historically black college basketball teams in America, showed why against Texas College. Jobe, a long-time coach at Southern, offered no apologies.

"Oh, my goodness," he said when reminded of the record-smashing final score, "I just hope the Texas College kids understand this is the way we play. If they had stopped shooting, then we would have stopped shooting. That didn't happen."

Last year, under coach Paul Westhead, Loyola Marymount drew a lot of attention because of its frenetic, run-and-gun offense. But under Jobe, Southern has been play-

ing that way for years. Southern, which outscored Texas College, 96-27 in the second half, set school records for most points scored, most points scored in a half and widest margin of victory.

It no doubt will rank as one of the most lopsided games of the season.

"We knew there was a chance something like this could happen," said Texas College coach Wallace Bly. This team is young and I just hoped they learned something."

The rematch should be interesting. The teams play again Feb. 7 in Tyler, TX.

The game was a rout even though Southern's best players played in only about half the game.

It wasn't a very good week at all for Texas College.



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Ricardo Cox Receives His Law Degree

ST. PETERSBURG — On Dec. 15, Ricardo Cox received his Juris Doctor degree from Stetson University College of Law. He was also honored by being named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Cox presented certificates of appreciation to his wife Frances, his parents Dorothy and James Cox and to his in-laws Searight and Mary Sullivan for their support and encouragement. Before beginning his professional career, Cox and his wife spent a week relaxing in the Bahamas. (Photos by Ernest Fillyau)



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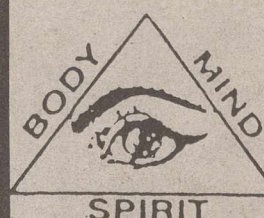
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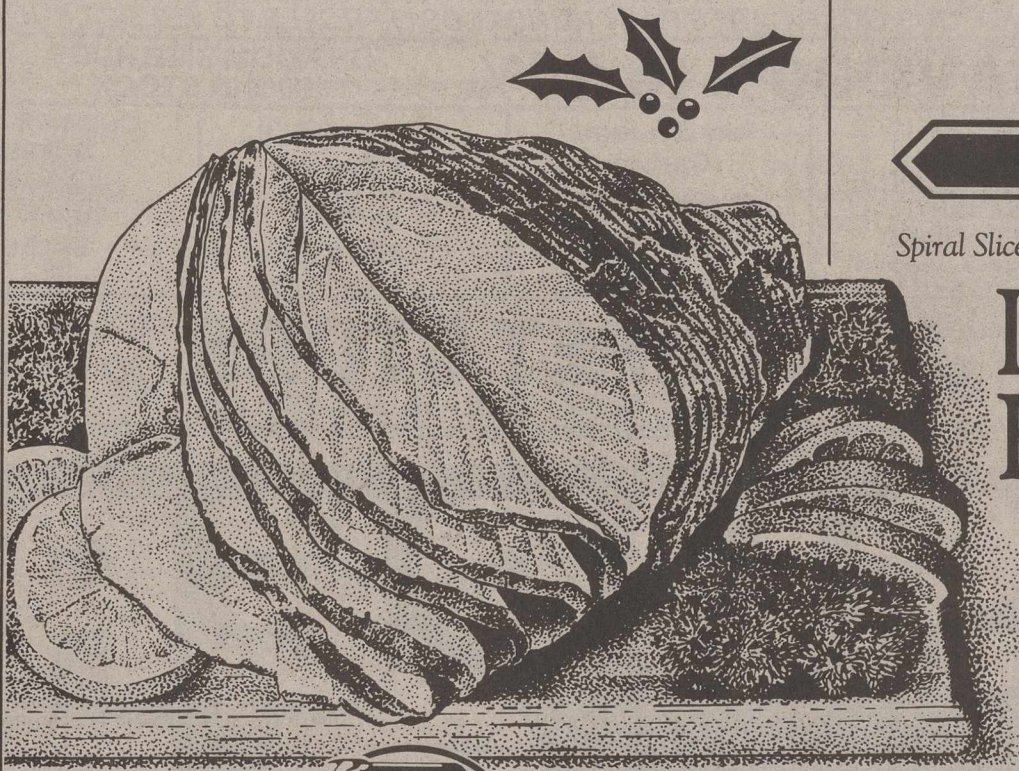
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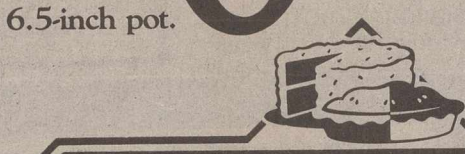
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BRAY, LILLIE B. of St. Petersburg was born Oct. 11, 1914 in Wrens, GA; died Dec. 19, 1990. Survivors include her husband Willie; daughters and sons-in-law Josephine and Willie Norfolk, St. Petersburg; Catherine and Willie J. Norman; brothers Robert and Raymond Jordan, Miami and Eddie Lee Jordan, Gough, GA; seven grandchildren; other relatives and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg

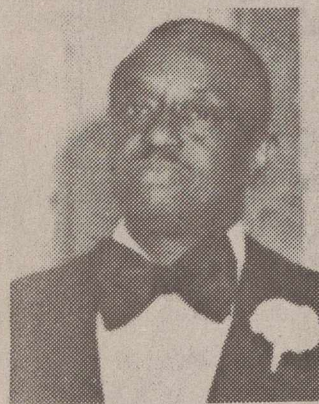
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THOMAS, WILLIS J., Jan. 27, 1952 to Dec. 7, 1990. Survivors include his wife Catherine; children Tyler, Kimoya, Shannon and Mia; a brother Sylvester; sister Sandra; other relatives and friends. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater

TAMPA FINAL RITES



BARNES, JESSIE MAE, died Dec. 6, 1990. Final rites were held at Greater Mt. Moriah PB Church. Survivors include her granddaughters and their husbands, Helen and Nathaniel Jacobs, Philadelphia PA, Hazel and Harry Hudson, Vero Beach, Barbara and Matthew Bell, Betty and Roy White; nine great grandchildren; other relatives and friends. Everett-Derr Funeral Home, Tampa



BROWN, JAMES A., March 24, 1925 to Dec. 8, 1990. Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law Gwendolyn

and Earl Anderson, St. Petersburg; a grandson Jamarkus B. Anderson, St. Petersburg; sister Gwendolyn B. Saunders, Miami; brother William Bosfield and wife Sandra, California; other relatives and friends. Wilson's Funeral Home, Tampa



GRIER, ALICE, died Dec. 12, 1990. Final rites were held at New Progress MB Church. Survivors include her husband Benjamin, Tampa; daughters Valerie Jackson, Tampa and Brenda Grier, East Orange, NJ; a son Nathaniel Grier, East Orange; other relatives and friends. Aikens Funeral Home, Tampa



LAMB, WILLIAM, Sept. 12, 1910-Dec. 7, 1990. Final rites were held at New First Union MB Church. Survivors include his niece Marion Brown and family, Sarasota; many friends. Everett-Derr Funeral Home, Tampa



LONGWORTH, JOYCE M., born May 13, 1964. Final


rites were held Dec. 15 at Macedonia MB Church. Survivors include her children Orlanthea Longworth, Willie Carr and twins Gilbrina and Gillena Longworth; mother Eunice Longworth; grandmother Marie Davis; brothers Clifford J. Longworth Jr. and Curtis Bennett; other relatives and friends. Everett-Derr Funeral Home, Tampa



WILLIAMS, SHERRY L., Aug. 17, 1960-Dec. 7, 1990. Final rites were held at First Baptist Church of College Hill. Survivors include her son Devin L. Walker; her mother Carolyn W. Stevenson; sisters Portia D. Kennedy and Natika J. Stevenson; her grandmother Jessie M. Walker; grandfather Howard Williams Sr., Miami; other relatives and friends. Aikens Funeral Home, Tampa

POOLE, NOAH P., Sept. 1, 1908-Dec. 6, 1990. Survivors include his wife Jessie Lee; children Dorothy Mae White and husband Samuel, James Poole and wife Mae, Mary Eliza Tyson and husband Glenn, Daisy B. Thornton, Johnny E. Poole, Bernard Poole, Rudolph Poole and Clifford Poole, all of Tampa; sister Louise Hadley, Tampa; brothers Leon Poole and Willie J. Poole, Palmetto; other relatives and friends. Aikens Funeral Home, Tampa

GILLIARD, LAURA B., Sept. 9, 1914 to Dec. 13, 1990. Final rites were held at Holsey Temple CME Church. Survivors include Thomas Gilliard Jr. and wife Mary, Tampa and John S. Gilliard and wife Evelyn, East Point, GA; stepson Leroy Johnson and wife Elnora, Tampa; a grandson Thomas L. Gilliard, Stone Mountain, GA; brothers Evans Myers and wife Mary

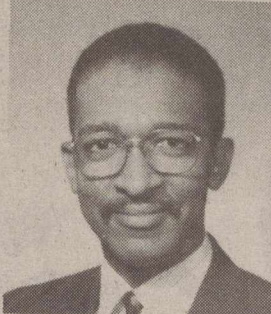


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News from pg. 8 NFL teams.

The NFL no doubt wants to change some of that with the World League. The league, which is starting from scratch, hopes to begin with 10 franchises in the U.S. and Europe.

Although the NFL has not said so, it is likely that about 40 percent of the GM and head coaching jobs will go to

minorities, thus providing a ready pool of what the NFL would consider to be "qualified" applicants for positions in the NFL.

However, Mike Lynn, president of the WLAF, said the World League isn't considering itself to be a developmental league.

"I would never run this league if I thought we would think of ourselves

as a minor league," he said. "We are going to develop our own stars using our own system. Sure, some of the players (and front-office personnel) may end up in the NFL but that's not what we're after."

Lynn said he also isn't worried about being able to find talent. He noted that a lot of players, such as players from the historically Black col-

leges, just miss making NFL rosters every year.

"Our colleges produce 10,000 football players each year," he said. "Of those, 2,000 are high quality players. Of those, only 333 get drafted by the NFL and many of them don't last. So don't tell me that we will have trouble finding talent."

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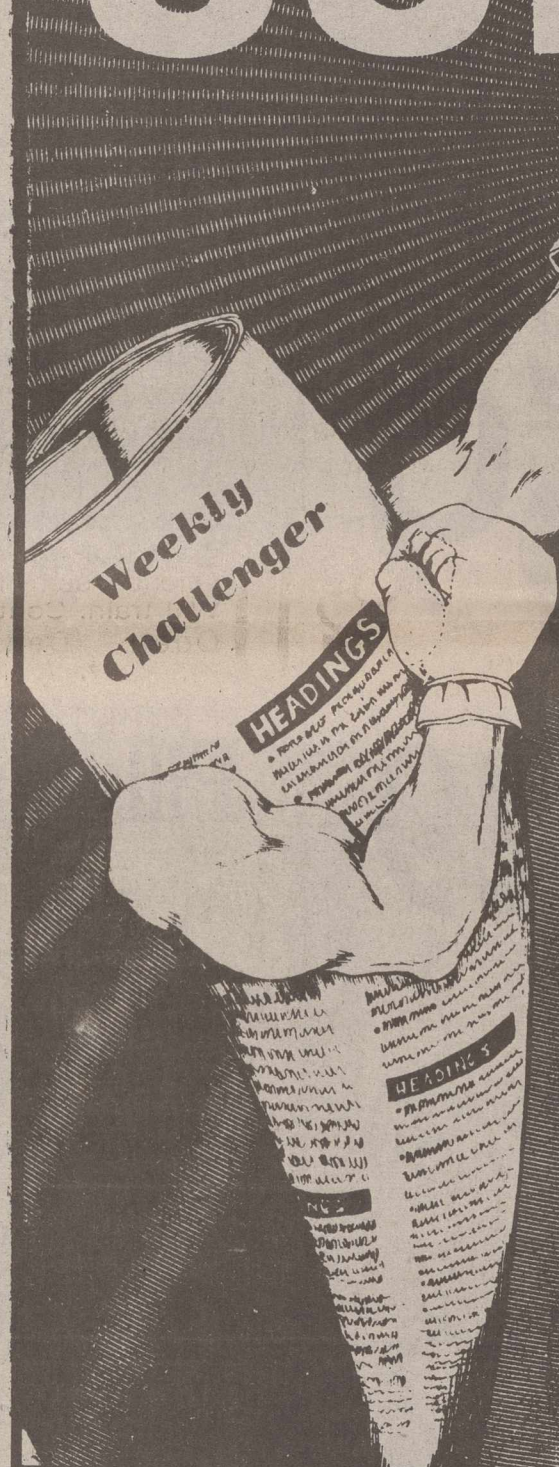
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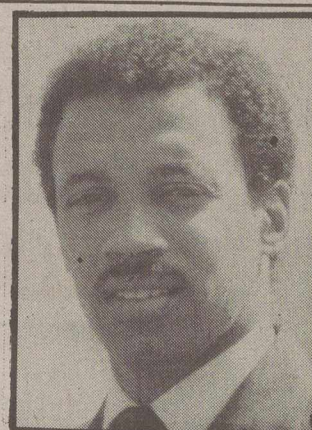
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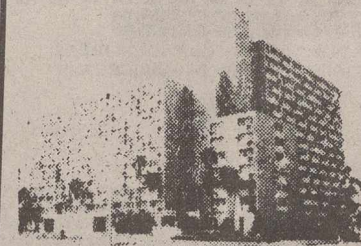
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Dr. Henry J. Lyons

God's Man With A Vision

Cover Story: God's Man with a Vision

The urge to achieve something significant for God is a goal and a commitment for Dr. Henry J. Lyons that can be measured. He is the pastor of Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church, St. Petersburg; president of the Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc., the state's largest Black organization whose efforts address the needs of its 729 churches and 500,000 members; and he is vice president of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Dr. Lyons knows that if you agree with God's divine purpose, He will supply not only your needs, but many of your wants.

Upon being chosen president of the Florida General Baptist Convention in 1982, one of Dr. Lyons' first tasks was to retire the lingering debt on the land in St. Augustine. This was accomplished approximately two years into his tenure. Believing that God holds us accountable for managing our resources, President Lyons has liq-

uidated the debt on the property in Ocala and has established the Unified Budget Program to help determine the convention's economic destiny.

Adopting an evangelistic approach to show God's attributes to a lost world has been an important focus for Dr. Lyons. He has established an evangelical board within the convention whose task is to fulfill the Great Commission.

He realizes that in order to perpetuate the existence of the Black church, attention must be focused on ministering to the total needs of Black families. To this end, a comprehensive strategy was developed to help preserve the Black family unit of old.

For the past four years, Rev. Lyons has been trying to realize the dream of ownership of a retreat site. The dream, a Family Retreat Center, is located in Putnam County, 12 miles north of Palatka on Highway 100 near the Floral Home Community. The center

sits on 160 acres of land that is now paid for.

Putnam County officials are quite supportive of these efforts and to this end the Putnam County school board has donated the first building on the site which serves as the center's office and headquarters.

Construction began on Nov. 1 and will consist of two buildings, the first, an assembly hall seating approximately 300 persons with a kitchen and dining facility. The second building will be a motel-type structure that will house about 40 persons. The convention is excited about this major accomplishment and heralds these beginnings as a move towards bigger and better things after an arduous journey.

Dr. Lyons' goal for the Family Retreat Center is two-fold: to reach the Black family at both ends of the spectrum. On the preventive end, to reach dad, mom and child before the problem exists. We will provide Christ-centered drug awareness programs and seminars for elementary, middle and high school youth, provide drug-free summer camps for children on the premises, and adults to model positive roles to reinforce and strengthen

Christ-like behavior.

On the curative end, the convention addresses itself to the glaring problems of drug addiction and co-dependency. The Family Retreat Center will provide drug rehabilitation for the users and counseling for co-dependents in the wilderness site and will aim to recycle users/abusers back into society so that they can become viable productive citizens.

Dr. Lyons has been pastoring Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church for the past 19 years. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he continues to give God all praise, honor and glory for the edifice, a monument of faith located at 26th Avenue and 35th Street S.

An additional witness to God's greatness and guidance through this "man of God with a vision" is Bethel's Family Crisis Center located at the church. For information call 327-8755 or 894-7002.

He sees a decline in interest among Black people in areas such as business, politics, education and organized churches. He prays for the day that our race of people will come to grips with the reality of the destructive

force drugs play on our families and our communities. Drugs are definitely another form of slavery, only this time enslavement is voluntary on our parts. For he believes in our misery, we have turned our backs on each other, rather than to each other. Therefore, we have a rise in Black-on-Black crime, and he looks upon all Black churches as the salvation to the problems confronting the Black community.

However, without viable Black involvement in business, politics, education and other social entities, we lose our ability to communicate across racial boundaries. The home must reclaim its role in the growth and development of Black people. The aforementioned entities must support each other if we are to become empowered. Simply put, we cannot stand alone if we are to produce healthy Black children into adulthood. While he looks upon the church as the center for strengthening the Black family, we can't lose any of the other support groups. If we do, and unfortunately we have, we will find ourselves on a collision course with a negative impact. However, Pastor

Willie Mae Williams

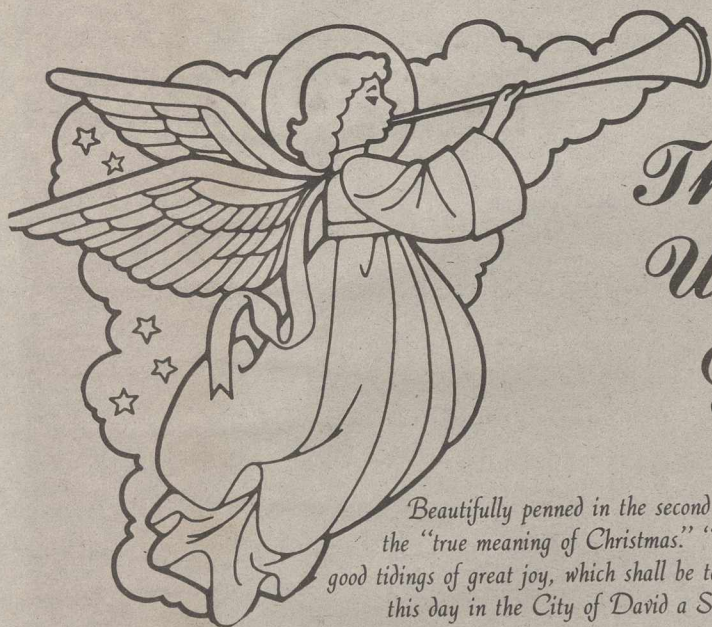
by Charles Howard



Willie Mae Williams, born November 11, 1922 in Levy County, FL to Rev. William and Edna Brooks, is the third oldest of six children. She was reared in Sanford (Seminole County), FL and attended the public schools there. After finishing junior high, she married

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Lyons still has hope and still sees hope in our people for we are survivors and he says, "God did not bring us this far to leave us now."



The Ultimate Gift

Beautifully penned in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke is the "true meaning of Christmas." "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

As we wish every member of the St. Mark Church family and to our many friends a Spirit-filled holiday season, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas and our real reason for a Happy New Year.

This holy season is not about Christmas trees, new clothes, toys, New Year resolutions, nor even Jolly Ol' St. Nick. None of these "things" have anything to do with Christmas or the upcoming New Year.

The Biblical record is clear, "FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN . . . A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD." Christmas is about "GIVING." Not the frivolities normally associated with the world's sense of giving; but rather, the GIVING OF THE ULTIMATE GIFT — JESUS CHRIST! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . ." The birth of Jesus Christ, the Ultimate Gift from God to man, is the true meaning of Christmas and our only reason for eternal hope in the days to come.

May each of you know the rich blessings of His grace and love this Yuletide season.

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church
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Rev. and Mrs. David Thompson Jr. & Family
Son — Michael, Daughter — Dana

Willie from page 2

Eugene Lomax and to this union a son, Bernard, was born. Both preceded her in death.

At an early age Willie received Christ at New Mt. Calvary Church in Sanford. After marriage she moved her membership to St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, relocating to the east side of town. She sang in the #2 Choir for several years.

Moving to St. Petersburg in 1946, Willie joined St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church on 11th Street N, under the leadership of Rev. S.C. Caldwell and later serving under the leadership of Rev. W.J. Glover. She is a vice president of the #2 Choir, leader of the Baptist Training junior class and director of the junior women mission.

Mrs. Lomax married Sgt. Thomas Williams during the last two years of his active duty in Germany. She and her daughter Jacqueline Denise joined Sgt. Williams. During their stay they toured Europe from Germany to Luxembourg, France, Spain and England and visited the World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium. After returning to the states, they were stationed at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, WA for almost five years where she worked with the Civil Service department.

When Sgt. Williams was shipped to Vietnam for a 13 month tour of duty, Willie and her daughter returned to St. Petersburg and reunited with the St. Mark family working with the senior mission. Mrs. Williams was employed by the Bay Pines VA and later the James Haley VA in Tampa.

At present, Mrs. Williams provides three families with volunteer care and visits nursing homes dispensing fruits, cookies and candles. She is a certified guardian with the judicial system. Last but not least, she is a member of the Methodist Town Pioneers. Many friends still call her "Fine Brown Frame," a contest she won in 1947.



**Pat
"Christ"
In
Christmas**



Crossroads

Founded in 1989, Crossroads has quickly achieved fame as one of Florida's premiere Gospel acts. Through their many bay area and statewide performances, Crossroads has deliver-

ed God's message to varied audiences including appearances on the "Celebrate with Jesse Dixon Show." The band's contemporary Gospel music style is appealing to both younger and

older listeners and helps the group achieve its goal of spreading a positive message of love and salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The members of

Crossroads are, from left, Kenneth Welch, vocals, guitar and keyboards; Clarence Skinner, vocals and drums; Keith Flournoy, keyboards; Ricardo Welch, vocals and keyboards;

and Terrell Skinner, vocals and bass.

Be sure to watch for upcoming Crossroads concert information in this paper and on local radio stations. (Photo by W.L. Jones)

The Rickey Grundy Chorale

Musician. Producer. Writer. Arranger. Teacher. Director. Ricky Grundy, 30, has accomplished in his 15-year career, what some of his colleagues can only hope to complete in a lifetime. But when you discover the energy and faith Grundy puts into everything he does, somehow it doesn't seem so impossible. That alone, could carry any album.

With the release of his first solo album, "The Rickey Grundy Chorale," he adds yet another stripe to his row of successes... that of a pioneer. "I'm not from the old school," Rickey states. "I consider myself very progressive and I don't mind taking chances when it comes to the cause."

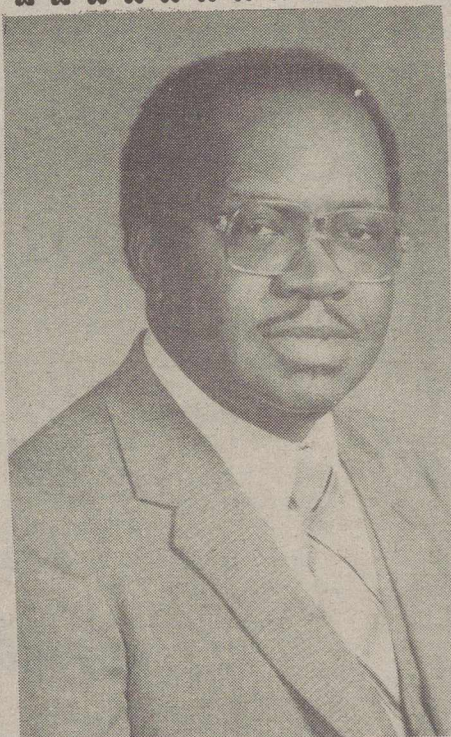
The risks have paid off. With a dedication and commitment seldom seen in this business, the charismatic young musician has successfully managed to take the traditional gospel sound to yet another dimension. Impressively,

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The family of God, and man, the same

Season's

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Season's Greetings

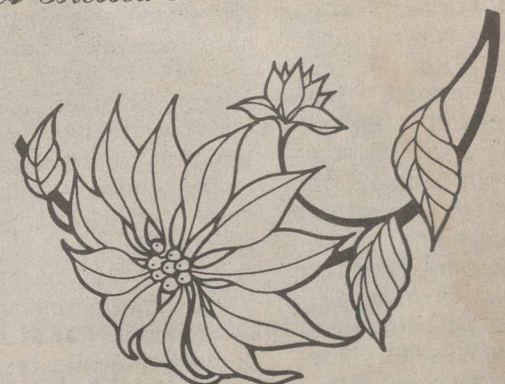
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A Merry Christmas

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A Blessed New Year!



Priesthood: A Vocation of Service



by Francise N. Pinckney

The uplifted spirit of respected and well-educated men in the priesthood exerted a meaningful influence on Father Callisti Nyambo's decision to become a priest. "My role models were in the church," Fr. Nyambo said, "well-educated Black men, highly respected who devoted their energies to doing good."

Callisti Nyambo, one of 11 children, was born to Christian parents in northern Tanzania in the town of Moshi (about the size of Lakeland). Prayer was a constant in his home and Christianity was taken seriously by all of the family.

Nyambo went to the seminary after finishing high school. He said that he didn't "just decide" to become a priest; he sort of grew into it and thought of the priesthood in terms of service and was certain that he would find his own niche of usefulness to mankind in his quest for spiritual improvement.

Nyambo came to this country in 1978. He resided in Berkley, CA where he studied at the Graduate Theological Union. "No," he did not observe any

"extraordinary" warming up to him or friendliness toward him by Black Americans. He allows that Africans' expectations are probably too high regarding Black Americans' friendliness and acceptance of them. "After all they are Americans; the culture is different," he added. But despite the difference there is an obvious sameness. Father acknowledges this and does not dispute the fact that "we are birds of a feather whether we flock together or not." For the most part, Black Americans wear Mother Africa's signature in colorful visibility. Celebration of our sameness and acceptance of our differences is the key.

Father Nyambo has strived to make differences harmonious in developing friendships with whites and blacks in this country wherever he resided. The motto of Tanzania is *Uhuru na Umeja*, which means

freedom and unity. (Tanzania...In Pictures by Marylee S. Crofts) And aren't Black folk all over the world in search of freedom? This certainly places us all in the arena of a major sameness. We must set our hearts together in brotherhood and unity in order to be truly free. Black Africans and Black Americans should consider this quote from the Psalms: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Father Nyambo holds a master's degree in theology and in religious studies. He served as pastor of St. Joseph's Cathedral in Dar-es-Salaam, the largest city and former capital of Tanzania. (Dodoma was chosen the new capital in 1974.) Father Nyambo is presently associate pastor at Epiphany of Our Lord

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'Tis A Joyous Yule Season, But...

by Cal Adams

And suddenly it was a joyous night.

Joyous because the Angelic Chorus had told the shepherds of His coming; the Wise Men from the East were following the Star of Bethlehem to the site to bring gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. Everyone involved was exceedingly joyful. For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born.

And as we approach this holiest day of the holy season, it would be well if we would let Christ's birth be the center of our activities. The birth of Christ is incidental because commercialism, Christmas decorations and cards are forced to compete with Halloween masks for shelf space in most stores. We admit this commercialism makes the day a little jaded. But thanks be to God that, as the day nears, people begin to hear traditional Yuletide carols and subconsciously start to hum these well-known songs. Rest assured, it will take someone stronger than Ebenezer Scrooge to resist what is called the "Christmas spirit."

We are grateful that as ethnic groups settled in America, each brought their respective Yuletide customs so that today a modern Christmas can have varied elements. Thanks to St. Francis of Assisi, the first person to stage a nativity plan to teach the peasantry the Christmas story, gave the holiday a new meaning to the spirit of Christ's birthday celebration.

Yes, we as Christians, have the birth of Christ as

the only meaning for the celebration of this day as it is intended to be.

So Christmas takes its place as a part of an unchanging pattern. The old ways change but the spirit does not change its pattern. It does not matter what the gift is, because the giving and not the gift is the verity — the giving and the receiving. And the giving and receiving signify and prove that the spirit is not dead.

In the humdrum of daily life, it might easily be believed by the despondent, harried soul, which sometimes anyone is, that all is selfishness and coldness of heart, that love is lost.

Then Christmas comes and in the symbolism of giving and receiving among those we know and love and the unknown, the poor and lonely in every community, we find our faith renewed because our own hearts are warmed again to life and love.

Yes, we need Christmas. Christians have made Christmas, but in every religion everywhere in the world there are days which mean Christmas. Days of renewal of peace and goodwill among men. The ways in which we express the day's meaning differ in time and place but the meaning never changes.

The blessed Christmas spirit descends upon us even in this chaotic and unpredictable year. And so, God bless us all.

JOYOUS YULETIDE SEASON TO ONE AND ALL!

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the album was recorded live in the studio in one 10-hour session, and its clarity and production quality rival the best in gospel music. Produced by Patrick Henderson, "It's recorded the way I'd like to hear more of our gospel music," Grundy says.


With the help of master guitarist Ray Fuller (Whitney Houston/Aretha Franklin), Jimmy Newball and Freddie Fluellen on bass, drummers Ron Brunnel and Michael Newball, and contributions from Grundy on keyboards, occasional lead vocals and "whatever else was needed," the album is musically sound as well. However, its uniqueness lies in the spectacular vocals of the 24-member chorale.

While the music is both uplifting and praise-

worthy, it's the spirit of the Chorale that makes one feel as though they're sitting in the front row of Sunday church.

"I want my music to encourage people," says Grundy. "First, personally, to keep a focus in their life on the Light, and second, to encourage them to continue to study and perfect whatever craft they have chosen."


"For 15 years I've worked for other artists and now I feel like it's my turn to say and do what's in my heart," Grundy says. "And the only way we can get more people involved in the gospel is if we remain current with the times, enhance the production quality of our gospel recordings, and branch out with the music and not criticize people for doing something out of the norm."



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Joy and Peace
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A servant of Christ in all seasons

by Francise N. Pinckney

A Time to Be Born

Raymond Jackson was born to Wash and Rosie Jackson in 1916 in Cairo, Georgia. The little toddler played with the family dog as chickens noisily pecked in the big dirt yard for bits of corn. His father plowed the fields on his five horse farm and when Raymond was old enough, he taught him to plow a straight furrow. The young lad yelled out his "gees" and "haws" as he plowed with hardy command. He enjoyed farm work and the closeness of his large Christian family.

A Time to Learn

Raymond liked going to school. He was a good speller and could sing his multiplication tables with speed and accuracy. But his father needed his help on the farm. So the plowing took priority during the planting season and Raymond was taken out of school until the planting was done. This cycle was repeated for the harvest time in the fall and finally Raymond had to quit school in the sixth grade to help his father full time on the farm. But learning did not cease for Raymond outside the confines of the one-room schoolhouse. The fields, woods, lakes and people around him became his classroom. Young Raymond made good use of his "time to learn."

A Time to Love

Love flared bright and beautiful when Raymond Jackson met Catherine Randall, a pretty girl from Boston, Georgia. Catherine, shy and timid, felt love blossom when she met Raymond the first time — her first love which grew strong and lasting. Their love blossomed in the spring, ripened beneath sunny blue skies and the warmth of the summer's sun. Love danced on the wings of the autumn breeze and smiled at them from the face of the harvest moon. On November 23, 1935, Raymond and Catherine got married; loving each other purely and warmly and feeling



Elder & Mrs. R. Jackson

truly blessed, they said a prayer of Thanksgiving.

A Time to Accept Responsibility

Raymond and Catherine were teenagers when they
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Church in Tampa.

He strongly supports the incorporation of Black culture into the liturgy, more Black visibility and leadership in the Catholic Church. He is not by any means for division, but does not approve of a "melting pot" either. "Minorities in the Catholic Church need special attention to bring out what is uniquely theirs," Nyambo said.

Out of 53 million Catholics in this country, Black membership is 1.3 million. According to the Black Catholic Almanac there are 13 Black bishops and several hundred Black priests. Father Nyambo is the only Black priest serving in the Tampa Bay area.

In 1964 Tanganyika and Zanzibar joined together to form the United Republic of Tanzania. Kichagga is the primary language in Nyambo's village, Swahili is second and English third.

According to the 1988 edition of *World Book Encyclopedia*, about 30 percent of the population follows traditional African religion, 35 percent Christian, 35 percent Muslim.

Recently this writer read in the May 1990 edition of *National Geographic* the following: "A gray cone looms through the haze along the Tanzanian border. Ol Deinye Lengai, the sacred 'mountain of god.' The Masai still bring offerings to its foot and sometimes hear god thundering on its summit. This is an existing form of traditional African religion, the belief that includes an acknowledgement of a supreme being, a reverence for one's ancestors and a recognition of the connection between nature and spirit."

Ruins of a Muslim mosque (house of prayer) and women wearing long black garments (buihui) and references to Allah are evidence of the Muslim faith.

Father Callisti Nyambo, a Catholic priest, the embodiment of the spirit of respected Black men in the priesthood, is a symbol of Christianity who embraces the true meaning of Christianity. (Catholics make up 18 percent of the Christian population, Episcopalians and Lutherans also represent the Christian population.)

At Christmas time Father Nyambo extends wishes of a Blessed Christmas in the glory of Christ and the exaltation of humanity through our Savior.

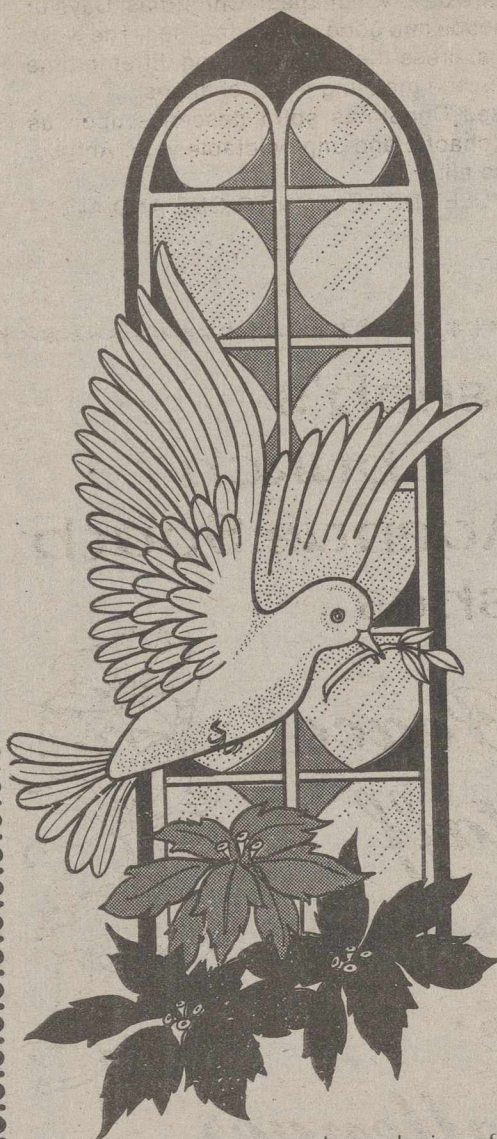
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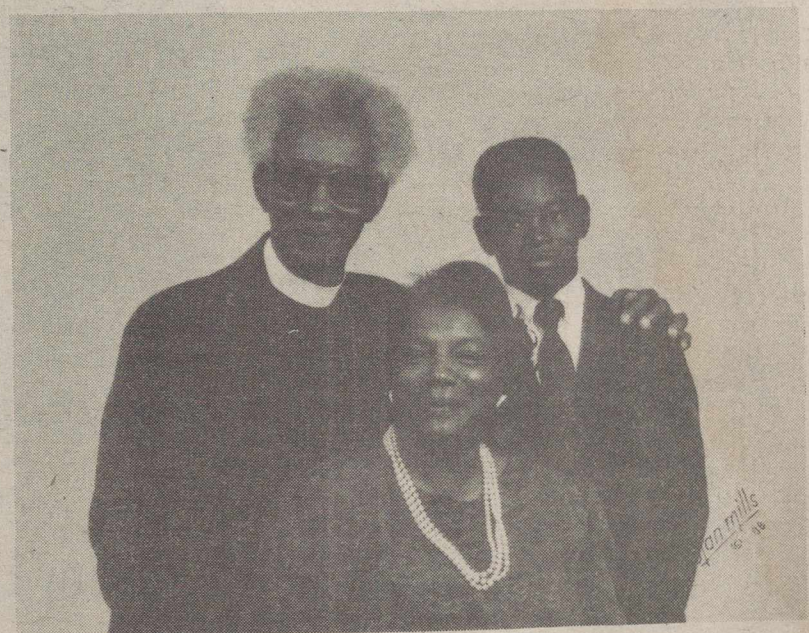
My family, along with the entire constituency of Bethel, joins me in saying to you at this sacred and significant time in our lives: when war looms on the horizon, unrest and tension prevades the power structure of our nation, fear and uncertainty holds the hearts of the population in a clenched hand.

Our message to you is: "Be of good cheer, don't worry about WHAT the world is coming to, but think about WHO has come to the world." We want Christmas to be a Holy Day instead of a holiday, so we are frustrated to find that IT IS THE ADVENT OF Santa Clause rather than the advent of Jesus, that claims our attention. We want to celebrate by **giving**, but find we are pressured into buying things for family and friends who have little need of them while giving little attention to those whose needs are so great. So, may the Christ of whom the angels sang in that first Christmas chorus bring peace

to your hearts and may the joy of heaven to earth come down and bring each of you abundant peace and joy.

Unto us a child is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders.

Joyous Noel!



(Shepherd) Rev. F. Josephus,
wife, Algaqua, and son, Marcus Johnson

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got married. He was 19; she was 18. Neither had the blessing or consent of their parents. Actually they ran away to get married. Raymond's parents were not as set against the marriage as was Catherine's aunt who raised her. Raymond loved her so much that he wanted to take her away and give her a better life. He has no regrets about marrying so young but he wished many times that he'd gotten more formal education. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15), a favorite Scripture of Elder Jackson; one that he has finally lived up to according to his wife and family. In 1940 he moved his wife and growing family — three beautiful girls, Viola, Catherine and Virginia Delores to St. Petersburg. Elder and Mrs. Jackson are the proud parents and grandparents of eight children, 24 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

A Time to Preach

"I could feel the Spirit of God working in my heart. I saw people fall down from the power of God," said Elder Jackson. When these feelings came over him, he was just a young boy attending churches in his hometown in Georgia. He enjoyed the high spirited revivals and the varied preaching styles of preachers who came from all over the state of Georgia.

When the Jackson family arrived in St. Petersburg, they were met with warm hospitality and befriended by Elder and Mrs. Wright, Elder Simmons and the late Mrs. Anderson and other good Christian folk who encouraged the young couple to keep Christ at the center of their lives and to strive to be uplifted to the tableland of His goodness and mercy.

Elder Jackson and family were members of Wayne Street Church of God in Christ; later he served as assistant pastor and superintendent of the Sunday school at Queen Street Church of God in Christ. In 1960 he was appointed pastor of Sarasota Church of God and Christ and at the same time continued to serve as assistant pastor at Queen Street. He is presently a member of Queen Street but illness prohibits him from taking an active role.

W.L. Jones, photographer and a member of Queen

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He gives outstanding service to Church and Community

by Francise N. Pinckney

"I still get joy out of going to church."

who was a songster. Young Joseph Savage followed his daddy around Sumter County, Georgia listening to the great singing and harmony of his quartet. "I started my own quartet when I was 10 years old," Mr. Savage said. "My whole family could sing; if you were a Savage, you could sing." He also allows, "If you were a Savage, you went to church like it or not. I liked going to church when I was a boy; going to church was never a hard time with me and I still get joy out of going to church."

Mr. Savage is a member of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church where he serves as deacon, songster, vice president of the Male Chorus Union and president of the Male and Gospel Choruses. He has been a member of Galilee since 1951. Rev. Jones is his pastor.

"Daddy was my role model; Mama was womanhood at its best."

and believed in his father. Most of all, Little Joe loved the sweetness of conversation between father and son; the tenderness and patience and the time he spent teaching him about life. Even when he and his brothers got into mischief, as boys are wont to do and were disciplined by his father, he knew that it was out of love and a parent's moral duty to correct bad behavior and try to instill a sense of goodness.

His mother reinforced his father's tenderness and

The old mule plodded along as the 10-year-old boy steadied the plow. The boy sang at the top of his voice mimicking his daddy,

patience and set a fine example of Christianity and womanhood. "Mother never missed going to church on first Sundays if she could help it," Mr. Savage said. "Even after we were grown we knew better than



Joseph Salvage

to plan anything but church on the first Sunday. I had to take her to church and bring her back home."

"I came to this city on Sunday; went to work on Wednesday." When Joseph Savage was hired by the city of St. Petersburg's Sanitation Department little did he or the department know that he would be a force to be reckoned with by the city in years to come and that his leadership efforts would bring about change that is still beneficial to sanitation workers in this city today.

Garbage collection was a messy hard job when Savage started working for the city. He was making 67 cents an hour and there were no benefits. Sani-

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Seasons Greetings

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Street at one time, said: "When I wanted a prayer to go straight to Heaven and no stopping on the way-side, I asked Elder Jackson to send up the prayer. He was my ideal. I had more faith in him than any other minister at the church."

The preacher's wife was at ease, right at home with her position in the church. This woman felt blessed and bound to support her husband in the teachings of Christ. Both had character and qualities that wore well with leadership in the church, community and the upbringing of their children. Mrs. Jackson worked in revivals, ran prayer meetings and vacation Bible school. She presently serves on the Mother Board at Queen Street COGIC. "When the Savior Reached Down For Me" is her favorite song and in His teachings, He brought sanctity to the marriage of Catherine and Raymond, a bountiful spirituality which strengthens them in all aspects of their lives and greatly influenced and enhanced Elder Jackson's preaching of the Gospel in "his time to preach."

A Time to Dance

According to daughters Catherine and Virginia, daddy's "time to dance" came in a spiritual setting, the church where daddy did the holy dance like nobody else could do it. Elder Jackson said that he danced in praise of God. Scripture tells us: "Let them praise His name in the dance..." (Psalm 149:3) The Jackson children were not allowed to attend social dances of dance around the house. "Preacher's children were expected to set good moral examples and were strictly scrutinized," Virginia and Catherine said. "Then there were those who looked upon the preacher's kids as connected to wildness and mischief." The Jackson children pretty much lived up to their parents' expectations. They were inclined to feel as their father that dancing was a religious service to the Lord but they can't speak for his modern day grandchildren and great grands. Their "time to dance" is a different story. Some probably can hold

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tation workers did not receive Social Security, Savage said.

Savage is very modest regarding his leadership role during the 1968 strike by sanitation workers against the city of St. Petersburg. According to him, it all started when the Young Men's Progressive Club was organized during a meeting at his home. He was told by his co-workers, "You will be the president." Low wages and poor working conditions prompted the workers to make a proposal to the city to upgrade wages and improve working conditions. Savage was always one to act with common sense and he combined a little political savvy and strategy with the proposal that would also benefit the city. The proposal to combine brush collection with garbage pickup would save the city big bucks. Savage urged the men "to make it work" and it did. "We made it work and saved this city close to \$300,000," he said. But the

their own with the singing/dancing Jackson family.

A Time to Reflect on the Birth of Christ

"The spiritual side of Christmas has been shut out," said Elder Jackson. "Jesus Christ is the special guest in our home, at church, at Christmas time and all the time," he said. "We need to push values aside and stop over-spending on Christmas presents." Elder Jackson chuckled remembering how grateful he was to receive a cap pistol and orange and apple as a gift when he was a child. The three Wise Men came from the East bearing gifts for the Holy Child offering to the Christ Child. These men, who were kings in their own right, were acknowledging the King of Kings. "We should offer gifts of love and caring to our fellowmen in honor of our Savior Jesus Christ. It is a time to reflect on the birth of Christ and feel renewed in the fact that He has come into our lives and made it new." Elder Jackson and family extend wishes and prayers for a blessed and spiritual Christmas!

city's response to raising wages was not accepted by discontented workers; a protest resulted and ultimately a strike.

The strikers were fired but the community stood together and supported them. Savage said that the uniting of the Black community was a beautiful thing to behold. Churches, beauticians, small businesses, common laborers, professionals, everybody lent support. Savage said that the late Judge Sanderlin, who was a practicing attorney at that time, gave his all for the cause. He was there for us day and night.

"The strike had long-range positive results."

Skeptics say that the strike did not produce positive results due to strikers losing seniority, sick leave and vacation. Savage had worked for the city for 18

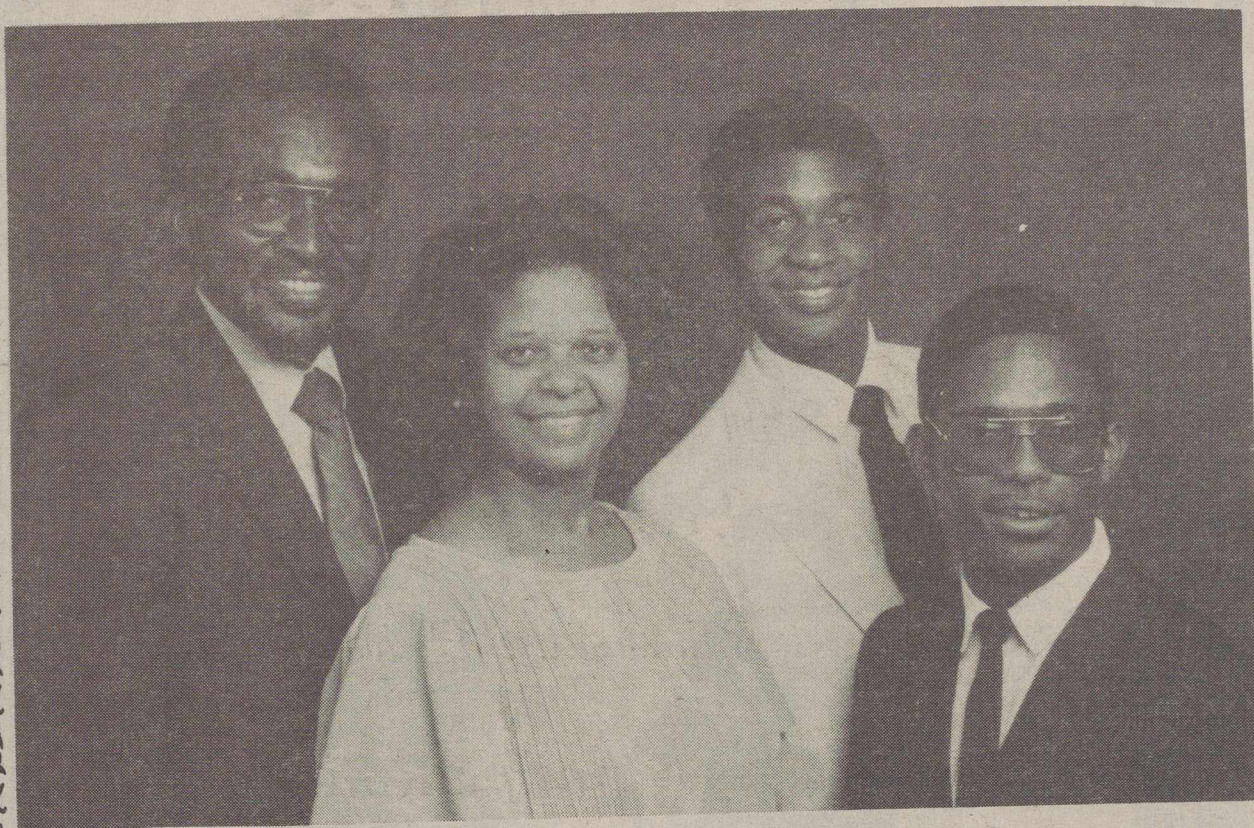
years at that time and agrees that he was not satisfied with the city's settlement nor was Attorney Sanderlin. But Savage is of the opinion that "Sometimes the best gain is to lose" and the songster knows a song that says it all: "You can't hurry God. No, you just have to wait, trust Him and give Him time, no matter how long it takes... He might not be there when you want Him but He is right on time." Savage has witnessed the gains and the timeliness of God's blessings prior to retiring after 37 years with the city.

Consider the organization of the Community Alliance and the union which represents sanitation workers. This writer read an article in the *St. Petersburg Times* recently: "Gathering Garbage Is No Dirty Work." Twenty-two years since the strike garbage collection for the most part is mechanized. Long-range positive results from the strike are evidenced in salaries, benefits and working conditions.

Freelance photographer W.L. Jones, who was a sanitation worker at that time, applauds Savage for strong leadership and the workers and community for uniting and standing up to the city for what they thought was right. Jones said that the strike benefited the entire city of St. Petersburg in the long run.

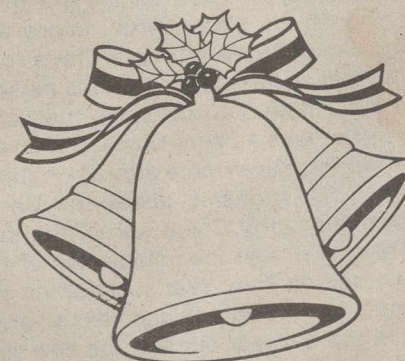
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Season's Greetings to All!

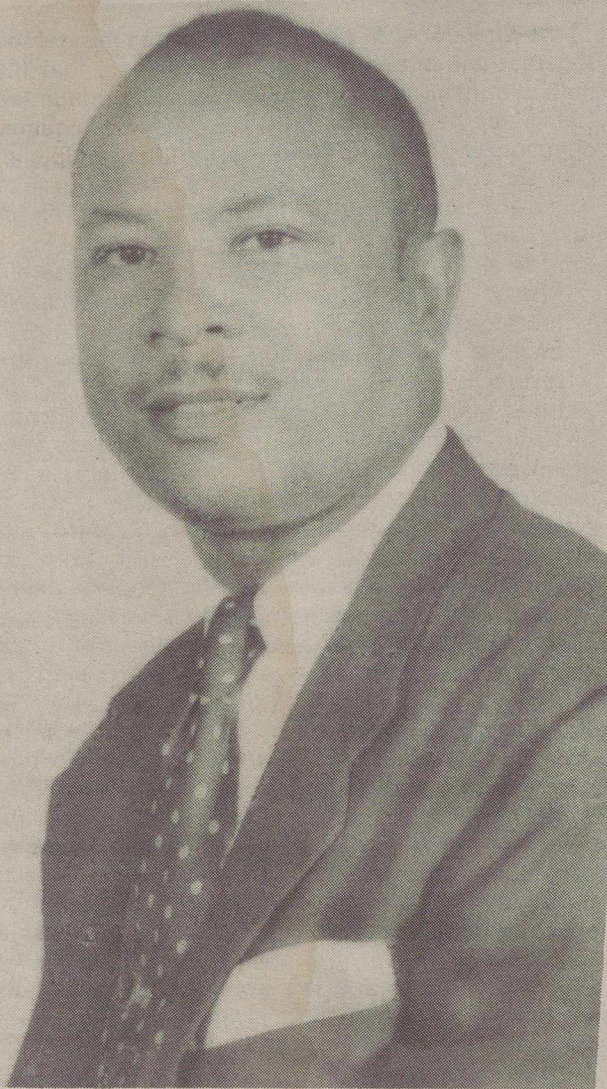


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*May the Christ
of the
First Advent
be born
anew
in each heart
so that we may
be prepared
to meet
the Christ
of the
Second Advent.*



Willie Allen



Willie Allen, a St. Petersburg resident, died October 5, 1990. He was born February 15, 1915 in Pelham, GA to the late Walter and Carrie Allen, the proud

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"Just as the twig is bent, the tree is inclined."

Or as Mr. Savage would say, "The chip off the old block don't fly far." Savage has seven children and most of them are most of them are inclined to sing.

A son who lives in California, Sam Savage is a dynamite singer who headlined entertainment at some of the better clubs in the Tampa Bay area. Savage said that Sam is still singing up a storm and enjoying it. Some of his daughters sing in the choir and his son Abdul K. Ali is involved in community affairs. He has served in an official capacity on the Community Alliance and other organizations. "I kicked like a buck rabbit when he became a Muslim," Savage said, "but I had a change of heart and I'm so proud of his dedication and service to the community."

Like his father, Mr. Savage said that he has tried to maintain a loving relationship with all of his children. He feels that trying to set a good example and staying in the church and a lot of serious prayer helped him to raise his children without a lot of problems. He admits they got into mischief but he thanks God that he did not have to contend with the problems that parents are faced with today.

Celebrate the Christ Child

On Christmas morning, little Joe Savage was more than delighted to open his gifts of fruit, candy and items of clothing. He believed in Santa Claus for a long time. He laughed as he recalled how his parents made tracks in the chimney to convince their children that indeed there was a Santa Claus. But on the other hand, they put forth even more effort to instill in their children that Christmas is about the Christ Child, the Savior of humanity. There were Christmas programs held at church and the celebration of the holy birth culminated on New Year's Eve when the community gathered at the church and held all-night services to watch the old year out and the new year come in.

At Christmas time Deacon Savage extends wishes for a Holy Christmas season filled with God's glory, peace and love!

parents of 14 children, nine girls and five boys.

Willie's twin sister, Willie Mae, preceded him in death three years ago.

Willie attended public schools in Pelham and moved to St. Petersburg in 1935. He started his first job at the Holsom Cafeteria where he met many good friends and made new acquaintances, who would help him share his active life through the years.

He was employed at the Princess Martha Hotel during the winter months for many years. Summers were spent in Cleveland, OH where Willie worked and spent his time off with his brothers and sisters who

live there.

He was also employed by the H.W. Holland family of Snell Isle for a number of years. Having such an outstanding personality, Willie made friends wherever he went.

He was a faithful member and deacon of Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church for many years.

He was a member and president of the Lily Security Benefit Association and a member of Lily Lodge #132.

Willie retired from First Florida Bank (formerly Rutland Bank) in 1984.

In 1968 he exchanged wedding vows with the former Gladys Brown to

Religious Course Combo at SPJC

CLEARWATER — St. Petersburg Junior College offers two courses relating to the Judeo-Christian heritage during Session II. The course, New Testament Survey, begins Jan. 8 from 7 to 9:40 p.m. in the Social Sciences Building on the Clearwater campus. Study includes the historical, cultural, literary and religious development of the New Testa-

ment. Topics include the synoptic problem, the historical Jesus, the social and economic ideas of the Acts and Paul's concept of women in the modern world. The course number for this class is REL 1240-640.

The second course, the Jewish Experience, begins this January at the Temple B'Nai Israel, 1685 South Belcher Rd. Starting Jan. 14 and running through May 1 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., this course covers the breadth and significance of the Jewish experience. Topics include Judaism and Islam, how and why the

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Pastor Gaskin and family
and the entire
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Missionary Baptist Church Family
wish to express sincere gratitude
to friends and community
for your support this year;
and hope for you all a
Joyous Christmas and
Prosperous New Year!*



Seated, grandson Aundrae Vinson Gaskin, Cookie Gaskin and Pastor Don Gaskin. Standing, daughter Vikki Gaskin and son, Aaron Gaskin.

Deniece Williams

From The Beginning, Deniece Williams' newest release on Sparrow Records, holds special meaning for the singer, and with good reason. "Listening to this album is like taking a trip through my life," she says. "I've done Christian music on all of my albums since 1976. I've had a lot of people ask me about these songs because the music was unavailable to the Gospel marketplace. So we said, 'Why not put these songs together and let people know what God's been doing with my life the past fourteen years?'"

Now, for the first time, the collected Gospel works of Deniece Williams, originally recorded for Columbia Records, are available on one Sparrow album. From The Beginning not only reaffirms her standing as one of the most extravagantly talented singers of her time, but also reemphasized her Christian commitment while recording for a secular label.

Many of the songs on From The Beginning are familiar, and some, like "God Is Truly Amazing," have intriguing stories behind them. It started out as a little vocal exercise I'd sing every night before going on stage," recalls Deniece, "and then it developed into a song. My label at the time wasn't too thrilled with putting it on an album, but I said, 'Wait a minute,' I explained that I wasn't going to do an album unless it included Gospel music, because it's such an intricate part of who I am. As it turned out, 'God Is Truly Amazing' was the most played song on the record." Deniece later went on to sing this same song before millions of people in an electrifying performance at the Grammy Awards.

Deniece often had to fight to include Gospel songs on her albums, but it was a fight she never shied away from. Says Deniece, "I recorded a song called 'Whiter Than Snow,' and they didn't want to put the lyrics to that song on the album! Somehow, all the other lyrics were included on the project, but mysteriously, not the ones to 'Whiter Than Snow.'"

"Doing gospel music was definitely the bone of contention between my earlier label and me.



"but I was able to say things to people in the entertainment business that no minister could ever say to them. I don't believe that there is anybody in the record industry that wants to see Deniece Williams not be a Christian. Because I think silently they are pulling for me to make it."

Deniece wanted to do more than include Gospel songs on her pop albums; she wanted an album that was entirely Gospel.

The past few years have been truly memorable for Deniece. She married, gave birth to her third son, Forrest, and is now expecting a fourth child. Already the mother of two teenage sons, Deniece has understandably slowed her pace somewhat, with one young baby and another on the way, she's also

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Jewish people entered various lands with particular focus on Israel and the U.S. The course also covers such issues as Jewish tradition and practices, anti-Semitism and Jewish survival in the modern world. The course number for this class is REL 2600-610.

cut down on touring, concentrating more on her family.

Yet she remains very much in the hearts and minds of the music community. Recently, she was honored with the Urban Contemporary

Gospel Award at James Cleveland's Excellence Awards.

With a close loving family and strong Christian faith, Deniece continually remains committed to her calling.

Hunger still the world's most persistent foe

Hunger remains the world's number one killer. Nearly 17 million people died of hunger last year despite improved farming techniques and massive relief programs.

Because hunger persists even in countries that have made social and economic progress, experts predict that in the year 2000, hunger will still kill as many people as it does today.

"Even a relatively successful developing nation like Ecuador has found that hunger is the last problem to improve rather than the first," says Dale Harrison, director of programs in Ecuador for CARE, the international relief and development organization. "Ecuador has reduced immunizable diseases, diarrhea and respiratory problems over the last decade, but hunger-related deaths have not decreased."

"The secret of hunger's persistence is that it has so many causes," says Scott Falia, CARE's director in Ethiopia. "Ethiopia is a classic example: hunger is increased by drought, war, flight of refugees, soil erosion, population growth, poverty and more. A society needs to defeat all of those problems to feed itself successfully."

Even an abundance of

food can lead to hunger. In Niger, an arid country of 6.5 million people in western Africa, farmers produced an all-time bumper crop of millet in 1988. Because times are good, the government there fears a population boom.

"The government has started an informal campaign to encourage smaller families," says Joseph Kessler, CARE's director there. "Many of the children born in years of plenty die of hunger the very next year."

Perhaps hunger's most insidious aspect is its ability to weaken its victim, inviting other problems. Children often die of diarrhea or measles after first being made susceptible by chronic malnutrition and infants are born underweight or poorly developed because their mothers were malnourished.

"Preventing hunger is a lot more than shipping a sack of grain" says Kessler. "That's why CARE makes sure that in addition to food, people receive tools, information, loans, health advice and more," he says. "Hunger will still be around in the year 2000 but I believe we will master it eventually — our work will not be in vain."

Season's Greetings!

The Christmas season is a most exciting season for the great majority of people in America and many other nations where the Christian faith has deep roots. Unfortunately, the Christmas season for some is a gloomy one. The commercialization of Christmas causes many unable to purchase gifts to experience some shame and embarrassment. In the latter half of the 20th century in particular, the emphasis upon the material gift has usurped the spiritual significance in the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. In Jesus' temptation experience the emphatic words to the tempter "man does not live by bread alone but by every word of God" is an indictment upon Christian believers who not only during Christmas season, but the whole year through, take too lightly the spiritual values while becoming bankrupt on material things. The Christian community must strive to make the words of John 3:16 a reality "for God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." These words should bring joy and hope to everyone who receives them. If our leaders of the world had this joy and hope in their personal lives, we would not be in the Persian Gulf and many other parts of the world in arms. Pray for our soldiers. Have A Happy Holiday.



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British Group Nu Colors Debuts in U.S.

Twenty years after the first British invasion brought us the simple bouncing melodies of the Beatles, a new wave sweeps across the Atlantic from the UK. Its sound emanates from the stone cathedrals and neighborhood churches of London. Percolating with the exhilarating spirit of soul and the unifying force of Gospel, it is a sound for and of today, a music which confronts the plagues of humanity like racism and drug abuse and pushes listeners to a higher plane of heavenly delight. It is a manifestation of truth through joyous hearts and dancing feet.

At the forefront of this urban contemporary movement is Nu Colors, an offshoot of the famed London Community Gospel Choir. Throughout the past six years, the LCGC had established itself as an important contributor to the British music scene. Backing up musical legends like Paul McCartney and Al Green and innovators like the Eurythmics, the LCGC lent its inspirational power to songs which repeatedly ended



up on the charts. They became a hot property for artists and producers looking for majestic voices to spice up their

creations.

Then in early 1988, choir members Wayne Michael Wilson, Mark Beswick and Lawrence

Johnson realized there was a need for a new direction. A direction that would negate the easy listening stereotype

that was often attached to the music of a mass choir and communicate more readily to the ears of the nation. In spite of

their commercial success musically, these three wanted a platform for their words as well. A

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Season's Greetings

*May the gift of
God's love
brighten your
Christmas Holidays
and then may His love bring you
happiness and peace
throughout the year.*



*Merry Christmas
and
Happy
New Year!
Dr. Henry J.
Lyons and
Family*



Dr. Henry J. Lyons (seated), Vonda J. Lyons (left) and Deborah L. Lyons



Patrick Henderson

Patrick Henderson, the producer, arranger and principal writer for *Little Saints in Praise*, grew up in Dallas, TX where he was actively involved in the music of his pastor/father's church, part of the Church of God in Christ. This led to opportunities to work with Grammy winner the Rev. James Cleveland on his regular concert tours through Dallas.

Through his work with Cleveland, Patrick was discovered by secular rocker Leon Russell and subsequently invited to tour with him in 1971. He wanted us to do a 30 minute Gospel show before he came on stage

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fresh start was needed. According to choir director Bazil Meade, "It was time for something new; we'd been doing the same thing for five years and the enthusiasm was beginning to wane. At that point the idea of forming a smaller unit began to grow." In October 1988, the idea became a reality with the birth of Nu Colors.

Utilizing the cream of British Gospel's finest musicians, Nu Colors couples the inspiration and devotion of the LCGC with the pop sensibilities of British soul and R&B. And this time out, the band stresses not just their contemporary sound but also their words of hope and redemption.

and then we sang back-up for him. It seemed like a rare opportunity." This led to playing piano for three years with Nils Lofgren before Lofgren became guitarist for Neil Young and later Bruce Springsteen. Patrick then recorded an album with his own group Black Grass.

After time spent on the road, Patrick relocated to California where a friendship with Doobie Brother Michael McDonald was established. Together, he and McDonald wrote two Doobie songs, "Open Your Eyes" and the hit single "Real Love." Patrick also co-produced with McDonald

an album for McDonald's wife Amy Holland, which was nominated for a Grammy for new artist of the year.

Since 1979, Patrick has served as the director of music for the West Angeles Church of God in Christ under Bishop Charles E. Blake, whom he credits with the guidance and supervision that led to the success of *Saints in Praise* and *Simple Words, Children in Praise*, vol. one.

Patrick Henderson is guided by a theological vision of the body of Christ. "Currently there is a definite difference between Black sacred worship music and white

sacred worship music," he said. "What the Lord is blessing us to do is create one language for the body of Christ, black or white, that may come together and find a common ground. If there ever was a sign that the Lord Jesus is coming, it's that one language is being spoken by the body of Christ. To that point there has not been a recording that sought to be a bridge between the different nationalities, as we sought to do with these children's praise records."

Patrick has also worked as producer for the Rickey Grundy Chorale's self-titled debut album,

Saints in Praise, from the West Angeles Church of God in Christ's Mass Choir and congregation and on a new Lynnette Hawkins project, but his strength, he feels is as a writer. Patrick sees himself as tied to the great tradition of worship and communication through the music that goes all the way back through the Psalms of David to the earliest worship of God. "I'm not really suggesting anything new, just hearkening back to the way God's people have always sought to seek God's presence and find His will. These songs communicate and draw the children and

How to help poor neighborhoods

by Robert L. Woodson

In communities across America during the Depression, churches, neighborhood associations and families stood between the private lives of individuals and large-scale government programs. This gave communities cohesiveness of spirit and

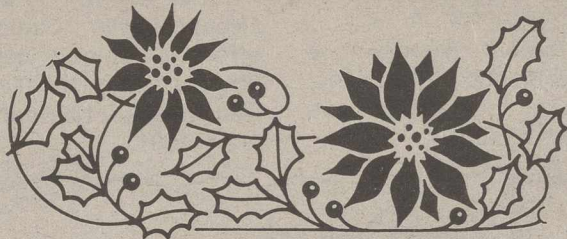
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anyone who hears the meaning of the words, into the presence of the Lord where He leads and makes us whole."

Christmas Song
Why do bells at Christmas ring?
Why do little children sing?
Once a lovely, shining star,
seen by shepherds from afar,
Gently moved until its light
made a manger's cradle bright.

There a darling baby lay,
Pillowed soft upon the hay.
And His Mother sang and smiled;
"This is Christ, the holy child."
So bells for Christmas ring,
So the little children sing.

The pastor and congregation of Greater St. Paul wish you A Blessed Yuletide Season.



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Greater St. Paul
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Season's Greetings from W.L. Jones Photographer & Staff

Son: John Paul Jones
Daughter: Willene Thomas
Granddaughter: Tania Marie Thomas
& Gwen Riley

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purpose during a time of setback and retrenchment. Rent parties, rummage sales, quilting bees, church socials, homecomings, lodge meetings and neighborhood gatherings around a communal pot-bellied stove served as methods of information exchange and resource sharing for neighborhoods throbbing with the will and desire to survive.

Such grass-roots, self-help approaches were, however, abandoned by the liberal social policymakers of the New Deal era and beyond. Since the 1960s, there has been a 25-fold increase in the amount of federal, state and local dollars spent to meet the needs of the poor. Yet one-third of Black America is still in danger of becoming a permanent underclass. Moreover, the number of children living in poverty has expanded while the quality of their education has declined.

The funding that was designated to help poor people has gone, for the most part, to support a large class of counselors, bureaucrats and social workers — what I call the "Poverty Pentagon." There are hundreds of aid programs that administer over \$100 billion each year. In New York City, the Community Service Society (a 100-year-old social work agency) examined how funding intended to meet the needs of that city's 1.4 million poor people (or one-fifth of its population) was actually spent. The results: of the \$14.5 billion spent to help the poor in 1983, 74 cents of every dollar went to the service industry; only 26 cents was spent on rent, food, clothes and other such needs. In many cases, social welfare programs actually exacerbate the very problems they were designed to solve and destroy families in the name of helping.

Americans, especially Black Americans, have become frustrated and infuriated with well-intended programs that do not lead to the desired results. They are not prepared to continue to have money thrown at the problems.

Old-line government remedies and patchwork programs have not significantly helped the unemployed underclass, who by their sizable numbers seem to mock the ideals of a free enterprise system. But it is

this very system that could enable them to join the economic mainstream. Aggressive efforts must be made to introduce new approaches that build on both the free enterprise system and the strengths and resources already existing in our communities.

Many analysts cite poverty as a condition inextricably linked to racism. The argument is made that racial integration, nurtured by preferential government programs, will ultimately bring Blacks and other minorities into the economic mainstream. But this strategy has been tried and hasn't worked.

An alternative approach rests on a cardinal principle: Those suffering from the problems must be involved in designing and executing solutions to them. They have firsthand knowledge and they have the greatest interest in the outcome. A successful community-based development strategy therefore must be based on several steps:

- Give assistance to community efforts that are genuinely the product of neighborhood initiatives and that have shown themselves capable of mobilizing local resources and sustaining an organization to deal with local issues.

- Explore welfare assistance approaches that enable recipients to invest public assistance payments in small businesses or job-training programs. There are several ways in which welfare could be restructured to stimulate general economic improvement in poor communities. One would be to convert assistance payments into vouchers to be used by employers as wages. This action would make low-income residents in distressed areas more competitive in the employment market as well as promote greater self-sufficiency. A simple voucher plan also would be more attractive to employers than complicated tax credit programs. In addition, policies which prevent the unskilled from getting entry-level work experience, such as the minimum wage and labor union licensing restrictions, should be eliminated.

- Explore ways to provide private health insurance to families who leave aid to families with dependent children. This would eliminate one of the most significant bar-

Washington Cathedral: A Noble Dream Becomes Reality

by Stephanie Stubbs
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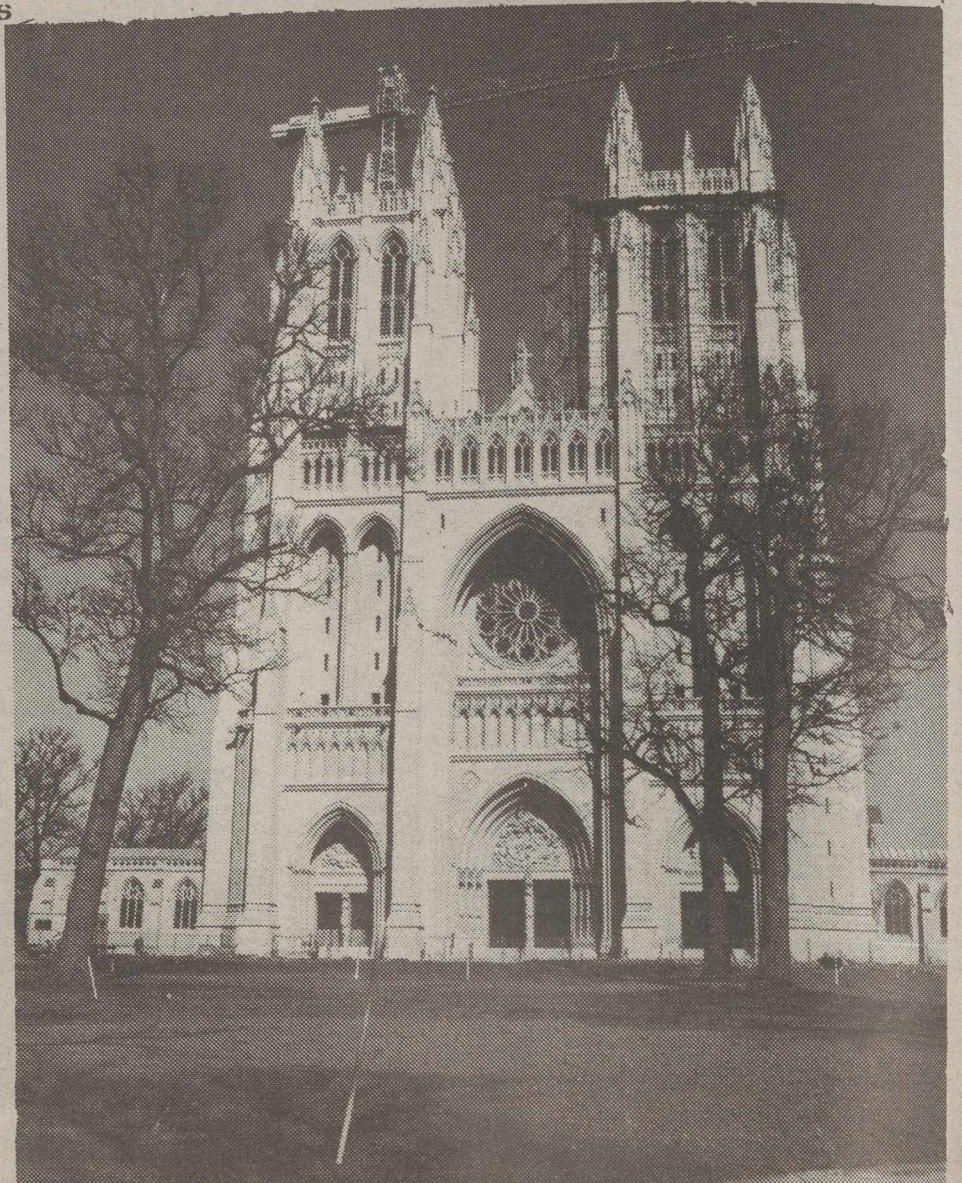
"Acts of optimism," declared modern architect LeCorbusier, in describing medieval cathedrals. The optimism shines in an architect's design, passing the dream of completion down through generations. That description fits the Washington Cathedral, which, when its final stone was laid on September 29, 1990, is 83 years (to the day) new. Crowning Mount Saint Albans, one of the highest hills in Washington, DC, the cathedral has functioned as a church since 1912, when its Bethlehem Chapel first opened.

Officially named the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, See page 13

riers to welfare recipients taking jobs: the loss of medical benefits. Various alternatives should be explored, such as extending Medicaid benefits in the form of vouchers to newly employed low-income persons.

With these and other innovative self-help programs, America's most depressed neighborhoods can be nurtured back to good health.

Robert Woodson is president of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise.

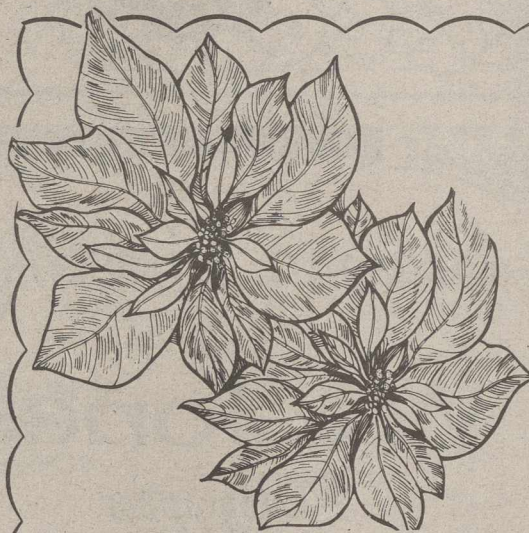


Franciscan Center Holds Alternate Celebration

TAMPA—The Franciscan Center, Tampa, offers a unique celebration of the New Year December 31, 1990-January 1, 1991.

The Center Team will give a presentation and invite participants to join in prayer, reflection, fellowship, and Eucharistic Liturgy in a joyful atmosphere as we welcome the birthing of a new year.

Registration is at 6 p.m. on December 31, supper at 7 p.m. The celebration closes after breakfast on New Year's Day. There is no set charge; however, a donation will be accepted.



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May God Bless All Of You.

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Nicky, C.W. & Jewell Lovett*

Read Psalms 21



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Washington Cathedral's design originated through the genius of English cathedral architect George Bodley and architect Henry Vaughn of Boston. After their deaths, the work was taken over in 1921 by a young California architect named Philip Frohman, who devoted the next 50 years to the task. Frohman did much to enhance the original design, most notably the west front.

The church was built in the medieval manner, with no modern steel to hold up its buff-colored limestone walls, and is the sixth largest cathedral in the world. Bishop Henry Yates Satterlee, elected first Episcopal bishop of Washington in 1895, prevailed against popular opinion to have the cathedral designed in the Gothic style. Gothic design, used for centuries, fell into disfavor for centuries, but was being revived during the late 1800s. (The men of the Renaissance named the style Gothic after their favorite barbarians, the Goths, to show their disdain for it.)

The National Cathedral exhibits the formal points of Gothic design: squared-off towers topped with decorative pinnacles; soaring vaults and pointed arches that direct the eye heavenward; and flying buttresses that carry some of the cathedral to the ground, relieving some of the would-be pressure on the walls. For this reason the walls don't have to be solid stone; they can be cut into to create another standard Gothic element: the stained glass window. Two hundred creations of color and light grace the cathedral, ranging from the traditional 24-foot diameter west rose window to an abstract creation of the universe, complete with an authentic chunk of moonrock. An army of 100 gargoyles display the stonecutters' ancient skill and sense of humor containing in their ranks a caveman, a hippie, a yuppie and an apoplectic Roger Morigi, one of the hot-tempered master carvers.

Visitors, after pondering the cathedral's architectural glory, should complete the experience with a contemplative stroll through the bishop's garden on the south side of the grounds. The garden, pleasingly wild and vaguely gothic itself, has



Little Saints in Praise

Little Saints in Praise is the second release focused on the talents of the Children's Angelic Choir of the West Angeles Church of God in Christ, but this time instead of bringing in adult ringers like Deniece Williams, BeBe & CeCe Winans, Tramaine Hawkins and Clifton Davis to provide the lead vocals as they did for volume one, the voices of these fine children stand on their own. And they don't just stand — they dance, skip and hop through songs of praise and worship both traditional and familiar, written especially for this project and the concerns of youth today.

Writer, producer and arranger Patrick Henderson explains: "Billy Ray Hearn and I surveyed the

children and I was shocked by what we learned. The children's vote for favorite musical artists were divided between the Winans and M.C. Hammer and most of them listed rap as their favorite style of music. But, interestingly, their favorite song was called "Jesus, You're the Center of My Joy," which was written by Richard Smallwood and Bill and Gloria Gaither. Seeing the results, I realized that kids today are a lot more sophisticated than we give them credit for. So when we began the writing for the *Little Saints* album, we focused on not only the kinds of things that the children would enjoy singing but the kinds of ideas and words that we wanted to impress

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B-CC area of Religion and Philosophy receives grant

DAYTONA BEACH, FL.—Bethune-Cookman College, in cooperation with the Conference Division of the Ministry, has received a grant of \$4,950 from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in Nashville, Tenn. The grant is to con-

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Join the wise men, follow the star of Jesus to glory and to salvation

grown and developed over the years from a small kitchen garden that was part of the original overall site design by Frederick Law Olmsted, the nation's most respected landscape architect of the times. Built around a series of winding paths, the garden contains a sequence of quiet surprises that include fragrant herbs (some popular in medieval times), wild flowers, fountains, a sundial and boxwood hedges from the estates of Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and James Madison.



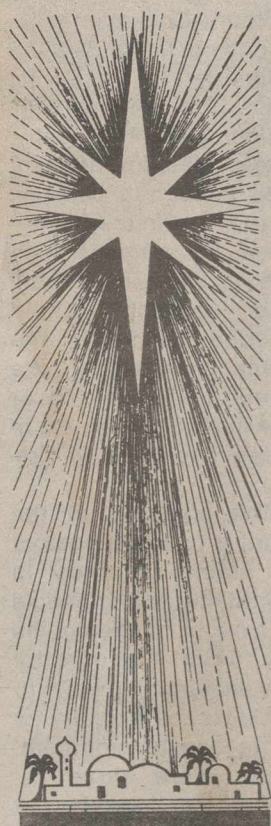
He Is the Light of the World

Season's Greetings

from
Rev. M. Mason Walker
and the
Good Members of



Moore's Chapel
African Episcopal Methodist Church
3037 Fairfield Avenue S
St. Petersburg, FL 33712



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upon them.

"We thought it was important — with all that is going on in Eastern Europe and in South Africa — for the children to be thinking about the world and the need for peace, so we wrote 'Sing A Praise For Peace' to get them thinking in that direction. 'How to Worship & Praise' and 'How Do We Thank You' further focus the attention of the children on how it is that God invites us to grateful praise and teaches them while they're in the very practice of singing."

Ruth Schofield, the Angelic Choir's director for five years, sees the benefits of the choir reaching into the homes of the children. The choir has 160 voices ranging in age from 4 to 12 and is highly structured involving two Saturday practices a month. "The choir," she says, "provides an outlet for fun and fellowship and gives us an opportunity to educate them about Christ."

Both Henderson and Schofield are clear that children involved in the choir are better equipped to ward off the temptations of drugs, violence and delinquency, which are so rampant in cities across America. Says Schofield, "We are encouraging the kids within the choir to see a way of life that says no to drugs, that works through education toward a better future for themselves and for the community. We use the practices to get to know the kids and offer our support and help."

Another real concern of children in this culture is social relevance. Henderson says, "We decided to record 'Pride (In the Name of Love),' the U2 song, because of the relevance of the message about Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and because it would have a universal appeal. Music is the one common ground that kids and everyone in the world loves. We also did the rap 'We Are the Children' because of its relevance to what the kids are listening to when they aren't in church."

The *Little Saints in Praise* project, featuring the voices of the Angelic Choir of the West Angeles Church of God in Christ, involves ministry to children by children. Countering a trend of unchurched youth throughout our culture, these songs of praise, worship and hope draw kids from the streets and the influences of gangs, drugs and hopelessness into lives focused on the blessings and peace of Christ. Bishop Blake, Henderson and Schofield are seeing the lives of these little saints changed by the power of God's word in song and now these voices and songs are available to touch the lives of little saints everywhere.

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duct a project of developing ministerial leadership for the predominately Black churches in the Florida Conference. The grant was awarded to Bethune-Cookman in response to an application submitted by Dr. Daniel Sain, Professor of Religion and Philosophy. The request for the grant was submitted because of the need in the Conference for persons with the proper educational and leadership skills needed to serve the Black churches. In the coming decade, over one-half of the pastors in those churches will retire.

The objective of the grant is to assist pastors in Black churches in identifying young people who might be open to the call to Christian ministry and encouraging them to consider the ministry as a life-long commitment. There were three regional meetings in the Conference to which all pastors of Black churches were invited to consider their role and opportunity in this much

needed area. Meetings were held Nov. 17 at Trinity United Methodist Church, West Palm Beach; the Rev. Neo Garvin, pastor. Pastors in the West Palm Beach, Melbourne, and Miami districts were in attendance.

Dec. 8, McCabe United Methodist Church, St. Petersburg; the Rev. Floyd Waters, pastor. Pastors in the St. Petersburg, Tampa, Sarasota, Ft. Myers and Lakeland districts were in attendance.

December 15, Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, Gainesville; the Rev. Geraldine Massey, pastor. Pastors in the Gainesville, Jacksonville, Leesburg, DeLand and Orlando districts were in attendance.

On January 26 and 27, high school and junior college students who are interested about the ministry will visit the campus of Bethune-Cookman College for a program dealing with the

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B-CC announces new scholarship program

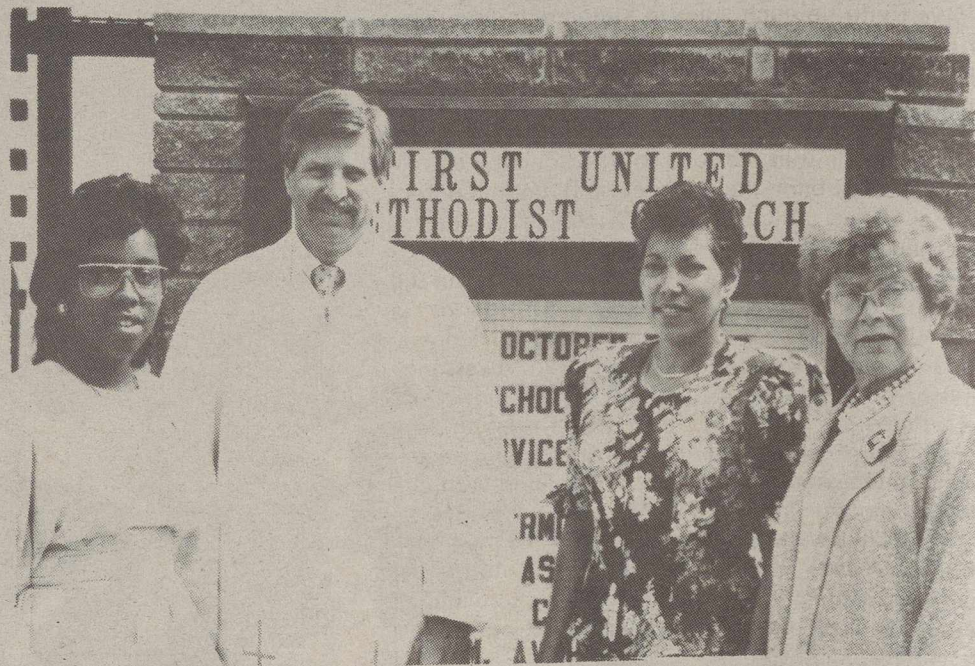
DAYTONA BEACH —

An exciting scholarship program which not only enables Bethune-Cookman College students to receive funding toward tuition and college-related expenses but also introduces them personally to their benefactors was inaugurated this semester with a contribution of \$5,000 from John and Helen Leahey of Ormond Beach. The Befriend a Student Scholarship Program matches students with individual benefactors, church congregations, organizations and other interested groups so that they can get to know those helping to finance their education.

The Leaheys, who moved to this area three years ago from Chicago, have become involved on the campus in several advisory capacities. "Since working with the students," said John Leahey, "I've developed a friendship with many of them and an interest in their well-being."

"My wife wanted to do something that would help the students financially and at the same time introduce them to people in the community who not only would make a monetary contribution to their educational needs but would also give of their time and talents. Thus, students could have experiences away from campus in a friend and mentoring situation," said Leahey.

One of the goals of the



program is to provide B-CC students with opportunities outside their culture and lifestyles. In addition to Leahey's gift, contributions have been made by the First United Methodist Church of New Smyrna Beach. The congregation awarded their women's scholarship to Dana Blanks, a freshman business administration major from Clearmont, FL. Additional contributions have

been made by benefactors in Chicago.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Kenneth Crossman, pastor of Community United Methodist Church in Casselberry, interest in the program has been developed among the United Methodist churches. "I see the Befriend a Student Program as an exciting new avenue for building a bridge of love and understanding be-

tween the college, its students and ourselves," said Rev. Crossman.

From left to right: Dana Blanks; Rev. Leslie Archin, pastor, First United Methodist Church, New Smyrna Beach; Donna Meade, B-CC interim VP for development; Ruth McGee of the United Methodist Women's Scholarship program.

Family - Oriented Wedding Ceremony Strengthens

When Linda Walton told her daughter that she intended to marry Barton Cooper, nine-year-old Amber didn't even try to hide her displeasure. "She was very upset," recalls Walton-Cooper, a Crystal River, Florida resident. "Amber didn't feel like she was

gaining a stepdad; in fact, she was sure she was losing her mother. She immediately began distancing herself from Barton, and I know how painful that was for him."

Walton-Cooper was confronted with a dilemma that will be exper-

enced by most of the nearly one million parents who will remarry this year: First, what can be done to ease the fears of children who feel their secure place in the family is threatened by the pending marriage of a parent? And, secondly,

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Rev. Wilkins Garrett Jr., Pastor

Nicholas is "More Than Music"

"We try to tie each song to statements, thoughts or events that can have special significance to individuals," says Philip Nicholas of the Gospel duo Philip and Brenda Nicholas. "What we mean when we call our new Command Records album 'More Than Music' is that it's food for the soul."

The new album includes several contemporary Gospel songs which broaden Nicholas' appeal to many audiences; plus a traditional quartet number "By and By"; songs with a choir, "Diamonds" and Bill Gaither's standard "He Touched Me"; Holy Spirit, "a ballad that is being favorably compared to Nicholas' 'God's Woman'; and their new Christian "love song" entitled "I do."

Nicholas is both a pioneer of "Christian love songs" and of youth-oriented contemporary Gospel numbers that capture attention by dealing with current issues.

"More Than Music" features an array of the styles of Black Gospel," says Phil Nicholas. "It mirrors the many styles of Black music today which are all descendents of the spiritual music that our people originated."

"There are a lot of things on this new album that recall this heritage," says Phil. "When I was a child, I tried to sing acapella bass in the choir in my father's church on old Negro spirituals. On 'More Than Music', we recall that by singing the great spiritual 'By and By' quartet style, on which I do the bass part."

"The effectiveness of this approach was proven by its use in a song called 'The Invitation' on our Grammy nominated 'Dedicated' album. Now, 'It Won't Be Long' on 'More Than Music' shows signs of being even more powerful and moving.

"More Than Music" is also significant in February because of Valentine's Day. The Nicholases are known as the musical "Sweethearts of Gospel," famed for singing Gospel love-songs that speak of their relationship together in the Lord.

"We try to let our relationship display itself in the music," says Brenda Nicholas. "It is very important to us that we are reaching the people. We want to help couples who are having trouble making their relationship work. We encourage them to communicate and talk about the problems and find the solutions, which in turn will be a blessing to their whole family."

"We hope that the song 'I Do' will help them remember their wedding vows and what it was like when they first got married, re-finding that special spark that they started out with, yet having God in the center of their lives. Memories help a marriage last. Valentine's Day and a special song can help build and strengthen any relationship."

Nicholas' records were among the first Gospel albums to feature lush strings and horn instrumentation, beginning in 1981. "Nicholas Live In Memphis" is currently on the charts and a videotape by the same name is also doing extremely well.

Recordings on the Command label seem to capture following that are black, white, male, female, young, old, traditional, contemporary, Christian and non-Christian. Nicholas and other Command artists have been found to have strong appeal in many music markets but have hitherto lacked distribution to attain substantial recognition there. The Gospel music of Nicholas is believed by many to have R&B and pop crossover potential.

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now can the significant role that many new step-parents will have in the rearing of their stepchildren be acknowledged and supported?

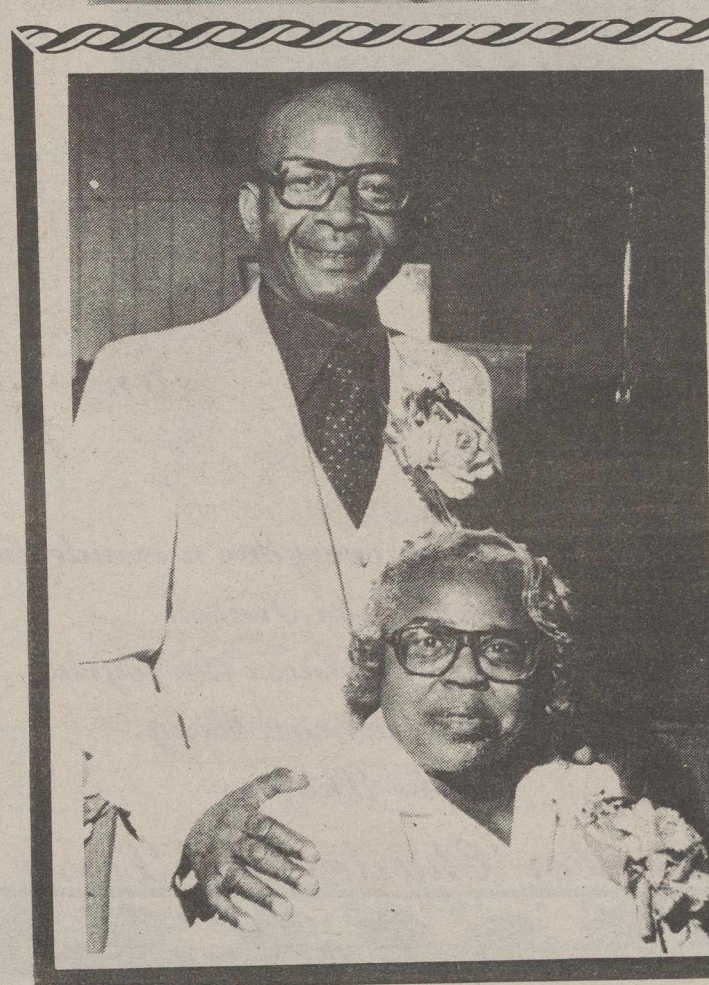
Walton-Cooper found a simple and emotionally satisfying way to address these issues in the form of a family-oriented wedding ceremony designed by a Kansas City, Missouri minister to make children an integral part of the marriage celebration.

The family service, which can be adapted to

any religious or civil wedding ceremony, differs from the traditional

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call to the ministry. Those attending will be afforded the chance to learn about vocational opportunities in Christian ministry, BCC's undergraduate program in religion and philosophy as well as academic scholarships available to students majoring in religion and philosophy.



Season's Greetings!



to the Bible Way Church of God in Christ family and all of our dear friends.

At this time of year when our minds are especially occupied with the thoughts of gifts, may we take time to realize that we have the greatest gift of all to share with the world - the message of life, peace and joy - available to all through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Elder Sylvester Reeves
and wife Thelma Reeves*

Father St. Hubert: Taking the Road Less Traveled

If the road to Heaven is narrow and difficult to follow, the access to Haiti's country chapels is not any easier. It takes about one and a half hours to reach the St. Michael Chapel located only 15 miles from the outskirts of Port-au-Prince. But it seems to be at the end of the world. St. Michael is one of the six chapels where Father St. Hubert officiates.

The road, carved in rock, is so poor that riding on it is like climbing stairs with a vehicle. Only four-wheel drive jeeps are able to pass. "This road is about 10 years old and needs serious repairs," explains the priest. "We



built it ourselves with the help of the community. That took us two years because we were never able to secure a tractor. So we did it with picks and shovels. Before the building of the road, we used to go to the chapel on horseback. Still, to

get to some of our chapels, we must travel 3-6 hours on horseback to reach the people."

During the rainy seasons, the road often becomes impassible by car, being too slippery and treacherous. But this does not deter Fr. St.

Hubert from doing his best to reach the chapels and bring the spiritual message which so many thirst for in the poor areas of Haiti.

"We want to go to Mass in order to know God better, to understand what He wants us

to do...if we want to go to Heaven, we must know the path that leads there."

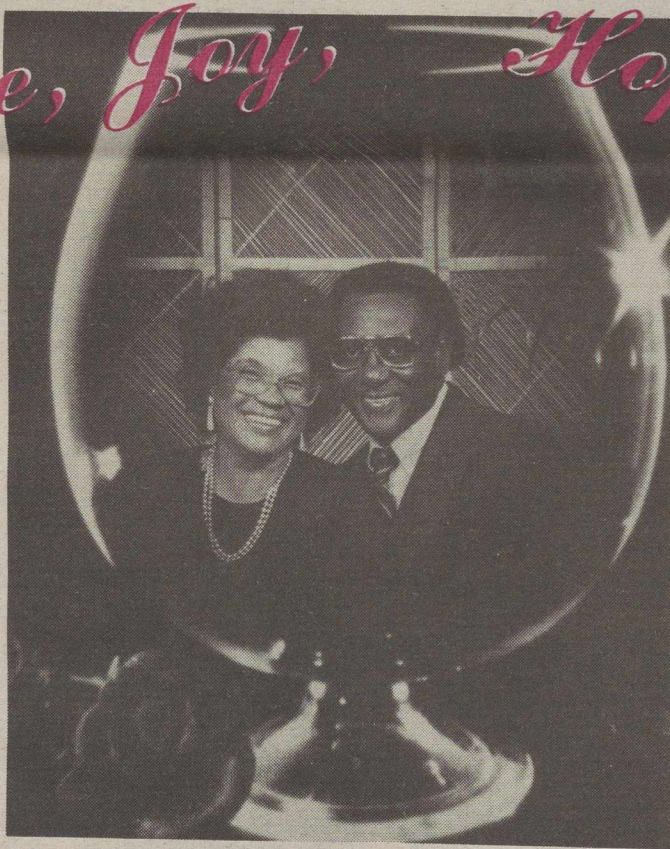
Elie Eugene is one of the hundreds of faithful who regularly attend the Sunday service given by Father St. Hubert at St. Michael Chapel.

"The celebration of the Eucharist has a significant impact on their lives," says the priest. "We can see this by the huge attendance we get each weekend. No matter what time we might get there, even if it is on Sunday afternoon, we always have a completely filled chapel. And when we happen not to come, they complain about it and ask for it. It means a lot to them."

Originally from Arcahaie, a small town north of Port-au-Prince, 57-year-old Father St. Hubert became a priest in 1959. He was first sent to the Carrefour Parish as vicar where he remained for seven years, then on to Jacmel in the South, as priest. When the Carrefour priest was leaving, he asked for Fr. St. Hubert, whom the community had come to

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Peace, Joy, Hope & Love



*We are wishing everyone a wonderful
Christmas Season
and every happiness the joyous
New Year can bring.*

The Shorters

Councilmember Charles and Lessie Shorter

Witness'

WITNESS is an all female group from Detroit who possess the same energy, style, smoothness and charisma as such superstar female groups as the Supremes, the Emotions and the Pointer Sisters.

The WITNESS sound is just as hot and progressive as what's being produced in today's R&B and pop music circles, all wrapped around the "good news message."

How did WITNESS come into being? "I had a great desire to pursue a career in the music business," states group member and spokesperson Tina Brooks. "I approached my brother, Commissioned keyboardist Michael Brooks, around the winter of '86. He instructed me that going solo was a very difficult market to break into. He said that it would be better if I tried singing with an additional person or pursued it from another angle. Yolanda Harris and I went into the studio and cut a couple of songs. A brainstorm arose from that. A girl group why don't we get a girl group together? Michael hand picked everybody. I didn't know everyone personally at the start, but I knew of them. I knew Lisa (Page) through association and Diane (Campbell) belonged to my church. And of course Yolanda was part of the idea. We met together two weeks after the formation of the group, rehearsing for about a week. The following week we went into the studio to cut a demo and went on from there."

WITNESS eventually signed with Indianapolis, Indiana based Tyscot Records where they released two critically acclaimed albums, Keep Looking Up and I've Come Too Far.

Their big break came, as Tina Brooks explains, "after performing at a concert in New York. We did a concert with Commissioned in New York back around May of this year," Brooks excitedly explains. "Raina Bundy, the general manager of Lec-tion Records was there. She had no intention of coming to hear the opening act, which WITNESS happened to be. On this particular occasion, she felt inclined to come



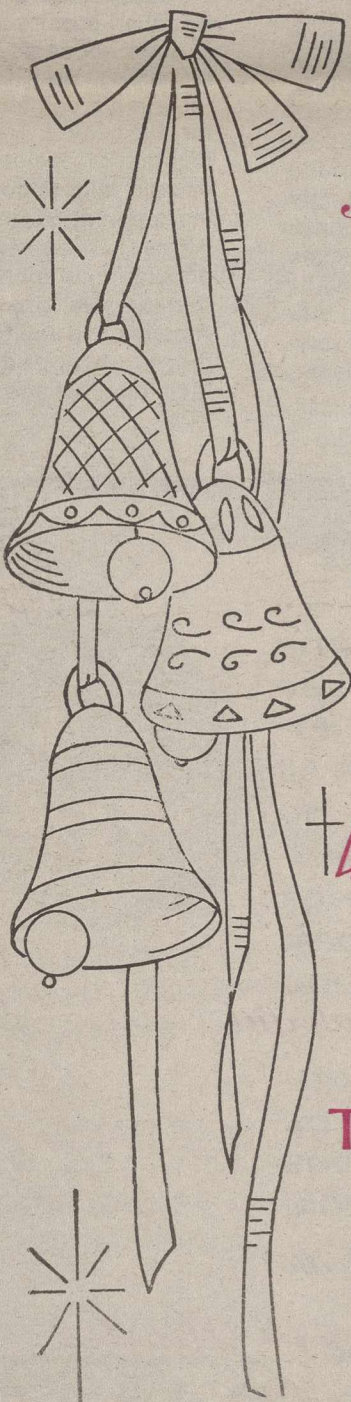
hear us, the opening act, not even knowing our name. When she arrived, she found out that it was WITNESS. She heard us sing and was really blown away, really im-

pressed. We had no idea that she had it on her mind to sign us. After the concert Raina came back stage and gave us a business card. The next day, she called us for in-

formation — pictures, demos, bio, etc. We sent the information to her and about a week later we were informed that she definitely was going to sign us. It really didn't

hit home with many of the girls until we actually signed the papers. That's basically how it happened, and we're extremely excited and thankful about it."

Tina Brooks, Lisa Page, Diane Campbell and Yolanda Harris



A Christmas Thank You

*It is that time of the year again when we,
the staff at Creal Funeral Home
pause to express our gratitude
and appreciation
to our clients and the community
for their confidence and trust in our firm.*



*We say
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and, may the joyous spirit
of the season continue with you
throughout the coming year.*

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St. Petersburg Couple Establishes Christian Entertainment Promotions Company

Some 10 or more years ago, Edward Nesbitt Jr. and his wife Jo Ann conceived an idea of establishing a Christian entertainment promotions company. At the time this idea was conceived, Edward and Jo Ann were semi-professional pop singers touring part time with a group named The Significants. It was shortly after this time that they gave up secular music and decided to

dedicate their time and talent to God.

The idea of a Christian entertainment promotions company lay dormant until 1989 when the Nesbitts began to lay the foundation for what is now New Vision Productions. New Vision is a bona fide progressive Christian entertainment production company licensed by the city of St. Petersburg and Pinellas County.

The goal of the company is to bring to the Tampa Bay area a level of Christian entertainment heightened by a wide variety of events. Among such events will be theater productions and plays, musicals and youth entertainment. A number of events are now being planned to

give youth an alternative to secular entertainment. New Vision Productions is also providing an outlet for Tampa Bay area Christian artists to showcase their talent. The first of many showcases was held in November.



Edward and Jo Ann Nesbitt

The dream of establishing a Christian entertainment promotions company is now being realized by the Nesbitts. They give God all the credit for making their dream a reality. (Photo by Ernest Fillyau)

marriage rites in only one respect: after the newlyweds exchange vows, their children join them for a special service focusing on the family nature of remarriage. During the ceremony each child is given a medallion with three raised interlocking circles, a symbol that represents family love in the same way wedding rings signify conjugal love.

Young Amber, who still wears the medallion every day, says she was proud to be included in her parents' wedding. "I hadn't been very happy about my mother getting married," the youngster admits. "But when they gave me the medal and told me they loved me, all of a sudden I felt better. I knew for sure that Barton liked me and that we were going to be one big family."

The Coopers are just one of thousands of couples who have used the family service over the past few years. It was developed by the Rev. Roger Coleman, Chaplain of Urban Ministry for the Community Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri, because few traditional Judeo-Christian wedding services validated the rightful place of children in the remarriage relationship.

"Every day of my ministry I see how divorce creates a sense of failure and hopelessness in people. Instead of condemning divorce, a key issue for all clergy should be: how can we help rebuild the devastation of the American family. The family ceremony-with its affirmation of the new family being formed by remarriage-is an important step in that rebuilding process."

Parents of Catholic school students, as well as business and government leaders concerned about literacy, should take heart in new evidence showing that students in Catholic schools outperform public school students on government-sponsored tests for reading, math and science achievement.

According to a study released by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), math scores of Catholic school students in grades 3, 7 and 11 were about 4.4 percent higher than public school students' scores. They were about 4.9 percent better on reading.

The reasons for this are not completely clear. But research indicates that the higher scores could be attributed to stronger emphasis by Catholic schools on parental involvement and core curriculum, according to Catherine T. McNamee, NCEA president.

The study was done by researchers at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. They used test scores compiled by the National Assessment of Educational Progress, an independent organization that monitors American students' performances on standardized tests.

Minority Scores Better

Minority students in Catholic schools do better on standardized reading tests than their public school counterparts, the study said.

McNamee said that one explanation for this is that Catholic schools have expectations for all their students, regardless of curriculum track, race, ethnicity or social status.

"The bottom line is clear: Catholic schools work," said McNamee. Although Catholic schools are private, they don't merely educate the privileged. A wide variety of students attend these schools, NCEA officials said, from different socio-economic and ethnic groups and with varying degrees of academic

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All Africans need today is the encouragement and the assistance to move ahead. The economic progress we have seen in Asia in recent years is also possible in Africa. What Korea has done, what Malaysia has done, Africa can do too. If in just forty years the Asians and others can build factories, can make hi fis, televisions and automobiles, the Africans can make them too. However, there is a psychological block in America and in the world concerning Africa and Black capabilities. It is a block that must be removed. All Africans need is the education and the tools to do the job and they will do anything anyone else can do, and I am trying to finally help give Africa that education and the skills to do so. In my twenty years of establishing OIC self-help programs across Africa, I have seen the indescribable desire of Africans for education and self improvement. I have seen young Africans who have walked twenty miles a day and back to learn a skill to help themselves and their nations. In my travels to country after country in Africa, I have found a passion for education and economic advancement, particularly in the rural areas, greater than anywhere I have seen, even than in the cities of Chicago, New York and Philadelphia. Throughout Africa people are ready to learn and help themselves. It is an extraordinary sight to see. So the world should take the psychological block concerning Africans and what they cannot do, and cast it into oblivion. I want to see the day come when the people of the world when thinking of Africa will get elephants, Tarzan and trees out of their minds! This is a plea for Africa and its condition and place in the world at this time.

Today Africa is the neglected continent. For most so-called developed nations, Africa is at the bottom of their concerns except for the use of her natural resources. Even for America, this is true. Our own foreign aid commitments for sub-Saharan Africa lag far, far behind. This, in spite of Africa's geographic location on the earth and the fact that Africa is the second largest continent and has the fastest growing population in the world. Within thirty years Africa, barring some great catastrophe, will have a population of more than one billion people, larger at that time in size than Russia, the rest of Europe, America and Japan, all put together. Africa, also, has more untapped resources for the coming technological age than any other place in the world,

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Season's Greetings

Minister James E. Williams and Pastor Johnnie Lee Williams, along with the entire membership of the All Nations Church of God by Faith wish to thank the community, their many friends and supporters for their steadfast contributions and loyalty this year.

We are wishing God's continued blessings on each of you and a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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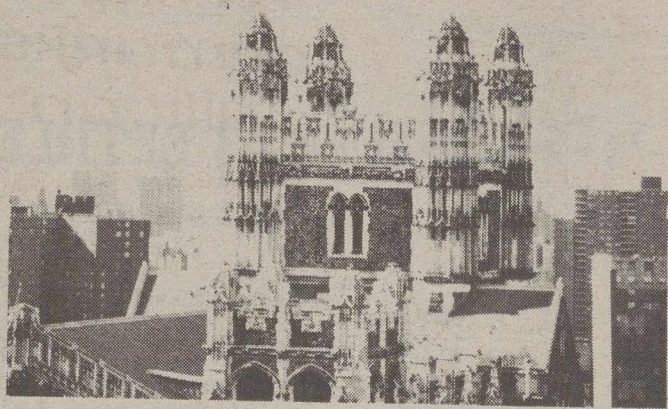


Trials of Terra -Cotta

by Stephanie Stubbs

Terra-cotta, which means "burnt earth" in Italian, has taken forms ranging from flowerpots to gargoyles since the Roman empire. Although similar in composition to common brick, terra-cotta is made of a finer grade of clay and fired at higher temperatures, allowing it to be molded or extruded into plain panels or decorative shapes of ornate detail.

Terra-cotta enjoyed a surge of popularity as a building material in this country from the 1890s to the 1930s. It often was pressed into service as an "imitation" material for stone, and used as structural walls and floors, cladding and decorations on major buildings. Terra-cotta was particularly popular for skyscraper trimmings because it is lighter than stone and its molds could be reused, allow-



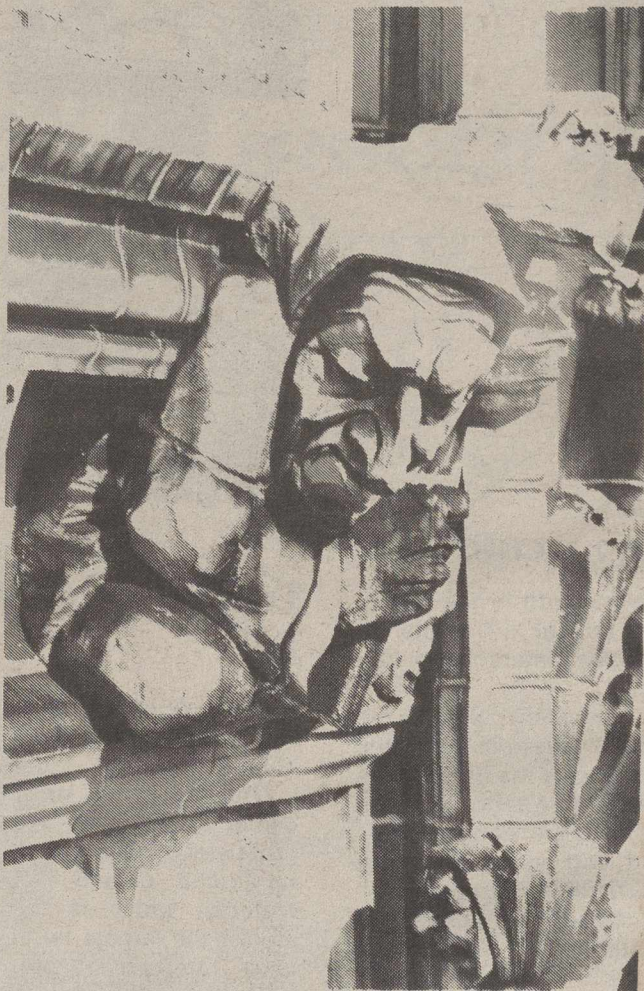
ing repetitious ornament that could be made cheaply.

Until the turn of the century, terra-cotta appeared mostly in its natural warm red-brown color, often in combination with brick. It also made an inexpensive substitute for brown-stone and was used unglazed for decorative panels, which sometimes were painted for protection against the elements. As glazes improved, colored terra-cotta — usually yellow, buff or white — became popular. The Art Deco period of the 1920s popularized terra-cotta in black, gold, green and peach.

But the beauty of the colored glazes had its price. Over decades, it

has been discovered that the glaze is particularly susceptible to failure in climates where temperatures hover around the freezing mark. When a material undergoes freeze-thaw cycles, the pressure caused by contraction-expansion causes the glaze and terra-cotta to move at different rates and the glaze to crack.

Architects facing the challenge of renovating buildings adorned with glazed terra-cotta, much of which is in deteriorated condition, must make the difficult decision of whether to replace it with new terra-cotta or seek some other kind of material. The first consideration is whether replacement terra-cotta will undergo the same



kind of freeze-thaw problems as its predecessor. A second consideration is there are few large-scale terra-cotta suppliers left in the country.

For these reasons, many architects search for alternative replace-

ments that may be more suitable in climates where freeze-thaw cycles are commonplace. Terra-cotta, once the great "imitation" material, is now being replicated in

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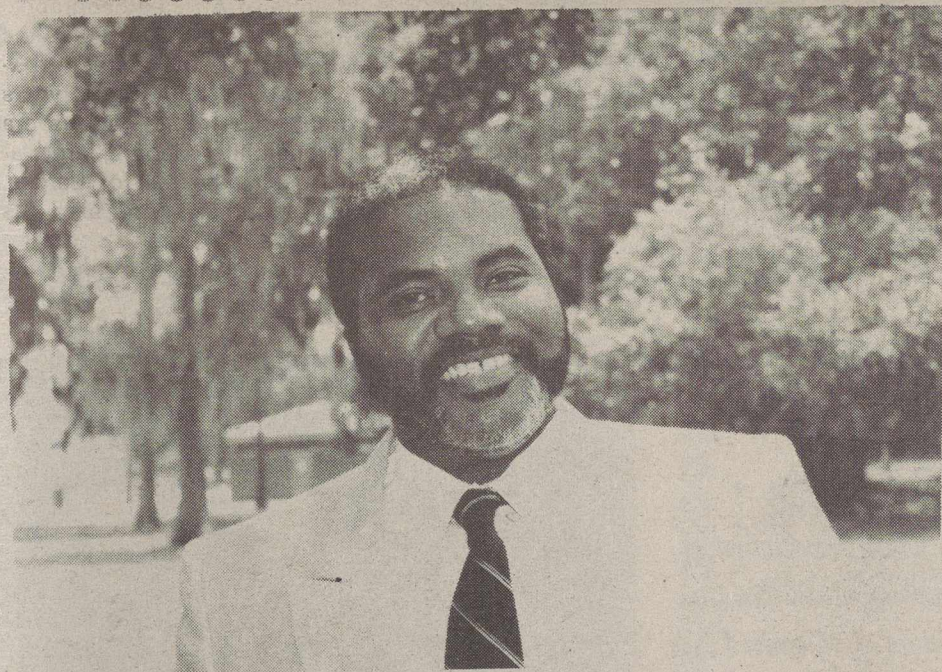
ability.

In fact, the report found when socially or economically disadvantaged children attend Catholic schools, their academic performances aren't hindered by their lack of early educational experiences, as they tend to be when attending public schools.

McNamee said that the report speculated it is because of Catholic schools' emphasis on the three R's and because they don't offer as many electives as public schools. Often students choose electives because of easier academic demands.

There is always room for improvement in education, and McNamee said the report showed Catholic school girls' math scores could use a bit of boosting. In higher level math, they lag behind Catholic school boys although they still beat public school boys.

The report was sent to President Bush and Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos.



Rev. Nathaniel W. Tindall II, Pastor

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:16)

We, the members, officers and pastor of Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, 3700 22nd Avenue South, express our thanks and appreciation to everyone for their support throughout the year.

*Have A Blessed Christmas
and
A Happy New Year!*

Season's Greetings

Christmas Spirit
Kay Hoffman



If we could keep the spirit
Of Christmas we hold dear,
We'd be a little kinder
Each Day throughout the year.



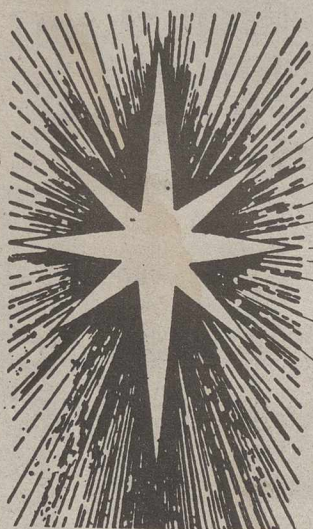
We'd find the time to pause
Along our busy day
To lend a hand to someone
Struggling on life's way.

If we could keep the spirit
That prompts our Christmas living,
We'd be tolerant with others,
A little more forgiving.



Fewer hearts would need be broken;
More folk would wear a smile,
Not just because it's Christmas,
Each day would be worthwhile.

If we could keep the spirit
Of Christmas through the year,
We truly then would honor
The Savior we hold dear!



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and its geographic location on earth in the future, will become more and more critical in the international commercial, and political interactions between the East and West.

Now is the time to give Africa help. Now is the time, if as Americans we really believe in aid to the poor and developing nations. Now is the time to give more of our assistance when Africa wants and needs our aid: educationally, technically and economically. So, I call on our government, and our corporations, and our foundations to give more of that help.

Here let me especially emphasize that companies doing business in Africa must help to improve the quality of life on that continent. The companies that are benefitting from the human and natural resources are morally obligated to put something back into the economy. Now is the time. These developing countries have been so poor for so long and yet the companies who do business in them only take resources out while putting nothing back in. Now is the time to put resources back in. Now is the time.

United States companies doing business in Africa must help the people or they have no moral justification to be there and they should leave right now. They should help through technical assistance, leadership training, financial contributions, education and good jobs.

Now is the time. There is no reason why all of the jobs at the top are reserved for whites and those at the bottom for blacks. I challenge you today to train black executives and let's mix it up. Now is the time. There is a need for corporate responsibility and accountability throughout Africa. Now is the time. Perhaps this is the time for the Sullivan Principles, formerly practiced in South Africa to be required of U.S. companies doing business all over the continent. Now is the time. They would require companies to offer equal opportunities for the black employees and for them to create strategies to help improve the living condition of the majority population. Now is the time. It is time for a score card to be kept all over Africa to rate the equal opportunity performance of each company. The only thing that I am calling for this morning is for U.S. companies to put something back into the countries where they are doing business. I don't believe, in fact, I know that I am not asking too much. For now is the time. Because if we do not give greater assistance now, the day will come when, in spite of what seems to be a changing Russia, glasnost and perestroika, Africa will turn somewhere else for help. We must remember that one-half of the population of Africa is under sixteen years of age, and if these young people do not receive greater assistance from us now, they will certainly find it someplace else, or attain it in other ways. For many poor people of the world communism is not dead. Now is the time for America to raise Africa higher on its list of aid and foreign policy priorities. Now is the time.

And remember, there are more than 30 million Americans with Africa as their ancestral homes; and when we see what America is doing to help Poland, the rest of Eastern Europe, nations of the Middle East, and other parts of the world, and what is being done to help sub-Saharan Africa where the human need is the greatest in the world, we say as African Americans that we deserve better, and in the future, we expect more, and I am going to do all I can to see that we get more.



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cast stone, epoxy-coated concrete and even coated aluminum.

One relative newcomer to the field is a proprietary glass fiber-reinforced ceramic-like material, which is the star of the largest terracotta replacement program ever undertaken. A New York architecture firm, The Stein Partnership, currently is using it to replace 13,000 pieces of white glazed terracotta on the main tower of Shepard Hall on the City College of New York campus with another 60,000 pieces to follow in the future. The new material (called Design-Cast), used as a 3/8-inch skin over a carefully designed structural system, may prove to be the fire-resistant, lightweight, stable, colorfast and strong material just right for future large-scale terracotta replacement projects.

MIRACLE AT BETHLEHEM

by Jean Conder Soule

High on a hill in Bethlehem town
While shepherds guarded their sheep,
Suddenly angel voices came down
Filling the night, dark and deep.

Hearing the words, the shepherds, afraid,
Fell to their knees in prayer.
These simple men were much dismayed
To observe such a wonder there.

"Fear not," said a voice. "I bring good news.
The Prince of Peace is born.
He is the one whom Christians will choose
In a lowly stable this morn."

"Go and seek Him now," the angel said.
"Follow the Star shining bright.
Worship the Babe in His manger bed.
Hurry - go witness this sight!"

The shepherds in awe left their flocks to see
This miracle come to earth.
They paid their homage on bended knee
To the Master and King at His birth.

So may we now, at this Christmastide,
Worship and offer our praise
To God's only Son whose love will abide
To shepherd us all of our days.

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"Wishes You And Yours
A Merry Christmas & A
Happy New Year"

Seated from l-r:
Mrs. Beatrice L.
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president of City
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Pariel; Mrs. Katie
L. Postell,
president of the

Quest Federation Club. Standing from l-r: Mrs. Annie L. Raines,
president of Margaret Washington Federated Club; Mrs. Mattie
Schofield, president of Hearts of Clanzell Federated Club; Mrs.
Adele Young President of Piquant-Las Jouvans.



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appreciate and love, to replace him.

Thirty-one years of priesthood in some of the most primitive conditions have molded Fr. St. Hubert into a strong, tenacious and compassionate individual, always ready to reach out, to comfort, and to lessen the blows of life with spiritual truths.

To the people, he is a trusting shoulder to lean on. All along the road leading to the chapel, Fr. St. Hubert is greeted warmly by passersby as his jeep slowly grinds and bumps its way up the mountainside. Some youngsters, all dressed up for Sunday Mass, get an impromptu ride in the father's vehicle, crowding up in the back seat and laughing joyfully.

The church has started to fill up as father arrives. The structure's walls are made of blocks and cement and its roof is iron sheets. Wooden benches greet the faithful as they arrive in small groups, older women using walking sticks to help them out on the stony path and some parents carrying babies in their arms hoping to get them baptized. Some have walked for hours to get to church.

Sunday Mass plays an important part in the life of these country peasants who are always at the pitiless hands of the local authorities, often corrupt and exploiting. Fear of repression still prevents many from speaking outwardly on any matter or even to give their names.

For Fr. St. Hubert, the whole weekend is devoted to his countryside congregation. Leaving the capital sometimes as early as Friday, he attends to baptisms, weddings, confessions and youth meetings the whole of Saturday, often until nightfall. Then he celebrates the Eucharist with the community on Sunday.

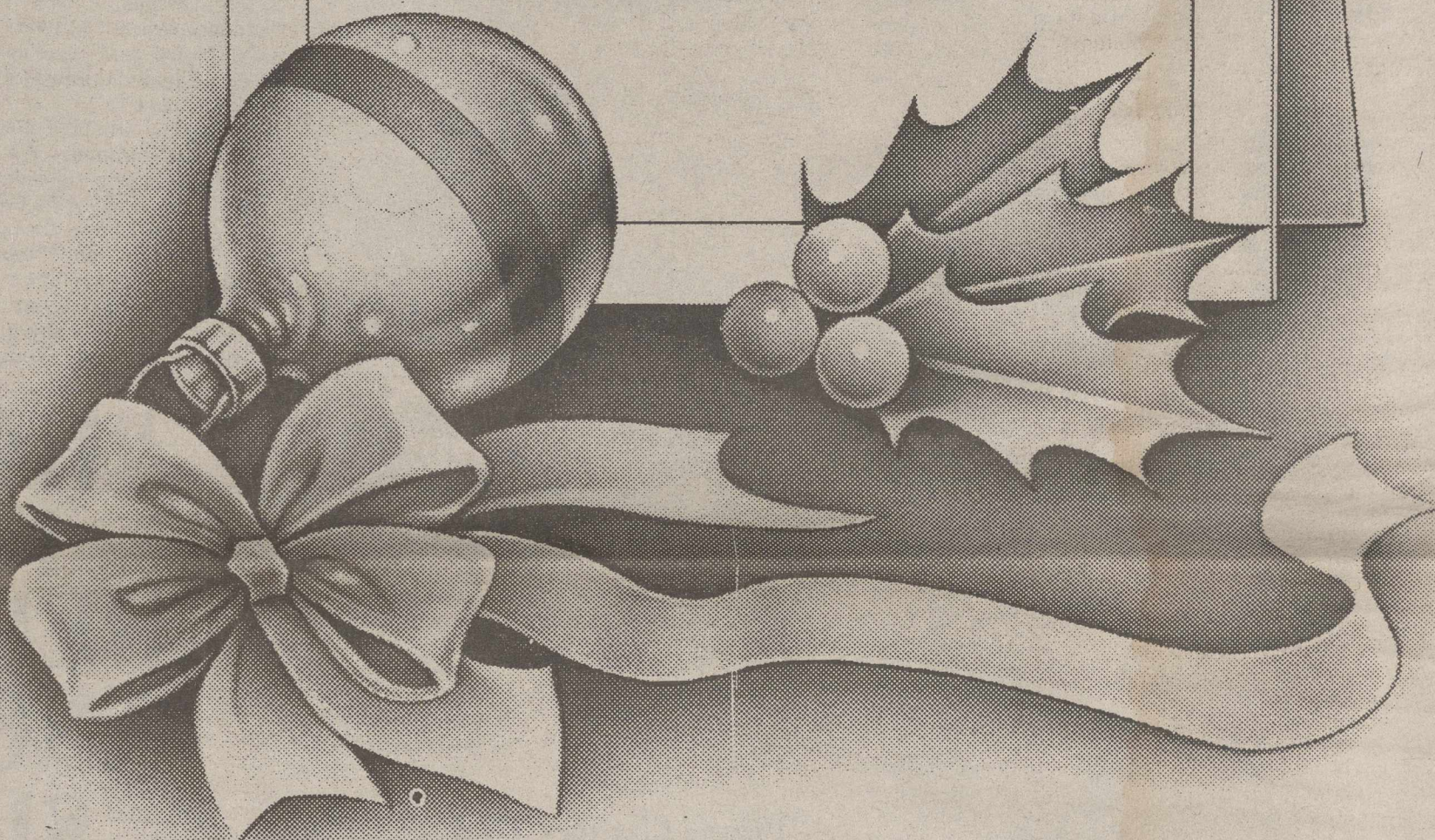
During the week, Fr. St. Hubert attends to the St. Charles Church in Carrefour, working in the office and receiving visitors, helping resolve all kinds of problems. He also attends to the parish's social works which include a small "Caisse Populaire" (similar to a savings and loan bank) set up by the clergy to help the needy start up a small business or build a house; a dispensary and pharmacy which provide medical care and medicine at reduced cost to members of the Caisse

Populaire and two dispensaries in the country chapels. In addition to this, there are the meetings with youths of the community.

The daily power cuts lasting several hours at a time, which currently prevail in Port-au-Prince and have been going on for some time, make it impossible to run a business or an office. Fortunately for the parish, Food for the Poor has graciously provided it with a generator so that regular work goes on less affected.

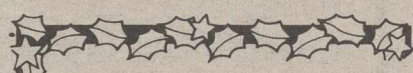
And since very little of the country is electrified, a generator is what all the chapels wish they had! However, for many, their generator seems to be Father St. Hubert, who with his inextinguishable resilience and dedication, brings them moral support and courage.

Seasons Greetings From Our Family To Your Family



Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
from the Faith Memorial Family

**May the Christ Child
bless us all at this season and
through the year!**



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Rev. Bragg L. Turner, Pastor

The All Stars provide opportunity for children to join in praise



DENIECE WILLIAMS



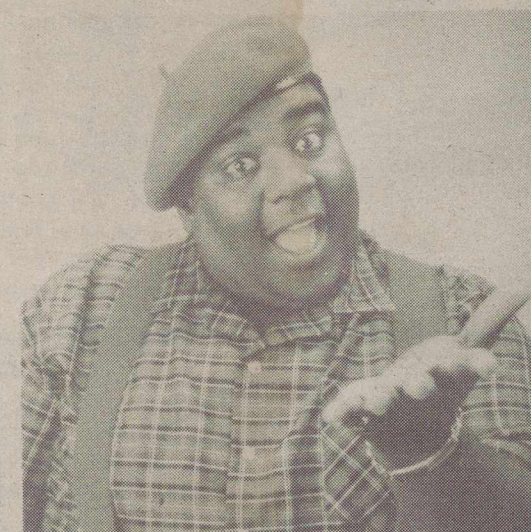
CLIFTON DAVIS



BeBe & CeCe WINANS



TRAMAÏNE HAWKINS



FRED "Re-Run" BERRY

**"GOOD-
WILL
TOWARDS
ALL MEN**

Running a record company is risky business and Sparrow Records has opted to take ownership into another chancy venture because of something they believe is a legitimate investment.

Sparrow believes in children, says president Billy Ray Hearn. And they have since the very early days of the company when the non-platinum record "The Music Machine," was first released. Now that commitment is being brought into the 90's with "Children In Praise, Volume 1, Simple Words" a series of praise and worship music featuring stars of Gospel and TV.

Sparrow artists, BeBe and CeCe Winans, Tramaïne Hawkins, Deniece Williams, along with TV celebrities Clifton Davis from "Amen" and Fred "Re-Run" Berry from "What's Happening" joined in with the strong vocals of the West

Angeles Church of God In Christ Angelic Children's Choir to create a unique approach to a children's album.

Adults may be surprised to find they enjoy the "Children In Praise" series as much as children with this premiere release, "Simple Words."

Producer Patrick Henderson, music minister at the West Angeles COGIC, was encouraged by the vision of his pastor, Bishop Charles E. Blake, and Sparrow's President, Billy Ray Hearn, to orchestrate an album reaching the need for praise and worship music in the church that appealed to children of all ages.

Hearn said "Children In Praise" could mark a whole new era for Sparrow and possibly open the floodgates for new styles of children's music the way "Music Machine" did in 1977.

"HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

As featured on the recording,
Children In Praise, Vol. 1,
Simple Words

"Prayer Changes Things"



*We hope that you keep informing
our community with each edition.
May God bless and keep you.*

*New Hope Missionary
Baptist Church
Rev. J.L. Fennell, Pastor
2120 - 19th St. S.*

*Best wishes for the
yuletide season.*

*So may we now, at this Christmastide, Worship
and offer our praise to God's only Son whose love
will abide. To shepherd us all of our days.*

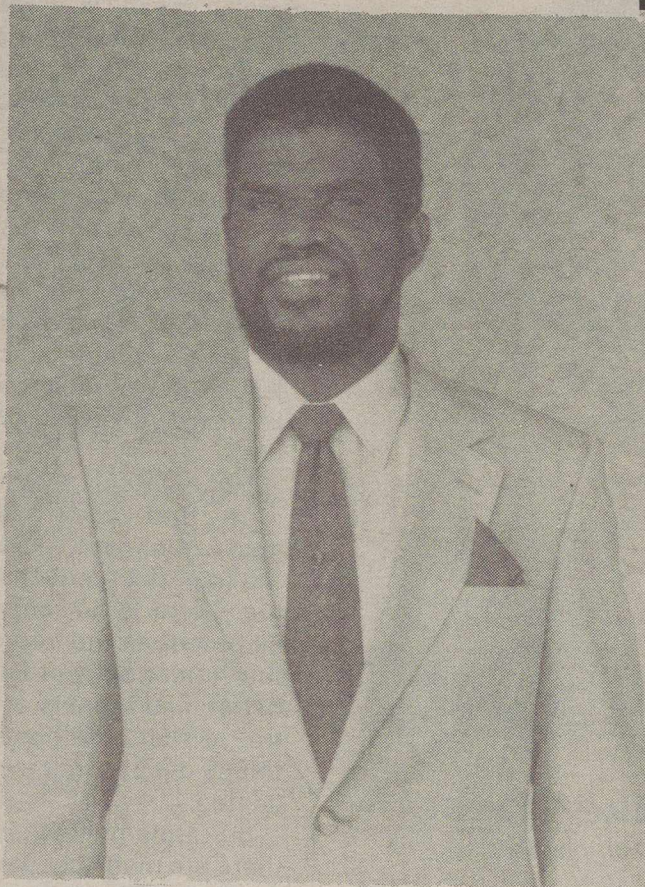


A New Church On The Block | Florida Students Nominated For National Caring Award

I can hear you saying before reading this article," Another church! There's already a church on every corner in St. Petersburg." But let me introduce you to the reasons behind the vision of New Life Community Baptist Mission's existence. While there are clusters of churches in certain areas of the city, it was discovered that a large portion of our city is being neglected by the major churches. It was seen that this area between 11th Avenue and 32nd Avenue S extending from Martin Luther King Street to Tampa Bay has very few churches.

A new church was conceived with this particular focus in mind. Established as a missionary effort by the joint resources of the Suncoast Baptist Association, the Florida Baptist Convention and Southside Tabernacle Baptist Church (STBC), we have undertaken the challenge of reclaiming our community for Jesus Christ. The vision was brought to fulfillment when Richard Jackson, a native son, agreed to give leadership to the work. Jackson, a product of Gibbs High School (class of 1969), began his ministry at Queen Street Church of God in Christ, served as assistant pastor of STBC and went on to complete the master's degree at Dallas Theological Seminary (1988).

Most of the churches that exist in the city are the result of what is known as a split or con-



Rev. Richard Jackson

flict; however, this new work has been established in response to a perceived need. We hope to minister to the people who live in the target area by responding to the call of our Lord, as well as these mission-minded people of God who have acted in similar fashion to the first-century church when they commissioned Paul, Barabas, Silas, Timothy and others to start new local churches in other cities.

Our first steps have been very successful ones. We have been involved in aggressive visitation evangelism and home Bible studies, conducted an open-air

neighborhood rally and hosted a free mobile dental unit at Frank Pierce community center. The first public worship service and Sunday school were held on Sept. 2, 1990 at the facilities of Lake Maggiore Baptist Church, which is where we presently meet on Sundays at 10 a.m. for Sunday school, 11 for morning worship and at 6 for evening worship. I hope that your response to this news is to help us meet the challenges of bringing New Life to the community through this Mission.

Ten young adults will be selected to receive a Caring Award which will be presented by the Caring Institute at a special ceremony in December in Washington, DC. Over 30,000 junior and senior high school principals were invited to identify the most outstanding young adults they know for recognition through the Institute's Kids Caring for Kids program.

Kids Caring for Kids was developed to encourage peer role models and public service. It is a parallel program to the Caring Awards presented an-

nually by the Caring Institute to the most caring adults in America.

The Caring Institute, a non-profit organization based in Washington, DC, recognizes the contributions of those whose deeds help sustain society. The activities of the Caring Institute are guided by a distinguished Board of Trustees. The Board is chaired by former Senator Frank E. Moss.

The following Floridians have been nominated for the award:

Shauna Lee Dillon of Valencia Community

College in Orlando; Chad Perlyn of Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale; Kevin Brandon, Kim Klein, Glen Hitchcock, and Karin Klein of Miami Palmetto Senior High School in Miami; Amanda Persaud of Homestead Senior High School in Homestead; James Pascia of Boca Ciega High School in Gulfport; and Megan Hamilton of Zion Lutheran Christian School in Deerfield Beach.

Nominators include Henri Landwirth, president of Give Kids the World, principals, counselors and teachers.

Racial Task Force

WASHINGTON, D.C.

— An hour and a half meeting between 23 of Japan's leading industrialists and an American delegation organized by the NAACP, ended Tuesday, December 4th, with the former agreeing to establish a task force within the Japanese Chamber of Commerce to address a variety of issues raised by the NAACP involving relationships between the Japanese and the African-American community.

The Japanese at the meeting, held at the Japanese Embassy, were members of a trade delegation that spent approximately a week in the States. Represented at Tuesday's meeting

were a number of Japan's major corporations including Sony, Mitsubishi, Fuji, Xerox, the Bank of Tokyo, and Honda.

The American delegation, in addition to Dr. Hooks and members of the NAACP staff, included John Crump, Executive Director, National Bar Association; Otis Warren, businessman; Dr. Melvin Jones, vice-President, Business and Fiscal Affairs, Howard University; and Dr. Earl S. Richardson, President, Morgan State University.

The meeting with the Japanese business leaders and the quickening of the pace of talks with Japanese government

officials were cited by Dr. Hooks as the reasons why the NAACP decided to suspend the daily picketing that has been going on for the past 60 days at the Embassy.

Also suspended for the same reasons was a planned demonstration at the Embassy on December 15th, involving thousands of demonstrators. Both the daily picketing and the planned demonstration were responses to insulting racial remarks by Japanese practices by Japanese firms in the U.S.

"These suspensions should not be interpreted as closing the door on further demonstrations. We reserve these as very

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King Calendar

KING CALENDAR FOR 1991 features a new four-color portrait suitable for framing and historical photos of King with Kennedy, Malcolm X and Dr. Spock.

These photos highlight the newest edition of the popular, inspirational The Words of Martin Luther King, Jr. The dozen historical photos are accented by a selection of 12 quotations and excerpts from the speeches and writings of the great civil rights leader. Published in time for the holiday gift-giving season and for the commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a national holiday

on January 21, the calendar is based on the bestselling book, The Words Of Martin Luther King, Jr., edited by Coretta Scott King.

Throughout the calendar pages, important events in Dr. King's life and work are indicated on the days they occurred and North American holidays and astronomical data are also denoted.

The Words of Martin Luther King Jr. Calendar 1991 is available in bookstores or can be ordered from the publisher. For further information contact Joan Cunliffe Newmarket Press (212-832-3575.)

*Holy
Christmas
Greetings
from
Prayer
Tower
Church of
God
In Christ*



The pastor and members of Prayer Tower Church of God In Christ express our sincere appreciation for all those who have participated in our services this year.

May God bless all of you this Christmas!

Pastor Elder Clarence Welch

Bufny Helps South Carolina Residents Keep Land

BEAUFORT, SC — This past October 1st, when African Americans living in Beaufort, South Carolina were within hours of losing their land, their homes and part of their heritage, the Black United Fund of New York (BUFNY), in cooperation with Black United Fund of Pennsylvania and Black United Fund of Illinois, extended a helping hand. BUFNY loaned 11 property owners money to pay their delinquent property taxes and hold on to land which had been in some of their families for over 100 years.

"I read an article in *The Miami Herald* about landowners in Beaufort, SC who were losing their land because of rising property taxes," said Kermit Eady, founder and president of BUFNY, a New York-based philanthropic organization focused on serving the African American community. "Much of the land that was about to be lost had been in the hands of some families for generations who were descendants of freed slaves. So losing the land meant more than losing a little soil, it meant losing a little history and a lot of freedom. There was no way BUFNY was going to sit by and watch our folks lose something so precious. So we had to help, and we found a way to help."

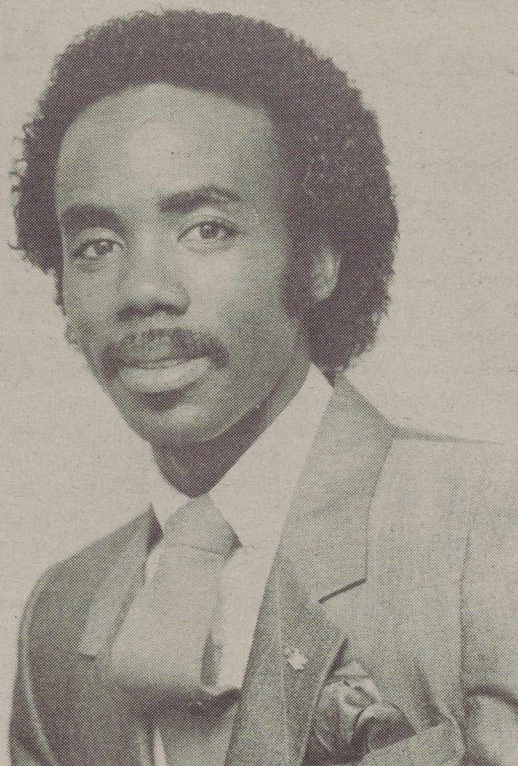
The way BUFNY helped was by first identifying an organization in Beaufort to work with them that knew the local history of land development and could identify African Americans on the verge of losing their land. Penn Community Center, a local organization that has helped Beaufort residents with their land problems since 1862 when the vision of "40 acres and mule" began, became that organization. "When Kermit Eady expressed an interest in working with the people of Beaufort, we were excited about the opportunity because there aren't enough organizations that understand the need for people to keep their land nor have the funds to offer loans to assist landowners in paying their taxes," said Emory Campbell, director of Penn Community Center.

Next a local attorney, Vernal Scott, was hired by BUFNY to handle such matters as setting up the loan agreements as well as familiarizing the landowners of laws governing ownership of property and assisting them with other aspects of owning land from the importance of keeping a will to getting a deed to the property.

"We were extremely fortunate to have gotten Vernal Scott to work with us because she shares our commitment, our goal and our vision to stop the loss of land among African Americans," said Eady. "She is also very interested in exploring new avenues for land usage that, ultimately, will be fundamentally and financially beneficial to our people living on the land and the community at large."

Two months after BUFNY offered low-interest loans to help people in Beaufort maintain their property, there were results. One landowner has already paid off her loan in full. She is still the proud owner of her land. Another landowner, despite being a single mother who is unemployed due to a disability, manages to come up with her \$5.00 a month loan payment. She feels that owning that land is important because she will be able to pass it on to her children, and she wants them to have something of their own when they grow up. "Many of the people view BUFNY's concern and assistance as a blessing," said Ms. Scott. "BUFNY has sparked a new interest in really working to hold on to something that has been slowly slipping away from us. More and more people are coming into my office asking for information on how to keep their land. Many feel with the combination of Penn Center and BUFNY, they have two guidance."

BUFNY's interest in land development began long before Kermit Eady read the article in *The Miami Herald*. It began in 1982 when Eady recommended, in a proposal to the National Black United Fund's Board of Directors, that the organization support land development projects throughout the country to assist in building a stable economic base for the survival of the African American community and the organization. The statistics Eady cited then have become today's devastating reality. In 1910, over 15 million acres of farmland was owned by African Americans. From 1910 to 1950, this figure declined by 3 million acres. The active number of acres of farmland between 1950 and 1969, declined from 12 million to 5.5 million acres. African American



In Times Like These

by Mr. J.L. Daniels Sr.

This time of the year brings out the best in mankind the world over. This special day causes men to stop fighting and killing one another. It seems that love steps in for such a short moment and then moves on. Gifts being exchanged, toys are all

over the house and children are full of laughter and fun. As frail human beings we look and live in hope. Hope for better days down the road of life. Families coming together, sharing that personal touch and hoping for joy and contentment.

farmland ownership continues to decline so much so that there is growing concern that African Americans will be landless by the year 2000.

It is that fear that has turned BUFNY's 1982 land development notion into a reality in 1990.

Note: The Black United Fund of New York is a non-profit philanthropic organization affiliated with the National Black United Fund. The 11 year-old organization is located at 2271 Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard, New York, New York 10030.

We say of this one or that one, "He has lost heart." What we really mean is, "He has lost hope." When hopes gets sick and dies, man becomes sick at heart and life becomes empty because his dreams have expired and his purpose for living has stopped pulsating. So when hope is gone, all is gone, nothing is left. But where hope is, there is power of life.

Hope is the medicine that prevents heart sickness and the tree that produces life. There is no tonic as potent as the hope that tomorrow will be better; and there is no tree as fruitful as good things desired and expected.

So remember that there are many people in the world who are hoping for a little sunshine. Will you also share a little love with those who are standing with outstretched hands waiting in hope? May your holidays be filled with joy. God is the greatest giver in the world. Remember Him all the time and He will bless you always.

"A Child Was Born"

Archdiocesan Revival

ATLANTA, GA. — The Archdiocesan Revival will be held Sunday through Thursday, February 24-28, 1991, 7 p.m. at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 48 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., S.W., Atlanta, GA. (across from underground Atlanta).

The revival will be preached by Franciscan Father James Goode of San Francisco, CA. The public is cordially invited and encouraged to attend. Constance F. Sambrone, Chairperson of the Archdiocesan Revival Committee. For more information phone (404-753-6116)

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viable options, should the current negotiations fail to produce the desired results within a reasonable period of time," Dr. Hooks said.

"We will be constantly monitoring progress both with the Japanese officials and with the Japan Chamber of Commerce, and making periodical public reports," he added.

"This is far from being a closed issue," Dr. Hooks said.

He also noted that an early meeting would be held with the Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. Ryohei Murata to pursue NAACP recommendations in the government's sphere of operation.



Season's Greetings

During the Christmas season, we enjoy a heightened awareness of the shared humanity of the world. We accept the birth of the CHRIST CHILD as a gift to all the people of the world, and we join in the celebration as one family, regardless of race or creed or nationality. With the birth of the CHRIST comes the joyous acceptance of all people as part of one spiritual family, brothers and sisters in spirit.

"Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:1-3)

Unity Temple of Truth
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Rev. Ms. Catherine Graham Brooks, Minister, and husband James Brooks

Abandoned Bangladeshi Women Take the Road Less Traveled

Zarina Sonaullah takes a much-needed break from her work. She rests by the roadside as she savors a cool drink of water. Behind her on the dusty road, a dozen women of varying ages and sizes pause from their morning's labors to have a bite to eat and talk with their friends.

Sonaullah and her co-workers are a few of the tens of thousands of poor and abandoned women who are rebuilding roads throughout Bangladesh in a program sponsored by CARE, the international relief and development organization. The jobs, although physically demanding, are highly coveted alternatives to the demeaning money-making activities such as begging these women are often forced to accept.

Sonaullah was compelled to go even further in her struggle to survive. "When I was young, my father sold me into prostitution," she says. "He felt that I owed it to him for all the years I didn't earn my keep. The cash he got from my sale would pay him back for the money he had spent bringing me up."

Sonaullah worked in the brothel for six years until she met a new man in the village who offered to marry her. "He seemed kind and gentle," she recalls, "and he kept me for a long time." His persistence paid off; the world-weary woman

agreed to become his wife.

The couple were happy for a while, until the husband's previous spouse and six children showed up on their doorstep. "She had left him for another man a few years before," Sonaullah explains. "When that didn't work out, she came to our village. She knew how tied to his children my husband feels. We'd do anything to take care of them."

This included sending his new wife out on the streets to beg. "Begging or stealing was all I could do," she recalls. "I couldn't find decent work and I was terrified that I'd be forced into prostitution again."

"Sonaullah's story is an extreme example of the harsh lives some impoverished Bangladeshi women are forced to bear," says Munira Sultana, who monitors women's development for CARE in Bangladesh. "Often, desperately poor fathers will marry off their daughters to the first man that comes along. When these loveless marriages fail, the women are treated as outcasts by their families and their communities."

According to CARE, many Bangladeshi women don't have the skills to support themselves and their children. An estimated 84 percent of Bangladeshi women are illiterate. Many more

have been isolated from the outside world through traditional practices that keep women separated and secluded from men who are not members of their families. This leaves them totally unprepared to take charge of their lives and deal with the difficult realities of daily survival.

CARE developed its road maintenance program to respond to the needs of these women who are paid a good daily wage to rebuild the thousands of miles of roads that have fallen into disrepair. In addition, women of the road gangs learn how to manage their money so they can save for their own and their families' future.

"The job is challenging," says Sonaullah, "and I enjoy it. I especially like the women who work with me. We understand one another because we've all suffered. I've come to think of them as my friends and my family."

Although Sonaullah's husband has returned to his original family, her neighbors no longer treat the abandoned woman as a figure of contempt. In fact, she is considered by some to be a woman of means who deserves great respect. She has even had a few offers of marriage but is not sure she

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The Christmas Cookie Book

by Judy Knipe and Barbara Marks

"Instead of poring through cookbooks and magazines, one can turn to this one-stop source for a fine assortment of American and international classics for home baking, all suitable for gifts, cookie exchanges, and entertaining."

ALA BOOKLIST

Is there anyone who can resist Christmas cookies? From the homiest fudge cookies to the most sophisticated vanilla crescents, there's something about Christmas cookies — they're always exactly the right size, they look appealing, they taste so delicious, they're satisfying but not too filling. For many adults, baking

Christmas cookies is among the happiest of childhood memories, calling up the aromas and flavors of that festive season and recalling pleasures shared with friends and with other family members.

Just in time for the holiday season, *The Christmas Cookie Book*, to be published December 25, 1990 is filled with mouth watering collection of over 90 recipes gathered from the family, friends, and neighbors of authors Judy Knipe and Barbara Marks.

The Christmas Cookie Book features traditional American favorites as well as sophisticated in-

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Christmas is a special time of the year when our gifts become more meaningful. We keep track of the greatest gift that has ever been given

The Christ Child and it inspires us to give part of ourselves in our giving. That's the Christmas Spirit!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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Rev. Howard W. Jones, Pastor



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ternational classics. Mother Gilbert's Chocolate Cookies, Renata's Vanilla Crescents, and Blue Ribbon Pecan Fudgies make the most of down-home ingredients, while Lebkuchen, Linzer Wreaths, and Swedish Butter Cookies will delight with their marvelous Old World flavor. There are recipes for fancy cookies, such as Almond Spritz, and for treats like Apricot-Coconut Confections that are so simple even the kids can help.

The Christmas Cookie Book is more than a collection of wonderful recipes; it's also a practical guide to the basics of cookie baking that makes failure virtually impossible. From presses to colored sugar crystals, it also includes helpful information about equipment, ingredients and techniques. Each recipe contains tips on methods, special tools, and storage. A special section called "Cookies to Go" is devoted to gift-giving, with charming ideas for packing and wrapping cookies.

Judy Knipe is an artist and cookbook writer and editor. In addition to *The Christmas Cookie Book*, she has written, with Edward J. Safdie, *Spa Food and New Spa Food*. She divides her time between New York City and Vermont.

Barbara Marks is an avid cook, baker and graphic designer whose design studio is in Connecticut. During the course of her career she has designed many cookbooks. *The Christmas Cookie Book* is the first she has also written.

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is ready for another entanglement.

"I have enough savings that I don't have to do anything I'm not proud of with my life," she explains. "The villagers respect me now because I've learned to respect myself."

**Its
Better
To Give
Than To
Recieve**

History of the Black Baptist of Florida

Now you can order by mail your copy of the "History of the Black Baptists of Florida, 1850-1985," an engaging book which chronicles the black Baptist movement in Florida and the birth and growth of Florida Memorial College. The volume, published by the Florida Memorial College Press, is co-authored by Rev. Dr. Richard I. McKinney and his father, the late Rev. Dr. George P. McKinney, Sr., former president of Florida Memorial College.

The book's 383 pages contain photographs and illustrations of the inspiring events and personalities who have played a significant role in Florida's Baptist history and Florida Memorial



Status Symbols From here to Timbuktu

In the golden days of the ancient city of Timbuktu, the wealthy herds-men of Male measured their success by the size of their cattle's horns. Today they use a different yardstick.

It wasn't the caprice of fashion that changed the status symbols of the Sonhrai, a once-prosperous nomadic tribe of Malian herds-men. It was nature's cruelty in the form of a devastating drought that changed their way of life forever.

"Our cattle were beautiful," says Mahmoud Ag Intawant, the 65-year-old Sonhrai chief. "They were the pride of our people but today they are all gone."

According to CARE, the international relief and development organization, a devastating drought in 1985 nearly wiped out the nomadic herds-men that live on the rim of the Sahara Desert in Mali. "They lost everything," explains Hilla Ag Gaya, a Malian who manages agricultural programs for CARE. "They had no food, no income and their very identities were threatened."

In the wake of the disaster, the tribe was forced to use desperate measures to stay alive. "Some of my friends,"

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- Glad Tidings -

**St. John Missionary
Baptist Church**
1500 N. Pennsylvania Ave.
Clearwater, FL

Our Prayer is for God's blessing to all,
as we celebrate the birth of God's
great gift to the world.

Our Father, who are in heaven — Thank you for Jesus
Christ, our savior. Thank you for material blessings, thank
you for spiritual blessings. Our Father we pray that thou
would ceased the war threats in the Middle East

and send our men & women back
to their families. Our Father, we
pray that thou would build again
our family structure. In Jesus'
name we pray. Amen.

Have a joyous Christmas

— Pastor Fleming Tarver
& The St. John's Church Family.



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says Chief Ag Intawant, "were so hungry that they ate poison berries. The saddest thing I saw was a man who ate seeds that were buried in the mud mounds created by termites for storing their food."

CARE studies show that even in the best of times, the Sahelian region of western Africa is one of the harshest areas on earth. Sandstorms, searing temperatures exceeding 115 degrees in the summer and pervasive lack of rain — the average yearly rainfall in Mali is only 15 inches — make survival difficult.

Without their herds, the Sonhrai turned to agriculture, a totally alien way of life. They settled in a village, where the River Niger flows, about a half day's travel from Timbuktu. But they soon learned that farming wasn't easy.

"Our first crops were pitiful," says the chief. "The river bank was six feet below our land. We had to haul the water up by hand, which took so much time, that we couldn't reach all our crops on a regular basis."

The Sonhrai struggled daily with what seemed to be an insurmountable problem. Their chief turned to CARE for help. The organization worked with members of the tribe to build a water system that would make it easier for them to irrigate their land. They also taught the Sonhrai the best methods for maintaining the system so it would continue working for years to come.

"We were amazed that simple mud bricks and a few pieces of wood could make such a difference," the chief says. "But see for yourself what the canals we've built have allowed us to do."

"In just a few weeks time," he says, as he points to his fields with pride, "all these plants will be ready for harvest. There will be wonderful fruits and vegetables. Their colors will be beautiful, as beautiful as our cattle once were."

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Haiti's 'Sun City' Rises Again

Catholic News Service

Less than five miles from the Haitian capital's National Palace lies a 15-square-mile slum called City Soliel (Sun City), where clergy claim "not even God knows how many people dwell." A guide, however, says the inhabitants number half a million.

A ditch that slices through the slum is thick with garbage, feces and black sludge from a nearby oil refinery. When the tropical rains pour into City Soliel, the ditch strews its foul contents into unprotected homes, nearly all of which have dirt floors.

There is no running water in City Soliel; it must be brought in containers, effortlessly balanced atop the heads of women, from a street pipe nearly a mile away. Human and animal waste litter the passageways since the area has no sewers.

"We are attempting to rebuild City Soliel," said Ferdinand Mahfood, founder of the Pompano Beach-based non-profit organization Food for the Poor.

He pointed to rows of newly built shelters east of the channel. Constructed of white cement blocks, a single wooden door and a narrow front patio for cooking, the one-room dwellings are a coveted possession among residents. Women with children have first priority for housing, said Raymonde Pun, Haiti's director of Food for the Poor.

Since January, Food for the Poor has spent more than \$250,000 on the housing project. Mahfood estimates that at \$300 per structure, rehoming the expansive slum will cost about \$12 million, including paved alleys and a sewer line.

"How can we allow people to live in such sub-human conditions?" he asked. "These people need food, housing and education. In 30 years nothing has changed. This is at least a beginning."

Another project aided by Food for the Poor is the Missionaries of Charity Home for Malnourished Babies, with 115 residents ranging in age from infancy to 8 years old. Nationally, about 35 percent of Haiti's children die before age 5.

"Beyond food and medicine, what these children need most is love," said Sister Dennis, one of three Missionary of Charity nuns who run the home. "Most come from City Soliel and because there are so many, we only keep a baby eight months and then he must go back to the mother."

Food for the Poor provides the home with food, clothing, beds and supplies. U.S. regulations, however, forbid it from distributing medical supplies.

"We are doing well but the problem is so big it frightens us sometimes," said Sister Francisco.

Dutch-born Salesian Father Lawrence Bohnen — also known as "Father Bean" — has relied on Food for the Poor to help operate three large feeding centers "and a few smaller ones" that serve beans to 21,000 students daily.

The majority of his students eat less than their lunch and take the rest home to families, said the 78-year-old priest, who elementary schools, five high schools and tional school.

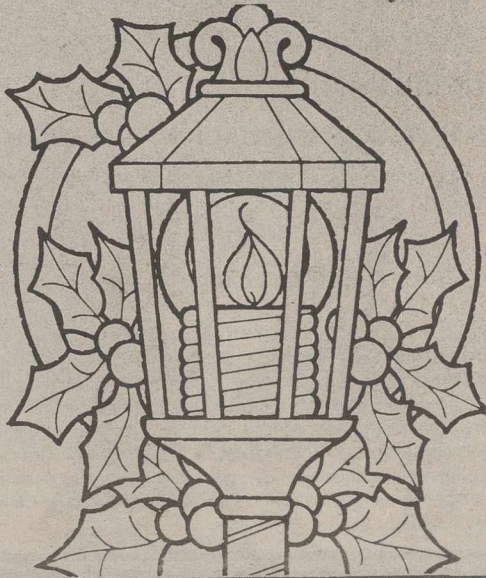
"The people in Haiti are lovable, needy and deserve our help," said Father Bohnen. "Education is the most important thing. If we can get students to be educated, then they can teach others."

To date, Food for the Poor has pumped more than \$82 million in goods to the poor of such Caribbean countries as Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana, St. Lucia, Grenada and Dominica.

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God loved us so much that He gave us the very best, His Only Begotten Son. Having had such love shown to us, our only response is to love one another as we have been loved.



We send our best this Holiday Season!



**From the
First Baptist Institutional
Church Family
Rev. Wayne G. Thompson,
Pastor**



Pastor Donald L. Alford and the Progressive Radio Choir

Next time you're in Chicago, take the expressway 12 miles west to Maywood, IL. Stop in on a Wednesday night at the Progressive Church of United Christ and watch Pastor Donald L. Alford rehearse his choir. The abundance of talent, education and faith embodied by the 60 voices and their leader will surely astound you. For those of you unable to make the trip, listening to the choir's debut Sparrow Records album, *Break Forth Into Praise*, reveals just how remarkable the Progressive Radio Choir really is.

When listening to this assembly of men and women, ranging in ages from 19 to 74, one hears living history. For decades, the Progressive Radio Choir has been one of the most acclaimed Gospel ensembles in the Midwest. Since taking over as pastor of the church from his father, the late Rev. James B. Alford in 1983, Pastor Alford began to expand the scope of his congregation's outreach to the community and took over the reigns as minister of music as well. A seasoned musician and a gifted singer/songwriter himself, Pastor Alford not only molded

the choir to present thrilling traditional Gospel choral music, but with his own original songs of praise also guided the choir to the forefront of contemporary Gospel.

Break Forth Into Praise is a showcase for Rev. Alford's songwriting and vocal skills (he wrote all the songs and leads three selections, *No Weapon, God Can Do Anything, We Exalt Your Name*) as well as the fine singers in the choir. Soloists include Darnelle Harris, Paulette Triplett, Lilly Triplett, Shirley Murphy, John Shines, Ronia Robinson and Beatrice Clincy. All deserve a bow because the emotional intensity they express coupled with the dynamic range of the choir, makes their music truly memorable.

Songs like *God Loves You, I'll Always, He's All I Need* and the title track draw on the best of the traditional Gospel approach with electrifying interplay between soloist and choir. The outsize richness of the full choir on songs such as *He Is, Stand Still* and the album's gut-wrenching closer *God Can Do Anything* exemplify, as Rev. Alford describes it, "The fine line of presenting consecrated music in a

way that will appeal to man and please God."

Pastor Alford was virtually raised in the church choir and by age 10 he was already singing in the senior choir. His father, for 42 years the

respected and energetic pastor of the large congregation, brought much healing to his community. Son Donald was anxious to follow in his father's footsteps and with his many pastoral and musical gifts, he

knew he could bring added dimension to the choir.

Even in the '50s, the Progressive Church of United Christ stood out for its music ministry. Because of frequent local broadcasts, the

group was known as the Progressive Radio Choir but they did not make their recording debut until 1969. The single *Shake Me Wake Me* backed with *What Does*

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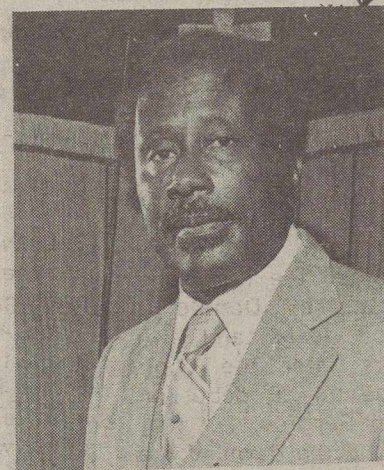
Merry Christmas Everybody and A Happy New Year!

Rev. and Mrs. Willie Billue wish all a Merry Christmas to the church family of Grace

Mary Missionary Baptist Church, the staff of the Weekly Challenger Newspaper who have been very nice to us. We thank God for a chance again to enjoy the blessings of God. Let us not forget it is a reason for the season —

Christ the Saviour.
Keep Christ in Christmas.

(LUKE 1: 27, 28, 34 & 35) The annunciation to Mary to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. (28) And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, among women. (30) And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. (34) Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? (35) And the angel answered, and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.





'LIFT EVERY VOICE'

African American Spiritual Renaissance Festival

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AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 8 - 10, 1991

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1991

Bethel Community Baptist Church
1045 - 16th Street South

2:00 - 7:00 P.M. REGISTRATION

3:00 - 5:00 P.M. SPIRITUALS IN THE ROUND
SPIRITUALS SIGHTSING

featuring guest choirs and dancers
Dr. Patricia Trice, Prof. Annetta Monroe, Maj. Alvin
Downing, Conductors

6:30 - 7:15 P.M. FESTIVAL RECEPTION

7:30 - 8:30 P.M. FESTIVAL OPENING
featuring in concert
BETHUNE-COOKMAN CONCERT CHORALE
Dr. Rebecca W. Steele, Director

ST. PETERSBURG ALUMNI SINGERS
Robert Anders, Director

8:45 - 10:45 P.M. FESTIVAL MASS CHOIR
REHEARSAL
Roland Carter, Clinician/Conductor

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1991
Howard Johnson Motor Lodge
3600 - 34th Street South

7:00 - 7:30 A.M. REGISTRATION

7:30 - 9:30 A.M. RECEPTION BREAKFAST

HONOREES

Robert Anders Vivian Henry Frankie Minnis
James E. Bolden Ralph A. James Ernest Ponder
Alvin Downing William J. Neal Rebecca Steele
O. B. McLin (Posthumously)

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It Profit A Man, featured a youthful Donald on drums. In 1974, they recorded the first song written by Donald, I Enjoy Jesus and five years later the choir made its LP debut on Glory Records.

With the dawn of the '80s, Rev. Alford became a prolific songwriter contributing material to a variety of celebrated artists including Jesse Dixon, Rev. Clay Evans, the George Mass Choir, Donald Bell and the Choraleers, Ethel Holloway, James Chambers and Shirley Caesar. His song Thank You was nominated for a Stellar Award for song of the year and his 1988 album with the Progressive Radio Choir, Reign On Us, with independent distribution, reached the Top 40 on Billboard's na-

tional Gospel charts.

Now, recording for Sparrow, Pastor Alford and the choir can expect even greater things to come. As for his feelings about the future of the choir, Rev. Alford has high expectations. "I think we're in a time when God will raise up anointed musicians to lift the hearts of men," he says, "to reach and bring hope to those that are lost." He sees the Black church in general as "a sleeping giant, stirred in the spirit, with the ability to have a major effect on society." That kind of resilience and optimism not only make Rev. Donald Alford an exceptional pastor but also a dynamic music minister. With Break Forth Into Praise, he and his colleagues take their vision to a yearning world.

Bethel Community Baptist Church

10:00 - 11:30 A.M. FESTIVAL WORKSHOP
"The Negro Spiritual: Our Sublime Heritage"
William J. Neal, Presenter

Marymal Holmes, Soprano
Reginald Allen, Baritone
Richard Dennard, Percussionist

11:45 - 12:45 P.M. SYMPOSIUM
"Harry T. Burleigh: His Life and His Music"
Ernest A. Ponder, Presenter

"John Work and the Fisk Jubilee Singers"
Dr. Edwina Stanley/James E. Bolden, Presenters

Pasadena United Methodist Church
112 - 70th Street South

2:00 - 5:00 P.M. FESTIVAL MASS CHOIR
REHEARSAL
Roland Carter, Clinician/Conductor

7:30 - 9:00 P.M. FESTIVAL CONCERT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1991
Bethel Community Baptist Church

11:00 - 12:00 A.M. HOMECOMING CONCERT
Guest Choirs

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Dennard's first experience with a band was with the Sons of Legion, a drum and bugle corp, under the direction of Charlie Tutson, in St. Petersburg, his native city. He later played with Alonzo Brown Combo, Evans Haile and the Beboppers, and George Cooper's Orchestra.



RICHARD L. DENNARD

A graduate of Gibbs High School, Dennard was a pioneer student at Gibbs Junior College where he studied music under William J. Neal.

Dennard has played in clubs such as Club Junkanoo in downtown Nassau, Bahamas, at festivals, fairs, and countless events throughout the United States, Canada, the Bahamas, and Germany. As well as many years on the road with the Royal American Show, "Harlem in Havana," under the direction of Claxton of Tampa.

Dennard trained and played in several army bands, including the 10th Division Army Band, Fort Riley, Kansas; the 80th and 33rd Army Bands in Gremen and Manheim, Germany, the 60th Army Band in Bremenhaven, Germany, and the 55th in Fort Polk, Louisiana.

He also played with such band leaders as Al Downing, Jackie Davis, Al Jackson at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington D.C.; Bob Hopkins, Johnny Trapton, The Jimmy Dixon Trio, Charlie Harris, Chris Lefnor, and was leader of the Dick Dennard Trio in Detroit. Dennard "sat in" with such musical giants as Dizzy Gillespie at Snooky's Cafe, New York, and Duke Ellington, in Minneapolis. Currently he is percussionist at the John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church in Detroit. He also played at Greater St. Peters A.M.E. Zion Church, Detroit.

THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION TO PRESERVE THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL, INC., was created in 1990. Its mission is to stimulate global commitment to reviving, preserving and perpetuating the 'Negro' spiritual, one of America's oldest and most endangered musical art forms.

Florida's First Spiritual Renaissance Festival responds to the commission through programming aimed at cultural and educational enhancement for people of all ethnic backgrounds, with emphasis on preserving a dying African American legacy.

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Pastor & Sister Leonard

Christ Gospel

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Season's Greetings

Thanks for the
cooperation
of the community &
church family
during the year.
Have a Mary's Xmas
& may the blessings of
God follow you
throughout
the coming year.



Homelessness Likely To Worsen Significantly In Face of Recession

Homelessness is likely to worsen considerably in the face of recession, according to a report released by the National Coalition for the Homeless. Rising housing costs, shrinking incomes, rising unemployment, and the loss of low-income units will propel millions more into homelessness unless a serious commitment is made by the Bush administration and Congress to prevent further mass homelessness.

The report projects that the shortage of affordable units for poor Americans has grown to an unprecedented 4.2 million in 1990. Rents have increased most quickly in Dallas, TX, 25 percent over the last two years, Seattle, WA, Cincinnati, OH, and Cleveland, OH — all registering increases of at least 18 percent.

Recent estimates of the numbers of people who become homeless annually in the 25 cities examined range from over 100,000 in Los Angeles, CA; 49,000 in Chicago, IL; 20,000 in Philadelphia, PA; to 5,000 in Pittsburgh, PA.

"This report shows that millions of Americans are living on the brink of homelessness. As the recession deepens, more and more people will be left outside by the closing economic door," said Cushing Dolbeare, Executive Director of the National Causes of the Homeless. The report, "The Closing Door: Economic Causes of Homelessness," examines the impact of rent increases in the metropolitan areas of Dallas, Houston, Atlanta, Miami, Phoenix, Washington, Tampa, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Cleveland, Los Angeles, New York, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Seattle, San Diego, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Detroit.

Those most at risk of homelessness, according to the report, are Americans working in low-wage jobs, often without health insurance and other benefits, poor families and disabled persons receiving public assistance, or who lose their jobs. Homelessness can be precipitated by the loss of a job, illness, or simply a benefit check that gets lost in the mail.

Growing unemployment, tightened eligibility for unemployment benefits, and reduced benefits levels, put those who lose their jobs at great risk of homelessness. "Twenty years ago, two-thirds of those workers who lost their jobs could expect to receive compensation," said Dolbeare. "Today, as we enter a recession, only one-third of those who will be laid off will receive any benefits. How are these people supposed to keep paying their rent or mortgages?" asked Dolbeare.

The high costs of housing in metropolitan areas have made it virtually impossible for those in low paying jobs to make ends meet. In San Francisco, the most expensive area to live in, a full-time worker would have to earn \$17.67, over four times the minimum wage, to be able to obtain a decent two-bedroom unit at 30 percent of income. Even in Pittsburgh, which has the lowest housing costs of the metropolitan areas examined, more than twice the minimum wage is required for an adequate unit.

In addition, the value of public assistance benefits has declined. In 20 of the 25 metropolitan areas examined, a family could spend its entire grant on housing and still not be able to afford the cost of an adequate unit. At least 2.3 million families who receive AFDC and are living in private unsubsidized housing are teetering on the brink of homelessness. These numbers are likely to swell in the face of a recession.

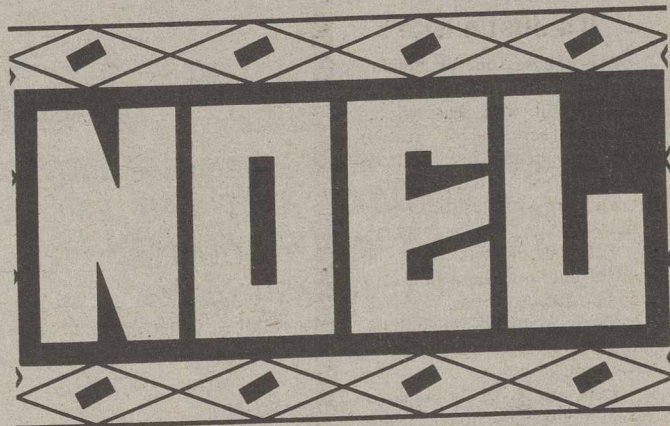
Similarly, poor Americans who are unable to work due to mental or physical disability and receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) assistance have seen the value of benefits decline in recent years. In 12 of the cities examined, a one-bedroom unit cost more than the entire SSI grant. Even in Pittsburgh, the most affordable city examined, a person receiving SSI would have only \$2.77 left over per day to meet all of his or her non-housing needs.

The report claims that homelessness could be ended even within current budget constraints by redistributing housing-related tax-expenditures benefiting the richest Americans to housing for the homeless and near-homeless. The richest 20 percent of the population is estimated to receive almost 60 percent

of federal housing subsidies in the current fiscal year. For every dollar the federal government spends on direct housing subsidies for the poorest 20 percent of Americans, it loses \$4 because of tax subsidies to people in the richest 20 percent of the population.

Last year, spending for programs to directly assist the homeless through the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act constituted an imperceptible 0.05 percent of the federal budget.

"These trends will not be reversed by business as usual," said Dolbeare. "What we need is a major change in national priorities — one that will require strong leadership by the Administration and decisive action by Congress."



Season's Greetings!

from

Brother J.L. Daniels, minister of Southside Church of Christ, and family.

We express our thanks for your support and prayers. Please come and be with us as the New Year begins to unfold. Thank you for a good year at Southside Church of Christ.

Allow God to give you the abundance of life. May God continue to bless each of you.

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Season's
Greetings!
May the Peace
and
Love of God
be with you
and all your loved ones
as we await
His coming.



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"It's Just a Bite"

'Tis the season for holiday parties. Buffet tables will be all decked out with seasonal favorites. There will be creamy, smooth spreads and crackers, savory morsels in a dozen varieties and trays of irresistible sweet treats.

Each tasty appetizer may be just a bite, but those bites can add up quickly when it comes to calories. With so much food right at our fingertips, it's easy to overindulge.

Delicious, specially prepared food is part of the holiday tradition, adding to the fun of the season. There's no reason why you can't enjoy these holiday treats—and still maintain a healthy diet, says Mary Helen Gunkler, registered dietitian and staff nutritionist for Total cereal. She offers these suggestions for healthy eating throughout the holiday buffet season.

A balanced diet plays a key role. Follow a regular schedule of meals and snacks that include a variety of foods. Then you won't arrive at the office party or neighborhood get-together on an empty stomach, which can lead to overeating.

Start each day with a good breakfast. This could include a bowl of Whole Wheat Total with skim milk, 4 ounces of citrus juice and a glass of skim milk to help assure you're getting the nutrients you need.

Keep the party in mind when planning regular meals and snacks. Perhaps you'll want to eat lighter meals the day before

and after in order to offset higher-calorie foods served at the party. You might also cut out desserts and apply the calories to special sweets served at the party.

Before going to a party, decide how many appetizers you'll have. Set a limit that suits your calorie needs and one that's realistic.

When you arrive at the party, scan the buffet table before eating. Be selective about how you want to "spend" calories. You might focus on seasonal specialties or appetizers that are new to you and skip the more common treats that you know well.

Certain party foods make great nibblers to enjoy throughout the evening. Raw vegetables,

such as carrot sticks and celery, are good examples. Fruit is another wise choice. If fruit or vegetable dip is available, just take a small spoonful and dip only once, instead of after every bite.

Alcoholic beverages and sweet drinks are a traditional part of holiday get-togethers, too. You may want to substitute club soda or low-calorie soda and apply the calories you save toward food.

The way you eat can be as important as what you eat. Try to sit down and enjoy your food. Walking around while eating can make you less conscious of what—and how much—you're eating.

Take time to appreciate the great holiday food. Eat slowly by taking small bites and setting your fork down between bites. Sipping a beverage can also help control how fast you eat.

Use the party as a way to enjoy good conversation and to meet new people. It will help divert attention from the food.

Finally, be sure to continue a regular program of exercise during the holidays, adds Gunkler. In fact, you may want to increase the amount of exercise in order to offset the treats of the season.

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Whole Grain Foods for the Fast Lane

These days, Americans want good food fast. Convenience is a "rule of the road" for our busy lifestyles. We look for food that's quick-to-fix and also suits eating on-the-go, which may even mean grabbing a bite to eat in the car or on the bus.

Whole-grain foods help us keep up with life in the fast lane, says Mary Helen Gunkler, registered dietitian and staff nutritionist for Total cereal. What could be more convenient than a bowl of Whole Wheat Total and skim milk for breakfast? Or how about a quick-to-fix sandwich made with a whole-grain bagel, pita or English muffin for lunch or a snack? At dinnertime, offer spaghetti made with whole grain pasta. It's easy to prepare, and whole-grain pasta cooks in just minutes.

Muffins made with whole-grain products also fit the way we cook and eat today. They're great for a quick breakfast, meal accompaniment or dessert. Muffins also are ideal for snacking or at coffeetime.

Lift Every Voice Coupon from page 29

REGISTRATION

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Season's Greetings

*"When the right time came,
the time God decided on,
He sent his Son."
(Gal. 4:4)*

"They Called Him Jesus."

*Remember: Jesus Is The Reason
For The Season."*

The Pastor, officers and members of Stewart-Isom CME Church are praying that you and your family will have a joyous holiday season. May the joy of Christmas prevail with you throughout the year.



The Batie Family
Standing L to R: Corey, Kaneesha and Dante.
Seated, the Rev. Larry and wife, Margaret Batie



Holiday Cheer

If one could just go back again
And be a child at Christmastime
To feel anew that breathless thrill,
That tiptoe sense of awe sublime.
To sing the carols one knows best
And light the candles, view the tree.
To hear the reindeer on the roof
And almost feel that one could see,
Beneath the mistletoe and holly,
Santa's face so round and jolly,
To go with Mother to the town
And buy a doll for Nancy,
To try and stretch some dollars
For a present fine and fancy,
To have the smell of evergreen

Send happy shivers down the spine,
To hang red ribbon on a wreath
Of hemlock, spruce, and pine,
To capture all that inner glow
We used to feel so long ago,
To creep down to the fireplace
So early on that quiet morn
And lift that lumpy stocking down —
The one that has your named pinned on
To scurry with it back upstairs
And empty it upon the bed —
Nuts and candy, cake and pears
And giant apples, polished red.
Oh! to be that child again
At happy Christmastime!

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