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## Rev. Al Sharpton Among 200 Demonstrators Arrested In St. Louis, Mo.



Rev. Al Sharpton

NEW YORK, NY - Reverend Al Sharpton, President of the National Action Network (NAN), and one of America's foremost civil rights and political leaders, was among 200 demonstrators who shut down Interstate 70 in St. Louis, MO, on Monday, July 12th, to protest the Missouri Highway Department's contracting practices.

According to Sharpton and other St. Louis demonstrators, minority-owned companies are being excluded from highway contracts across the country, and people of color aren't being hired for construction jobs. Approximately \$130 million is being spent to refurbish

Interstate 70, and the state department's 14% goal for minority contracting is not enough for projects in St. Louis, where census figures show the city's population is almost evenly split between black and white residents.

The protest in St. Louis was the largest act of civil disobedience in recent history and will have national ramifications for employment discrimination across the country.

The St. Louis demonstration was part of a series of ongoing rallies that Rev. Sharpton has initiated to protest police racial profiling, corporate racial profiling, police brutality, banking dis-

crimination and labor employment discrimination.

Earlier this week, Sharpton and the Mayor of Boston, Thomas Menino, took part in a public hearing to oppose discrimination against minority bankers in the city of Boston where a pending merger between Fleet Financial Group and Bank Boston threatens to isolate minority bankers and customers.

Sharpton has emerged as one of the major political spokespeople for the black leadership in the country and is an advocate for virtually every significant cause for civil liberty, community empowerment and economic equality.

According to Edward Lewis, the CEO and Publisher of 'Essence Magazine', "Sharpton is the renaissance man and torchbearer for civil rights who will lead us into the next century. He is a man who has evolved from Brooklyn preacher to viable candidate for the U.S. Senate. From local action campaigns against drug dealers to national projects such as 'Second Chance', a program for non-violent felony offenders who have served their prison sentences. People call Rev. Sharpton, because they know he'll listen, and they know he'll act."

## Johnnie Cochran To Address Nation's Top Black Cops

PORTLAND, OR - A lively discussion is expected when noted attorney Johnnie Cochran addresses the nation's largest group of minority command-level law enforcement officials at the Doubletree Hotel in Portland, OR, Saturday, July 24th. Cochran is one of the featured guests at the CEO Symposium Speakers Forum at the National Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Annual Training Conference and Exhibition.

Cochran, who is currently representing alleged excessive use of force lawsuits in Riverside, CA, and Montgomery County, MD, will join legislators, civil rights activists and

law enforcement officials at the CEO Speakers Forum for a dialogue on police misconduct, racial profiling and excessive use of force.

Cochran is involved in the litigation for the family of 19-year-old Tyisha Miller, who was shot to death by police officers as she sat in a car with a gun in Riverside, CA. Two separate federal investigations are underway. He is also representing the family of Junious Roberts, who was shot to death while resisting arrest after a traffic stop by a Montgomery County, MD, Police Officer.

*Please See Cochran Story Below*

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## Howard Academy Class Of 1946



## Cochran From Story Above

The circumstances surrounding both shootings are in dispute.

NOBLE is widely involved in the development of policies and training programs for law enforcement departments and officers, offering instruction in proper procedures and circumstances under which officers should display and discharge their weapons. The Speakers Forum will be moderated by NOBLE Executive Director Robert L. Stewart who has discussed these same issues on *Geraldo Rivera Live* and *BET Tonight* with Tavis Smiley.

The NOBLE CEO Symposium is a gathering of Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs and Federal,

State and Municipal Agency Heads. They meet yearly at the Training Conference to discuss police practices and develop strategies for their organizations and NOBLE's training programs. The Speakers Forum is a new addition to the Symposium agenda.

NOBLE is a 3,500 member, non-profit organization of command-level minority law enforcement officials from federal, state and municipal law enforcement agencies across the country.

The organization is based in Arlington, VA, just outside of Washington, DC.

NOBLE is committed to Justice By Action.

## Marion County Board Of County Commissioners Extend Public Hearing To August 4th

OCALA - Members of the Marion Levy Public Library Advisory Board Building and Site Committee have scheduled a meeting for Monday, July 26, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. This meeting which is

open to the public, will be held in the Ocala Public Library meeting room, located at 15 S.E. Osceola Avenue, Ocala, Florida.

For more information call Joy Vecchio at 629-8551.

## Good News! What Good News?

DECATUR, GA - The recent *Newsweek* focus on 'The Good News About Black America' made a compelling case for African-American Greek-letter organizations to continue their programmatic work of community uplift.

The eight major African-American Greek-letter organizations are rooted in precepts concerning the advancement of black people. That is why the *Newsweek* report hits home with Greeks.

In short, the article notes that there have been social and economic gains in Black America, but the quotients of comparative data show that what we may call gains, would be called failure by other progressive cultures.

The article notes that black income is higher and unemployment is lower, but at the same time, income is even higher for other Americans and unemployment is twice the rate of whites.

Black median income is at a 'record high' of \$34,644, but



Lloyd J. Jordan, Esq.

still \$21,378 less than the average for whites (based on 1997 statistics).

Of particular concern are statistics relative to young people.

College completion rates were on a steady rise between 1981 and 1997 for white males climbing 28% to 34% and white females jumping 24% to

36%, and a marginal rise for black females 15% to 19%. Meanwhile, black males are going in the opposite direction dropping alarmingly 15% to 13%. These are scary figures because it gives us a prognosis for the future of which we need to be concerned. Black America has the same amount of young black males going to

jail as it does going to college-13%.

While many blacks are moving up the ladder of economic success, most remain mired in the same comparative quotients of disproportionate attainment.

Greek-letter organizations must continue programs that spur black students towards academic achievement, programs that move communities towards better living and economic empowerment initiatives that will yield opportunities for business ownership and jobs.

The *Newsweek* article not only makes a compelling case that we must turn up the intensity on our various programs, but it has also helped define our agenda going into the next millennium.

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- Thomas Carlyle

## CLINTON'S BAND-AID APPROACH TO MEDICARE REFORM

by Slade O'Brien, Director of CSE

TALLAHASSEE - President Clinton has finally offered his new plan for Medicare, but it isn't clear why he calls it a "reform" package. Clinton's solutions are about as effective as several small band-aids on an Ebola patient. His two big ideas - expanding Medicare and spending projected surplus tax revenues will likely make Medicare's long-term problems worse.

Medicare is in the fast lane on the road to bankruptcy. Last year, Medicare spent \$9 billion more than it received in tax revenues, and its Trust Fund will be empty by the year 2015. Even though the program spends more than \$200 billion per year, most retirees are forced to buy supplemental insurance for services not covered by Medicare.

Nevertheless, Mr. Clinton wants to add a major new benefit: outpatient prescription medicine. He proposed a new program to be called Medicare Part D-just to administer this benefit. Everyone wants seniors to have the medicines they need, but is the best solution more bureaucracy?

In a way, this programs a solution in search of a

problem. Medicare already provides prescription drug coverage for seniors undergoing inpatient hospital care, for those in nursing facilities recovering from a hospital stay, and for those in hospices facing terminal illnesses. Two-thirds of seniors have outpatient prescription drug coverage through employer-sponsored insurance, supplemental Medigap insurance, Medicare HMOs, state programs, or other sources. Medicaid covers prescription drugs for low income seniors.

Retirees that already have private coverage shouldn't be forced into a government-run program. Instead of targeting the seniors who need coverage but don't have it, the Clinton plan gives a limited benefit to all seniors. Since Medicare cannot afford this additional spending, President Clinton wants seniors to pay new monthly premiums and to take funds from the projected budget surplus. That is the President's second big idea of "reform": shoring up the Medicare Trust Fund with promises of billions of extra tax dollars far in the future. The president's plan would take \$800 billion over the next 15 years from the general budget surplus to supplement these funds. **Continued on page -2-**



## Chief Sponsor Of Congressional Gold Medal Of Honor



L-R: Ella McCall, Dr. Janet Hoston Harris, Congresswoman Julia Carson, C. DeLores Tucker, Beatrice Reed and Catherine Le Blanc.

WASHINGTON — Rep. Julia Carson (D-IND) doesn't talk like a lawmaker. She doesn't look like one either.

In fact, when she first arrived and attempted to enter the congressional chambers to take her seat, a Capitol Hill policeman held her up. He told her she would have to wait until congress adjourned before she could enter and begin cleaning!

But Ms. Carson didn't get mad. She just chuckled until another cop came along and pointed out the embarrassing mistake.

The lady's cool! And therein, perhaps, lies her

astounding secret of success. For as the newest star in congress and member of the Congressional Black Caucus, she arrived in Washington in 1997 with a single-minded dream of securing the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor for Mrs. Rosa Parks, the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement." She first wondered if this heroic figure had ever been serious consideration for the honor.

Informed she had not, and that Congress had overlooked her for more than 44 years, Ms. Carson, a plain talking, take no prisoners abide no simplistic nonsense personality who is a mass of grit, determination,

and wry effective humor, vowed to look into this matter personally.

She certainly did that, and with a mighty boost from radio talk show host Tom Joyner and BET talk show host Tavis Smiley, among others, she pulled it off. Congress passed a bill, chiefly sponsored by Ms. Carson, awarding Mrs. Parks, the African American lady who refused to give up her seat to a white man, its highest honor!

A packed audience at the House Rayburn Building on Capitol Hill, gave Ms. Carson a standing ovation when she was introduced by Dr. C.

DeLores Tucker, as the main speaker at the Bethune-DuBois Associate Members' Issues Forum program.

"The world stood still," Dr. Tucker solemnly declared, "because of what you did!"

Hyperbole! Hardly. Ms. Carson has received world wide accolades since the award was presented to Mrs. Rosa Parks. Still basking in the glow, she grinned widely as Dr. Tucker continued, asking, "How many of you in this audience knew of her two months ago?" Hardly a hand was raised. "Now, Dr. Tucker continued, 'how many of you know her now?'" The room literally exploded.

Since its inception in 1987, BDI has conducted more than 100 issue forums and programs designed to provide African American professionals and youths with the opportunity to network with local, national and international decision-makers.

In addition to Dr. Tucker, the president, other BDI officials were: Jesse Hill, chairman, a prominent Atlanta businessman; William Tucker, vice chair; Dayton Watkins, treasurer; Ofield Dukes, secretary; and James Christian, Esq. general counsel.

## Business Development Center Training

ST. PETERSBURG — Following is the schedule of business training/counseling offered for the week of July 26th-July 30th. Unless otherwise noted, all training/counseling will be held at no charge at the St. Petersburg Business Development Center, 1045 16th Street South, St. Petersburg.

'Financial Counseling' sessions, Tuesday, July 27th, 10am-7pm, provided by Consumer Credit Counseling Service. For more information and to register call 585-0099.

'How to Collect on Bad Checks' workshop, Tuesday, July 27th, 4pm-6pm, provided by State Attorney's Office. For more information and to register call 893-7146.

'Loan Counseling & Assistance' session, Wednesday, July 28th, 1pm-4pm, provided by St. Petersburg Certified Development Corp. For more information and to register call 893-7146.

'Minority/Women Owned Business Certification' workshop, Thursday, July 29th, 2pm-4pm, provided by the City of St. Petersburg, Minority Business Enterprise Program. For more information and to register call 893-7146.

'Business Counseling' sessions, Friday, July 30th, 10am-2pm, provided by Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). For more information and to register call 893-9686.

## Medicine For Less

WASHINGTON — Are you unable to pay for the medication you need? Many pharmaceutical companies offer free or discounted prescriptions, through rarely publicized programs, to patients who meet criteria for assistance. The programs vary in scope and eligibility requirements.

To make the information more widely known, The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington DC has published a 32-page booklet, "Free and Low Cost Prescription Drugs". The booklet list

phone numbers and addresses of 85 pharmaceutical companies, and an easy to use index of the 1,500 drugs they make, as well as several discount mail-order services.

The information is available to download from The Institute's Internet Web site, [www.institute-dc.org](http://www.institute-dc.org) or for a paper copy send \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #PD370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira NY 14902-0562.

## Clinton's Band-Aid Approach

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Just like the outpatient drug proposal, this seems like a fine idea - at first. But as Senator John Breaux (D-LA) said "Throwing more money into this 1965 program is like putting more gas in an old car, it still runs like an old car. Above all, we need to give this car a major overhaul first." Even if Medicare receives an extra \$800 billion, after these 15 years, it will still be bureaucratic and wasteful.

Through the President would also like to make many minor alterations to the fabric of Medicare, it would remain a one-size-fits-all program. Seniors would be stuck with the package of benefits that politicians wasn't to give them, and most would still need to buy additional insurance to cover the gaps in this coverage. And Medicare's bankruptcy would still loom in the not-too distant future. Seniors shouldn't fall for a scam like this one.

Real Medicare reform requires giving seniors more choices. After paying into the system for over three decades, they should be able to use Medicare's limited funds to select the coverage that is right for their individual circumstances. For example, while some seniors will want outpatient prescription drug coverage, others would prefer insurance for long-term nursing home care or lower deductibles and co-payments.

Federal employees and members of Congress currently enjoy these choices and many more. Even though Congress has a bipartisan plan to extend these options to Medicare beneficiaries, the President's plan would rather give more power to government bureaucrats instead of seniors. Why does President Clinton want to deny America's seniors these choices?

## Natalie

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da A&M University. She is a Life Gets Better Scholar and member of the Golden Key, Epsilon Pi Tau and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies. She is a member of the university's two-time National champion Honda All-Star Challenge academic team (1998-1999) and

is a member of the FAMUAN and Capital Outlook newspapers and for the Criterion and Journey magazines. She is currently on internship with the Houston Chronicle. Natalie is the daughter of Nathaniel and Cheryl Tindall of St. Petersburg.

## Rep. Miller

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will be open minded and fair to the suggestion of the Supervisor of Elections and the Planning Commission. After all the School Board was opposed to

going to single member districts, prior to the election. As the sponsor of the bill, Miller stands ready to lend his help and his support.

## Abilities Of Florida Establishes Website

CLEARWATER — People with disabilities can now use the Internet to access a variety of services leading to employment and independent community life at Abilities of Florida's new website - <http://www.abilitiesofflorida.com>.

Abilities is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization with offices in many areas of the state. Headquartered in Clearwater, Abilities has trained thousands of people with all types of disabilities for

mainstream employment and productive community lives.

Internet users can access sites describing rehabilitation services, job training, assisted living, affordable and accessible housing, and cultural arts programming. Employers can use the site to learn about incentives for hiring people with disabilities, and Americans with Disabilities act consultation and compliance services. Internet users with visual impairments can access ser-

vices by clicking the text-only (without graphics) version listed on the home page.

The Abilities web site was designed and developed by Sealund & Associates Corporation, which specializes in multimedia presentations, computer-based training, and Internet/web site design services.

Since its inception in 1959, Abilities has helped thousands of people come to know the dignity of a meaningful exis-

tence. Through the Internet, Abilities of Florida hopes to reach more people in need of rehabilitation and return-to-work services. Last year alone, a record 579 people were placed in jobs with 493 different companies at salaries exceeding \$8.4 million. Fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, Abilities is currently celebrating its 40th year of service to the community.

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## Boston University Graduates St. Pete Resident

BOSTON — Boston University awarded academic degrees to 5,071 students this spring.

Among the graduates was St. Petersburg resident Hunter W. Herring, who received a BS in Computer Systems Engineering.

Boston University is the third largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of nearly 30,000 students in its 15

schools and colleges. The University offers an exceptional grounding in the liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, engineering, science and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research. Located in the heart of a city rich in cultural and intellectual attractions, the University is one of the nation's preeminent institutions of higher learning.

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## St. Pete Residents Speak On City's Proposed Consolidated Plan



by Norman E. Jones, II

ST. PETERSBURG—The St. Petersburg Planning Commission presented an overview of the city's Consolidated Plan Budget to members of the city council at city hall last week.

Several local African American citizens spoke at a special hearing on July 15th, most of them were concerned about the city's Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan (CHCDP). As many as 30 Blacks who were present, at least ten spoke to the council.

Linda Simons was concerned about the amount of money being allocated to the southside neighborhoods of the city. "I saw information in the form of a flyer that indicated that a insignificant amount of funds were going into housing or economic development

in our community," said Simons. "It is my desire and a personal passion to see that our area is renovated as other parts of the city."

The Commission presented an overview of 50 proposed projects at the hearing. The proposal including housing Rehabilitation, Home Buyer Assistance, Housing Recycling, Multi-family Development, Community and Economic Development, Homeless and Special Needs Projects and Program Support Activities.

Although the total budget for the Consolidate Plan is nearly one half billion dollars, only a little over 12 million dollars was included proposed for CHCDP. Most of the money was proposed for the city's parking garage and museum building.

The Consolidated plan is the city community block program. These funds come from the United States Department of Housing and Community Development. "This budget is a part of the Mayor's Challenge 2000," said Joseph Johnson Director of Economic Development and Property Management for the St. Petersburg.

"I am not against the city's efforts for beautification and progress concerning the downtown parking facility and the museum proposal," said Simons. "However, we (the city) should look at the priorities of entire city when it comes to the city's human population."

HUD committed funds following the city's riots of 1996.

Photo highlights are shown of some of the action

going on including:

Members of "One for All, All for One" was presented at the public hearing representing the youth of St. Petersburg's Southside Keith Herrington, Corina Williams, Charles Herrington and the Messenger.

St. Petersburg's RBI Team heads to Melbourne, Florida on Friday, July 23rd to participate in the RBI Baseball Tournament.

Councilwoman Rene Flowers, Joseph Johnson and Linda Simons discuss Consolidated Plan outside City Hall.

Tampa Bay Devil Rays ushers, Thelma Burch and Richard Lewis, leave Tropicana Field after Devil Rays game with the Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday.

## Take Steps To Save Your Sight

TAMPA—Cole Vision management, Sears Optical and Prevent Blindness Florida will offer free vision checks to the public during "All American Vision Check Day," Sunday, July 25, 1999 from noon to 4 p.m. at all 64 Sears Optical locations across Florida.

Parents are urged to take advantage of this free vision check being offered to children and adults of all ages.

In an effort to increase public awareness of the need for

regular eye exams, Prevent Blindness Florida is seeking to stress the importance of early detection of possible vision problems.

Fifty percent of all blindness is preventable," said Sarah Jordan-Holmes, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness Florida. "This is why early detection of vision problems plays such a key role in preventing blindness and saving sight."

The vision checks will

measure near and distance vision for acuity. The Lea Symbols Test, consisting of familiar shapes instead of letters of the alphabet, will be used for children as young as 2 1/2. For older children and adults, the Snellen Chart (E-chart) will also be used for measuring sharpness of distance vision and the Titus Near Vision Reader Card for checking near vision.

Jordan-Holmes also said participants will not only be

taking steps to save their own sight, but also providing an opportunity for those less fortunate to have adequate eye care. Cole Vision/Sears Optical will donate \$2.00 to Prevent Blindness Florida for each participant in the vision check.

For more information, call 1-800-226-6772.

## Organizations Join Forces To Sponsor First CDC Conference

TALLAHASSEE—Legislators, government officials and experts in community development are joining forces to participate in Florida's first Community Development Corporation (CDC) Conference, July 22-24, at the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel in Tampa.

Sponsored by the FAMU Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce, University of Florida Shimerberg Center for Affordable Housing and Florida Department of Community Affairs, the conference will feature a tour of an 'East Tampa Business Incubator', panel presentations by successful CDC program operators and forums that address 'The Future of CDC Voices in Florida' and 'Where Do We go From Here?'

One of the highlights of the conference is a presentation by Patrick Hadley, coordinator of the Office of Urban Opportunity, on 'Front Porch Florida',

Gov. Jeb Bush's program on the revitalization of urban core areas in Florida.

"We want this conference to really push forward our initiative to develop the economic resources of our cities," said FAMU President Frederick S. Humphries. "We want to revitalize our inner cities economically so that the trickle down effect translates into better schools, better jobs and better communities."

Conference participants will be able to discuss establishing, renewing or enhancing collaborative partnerships with Fannie Mae Foundation, The McArthur Foundation, lending institutions such as NationsBank and many more businesses and agencies.

For a complete listing of activities and information about registration and hotel accommodations, please contact Patricia Walker-McGill at (850) 599-3474.

## Cardiac Rehabilitation Program Awarded Certification

CLEARWATER—The Morton Plant Mease Health Care Cardiac Rehabilitation Program is one of only 11 centers in the state to be awarded program certification by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR). Certification recognizes those programs rigorously reviewed by a national board and found to meet the outlined essential requirements for standards of care.

MPM Cardiac Rehabilitation is unique in that it offers a case managed exercise and education program including stress management, nutrition counseling and lipid education. Our education is provided by a team of physicians, nurses, exercise physiologists, pharmacists and diabetes experts.

"Our team is very proud to receive this distinguished award. We continuously try to improve our services by remaining current in our clinical practice and look for new ways to meet our patient's and their family's needs," said Ann

Murphy-Hough, manager cardiac rehabilitation.

MPM Cardiac Rehabilitation was established in 1988 and has "graduated" more than 4,000 patients from its program. The three locations for Cardiac Rehabilitation are the Heart and Vascular Pavilion, 455 Pinellas St., the Palm Harbor Outpatient Center, 30522 U.S. 19 N., room 310, and Bardmoor Outpatient Center, 8787 Bryan Dairy Rd. For more information on Cardiac Rehabilitation call 727/461-8295 or 1-888-MPM-8484.

The AACVPR is a national, multi-disciplinary association dedicated to the improvement of clinical practice, promotion of scientific inquiry and advancement of education for the benefit of cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation professionals and the patients they serve.

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## TAN Seeks Donations

TAMPA—To better meet the needs of the 2500 clients the Tampa AIDS Network (TAN) provides services to each month, the non-profit AIDS service organization is seeking donations of like-new furniture, appliances, clothing, as well as personal hygiene and household items.

TAN's housing program provides homes for infected TAN clients and their families—assisting more than 400 individuals each month. Current housing needs include:

- New/like-new furniture.
- New/like new appliances.
- New/like new pots, pans, dishes and cooking utensils.
- New/like new televisions and radios.
- New/like new baby and toddler furniture.
- New/like new clothing and shoes for men, women and children
- Unopened/new toys (for children's holiday program).

• New linens and towels.  
TAN's Supplemental Food Pantry, located at Corporate Square, Bldg. 100, North 56th Street, no longer needs paper bag donations, but still seeks donations of egg cartons and the following items:

- Personal hygiene items (disposable razors, shaving cream, shampoo, mouthwash, soap, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, toothbrushes, body lotions).
- Cleaning supplies (toilet bowl cleaners, sponges, all-purpose cleaners, fabric softener sheets, scouring powder, glass cleaners).
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, peanut butter, cooking oil).
- Pet supplies (food, cat litter).

For more information on monetary and item donations, please contact the Tampa AIDS Network at (813) 914-8888, ext. 233.



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## Students Win Awards For AG Science Projects

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford announced recently that two students have been awarded \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bonds for their agricultural projects presented at the 44th Annual State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida competition in Lakeland.

Aaron C. Richardson, of Walton Senior High School in DeFuniak Springs, won a \$1,000 Savings Bond for his project in the senior environmental science category.

Kristina L. Anderson, of Ronald McNair Magnet School in Cocoa, was the junior classification winner, also with a project in the environmental sciences category.

Richardson's project involved determining the effect of various insecticides on the nitrogen-fixing ability of legumes inoculated with Rhizobia bacteria. Anderson studied the impact of a mussel infestation in clam aquaculture.

To help students select a topic and carry out their science fair project, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services developed and maintains 'Planet Ag', an Internet web site packed with ideas and information.

Planet Ag provides students with an explanation of the scientific method, from choosing a topic and stating a hypothesis, to deciding on a procedure and recording the results. The web site also provides a sample project for students to review, a look at previous winners' projects and links to other agriculture- and science-related sites. It is accessed on the Internet at [www.fl-ag.com/PlanetAg](http://www.fl-ag.com/PlanetAg).

The State Science and Engineering Fair is a three-day display of science projects by sixth through 12th graders.

## The Comedy Counselor's Stress Relief Moment

by Andy Evans



**'Driving While Dumb'**  
Dear Comedy Counselor:

I'm smoking mad at my dad. I've waited all my life for a driver's license and now he won't sign. He says my grades ain't good enough. Just 'cause I failed English and got a D in driver's ed, he's holding it against me. He don't understand how boring those classes are. Gotta sit 'round and listen to dumb stuff and watch stupid accident movies. They trying to scare us, like teenagers are the cause of all the car accidents in the world. I asked my dad if he ever took driver's ed, and you know what he said, "No." I just wanna know how come it's OK for him to be driving 'round without driver's ed, and I have to take it again.

Besides, what do grades have to do with driving? Knowing how to drive should be enough. Maybe you can convince my dad to be fair.

Permit Me

Dear Permit Me:

You know, when I was in high school, I was on the football team. One night, after an away game, we were returning home on the bus. The coach was driving. The big linebacker, Spike, sat right behind the coach. The big guy didn't do too much in school except play football. It was raining, and as the coach navigated down an unfamiliar road, he asked Spike what the upcoming sign said. Spike hesitated, then responded, "It say, confession ahead, delicious injection." No sooner had he uttered the words, than the bus tumbled into a ditch. What the sign really said was "CONSTRUCTION AHEAD, DANGEROUS INTERSECTION."

Negotiating the roadways have gotten a lot more complicated. Just because you can drive, doesn't mean you know where you are going. You have to be able to read the signs.

The Comedy Counselor

**Judge or Jester?**  
Say, Comedy Counselor:

Have you noticed all the shows that feature judges doling out televised justice? It started with Judge Wapner. Now there's Judge Judy. People think her show's hilarious, but I don't get it. What's so funny about a judge making jokes while giving time? The people who like those shows must have never been before a judge. I received a summons for some parking tickets my cousin Joe had gotten while using my car. I wasn't guilty, so I decided to go to court and explain the situation. I put on a suit, shined my shoes, even got a haircut. When I tried to tell the judge it was my cousin who was responsible for the tickets, he just looked at me, smiled and said, "Tell your cousin Joe to come bail you out—and bring the ticket money." I had to spend the weekend in jail and pay the fine. There's nothing funny about doing time. You be the judge.

Defenseless

Dear Defenseless:

Going to court is pretty scary. As the late comedian Pigment Markham used to say, "Here ye, here ye, court's in session, here come the judge, somebody's gonna do time!" I guess it was your time.

Once I decided to go to court and contest a ticket. I was confident I would prevail—until the bailiff called my name like this, "the U.S. vs. Andy Evans." I stood up and said, "That's all right, your honor, I'll pay the fine."

The Comedy Counselor

## New Commerce Report Shows Dramatic Growth For Internet

WASHINGTON — More Americans than ever have access to telephones, computers and the Internet — tools critical to economic success and advancement, but a digital divide between the information "haves" and "have nots" persists, and, in some cases, has widened significantly, according to a new Commerce Department report President Clinton released recently as part of his New Markets Tour.

Access to computers and the Internet for Americans in

all demographic groups and geographic locations soared at the end of 1998, due, in part to the success of pro-competition policies, the report said. Over 40 percent of U.S. households owned computers, one quarter of all households had Internet access and 94.1 percent of American households were connected by telephone at the end of 1998.

But the right picture is clouded by data that show significant disparities continue between certain demographic

groups and regions and, in many cases, the gap between groups has grown over time, the report said.

"While we are encouraged by the dramatic growth in the access Americans have to the nation's information technologies, the growing disparity in access between certain groups and regions is alarming," Commerce Secretary William M. Daley said. "We must ensure that all American have the information tools and skills that are critical for their partic-

ipation in the emerging digital economy," Daley said.

"America's digital divide is fast becoming a 'racial ravine'," Larry Irving, assistant secretary of Commerce for Telecommunications said, citing the reports data identifying certain minorities, low income groups and residents in rural areas and central cities as among those lacking in access to the nation's information resources.

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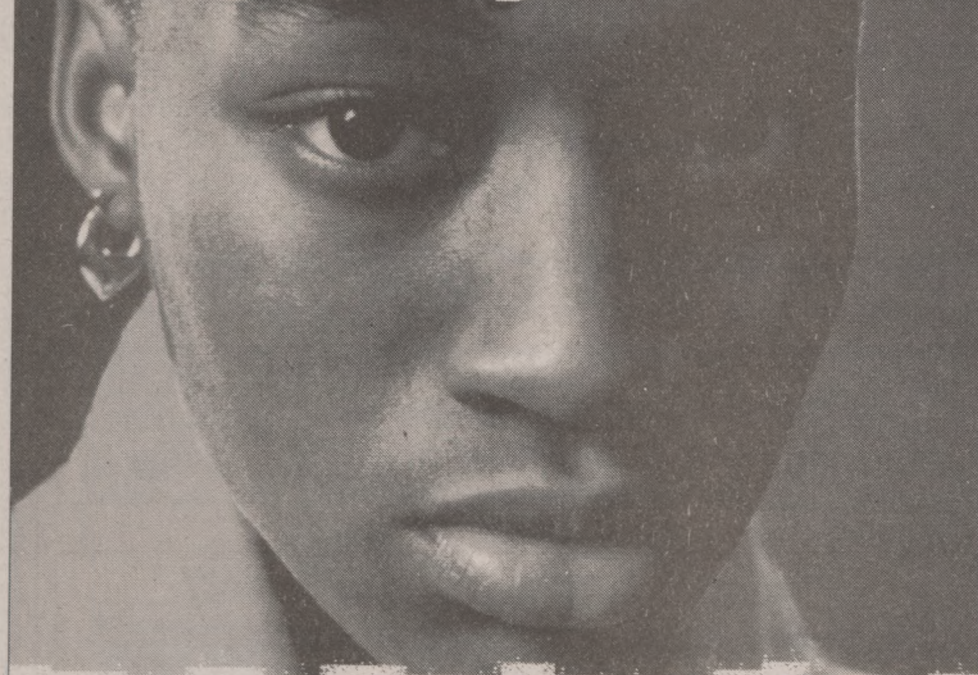
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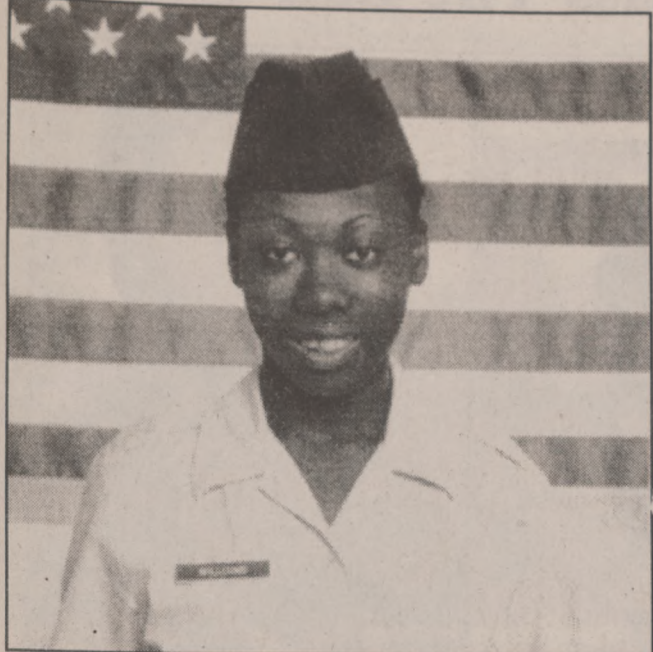
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## Army & Air Force Hometown News

### Tamara Y. Williams Nathan J. Elk Graduates



Tamara Y. Williams

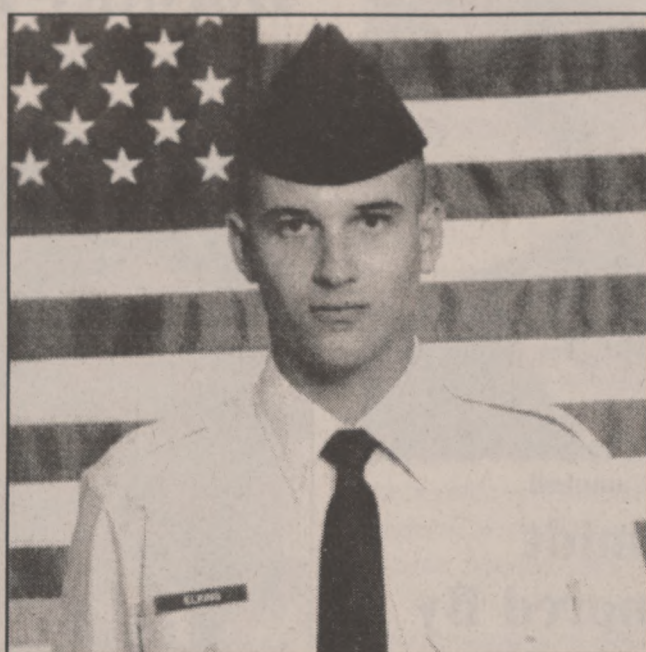
KELLY AFB, TX – Air Force Airman 1st Class Tamara Y. Williams has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Williams is the daughter of Sandra D. Crawford of 1124 64th Ave. S., St. Petersburg.

The airman is a 1995 graduate of Boca Ciega High School, Gulfport.



Nathan J. Elkins

KELLY AFB, TX – Air Force Airman Nathan J. Elkins has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

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complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Elkins is the son of Sharon L. Elkins of 520 Walker Rd., Safety Harbor, and David L. Elkins of 18318 Akins Drive, Spring Hill.

The airman is a 1997 graduate of Hudson High School.

### High School Students Can Earn Scholarship Money To Study Abroad

GREENWICH, CT – The American Institute for Foreign Study is pleased to offer St. Petersburg area high school students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to study/travel abroad and earn scholarship dollars towards their trip by hosting an Academic Year in America (AYA) high school exchange student arriving this August.

AYA is sponsored by the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) Foundation. This not-for-profit Foundation promotes intercultural exchange by sponsoring high school exchange students from around the world to live with American families and study at local high schools for five or ten months. Families who host an AYA exchange student with good English skills and motivation can learn about the country, its customs, culture and language. Most importantly, if the American student decides to study/travel abroad, the family and student will have made a special friend in the country before he/she even begins his/her adventure!

St. Petersburg families can earn up to \$1000 towards exciting study abroad programs in France, Germany, the

Netherlands and Spain, or earn up to \$500 on summer or winter travel/study programs to Austria, Brazil, Chile, France, Spain or Germany by hosting an AYA student this August. There is no better way to learn about another country, its language, customs and culture than by experiencing it firsthand.

Students who study/travel abroad will find themselves immersed in another language, eating different foods, experiencing new traditions and learning what it is like to be a student in that country. In addition, students will gain maturity, self-confidence and open-mindedness—values they will have for a lifetime. Their intercultural experience will have an impact on their life, whether it is on a college application, a job interview or in how they view the world around them.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Today, July 22nd, Patricia Woods, John 'Ice Man' Allen, Chilbase Sims; 24th, Joy Bell; 25th, Queen V. Lawson; 26th, Jean Hammond; 27th, Alma 'Dee Dee' Manning, Sandra McKinnon and Donna Grayson.

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T'was so nice hearing from Pat Williams of Philadelphia, PA. We talked about happenings in PA and what's going on in St. Pete, FL. She really lives in the suburbs, Elkins Park, PA. Her sons, John and Billy, are doing fine in school. Billy graduated from middle school Tuesday from Cedar Brook Jr. High and will be entering Cheltenham High for 9th grade. John will enter

Elkins Park Middle School in Elkins Park. Deloris Mitchell is doing fine. They speak on the phone daily. She lives a few doors up the block. Visits are regular.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Was what it was all about for 'Dee Dee' Alma Manning who celebrated her natal day July 27th with family members and friends. On that evening, she was feted with a scrumptious delicious dinner out. It was one of those coup to nut deals—wine and the works. She received beautiful flowers and a special gift from her husband, Calvin Manning, Jr., who loves her dearly. 'Dee Dee', have many more natal days, and enjoy your husband.

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—F.B.

Hang in there, you two, and keep loving each other.

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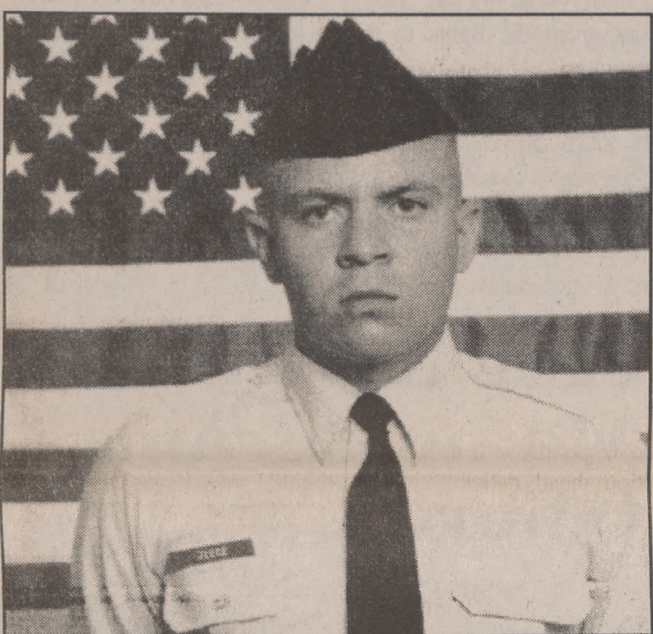
### Gibbs Class Of '63 Monthly Meeting

ST. PETERSBURG – The Gibbs Class of 1963 will meet on Saturday, July 24, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. at 2356 Lynn Lake

Place #D.

Issues of importance will be discussed and plans for the year 2000.

### Nicholas M. Zeece Graduates



Nicholas M. Zeece

KELLY AFB, TX – Air Force Airman Nicholas M. Zeece has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

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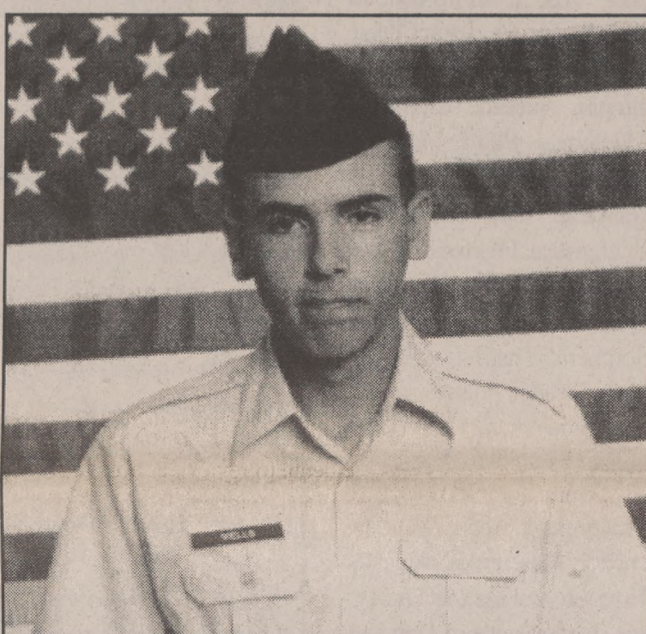
In addition, airmen who

complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Zeece is the son of Matt K. Zeece of 3269 Haviland Court, Palm Harbor, FL, and Chris Zeece of 11205 Hanson Blvd., Coon Rapids, MN.

He is a 1998 graduate of East Lake High School, Palm Harbor.

### Edward J. Wells Graduates



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Wells is the son of Karl D. and Lori A. Wells of 4220 78th Way N., St. Petersburg.

He was a student at Dixie Hollins High School.

### Volunteers Needed To Work With Abused & Neglected Children

CLEARWATER – Permanency Support Program, a Gulf Coast Community Care program, matches volunteers with children between the ages of 3 and 11, who are under protective services or are in a state shelter or foster care home because of abuse or neglect. Volunteers spend about four hours a week with one child. They take the child out of the home and become a "special friend." Their goal is to build trust and provide support through social interaction. Volunteers spend time with the children on simple activities such as reading, fishing, baking and walking, as well as other enrichment activities.

Volunteers, both male and female, range in age from 30 and up and are screened, provided training and supervised by Gulf Coast Community Care. No experience is necessary.

Permanency Support Program is currently seeking vol-

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## Womans' World

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## Tiff's Welcome Home



Airman - Tiffany Badger

ST. PETERSBURG — Formerly of St. Petersburg, now serving in the United States Navy was recently appointed Plane Captain in her squadron VC-8 stationed in Roosevelt Roads Puerto Rico.

Tiffany, until joining the Navy was a lifetime resident of St. Petersburg. She attended Lynch Elementary, Meadowlawn Middle, Sixteen Street Middle and graduated from St. Petersburg High School class of 1998. Tiffany was an honor roll student, played in the band and was a member of the swim team. At a very young age, Tiffany started to write poems and discovered that all she had to do was write down her feelings and anything is possible.

Tiffany realized her dream at the age of 10 that she was going to enlist in the Navy. Although as her mother, I thought that was just an idea that would pass but it never did. In her senior year, Tiffany

did enlist in the Navy, ultimately at that point fulfilling a lifetime goal. Tiffany is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos and Robin Person of St. Petersburg. Mr. Person is employed by Tyrone Bennigan and Mrs. Person is employed by the Pinellas County School Board as the Cafeteria Manager at Woodlawn Elementary School.

Airman Badger is also a terrific role model for her younger twin sisters, Marcella and Michelle Barnes who are fifteen and will be attending Gibbs High this coming school year. One of the twins, has decided to follow in Tiffany's footsteps by planning to join the Navy. The other has not made up her mind yet.

Tiffany's goal in life as well as joining the Navy is to become a college biology professor which she is planning to start her classes when she goes out aboard ship in the fall of 2000.

## CASA Volunteer Orientation Become A Vital Volunteer

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Your Letters To The Editor Are Welcome



Mary Schmidt Campbell

## Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell Honored By Black Women In Higher Education Organization

NEW YORK — The African American Woman's Institute Bestows Its Distinguished Service and Leadership Award on Dean of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts.

The African American Women's Institute (AAWI) at Howard University has honored Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell, dean of the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, with its Distinguished Service and Leadership Award. In a ceremony on June 26 in Washington D.C., the AAWI recognized Dr. Campbell and ten other outstanding Black women who have made a difference for Black women in higher education.

Dr. Campbell is a scholar, author and former New York City Cultural Affairs Commissioner. As head of the Tisch School, a preeminent center of theater and film, she oversees all phases of its 10 professional training programs, as well as its two academic programs.

Founded in 1993, the AAWI has its objective the cross-cultural study of women of color. The AAWI organizes The Black Women in the

Academy II: Service and Leadership Conference, which bestows the Distinguished Service and Leadership Awards. This year's Conference, which took place June 24 through 27, presented the scholarly works of Black female faculty, administrators and students from across the African Diaspora, with a special focus on science and engineering.

The other honorees are: Mary Frances Berry, chairman, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Elizabeth Catlett, artist, Camille Cosby, philanthropist, Adelaide Cromwell, educator, Etta Falconer, provost, Spellman College, Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, chief justice, International War Crimes Tribunal, Constance Baker, Motley, federal judge, Southern District of New York, Eleanor Holmes Norton, congresswoman, U.S. House of Representatives, Jessie Carney Smith, librarian, Fisk University and Alvia Wardlaw, curator, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and associate professor, Texas Southern University.

## Halle Berry Transforms Into Dorothy Dandridge & Says 'Dorothy Pass The Ball To Me'



Halle Berry

CHICAGO, IL — Actress Halle Berry transforms into legendary actress Dorothy Dandridge, talks about how she found Dandridge's spirit while healing her own and says, "I believe Dorothy passed the ball to me," in the August *EBONY*.

"Dorothy Dandridge blazed a trail for Black actresses," says Berry. "I want to fight as hard as she did." In the HBO special "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge", Berry

serves as executive producer and plays the much-coveted role of the first Black woman ever nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress. I feel like I've been preparing for this role all my life." Berry was given the rights to the story by Dandridge's manager Earl Mills and did research for the role by spending time with Dandridge's close friend Geri Branton. "She absolutely stole the essence of Dotie and she truly understands her," said

Branton of Halle's portrayal. Berry also talks about her personal life and her relationship with recording artist Eric Ben'et and says, "I'm no longer going to let my personal life overshadow my professional life." Berry is determined to do the one thing Dandridge never could and talks about Dandridge's tragic death. "In my own life," says Berry, "I am determined to change the ending."

## Free & Reduced Mammograms Offered

ST. PETERSBURG — The Pinellas County Health Department is offering free or reduced cost mammograms to women aged 50 and over who have inadequate health insurance coverage or are income eligible. Nearly 12,000 Florida women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. More than 75% of diagnosed breast cancers occur in women over

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## Florida Welcomes The Ultimate Drive For The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

NEW YORK — Amidst a crowd of well-wishers cheering and waving special pink rally flags, BMW of North America and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation today announced they will join forces for a third year to host The Ultimate Drive for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The program puts the community in the driver's seat to fight breast cancer. Through this successful, grassroots fundraising effort, more than \$2 million has been raised. BMW's goal will be to raise \$1million dollars again this year.

"People in communities across the United States have been coming out in droves to get behind the wheel of BMW

to help us "drive away" breast cancer. In just the first two years, more than 60,000 people have gotten behind the



wheel - and this year, we're on course to top 100,000 Ultimate Drive participants across the country," said Victor Doolan, President of BMW of North America.

Local car dealerships in the Greater Tampa/St. Peters-

burg area have also joined forces to help support affiliates across the country, fighting to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by inviting everyone to come out to the lots and get behind the wheel for a "test drive".

From May through October, two fleets of 18 specially-marked BMWs will criss cross the USA, making pit stops in approximately 200 cities nationwide. An all day fundraising event will be held in each city and town, where participants can test drive one of the BMWs. For every mile test-driven, BMW will donate \$1 to the Komen Foundation.

As the Ultimate Drive kicked into gear in New York City, drivers in each of the 32

gleaming silver and checkered BMWs simultaneously revved their engines under a giant arch of pink balloons as



Brinker and Doolan waved them on with special starter flags.

A local "Hero" will be recognized in our community for his or her outstanding work in the fight to help eradicate breast cancer. A photograph of each "Hero" will be shown in the Weekly Challenger and will also be affixed to a specially marked BMW "signature car" which will also be signed by the tens of thousands of Ultimate Drive participants to produce an ever-growing collage of the real people who are making a difference in the drive.

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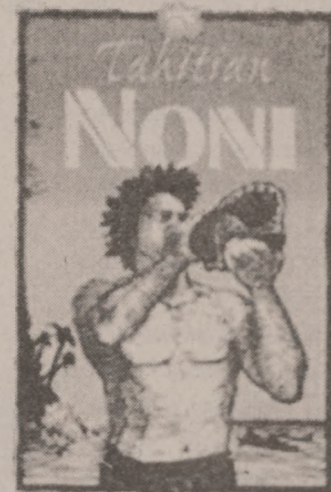
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## Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial Breakfast



TAMPA — On Friday July 16th at 7am, the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial Breakfast was held at the Double Tree Hotel, Tampa.

The Welcome was given by Mrs. Freddie West Hudson. Rev. C.C. Carlman, Chaplain, gave the Invocation. Speaker for the Breakfast was Ellen Green, Past President, National Council of Negro Women.

Pictured L-R: Freddie West Hudson, Rev. C.C. Carlman, Ellen Green, Mrs. Pinkie Oliver, Lucille Morris and John H. Williams, President, B-CC National Alumni Association.



Ellen Green, Speaker

## Neighborly Senior Services Offers Computer Courses

ST. PETERSBURG — Neighborly Senior Services is offering introductory computer courses at the Neighborly Lealman Computer Lab, 3455 58th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. The computer lab, dedicated strictly to training seniors, is equipped with state-of-the-art computers, large screen color monitors, color ink-jet printers and Windows 98. Each class will be limited to eight students and therefore allow an intense one-on-one learning experience. The 16-hour beginning and intermediate courses have immediate openings.

The beginning course starts on Monday, July 26th, and meets on Mondays from 10:30am to 12:30pm and on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm. The duration of the course is four weeks, totalling 16 class hours. The beginning course is offered again, starting August 23rd.

The beginning course will introduce the beginner to per-

sonal computers. The student will gain an understanding of what a computer is and what it can do. All computers are IBM-compatible multimedia computers with color ink jet printers.

The intermediate course starts on Tuesday, July 27th, and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5pm. The duration of the course is also four weeks, totalling 16 class hours. The intermediate course is offered again, starting August 31st.

This course is designed for people who have completed the basic course. Although not a requirement, it is highly recommended that those taking the intermediate course complete the basic course first. This course will also cover Internet use such as saving favorite places, downloading files and sending and receiving E-mail.

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## The Lee Family Fine Tunes Family Reunion



ST. PETERSBURG — Family Reunions are events we look forward to sharing with all of our loved ones coming from far and near to participate. For the Lee's, the get together promises to be full of fun, coupled with a wonderful selection of activities, excursions and healthy ways for which they will long remember their 1999 Family Reunion.

Final plans were being made Sunday evening by the

Planning Committee at the home of Sis. Diane Hughes. Setting their approval and fine-tuning every little detail from T-shirts to kids activities were the following family members: Raymond and Bernice Eliza, Laurus Lee, Ellender Jackson, Cyrus Jackson, Crystal Jackson, Courtney Jackson, Diane Hughes, Wilimener Jackson and Willie Mae Warren. Those not in attendance include: Elijah Hughes, Mae Frances Bennett, Shirley

Berrian, Sarah Brown and Felecia Savage-Williams.

Activities will include their "Get Acquainted" Social, Church Services at Bethel Community Baptist Church, Oldies But Goodies Dance, Banquet and a Cruise. Most of the activities will take place Thursday, July 22, 1999 through Saturday at the Holiday Inn Sunspree, St. Petersburg.

## Ten Tips To Managing The Boss It'll Make Your Worklife Easier

TAMPA — Let's face it, whether our boss is enjoyable or abominable to work for, he or she plays a large part in our day-to-day lives. Employees who want to enhance their working environment, reduce their stress and move ahead in their careers need to learn how to manage their bosses.

"It is a relatively simple skill which can do wonders, not just to improve your own stress and your career advancement, but your boss' too," explains Tony Gain, National Account Manager, in the Tampa office of Drake Beam Morin (DBA), the world's leading provider of human resource solutions in employee selection, development, retention, and transition. "After

all, frequently your success depends on your boss' success."

DBM offers the following tips to help employees get the best out of their working relationships and improve their own career prospects:

1. Don't imagine you can change your boss. Instead, play to his or her strengths and seek to counterbalance any weaknesses.

2. Ask what you and your team can do to make your boss' job easier. Ask what you do now that makes his or her job harder.

3. Don't assume you know the answer to the questions in point. 2. Listen with an open mind and act upon the answers.

4. Find out how your boss likes to be given information informal, briefing, memos, detailed meetings or broad overviews. Do what suits the boss best.

5. Make your boss feel part of the team by involving him or her in appropriate groups discussions. Your boss will be pleased that you value his or her input.

6. Never let the boss encounter a surprise, especially in front of others. It makes him or her appear out of touch, so keep him/her briefed on significant developments.

7. Agree with your boss about where your efforts will be focused and where they will not. That way he/she will have realistic expectations of what

you can achieve.

8. Never underestimate your boss, however trusted you may be with his/her performance.

9. Remember that your boss also has people to answer to. It may be shareholders or customers, but anything you can do to help him or her to be successful will enhance the image of the whole team, and reflect well on your career prospects.

10. Your boss is, after all, only human. Never forget it! Accordingly to Drake Beam Morin, people will increasingly have to take responsibility for managing their own careers. "This means enhancing the performance of everyone on whom your success depends," says Gain.

## Education, Education, Education

WASHINGTON, DC — Education can change a life. Given its importance, why are so many black kids steering clear of it like the plague? We can't just blame the kids when teachers, schools, hardships, single-parent households and other things share responsibility.

We've provided kids with plenty of ways not to get a good education. We've invented mental conditions like ADD and ADHD to allow them to avoid hard work and dedication, saying, "It's not your fault, you have a reason for not paying attention." In my day, however, it was called just plain DUMB.

The problem is that we've gotten away from what school is all about—learning, both book learning and learning the lessons of life. Then there is discipline. Today, unfortunately, discipline is often called child abuse. I'm not talking about beating children, but instead old-fashioned discipline like when your father gave you a look and you knew

to close your mouth. Or when any grown-up could take the place of your parents to make you straighten up your act. You would feel leather on your backside when it was needed, but usually the fear of it kept you in line. But today's kids have no fear of their parents.

Changes in our educational system and family life have come slowly and with little resistance from conservatives, who fear being labeled insensitive by liberals. Liberals, noting the change, invent more excuses and conditions to

explain away the problems they have wrought. We need to take action again and solve our problems now while they are relatively small, because future generations will continue along the paths we choose today.

We will only succeed in educating our kids if we stand up and demand our parental rights to raise, teach and discipline them. Furthermore, the government must set standards for our public school teachers and reduce the influence of the National Education Association

teachers union. Also, someone must take responsibility when our kids don't learn. Whether it is the kids, teachers, parents or the government, someone must step forward to explain why the kids aren't learning and help find a solution.

If black citizens are to be noticed, we first need an education to be able to take advantage of opportunity. You can't be handed everything, and you must prove yourself worthy of things that come your way. And an education cannot wait.



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## Blackstreet Makes It Hot This Summer With "Think About It"



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NEW YORK—Multi-platinum R&B/pop group, BLACKSTREET, is set to release their second single, *Think About It*, from their current hit album, *Finally*. The album's first single, *Girlfriend/Boyfriend*, featuring Janet Jackson, heated up the nation's airwaves this spring and BLACKSTREET is ready to move into summer with *Think About It*...a romantic

mid-tempo groove that tells the story of love bordering on obsession.

*Think About It* is also featured on the soundtrack (Jive Records) from the upcoming Paramount/MTV film, *The Wood* (starring Omar Epps and Taye Diggs), a coming of age comedy about three young men growing up in Los Angeles.

According to the group's

co-founder/producer Teddy Riley *"Think About It"* is a very intensely emotional song for Blackstreet, and the theme fits perfectly with the film as the characters struggle with their romantic relationships as a part of becoming a man.

The video clip, conceptualized by acclaimed cinematographer/director Malik Sayeed, is set up as a performance, but it features individual vignettes

of each group member. Teddy, Chauncey, Eric and Terrell each "think bout" a special girl during happier times, as she ghosts in and out of their memory.

Finally, the group's third album, follows 1996's Grammy-Award winning *Another Level*—which sold six million discs worldwide and featured the chart-topper "No Diggity".

## Rabies Risk Livestock Low, Despite Wildlife Cases

GAINESVILLE — With rabies menacing Florida raccoons and other wildlife, dairy farmers, ranchers and horse owners are asking whether they should give rabies shots to their animals.

Vaccinations aren't essential, two University of Florida veterinarians said.

"We're not seeing enough cases of rabies in livestock and horses to justify widespread vaccinations," said UF veterinarian Paul Nicoletti, who serves on the Florida Department of Health's Rabies Advisory Committee.

While the risk is small, owners of prized cattle and horses may want to have them vaccinated to be totally safe, said Thomas Lane, extension veterinarian for UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. "This cost of rabies shots is low compared to the cost of losing a valuable ani-

mal and the trouble and worry if you suspect an animal has contracted rabies."

Only one confirmed case of rabies in cattle and two cases in horses were reported in Florida last year. In contrast, 153 cases of rabies in raccoons - 71 percent of the 215 cases in the state, were found, according to the State Department of Health.

Other wildlife accounted for all but 18 of the rabies cases in Florida. The 18 cases included 13 cats and two dogs.

Things are different elsewhere because the animals that rabies hits the hardest vary from state to state.

In the Midwest, skunks are a major carrier of the disease and pose a threat to cattle. In Iowa, for example, skunks accounted for 70 cases - 58 percent of the state's 153 total cases last year.

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## Marion-Levy Public Library Advisory Board Schedules Meeting

OCALA — The Marion County Board of County Commission public hearing, regarding the transmittal of 1999 2nd Cycle Large Scale EAR Based Test Amendments, which began at 9:00 a.m. last week has been extended to August 4, 1999 at

9:00 a.m.

This will be held in the Commission auditorium, located in the McPherson Governmental Complex, 601 SE 25th Avenue Ocala, FL.

For more information call the Marion County Planning office at 620-3394.



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## Writers Workshop Honors Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

GAINESVILLE — Recognized nationally as "one of the most unique" and also "participant-friendly" of the writers' conferences, Writing The Region: A Writers Workshop Honoring Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings announces that registration is still open for its third annual session to be held in Gainesville and at Ms Rawlings' home in Cross Creek, Florida from Wednesday, July 28 through Sunday August 1.

Sponsored by the Gainesville Association for the

Creative Arts and funded by a variety of local and state agencies, Writing the Region brings together distinguished artists and writers of all kinds - from published to not-yet published authors - to Gainesville's historic Hotel Thomas for five days of hands-on workshops, lectures, evening performances, and receptions where workshop leaders and participants gather over gourmet foods.

Writing the Region has been commended as "not just

another workshop in a pretty place but one that has a legitimate connection to Ms. Rawlings, the area's most famous writer," and as one where "the famous writer doesn't retreat after the lecture but spends time informally with the would-be writers, even going so far as to attend sessions with them." Others have praised Writing the Region as having a flexible definition of writing; indeed the informal sessions range from "Writing Chil-

dren's Books" to "Writing Poetry," from "Ten Proved Ways of Getting Published" to "Writing for Stage and Screen," from "Handling the World of Publishing" to "Freelancing" from Historical Non-fiction" to "Autobiography and Memoir."

For more information about Writing the Region or for registration, call the Director, Norma Homan, at the toll free number 1-888-917-7001.

## Silver Springs & Wild Saters Makes Planning A Picnic A Breeze

SILVER SPRINGS, FL — Picnics at Silver Springs and Wild Waters offer all the elements for the "ultimate" event: plenty of outdoor dining locations, an assortment of menu selections and a full day of exciting in-park entertainment.

Whether it is a birthday party for 10 or a company picnic for 1,000 or more, Silver Springs and Wild Waters can accommodate a variety of group sizes with the parks' vast array of picnic facilities.

At Silver Springs, picnickers can choose from three main dining areas during park hours. The Palm Tent and the Magnolia Tent provide the charm of outdoor entertaining

under the comfort of a covered tent. The Twin Oaks Mansion features two enclosed wings and is framed by centuries-old cypress trees draped in Spanish moss.

Popular settings at Silver Springs for after hours events include the park's five-acre Cypress Island, home to the Big Gator Lagoon attraction; and the Promenade Deck, which provides a front row seat to the natural beauty of the main spring area and the crystal clear headwaters of the Silver River.

At Wild Waters, picnic guests have four different shaded picnic facilities to choose from. Together, these

locations can accommodate parties of 2,000 guests or more.

Silver Springs and Wild Waters' catering services offer a wide range of picnic menus. Entree selections include chicken, ribs, smoked sausage, hot dogs and hamburger, just to name a few.

As a special picnic treat, arrangements can be made for a surprise visit by one of the park's alligators, birds, snakes,

or Silver Springs' costume character, "Swampy" the alligator.

Next door at Wild Waters, picnic guests can enjoy the nine-acre waterpark's eight flume rides and waterslides, 450,000-gallon wave pool, three children's play areas, three championship volleyball courts, food outlets, picnic facilities, specialty shops, lockers, showers, video arcade and game room.

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# North Central Florida

## Celebration Of Dr. Bethune's 124th Birthday



DAYTONA BEACH — Bethune-Cookman College was the site for a celebration of the 124th birthday of the school's founder Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. An intimate group of well-wishers sat beneath the massive oak trees Bethune's former home, the Foundation, weathering the intense afternoon heat.

A beautiful musical rendition of Dr. Bethune's Last Will and Testament was performed by John Ware, minister of music at Christ Community Church Lakeland, Florida.

College President, and 1950 graduate, Dr. Oswald P. Bronson, Sr. introduced speaker Dr. James Brooks Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy at B-CC and author of Wounded Undereath. Dr. Bronson, who knew Dr. Bethune personally, stated that "we have all been blessed by the spirit of Dr. Bethune. She was a woman who was powerfully influential in the opening of new vistas for the educational, social and civil advancement of African Americans, but she was also a

In the spirit of Dr. Bethune's love and dedication to youth, several young performers paid homage to this great lady. The Harriet Tubman Expressions, a youth group from Chattanooga, Tennessee performed a dramatic sketch about the many changes Dr. Bethune would experience if she were to come back and see the inroads African American youth have made since her death in 1955, at the age of 79. Additionally, the young performers sang the chorus to "I Can" as their group leader Ms. Della Chisolm led them in song. An additional number was performed by Amber Denise Streeter, the young daughter of 1985 B-CC graduate Karen Streeter.

Special recognition was given to Dr. Robert Williams who will be organizing the Mary McLeod Bethune Leadership Development Institute - an annual scholarly conference and cultural festival which will Bethune's writings on racial collaboration, the education of African American youth and the socio-economic development of the black community to be held May 15-20, 2000 in Daytona Beach.



## Society In Ocala

by Florence Williams Ray

Big Sun Volunteer Center Needs Tutors

American Reads of Marion County needs caring volunteers to help children and adults improve their lives through tutoring.

There are four areas where programs have been initiated for adults who wish to improve their English, or may speak English as a 2nd language.

There are community centers located in Hickory Knoll/Sutton Place, Silver Springs Shores Presbyterian Church, Steeplechase Apartments, and Marion County Health Department. Tutors are needed to read to and with children ages K-3rd grades who are in need of reading improvement.

This is a one-on-one opportunity to interact with a child, and provide positive impacts on a young life. The

The Mistress of Ceremony was Catherine Robinson from the Eighth Street Church of God. She was introduced by Darion Tyler. The program included praise in song by Mt. Moriah Male Chorus; Welcome and Occasion by Josephine Byrd; Devotional Prayers from Janet Jones of New St. John; Ora Lee Jackson of St. Paul; Mercedes Weathers of Greater Hopewell

and Diona Sweeney of Eighth Street Church of God.

The program continued with Scripture by Rose Rawls; Praise in Song by United Baptist and Mt. Moriah Male Chorus. The speakers were Mildred Washington of Covenant and Barbara Washington of Mt. Moriah. Also Gloria Thrower of Shady Grove and Lois Lilly of Greater Hopewell. Words of Encouragement came from Evelyn James; Acknowledgements of guests by Orelia Stodum Broxton; Closing remarks came from Pastor E.F. Broxton.

Maude Washington was Chair; Ida Wilford, Vice Chair; Ethel Shields, Secretary and Lula Williams, Chaplin.

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### Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Ethel Mae Nelson, July 19th; KeLaura Reynolds; July 20th; Eddie Roy Arnold, July 22nd; Catherine Murray Brown, July 23rd; Roberta Gabriel Woods, July 23 and LeVern Cogdell, July 24th.

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### Happy Wedding Anniversary

Happy wedding anniversary wishes go out to Lauretta and Darron Wallace, July 24th. tutor needs no experience. Training and support will be

provided.

Rose Jones is America Reads Coordinator at the Big Sun Volunteer Center in Ocala. For more information, call 732-4771. This program is sponsored in Marion County by the Volunteer Service.

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### Hankins is Programs Administrator for MAD DADS

Tracy Hankins assumes post of Program Administrator/Public Relations for MAD DADS of Greater Ocala. Her jurisdiction will include the Alternative Sentencing Programs and all aspects of After School Diversion Programs, as well as matters pertaining to Public Relations for MAD DADS.

Hankins worked as a student intern for 1997. After completing her Master's degree in Social Work from Barry University, Miami Shores, FL she returned to the agency. Hankins has five years of professional experience focusing on children and families in the areas of Assessment and Diagnosis Treatment and Counseling.

Hankins office is located in the Dream Center, and she can be reached at (352) 369-1973 or (352) 629 3100.

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### Anniversary Program at New St. Mary

New St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church held its 26th

Choir #1 anniversary program on Sunday, July 18, 1999 in Ocala. The theme for the occasion was "This Battle Is Not Mine...But It's The Lord's".

Mistress of Ceremony was Gwen Williams; Devotion service was led by Deacons Arthur Sams and William Milton; Welcome and Occasion was stated by Arzula Hannibal; Scripture by Deacon Cecil Adams and Responsive Reading by Rev. John Hannibal.

The speaker for the occasion was Mildred Vernon; Selections were rendered by the choir while words of appreciation came from Janie Jackson. Remarks came from Rev. Hannibal. Choir officers and members in include Lillie Mae Adams, Musician; Janie Jackson, President; Arthur Sams, Vice President; Arzula Hannibal, Director; Clinton Adams, Jean Kinsler, Bobbie Otis, Geneva Sams, Lennard Thomas, Mildred Vernon and Lula Williams.

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### Deaconesses Observance Day at New Zion

On Sunday, July 18, 1999 Deaconesses Observance Day was held at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Ocala. The theme for the occasion was "Deaconesses Walking In The Newness of Light." Chairs for the occasion were sisters Stodum Broxton and Darion Tyler.

## Mom & Pop Winans

WASHINGTON — This is a love story. A story about a 20ish couple who loved God more than anything else. They met in a gospel group in 1950, fell in love, married and in spite of their love for gospel music, gave up their musical careers because they loved their children more than the spotlight. They didn't feel they could adequately raise children and lead the nomadic, often unstable lives of gospel singers. So, they put their musical careers aside and took regular jobs to set up house-keeping and to plan for having two children. They would eventually have ten children.

On November 21, 1953 David "Pop" Winans and Delores "Mom" Ransom were married. The day before David was laid off from Chrysler and they went on welfare for a while. They moved into his mother's home temporarily. By the time their first child arrived a year later, they moved into a flat and he worked for Chrysler. Over the years, he also drive a taxi and was a barber. Mom was a typist. "I've always had a couple of jobs," Pops recalls. "But through it all it was nice. If I had it to do all over again, I would. We never had no prob-



Mom & Pop Winans

lems regarding food or anything. My mother was a great inspiration in our marriage. She would have us bring the kids out and prepare breakfast and things like that. She would always tell me the darkest part of day is just before dawn. Don't worry. Things will change and it has. She didn't live to see it, but it changed greatly."

The ten Winans children were raised in the church and only listened to gospel music. Pops says, "I found out music has a spirit. When you get into the gospel as parents, kids can

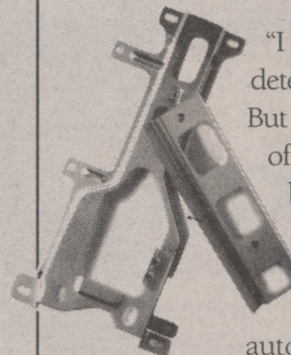
see we're their example. I was the example to the boys and Moms was the girls' example. I'm not going to tell you something that I'm not going to do. Gospel was my life! That's what I believe in... By me being the parent and the leader of the home that's what you gonna believe in... The Bible says be ye does not just sayers. They might have heard it outside, but they didn't bring it inside. "They taught their kids to love God and to love gospel music and from early ages, all of the kids showed a great flair for music. Mom & Pop sup-

ported their kids by sponsoring them in talent shows around Detroit.

Now that they are done nurturing their children's talents and helping them get grounded in the gospel music industry, Mom & Pop are eagerly taking up the careers they abandoned in 1950. Their kids talked them into recording first solo albums and their daughters Angie & Debbie are releasing the two albums on the Against The Flow Records label they founded in 1997. On Mom's CD, "It's Been An Affair To Remember" she's backed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The set includes guest appearances by saxophonist Kirk Whalum and TV host Bobby Jones.

Pop's CD "Uncensored" is called so because through each song, he sings about God blatantly. A lot of record labels tell artists to tone down the preaching or not to use the word "Jesus" in their gospel music in an effort to have the music cross-over to mainstream radio, but Pop refused to be censored in that manner. His bluesy-gutbucket gospel is reminiscent of legendary quartets such as The Soul Stirrers.

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## John Hope Franklin Professorship In Southern History Created At USF



Ray Arsenault

ST. PETERSBURG — One of the world's most eminent scholars has lent his name to a professorship at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

John Hope Franklin, a historian whose distinguished 60-year career has focused on African-American history and civil rights, now has an endowed professorship of Southern history named after him. The Professorship will be held by Raymond Arsenault, a leading interpreter of Southern history and culture who also directs USF's Honors Program at the St. Petersburg campus.

The John Hope Franklin Professorship in Southern History will enhance the campus' strong commitment to liberal arts and allow USF to honor Franklin, who spends part of each winter in St. Petersburg.

A native of Oklahoma, Franklin was educated at Fisk University and later at Harvard University, where he received his Ph.D. in history in 1941. During the 1940s he earned a reputation as a top scholar of African-American history, especially after his 1947 publication *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro Americans*. That work, now in its eighth edition has sold nearly 4-million copies. In 1954 Franklin helped NAACP attorneys prepare for the *Brown v. Board of Education* school desegregation suit. A year later he became chair of the history department at Brooklyn College, the first African-American to hold

such a position at a predominantly white institution.

At the age of 84, Franklin remains an active scholar. His latest book, *Runaway Slaves: Rebels on the Plantation*, was published in April. He is the most widely honored American historian of the 20th century, having received more than 100 honorary degrees. In 1995 he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, in a White House ceremony, and he recently chaired President Clinton's National Initiative on Race and Reconciliation. The Franklin Professorship at USF is the first endowed professorship to be named in his honor.

Arsenault is the author of two prize-winning books, including *St. Petersburg and the Florida Dream, 1888-1950*. His continuing research on the relationship between technology and regional culture has been featured in *The New York Times* and *Newsweek*, on National Public Radio and on ABC's *Nightline*. He currently is editing an anthology on the environmental history of Florida and is completing two books on the origin of the modern civil rights movement.

"The designation of this professorship brings a national visibility to the campus," said Bill Heller, campus executive officer and dean. "And it reflects positively on the research and scholarship of Ray Arsenault."



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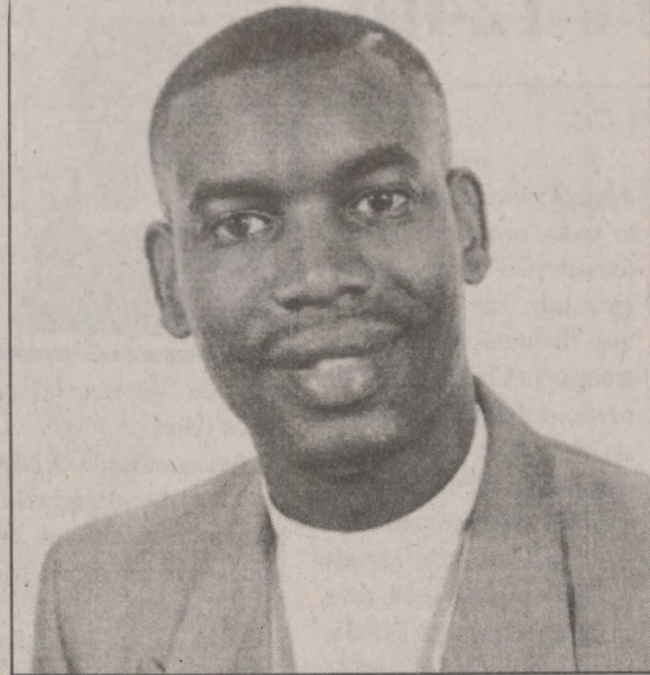
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## Rev. Kevin M. James, Sr., Delivers Summer Commencement Address At B-CC

DAYTONA BEACH — The Reverend Kevin M. James, Superintendent of the St. Petersburg District of the United Methodist Church, received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Bethune-Cookman College at the summer commencement ceremony after addressing one of the largest summer graduating classes in the College's recent history.

Rev. James, who is the youngest district superintendent appointed in the state of Florida and the second youngest in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, addressed the graduating class and encouraged them to put their hands "in the hands of the one who stills the waters and to always stretch (their) hands to Jesus".

Bethune-Cookman College President Dr. Oswald P. Bronson stated that Rev. James' commencement address "will ensure that the



Rev. Kevin M. James, Sr.

graduating seniors will have the cherished opportunity to be inspired, challenged and informed by one of Bethune-Cookman's top, successful role models."

A native of Daytona Beach, James spent a great

deal of time on the B-CC campus. He received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Religion and Philosophy from the institution in 1983. "I have always had a great appreciation for B-CC," James stated. "I have always viewed the

campus as a sacred and spiritual place."

Rev. James reminded the students that they have an obligation to give from their hearts so that others can have an opportunity to come to B-CC. Rev. James jokingly added, "even if you just bring back \$1.50," which was the amount the school's founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, began the college with in 1904. He added that "you can give without loving, but you can't love without giving."

James encouraged the graduates, two of whom were grandmothers, "to complete the circle of educating the hand, the heart and the mind," which was Dr. Bethune's philosophy on educating the complete student, and to "remain humble as you leave Bethune-Cookman."

## Sony Hosts Black Music Symposium



L-R (Top): LeBaron Taylor, Sr., Jessica Care Moore, Gil Scott-Heron, Isisara Bey, Sekou Sundiata and Carl Hancock Rux (Bottom) Nikki Giovanni, Laini Mataka and Sarah Jones

NEW YORK — In celebration of Black Music Month, Sony Music Entertainment Corporate Affairs recently hosted an exciting symposium where poetic legends, Nikki Giovanni and Gil Scott-Heron

joined forces with five other dynamic spoken word artists.

Over 350 fans filled the Sony Plaza Atrium while a global audience watched live via the internet at [www.gopotry.com](http://www.gopotry.com) and also [form.net.](http://www.plat-</a></p>
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Pictured top left to right: LeBaron Taylor, Sr. VP, Corporate Affairs, Sony Music

Entertainment, Jessica Care Moore, Gil Scott-Heron, Isisara Bey, Sr. Director, Corpo-

rate Affairs, Sony Music Entertainment, Sekou Sundiata and Carl Hancock Rux.

Pictured bottom left to right are: Nikki Giovanni, Laini Mataka and Sarah Jones.

## Pinellas Opportunity Council Meeting

ST. PETERSBURG — The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc., a private non-profit organization, will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, July 27, 1999.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at the St. Petersburg Junior College Administration Building, 8580 66th Street North, Pinellas Park.

The Chair of the POC Board, Jim McGarvey, will preside.

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**Tee Time:** Here's an easy way to reserve your tee time at Mangrove Bay Golf Course, 875 62nd Ave. NE. Call the automated reservation line at 893-1790. Golfers may reserve tee times up to seven

days in advance starting at 6am. Frequent Mangrove Bay golfers can receive a Reservation ID Number from golf staff while visiting the course. First-time callers can use the service by entering their phone numbers and reserving with a credit card. Walk-on golfers are also welcomed.

**Library Forum:** A public forum to discuss the new Azalea Branch Library is scheduled for Thursday, July 22nd at 7pm at the Azalea Adult Center, 1600 72nd St. N. City staff will be joined by consultants and architects to review a proposed site plan and schematic design of the new library and receive public input. Contact 893-7913.

**Looper Scoops:** The downtown St. Petersburg trolley service, The Looper, welcomed its 100,000th rider yesterday. Matt, a visitor from Sweden, boarded the trolley at The Pier at 11:30am. The Looper operates seven days a week from 11am to 5pm and services ten stops. Service runs every 30 minutes. There is a 50¢ fare. Contact 821-5166 for locations of the stops.

## Tractors Still Killing Florida's Farm Workers

### USF Study Finds

TAMPA — Accidents involving tractors and other heavy equipment are the most common cause of fatalities on Florida farms, according to a study by the Deep-South Agricultural Health and Safety Center at the University of South Florida.

Two hundred eleven adults and 20 children died in Florida agriculture from 1989 to 1998, according to Karen Liller, associate professor of public health and director of education for the center.

"This is the first comprehensive analysis of deaths from injuries in Florida farms and ranches," Liller said. "It's important work, because we cannot plan effective injury prevention programs until we know how people are getting hurt."

Liller analyzed data on farm fatalities from the Florida Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Injury Prevention and Control Program. Florida's migrant farm worker population was included in the statis-

tics. The leading cause of adult deaths from injuries was from machinery, primarily overturned tractors - a finding consistent with national studies of farm injuries, Liller said.

In children, the leading causes of fatal injuries were entanglements in or falls from farm equipment, including tractors, horses (being trampled or struck) and drownings.

Although safety belts and roll-over protective structures, or ROPS, are available to protect farmers against being pinned or crushed by overturned tractors, tractors manufactured before 1985 were not equipped with the safety features.

ROPS are metal structures that resemble roll bars in race cars. "Together with seat belts, ROPS can prevent 99 percent of the deaths from tractor overturns," said Carol Lehtola, of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

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## Clarendon Family 'Clean Up' As Winners Of National Contest



### The Clarendons

GREENWICH, CT — What would it be like to have your family win a national contest just because they enjoy having fun together? Just ask the Clarendons — Susan and Rich and their two sons Ben (15) and Daniel (12) of Valrico, FL, the winners of the Lever 2000 Family Fun Contest. The Clarendons received a very memorable, all-expense paid trip to New York City to appear in special edition of Family Circle this October just by answering the simple questions "How does your family have fun together?"

Susan and Rich expressed that their family enjoys "going on safari to shoot photos"—safari meaning throughout their Florida neighborhood. "Whatever we happen across, whether it be goofy lawn ornaments, white peacocks prowling a plant nursery or antique farm equipment."

"My family is everything to me," said Mrs. Clarendon. "Motherhood is certainly the biggest project I've ever undertaken, and by far the most satisfying full-time career I could imagine. The boys have given Rich and me great joy for all of our fifteen years of parenthood."

As part of the prize package, Lever 2000 flew the entire family on a trip to New York (except Ben who was away at a camp in Costa Rica), where a famous advertising photographer, Joel Baldwin, took their photo, along with all their cameras. Their photo and essay will appear in a special October edition of Family Circle devoted to family life and how families have changed through the century.

The Clarendon's photo shoot was exceptional. Since Ben was away at summer camp, Ryan Promotions had a

"2-d" life-size, cardboard stand-up of Ben produced so he wasn't left out of the photo shoot. After the photo shoot, the Clarendons made their way through Manhattan along with '2-D Ben' and their cameras, taking snapshots of him everywhere.

"I'm grateful as a kid my parents exposed me to the arts when I was a kid—jazz, folk and classical music, art, plays and movies," Mrs. Clarendon said about the importance of families having fun. "Our parents have been good role models for community work, and we try to do the same for our children, both within the community and having fun taking photos together."

The Clarendons believe that in the millennium it will be important for families to find quietude and serenity in the midst of chaos.

## Hours Extended For Residential Parking Permit Applications

ST. PETERSBURG—The City of St. Petersburg is issuing residential parking permits to qualified dome district and downtown residents. The parking permits are available to residents who live in the area from 5th Ave. N. to 5th Ave. S. between Bayshore Drive and 22nd Street.

Residents may apply for a parking permit at the City's Transportation and Parking Services Complex, 1744 9th Ave. N., Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. The complex will maintain extended hours Monday through Friday, 7am to 6pm now through July 30th.

There is a \$15 annual administrative fee for each permit issued, which includes two Visitor Parking Permits. The Visitor Parking Permits allow a resident with a permit to temporarily park visiting vehicles within their block.

Residents must show proof of personal residency within the specified residential zone, a driver's license and a vehicle registration for each vehicle registered to the address requiring a permit.

The Residential Parking Permits will allow:

- motorists who reside within a Residential Parking Zone to park their vehicles within their assigned zone beyond the two hour limit currently posted.

- parking privileges to be extended to visitors through a registered resident's Visitor Parking Permit. These are valid only within the resident's block.

The Residential Parking Permits will NOT allow:

- parking in any otherwise prohibited parking zones such as disabled parking spaces, fire hydrants, bus stops or 'No Parking to Corner' areas, etc.
- free or extended parking in metered areas, Loading Zones or 'Commercial Vehicles Only' spaces.

- parking in the no permit, 'commercial area' bounded from 1st Ave. N. to 1st Ave. S. from Bayshore Dr. to M.L. King 9th St. N.

Drivers should note that normal regulations in these specialized zones will be fully enforced as usual.

For more information, contact the Transportation and Parking Services Department at 892-5341 or 893-7421.

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## Houston Site For 1999 Urban League Conference



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau President & CEO G.J. "Jordy" Tollett, National Urban League President and CEO Hugh B. Price, Shell Oil Company Vice President of Corporate Affairs Susan Borchers, Houston Area Urban League President &

CEO Sylvia Brooks and Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown, gathered at a recent press conference to announce that Houston is the host city for the National Urban League's 1999 Annual Conference.

Shell Oil Company will serve as conference chair. This year's Conference theme is

"Agenda 2000; Equity and Power for the New Millennium."

According to Price, police brutality and affirmative action will be high on the conference agenda. The conference is scheduled for August 8 through 11, at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

## Shingles Vaccine Being Tested In Adults Over 60

HOUSTON — A stronger dose of the chickenpox vaccine is being tested in elderly adults to see if it can prevent shingles.

Baylor College of Medicine, in Houston is one of 21 medical centers testing the vaccine as part of a national Veterans Affairs Cooperative Study.

Shingles is a painful skin and nerve infection caused by the varicella-zoster virus, the same virus that causes chicken pox. Most children get chicken pox and recover from the widespread blisters it causes, but the virus then hides out in troops of nerve cells next to the spinal cord. At various times after chicken pox, most commonly in late adulthood, the varicella-zoster virus might

reactivate and travel down nerves to the skin, where it causes a painful rash on one side of the body, such as an area of the back, chest, or face.

The shingles rash usually heals within several weeks, but extreme pain from damaged nerves can persist for years. This condition, called postherpetic neuralgia, can be severely debilitating.

"More than half of all cases of shingles occur in patients who are 60 or older, and half of the people who live to be age 85 will get the disease," said Dr. Wendy Keitel, principal investigator for the Baylor site. "Although there are effective antiviral medications to treat shingles, patients could be spared the whole ordeal if we had a vaccine to

prevent the disease."

Volunteers for the study must be at least 60 years of age and must have had chicken pox or lived in the United States for at least 30 years, which would make them likely to have been exposed to the varicella-zoster virus. People who have already had shingles are not eligible.

Keitel hopes to enroll 1,800 adults from the Houston area, including patients from the Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Ben Taub General Hospital. Dr. Richard Hamill and Camell Dyer in Baylor's Department of Medicine will help recruit patients for the study.

Volunteers can call (713) 798-3793.

## Ride The Bus & Take Your Bike Along

CLEARWATER — Pedal on over to Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's (PSTA) newest Bikes on Buses outlet in downtown Clearwater. John's Bicycle Market at 707 Cleveland Street has joined this popular program as a training and permitting location. Located just two blocks from PSTA's Park Street Terminal the Bicycle Market is an easy convenient ride by bike or bus.

Since the Bikes on Buses program was introduced in January of 1998, over 2500

people have become permit holders and over 47,000 bike trips have been made. The bike and bus combination makes travel easy for commuting to work, school or recreational purposes. Because PSTA's program compliments the Bikes on Buses program in Hillsborough County, cyclists are also able to take their bike on HARTline buses. All 147 buses in PSTA's fleet have been equipped with the bicycle racks. Bike riders age 8 to 17 require the permission and sig-

nature of a legal guardian during the training and permitting process. The bike racks accommodate single seat two wheeled bikes and can hold two bikes per rack. Bikes on Buses training and permit cards do not expire, and are available from 7 convenient locations throughout Pinellas County for a cost of \$2.00

Individuals interested in obtaining a permit and training should call PSTA's InfoLine at (727) 530-9911 (Voice/TTY)

for additional locations, hours of operation and bus service information. In Hillsborough County, call HART's Customer Service Office at (813) 254-4278.

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# CHURCH NEWS



## Traveler's Rest

Rev. Donald Browne and the entire Travelers Rest Church family extends a warm Christian welcome to all to worship with us on Sunday, July 25th, at 10:45am. Our Youth Department will be in charge of Worship Service. The C.Y.Y.A. Choir will sing, and the Youth Ushers will be in charge of doorkeeping duties. The membership is encouraged to please support our young people.

Pastor Browne continues to focus on 'Prayer'. The scripture states, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests

be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6. We need to pray individually and corporately as a church family.

Weekly activities:  
July 22nd, Midday Bible Study, 11am.

July 24th, District #4, Deacon William Lee, meeting, 10am; C.Y.Y.A. Choir rehearsal, 12:30pm.

July 25th, Sunday School, 9:30am; Morning Worship, 10:45am; Baptist Training Union, 5pm; Y2K Prayer Team, 6:30pm.

July 28th, Prayer and Praise led by the Mass Choir, 7pm; Bible Study, Pastor Donald Browne, 7:30pm.

## Auxiliary Dual Day Tea At Galilee

You are cordially invited to attend the 25th Annual Dual Day Tea for Galilee Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, July 25th. The theme for this year's tea will be 'An All Auxiliary Tea'.

Each auxiliary of the church will give a performance of their special talent in a short program presentation. Visitors are encouraged also to perform. Please come and witness these great talents. Enjoy

the delectable refreshments and register for your favorite auxiliary.

The tea will take place in the church annex from 4-7pm. The 1999 Dual Day Observance will be held August 14th and 15th. Brenda Facyson and Patricia Jones are tea chairpersons. Margaret Brown and Deacon Rogers Jordan are the Dual Day general chairpersons.

## U.S. Congresswoman Carrie Meeks Coming To Our City

Pastor Rev. Quintin Parker and the WJHG Committee members of Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Church are very excited and making plans for the church's upcoming banquet.

Congresswoman Meeks will be the keynote speaker for

the banquet. The banquet will be held at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton at 6:30pm.

Congresswoman Meeks, of Miami, is the first African American elected to Congress from Florida since Reconstruction.

The entire community is invited to participate in this gala event which promises to be spirit-filled, informative, enlightening and entertaining.

For additional information, please call the church (727) 321-3545.

## Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Church

Come one! Come all! And worship with us at 1948 49th St. So., where the Holy Ghost is in charge of each service.

Sunday School begins at 9:30am. Lesson text: 'Losing the Inheritance', Genesis 25:27-43, 27:30-37.

Morning Worship begins at 11:15am. The Praise Team will lead the Devotion Service.

The Word will come forth by our own Missionary—Elouise Lindsey. Come hear what thus saith the Lord.

In addition to our weekly

services:

Thursday, July 22nd, 7pm. Movie title—Revelation will be shown at the church. Youth

Missionary Gwendolyn Rollins asks that parents encourage their children to begin reading Revelation chapter 7. Call the church of transportation is needed, 327-8072.

Revival Hour has returned to Emmanuel beginning July 23rd, 7pm, every Friday night.

An Appreciation Hour will be given for our Primary Sunday School Teacher, Errica Evans, on Thursday, July 29th, 7pm, at the church, for her college days begin again on August 5th. Everyone is invited.

Remember the family that prays together, stays together. Let us continue to pray for the other, for the prayers of the righteous availeth much.

### Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

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

Reg. Bragg L. Turner, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

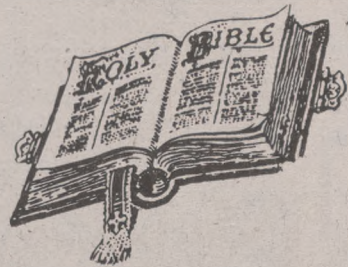
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10:30 AM.....PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICES.....SUNDAY  
9:00 AM.....CHURCH SCHOOL.....SUNDAY  
5:00 PM.....FELLOWSHIP & DINNER.....TUESDAY  
7:00 PM.....BIBLE STUDY.....TUESDAY  
6:00 PM.....PRAYER SERVICES.....TUESDAY  
7:30 PM.....MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL.....THURSDAY

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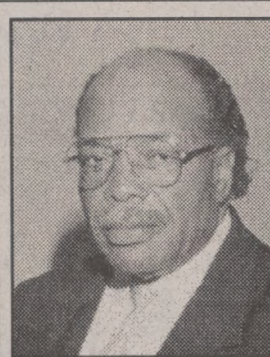
### Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church

2361 Seventh Avenue South St. Petersburg, Florida  
Rev. John Copeland, Pastor

Morning Worship.....8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Mid-Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting and Bible Class Wed.....7:00 p.m.

Communion is observed quarterly the first Sunday after every 5th Sunday. For transportation to the church, call 327-8196 or 327-2391.

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## Moore's Chapel

Rev. Quintin Parker and Moore's Chapel Church family welcome you to their services this 4th Sunday in July, the 25th, during both 8am and 11am. 8am the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Ira Whitson. 11am the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Parker. Music will be provided by the Male Chorus during both services. The Youth Choir will render selections during the 11am service, directed and accompanied by Minister of Music Michael Melvin and Musician Princess Edwards.

For transportation to church, please contact the Bus Ministry, Willie F. Bryant, 894-6067, Robert Golden, 867-0156 and Anthony Macon, 328-0022 by 9pm Saturday evenings.

Church School will begin at 9:30am with Superintendent Mose Phillip Bell in charge.

The lesson entitled 'Deceit and Blessings', Genesis 25:29-34, 27:30-37. All officers and church members are encouraged to attend. For transportation, please contact the Transportation Ministry.

Rev. Parker, Rev. Whitson, seminar leader, and the women of Moore's Chapel appreciate everyone to include the keynote speaker, Rev. Bessie Mohead, Pastor of Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Church. Workshop leaders Georgianna Hayes, of McCabe U.M. Church, Delores Ross, of By His Grace Christian Ministries and Gloria Baxter, of the host church that help to make their Women Growth Seminar a success spiritually.

Services /Rehearsals / Meetings:

Noon Day Prayer Service, Wed., 12pm.

Prayer Service / Bible Study, Wed., 7pm.

Youth Choir Rehearsal (ages 5-12), Tuesdays, 5:30pm.

Mass Choir rehearsal, Tuesday before the 1st and 2nd Sunday.

Inspirational Choir rehearsal, Thursdays before the 1st and 2nd Sunday.

Male Chorus rehearsal, Thursday before the 3rd and 4th Sunday.

Steward Board meeting date to be announced.

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Information regarding Moore's Chapel Century Faith Builders Program, please contact Amos Leonard and Issac Grant.

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Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Baptist Training Union.....5:00 p.m.

Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9:30 AM

MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 AM

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER SERVICE.....WED. 7:00 PM



Rev. Curtiss L. Long, Pastor

## Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Prayer Service/Bible Study.....Tues. 7:00 p.m.

Junior Church Fellowship.....Thurs. 6:00 p.m.

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Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....Tuesday 7:30 PM

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### Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Inc.

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Church: 327-8072

Pastor: Elder. Franklin Evans

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship.....11:15 a.m.

Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

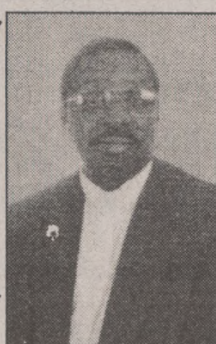
Bible Study (Monday).....7:00 p.m.

Prayer & New Corners Class

(Wednesday).....6:30 p.m.

Daily Prayer (Tu & Th) 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

"All Are Welcome" • "Bring A Friend"



Elder. Franklin Evans, Pastor

### Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

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

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship.....11:00 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.



Rev. Clyde Williams

### Bible Holiness Church of God in Christ

419 - 5th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Phone: 898-3838

The members would like to invite

you and your family to worship with

us. Our services are:

Tuesday Morning Prayer 9:00am

Weds.-Family Worship 7:00pm

Sunday School 10:00am

Sunday Morning Worship 11:15am

Sunday Evening Worship 7:00pm

Pastor: Elder B.O. Walker



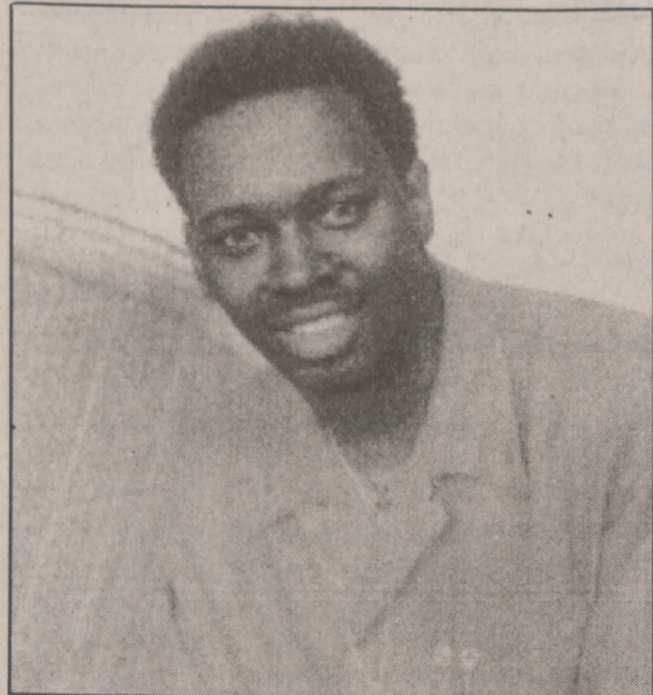




# CHURCH NEWS



## Breakthrough Ministries



**Apostle E.D. Lloyd**

A Message For This Mess-Age!

Starting Sunday night, July 25th, 7:30pm nightly, we will be starting an End-Time Revival through July 30th with Apostle E.D. Lloyd of Wilmington, DE. This young Apostle of God has raised up from being paralyzed in both legs, left arm and deaf in his left ear. God has totally healed him.

He is now preaching and singing for the Lord.

Expect deliverance, salvation, healing and yokes of bondage to be broken.

Don't miss this anointed Apostle of God as he ministers a powerful prophetic word for this End-Time. Bring your family and watch the hand of God move.

Tune in Sunday evening from 4:30-5pm on WTAN-1340 AM radio and hear Apostle Lloyd and Prophet Glenn Miller minister live on the air.

Toddler Minister (1-5) will be available in every service.

Don't forget Sunday School at 9:30am with Minister/Deacon Nathaniel Hearn, Jr., and 11am Power Breakthrough Service with Pastor Glenn Miller.

We are expecting Apostle Lloyd to be in the 11am service also.

Listen...It's time for your Breakthrough! See you at 1940 49th St. S., St. Petersburg, (727) 343-5452 or 1-800-694-3532.

## Friendship MB Church

Pastor Evans and the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family invite you to come worship with us this Sunday and the forthcoming week. Sunday Worship begins at 8am. The Youth Ministry will lead in Devotion and the Youth Choir will render songs of Praise. The Ushers will greet and seat you, and Pastor Evans will preach the Divine Word of God.

Church School is held at 9:30am. A second service is held at 10:45am opening with

the Minister of Music and Praise Team.

Mission-3pm and BTU 4:30pm.

Weekly events:

Tuesday, 6:30pm, Youth Ushers Ministry meeting.

Wednesday, 12pm-2pm, Bread of Life Ministry serving lunch; Noon Day Bible Study.

August 4, 1999, the Friendship family will leave the church at 4:30pm to attend the Florida General Baptist Congress of Christian Education in Orlando, FL.

## Bethel AME

Pastor Dawkins, along with the entire Bethel family, invite all to join us this Sunday for the Spoken Word. Our Church School is at 9am. Our Morning Worship Service is at 10:30am. Tune in each Sunday morning at 10:40am for the Radio Outreach Service on WTMP on 1150 AM.

Pastor Dawkins and the Bethel family invite all to join us each Wednesday at noon for our Noon Day Bible Study.

Come and be blessed.

The Youth Choir will render the music.

Weekly activities - Monday, Boy Scouts, 6:30pm; Lay Meeting, 6:30pm.

Tuesday, Bible Study, 7pm.

Wednesday, Noon Day Bible Study.

Thursday, Youth Church, 6pm.

## THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

### PEACEFUL ZION M.B. CHURCH

2051 - 9th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
Rev. F.G. Jackson, Pastor  
(813) 822-2455

Church School.....9:30 a.m.	Wednesday Youth
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.	Rehearsal.....5:30 p.m.
B.T.U.....5:00 p.m.	Thursday Prayer & Church
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.	School Study.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday Evening	1st & 2nd Saturdays SR
Bible Class.....7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal.....11:00 a.m.

*The Church Where Christ Is The HEAD*

### TRAVELERS REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2183 - 22nd Avenue South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
Church Phone: 822-4869  
Residence: 894-5094

Mid-Morning Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Prayer/Praise Service (Wednesday).....7:00 p.m.

**Rev. Donald F. Browne**

*"WE ARE THE CHURCH WHERE CHRIST IS THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION"*

### TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2830 - 22nd Avenue South • St. Petersburg, Florida 33712  
(813) 327-8560

9:00 AM.....Prayer Time  
9:30 AM.....Sunday School  
11:00 AM.....Worship  
12:30 PM.....After Service Fellowship  
Wednesday 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

You are invited to share spiritual nurturing, preaching of the Gospel and a Christian community for everyone

Dr. Frederick D. Terry



### 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

*"A Church With Passion For God and Compassion For People"*

### Good Samaritan Baptist Fellowship

Meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church  
4201 6th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida

Sunday Worship Service: 8:45 A.M. Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 P.M.

• Wholistic Ministry (Physical, Mental, and Emotional)  
• Bible Based Fellowship Considering the Biblical Commands in Light of Contemporary Problems

• Promoting the Self-Worth and Equality of All Persons  
• Non-Sexist Participation • Youth Ministry

**NATHANIEL W. TINDALL, II, PASTOR**

## Come One! Come All!

You are invited to attend All Nations Church of God By Faith's 4th Annual Conference. Come help us and these visiting Pastors lift up the name of Jesus.

The Conference will be held August 4th through

August 7th at 3000 4th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, 7:30pm nightly.

Overseers are J.L. and J.E. Williams, Pastors.

For information, call 327-2656 or 822-2027.

Don't miss your blessings!

## Revival!

No gimmicks! No tricks! Just Jesus!

Come see and hear Apostle/Prophet S.D. James, a man of God. An end time Apostle of the Lord, Jesus Christ, with a world-wide ministry of salvation and deliverance.

This Revival will take place at All Nations Church of

God by Faith, 3000 4th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, July 28th-August 1st at 8pm nightly.

For more information, please call 727-327-5926 or 327-2656.

Host Pastor will be Elder Johnnie L. Williams.

## St. Paul MB Church

The Shepherd's Men of Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church cordially invite you to attend 'A Thank-You Program' Sunday, July 25th, at 4pm.

The History of Shepherd's Men will be given by Minister

Larry R. Williams, Minister Eric Little, presiding.

The Theme for Shepherd's Men is 'Am I My Brother's Keeper', Genesis 4:9b.

All Shepherd's Men are asked to be in attendance.

## Curacao Will Echo With Gospel Music This Fall

WILLEMSTAD, CURACAO - The beautiful Dutch Caribbean island of Curacao will hold its very first Gospel Music Festival, September 9-13, showcasing some of the world's greatest recording artists in the gospel music industry. Performers will include Vickie Winans, Beverly Crawford, the Williams Brothers, Tri-N-Tee 5-7, A-1 Swift and many local groups. People from all around the world are making plans to travel to this unique island for fellowship, fun, rest and relaxation-plus a musical celebration-and the Curacao Tourist board has created special packages for the occasion.

This 5 day/4 night Christian vacation getaway is a great way to begin celebrating the new Millennium with family and friends. Festival-goers will receive a traditional Curacaoan

greeting on Friday evening at a 'Ban Topa' Festival to be held in Brionplein on the scenic Otrobanda harborfront, where they will be treated to folkloric music and dance presentations, local musicians, arts and crafts displays and traditional Curacao Creole cuisine. On Saturday evening, the Gospel Music Festival starts at 7pm at the Festival Center, an open-air venue located near the historic Brievengat plantation house about 20 minutes from Willemstad. A special Sunday Sundown Worship Service will also take place at the Festival Center at 6pm.

For Curacao's Gospel Music Festival reservation information, call Virtuous Heritage & Company, Inc., at 1-877-428-7222. For more information on the island of Curacao, phone: (305) 374-5811 or fax (305) 374-6741.

### Christ Gospel Church

2512 22nd Ave. S.  
St. Pete, FL 33712  
327-0997

Rev. P.D.H. Leonard  
Pastor



**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY**  
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**  
Evangelical Service 7:30 p.m.  
**PRAYER TIMES**  
Tuesdays, Fridays & Sundays - half an hour before service.  
Mondays & Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights at midnight.  
**RADIO BROADCAST**  
Sundays 7:45 a.m.  
If you would like to come to church and do not have a way, call 327-0997.  
The Church Where Everyone Is Welcome

### The Holy Ghost Church of God Purchased With His Blood

2901 Fifth Avenue S. St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
**Bishop W.D. Holcy, Pastor**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:30 a.m.  
YPMW.....6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship.....7:30 p.m.

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

### Moore's Chapel AME Church

Rev. Quinton Parker, Pastor  
**321-3545**  
3037 Fairfield Avenue St. Petersburg, FL  
Early Morning Worship.....8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.

### ELIM Seventh-Day Adventist Church

801 - 6th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
(813) 894-5246 / 823-1619

**SATURDAYS**  
Sabbath School: 9 am  
Morning Worship: 11 am  
Youth Hour: 1 Hour Before Sunset

**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 PM  
**LEWIS W. EDWARDS**  
M.A., M.DIV., D. Min.  
Pastor-Counselor

ELIM Junior Academy & Day Care Center

### 20th Street Church Of Christ

820 20th Street South  
St. Pete, FL  
Home: 896-8006



Bro. Robert Smith

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Ladies Bible Class Monday.....7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.  
Monday Evening Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.

### 10th Street Church Of God

207 10th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/  
Bible Study.....7:15 p.m.  
Evening Worship (1st & 3rd Sunday).....6:00 p.m.

**Rev. Chester L. James, Jr. - Pastor**

International Headquarters, Anderson, Indiana

### FAITH TEMPLE LIFE-CHANGING MINISTRIES

950 Fifth Avenue South • St. Petersburg, Florida 33711  
(727) 821-5577 • Fax (727) 826-9740

Pastor Walter Fields

**Church Schedule**  
Sunday School 10:00 AM • Sunday Worship 11:00 AM  
Teacher In Action 6:00 PM  
Prayer Nightly 6:00 PM  
Bible Study Monday Night and Wednesday Night 7:30 PM  
Evangelist Night Friday 7:30 PM  
Noon Day Prayer Monday thru Friday  
*"We are the light of the world, that will not be hid."*

### ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1301 - 37th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

**Schedule of Services**

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

**Prayer Meeting**

Thursday.....7 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

*"One week from church makes one weak."*





# CHURCH NEWS



## Earth Mission Temple Of Deliverance



Rosetta Ross

Earth Mission family cordially invites you to attend their First Testimonial Praise and Worship Service, Sunday, July 25th, 10am, 2611 5th Avenue S., Constance D. Samuels, Pastor.

This service is an envision given by Missionary Johnnie Mae Howard to reach out and touch those that have been miraculously touched and delivered by the power of testi-

monies. Through God's holy anointing and through those sharing, others will be delivered.

The chosen witness for this occasion is Missionary Rosetta Ross of this city.

Come and share in this great event of deliverance. Guest soloist is the renowned gospel singer from South Carolina, Helen Thomas.

## New Philadelphia Community

The New Philadelphia Church family recognizes the unlimited spiritual potential of a life committed to growth and maturity in Christ. God bestows His choicest blessings upon believers who are privately and publicly becoming in Jesus practically, what the cross has made saved persons positionally. New Philadelphia's mission statement includes this biblical mandate and daily seeks its fulfillment by Christian 'in-reaching' first!

It is by 'reaching-in' before 'reaching-out' the church can be sure it is operating in harmony and unity with the Holy Trinity. This is of tantamount concern to New Philadelphia because of the 'false winds' blowing in the church today. A

deceptive tactic of Satan is to imitate the Holy Spirit. Many believers are being deceived by this demonic device. However, there is no substitute for the Christ-like power generated by person of the Holy Spirit.

Sermonic proclamation for mid-morning worship will focus on a believer's understanding and receiving full benefits of election which accompanies salvation. As a Christian increases in spiritual holiness, fleshly worldliness decreases. Pastor will biblically and systematically exhort the imputed righteousness received through justification and imparted holiness of sanctification.

## Origin Of Black Mankind Affirmed!

The Black man's heritage and history did not begin with slavery. It began in the Garden of Eden nearly 8,000 years ago.

Could low self-esteem in the black community be due to a lack of historical identity and heritage? Any race of people must know their history and heritage in order to successfully grasp and fulfill their destiny. This heritage and history has been recorded in the Old Testament Hebrew text since the time God inspired Moses, Isaiah, and other prophets to write the OT books.

Who is the Black man? What is his origin? Did God create them black? What is the origin of the Whites, Arabs, and Jews? These are questions that have plagued the minds of men for centuries. The answers are found in the

Hebrew Text of the Old Testament. Our Bibles were translated into English from this text.

A scholar, from the state of Indiana, by the name of C. McGhee Livers has authored a book entitled 'Biblical History of Black Mankind'. C. McGhee Livers has studied Greek and Hebrew for a number of years.

She taught these bible languages at two colleges in Indianapolis, Indiana, as well as a Black History class. It was during the teaching of the history class that she realized how hungry black people and others are for truth concerning the heritage and history of Black Mankind. Knowing that the black man's heritage and earliest history could only be found in the Bible, the author began to translate selected scriptures

of the Hebrew text into the English language. She gave special attention to the detail of Hebrew syntax and the verbs used in each scripture. As she translated, she began to write the book.

In this book the author affirms the Black man's identity and collective destiny. Black mankind is first identified at the start of the creation of man. According to Genesis 2:7, Adam was made from the dust of the ground. The word "dust" was translated from the Hebrew word *aphar*, which means "dust, clay, mould." The author points out that using the word "dust" alone is an incomplete translation. It only indicates that Adam was made from the surface soil. The word *aphar* also identified the type of soil as "Clay soil." As we know, clay soil can be

formed into a shape, whereas a sandy soil cannot. Here you can see the importance of detail in translating. Finally, the word *aphar* also means, "mould." Mould is soil that is rich in humus. Soil that is rich in humus is always black or very dark brown in color.

The author believes that this information has been kept in obscurity over the centuries to be revealed through the Word of God at His appointed time. She (author) refers to this appointed time as "for such a time as this."

This book is available through Shahar Publishing Company, 8605 Allisonville Rd. #283, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

## Jubilee 200 & No Less

by Bernice Powell Jackson

In December, I attended the World Council of Churches Assembly meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe, where Christians from around the world came together to pray and worship and to talk about the issues of faith which confront us in this world. The issue of the enormous global debt which is threatening the very survival of the world's poorest nations was at the heart of our deliberations. Indeed, these leaders of Protestant and Orthodox churches around the world joined the call for

Jubilee 2000, the cancellation of all the debts of the world's poorest nations, which had already been endorsed by Pope John Paul VI and the bishops and archbishops of the worldwide Anglican communion. It's been a long time since the leaders of the Christian faith all agree on any issue, but they all agree that it is sinful for the rich to take from the poor.

What has brought them to this position is the realization that the world's poorest nations now owe somewhere between \$127-\$250 billion, depending

on how one counts. Thus, Zimbabwe, where our meeting was taking place and which has the world's highest death rate from HIV/AIDS, pays 37% of its Gross National Product to the repayment of the interest alone on the debt they owe.

Indeed, some African nations spend four times as much servicing debt each year as they do on health care for their citizens. And according to figures released by Jubilee 2000, for every dollar given in development aid to these poor nations, three dollars goes

back to rich countries in debt-service payments.

The irony of all this is that many of these poor nations have provided free or very low-cost resources to the developed world and now are being forced to pay for the goods and services it helped create. At the World Council of Churches meeting, for example, we were reminded by one African church leader that millions of people were stolen from Africa to provide free labor for the world, and such natural resources as gold, oil,

diamonds and many metals were stripped from African countries for a small portion of

Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney is now preparing to introduce legislation which would cancel one kind of international debt, bilateral debt, or loans between the poorest nations to the United States and would require the IMF to do the same as a condition for its receiving U.S. funds. More than a dozen members of Congress have agreed to co-sponsor this legislation, but many more are needed.

I don't pretend to be an economist. But, for me, the richest nations' proposal to forgive some of the debt just isn't enough. We must cancel all of the debt. The rich cannot with good conscience or in faith, take money from the poor. Especially when the poor have already given so much.

There are not many slates which can be washed clean, but this is one of them which can be. Let's start the new millennium with a truly clean slate for the world's poor. What greater act of faith could there be?

### 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 in turn will comfort you and hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

### THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

**All Nations Church of God By Faith**  
3000 - 4th Avenue S. • St. Petersburg, FL  
327-5926 • 327-2656

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Night Worship ..... 7 p.m.  
Tuesday Bible Class ..... 8 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting ..... 8 p.m.  
Friday Tarry Service ..... 8 p.m.  
Saturday Sabbath School ..... 11 a.m.  
Rev. Johnnie Lee Williams, Pastor

### First. Mt. Zion

**Missionary Baptist Church**  
1121 22nd Street So., St. Petersburg, FL  
Rev. Wallace Elliott, Pastor

Church Services  
8:00 a.m. .... Morning Service  
9:45 a.m. .... Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. .... Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. .... B.T.U.

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Except God build the house they labor in vain that build it.  
Ps. 127:1

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Morning Worship 10:30  
Evening Worship 6:30  
Wed. - Pray 7:00  
Bible Study 7:30

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### BY HIS GRACE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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St. Petersburg, FL  
(Howard Johnson Hotel)

QUENTIN J. KING, PASTOR

Church Life Classes - Sunday - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship - Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study - Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.  
Men, Women & Youth Ministry 4:00 p.m.  
(2nd Saturday Monthly)  
Tape Ministry - All Services

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### Bethel Community Baptist Church

1045 - 16th Street S., St. Pete, FL 33712  
PHONE: 896-6722

Rev. Manuel L. Sykes

#### Services

Sunday School ..... 8:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10 a.m.  
Prayer Services .... Wed., 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study ..... Wed., 7:30 p.m.

### Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

3455 - 26th Avenue South • St. Petersburg, FL 33711  
(727) 327-0554

"Church of The Open Door"

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. NBC/AWANA/Bible Study/  
Praise & Prayer 7:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Midday Bible Study  
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.  
Sat. Noon Day Prayer Hour  
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

### STEWART-ISOM MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1820 Walton Street S., St. Pete, FL 33712  
(813) 327-0593

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study: Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

"To God Be The Glory"

### Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

505 - 35th Street S. • St. Petersburg, FL • 327-3186

Morning Worship ..... 8:00 a.m.  
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.

Come join us at the Church where everyone is Welcome!

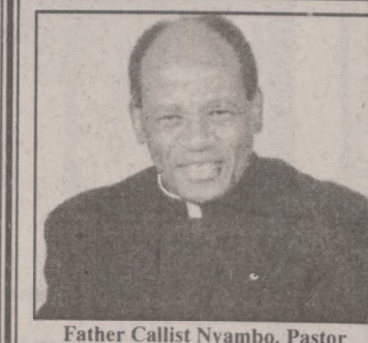
Rev. Earnest Jones, Pastor

### Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

2550 9th Avenue S. • St. Petersburg, FL

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.

"The Church Where Everybody Is Somebody"



Father Callist Nyambo, Pastor

### St. Joseph Catholic Church

2101 - 22nd Ave. S., St. Petersburg

Sunday Services Are At:  
9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Gospel Choir

### Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

3700 22nd Avenue S. • 321-0020  
Elder Clarence L. Warren, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

The church where everyone is welcome & the Spirit of Christ lives.





# 31st National Alumni

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## Pepsi-Cola & Essence Magazine Celebrate Talent & Power Of The New Generation



L-R (Standing): Basheer Jones, 'Doctor' Bob Lee, Edward Lewis, Ananda Lewis and Kenetta Bailey. L-R (Seated): Jackie Desrouleaux, Anaysha Figueroa and Alessandra Napoles.



L-R: Edward Lewis, Frank D. Morrison, Veronica Pollard and Clarence O. Smith.



L-R: Edward Lewis, Carl Brown, Clarence O. Smith, Barbara Britton, Karl Perrin and Carolyn Odom.

NEW YORK — As part of the events leading up to The 1999 Essence Awards, the winners of the seventh annual Pepsi Youth Awards posed for pictures with representatives from ESSENCE and Pepsi. Standing left to right are 14-year old Basheer Jones, winner in the forensics category for reciting an original poem. Youth Awards co-host and WBLS on-air personality "Doctor"

Bob Lee: ESSENCE cofounder and publisher Edward Lewis; Youth Awards co-host and MTV veejay Ananda Lewis and Pepsi senior marketing manager Kenetta Bailey. Seated left to right are Pepsi Youth Awards winners Jackie Desrouleaux, winner in the community-service-leadership category; Anaysha Figueroa, winner in the vocal music category; and

Alessandra Napoles, winner in the instrumental-music category.

ry for her classical piano recital.

Also celebrating the Power of the New Generation - as part of the celebration events for The 1999 Essence Awards, AT&T and ESSENCE presented "On-Line Is On Time," a new media technology forum where representatives from AT&T and ESSENCE met, the FUBU clothing-collection co-founders, recipients of an Essence Award. Pictured left to right are: ESSENCE cofounder and publisher, Edward Lewis; FUBU co-founder Carl Brown; ESSENCE cofounder and president, Clarence O. Smith; ESSENCE vice president and

national advertising director Barbara Britton; FUBU cofounder Karl Perrin; and AT&T director of corporate affairs Carolyn Odom.

Celebrating the Visual Arts Power of the New Generation - As part of the events leading up to the 1999 Essence Awards, artist Frank D. Morrison exhibited his works at the world famous Schomburg

Center during a reception sponsored by Toyota and ESSENCE. Pictured left to right are: ESSENCE cofounder and publisher Edward Lewis; artist Frank D. Morrison; vice-president of Toyota Motor Corporate Services of North America Veronica Pollard; and ESSENCE cofounder and president Clarence O. Smith.

We Welcome Your Letters to the Editor

## Don't Stand For AIDS-Walk

TAMPA — The Tampa AIDS Network (TAN) is pleased to announce that the non-profit AIDS service organization will be joining a North American effort in holding AIDS Walks at the end of September in the year 2000.

Set for Saturday, Sept. 30th, AIDS Walk Tampa 2000 coincides with similar events taking place in more than 20 U.S. cities and throughout all of Canada the last two weekends of Sept. 2000.

Designed to raise HIV/AIDS awareness and funds,

AIDS Walk Tampa 2000 is a three-mile fundraising walkathon where individuals collect pledges which benefit TAN and the more than 2500 men, women and children who access the agency's programs and services monthly.

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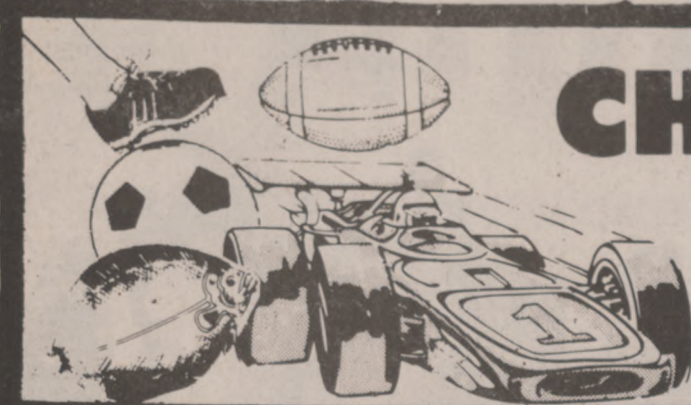


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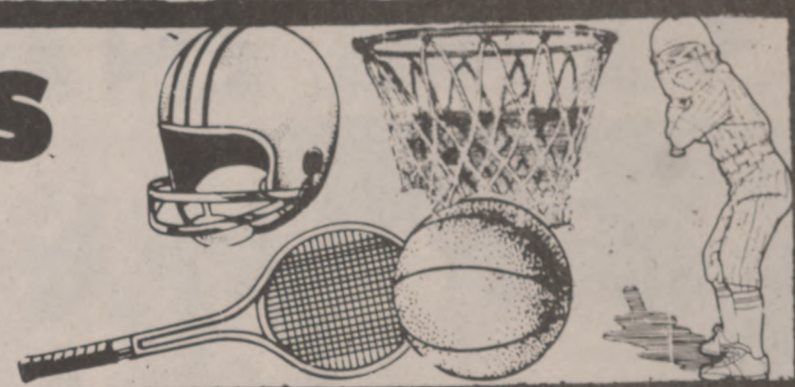
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# CHALLENGER SPORTS



## Florida Power & The Devil Rays Take Stock In Children As They 'Turn Back The Clock'

ST. PETERSBURG —

On Saturday, July 17, 1999, Florida Power and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays held the inaugural "Florida Power Turn Back the Clock" game. The game and all the day's activities were designed to bring fans back to the 'groovy' 60's. The Tampa Bay Devil Rays sported the 1960's Tampa Tarpons jerseys, affiliate team of the Cincinnati Reds, and the New York Mets wore the 1969 World Series jerseys. Classic cars were on display and all staff wore their 'funkiest' 60's outfits. A silent auction was held, offering all actual game jerseys and hats to the highest bidder, with all proceeds being donated to "Take Stock in Children."

'Ya Gotta Believe!', aka the New York Mets pitching legend Tug McGraw, was in town the other day, along with Devil Rays Managing General Partner Vince Naimoli, Richard Korpan, chairman and CEO of Florida Progress (the parent company of Florida



Power Corporation), and former Tampa Tarpon Jimmy Wynn, to announce a silent charity auction taking place during the Florida Power 'Turn Back the Clock' game with the Devil Rays and Mets.

Fans got a sneak peek of the Devil Rays and Mets retro uniforms modeled by Tug McGraw and Jimmy Wynn. The uniforms will be worn by players and coaching staff during the game and auctioned off

to the highest bidder following the game. All funds raised from the silent auction will be donated to Take Stock in Children, a youth foundation that helps at-risk students receive college scholarships.

"We recognize that many of our local fans didn't have the opportunity to attend major league games in the 1960's," said Naimoli. "And thanks to Florida Power, the 'Florida Power Turn Back the Clock'

game and silent auction will help give fans a chance to relive, celebrate and even take home a part of Devil Rays and Major League Baseball history."

Naimoli noted that the weekend was also Florida Power's 100th Anniversary. "We appreciate the company's commitment and look forward to their next 100 years of serving our community," he said.

## Batter Up! 2nd Annual Yard Ball Tour

TAMPA — Major League Baseball announced recently that the Second Annual Yard Ball Tour will include the Devil Ray's stop on Sept. 25-26, as one of 15 cities on its 1999 Tour. This is the first year the 4-on-4 baseball competition has traveled to the city.

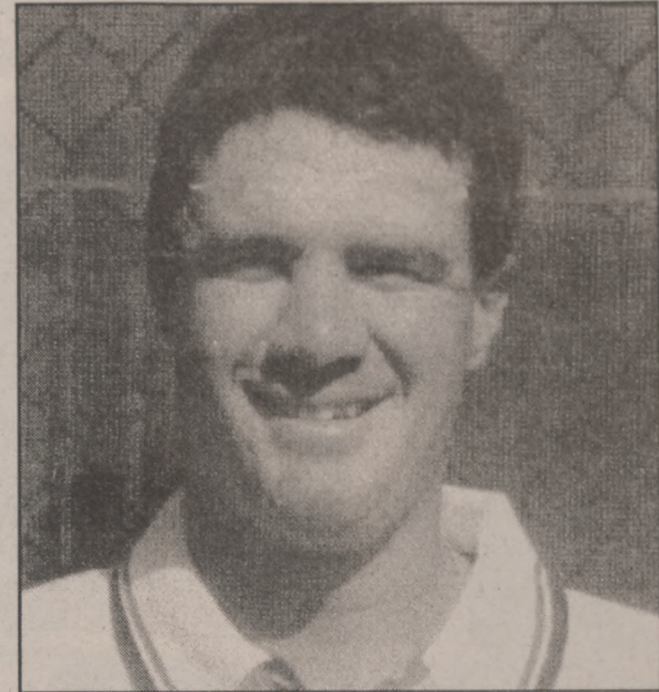
The area event is expected to include more than 750 participants during the two-day event, which takes place at the University of South Florida recreation fields Tampa. Major League Baseball anticipates more than 12,000 will participate in the Tour across the country.

"Last year's inaugural Yard Ball Tour was met with

great enthusiasm around the country," said Kathleen T. Francis, vice president of marketing for Major League Baseball. "With this year's tour expansion, more fans will have the opportunity to participate in a competitive yet fun-filled environment."

Baseball fans, ages 12 and older, are encouraged to register teams for tournament play. Games are played for five innings or 45 minutes on reduced-sized fields with plastic balls and bats. Additional events are available for both players and spectators to enjoy.

Players interested in forming teams can call (800) 689-PLAY (7529) for information. Deadline is Friday, Sept. 17th.



BJ Stearns

## Summer Is Sizzling At Stearns

SARASOTA — Male and female tennis athletes from all over the country have converged upon Sarasota this summer to create a melting pot of talent.

In only the third summer at the new Sarasota location, the Stearns Academy is smashing attendance records.

Students like Kyle Ellison and Kyle Nichaus have come from as far as Hawaii, while Michael Murray, who's ranked #1 in the boys 18s in Florida, and his brother RJ, live in St. Petersburg.

Aside from the daily rigors of the Stearns training experience, the Florida climate presents an additional challenge.

For those coming into camp in the weeks to come, be warned! If you can survive the Florida heat, you can survive anywhere. That's why the toughest camp also prepares you for the toughest conditions.

One of the most successful juniors to ever come out of Florida is none other than BJ Stearns. With multiple national titles to his credit, BJ is now preparing for the professional tour.

A University of Texas standout, BJ is spending some time at the Academy to train and coach, yes coach.

"There are not many players who have the results that BJ has from his junior career.

He is super talented and extremely personable which makes him an ideal coach. I would love to have BJ on staff full-time, but he still has other goals to achieve. He always has a home here, and he is a tremendous inspiration to the other players, said father and coach, Billy Stearns.

Having been in Texas for the past four years, BJ is thrilled to be back home in Florida and just as excited to be able to work under the direction of his father. BJ is often traveling with juniors to national and state events where his experience in winning junior titles really pays off.

BJ is the type of coach who is capable of relating to all players, regardless of age or ability. I guess the old saying is applicable, "Like father like son."

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## Monte Smith & Linda Merkison Win \$1,000 In Sweepstakes



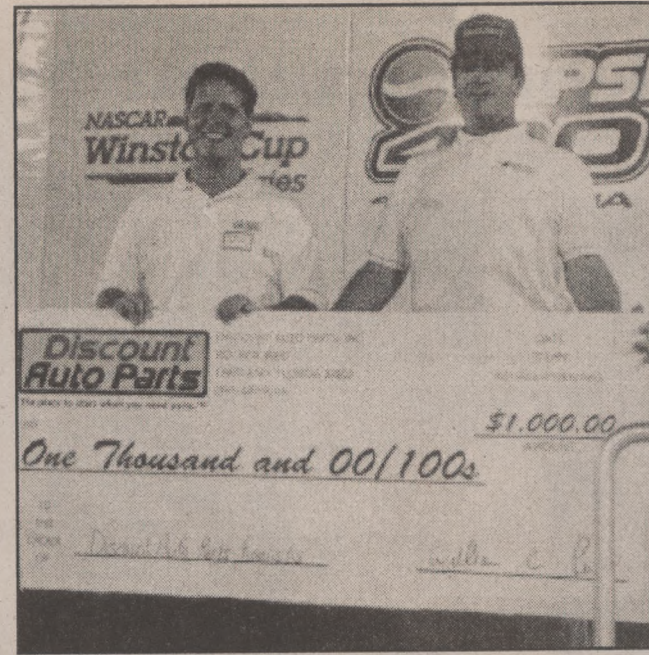
L-R: Steve Joiner and Linda Merkison

LAKELAND — As part of a special promotion, Discount Auto Parts customers Monte Smith and Linda Merkison from St. Petersburg won \$1,000 at the 'Pepsi 400' at Daytona in Daytona Beach on July 3rd.

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Steve Joiner, vice president



L-R: Steve Joiner and Monte Smith

of marketing for Discount Auto Parts, presented all prize money immediately after the race in victory lane at Daytona International Speedway.

Discount Auto Parts, Lakeland, is a leading specialty retailer of automotive replacement parts, maintenance items

and accessories primarily for the 'Do-It-Yourself' consumer. The company operates 565 stores with an extensive line of replacement parts for domestic and import cars, as well as accessories, chemicals, motor oils and other maintenance items.

## Devil Rays Lunches Planned

CLEARWATER — Clearwater will be celebrating sports by honoring the Devil Rays at lunch hosted by the Greater Clearwater Chamber of Commerce. The Devil Rays' Lunch is Tuesday, July 27th. It will be held at Ruth Eckerd Hall at 1111 McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater. Doors open at 11:30am, and the program begins at noon.

Representing the Devil Rays will be Manager Larry Rothschild, Catcher Mike DiFelice and Short Stop Kevin Stocker. Rick Nafe, the Devil Rays' Vice President of Operations and Facilities, and their TV Play-by-Play announcer, Dwayne Staats, will share emceeing duties. A buffet lunch will be served by Carrabba's Italian Grill.

The event is open to the public. Seating is first come, first served, except reserved tables of 10. The lunch will feature music, an opportunity to ask questions, trivia questions and prizes.

Reservations may be made by calling the Greater Clearwater Chamber of Commerce, 461-0011, ext. 224. VISA and MasterCard may be used for reservations. Checks may be sent to the Chamber, P.O., Box 2457, Clearwater, FL 33757 or may be dropped off in person at the Chamber office, 1130 Cleveland St., downtown Clearwater, just west of Missouri Avenue.

The Devil Rays lunch is sponsored by Harper Van Scoik & Co., LLP, Hooters and PrimeCo.

## B-CC Kicks Off Summer Football Camp

DAYTONA BEACH — Bethune-Cookman College has opened its Summer Offensive Line Football Camp for the Daytona Beach campus.

High School athletes in grades 9 through 12 will learn basic fundamentals of offensive

line play. The camp will last five days, Sunday through Thursday.

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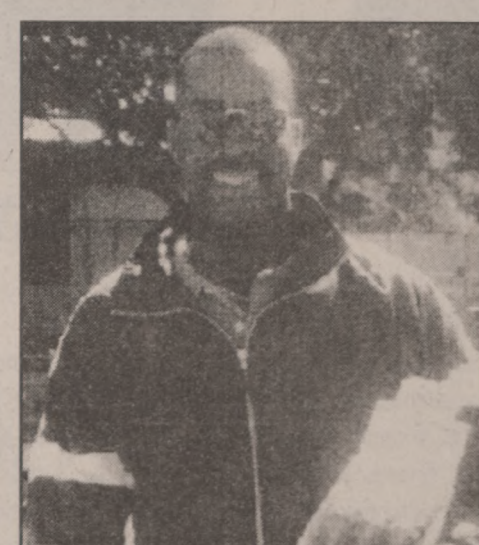
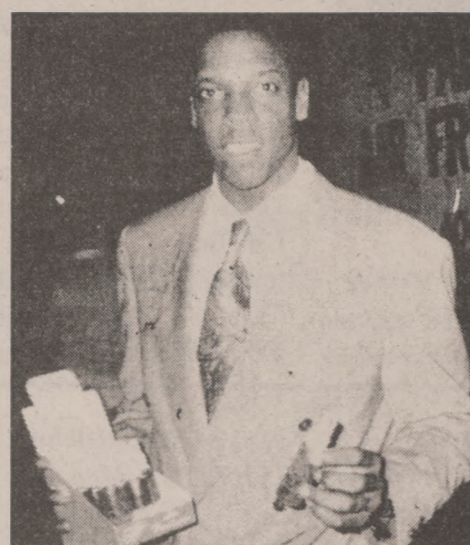
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## 'Fantasy' Breezes Through With Smooth Sounds



by Allene Gammage-Ahmed

ST. PETERSBURG — To be young, gifted and black comes with prophetic gifts of music, movement and magic when affixed to a spectacular group of African Americans that call themselves "Fantasy".

To see the hard work and seriousness projected by "Fantasy" as they prepare to perfect each performance, you'll understand just how serious they are about what they do.

"Fantasy" is now exploding onto the scenes and quickly winning fans of all ages and musical preferences with their unique style of soul music that is sure to get to your heart stirring.

No, "Fantasy" is not a group of 'new kids on the block,' they have basically grown up as children together, humming tunes, sharing their dreams and participating in chorus and talent reviews. As only they would have it, one of their greatest dreams is now being realized - to promote melodically smooth grooves for all music lovers with their first CD - "Sessions".

Fantasy was formally introduced to many in 1990 by a set of twins, Antonio and RayFael Welch who were soon joined by lifetime buddies, Dorian Rouse, Angelo Panier, Alvin Berrian, Dwight Gifford, Jasmine Settles, and Eric Ruise. Faith Settles is choreographer for the musical team and has added an additional touch of class to their smooth moves.

But of course, they have come this far by faith said one of the twins, RayFael. "We believe in God and the natural gift of voice and music He has given to us".

Appearance, attitude, hard work and togetherness are all important components of what makes the group so successful. They work hard together as one, as a family and believes in each other, encouraging one another to reach for the stars. Right now, the stars are definitely within reach.

Right at the turn of the new millennium, Fantasy will dazzle their audiences next week-end with two titillating performances. On Thursday, promoter Daddy V and Against The Grain will help St. Petersburg/Tampa Bay's Hottest new artists kick off their CD Release with a party "Off The Chain" that will be held in Clearwater at Majestiks beginning at 9 p.m.

Fantasy



On Friday at the National Guard Armory, "Pimp Style Records" and "Eric Big Daddy" will present in concert "Fantasy" at a dance and show that begins at 8:00 p.m., featuring "Baby Jazz" and "Diamond D".

"Pimp Style Records" will also hold an amateur hour with local talent from 8 p.m.-9 p.m., 1st place \$50.00, 2nd place, \$25.00 and 3rd place T-shirt.

For more information and ticket prices, contact (727) 692-6511 or 906-0232.

Fantasy is said to be like Boyz To Men, Dru Hill, Backstreet, Boys N-Sync all rolled into one. This talented group also writes and produces their

music, promote and places all the musical pieces of their puzzle in perspective. Most of them are positively involved in setting good examples for others desiring to come in the musical industry, living their lives accordingly. They are either employed, in school and have their own business, namely at Studio 49, a barber shop situated on Central Avenue.

For those of you who like to sway, pop your fingers or just sit back and listen, Fantasy's new CD and their contemporary performance will definitely offer you the groove you've been waiting for.

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## 14th Annual Boys & Girls Clubs Outback Steak Dinner

ST. PETERSBURG — There will be loads of fun 'under the big top' as the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast host their 14th Annual Steak Dinner. This year's event will feature clowns, face painters, jugglers and stilt walkers.

Formerly known as the Steak & Burger Dinner, major sponsor, Outback Steakhouse, decided a few years ago that everyone who attended should have steak.

This fundraiser will be **Carifesta Independence Carnival**

ST. PETERSBURG — Caribbean Festival Association presents Carifesta Independence Carnival 99.

It all takes place from 9am to 8:30pm Saturday, July 24th, and noon to 8:30pm Sunday, July 25th, at Vinoy Park, 501 Bayshore Dr. N. (downtown along the St. Petersburg waterfront).

Join the community in this cultural celebration with Caribbean and Latin American culture. Performers include: Calypsonian D'Foster; Steel Pianist Dane Gulston; Comedian M.C., Tommy Joseph; special guest Mighty Sparrow and the Troubadour Band, all direct from Trinidad.

Enjoy concessions with tastes from the islands, a traditional costume parade Saturday at 1:30pm and family activities.

Children under 8 are free.

held in Thursday, August 5th, at the Bayfront Center Times Arena, 400 1st St. S., St. Petersburg. A reception will begin at 6pm and dinner at 7pm.

The money raised at this event will provide funding for the continuation of the many programs offered to local children through the services of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Pinellas County. The five locations in Clearwater, Tarpon Springs, Pinellas Park and two

sites in St. Petersburg offer after school and summer programs for 5,000 children.

Reserved tables and individual seating are still available. A table entitles eight adults to share an evening dinner with two young club members. Individual seating includes the opportunity to share dinner with one club member. This gives the children an opportunity to see firsthand the interest that the community has in their future, and

the adults can get a kid's perspective of the world today.

The 'Youth of the Year' and the 'Sir Lipton Sportsmanship' Awards will be presented to selected members of each club. The countywide winner of the 'Youth of the Year' Award will be presented by the Coca-Cola Company.

For more information, please contact Linda at the Boys & Girls Club offices at (727) 546-1032.

## Free Block Party For Everyone To Enjoy

ST. PETERSBURG — 102.5 and Time Warner Communications along with the Dome District Business Association presents an Endless Black Party. Come rain or shine, the Block Party will take

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The Block Party will take place Friday, July 30th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Central Avenue between 11th and 13th Street. Admission is free.

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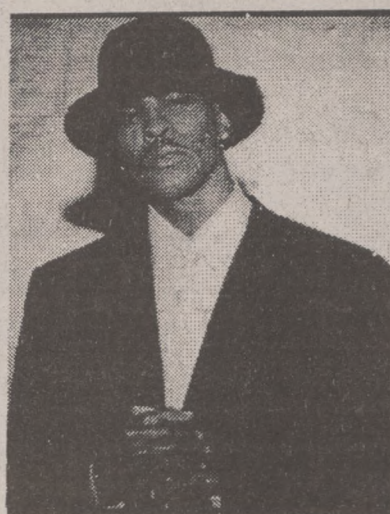
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# Obituaries

## St. Pete

### Final Rites

BING, THELBERT HENDERSON, died July 9, 1999. Survivors include two sons, Robert (Cynthia) Bing, and Erroy (Angelean) Bing; one daughter, Kim (Anthony) Wingate; three grandchildren; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, wonderful neighbors and dear friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



COLLIER, LOVETT, died July 3, 1999. Survivors include his wife, Iona Lane; two sons, Dwight Dean (Stephanie), Talladega, AL, Eric Collier, St. Petersburg; three daughters, Teresa Collier and Vanessa Blake, St. Petersburg, and Seneca Crawford, Tampa; his mother, Daisy Thomas, St. Petersburg; three brothers; two sisters; six grandchildren; an uncle and aunt, many nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

MAYS, SARIETHA SARA, died July 7, 1999. Survivors include cousins, Ethel Pounds, Khalilah Haamid, Emma Garner, Daniela and Christine Garner, St. Petersburg; Minnie Dollaron, Galveston, TX; and several other relatives and friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

STEPHENS, VALENTINA, died July 6, 1999. Survivors include her son, Thayer D. Stephens, Las Vegas, NV; two sisters, Nancy K. Knowles and Charlie Mae Owens, St. Petersburg; two brothers; Nathaniel and Charlie Mells, St. Petersburg; eight nieces; one nephew; several aunts, one uncle, two great uncles, three great aunts; a companion, Nathaniel Pitts, Largo; two godsons; one granddaughter; and several cousins and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



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BRAND, ALVIN LEO, died July 8, 1999. Survivors include his mother, Mary F. Reaves, Gainesville; seven brothers, including his twin brother, Calvin Cleo; six sisters; two aunts; one uncle; several nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

PERRY, EMMITT E., SR., died July 5, 1999. Survivors include his wife, Teretha Perry, Gainesville; four daughters; three sons; 17 grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; three nieces; six nephews; several grand nieces and nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

POPE, HORACE MELVIN, died July 7, 1999. Survivors include his fiancée, Elaine R. Chamberlin-Pope, Starke; one daughter, Tracie; one son, Horace; four brothers; two sisters; several nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

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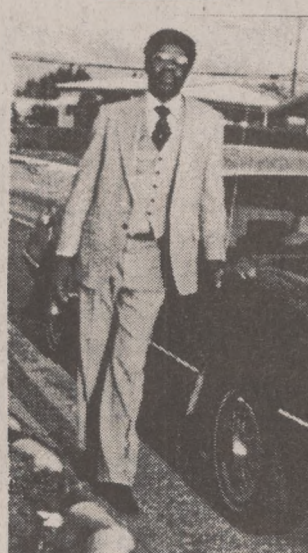
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## Ocala

### Final Rites



FRAZIER, BARBARA HOWARD, died July 6, 1999. Survivors include her husband, Nehemiah Lee Frazier; two daughters; one stepson; her parents, Willie J. and Emma Mae Howard, Reddick; four sisters; one brother; her grandparents; her great-grandfather; three aunts; four uncles; two great aunts; two grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, goddaughters, other cousins and caring friends. Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala.



STEWART, RUTH DOUGLAS, died July 7, 1999. Survivors include Kiser Stewart, Ocala; one sister, Estella Dolores Jackson, New York City; three sons; five daughters; two adopted daughters; one aunt and uncle; 53 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; 35 great-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.

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ROBERTS, DOROTHY, died July 10, 1999. Survivors include her husband, Isaac 'Buddy' Roberts, Sr., Ocala; four sons; three daughters; one brother; 21 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several aunts, uncles, godchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and sorrowing friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.

TYLER, OLLIE MAE LEWIS, died July 3, 1999. Survivors include three daughters and two sons; three goddaughters; seven grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great grandchildren; two best friends, Lillian Brooks, Ft. McCoy and Belair Crim, Ocala; several other family members and friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.



WASHINGTON, ROSA MAE, died July 3, 1999. Survivors include her husband, Aaron Washington, Reddick; seven sons; six daughters; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; three godchildren; one great goddaughter and great godson; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.

## Things We Cannot Understand

*There are many things in life  
that we cannot understand,  
But we must trust God's judgment  
and be guided by His hand,  
And all who have God's blessings  
can rest safely in His care,  
For He promises safe passage  
on the wings of faith and prayer!*

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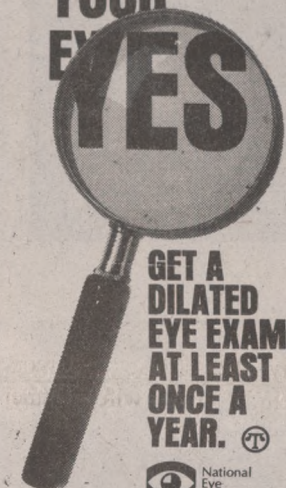
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Thanks to brilliant sunshine in your chart, you'll feel like singing! Say goodbye to regrets on the 28th and smile. On the 29th, an apparent setback at work could turn out to be a blessing in disguise.



### Taurus

April 20 to May 20

When the full moon eclipse on the 28th triggers a career breakthrough, your job search could reach a blissful end. Throw yourself into home improvements with gusto. Surprise! His gift on the 29th could make wedding bells ring.



### Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Whether you blame moonlight or his ardent overtures for your pounding pulse on the 24th, you're bound to enjoy one of the most romantic nights of your life. Don't fall for any sales pitches on the 26th. Travel shines on the 28th.



### Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Under the full moon eclipse on the 28th, you'll face a new financial reality: if you've been letting loans to friends slide, it's time to get real—and tough! Beware of promising more than you can deliver on the 29th.



### Leo

July 23 to August 22

Get ready to learn you're stronger and braver than you imagined! When a full moon eclipse illuminates your sign on the 28th, you could decide to call it quits in a key relationship—protect yourself if finances are involved.



### Virgo

August 23 to September 22

Take advantage of Venus' retrograde to clear the air in your relationship—straightforward talk could bring you closer than ever. Don't want to settle for less at work? With powerful planets boosting your confidence, you won't have to!



### Libra

September 23 to October 22

While Venus spins her wheels, take a break from all that socializing to pause and quietly reflect—the key to your future success could lie in the past. On the 28th, someone else's loss could be your phenomenal gain!



### Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

With Mars fanning passion's flames, you and your mate could rekindle that honeymoon magic. Been distracted? Never fear: after the 28th, you'll regain your focus and topple personal and professional obstacles with finesse!



### Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

When the full moon eclipse lights your transportation zone on the 28th, you could drive home in a shiny, new car. Tip: skip the cruise-control option—you were born to navigate! On the 29th, your career could suddenly zoom skyward.



### Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

While Venus twirls retrograde, you could visit a place that's (until now) only existed in your imagination. Passion soars into the ozone on the 25th. On the 28th, you could say "good riddance" to a long-standing financial drain—whew!



### Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

If you've been looking for answers or a new direction, the full moon eclipse in your sign on the 28th will happily end the search. Vow to forget the past and make love your present-tense priority, and you can't go wrong!



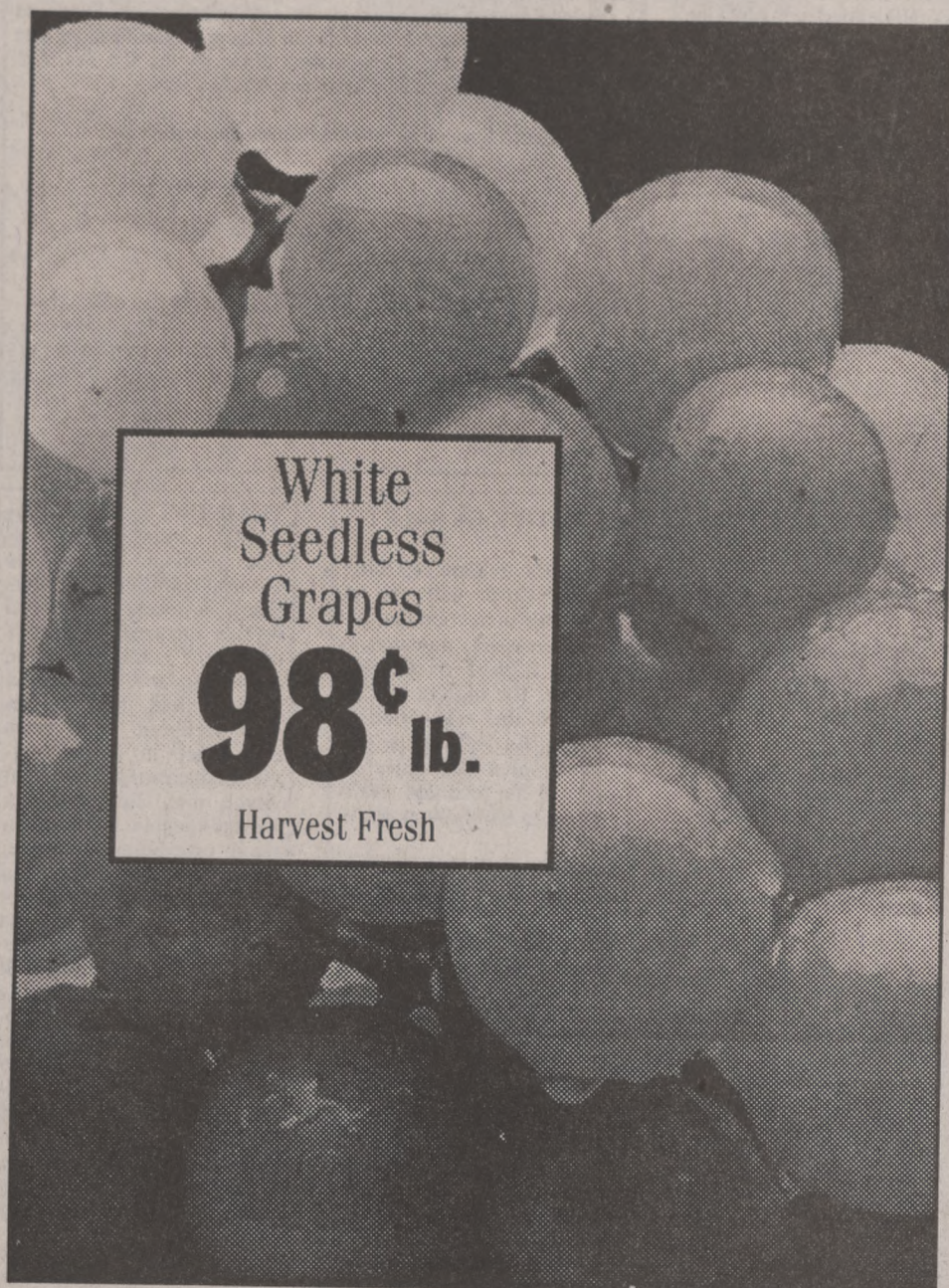
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