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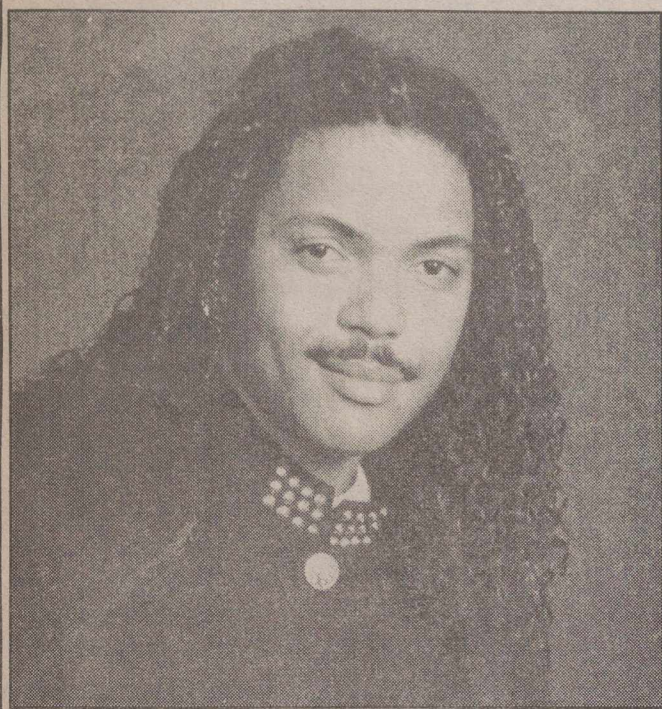
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Deaf Dance Theatre Performs In Tampa



Fred Michael Bean

TAMPA — The National Deaf Dance Theatre, directed by Fred Michael Bean, a Tampa native, is a unique professional touring group that was founded in January 1988 which blends high energy jazz dance with American Sign Language and theater. Created to promote cultural and educational awareness through entertainment within the deaf and hearing community, NDDT will perform two shows at the Hillsborough County College Performing Arts Theater in Ybor City on Wednesday, July 16 and Thursday, July 17 at 7 pm. For ticket information, call 685-2565 or 661-0642.

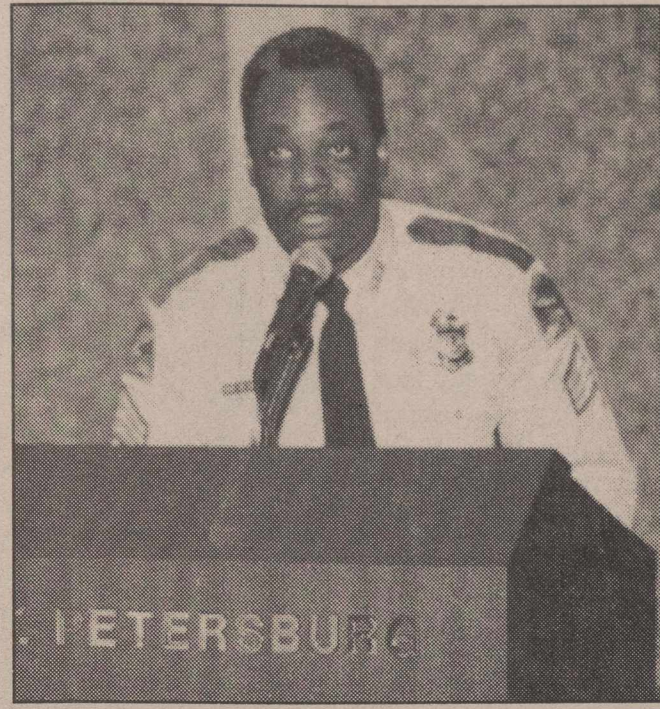
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These exciting performers are being brought to you by the Icon Foundation which invites you to come out and enjoy the show.

Role Model Of The Week



Reggie Oliver

ST. PETERSBURG — Detective Reggie Oliver of the St. Petersburg Police Department is the 500 Role Models of Excellence Project's Role Model of the Week. A St. Petersburg native, Oliver is a 1976 graduate of Dixie Hollins High School. He attended Florida Memorial College and Florida A&M University.

Oliver joined the police force on July 5, 1982 as a trainee. Since joining SPPD he has been a patrol officer, a vice and narcotics detective, a community police officer and is currently burglary unit supervisor.

A caring and dedicated young man, Oliver is active-

ly involved in helping improve the community. In 1990, he was one of three officers selected to serve on the Urban League's black on black crime prevention task force. In March 1991, Oliver was recognized at the Officer of the Year awards ceremony for outstanding job performance and was one of four recipients of the Elks Club law and order award.

He is also very committed to the role models program. In February, Oliver and two other officers went to Miami to observe its role models program in order to help improve the program in Pinellas County.

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President's Race Initiative is Good News

by Mary Frances Berry,
US Commission on Civil Rights Chair

President Clinton's new relations initiative is very good news. His effort is bound to stimulate some much needed national soul searching about how Americans can come together despite their differences on matters of race.

This nation will be stronger if we talk more openly and clearly about race in America. We need to discuss the legacy of slavery, Jim Crow, police brutality, barriers to entrepreneurship, the perpetuation of the glass ceiling and other issues that confound African-American progress. We need to energetically seek areas of accommodation and agreement and agree to civilly disagree but continue talking. That has been the essence of how things get done in this country. It lies at the core of our experiment in democracy and the way we do business, both of which have become models for the world.

In its own way, the US Commission on Civil Rights has for the past five years been encouraging a national dialogue on the causes of racial tensions and what we can do to reduce them by holding public hearings on this subject in major cities. One of our goals has been to identify commonalities and differences contributing to racial and ethnic tensions and to highlight economic and other factors that can reduce such tensions.

A year ago, in the wake of an upsurge of burnings of black and white churches throughout the South, the commission held public forums in six southern states to learn what it could about race relations in communities where churches had been burned. I attended each of those commission forums in Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi and North and South Carolina.

The forums revealed what the president's national church arson task force later corroborated: while there was no evidence of any national or regional conspiracy to burn black churches, severe racial divisions have been left unattended in communities where these churches were burned. In black and white neighborhoods wherever the forums were held, the per-

sistence of segregation and inequality was apparent. A dangerously wide gap exists between black and white perceptions of race relations.

The ensuing national conversation about the church burnings carried on by many concerned organizations and through the news media, hastened the rebuilding of burned black churches and the healing of emotional wounds suffered by many burned-out parishioners. As was true at key moments during the early civil rights era, a national dialogue about race and religion converged to provide hope for permanent improvements in relations for blacks and whites in some racially charged communities in the South.

Unfortunately, the church burnings did not lead to continuing conversations on race at the local and national levels. National and community leaders must join together in creating a serious, sustained dialogue aimed at bridging racial chasms that we usually acknowledge only sporadically during racial riots or media events such as the O.S. Simpson trial.

Working to determine the causes for the racial riots that had swept the nation the year before, the Kerner Commission reported in 1968 that "the nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal." It is much too early to predict anything that the president will conclude at the end of his initiative on race, but he will surely note the more complex racial and ethnic divisions that exist today and the need for increased sensitivity and creativity to address them.

President Clinton's call for a national dialogue on America's racial problems is intended to bring about a kind of meaningful and lasting racial reconciliation that has so far eluded us as a people. The journey will still be difficult, but it's an important beginning. At a time when some critics would like to stifle any serious public discussion of race, the president has rekindled hope that we may avoid dragging the baggage of racial oppression and white supremacy into the 21st century.

Business Assistance Resources Fair And Seminars

ST. PETERSBURG — The Community Alliance, St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce South Central Business Council, city of St. Petersburg and St. Petersburg Junior College/Allstate campus are sponsoring a business assistance resources fair and seminars on Thursday, July 31 at the SPJC Allstate campus, 3200 34th Street S, St. Petersburg. Booths are open from 2:30 to 7:30 pm; seminars start at 3, 4, 5 and 6 pm. There will be a free food court and door prizes.

Prospective and established business owners are invited to ask questions in a one-on-one setting and in group seminars.

For more information, call Susan Knowlton or Kathy Oathout at 821-4069.

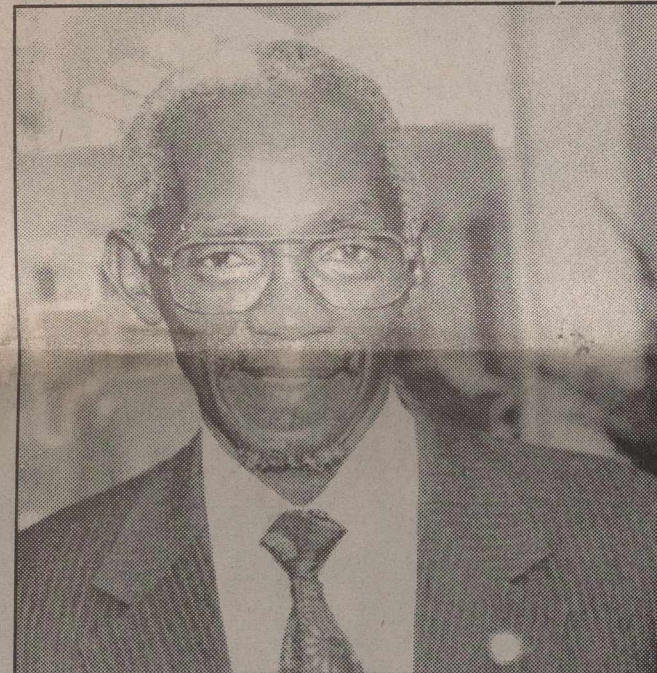
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A Church Built On The Apostolic Faith

by Dianne Speights

ST. PETERSBURG — The United House of Prayer for All People has built a most beautiful edifice, which has restored light to what has been an area of blight in our community for many years. However, the church is no stranger to this community having humbly served from the storefront church site on 6th Avenue and 22nd Street S for 18 years and in the new location on 15th Avenue and 22nd Street for one year.

United House pastor Apostle E. Jennings, a native of Columbia, SC, was born and reared in this faith which is built on the rock of the Apostles. Jennings became an ordained minister in October 1964 in South Carolina, moved to Miami in 1968, served as an evangelist until 1978 and then was appointed to pastor the small congregation in St. Petersburg.



Apostle E. Jennings

"But our rich history stems back to biblical days and the appointment of the Apostles Peter, James, John, etc. and the faith that they stood for as representatives of Christ," Pastor Jennings explained.

"Jesus appointed them to carry on after He was gone. Of course, these believers in Christ went on to say whatever it took to carry on the Gospel of Christ they were willing to do."

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History Project Seeks Participants, Photos, Scrapbooks

ST. PETERSBURG — Community residents are invited to help document where we have come from and where we are going through a social history project centered at the Olive B. McLin Neighborhood Family Center. This special community history activity will help document the history of Bartlett and Campbell Parks, Harbordale, 13th Street Heights, Cromwell Heights and other nearby neighborhoods.

Currently, teens from the community are helping to research and document neighborhood heritage; adults are also contributing volunteer hours. Needed are scrapbooks, old photos and volunteers' time and knowledge. We already have a modest but impressive collection that you can help to

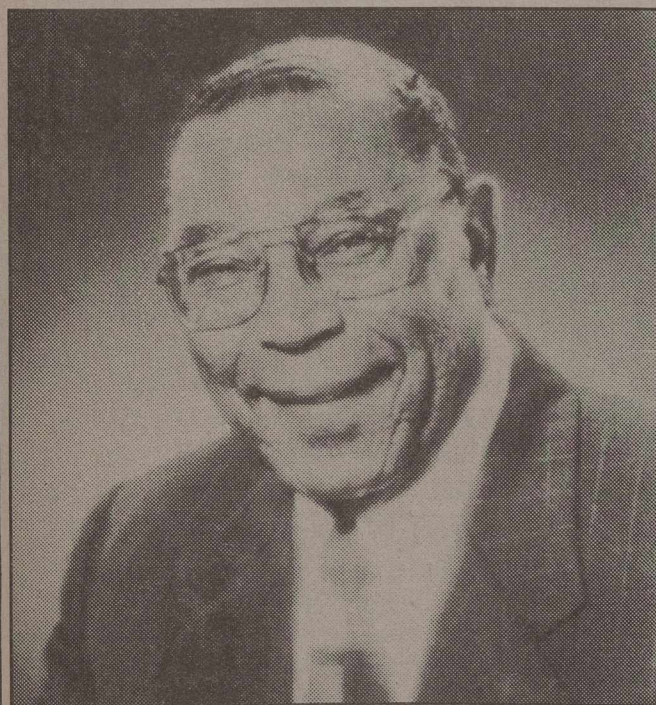
improve. Several more volunteers are needed to make the project successful. The community history project is intended to provide a welcoming place in the neighborhood where community members can see and hear the history (at the O.B. McLin Center), to get people involved in the life of the community center and to build community pride and unity. The center offers assistance, equipment and materials to anyone age 14 & up.

Also planned is a permanent public archive with an exciting computerized learning tool (CD-ROM interactive web site) about the neighborhood history (funded by the Florida Humanities Council). It will be available in the neighborhood family centers, local libraries and museums. For more information, visit the center at 1900 Dr. M.L. King Street S or call 893-1526.

Community Meeting

IMA is sponsoring a community meeting to discuss the Hope Vi Grant application for revitalizing Jordan Park. The meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, July 10 at the Jordan Park Gym, 22nd Street S at 11th Avenue S. Telesis Corporation, consulting company for grant preparations, will provide information. The community is encouraged to attend.

Kiwanis Elects First African-American President



Walter G. Sellers

NASHVILLE, TN — On national's annual convention June 30, more than 5,000 delegates at Kiwanis International's highest office.

as the worldwide service club's next president. Sellers is the first African American to serve in Kiwanis International's highest office.

Kiwanis is one of the world's leading voluntary service organizations with more than 8,600 clubs and 315,000 members in 80 nations.

Sellers will serve a one-year term beginning Oct. 1. As president of Kiwanis International, he will chair the organization's trustee board, serve as chief spokesman for the organization and visit Kiwanis clubs and service projects in many nations. His wife Irene will serve as first lady of Kiwanis and travel with him.

Sellers is a 31-year member and past president of the

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July 4th Fireworks Re-Scheduled For July 12

ST. PETERSBURG — The 4th of July fireworks in St. Petersburg were postponed on the 4th and 5th due to rain and high winds and are now re-scheduled for this Saturday, July 12 at 9 pm.

Food vendors and entertainment will already be available in the park from 11 am to 9 pm for Bastille Day, a previously scheduled French street festival sponsored by SPIFFS.

"The good news for SPIFFS is that the fireworks will coincide with our Bastille Day festivities, which come to a close in Straub Park at 9 pm Saturday," says Lotta Bauman,

SPIFFS executive director.

According to Lee Metzger, administrator of the city's Department of Leisure Services, "We are anticipating a spectacular show this year and we're just holding out for no rain or high winds this time."

Sponsors of the 1997 fireworks display are MIX 96 radio, the St. Petersburg Times, the Renaissance Vinoy Resort, The Pier and the city of St. Petersburg. The best vantage points are from the Pier and several downtown waterfront parks including Vinoy Park, Straub Park, Demens Landing and Northshore Park.

Happy Workers Hold Closing Program

ST. PETERSBURG — in a closing program at Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church on June 16, the staff of Happy Workers Day Nursery presented 27 children in celebration that marked the end of their preschool year and entrance into kindergarten. The theme was "I Believe I Can Fly." With family and friends as guests, the children presented their talents. They were assisted by teachers Morer Bolds, Iverta Beasley and Irish R. Shareef. Three of the graduates Gaston Hughes, Austin Jordan and Mycobi Lee began their early childhood education at Happy Workers in the toddlers class.



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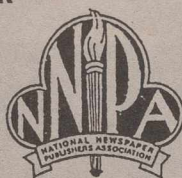
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BY
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Parents Shape the Future

On June 1 when tens of thousands of parents took a Stand for Healthy Children in more than 575 communities in every state and the District of Columbia, the nation was reminded once again that no group arouses our passions and hopes more than our children. But while stand for children rallies of the past two years have put the spotlight on parents' loving concern for children, the truth is parents stand for children every day when there are no television cameras around.

Parents have the most challenging and most rewarding work in the world. Parenting means being responsible for a valuable human life. It means shaping the way a child's body, mind and spirit grow. It means shaping the future.

Parents who are patient, loving, kind and fair are every-day heroes. We are our child's first teacher, role model, inspiration and moral guide. It is hard work and there is no greater responsibility. But the rewards—healthy, caring, responsible and productive children who love life—are indescribably fulfilling. Here are a few helpful parenting tips to consider:

- Realize that becoming a parent is the most challenging mission in life. Be prepared to support your child physically, emotionally, spiritually and financially for a lifetime.

- Spend time with your child—quality as well as quantity. Sharing your time nourishes his heart and soul just as much as food nourishes the body.

- Pay attention to and listen to your child. He/she will feel valuable and will also pay attention to and listen to you.

- Be consistent. Your child needs to eat and sleep at regular times each day, follow reasonable rules that stay the same from day to day and enjoy a steady relationship with you that doesn't bounce between big highs and big lows.

- Set appropriate limits with love. Setting limits constructively, firmly and lovingly makes a child's world a safe place. Children who misbehave, typically do so because they want and need you to set limits. If you're not sure whether he/she is ready to try something new, ask other parents about their experiences or check with your child's doctor or teacher.

- Teach your child right from wrong. Children learn values and morals primarily from parents. Not only by what you say, but more important, by what you do, be a good role model. Teach him/her to be honest, fair, responsible and giving. He/she will model him/herself after you in good ways and bad.

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Black America's Smoking Gun

by Earl Ofari Hutchinson

With his sunglasses, saxophone, hip clothes, Joe Camel has become one of the most recognizable figures on billboards in black neighborhoods. In a two mile stretch in south central Los Angeles, I counted 24 billboard ads. Two were for Joe Camel and nine were for other cigarette brands (liquor ads were a close second). The recent admission by R.J. Reynolds that it deliberately markets cigarettes to minors was no surprise to black anti-smoking activists. They have waged a long campaign to get Reynolds to stop targeting black youth with its ads. They haven't won yet. Reynolds is protesting the proposed FTC ban on ads.

This is not the first time that black activists have gone after the tobacco companies. In 1990, black pressure forced R.J. Reynolds to drop its Uptown brand and in 1995 a cigarette distributor in Massachusetts pulled Menthol X from stores after

black activists complained that it played on the association with Malcolm X.

Black activists are right to be outraged at the tobacco companies. The damage smoking causes to African Americans is staggering. Nearly half of black adults smoked (compared to 37% of white adults). They die from lung cancer at a rate 50% higher than whites, and have higher rates of heart and respiratory ailments than whites.

The problem is that while the tobacco industry is an equal opportunity polluter, it is not an equal opportunity spender. Decades ago, it discovered that by generously spreading its mega bucks among blacks it could win good will, sanitize its image and hook generations of blacks on cigarettes. In the 1950s, cigarette companies were the corporate pioneers in using African-American models in their ad pitches. Since the 1960s, they have been among the corporate

leaders in hiring and promoting blacks into managerial and professional positions.

But advertising has been the industry's major trump card to win the lungs of blacks. The major black magazines such as *Ebony*, *Essence* and *Jet*, black newspapers and radio stations have long crammed their pages and filled their airwaves with cigarette and liquor ads. Although the publications now attract more diverse major corporate advertisers, cigarette advertising still remains their staple revenue source. The ads show chic, well dressed, prosperous looking black couples and families at work and play. This not-too-subtle play on the image of success and upward mobility, stokes fantasies of wealth and power and conveys the message that the American dream is only a cigarette puff away.

In recent years, cigarette makers have become even more adept at playing the

image game among blacks. They design socially consciousness ads in black publications that tout black leaders and celebrities, praise black historical figures, scientists, artists and events and promote their sponsorship of scholarship, business and equal opportunity promotional programs for blacks. It's worked.

In 1991 Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan found out how beholden many black publishers are to the tobacco industry when he invited them to a meeting to discuss the adverse effects of tobacco advertising in the black communities. Not one magazine publisher and only a handful of newspapers showed up.

The tobacco industry's largesse doesn't stop with ads. Nearly every major black cultural event held during the past decade had had a tobacco or liquor company as its primary sponsor. Cigarette makers provided

major funding to the Alvin Ailey Dance Company, the Dance Theater of Harlem, the annual Harlem Week Festival in New York and the 200 city *Ebony* magazine fashion fair.

The industry also cloaks itself in the mantle of progressive political activism and as a champion of civil rights and black causes. It has doled out millions in gifts and contributions to social and political groups such as the National Urban League, the Congressional Black Caucus, as well as generous sums to the SCLC, NAACP, UNCF and the National Caucus of Black State Legislators. They claim that congressional budget cuts in funding to arts and non-profit organizations and the increasing miserliness of corporate contributors force them to seek funding wherever they can get it.

They defiantly swear that the tobacco companies attach no strings to their contributions and make no

attempt to influence their organizations policies. Incredibly, some go ever further and hail the tobacco companies as good corporate citizens whose contributions to education, political and social causes enrich black life.

These are self-serving arguments. Many black organizations have raised significant amounts of money for cultural and educational causes and many black leaders have waged effective campaigns for civil rights and political empowerment without taking a nickel of tobacco money.

Black anti-smoking activists realize that when they fight the tobacco companies they are bumping heads with one of the best organized, best financed and propaganda savvy industries on the planet. But with the health of thousands of youth African Americans at stake, it's well worth the fight.

A Blow to Democracy

by George Wilson

It seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating the fact that the Congressional Black Caucus had a record number of members. This dramatic increase was driven by the creation of so-called majority-minority districts. These were congressional districts with boundaries drawn to maximize minority voter participation and to virtually guarantee that a minority would be elected to Congress.

Not surprisingly, there were elements of American society who were not cheering the fact that certain groups were playing in a game from which they had previously been excluded. Because of their discontent, these individuals and groups filed lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the creation of minority-majority districts. These challenges were successful, and as a result, certain congressional districts were redrawn. Aside from the constitutional issues, many of the districts were considered invalid because of their shape. That argument is particularly interesting since the shape of predominantly white districts has never been at issue.

The state of Georgia was

able to send two African Americans to Congress because of the creation of the 11th and 2nd districts. Sanford Bishop (D-GA) and Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) were able to provide representation to those who has been left out under the previous arrangement. In spite of the fact that Bishop and McKinney successfully ran in districts that were not majority-minority, they both concur that their original districts were excellent remedies for past exclusion.

Many hoped that once the redistricting case reached the Supreme Court, it would overturn the lower court decision which declared the districts unconstitutional. Unfortunately, by a vote of 5 to 4, the high court affirmed the lower court decision.

McKinney sees the Supreme Court decision as a clear indication that the Voting Rights Act, which is due for renewal in the year 2007, needs to be watched closely by those who have been victimized in the past. "I think that what we are clearly facing is an environment where we do not have the protections of the Voting Rights Act. Where southern legislatures are free to work their will without the protection of the Justice Department's

Voting Rights section and all that it implies for minorities and people who do not have the power in the South."

All one has to do is look at the past when poll taxes, grandfather clauses and other impediments stood as obstacles to the participation of African Americans in the electoral system. The Supreme Court sent voters in Georgia and the rest of the nation a message that there are going to be some pitched battles over who deserves representation and who doesn't.

McKinney notes that the high court couldn't have been much clearer. "In delivering this decision, the Supreme Court has affirmed a double standard in the treatment of black voters and white voters and has unleashed southern legislatures to decide who gets represented in our current electoral system."

It seems the voting game for African Americans is played with an ever changing set of rules. Conventional wisdom held that voting could be a tool of empowerment. Instead, the Supreme Court seems to be saying that it may be time to closely examine a system that seems to allow politicians to choose who will vote for them.

The Only Apology That Counts Is Economic

by John W. Templeton

You have to give a well-meaning Ohio congressman credit when he proposed a one sentence apology to black Americans for slavery.

How could he have known that the steel curtain of white denial would fall on his head?

The benefit of this incident is that it brings attention to the real resolution that Congress must confront—Rep. John Conyers' 15-year-old effort to impanel a commission to investigate the feasibility of reparations for African Americans.

Conyers' resolution has never been brought to the floor for a vote under Democratic or Republican Congresses.

The root cause of the denial can be summed up in a quote from Thomas Jefferson while he was contemplating the hypocrisy of maintaining slavery while espousing democratic ideals: "I shudder to think of the thought that there is a just God."

No white American wants to face the equivalent of South Africa's truth and reconciliation commission and account for 236 years of legal slavery. In fact, an ABC poll shows that 88%

of whites are opposed to reparations. Had the resolution not been offered, the usual media blackout of discussing the topic would not have been pierced.

A false sense of history is at the root of white denial. African Americans were free in the territory of the US from 1528 to 1619, meaning that slavery disrupted their normal progress.

Expanding slave territories into the Deep South actually required the forcible removal of Maroons and Native Americans from Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. Just addressing slavery does not factor the loss of land and economic opportunity in those areas. Spanish-speaking blacks in the Southwest from Texas to California were moved off millions of acres of land.

The real issue is one of restoring wealth, not making apologies. In *Black Wealth, White Wealth*, Melvin Oliver and Thomas Shapiro point out that strategies only maintain economic inequity.

When Edgar Bronfman confronted the Swiss government about the holdings of Holocaust victims, he did not settle for an apology. The Swiss are prepared to

pay more than \$5 billion to resolve this claim.

There is a simple way to quantify the impact of not just slavery, but racism—the gap between black and white household wealth, \$3,000 compared to \$81,000. A \$75,000 payment to every African-American family would put practically all in position to pursue any of their life goals from housing to education to entrepreneurship.

Let's face it, white America does not want equality, particularly economically. Our quest for reparations has to be combined with an international effort on the part of all African countries. The truth and reconciliation commission would not exist but for international pressure. It is time to extend such efforts wherever black people have been held in bondage.

John William Templeton is executive editor of *Griot*, the African-American, African and Caribbean business daily and author of *Our Roots Run Deep: The Black Experience in California*, vol. 1, 2 and 3. Call 800-840-0465 for more information.

Blacks Closing Graduation Gap

Many black Americans are finishing high school at the age that many whites complete college, reports a study by the American Council on Education. The council, an umbrella group for colleges, universities and educational associations, included this information in its 15th annual report *Minorities in Higher Education*.

Researchers also found that blacks and whites, ages 25-29, had nearly the same rate of high school completion, about 87% in 1995. But in the younger age group, 18-24, the gap was wider.

The report, released May 18, 1997, said the gap may have closed in the older age category because a greater number of blacks finished high school requirements later in life through equivalency examinations. Just 10 years earlier, in 1985, blacks had an 81% graduation rate, compared with 87% for whites.

Nonetheless, the council's analysis of census data show-

ed that blacks and Hispanics finished college at a far lower rate than whites and the rate of enrollment increase is slowing down.

For example, minority enrollment at the University of Michigan rose 6.8% in 1991, 1.2% in 1995 and 0.7% in 1996. Wayne State University saw a 6% dip in minority enrollments in 1994 and again in 1996, although black students remained 21%-23% of Wayne State's overall enrollment, according to figures cited by the *Detroit Free Press*.

Challenges to affirmative action is one of the key factors causing the overall enrollment slowdown. But John Matlock, the University of Michigan's vice provost, believes that there are other equally valid issues that affect enrollment. He said that more students are now choosing work over college because the economy is good and with rising college costs, fewer students can afford to attend colleges right away.

"But I don't want to discount the assault in terms of affirmative action nationwide," Matlock told the *Free Press*. "I think it does have a chilling effect on students in terms of where they go to college."

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But Michigan philosophy professor Carl Cohen challenges the policy. He said that in his analysis of applicants with similar test scores and grade point averages in 1994 showed minorities were more likely to be accepted at Michigan and its law school than at other colleges.

Cohen has some allies in

the state legislature. Rep. Penny Crissman (R-Rochester) has a bill that could stop community colleges from race norming or adjusting test scores to account for social and economic factors. Her bill would also prevent colleges from using preferential treatment in employment, promotions and contract awards.

Four other Republican state legislators have also promised to challenge the University of Michigan's affirmative action policies. Rep. David Jay of Washington Township, Deborah Whyman of Canton Township, Michelle McManus of Lake Leelanau and Greg Kaza of Rochester Hills, said they were seeking potential plaintiffs for a lawsuit.

The national study also focused on other racial minorities. If found that Hispanics fell behind whites and blacks in completing high school, with a rate of 57%.

Among Hispanics, ages 25 to 29, less than 9% complet-

ed at least four years of college in 1995. That number varies significantly from the 26% for whites and the 15% for blacks, the highest recorded for both groups since 1975.

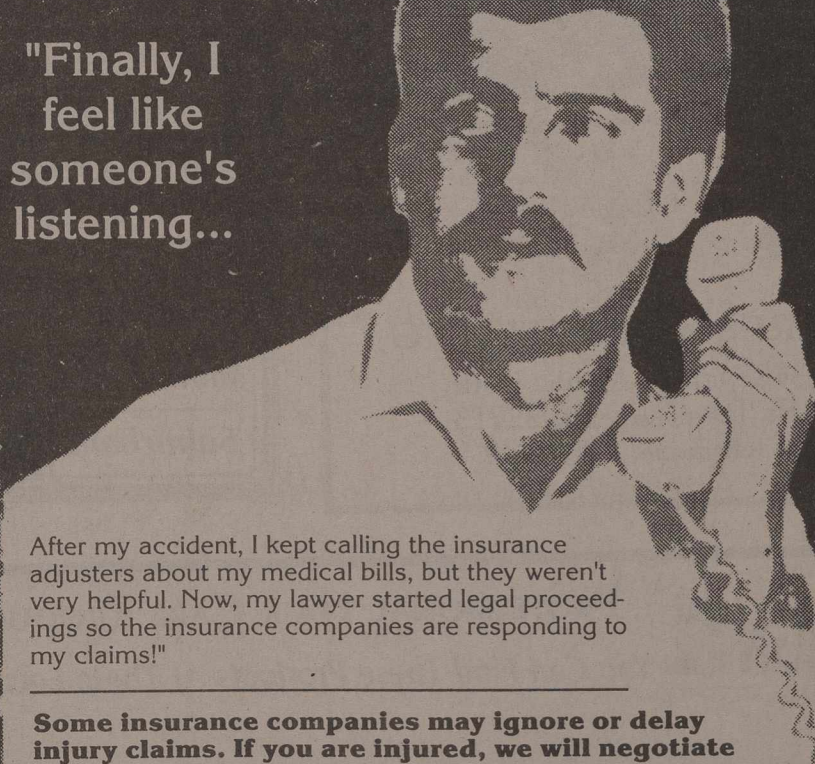
Another section on Asian-Pacific Americans sought to dispel the myth that they as a group are a model minority.

Students from the group "are perceived as well behaved, diligent high achievers who persevere and are educationally successful despite socio-economic and linguistic obstacles," the report said. But the report also notes that this stereotype conceals a wide range of educational experiences.

College participation ranged from 66% for Chinese Americans to 26% for Laotian Americans, the report said.

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TAMPA — The Sophisticated Ladies of Tampa Bay sponsored a western dance featuring Wild Style Dee Jaze on June 28 at the Letter Carriers Hall in Tampa. Selpenia Hudson is club president.



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Club Holds '70s Dance

TAMPA — The Nubian Knight social club held a '70s dance and dress wear bash on July 5 at the American Rental Hall in Tampa. They provided happy hour, a free buffet and music by deejay Adam Bomb. They also acknowledged one of their members Willie Cherry Jr.

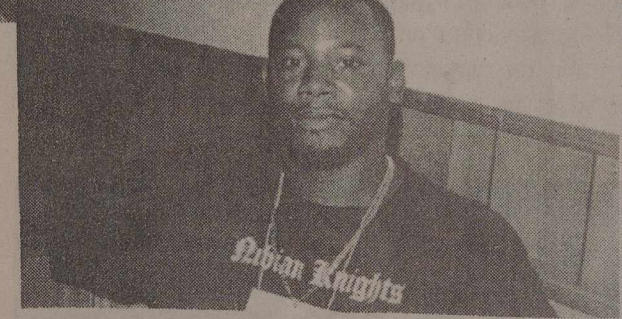


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CLEARWATER



by Marilyn Buckner

HEADLINES

Condon Gardens, a housing community once looked upon as a drug infested haven for users and sellers, high-risk teens and rampant criminal activities, is now a quiet, close-knit and enterprising community. Gone are boarded-up, dilapidated housing units.

Director of operations Ken Florezyk spoke enthusiastically about Condon's new image and numerous self-sufficiency programs for the 287-unit complex, excluding 35 units one block away known as Chesapeake Villa.

Vast improvements include air conditioning installation in all units as of this year. Three playground centers, two child care centers (Head Start and R'Club), exterior painting of all units and a landscaping program are planned for later this year.

Florezyk attributes much of the success to the one-strike you're out eviction policy for any tenant dealing or in possession of drugs. The Garden Villas neighborhood family center, under the auspices of HUD, JWB and Operation PAR in partnership with Condon Gardens tenants, encourages parents and residents to take an active role in child care, social events, cultural development and education/training opportunities. A neighborhood family center, functioning as a residents association, includes incentives to become first-time home buyers. Two residents have become homeowners, with many more attending workshops to achieve the same goal—home ownership.

Diana Washington, an outreach worker, attended a six-day workshop at Lincoln Filene's Management and Community Institute in Boston, MA. She looks forward to putting their knowledge to work—another example of Condon's commitment to stay abreast of current incentives to help tenants help themselves. Parenting classes, homeownership work-

shops, a police substation and a children's library are just a few facilities in Condon whose mission is to serve, encourage and motivate.

More improvements are needed. Talking with residents and youth, two dominant themes emerged: a laundromat on the premises, a community swimming pool and better lighting on the basketball court. I concur with the laundromat, although units have hookups available for washers, throughout the complex, excessive outdoor clotheslines were visible, thus cheapening the new image Condon is trying to convey.

Condon Gardens has come full circle, including a road that opens onto Drew Street that no longer isolates residents, but provides accessibility to parks, baseball fields and supermarkets—all within walking distance. Tenants' addresses are more highlighted so that one can find one's way around Condon better. Service centers are painted differently from tenants, so Tanglewood and Sandlewood Drives are no longer streets to find tenants, but streets where tenants live.

There's no longer a negative connotation when the name Condon Gardens is mentioned, but a positive, transitional community where children, parents and residents are working together to improve the livelihood of each other collectively.

Clearwater's Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority had three more dedicated sorors present to make their annual golf classic tournament a success, namely, Tiffany Bokins, Ronica LaPreard and Portia Gibbs-Scott.

Your headlines can be sent to me at PO Box 6941, Clearwater 33758.

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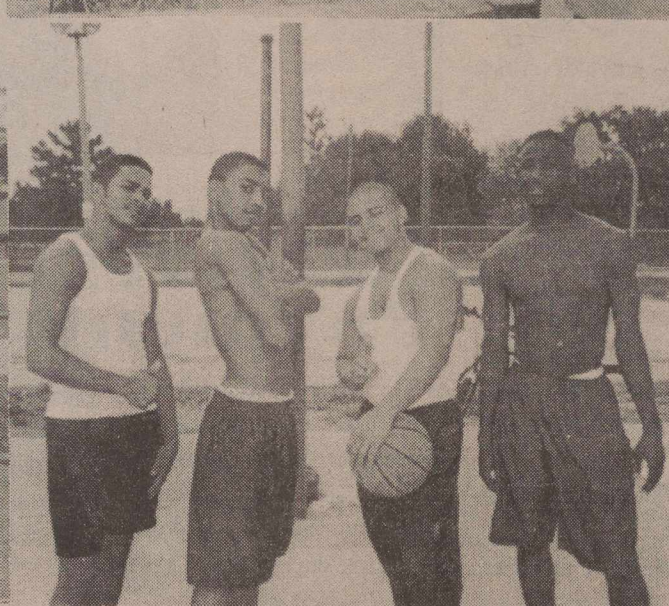
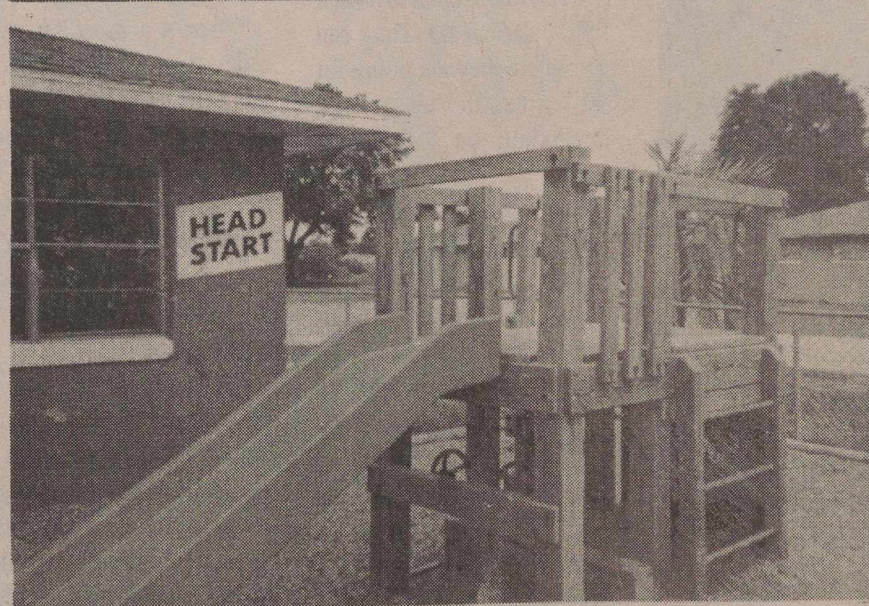
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Barnett Bank Announces Promotions

ST. PETERSBURG — James E. Loskill, president and CEO of Barnett Bank, NA, Pinellas County, announces the following promotions and appointments:

Tammie Bryde, promoted to manager of the Meadowlawn office, has been with Barnett since 1993 and has held several positions, most recently as the market (office) manager of the Madeira Beach office.

Barbara Bailey, promoted to officer and operations manager for the Beckett Lake office, has been with the bank since 1987 and was most recently a sales and service associate in the office support team.

Tim Horsman has been named officer and consumer lender for the Central Plaza office. He comes to Barnett from Berkshire County, MA where he worked as an office manager for Greylock Federal Credit Union.

Kelly Smith has been appointed officer and sales and service manager of the Sand Key office. Prior to her current position, Smith was the sales and service manager at the Beckett Lake office and has been employed with Barnett for 12 years.

Barnett Bank, NA, Pinellas County employs nearly 1,000 countywide and provides full-service banking at 48 office locations. As the market share leader in retail and residential services, Barnett serves 44% of the households in the county and enjoys a commercial market share of 34%. Barnett is also well known as a generous supporter of many community initiatives and non-profit organizations.

Eckerd College Named To Honor Roll For Character-Building Colleges

ST. PETERSBURG — The John Templeton Foundation has named Eckerd College to its 1997-1998 Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges, a designation which recognizes colleges and universities that emphasize character building as an integral part of the college experience.

"One of the primary goals of education is the development of moral character—those habits of heart, mind

and spirit that help students know, love and do what is good. Because of Eckerd College's demonstrated efforts to develop moral character in students, the John Templeton Foundation is pleased to name them to our Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges," said John M. Templeton, Jr., M.D., president of the John Templeton Foundation.

All four-year accredited undergraduate institutions in

the United States were invited to qualify themselves for participation by submitting an essay that addresses certain character-building criteria. The selection criteria were designed to evaluate the extent to which a college or university:

- Inspires students to develop and strengthen their moral reasoning skills.
- Encourages spiritual growth and moral values.
- Provides community-

building experiences.

- Advocates a drug-free lifestyle.
- Conducts a critical assessment of character-building programs and activities.

A total of 135 schools in 42 states were selected to this year's Honor Roll and will be featured in the 1997-1998 Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges Reference Guide which will be available in the fall.

"In a free society it is the responsibility of each citizen to be virtuous and to possess strong character. The John Templeton Foundation applauds Eckerd College for their programs that emphasize character building. We look forward to collaborating with Eckerd College as we strive to increase recognition of their outstanding character-building activities," said Templeton.

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Mayor Vows To Create 2,500 Jobs In The Inner City

In last week's column, we discussed Mayor Fischer's Challenge 2001 plan, the initiative to level the playing field in St. Petersburg. One of the four goals of the plan is economic equity by creating 2,500 new jobs in the inner city. How will our community meet that goal?

"As we look at our aspirations of establishing this number of jobs, we shouldn't forget the small business man and woman in the Challenge area and their ability to employ themselves and many of their neighbors," said Roy Otto, manager, business assistance and development. "We are working closely with the businesses of 16th Street and 22nd Street S on development of those two corridors."

One of the goals of Mayor Fischer's program is to provide 2,500 jobs in the Challenge Area and reduce unemployment rates in the area to more closely match the city-wide unemployment rate by the year 2001.

Following are some examples of potential programs that could help accomplish those goals:

Strive Program

Strive is a three-week training and placement program that assists young people with a career potential who want to work but have had difficulty finding jobs. During a structured workshop, participants learn valuable employment skills and develop more positive attitudes toward work. The goal for the Strive Program is 840 graduates by the 5th year.

YouthBuild Plus

YouthBuild St. Petersburg is a youth development pro-

gram that provides at-risk youth ages 17-24 with on-the-job construction training, classroom education leading to a GED and life and leadership development skills. This successful program continues to train area youths and has the goal of employing a total of 94 participants within three months of graduation by the year 2000.

Additional jobs in the Challenge Area

Efforts are being made to create jobs in the Challenge Area through new businesses including the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Walgreens and Vencor Hospital. Employment goals for those years start with employing 100 people the first year and reaching a goal of 500 in 2001.

Job Training

Pinellas Vocational/Technical Center would provide job training skills in its customer service program ending with 375 people trained by the 5th year.

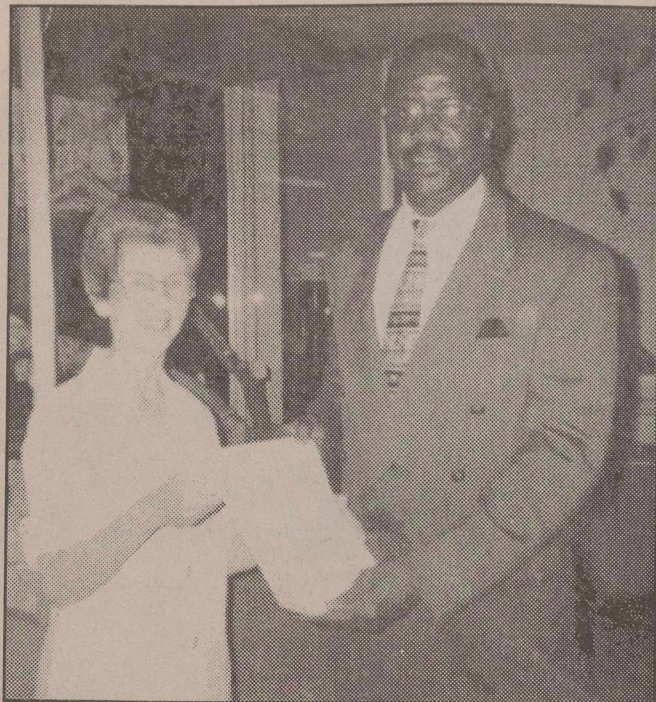
Increasing the number of jobs outside the Challenge Area

The mayor will encourage corporate leaders to hire Challenge Area residents for available work positions. The goal at the end of five years is 700 employees.

Temporary Jobs Program

This program would provide on-the-job training and specific job training skills to residents of the Challenge Area with a total of 850 participants by the year 2001.

St. Petersburg Together is a weekly column prepared for The Weekly Challenger by the city of St. Petersburg.



Science Center Receives Payment

ST. PETERSBURG — Rep. Rudy Bradley presents the fourth quarter payment of the state's cultural affairs grant to Susan Gordon, executive director of the Sci-

ence Center of Pinellas County. The Science Center is a private, non-profit teaching museum located at 7701 22nd Avenue N.

Certificate Programs More Than Quintuple At SPJC

ST. PETERSBURG — St. Petersburg Junior College's certificate programs are growing in a big way. The 27 certificates that have just been added increase the number of offerings more than fivefold, to a total of 33. These programs are designed to meet the needs of local industry and help students gain the skills they need to quickly improve their position in the workplace.

Seven of the new certi-

ates are offered by SPJC's Advanced Center for Technology: computer-integrated design, computer/network support technician, crime scene technology, internet-working support technician, Microsoft certified systems engineer, webmaster and windows programming.

Public information sessions about the Advanced Center for Technology and its offerings are scheduled soon.

Child Watch

from pg. 3

"Praise and encourage children when they do well. Criticize their action, not them, when they need correction. Parents are the most important people in children's lives and deserve recognition for the outstanding job they do each day. Remember, the lessons we teach our children at this crucial stage in their lives will be the lessons they teach their children. The more they see us stand up for what is right, the more we can be certain that our legacy—to them and to the nation—will be a proud and lasting one.

Hires

We ought to be careful what we wish for others, we may be blessed with it ourselves.

Who we are doesn't change, who we can become

does.

Being positive can turn an ordinary flat note into an orchestra.

Discipline won't kill, but it may prevent behavior that will.

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Kids Can Get In The Swing Of Summer With Half-Price Fares Of PSTA

CLEARWATER — Kids without cars or drivers licenses don't have to depend on parents or friends to get them to work or to the beach this summer, not if they invest in a Pinellas Sun-coast Transit Authority (PSTA) GO Card and have a PSTA student ID. They can get where they are going for 50 cents or even less, depending on their travel habits.

But first they need to get familiar with the concept of public transportation: riding a bus. In Pinellas County, that means riding a PSTA bus. Taking a bus is a lot different than being chauffeured places by parents or friends and requires a different orientation for passengers. Buses run on fixed routes and follow strict timetables. Once the routes and timetables are mastered, kids

can have almost unlimited access to the beaches, the parks and other playgrounds of Pinellas County—at half fare! Or, as PSTA's current advertising campaign slogan reads, they can "Know No Limits" with one of the unlimited ride GO Cards.

"There's a great sense of independence and freedom that comes with being able to use the bus to get around," said Jill Cappadoro, PSTA director of marketing. "And think about the fare. You can't even buy a soft drink at the local fast food restaurant for 50 cents!"

PSTA has more than 40 fixed routes, which means kids can plan all-day trips to the area's beaches and major shopping malls, including Tyrone Square, Pinellas Square, Clearwater and Countryside malls, as well as the Shoppes of Boot Ranch

in the East Lake area. This means movies, summer jobs, shopping—all at their disposal. For \$1.50 kids can even ride to Tampa.

In early June, WFLZ-FM began to promote a special bonus for those independent teens who have discovered the benefits of riding PSTA. The station is partnered with eight businesses throughout Pinellas to provide discount incentives for teens who show them their PSTA student ID card. The businesses are: Great Explorations, Celebration Station, Seminole Lanes, Sunrise Lanes, Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Hockytown Joyland, Rainbow Rollerland and the Clearwater Phillies. All businesses participating will offer these incentives through the end of August. Signs posted at the businesses and the offices where GO

Cards and student ID cards are distributed will provide specific information on the discounts themselves.

GO Cards are sold for 1-day, 7-days and 31-days of unlimited rides and 20-ride premium (100X to Tampa) with the Daily Unlimited and 31-day unlimited ride GO Cards available for the student at reduced fares of \$1.25 and \$25 respectively. A PSTA student photo identification card is required to qualify for student reduced fares. They can be purchased at any Pinellas County ACE Check Express location of PSTA customer service center or through the Tickets by Mail program. The PSTA info hotline at 530-9911 (Voice/TTY) can help with questions about PSTA's GO Cards, the reduced fare ID and program/bus schedules.

Role Model Of The Week

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He was a member of the planning and steering committee for the role models summit in May.

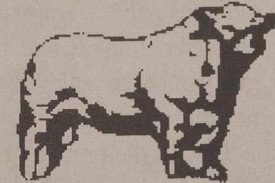
When asked why he be-

came involved with the role models program, he answered: "Our kids, no, all kids need strong positive images. They need to see strong pro-

ductive men in the community. Being a role model gives me a greater opportunity to work with kids that need support and guidance.

It is our responsibility to prepare our children to face the challenges of tomorrow."

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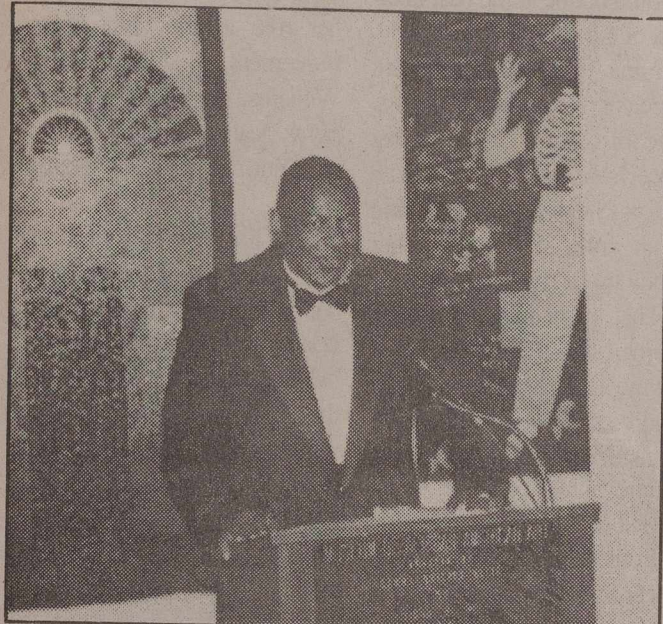
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Youth Summit Offers Exchange Of Ideas On Race Relations



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ST. PETERSBURG — Adults and students gathered on Saturday, June 28 to share views on race relations at the multi-cultural Youth Summit in St. Petersburg. The students, who represented both junior and senior high, surprised participants by their

candor at the day-long event hosted by the Rosewood Justice Center and co-sponsored by the city of St. Petersburg. "We had hopes that the students, for whom this was intended, would really open up but we were not certain it would happen," said Amett

Doctor, chair of the Rosewood Justice Center and an organizer of the event. "Not only were the students vocal but they made some very intelligent and thought provoking statements on the issue of race relations."

The summit, which was held at the Enoch Davis Center, consisted of three different panel discussions during each of which students were given the opportunity to share their opinions. Among the ideas shared were the feelings that today's youth are interested in being more understanding of others' cultures; that many view education as an important part of the process; that today's youths need to have a stronger sense of personal responsibility; and that the lack of parental guidance has negatively affected behavior.

City officials who attended

the event including the police chief, city administrator and city councilmen among others, were so pleased with the dialogue that they invited the Rosewood Justice Center to make the youth summit a semi-annual event in St. Petersburg.

According to Doctor, the youth summit was developed in response to the Rosewood Justice Center's goals, one of which is promoting improved race relations through public education. The Rosewood Justice Center, a not-for-profit organization founded in November 1996, was created by Doctor to memorialize the founding families and victims of the Rosewood Massacre and learn from the racial discord that resulted in the burning of the African-American town of Rosewood in 1923 by whites.

Doctor hopes to use the St. Petersburg youth summit as a model that can be implemented in other communities across the nation. "The youth are the leaders of tomorrow and we need to both solicit their input and point them in the right direction," he said. "From that standpoint, I think this summit was a very good start but it needs to continue both in St. Petersburg and throughout the US."

In addition to the city of St. Petersburg's co-sponsorship, the event was sponsored by Atwater's Cafeteria, Holland & Knight LLP and Nations-Bank.

For additional information on the Rosewood Justice Center, contact Amett Doctor at #52-596-9082.

Praying For Tara And Tabre

ST. PETERSBURG — Over 100 people gathered for a benefit prayer breakfast at Atwater's Cafeteria on Wednesday morning to support four-year-old Shantara McElroy and nine-year-old Tabre Williams. Both St. Petersburg youngsters will receive bone marrow transplants at All Children's Hospital this week, thanks to tireless community support and the work of African Americans United for Life (AAUL). Part of the proceeds from the prayer breakfast will support the AAUL. Checks can be sent to: National Minority Marrow Donor Program, PO Box 1273, St. Petersburg, FL 33731, attention: Watson Haynes.



Top Picture: Family members of Tabrae Williams & Tara McElroy. Bottom Picture: (L-R): John Sysus, radio journalist; Amy Miller, asst. PAR director; George Cretekas, aide to Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young; John Young, Operation PAR CEO.

Does That Compute?

By: Michael Waites, Jr.

Q: The other day, one of my friends was showing off his computer to me. He logged into the internet and was showing me some of his favorite sites. Well, I left his home disgusted. He had shown me his spec sheet, and he had pretty much the same set-up as I did at home. But as I watched him surf the internet, I was surprised to see him go to web sites so much faster than I? Why would there be such a difference if we have the same basic machine?

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A: This is really a good question, and the answer lies in the unknown for most people. There are really 4 major factors that determine the speed that your computer will surf the internet, download, and even chat with people on the internet. (1) The CPU. This factor has many elements to it, such as CPU chip size, ram, pipeline size, and video ram. It only takes one of these elements to drag down the speed of your computer. For example, you may have a really fast CPU, lots of memory, but your video ram is low. Your computer is receiving all the information quickly, but the monitor needs lots of time to translate the information into what you see on the monitor. (2) The Modem. How fast is your modem speed, how does it respond to noisy lines, is it a V.42? This also can include the set-up you're using in your software. Your modem may have the capabilities of transferring at a rate of 14.4k using V.42 but you have it set to send and receive at a generic 14.4k. A generic setting will not use any special features a name brand modem might have to make it faster, including the use of V.42. (3) The Provider. This is usually the most overlooked aspect. Your modem may be able to send at 28.8k, but you're calling your provider's 14.4k line. You might even get a message saying that you're connecting at 28.8, but low and behold your connection is really only at 14.4k. Your provider may have a large clientele, and the system they're using cannot handle everyone and do it fast. Sometimes the saying "What you pay for, is what you get" stands true. Be careful, and ask your provider questions. If they know what they're doing, then they have taken all this into consideration, and will not be afraid to answer your questions, or help you get the fastest connection possible. (4) The Web. A lot of people don't take into consideration what they are visiting on the Web, and what time they are visiting it. The biggest example I know of is a site (No names mentioned) that you could score a boxing match while the fight took place. It was the biggest fight of the year, and everyone with a computer who was watching the fight was also logged into this site, so traffic was heavy, and the Web was slow. Also scripting plays a major role here. A lot of sites use Java scripting, and depending on the script there might be a lot of information to receive before you even start to receive the page.

My best advice is to have a professional come and evaluate your system and help you tweak your system to get the most out of it. Many internet providers will do this at a charge to you. It might be worth your time...

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Kiwanis Elects from pg. 1

Kiwanis Club of Xenia, OH. He served as governor of the Ohio Kiwanis district in 1984-85. He was first elected to the Kiwanis International board in 1991.

In addition to Kiwanis, Sellers has served his community as president of the Xenia board of education and member of the boards of the Golden Age Senior Citizens, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Boy

Scout Council and Xenia YMCA.

Sellers is also a past president of the Ohio School Boards Association and the Ohio Association of College Admissions Counselors. In 1986, he received a US presidential appointment to the National Afro-American History and Cultural Museum

Commission.

As president of Kiwanis International, Sellers will lead an organization that emphasizes service to children and youth. The continuing service theme of Kiwanis is "Young Children: Priority One."

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7-Eleven Celebrates 70 Years Of Convenience

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▲ 1927 The Southland Ice Company is founded in Oak Cliff, a suburb of Dallas, Texas. An ice dock employee, Uncle Johnny Green, stocks milk, eggs and bread to better serve his customers' needs. Convenience retailing is born.	▼ 1928 The Model T is 20 years old, and 10 Southland stores, now known as Tote 'n stores, become the first to sell gasoline. Genuine Alaskan totem poles decorate several store locations.	▼ 1949 7-Eleven's animated "Owl and Rooster" commercial is the first television advertising by any convenience store. Decades later, mature Dallasites will still remember the catchy jingle.	▲ 1954 The first 7-Eleven stores open outside of Texas. The warm weather and leisurely lifestyle of Miami and Jacksonville, Florida, make them perfect markets for 7-Eleven's brand of convenience.
▲ 1946 The name "7-Eleven" is created for the growing chain of neighborhood stores that are open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. The first store logo combines a four-leaf clover, the numeral 7 and the word "Eleven."	▲ 1963 In tune with customers' changing lifestyles, 7-Eleven begins operating stores "around the clock." That same year, the company purchases 100 Speedee Marts in California and enters the world of franchising.	▼ 1969 Echoing the sentiments of its customers, the "Oh Thank Heaven" slogan is introduced. It becomes one of the longest-lasting and most popular themes in retail history. That same year, the first Canadian 7-Eleven store opens.	▲ 1971 7-Eleven enters the European market in England and Scotland. The first 7-Eleven opens in Mexico.
▲ 1958 Southland expands to the East Coast by opening stores in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, proving that the 7-Eleven concept works in all climates.	▲ 1966 Slurpee, a new frozen carbonated beverage, is introduced and immediately enhances the attractiveness and profitability of 7-Eleven. By the end of the following year, Slurpee sales total 150 million cups.	▲ 1974 The area licensee for Japan opens its first 7-Eleven store there, beginning a phenomenal decade of growth and representing a major step in international expansion.	▲ 1991 The revitalization of 7-Eleven begins. The "new" 7-Eleven includes daily delivery of fresh, high-quality food items from Deli Central commissaries and World Ovens bakeries as well as everyday fair prices on all products.
▲ 1979 The company achieves its first \$1 billion quarter with more than 6,000 7-Eleven stores open. Gasoline accounts for 17 percent of the stores' total sales.	▲ 1984 7-Eleven introduces "Super Big Gulp," the first 44 oz. fountain soft drink on the market. It will be copied by competitors many times in coming years. Meanwhile, the company begins widespread introduction of ATMs.	▲ 1996 The company completes the largest store remodeling program in its history. The new look includes wider aisles, better lighting, new layouts and upgraded security systemwide.	▲ 1996 The company completes the largest store remodeling program in its history. The new look includes wider aisles, better lighting, new layouts and upgraded security systemwide.

DALLAS—On July 11, the 7-Eleven convenience store chain celebrates 70 years of providing customers with plenty of reasons to say "Oh Thank Heaven."

It all started in 1927 when an innovative employee of The Southland Ice Company began selling milk, eggs and bread from his ice dock in Oak Cliff, a suburb of Dallas. Since that simple marketing decision seven decades ago, the small ice business has grown into The Southland Corporation, a major international retailing

chain with more than 6,000 7-Eleven stores in the US, its territories and Canada and an additional 10,600 licensed stores in 19 other countries.

During those 70 years, 7-Eleven has been quietly racking up a number of retailing firsts designed to provide bigger, better and more convenient service to busy customers. The company was the first to offer cups of coffee-to-go, giant soft drinks, the convenience of 24-hour shopping and introduced the popular semi-frozen concoction known

as Slurpee.

"Until we tested coffee by the cup in our east coast 7-Eleven stores in the mid-60s, coffee drinkers had to make their own java at home or go out to a restaurant," said Clark Matthews, president and CEO of 7-Eleven. "And our stores were the first to stay open 24 hours a day. That started in the early 1960s in Austin, TX, at a busy store near the University of Texas campus when we discovered that customers wanted

to shop around the clock. Today, about 95% of our stores never close." (At about the same time, 7-Eleven stores in Las Vegas began staying open 24 hours to serve their round the clock customer base.)

In addition to 24-hour, seven days a week service, customers can say "Oh Thank Heaven" for a variety of other firsts. 7-Eleven was the first retailer to offer self-serve fountain drinks and giant drink cups, such as the 44 ounce Super Big

Gulp, and it made Slurpee a household name as soon as the icy beverage was introduced in 1966. With automatic teller machines (ATMs) in more than 3,800 stores, 7-Eleven has the largest ATM retailing network in the US and sell more money orders than any other outlet except the post office. In recent years, the convenience store chain also has become the nation's top retailer of prepaid long distance phone cards.

"But we're not resting on 70 years of success," said Matthews. "It's 7-Eleven's goal to continue providing customers with the products and services they need to make their lives better, easier and more hassle free. As one example, we've recently introduced the Burger Big Bite, a hot dog shaped hamburger. It tastes just like a delicious hamburger, but unlike a hamburger, it's easy to eat as you drive. No one else has anything similar to it."

Matthews, as well as other observers of the retailing industry, believe that this 70th birthday is just the beginning for 7-Eleven.

"A brand is a promise and the promise of 7-Eleven is to define, literally, what is convenience," said Watts Wacker, author of *The 500-Year Delta: What Comes Next and a Futurist with SRI International*, a consulting company. "7-Eleven has been totally in sync with the consumer agenda for 70 years. The company's promise and the commitment to build on that promise of convenience bodes exceedingly well for 7-Eleven's future."

With approximately 16,000 convenience stores worldwide, 7-Eleven is the premier name and largest chain in the convenience retailing industry.

Nation Mourns Death Of Betty Shabazz

by Andrew Whitehead

NEW YORK—Americans from all walks of life are mourning the death of Dr. Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X, who died on June 23; she was 61. She was gravely injured on May 31 in a fire allegedly set by her grandson Malcolm.

According to fire department officials, Dr. Shabazz was found in her nightgown, huddled in the hallway outside her Yonkers, NY apartment. She was rushed to Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx, where she remained in critical condition until her death. Doctors at Jacobi say Dr. Shabazz suffered third degree burns over 80% of her body and knew that the outlook for victims of such injuries was grim.

According to early reports, grandson Malcolm confessed setting the fire, allegedly because he was unhappy at being separated from his mother who lives in Texas.

Malcolm is being represented by former New York Mayor David Dinkins and former Manhattan borough president Percy Sutton, both long-time friends of the family. Sutton disputed accounts

by Yonkers police that Malcolm had confessed to setting the fire or that he said he wanted to kill his grandmother.

Details of the case against the 12-year-old Malcolm Shabazz remain sketchy as Westchester family court Judge Howard Spitz had ordered hearings and the records closed for the boy's protection. On June 23, Sutton was questioned by reporters about the possibility of the charges against Malcolm Shabazz being elevated to murder. He said that the pain that has already been inflicted upon the family does not warrant any new charges and would not be in the best interest of the child.

Nina Johnson, assistant director of communications at Jacobi, said Dr. Shabazz received a series of grafts in an effort to replace her dead skin with artificial skin until her body had a chance to recover.

That procedure, in which burned skin is literally scraped away, is extremely invasive and victims require extensive transfusions to prevent dehydration and provide white blood cells to fight infection.

Ironically, new skin for burn victims is being developed in

what was once the Audubon ballroom, scene of Malcolm X's murder and is now the Audubon Biomedical Science and Technology Park. That skin, however, was unavailable to Dr. Shabazz who was too seriously burned for the new treatment.

Shabazz, whose husband led the New York chapter of the Nation of Islam and was its spokesman until his break with the titular head Elijah Muhammad, was estranged from the religious group which she accused of complicity in her husband's death. The two sides have since reconciled.

Dr. Shabazz was hailed for her role in the civil rights movement by Myrtle Evers-Williams, the widow of civil rights leader Medgar Evers and current NAACP board chair.

"She has been a source of strength and encouragement not only to myself but to millions of Americans," Evers-Williams said. "Dr. Shabazz is the epitome of a strong woman and she was the strength and backbone behind Malcolm X throughout their lives together. We lift her up today in prayer and love."

You're Getting In Shape And Your Pool Can Help

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tate their bodies for literally thousands of years?

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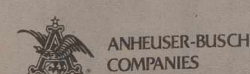
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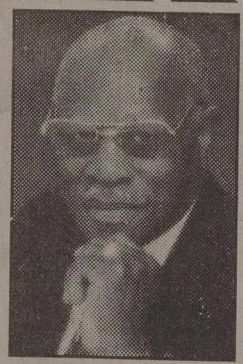
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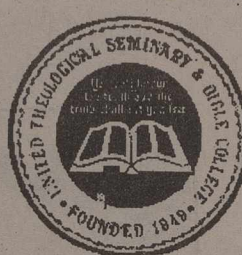


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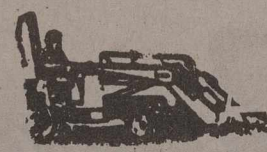


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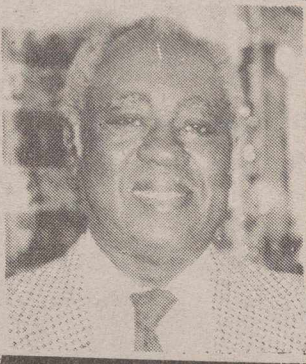


North Central Florida



Ocala News

by James Thorpe



Literary Summit

The Eta Tau Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is sponsoring a literary summit on Saturday, July 26, 8:30 am-3 pm at the Appleton Museum of Art of Florida State University and Central Florida Community College, 433 NE Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala. The summit title is: Literary Summit: Focus on Black Female Writers and its goals are to increase community awareness of African and African-American literature; promote reading of African and African-American literature; increase awareness of African and African-American female writers and feature model female writers of minority ethnicity.

For further information, contact Loretta Pompey-Jenkins at 351-0824 or Debra Aiken at 732-2188.

Seminary Roundup

The United Theological Seminary Ocala extension recently traveled to Monroe, LA for graduation. This is the 3rd graduating class of seniors and the 1st graduating class of master degree students. Students attended the week-long preaching institute with Rev. Bobby Williams as guest lecturer. He is pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Monroe.

Students receiving a bachelor of theology degree are Rev. Carl Gadson, Rev. Izell James and Rev. Earnest Ross; bachelor of religious education: Deacon Lorenzo Bethel and Catherine Jones; master's in theology: Rev. Herman J. Boone Sr, Rev. George Grimsley Jr, Rev. Royal Lawrence, Rev. Samuel Seales, Rev. Earl Speights and Rev. Burdell Strickland. Daisy Rembert received a master of religious education degree.

Dr. Fred Maeweathers Sr. is Ocala center director and Dr. B.F. Martin is president.

The local extension held its closing Pinkston-Maeweathers Institute June 9-14. Dr. Martin was the lecturer and guest preachers were Dr. Bernard Tuggerson and Bishop Leroy Stevenson. Minister Warren Hardaway and Rev. Charles Perry were student preacher for the week. The culminating activity was the banquet held at First UMC

with Rev. Raynard Churchwell alumnus, as guest speaker. He graduated in 1995 with the first graduating class and is presently a student at Emory University.

Financial Services

Have you ever needed to discuss a financial need with the bank but couldn't get there before closing time? Well now you can talk to a banker after hours. Financial Circle of Services has opened an office at the Hampton CFCC campus, 1501 W Silver Springs Blvd. For your convenience they are open every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 to 7 pm. Its purpose is to provide the community with bank officers who can work on a variety of banking needs, financial counseling and education. The concept is new and needs your help in making it successful so stop by on Tuesday or Thursday, 5-7 pm.

Greater Hopewell

A delegation from the church attended the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education in Houston, TX.

Congratulations to high school grads Dawn Flowers and Kyowna Birmingham of Forest High School.

Happy birthday to those born in July: Eva Merkison, Clytis Clemones, Patricia Miller, Louis Nelson, Sarah Bryant, Jabari Pullings, Aletha Wooten, Janaki Pullings, Edgar Lockett, Ethel Nelson, Shanta Matthews, Vernajor Parker, Reva Green, Lorene King, Geramy Butler, Loretta Jenkins, Rev. Richard Howard, Jackie Ford, Eric Woods, Amos Lewis, Marie Cross and Kenneth Coleman.

91st Anniversary

Greater Hopewell will celebrate its 91st anniversary on Sunday, July 13 at 11 am and 4 pm. The public is invited.

A Tribute

Dr. Annie Mae McClary Walker was born with a mission. She has diligently worked to bring education alive to all people. For many years she has lectured in the US, Caribbean, Europe and Africa. Dr. Walker holds a special place in her heart for the children of underprivileged communities and her countless volunteer services in these communities reflect her love

for people and her desire to make positive change in people's lives.

Dr. Walker received her BS in elementary education from Bethune-Cookman College and an MS in child development from Teachers College Columbia University and Bank Street College of Education, an MA in sociology from Adelphi University, a PhD in cultural anthropology from State University of New York and a post-doctoral from Danforth Foundation Fellowship at Yale University. She has taught all levels of education from nursery to college. She retired as professor of education at State University of NY.

Not content with total retirement, she accepted a position as an adjunct professor at DBCC. In addition to teaching, she has worked as a consultant for the New York Department of Black Studies and conducted in-service workshops for public school teachers. She has devoted an extended amount of her time to lecturing and conducting black history classes in churches throughout New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. While working in this capacity, she received the opportunity to be a representative of the first district of AME churches in Liberia, West Africa in 1970 under the direction of Bishop Bright.

As a strong, determined, educated black woman, Dr. Walker represents what is available for all who are willing to work hard and be serious about what they want. She has touched the lives of many people of all nationalities. She has received many honors for her accomplishments.

As a fitting tribute to Dr. Walker and the legacy her life gives to all, the NAACP W Volusia chapter declared Jan. 11, 1997 Mae Walker Day.

Though she has had to downsize her agenda due to a back injury, she is not out of commission. Dr. Walker says, "Despite my many achievements, my most prized accomplishment is that I am a Christian, a child of God! For without God, I could not have accomplished anything!"

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Society In Ocala

by Florence Williams Ray



Back Together Again

The class of 1972 held its 25th reunion dance on July 5 at the Ocala City Auditorium. This ended a week-long celebration of activities beginning with a cruise from Ft. Lauderdale. Twenty-five persons participated: Johnnie Florence Allen, New York; Brenda Tomlin Bernard, Ocala; Mary Arthur Burton, Ocala; Sylvester Cox, Ocala; Ledrestra Rhem Clark, Ocala; Rodney Croskey, Ocala; Stine Fulton, Boynton Beach; Mae Godwin Smith, Saratoga Springs, NY; Carlos & Connie Greene, Ocala; Veronica Greene Smith, Ocala; Sarah Tucker Bryant, Ocala; Irish Linzy Bostick, Tampa; Johnnie Wade Jones, Ocala; Sharon Murph Gaitor, Ocala; Glenda Mayweather, Queens, NY; Chester McNeil, Ocala; Tara Johnson Pasteur, Pembroke Pines, FL; John Rawls, Ft. Drum, NY; Josephine Scott, Ocala; Gladys Krigger Washington, Ladsen, SC; Barbara Stewart Watson, Ocala; Demengus Ingram, Ocala; Ike Scott Jr, Ocala; Margaret Chambers Gaines, Ocala;

Kenneth Croskey, St. Petersburg; Elder Don L. Jones, Gainesville.

The class was introduced by a former teacher, Juanita P. Cunningham. Decorations were provided by Traci's Balloons Boutique and Rodney Cunningham. Music was provided by Peanut, The Body Snatcher. Pictures were taken by Lloyd McNeil. Wrap-up, bon voyage gathering was held at the home of Rodney Croskey with a fish fry donated by classmate Patrick Hadley, director of the Ocala Mad Dads chapter and vice president of the national.

Officers elected for the upcoming 2002 reunion are Brenda Tomlin Bernard, president; Chester McNeil, 1st vice president; Rodney Croskey, 2nd vice president; Irish Linzy Bostick, secretary; Veronica Greene Smith, asst. secretary; Johnnie Wade Jones, treasurer; Sharon Murph Gaitor, asst. treasurer and Ledrestra Rhem Clark, parliamentarian.

Summer Program Ends
The More Than One Month Black Achievers Village of

Howard Middle School concludes its summer program with a Harambee celebration on Monday, July 14, 6 pm at Howard Middle School on Martin Luther King Avenue in Ocala.

Narvella Haynes, program director, is elated over the program's success with our youths. She related that the young people are showing their appreciation by attending each session in large numbers and working on various projects as well as doing research to help them gain more knowledge and understanding of black contributions to the world. Narvella is hoping this will encourage our youth to set high standards and goals for the future.

If you would like to be a vital part in making a positive difference in the lives of these youths, join them at the celebration on Monday or contact Narvella Haynes at 368-9622.

Birthday Greetings

Birthday greetings go out to Kim Williams, July 7; Lathan Gaines, July 9; Demonica Williams, July 10; Rose Patterson, July 13.

You're Getting In Shape from pg. 8

Because of the buoyant properties of water, swimming is a low-impact exercise for anyone who has trouble with high-impact workouts such as running. And, while swimming is easier on the body, water adds more resistance to your workout, which helps build muscle tone.

If you're trying to lose weight, you'll be glad to hear that swimming burns calories. For example, swimming laps for an hour burns approximately 288 calories—that's equivalent to an entire hot-fudge sundae.

But don't forget, just like any other exercise program, keeping your equipment in

top shape is key to your success. Fortunately, these days we don't have the same worries our ancestors did. In fact, swimming was banned for a few hundred years for fear of germs in the water, but they didn't have the modern technology to keep their pools clean.

We welcome your letters to the editor.



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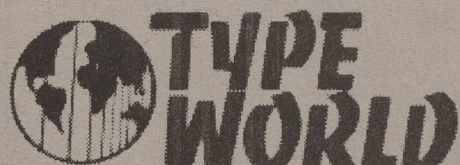
Things were fine until 1994, when our company hit the headlines. I won't go into the circumstances, but it wasn't pretty. With the negative publicity, Texaco could have dumped us and nobody would have blinked. Instead of firing our firm, an executive of Texaco came to visit. He was convinced that this was an isolated incident that didn't reflect our firm as a whole. We not only kept the business, it has grown. After twenty years on Wall Street, I can spot tokenism a mile away. I know what's for show and what's real. Texaco just did what was best for its business. And it was the right thing to do."



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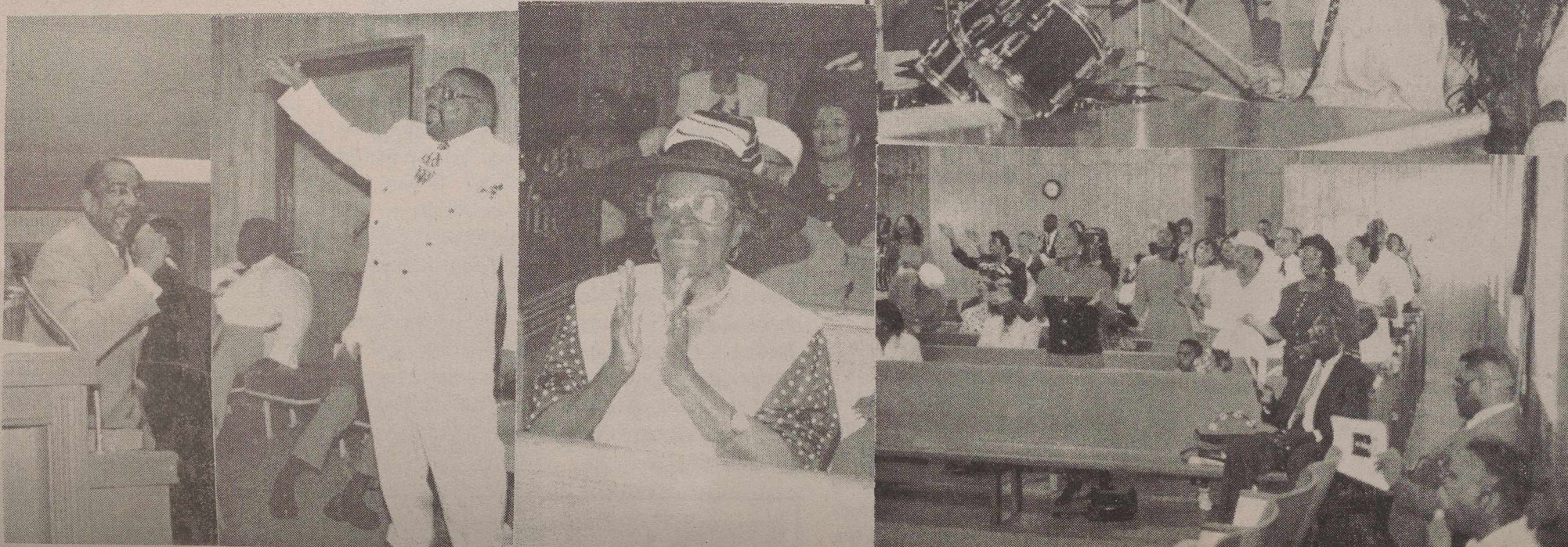
In Concert

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America sang in concert at the New Mt. Zion MB Church in Tampa. The theme was "I Have A Testimony."



Appreciation Day at Pilgrim Rest

TAMPA — Pilgrim Rest MB Church held appreciation day for the Rev. Robert Earl Reese on June 29. Rev. Reese has been pastor of Pilgrim Rest since 1977. Beverly J. Bellamy chaired the event. Co-chairs included Mary Buie, Vivian Gray, Darlene Johnson, Johnnie M. Johnson and Mary Rainey. Program participants included Beverly Godbolt, Corey Hamlet, Deacon James Copeland, Deacons Willie Davis and Arizona Jenkins, Darlene Johnson, Beverly Bellamy, Margie Augustine, Sandra Glenn, Eulaulia Harris, Norris Collins, Carolyn Collins, guest speaker Minister William Taylor and Patricia Matthews.



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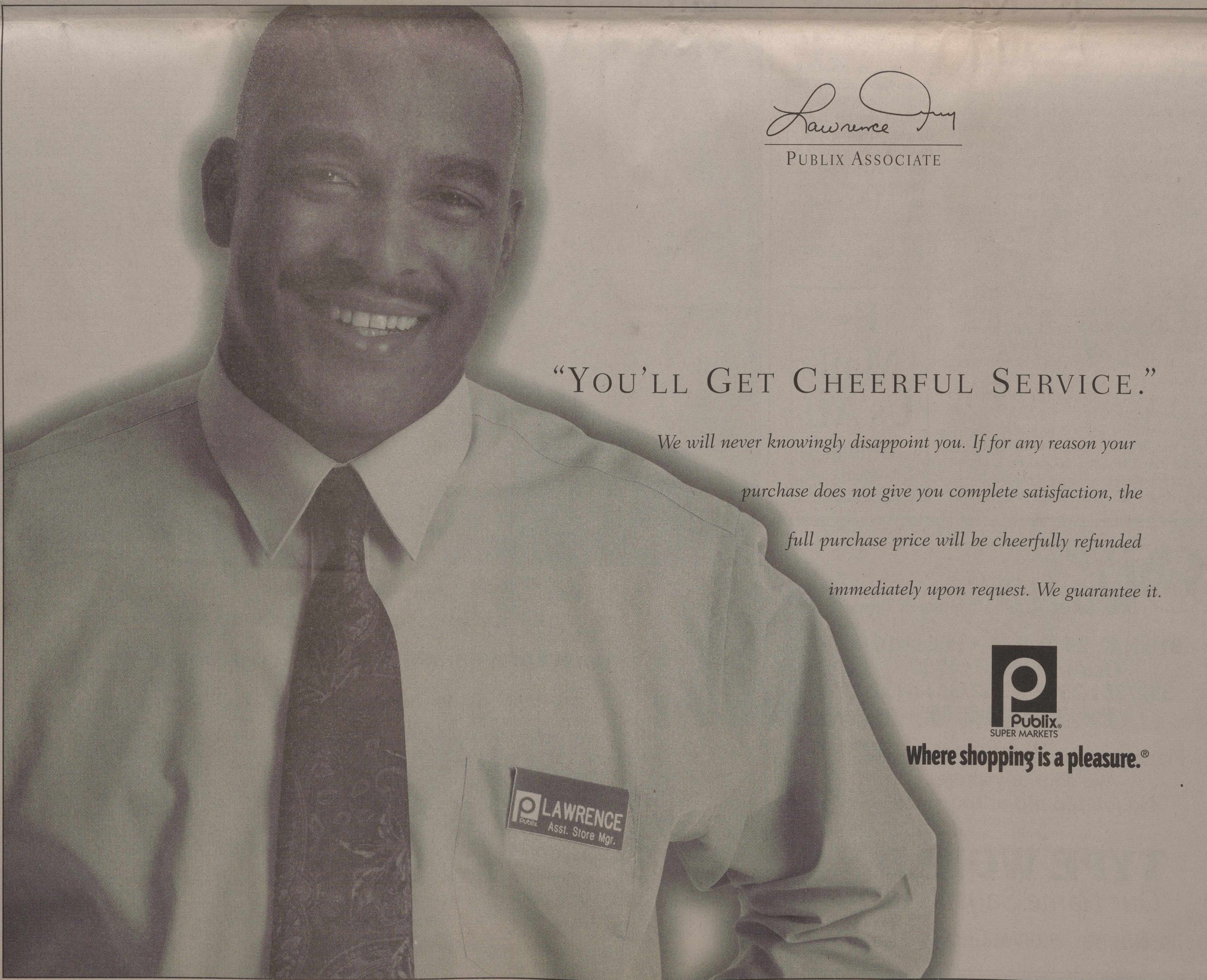
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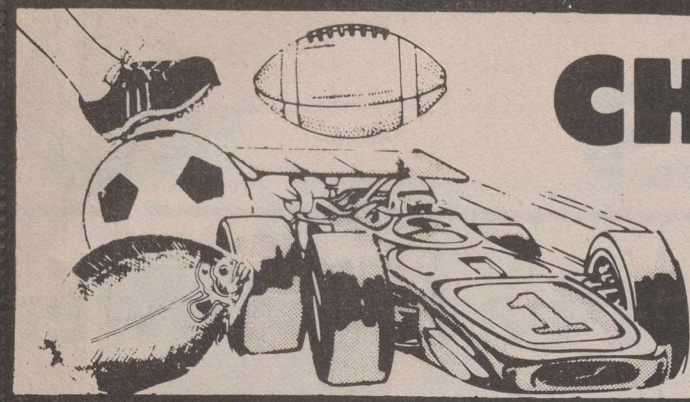


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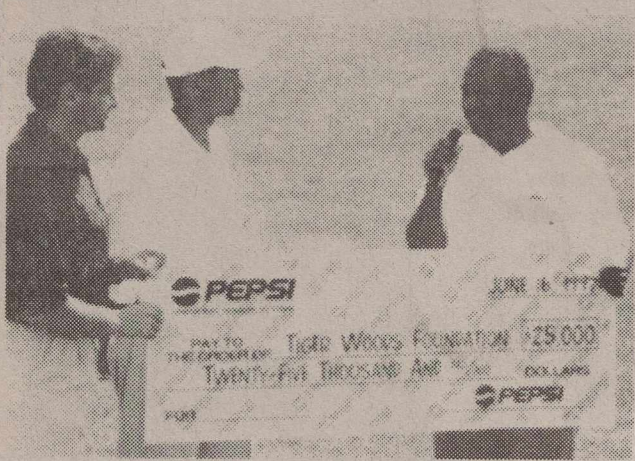
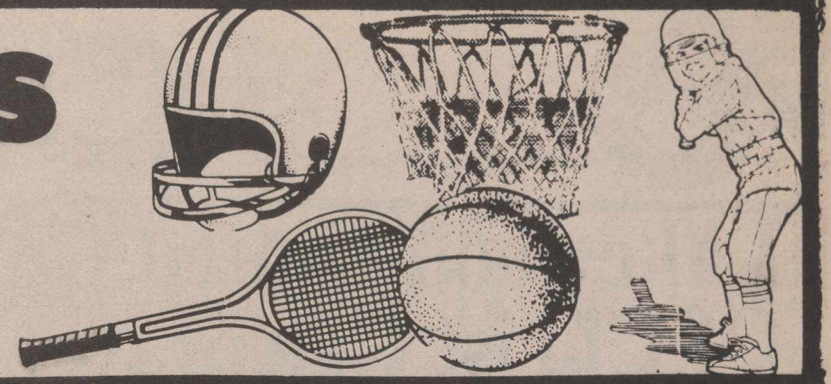
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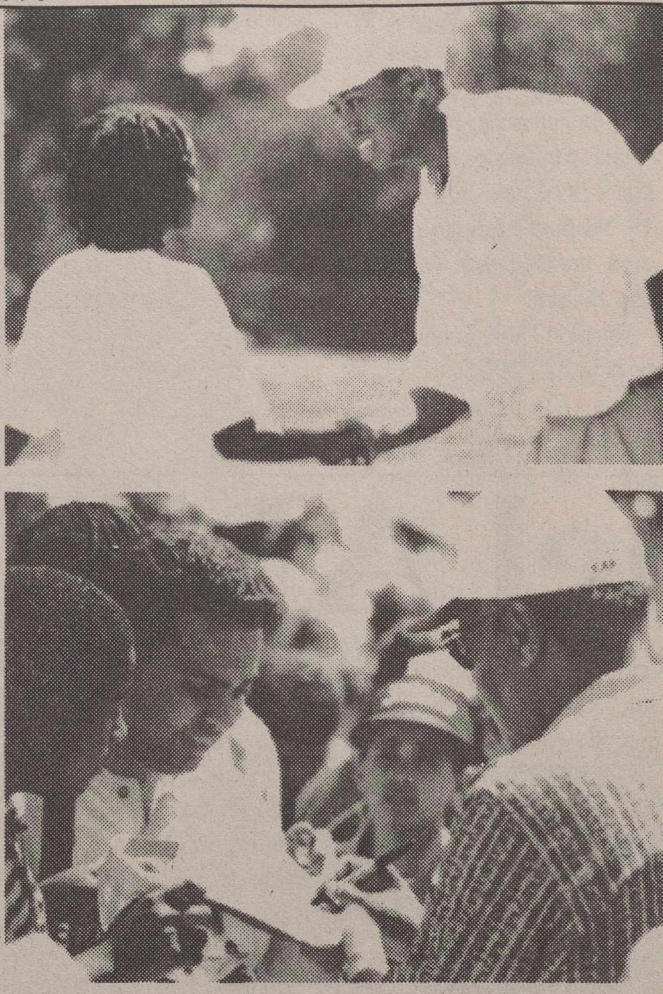
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Pepsi Helps Tiger Woods Foundation Bring Golf To Innercity

SOMERS, NY — Pepsi-Cola Company has made a \$100,000 commitment to the Tiger Woods Foundation, helping the inspirational group expose golf and the spirit of inclusion to inner city youths. The foundation's first junior golf clinic and exhibition in the New York area took place June 16 on Randall's Island.

In the accompanying photographs (clockwise from top left): Tiger Woods demonstrated his golf artistry and "opened his heart" to about 130 youngsters who participated in the day-long event. Equally impressive was the advice of Earl Woods, Tiger's father and president of the foundation. The elder Woods urged kids to pursue their own life choices with the passion to

excel. Additional light on *Training a Tiger* was shed via free copies of his book. Marking Pepsi's commitment to the first of four foundation clinics, a check for \$250,000 was presented to Tiger Woods by Pepsi-Cola Company's Maurice Cox (r), vice president of diversity, and Anthony Pessolana, vice president of fountain sales. Cox noted that 25

years earlier Pepsi had worked in a similar vein with late tennis legend Arthur Ashe to bring his sport of choice to Harlem-area youngsters. Pepsi and other sponsors will be supporting upcoming Tiger Woods Foundation junior clinics and exhibitions in Memphis, TN on Aug. 4 and Miami on Oct. 12.

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folks are really excited about going to attend the games already," says Michael Reid, president of MLR Entertainment. "With all the FAMU football games in Tallahassee taking place during the daytime hours this year, we plan to roadtrip and tailgate to all of them and also by traveling with all the interested alumni and fans of the teams that we play this year (Tennessee State, Aug. 30; Norfolk State, Sept. 13; Jackson State, Sept. 20; Delaware State, Oct. 18) we plan to have some serious, fun-filled weekend excursions. A number of people from all the schools in the bay area going already know of each other, so although the trips will all be in the interest of friendly competition and camaraderie, we expect a lot

of bragging to be going on. These one-day excursions to Tallahassee are the ideal choice for those who are unable to obtain hotel rooms, choose not to drive or are not interested in staying overnight in Tallahassee. It is also a great opportunity for those to support the schools while also being able to be home for Sunday activities. "With the games being daytime games, we can leave early on each Saturday, attend the games and tailgate festivities and be back in the bay area that evening. The luxury motorcoaches we charter always ensure that all our excursions will be the highest quality, comfort, fun and style," says Reid.

In addition to FAMU trips, reservations are also being taken for the 5th annual

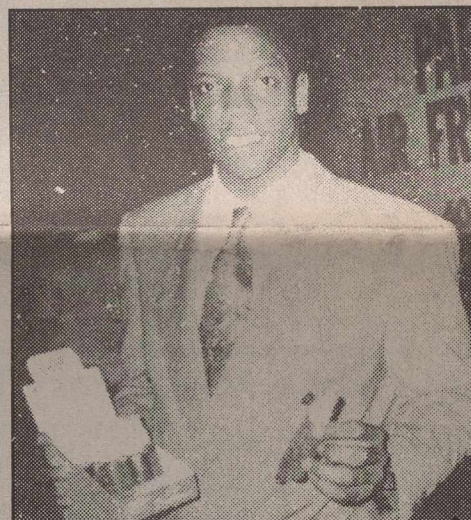
MLR Bayou Classic Connection, the annual all-inclusive trip to New Orleans to attend the Bayou Classic football game pitting Southern University against Grambling State. "Since this will be (GSU's head coach) Eddie Robinson's last game as head coach, the demand for this weekend is really starting to take off. With all the calls coming in from Pinellas and Polk counties and even Ocala and Tallahassee, we anticipate taking at least two motorcoaches consisting of folks from all of central Florida. We have a ball in New Orleans every year and this year promises to be the biggest and best ever!" MLR also has arrangements for preparing travel packages for people interested in attending the

Circle City Classic in Indianapolis, IN pitting the Tennessee State Tigers against the North Carolina A&T Aggies the weekend of Oct. 4, as well as a number of regional pro football games this fall, upon request.

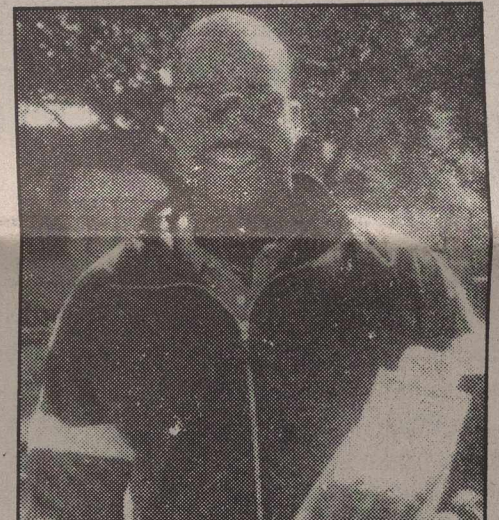
Tickets for all trips go on sale July 15 and because of the high demand and limited availability, all reservations will be sold on a first come first served basis. As with all MLR trips, discounts are available for groups and organizations interested in fund raising opportunities and flexible payment schedules are available for those with budget considerations.

To request brochures or to obtain additional information, contact MLR at 813-988-9264 or by e-mail at MLR4YOU@AOL.COM.

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to defy the odds and has emerged as one of the premier travel and destination management companies in the Southeast.

To kick off its 7th year in business in the Tampa Bay area, MLR has again prepared a number of fun-filled fall travel excursions to a

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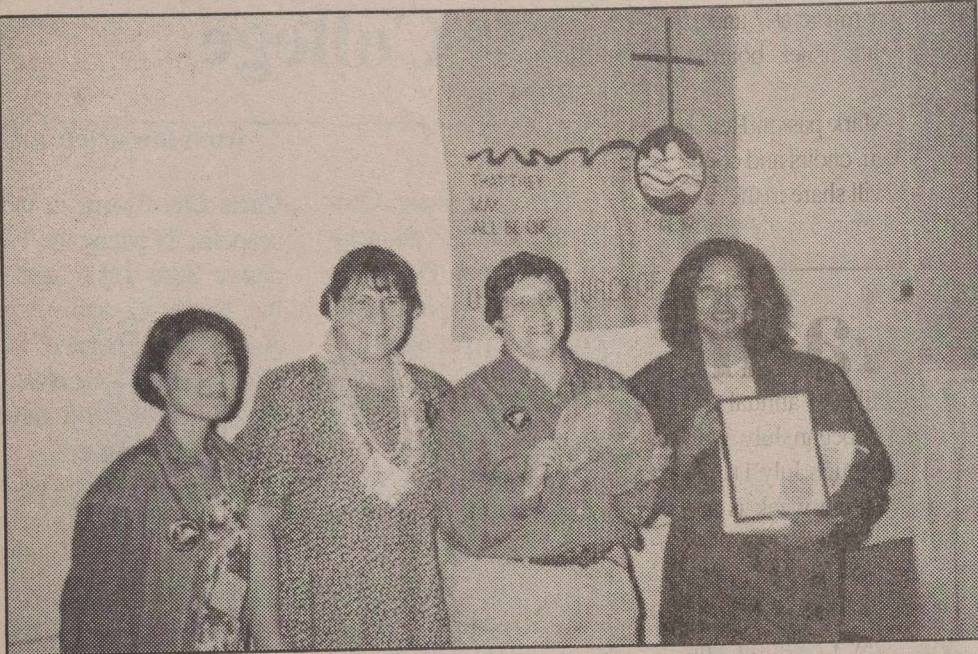
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CHURCH NEWS



Lakewood United Church Of Christ Celebrates Just Peace Awards



L-R: Sonya Chang, denomination representative; Pastor Kim Welk; Beth Causey, worship coordinator; and Debbie Rice, Just Peace coordinator.

Friday, July 4 was indeed a historic day for Lakewood United Church of Christ. On that date, the 6,000 member United Church of Christ denomination awarded the local church its prestigious Just Peace Church of the Year award at its biennial synod in Columbus, OH.

Norman Jackson, executive director of the denomination's office for church in society, states that Lakewood was selected "because the committee feels your public witness and concern for justice and peace have made a

difference. You have brought hope and courage for those most vulnerable."

Accepting the award on behalf of the church were Pastor Kim Wells, worship coordinator Beth Causey and Just Peace coordinator Debbie Rice.

Lakewood United Church of Christ, located at 2601 54th Avenue S, will hold a celebration service and luncheon on Sunday, July 13 beginning at 10:30 am. Mayor David Fischer, Councilmen Frank Peterman Jr. and Larry Williams have

agreed to participate in this historic event. Atwater Cafeteria will cater the 12 noon luncheon. A \$5 donation is requested.

Lakewood Church, which was featured in Channel 8's televised "Bridging the Racial Divide" presentation has a membership of some 100 parishioners of which about one-third are African Americans. Four of the 12 member church council are African Americans. They are Mattie Leseur, Marcia McGhee, Debbie Rice and I.W. Williams.

Moore's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal

Rev. M. Mason Walker and members welcome you to services on Sunday, July 13. Rev. Walker will preach at the 8 and 11 am services. Music will be provided by the Inspirational Choir, directed and accompanied by minister of music Geraldine Mays. The stewardess and usher boards will serve. For transportation, contact Willie F. Bryant.

Church school begins at 9:30 am with Mose Bell in charge. For transportation, contact Fernander Ross.

The women's growth seminar will be held July 18 and 19. Women's growth prayer vigils are held each Wednesday at 6 pm.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 21-25.

July 12, steward board meeting, 6 pm; teens in

action meeting, 6 pm

July 13, YPD meeting

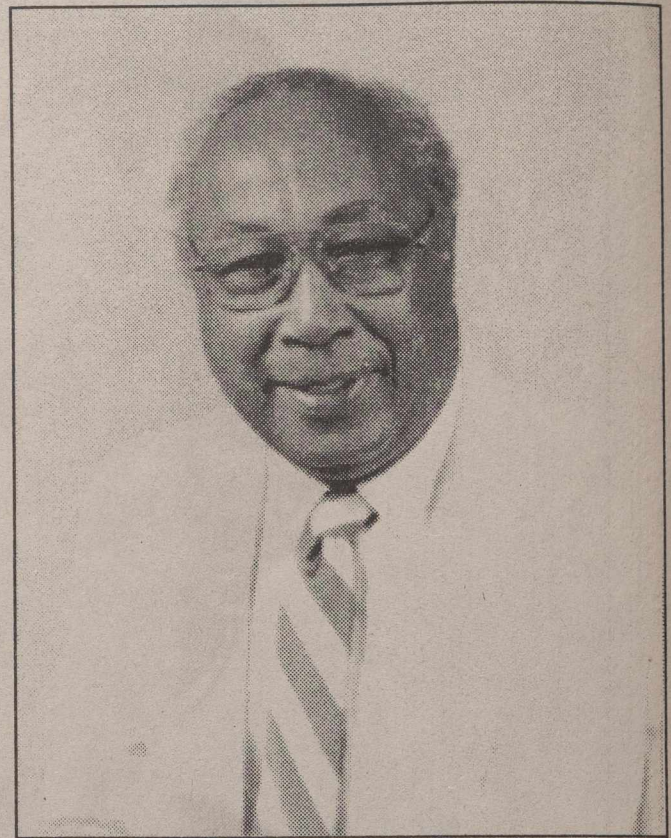
July 14, trustee board meeting, 7 pm

July 18 & 19, women's growth seminar

July 21, lay organization meeting

July 26, pastor's aide board meeting

Prayer Tower



Elder Clarence Welch

Prayer Tower, 1137 37th Street S, will observe the 33rd anniversary of its pastor, Elder Clarence Welch, July 14-20 at 7:30 pm nightly.

Pre-service, Thursday, July 10, Bible Based Church, Rev. Earl Mason

Monday, July 14, Bible-way COGIC, Elder Sylvester Reeves

Tuesday, July 15, Pentecostal Temple, Elder William Anderson

Wednesday, July 16, Bethel Community, Rev.

Manuel Sykes

Thursday, July 17, Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist, Rev. Carl Rhodes

Friday, Macedonia Free-will Baptist, Bishop John Copeland

Sunday, July 20, 11:30 am, Queen Street COGIC, Elder Anthony Conage and at 5:30 pm, St. Paul MB Church, Rev. J.L. Holloway

For information, call 321-0670 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, Monday-Friday.

Bethel AME

Rev. Harry L. Dawkins and congregation extend a welcome to all for Sunday, July 13 services: 9 am church school and 10:30 am worship hour.

Don't miss this spiritual hour at 10:30 am Class Leaders Day observance on July 13. Plans have been made for an outstanding day. There will be designated pews for each class, invited friends and for visitors also. The speaker is Rev. Anita Davis of Bethel Christian Methodist Church, Sarasota.

Each Monday, new members class meets from 6 to 7 pm. All members are urged to attend.

Get your tickets now! Dis-

count tickets are available for the national Gospel playwright Michael Matthews' *Wicked Ways* at the Mahaffey Theater, July 19 at 8 pm and Sunday, July 20 at 7:30 pm. Contact Minister Isaac Ruffin for tickets. For more details, call 822-2089.

Bethel Troop 275 does community service under the capable leadership of Scoutmaster Nate Williams and Cub leader Jimmy Wright. Boy Scout Troop 275 participated in a very successful and productive community service project which consisted of planting trees and repairing the boardwalk at the Boyd Hill Nature Trail. As an incentive for the boys'

service, the Sertoma Club agreed to donate the top half of their scout uniforms.

On July 27, the trustees will hold Trustee Day service on the 3rd Sunday of July. The speaker will be Rev. Rutledge, accompanied by his congregation.

Mark your calendars for monthly lay meeting, July 21; deb-mstrs ceremony in Daytona Beach, 6 pm; July 28-30, Christian Education Congress, Daytona Beach.

Parents are urged to bring their children each Thursday to participate in each event at 6 pm: youth church, Christian Education, YPDers and youth choir practice. It is important to meet on time.

Prayer Tower Hosts Youth Congress

The Churches of God of Eastern Florida held their 42nd state youth congress at Prayer Tower June 17-22. Their theme was "Holiness Is the Right Way." About 500 youth from eastern Florida attended. Activities such as cavalcade of youth, Bible bowl, spelling bees, drill teams, computer math contest and many others were

enjoyed by the youth attending. During the week various workshops were held on single women, instruction on wills and trusts, ministerial Bible instruction for young ministers and the election of Miss Youth Congress.

Throughout the week, the youth worshipped and gave praise to God for being first in their lives.

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- Martin Luther King, Jr.



The Sweetness Of Peace

After the clouds, the sunshine, After the winter, the spring
After the shower, the rainbow, For life is a changeable thing

After the night, the morning, Bidding all darkness cease,
After life's cares and sorrows, The comfort and sweetness of peace.

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

2550 9th Avenue S.

St. Petersburg, FL

Rev. Joseph Gordon, Pastor

Early Morning Worship 7:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 4:30 p.m.
Communion 7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

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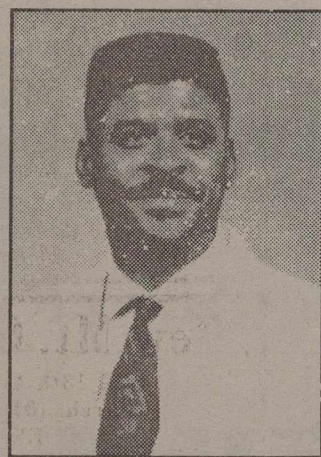
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Worship Service 10 a.m.
Prayer Services Wed., 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study..... Wed., 7:30 p.m.

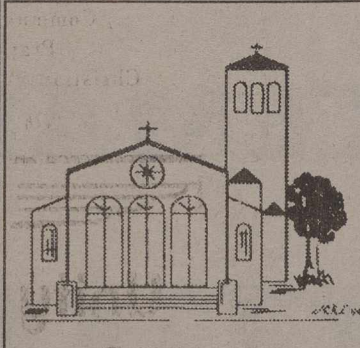


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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Mid-Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer Service Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Couples Ministry (3rd Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

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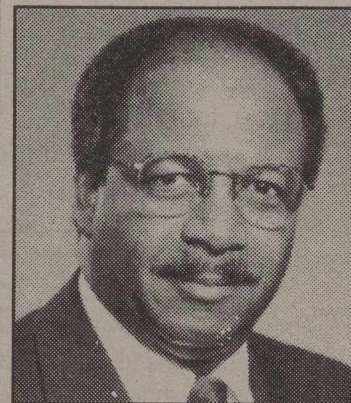
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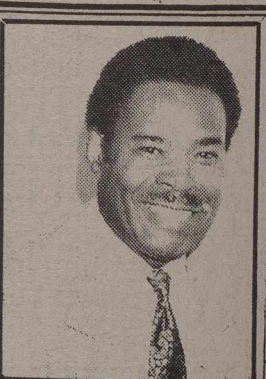


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Pastor



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Morning Worship 11:45 a.m.
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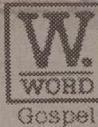
Shirley Caesar, First Lady of Gospel



and her autobiography, *The Lady, The Melody and The Word*, set for publication in August '97, Shirley's sense of herself and her purpose has never been clearer or communicated with more authority. As she continues to bring the roots of traditional Gospel alive to contemporary audiences, it's easy to understand why *The Washington Post* called Shirley Caesar "one of the greatest singers of our time," adding "she can twist, compress and enhance a lyric a dozen ways without abandoning her central message of affirmation."

Shirley Caesar has flourished for over four decades. And with each successive year, the accolades and accomplishments continue to pour in. A 16-time Grammy nominee, Shirley has compiled more nominations than any Gospel artist in Grammy history and won more than any female Gospel artist, winning her 9th Grammy this year for the Shirley Caesar's outreach convention choir album, *Just A Word*. She was also a featured artist on the Grammys in 1996, performing to an international audience of over 1-billion people. Bringing the auditorium immediately to its feet, she was backed by proteges Whitney Houston, CeCe Winans and Hezekiah Walker, representing just a handful of countless admirers throughout both the industry and the world who acknowledge and celebrate Shirley's defining influence on modern Gospel music.

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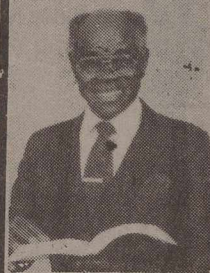
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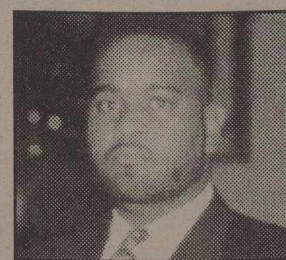
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Church School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11 a.m.
Baptist Training Union.....5 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Thursday.....7 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

"One week from church makes one weak."

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist

Auxiliary Day will be observed on Sunday, July 13 at the 7 and 11 am and 3:30 pm services. All choirs will render music at 7 and 11 am and all usher boards will serve.

St Mark pastor, Rev. Brian Brown, choirs and congregation will share in the 3:30 pm

service. All presentations will be made at this time. Attire for the occasion is white with the coordinating color of your respective uniform. Dinner will be served after the 3:30 pm service. Gladys D. Newton and Ruth D. Johnson are event chairs.

Wednesdays, children/

youth Bible study, adult prayer meeting/Bible study, 7:30 Thursday, #2 Choir and Gospel Chorus rehearsals, 7:30 pm

Friday, drill team rehearsal, 6:30 pm; teachers meeting, 7 pm

Saturday, Angelic Choir rehearsal, 1 pm; youth and WIA meetings, 4 pm

Galilee MB Church

Galilee's annual revival, which began July 7, continues through July 11. Evangelist for the week is the Rev. Frank O'Harroll, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church of Winter Haven.

Rev. O'Harroll currently serves as vice president of the Congress of Christian Workers for the Union Foreign

MB Association and is an instructor at the Florida Bible College and Seminary in Lakeland. He has served as pastor of New Bethel since 1992. The native Mississippian is a graduate of Selma (AL) University and the North American School of Technology at Hattiesburg. He and his wife Margaret are

the parents of one son, Frank O'Harroll Jr.

Guest choirs from the city and guest devotion leaders provide song and praise service nightly at 7 pm. The revival workshop was held the week of June 30-July 3 and was conducted by the Rev. Samuel L. Maxwell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Progress Village, Tampa.

All Nations Church Of God By Faith

All Nations, 3000 4th Avenue S., presents the first anniversary of the new Sunbeams Choir, consisting of children ages 2-11. The event

will take place at 7:30 pm on July 19 at the church. Directors Butts and Wainwright say, "Please join us as we come together with other

youths of the city to praise the Lord and celebrate the Sunbeams' anniversary. Johnnie L. Williams, pastor.

The Sweetness Of Peace

After the clouds, the sunshine
After the winter, the spring
After the shower, the rainbow
For life is a changeable thing

After the night, the morning
Bidding all darkness cease;
After life's cares and sorrows
The comfort and sweetness of peace.

I am home in Heaven, dear ones
Oh so happy and so bright
there is perfect joy and beauty
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Every restless tossing passed
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Safety home in Heaven at last.

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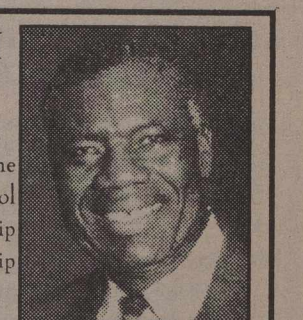
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Elder Carl Rhodes, Jr., Pastor

Early Morning Worship 8 a.m. (2nd thru 5th Sundays)
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Rev. Melvera Hinton Brown



CHURCH NEWS



Anointed, Other Dove Award Winners Head Lineup At Night Of Joy



Publicity: Larise Rockafellow (615) 365-9673 x. 3196
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under the influence
Anointed



Photo: Norman Jean Ray

Curtis Chapman, New Artist of the Year Jaci Velasquez and Group of the Year Jars of Clay. Rounding out the lineup of contemporary Christian music acts are Newsong and Sarah Masen.

The celebration, which requires a special admission ticket, begins at 8:30 pm after regular Magic Kingdom operating hours and continues until 1 am each night. Performers present concerts on stages throughout the park and party-goers can also enjoy popular Magic Kingdom attractions such as Space Mountain, Splash Mountain and Big Thunder Mountain during Night of Joy hours.

Anointed is among five acts in this year's musically diverse lineup who are new to Night of Joy—with only Chapman familiar to the event as a featured artist in 1990, 1992, 1993 and 1995.

In fact, Anointed is relatively new to the Christian music scene, rising from virtual anonymity to become one of the best-known vocal groups in just four years. Their 1997 Dove Award for "Under the Influence" was just the latest in a surge of acclaim for a sound that has earned honors as contemporary, urban, soul Gospel and rhythm and blues.

Both Christian and mainstream markets have joined in the chorus of praise for siblings Steve Crawford and Da'dra Crawford Great-house and their friend Denise "Nee-C" Walls. In addition to four Dover

Awards in two years,

Anointed has earned a Stellar Award for best performance by a group or duo, contemporary, a Grammy nomination for best contemporary and soul Gospel album and a Nashville music award nomination for best R&B album.

With the strong lineup of new artists, Night of Joy now has been a showcase for 57 Christian music acts since Leon Patillo headlined the first Night of Joy in September 1983. Amy Grant headlined the first two night Night of Joy event in 1984. Most nights have been advance sellouts.

Bethel Metropolitan

Pastor Lyons and members invite you to join them for Sunday services at 8 and 11 am. The Praise Team, Youth and Angelic Choirs and #2 usher board will serve.

The Nurture for Baptist Churches is currently in its summer format. There is to be study in church policy, evangelism, Christian finance, auxiliary leadership and Christian family life. The Red Circle and Sunshine Band have begun mid-week studies for children and youth. These studies in a walk through the Bible are to assure continuous growth throughout the summer months. We encourage your attendance at the Wednesday

night NBC and Bible study at 7 pm. Transportation is provided. You are welcome to attend Thursday Bible study at 12 noon. Meet us for Saturday mid-day prayer hour, 12 noon.

Family ministry chair Naomi S. Dunbar and her committee are busy planning for the Old Fashioned Family fellowship. This activity is one for the whole family and will include food, fun, games and prizes. Members are asked to put July 25, 5 pm on their calendar and let's have a great family fellowship!

July 13, Victory Sunday kickoff; 25th, family fellowship; 30th, birth month reception

New Philadelphia Church

Vacation Bible School has been re-scheduled for July 14-18. All teachers and volunteers are expected to be present prior to the beginning of each evening session. Persons in need of transportation should contact Lionel McGee, director.

All Wisdom school teachers will meet at 2 pm on Saturday for the monthly planning session. Lessons for the month will be discussed and planned. All members are

expected to be present. Subject for the month is "Unity in community through teaching of God's word."

The subject of unity will also be the sermon focus during mid-morning worship on Sunday. Pastor Gaskin will survey through the sermon "Unity, Vision, Reality and Reliance." Old Testament references from Joshua, Isaiah and New Testament emphasis from Matthew and Hebrews will be the scriptural

background. All members are urged to attend.

Mid-week prayer and guidance sessions are being held prior to discipleship class. Members meet to seek God's direction as we proceed further in our building ministry. Interested members are invited to pray; prayer gathering is at 6:15 pm. Members are also encouraged to remain for Bible study.

LAKE BUENA VISTA — "Hey, Anointed, now that you've repeated as a Dove Award winner for Christian music excellence, what are

you going to do next?" Why, they're going to Walt Disney World Resort! Fresh from winning a Gospel Music Association honor

for Urban Recorded Song, the trio from Columbus, OH will be among four Dove Award winning acts headlining the 15th annual Night

of Joy in the Magic Kingdom theme park at Walt Disney World Resort on Sept. 12-12. They'll be joined by Artist of the Year Steven

Friendship MB Church

We invite you to worship with us on Sunday and during the week.

The Male Chorus will present a 100 men plus program on Sunday, July 13 at 4 pm. The theme is "The Unity of Men Sharing God's Word."

The speaker will be the Rev. Corey Hodges and the St. Mary's Male Chorus will render song service, all proceeds to toward the building fund. Come out to this service and enjoy Jesus.

Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

1800 18th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL

Reg. 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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532 33rd Street S., St. Petersburg, FL

Rev. Dr. J.L. Holloway

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.
Tuesday Night General Bible Study
Thursday Night Prayer Meeting & Teachers Meeting
We welcome you at all times.



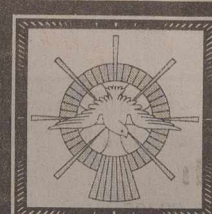
Bibleway Church of God in Christ

3774 19th Avenue S., St. Pete, FL

Elder Sylvester Reeves, Pastor

Sunday Services
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Noon Service 12 noon
YPWW 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Weekly Service begins at 7:30 p.m.
Bible Band, Tuesdays, Tarry Service, Wednesdays
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New Philadelphia Community Church

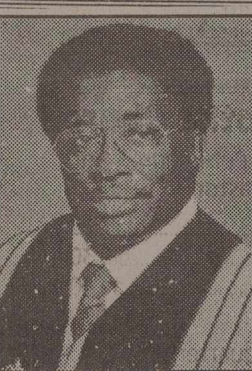
The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor

2335 - 22nd Avenue South

P. O. Box 15935 • St. Petersburg, FL 33733

Wisdom School 9:50 AM • Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 PM (Wed.)

Deacon Ministry Deacon Edward Nesbitt
Finance Ministry James Robinson
Children & Youth Ministry Joyce Robinson
Clerk Ministry Wyonna McGee
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St. John Missionary Baptist Church

1500 N. Pennsylvania Avenue

Clearwater, Florida 33516

Church Phone: 443-1945 Parsonage: 446-6056

Rev. Fleming Tarver, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Weekly Services
Bible Class Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
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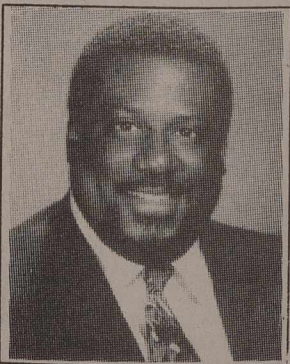
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REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

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MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY WED. 6:30 PM
ADULT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER SERVICE WED. 7:00 PM



Rev. Curtiss L. Long, Pastor

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Rev. Charles Robinson, Pastor

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Prayer Service/Bible Study Tues. 7:00 p.m.
Junior Church Fellowship Thurs. 6:00 p.m.
Tutoring Mon. & Thurs. 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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The Rev. Harry L.
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CHURCH NEWS



A Church Built On The Apostolic Faith

from pg. 1



United House of Prayer for All People

"The United House of Prayer for All People is indeed a church that is sustained by its covenant which is to perpetuate the doctrine of Christianity and the Apostolic faith throughout the world among all people. The leadership of the church stems back to the early 19th

century and the call by God of Bishop C.M. 'Sweet Daddy' Grace. We refer to our bishop as daddy, the leader of the children of the kingdom and we refer to God as Father of the children," explained Sarah Jennings, the church's first lady. Reportedly, there are over

10,000 religions in the US. The large number is most assuredly bolstered by the fact that in America we have freedom of religion. When Daddy Grace came and established the House of Prayer in America, in the early years through lack of understanding, the media

labeled his ministry "a cult." Bishop Grace built the first House of Prayer in West Wareham, MA in 1919. He traveled extensively around the country establishing United Houses of Prayer for All People, and most importantly, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Using the Bible

as his frame of reference, Daddy Grace taught that God had a house and that God's house had a name. He taught that God's kingdom is a perpetual kingdom and that you must be born again of the Spirit in order to live with God perpetually. He taught of giving praises to God in dance and with instruments, concepts now being practiced in the Christian world at large.

Daddy Grace traveled throughout the segregated South of the 1920s and '30s preaching to integrated congregations. The structures he preached in were mostly large barn-type buildings with floors consisting of wood shavings covering the ground. In later years, Daddy Grace was able to build better facilities for the parishioners. In fact, under Daddy Grace's leadership, the House of Prayer became owners of property including prestigious apartment buildings in New York City and housing in Los Angeles, CA and Norfolk, VA. His foresight dismayed many of his critics. To many contemporary ministers, who were his

competitors, he was decidedly a threat. On many occasions, Daddy Grace and many of his followers were arrested and had to appear in court. He often received threats on his life, but kept on preaching. One of the principles of the Gospel of Christ taught by Daddy Grace which provoked controversy and was controversial even in Jesus' day, was the concept of one man leadership.

The creed of our faith, Jennings explained, is: "We believe in the Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son who was conceived by the Holy Ghost and crucified for the redemption of the sins of the people so that all men would have a right to the tree of life. We believe in water baptism for the repentance of sin. We believe that you must be born again of the Holy Ghost and we believe in one leader as the ruler of the kingdom of God."

Daddy Grace passed away on Jan. 12, 1960 and his successor Bishop W. McCollough took over the reign of his far-flung organization

and led it to higher heights and deeper depths in Christ Jesus. Bishop McCollough passed away in early 1991.

Today, the Honorable S.C. (Sweet Daddy) Madison is on the threshold to fulfill the agenda of his predecessor. As bishop, he is over 132 congregations situated in 25 states across the nation. Daddy Madison has personally directed an unequaled nationwide building program of new Houses of Prayer, new low-cost housing developments, parsonages, commercial/retail malls, etc., bearing the distinctive Madison signature and style of architecture.

In just six short years, he has successfully completed and dedicated unto God 81 Houses of Prayer alone besides numerous residential dwelling units. The development projects of the United House of Prayer now stand as visible beacons of hope in formerly blighted and decaying communities throughout America. His pre-eminent success in revitalizing numerous inner-city communities in our nation is the subject of much discussion

among other religious institutions and non-profit organizations which actively seek his advice or opportunity to joint venture with him. Daddy Madison has continued the McCollough scholarship college fund and supplemented it with the first lady scholastic achievement awards program for thousands of young people.

All United Houses of Prayer for All People Churches and other ventures are debt free at the time of dedication. All pastors and the bishop work without a paid salary, receiving only free-will donations. All members pay tithes, which are not used to operate the church, but to extend the ministry.

The vision leadership to enhance the properties along 22nd Street S has brought a new sense of pride and commitment to the neighboring property. The church was recognized by the city of St. Petersburg with a first place beautification award and a Sunshine Ambassador award by City Council chair Ernest Fillyau. The pastor extends a warm welcome to the community.

Traveler's Rest

Rev. Browne and congregation invite everyone to attend all worship services. If you need transportation, call the church at 822-4869.

The 9:30 am Sunday school is followed by 11 am worship service.

Sunday evening Bible study is held at 6 pm.

Vacation Bible School begins on Monday, July 14 from 7 to 9 pm and ends on Friday, July 18.

Musical Extravaganza

Bethel Community will hold its annual musical extravaganza at 5 pm on Sunday, July 13 at the church, 1045 16th Street S. The event is sponsored by

The deacons/deaconesses will observe their anniversary on Sunday, July 20.

The monthly business meeting will be held on Friday, July 11 at 7 pm.

Thursday, July 10, mid-day Bible study, 11 am

Saturday, July 12, #2 usher board rehearsal, 10 am

Wednesday prayer/praise services will be cancelled on July 16 due to VBS.

Greater Mt. Zion AME

Pastor Charles Robinson and congregation invite you to worship with them this Sunday. The Inspirational Choir will provide music for the 7:30 am service and the #2 Choir for 11 am worship service. Church school begins at 9:30 am.

The women's ministry will hold its first retreat July 11-12 in Tampa. For more information, call the church.

On Sunday, July 13, the #1 usher board will celebrate its anniversary at 5 pm. Speaker for the occasion is Rev. J.D. Johnson, pastor of St. James A.M.E., Clearwater.

The love and unity day

committee will sponsor an old fashioned day service on the 3rd Sunday of September. Elder Todd Reed will speak at 7:30 am and Pastor Robinson at 11 am.

During August, Rev. Robinson will be teaching stewardship at 7:30 pm.

Revival will be held during August at the 11 am service. So come out and let your souls be revived again.

Join us for our weekly activities: Monday Bible study at 6 pm, Tuesday prayer meeting at 7 pm and Wednesday Vintage Bible study at 11 am.

How wonderful are the works of the Lord, especially His creation, mankind. The miracle of birth...the look of awe on a child's face...the beauty of enduring love...these are all revelations of that Spirit which created each and every one of us. How often do you think of thanking God for all that He has given you?

The Joy of Unselfish Giving

Time is not measured by the years that you live
But by the deeds that you do and the joy that you give —
And each day as it comes brings a chance to each one
To love to the fullest, leaving nothing undone
That would brighten the life or lighten the load
Of some weary traveler lost on Life's Road —
So what does it matter how long we may live
If as long as we live we unselfishly give.

Helen Steiner Rice

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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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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Baptist Training Union 4:30 PM
Prayer Meeting Thursday 7:30 PM

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Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Prayer Meeting and Bible Class Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Communion is observed quarterly
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Ps. 127:1

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Friday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Reverend L.P. Davis, Pastor
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Sunday Worship

Sunday School 10:00 am Baptist Training Union 4:30 pm
Morning Worship 11:30 am Evening Wor up 6:00 pm

Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:00 pm
Friday Evening - Youth Meeting 6:30 pm

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Sun. Sunday School & Orientation Class 9:30 AM
Sun. Morning Service 11:00 AM
Sun. Communion Service (1st Sunday) 1:00 PM
Sun. B.T.U. 4:45 PM
Tues. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM

I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalms 122:1

REV. FRED L. MAXWELL, PASTOR

ENTERTAINMENT

TNT Presents 'The New Adventures of Robin Hood'



THE NEW ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD

Hakim Alston joins the cast of THE NEW ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD as the unsmiling warrior Kemal, who brings Robin and his friends' emboldened treacherous villain back to medieval times and great. Alston will make his debut in the second season of THE NEW ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD, premiering Mondays, July 14, 10 p.m. (ET).

TNT

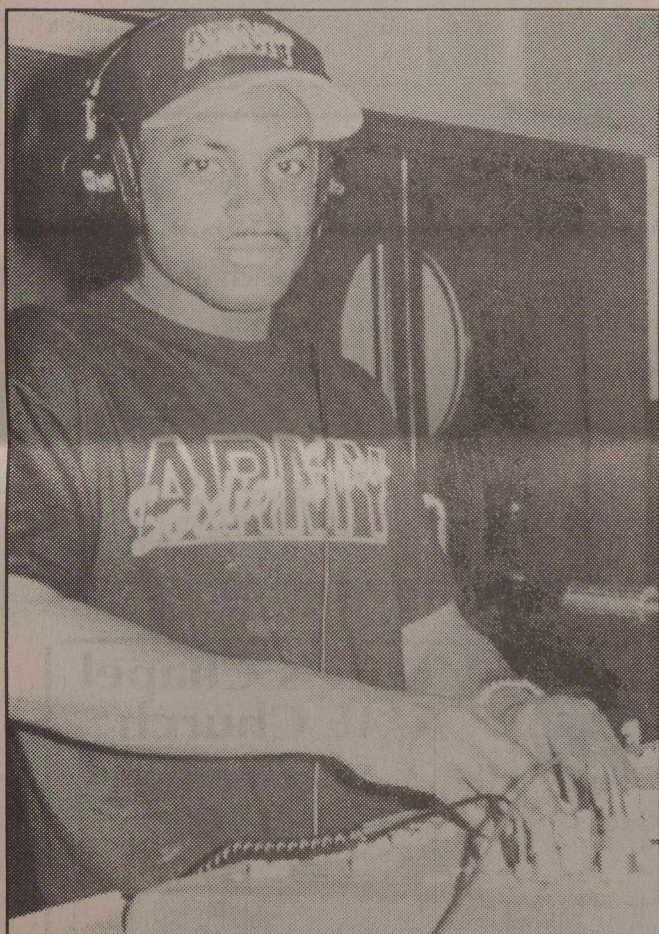
Turner Network Television (TNT) offers you a first look at Hakim Alston, the newest star of its original series *The New Adventures of Robin Hood*.

Hakim Alston has been cast as Kemal, a trained warrior of the highest order in fighting as well as the philosophical arts. In the series, the character will fight

alongside Robin Hood in their weekly battles.

Alston is a 4th degree black belt who retired as ISKA world heavyweight kickboxing champion and PKL

Clearwater Man Is Member of US Army Soldier Show



Tony J. Bryant

CLEARWATER - Traveling is part of the job for most soldiers. But for the son of a Clearwater couple and

27 other talented musicians and performers, their summer traveling will take them over 50,000 miles.

Army Pfc. Tony J. Bryant III, the son of Tony J. and Cheryl M. Bryant, 1259 Nicholson Street, Clearwater, is a member of the 1997 US Army Soldier Show, a collection of the Army's most talented performer touring 21 states, as well as Korea, Japan and Okinawa in a whirlwind summer tour.

In its 14th year, the 80 minute musical review is produced by the Army Community and Family Support Center entertainment division and opens to packed houses at 44 Army installations across the country, as well as throughout the Pacific. The soldiers entertaining soldiers concept was first established by Sgt. Irving Berlin during World War I.

During the tour, Bryant will serve as an audio technician during the performances. A 1991 graduate of Clearwater High School, Bryant is normally assigned to the 307th Signal Battalion at Camp Carroll, South Korea.

world heavyweight full contact karate champion in 1995 to pursue a career in acting. To date, he has appeared in the features *Mortal Kombat* for Newline, *Blood Moon* for Carolco and *Shootfighter* for Miramax.

The second season of *The New Adventures of Robin Hood* premieres on TNT Monday, July 14 at 10 pm (ET) and will run through the fall of this year. *The New Adventures of Robin Hood*, which debuted in January 1997 to the highest-ever rating for a launch of a one-hour original series on basic cable, is a tongue-in-cheek action-packed series featuring Matthew Porretta in the title role and Barbara Griffin as the leather-clad Marion (now every bit Robin's equal on and off the battlefield).



The first library in the U.S. was established at Harvard University in 1638.

Davis Center Adds Theater Arts Workshop

ST. PETERSBURG - The rhythm and voice program at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Avenue S., has added a new weekly class for children and adults. A theater arts workshop is now offered on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 pm. Dr. Sybil

Johnson, drama instructor and director of the theater department at St. Petersburg Junior College, teaches the two-hour class and is assisted by M. Tate Tenorio.

For more information, call 892-5891 or 823-5764.

KidFest '97

BRANDON - With a chance to participate in contests, win prizes, enjoy live entertainment and play hands-on games, children and their families are invited to attend Brandon Town Center's 3rd annual KidFest on Thursday, July 31 from

10 am to 7 pm and on Friday, Aug. 1 from 10 am to 4 pm.

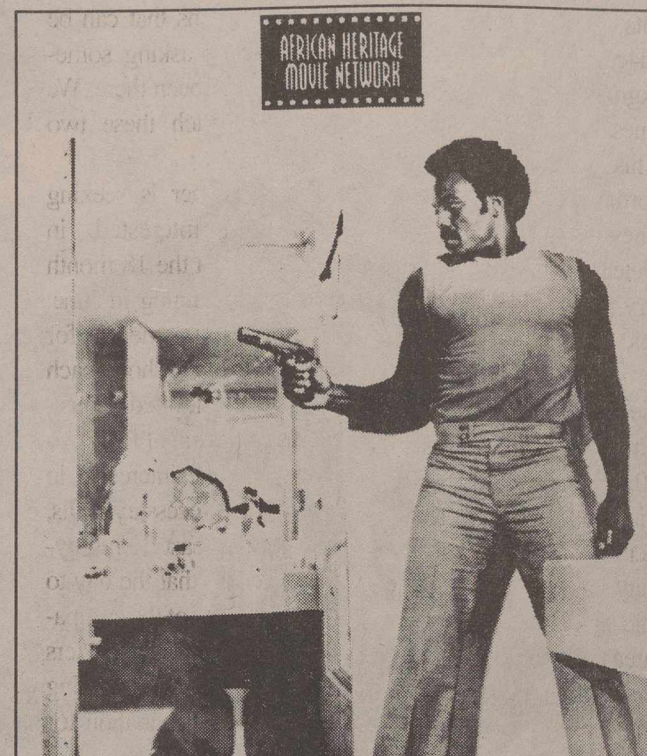
Aimed at keeping children in the learning mode all year, KidFest features interactive educational activities for children and a variety of entertainment. Admission is free for children/families.

AHN Presents the Broadcast Premiere of 'Slaughter'

NEW YORK - The African Heritage Network Movie of the Month series, hosted by legendary film stars Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, presents the intense broadcast premiere of *Slaughter*, a hot summer action flick starring football Hall of Famer Jim Brown, who provides non-stop action, powerful guns and brute strength, while seeking revenge for his parents' murder. AHN's Movie of the Month series is brought to you by AT&T. *Slaughter* airs on WWWB-TV July 21 at 11 am.

"I would not even to this day say that Jim Brown ever became a great actor to what a great football player he was. One of the greats," said Ossie Davis. "I think Jim Brown comes pretty close to making the true transition from athlete to actor. I can live with Jim Brown being the black Richard Gere."

With just as much action as any Steven Segal or Jean Claude Van Damme film,



The African Heritage Network (AHN) 'Movie of the Month' series, hosted by Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee presented broadcast premiere of *Slaughter* for the month of July 1997.

Hall of Famer Jim Brown (above) stars as ex-green beret captain Slaughter, who is all vengeance as he strikes down the criminals that murdered his parents. *Slaughter* also stars Marlene Clark, Rip Torn, Stella Stevens, Don Gordon and many others.

Slaughter is an action tale full of hand-to-hand combat and fancy karate kicking. Ex-green beret captain Slaughter (Jim Brown) leads an all-out assault against organized crime with the assistance of the US Treasury Department, in search of his parents' killers. *Slaughter's* ensemble cast includes Marlene Clark, Rip Torn, Stella Stevens and Don Gordon.

The African Heritage Network's hosts Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee are one of the entertainment industry's most well-known and gifted couples. Their film, television and stage careers extend over 50 years.

AHN's Movie of the Month series is the first and only feature film package which focuses on movies showcasing African-American actors, producers and directors since movie making began. AHN airs in 92 markets across the country.

'Beloved' Begins Shooting

Principal photography began on June 25 on Touchstone Pictures' compelling drama *Beloved*, starring Oscar nominated Oprah Winfrey and Danny Glover, announced Joe Roth, chair of the Walt Disney Studios and Donald De Line, president of Touchstone Pictures. The film will be directed by Academy Award winner Jonathan Demme from the screenplay by Richard LaGravenese and Adam Brooks. The film, which is being produced in association with Harpo Films and Clinica Estetica, is based on the unforgettable Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Nobel Laureate Toni Morrison. Jonathan Demme, Edward Saxon, Oprah Winfrey and Kate Forte are the producers with Gary Goetzman and Ron Bozman serving as executive producers. Filming will take place in and around Philadelphia, PA.

Set in Ohio after the Civil War, *Beloved* follows the story of a woman who

escaped from slavery but is quite literally haunted by its heritage.

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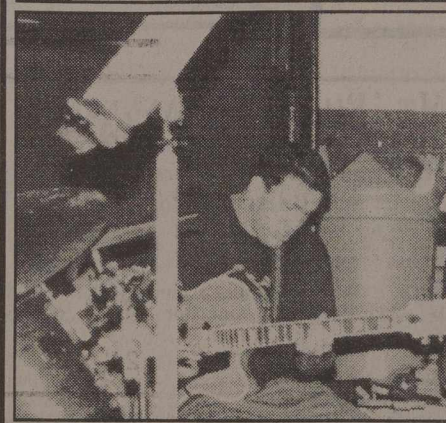
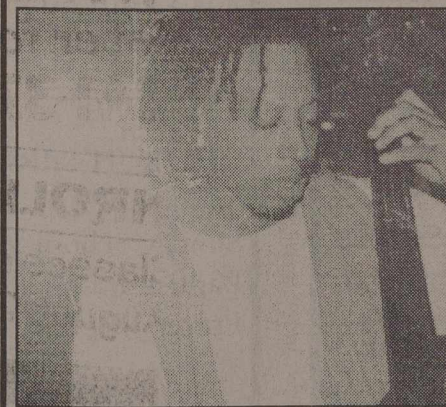
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ST. PETERSBURG — Starting a business can be a daunting task. Getting a new venture off the ground while juggling finances, inventory, employees, marketing, taxes and customer relations can be too much for one person to handle. Even with a business plan, it can be difficult to devote the time necessary to all the problems one may encounter. Without the resources of the larger firms, a small business owner may wonder where to turn for assistance.

A program administered by the Business Assistance Department of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of St. Petersburg, is working to connect minority owned small businesses with leaders from the St. Petersburg area's more established companies. The Mentor-Protege Program strives to help minority owned businesses learn the many facets of running a business by

teaming them up with larger corporations.

Companies with expertise in marketing, accounting, operations, sales and management are needed to serve as mentor. Large companies with specialized departments are especially needed to provide varied backgrounds for the young businesses.

"This program is a great opportunity for a successful business to give back to the St. Petersburg community as we try to build a broader economic base," Thompson said.

The St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce is a 2400 member Chamber serving as the pre-eminent leader in the business community to promote the economic growth and stability of area businesses. The St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce is the 7th largest Chamber in Florida, serving the business community since 1899.

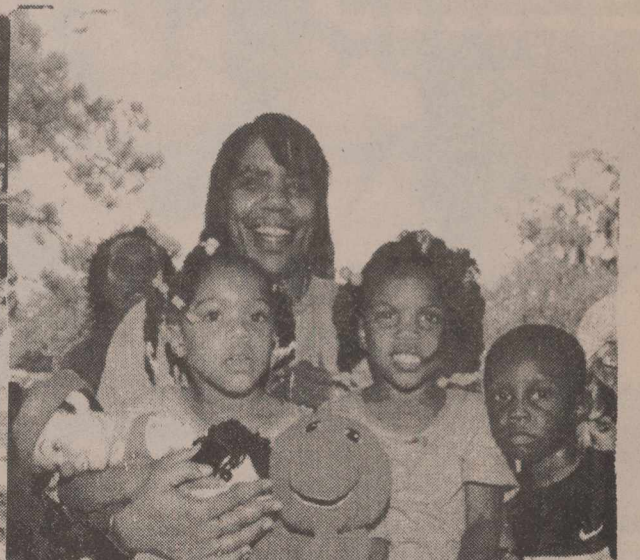
"This is an excellent opportunity for the younger businesses in St. Petersburg to tap into a rich resource," said Stephanie Thompson, Business Assistance Specialist of the St. Petersburg Chamber. "There are so many questions that can be answered by asking someone who has been there. We strive to match these two parties."

The Chamber is seeking businesses interested in embarking on the 18 month program beginning in June. The program meets for approximately 1 hour each month and is limited to businesses operating at least two years who are interested in learning the necessary skills, and have at least 2 employees to ensure that the day to day operations of the company are covered so the owners can concentrate on building a more solid foundation for their business.

July 4th Weekend

TAMPA— Celebrating the 4th of July with thousands of other people was the O'Neal family at Rowelette Park. A group of the Moore family reunion is show at its dinner and dance at the OBCA building in Tampa.

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Basic Military Training Graduate



Veronique Thornhill

WAYNESVILLE, MO — Army Pvt. Veronique L. Thornhill has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, MO.

Thornhill is the daughter of Pauline Thornhill of 5340 Carolana Way S and James V. Thornhill of 901 Queen Street S, both of St. Petersburg. The private is a 1991 graduate of Lakewood High School.

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Alpha Institute Holds Orientation For Men Of Tomorrow

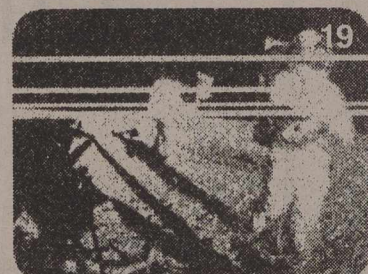
CLEARWATER — On July 12 at 10 am, the Alpha Institute will hold orientation for the Men of Tomorrow program at St. Petersburg Junior College Clearwater campus in the Fine Arts auditorium. This program is the second phase of an inter-generational project supported by the Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's Omicron Beta Lambda chapter of Clearwater. The program is targeted for middle school males in northern Pinellas County; 80 young men are expected to participate in this mentor program and will be paired with successful graduates of the Alpha Institute and professional men in the community.

The program emphasizes development of self-esteem, academics, career planning, value clarification, the consequences of teen pregnancy and substance abuse, as well as leadership development. The program is highlighted with field trips to museums, USF and Bucs football games. The public is invited to this free event.



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St. Pete Final Rites



BROWN, TAYLOR, born April 24, 1997; died July 2, 1997. Survivors include his brothers Justin Miller and Dmitri Payne II of St. Petersburg; maternal grandmother Mattie Thornton of Seminole; maternal grandfather Roy Brown Sr. of St. Petersburg. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

HOARD, AMANDA Smith. Final rites were held on July 5 at First Mt. Zion MB Church. Survivors include her ex-husband Clarence Hoard; son Terrence Moore of St. Petersburg; a grandson Terrence Moore II, St. Petersburg; a sister Zelene Johnson, St. Petersburg; brothers Truman Smith of St. Petersburg and Don London of Ft. White. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



CONES, LOUISE. Funeral services were held on July 5. Survivors include her sons Derrick of Starke, William of Stone Mountain, GA and Rodney of Nashville, TN; her daughters Desiree of Frostproof and Yolanda of Cheyenne, WY; several grandchildren; daughter-in-law La-Tonja Brown, St. Petersburg. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

MANUEL, HAROLD. Funeral services were held June 28 at 10th Street Church of God. Survivors include his wife Edna; sons Harold Jr. of Detroit, Terry of Philadelphia,



Herbert (Lucy) and Dwight of Detroit and Cleopis of Phoenix; daughter Carol McFadden of Flint, MI; brothers Fred (Betty) of Ocala, James and Ted (Jewel), St. Petersburg; sisters Ruby Moore of Detroit, Inez Pembroke and Jewell Hannah of St. Petersburg; 19 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

TALBERT, LINDA, died June 27. Survivors include her husband Jasper; daughter Jania of St. Petersburg; sister Lorraine Campo; brothers Leonard Cucinotta, Mark and wife Patti; mother-in-law Thelma Talbert; stepfather and mother James and Jean Bote; stepchildren Mariah, Derrick, Jasper III. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



WILLIAMS, CLIFFORD, died June 28. Survivors include his mother Matilda Selmon of St. Petersburg; a brother George E. Selmon of Boston, MA; sisters Barbara Edwards and Betty Dixon of St. Petersburg. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

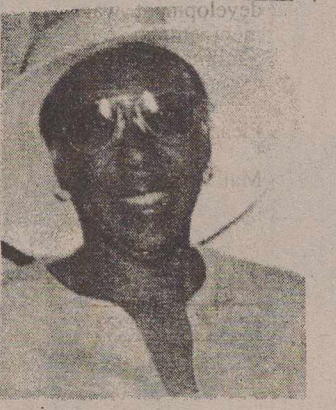
Gainesville Final Rites

GREEN, LUENETTE, died June 22. Survivors include her son Harold Cunningham Sr.; daughter-in-law Melverine Cunningham, Gainesville; six grandchildren; other rela-



tives include Eddie Cunningham, Harold Sr. (father), several grands and great grands. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

HUTCHINSON, SARA Brannon, died June 16. Survivors include a sister Jeannette Curtis, Gainesville; brothers and their spouses Robert and Patricia Brannon, Leonard, Alphonso, Willie James and Mimi, all of Gainesville, Mose and Diane Brannon of Miami, Curtis and Paula Brannon of St. Augustine, Johnell and Gail Brannon of Jacksonville, James and Martha Brannon of Jacksonville, Louis and Celeste Brannon of Maryland. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.



WILLIS, VERDELL, died June 19. Survivors include her son Eddie Willis; a daughter Redesta Scott and husband Olin; sisters Christine Rogers and husband J.W. of Georgia, Marie Mitchell of Dawson, GA, Reajon Harvey and husband Ellie of Stewart, Jessie and husband Anbert Brooks of Georgia; brothers R.D. Small of Georgia, Aaron Small Jr. of Georgia and Felix Small of Lacrosse, FL; 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

I am home in Heaven, dear ones oh so happy and so bright there is perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light All the pain and grief is over Every restless tossing passed I am now at peace forever Safely home in Heaven at last.

Ocala Final Rites



BANKS, DOYLE. Funeral services were held on July 6 at Mt. Canaan MB Church. Survivors include his twin sons Doyle II of Columbus, OH and Daniel Banks of Ocala; his daughter Yveta Banks Stephens of Ocala; another son Kelvin Banks of Ocala; two grandchildren. Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala.

SHERMAN, JANIE Oates, died June 30. Survivors include her husband Randle Sherman; sons Horace Sherman of Ocala, Clarence (Earline) Frazier of New York, Bertram (Lettie) Reeves and Jerald Oates of Ocala; sisters Thelma Cobb of Gainesville and Mary Lou Jamerson of Orange Lake; brothers Edgar Oates, Freddie (Lenora) Oates of Williston, Madison (Julia Mae) Oates of Jacksonville; one sister-in-law, one brother-in-law; 11 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren. Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala.

SUGGS, EDDIE, died June 27. Survivors include his wife Eva Mae of Ocala; daughter Eddie Mae Suggs of Ocala; sons Eddie and Fredrick Suggs of Ocala; sisters Elizabeth Brown, Lillie Williams, Alberta Taylor, Classic Ford and Estella Tate, all of Ocala; six grands, 10 great grands. Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala.

WILLIAMS, NANCY, died July 5. Survivors include his brothers Lloyd Baker of Daina and Mannie Baker of West Palm Beach; six grands, 23 great grands. Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala.

Dear Father,
You have
given so much;
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more - a
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Amen.

When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name,
Live on and do all things the same.

Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer

And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
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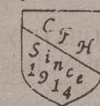
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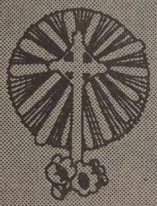
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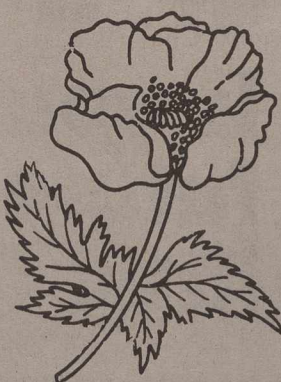
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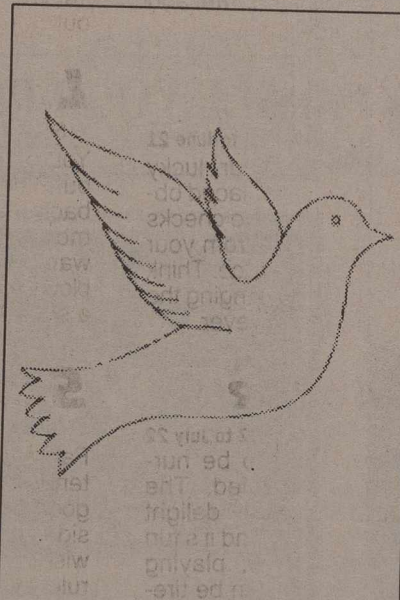
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March 21 to April 19
You'll be more assertive than usual—just be sure to use a delicate touch. Romantically, nothing's more wonderful than new love—or renewing your love for your mate.

LEO

July 23 to August 22
Play sleuth to interpret loved-one's puzzling behavior. Focus on solutions, not problems. Avoid confrontations; at the right time, you'll express your point positively.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 to December 21
Get away with your mate for a romantic rendezvous! Work pressures subside; you can take a breather. It's your lucky week in the stock market, at the track or in a lotto drawing.

TAURUS

April 20 to May 20
The energy surge you're feeling will let you accomplish things twice as fast, so you'll have time to socialize. Go to the movies, visit a new restaurant and go out dancing.

VIRGO

August 23 to September 22
Think positive. You usually know the proper course to follow, and this week another's well-meaning advice may be confusing. Take time to talk things out with your mate.

CAPRICORN

December 22 to January 19
Keep a level head; don't give up a long-term commitment for a fling. You're in the mood for excitement, but make sure you get it in ways that won't hinder your family life.

GEMINI

May 21 to June 21
You'll thank your lucky stars when misplaced objects and overdue checks turn up. A man from your past may resurface. Think twice before changing the status quo, however.

LIBRA

September 23 to October 22
You're a born diplomat, but others know when to back off. Be direct about money matters; if you want a raise or promotion, blow your own horn or have a superior do it for you.

AQUARIUS

January 20 to February 18
Don't let your quest for economy turn you into a miser. Thrift is great, but so is splurging once in a while. Sometimes a little luxury can make your day or a loved one's special.

CANCER

June 22 to July 22
It's your turn to be nurtured and babied. The pampering will delight you, and you'll find it's fun to switch roles; playing Earth Mother can be tiresome sometimes.

SCORPIO

October 23 to November 21
Family matters need to be tended to. You'll reach a good decision if you consider an elderly relative's wishes. Follow the golden rule: how would you feel in such a situation?

PISCES

February 19 to March 20
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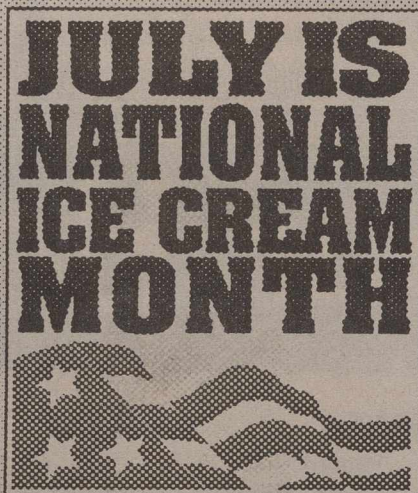


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