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U.S. Congress Woman Carrie Meek Keynote Speaker At Moore's Chapel



L-R: Congresswoman Carrie Meek, Senator Kendrick Meek and Nancy Harrell

by Allene Gammage-Ahmed

ST. PETERSBURG — A woman of very humble beginnings and who continues to 'talk the talk' and 'walk the walk,' Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek was the keynote speaker for Moore's Chapel AME Church for its United Effort Day Banquet held Saturday, Aug. 28th, 1999 at the downtown Hilton Hotel, 333 First Ave. S.

The Moore's Chapel AME family was excited and proud to present the Honorable United States Congresswoman Carrie P.

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Goodyear Receives Award For Commitment To Diversity

AKRON, OH — Goodyear was recognized for its commitment to supplier diversity during the recent National Urban League convention activities in Houston, Texas. Janet Bashen, president and CEO of S. J. Bashen Corp., a minority-and-female-owned company, presented the award to Goodyear.

"S. J. Bashen had a vision in 1994 to partner with corporations to help them mitigate or eliminate liability by effectively and efficiently responding to claims of discrimination."

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L-R: Jim McElroy and Janet Bashen

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Minority Enterprise Development Week, 1999 — A PROCLAMATION —

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MA — Throughout our history, America's minority entrepreneurs have contributed to the strength of our economy and the quality of our national life. In the 18th and 19th centuries, as farmers and fur traders, shipwrights and sea captains, barbers and bankers, they forged better lives for themselves, their families and their neighbors. Often facing prejudice and discrimination, they nonetheless succeeded in creating businesses that energized their communities and helped to build a dynamic new society.

Today, minority business owners are branching out from predominantly retail and service industries into the fields of manufacturing, transportation, construction, energy and technology, helping to power the longest peacetime economic expansion in our nation's history. Producing goods and services that generate new jobs and spur investment, minority business owners have played a vital role in building an economy with nearly 19 million new jobs, wages rising at twice the rate of inflation and the lowest peacetime unemployment rate since 1957.

All Americans can be proud that we have eliminated many of the obstacles that in the past hindered minority entrepreneurs from contributing the full value of their talents to our society. However, while many minority business owners are enjoying success, many still face barriers that keep them from competing on a level playing field. We must continue to build on the combined efforts of the private sector and government to ensure that minority-owned businesses have access to the capital, customers and services that will enable them to succeed in high technology and other rapidly

growing sectors.

Through the Administration's New Markets Initiative, we are building partnerships between business and government to encourage investments in areas that have not attracted investments in the past: inner cities, rural regions and Indian reservations. We are striving to ensure that our nation's economic expansion—which has benefited millions of Americans—will reach people who have been left behind for decades.

We are also working to help minority-owned firms harness the enormous power of the Internet. These efforts range from interactive educational courses on the fundamentals of E-commerce to the creation of Phoenix-Opportunity, an automatic electronic bid-matching system that notifies firms of opportunities through the Internet.

During Minority Enterprise Development Week, as we honor the many minority businessmen and women whose energy, spirit, and creativity have strengthened our economy and enriched our country, let us rededicate ourselves to nurturing the dreams and talents of all Americans and to realizing the limitless possibilities of our free enterprise system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 19th through September 25th as Minority Enterprise Development Week, and I call on all Americans to join together with minority business entrepreneurs across the country in appropriate observances.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

National Association Of Elks Convenes 100th Anniversary



NEW ORLEANS, LA — The 100th convening of the National Association of Elks of the World was held August 13th-August 20th at the beautiful Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA.

In attendance were an approximate 3000 Elk brothers

and daughters from across the United States, Panama, Canada and the Bahamas.

In honor of this 100th Anniversary, a new pictorial logo was unveiled portraying a male elk and a doe elk running in tandem across the vast and varied continents of the world,

in turn demonstrating a relationship of union for the betterment of the world.

New Orleans, as always, proved to be a perfect setting providing wonderful scenery such as the 'Mighty Mississippi River', the French Quarters, Market Square, Black Muse-

ums depicting the black culture of the area, fine dining, beautiful universal artistry and still an unusual busy downtown.

The opening ceremony entailed Elk brothers and daughters alike dressed in

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Lennard Announces Plan To Improve School Grades

TAMPA — Superintendent Earl Lennard during a recent press conference points toward a report card showing the grades he expects Hillsborough County Public Schools to earn for the 1999-2000 school year. Lennard's goal is for every school in the district to improve its grade by one letter, or for each A school to maintain its grade, on the next state School Accountability Report. He and his eight deputy and assistant superintendents have pledged five percent of their salaries if any school receives an F grade.



Superintendent Earl Lennard

Local Woman Becomes A Licensed Residential Contractor

ST. PETERSBURG — In 1980, Charlotte I. Anderson began working in the construction industry. Her first job was as a laborer on the "Seven Mile" bridge project in Key West, Florida and later as a crew leader (foreman) on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge project site in Palmetto, Florida. As a laborer and supervisor, Anderson worked in all phases of construction including construction preparation and clean-up, assisting the iron work crew, the concrete segment cosmetic crew, the concrete pouring crew and the carpentry and welding crews. She also worked in the areas of purchasing, inventory and parts and supplies.

Anderson used her skills in the construction industry to become involved with residential



Charlotte Anderson

contractors, where she participated in the installation of air conditioner systems, home renovation projects and the laying of driveways and pavements. Her specialty in home construction is in the area of

additions and renovations. As a residential contractor with licenses in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties, Anderson has completed projects for the St. Petersburg Neighborhood Housing Services, the City of St. Petersburg, Stan Allen Services, Quality Roofing, Inc., St. Luke Church and

First Baptist Church of Progress Village, and is the construction and renovation agent for Faith Memorial Baptist Church in St. Petersburg. She has completed projects for individual homeowners in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties. Her capabilities also include project estimating, drawings, build out specialist and design build.

Her involvements include her membership on the Hillsborough County Sustainable Communities Committee, the President of PANDAS, Inc. (People Against Neighborhood Drug Abuse), Florida IMPACT Board of Directors, the Seffner - Mango - Thonotassas Civic Association, the Seffner Community Council and the Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance. She is a life member of both the NAACP and the National

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**DUE TO THE HOLIDAY
WEEKEND, NEWS DEAD-
LINE FOR THE SEPT. 11th
EDITION OF The Weekly
Challenger WILL BE
SATURDAY, SEPT. 4th
AT 12 NOON.**

**NOTICE TO
WEEKLY CHALLENGER READERS**
Notice is hereby given that next
week's edition will feature I.W.
Williams' exclusive interview with
Police Chief Goliath Davis.

Three Black Professors Receive M-DCC's Highest Annual Honor



Annette Gibson



Wayne Bumpers

MIAMI — Three black teachers are among 14 Miami-Dade Community College professors who have been named as the 1999 recipients of the college's highest honor: the Endowed Teaching Chair.

The 1999 black recipients are (in alphabetical order): Wayne Bumpers, The Dr. Robert H. McCabe Endowed Teaching Chair; Annette Gibson, The Joan K. Stout, R.N., Endowed Teaching Chair; and Susan Summons, The Andrew Blank Endowed Teaching Chair.

Miami-Dade Community College was the first community college in the nation to honor its faculty with endowed chairs to recognize excellence in teaching, beginning in 1992. Each Endowed Teaching Chair awards

recipients \$7,500 a year for three years, allowing faculty to explore new teaching methods, develop new projects, purchase specialized teaching materials, enhance their technological expertise, and generally further their own knowledge in order to benefit students.

The Endowed Teaching Chairs are made possible through the support of individuals, corporations, and organizations who have donated \$45,000 each. The State provides an additional \$30,000 to bring the value of each endowment to \$75,000. Miami-Dade has awarded 159 endowed chairs since the program's inception.

"The Endowed Teaching Chair represents our institution's highest recognition of our faculty," said



Susan Summons

Dr. Eduardo J. Padron, M-DCC president. "The recipients of this award have demonstrated to their peers the definition of excellence in every aspect of teaching. Further, they

have made student learning their top priority, and, in so doing, have fulfilled the central mission of the college. I congratulate them on this exceptional achievement."

Neighborly Senior Services Calendar Of Events

CLEARWATER — "Fall Fashions for the Generations" Fashion Show, September 11, 1999: Fashion Show/Luncheon and Silent Auction are being held to benefit Neighborly Senior Services on Saturday, September 11th. Steinmart will be featuring Fall Fashions for women of all ages at the Harborview Center in Clearwater beginning at 11:30am until 2:30pm with the luncheon, fashion show, and silent auction all being held simultaneously. Tickets are \$30 each. For more information, contact Anne Symons, Community Events Manager, at (727) 573-9444, ext. 285.

"A Day in the Life...Words and Pictures" Artists' Reception, September 16, 1999: A Day in the Life...Words and Pictures was initiated as a project in honor of older American's Month. An Artists' reception is open to the public on Thursday, September 16th from 2-5pm at Pepe's Restau-

rant located at 3665 Ulmerton Road, Clearwater, FL. Awards will be announced.

The exhibition consists of nearly 30 framed pieces, photography and essays/prose. All of the works are by Neighborly Senior Services' senior clients from both Pinellas and Manatee counties. Some senior artists and authors have varying degrees of physical and mental impairments, including dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. Neighborly provided the artists with a disposable color, 35mm camera; and the authors with paper and pen. The exhibit illustrates the way each senior perceives the world, and how their experiences have helped shape that world. "A Day in the Life...Words and Pictures" will serve as a future traveling exhibit to be shown at other art venues throughout the State of Florida. For more information, contact Jennifer O'Brien at (727) 573-9444.

Rambling With Charles Howard
"Yesterday has gone, forget it.
Today is here, use it.
Tomorrow may not come,
So don't wait on it."
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Gibbs Class of 1952 will not hold their first meeting after summer break the 1st Thursday in September, but on the 9th, the second Thursday. Due to the Labor Day weekend holiday, the meeting will be held at the home of Jessie Graham, 1942 55th Ave. S. Charles Howard and Jessie Graham are host and hostess. See you there!

Mother's Birthday: Julie (Brown) Mizell, a member of Gibbs High School Class of '64, flew in on Midway Airlines from Raleigh, N.C. Saturday, August 8th to celebrate her mother's (Dorothy Brown) birthday. Julie was accompanied by her oldest daughter, Nathalie, who attends the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Nathalie is in her second year in the doctoral program for rehabilitation psychology. Julie is currently the principal of West Lane Year Round Elementary School in Apex, NC. She and Nathalie returned to N.C. on Tuesday, August 12th.

Return to School: TaQuana Howard returns to the University of South Florida after spending a lovely summer home with mother (Deborah Howard), brother (Antonio), sister (Talisia), and other family members and good friends. She will be living in dormitory Kappa Hall for the third year. This is her fourth year in university life. Keep up the good work!

Happy Birthday wishes are extended today to Alfonso Lewis, Samuel Smith, Ernest Fillyau, Sr., Larry Manuel, Bill Robert Williams, Laura Howard, Denise Taylor, Linda Wilson, Deloris Hayes, Vanessa Manning, Rutha Quarterman, Cynthia Holmes, Isaac E. Postell, Allen Buchanan, John Thomas Baker, Martez Parks, Ralph Beachman, Viola Dunston, and Sandra Wilson.

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to Otis and Willene Mack for Sept. 6th.

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Goodyear From Page. 1



said Bashen. "We began by building a relationship with the National Urban League and reaching out to those companies that supported the Urban League's tenets. Goodyear was among the first major corporations to understand the value-added service that S. J. Bashen provided. It was refreshing to realize that they had a true commitment to diversity, not only within their workforce but also within their supplier community."

Receiving the award on behalf of Goodyear was Jim McElroy, team leader for employment practices.

"Goodyear has always been a strong supporter of the Urban League and of what it has done for our communities. We are committed to providing opportunities for minority vendors and Bashen has always been a provider of high quality services," said McElroy. "In 1998 Goodyear spent over \$35 million with minority businesses in the United States. We are proud of our commitment to minority vendors and diversity."

Goodyear's partnership with the National Urban League dates back for more than a decade. "We recognized a long time ago

the value in diversifying our involvement in various organizations. Our goal is to continue to grow our company. One way of doing this is by recognizing the positive programs and agendas of organizations, such as the National Urban League, and understanding that through participation in events, such as the national convention, the opportunity is there to reach potential customers and new vendors," said Don Harper, Vice President of Human Resources Planning and Development.

Local Woman From Page. 1

Council of Negro Women. She worked for ten years as the Executive Assistant to local civic activist Watson L. Haynes, II, who encouraged her to secure her license.

A graduate of Brandon High School where she excelled as a track and field athlete, she was awarded a full two-year scholarship to Hillsborough Community College. After attending Hillsborough Community College, she completed course work in Accounting at Erwin Vo-Tech in Tampa. Desk-Top Publishing and Government Contracting at the

Small Business Development Center sponsored by the University of South Florida. She also attended Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida. She and her husband have one son.

After spending almost twenty years as a sub contractor and working in some aspect of construction, Anderson took and passed the examination that now designates her as one of the few Florida State licensed, insured and bonded residential contractors, who also qualifies as a minority owned and female owned business.

City Council Coverage

ST. PETERSBURG — Tune into Channel 35 to catch every minute of City Council meetings. The city's government access station televises all council meetings live on the first Thursday of the month at 8:30am and the third Thursday of the month at 2pm.

You can always watch replays of council meetings on Friday at 6pm and on Saturday

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Dr. M.L. King, Jr.'s Daughter To Speak At Diamond Anniversary Gala

TAMPA — On Thursday, September 9th, Helping Hand Day Nursery will stage its 75th Diamond Anniversary Celebration Gala.

The event will feature nationally-renowned orator, Rev. Bernice A. King, daughter of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as the keynote speaker. The celebration will be held in Higgins Hall, 5225 North Himes Avenue, Tampa, from 7pm-10pm.

Helping Hand Day Nursery is Tampa's oldest African American owned business. Founded in 1924, the agency provides quality affordable child care to working families.

For more information, contact Valerie H. Goddard, Executive Director, at (813) 229-1623.

Dear Editor:

The Veterans' Free Press and this managing editor both support the continuation of affirmative action and veterans' preference in employment, housing, etc. I read Allene Gammage-Ahmed's article in the August 28, 1999 issue and agree that we must still protect minorities from discrimination that still exists in employment. We must not let any of the civil rights advances we gained in civil rights laws in the 1960's thru the 1990's protecting age, race, religious, national origin and veteran status discrimination be reversed and God forbid return to a pre-civil rights era where employers, landlords and others could do whatever they wanted.

That's why when I happened to be at the Main Public Library on 37th St. and 9th

Ave. N. last week and by happenstance I was outside the library entrance smoking a cigarette while listening to a gentleman 'sales pitching' the civil rights initiative to end affirmative action to people walking by, and I heard him say to one person who asked, "Are you with a government agency?" The gentleman responded, "Yes, I'm with the Civil Rights Commission."

When I heard that, I said to him, "You are with the Civil Rights Commission? That's

not what your sign says...it says you're with the Civil Rights Initiative, not Commission," I said to this gentleman.

He seemed very annoyed that I corrected him and I advised him that I felt he was misleading people by making them think the affirmative action amendment was being endorsed by the government to do away with affirmative action. I told him I was going to report him to the 'St. Petersburg Times'. I did report his actions to two of the librarians.

However, perhaps you can send a copy of my letter to the 'Times' and TV Channel 8 'On Your Side' as well as print it in your newspaper. Coming from you, the 'Times' may pay more attention in printing the story as well as TV Channel 8 investigating it. Somehow I get the feeling these people petitioning the civil rights initiative are from a white supremacist group.

Sincerely,
Terry Richards, Managing Editor, Veteran's Free Press

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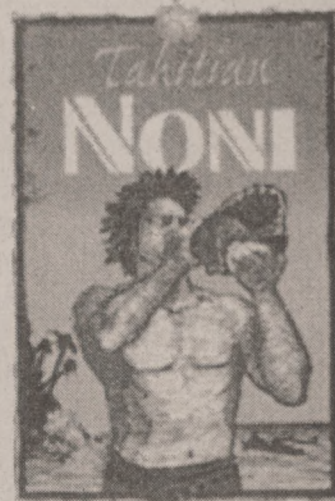
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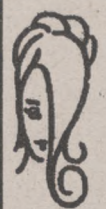
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Deacon Elijah Clark Escorts His Wife Lillie To Her Graduation

ST. PETERSBURG — Half of a hundred — and she did it! On Thursday night, August 26th at Ruth Eckerd Hall, a dream came true for Mrs. Lillie Clark. She received her high school diploma! "As a young teenager, I was faced with the responsibilities of working and helping my mother raise my siblings, which enabled me to continue high school and get my diploma," Mrs. Clark stated.

"Completing school and getting my diploma is and always has been very important to me. Watching my siblings grow and complete their education has given me encouragement to reach my goal. They've also been an influence to me as well as my husband (Deacon Elijah Clark) and co-workers.

Working 10 or 12 hours a day and going to school was a challenging experience. Finding time to study and do homework was nearly impossible, but I made time because my determination and encouragement from others helped me a great deal.

If I was to share my experience with another, I would say it was a challenge. Overall, I achieved my goal and I don't regret going back to school, and above all, I put God first in my life!

I would like to thank my family, co-workers (West

Pharmaceutical Services), church family (Grand Central Baptist Church), club sisters (Quest), and friends.

I would like to leave you with this prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, who has been my Teacher and Friend and has shown me that fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, I thank You for the blessings of the past that have made my graduation possible. Especially do I praise You for the support and prayers of my parents, the patience and devotion of my teachers, and the fellowship and the comradeship of my classmates. You have given me the mental gifts and physical health to achieve the goal I have reached and have blessed my efforts with success.

Forgive me for the opportunities I have neglected, for my failure to do my best in every situation, and for any wrong I have committed during my school life.

Help me to use my talents and improve abilities to Your glory and for the betterment of all people. Continue to teach me Your ways, and give me a deeper understanding of Your good and gracious will. Bless my growth in grace, and enlarge my opportunities for service. Hear me, Lord Jesus, according to Your promise. Amen."



Lillie and Deacon Elijah Clark

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B-CC's Dr. Morrison Obeng Recognized As Outstanding Faculty Mentor

DAYTONA BEACH — Dr. Morrison Obeng, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at Bethune-Cookman College, has been awarded an "Outstanding Participation" award for the third consecutive year for his involvement as a faculty mentor in the premiere UNCF/GTE Summer Science Program. Each summer, three professors and a maximum of twenty students from UNCF supported institutions are selected from a pool of applicants to do research with GTE scientists and engineers. "The program offers participants an opportunity to conduct "hands-on research" in an industrial facility and to experience the latest in technology research," says Dr. Obeng.

Potential research projects for the students and faculty participants are in areas such as wireless communications, advanced computer data communi-



Dr. Morrison Obeng

cations, computer networks, software engineering and the integration of the internet in all of the above. In addition to conducting research at the GTE laboratories, the faculty participants serve as mentors to the students.

Although this year students from B-CC did not participate in the five-week summer program, they

have participated in the program in the past. Each year student interns are selected based on scientific projects the students are working on at the time as well as the student's background and high GPA. In addition to the opportunity to be involved in cutting-edge hands-on research at GTE, the students also receive a \$2,100 stipend

and a \$2,500 scholarship. However, Dr. Obeng believes that the self-esteem that is given to the students is more important than any dollars given. "Everyone feels good about what they have done and they often get a chance to see their ideas become actual products." The success of Dr. Obeng's students is also remarkable considering that once they graduate they go on to either graduate school or careers paying over \$40,000.

In addition to the benefits received by the student interns, as a faculty member, Dr. Obeng has the opportunity to work with some of the leading scientists in the field of telecommunications. "I used research to enhance my knowledge by seeing the knowledge that's out there," Obeng stated.

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Activity Directors Expand Their Possibilities

ST. PETERSBURG — On Friday, September 10, 1999, activity directors at retirement centers and nursing/assisted living facilities will have an opportunity to learn new information and skills in their professional field and earn six Continuing Education Units (CEUs) towards certification or recertification.

"Expand Your Possibilities" will address a broad variety of challenges including Employee Involvement and Morale Programs, Communi-

ty Involvement, New and Exciting Craft Projects and Drama and Theatre Programs. This full day of workshops, presented by Donna Cutting, B.A., and Diane Anderson, A.P.R.P., will be held from 8:30am to 4pm at The Regency, 3600 34th Street S., St. Petersburg. The registration fee includes a continental breakfast.

For more information or a brochure and registration form, call (727) 525-5818 or (727) 898-9653.

The Hospice To Start Volunteer Patient/Family Care Training Class

LARGO — The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast will begin a new volunteer patient/family support training class in September. This class will teach volunteers practical care skills that will allow them to share their many gifts with patients and families and realize rich, heartfelt rewards in the giving.

Upon completion of this 24-hour training, volunteers will have the opportunity to assist The Hospice in various ways in providing support, such as visiting patients, running errands for patients and families, taking patients on outings or simply being there as friendly listeners. Other opportunities include assisting in bereavement support for those in grief after losing a loved one or picking up and

delivering medical equipment and supplies for patients.

Following is the date, time and location for the training class:

• Mondays, September 13th-November 1st, 6pm-9pm, The Hospice Main Community Center, 300 East Bay Drive, Largo.

To register for a class and verify locations, please call The Hospice's Volunteer Development Manager, Kathy Roble at 586-4432.

Speaking To The People

by W.F. Allen



"Oh, To Be A Teenager"

Is it easy being a young adult, "teenager"? I remember when I was a young man. Like every other teenager, we cannot wait to be thirteen, sixteen, eighteen. Today, I'm thirteen; a teenager. I need to be treated likewise. It is a hard job to see a teenager's life and thoughts, especially through the eyes of the parent. Your baby is growing up; he or she needs to be an individual — his own person. It is hard for a parent to let go. Your teenager thinks and acts through the eyes of his or her peers — not the parent's. We as parents find it hard to let go. This is our baby growing up, and as his own person would rather be with friends, than his or her family. It is hard to adjust for both parties. I feel if your teenager is a good person,

thinks right, and acts accordingly, you need to give your teenager space. As this child reaches sixteen, then eighteen, if he or she is raised right and knows and uses responsibility, and good judgment, they need to be trusted. I feel trust is a key word to these young adults. I also feel curfews and whereabouts are very important for your young adults too. If your young adult is out, comes in on time, and is out with friends, and not in mischief, give him or her your trust, and be loyal to his or her wishes.

If you let your young adult spread his wings, he or she will respect you and honor your judgement, and two to one, will not fly far from the family nest.

Class Of '59 To Hold Meeting

ST. PETERSBURG — The Gibbs Class of '59 meeting will be held Monday, September 13th at Florida Parent Child Care Center, located at 2332 Ninth St. S. at 7pm. We

are asking classmates to attend.

For information, contact one of the following numbers: 867-1612, 327-5470, 823-6969 or 327-1462.

NEWS DEADLINE IS 12 NOON SATURDAY

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Bomb Is About To Explode!

Dear Editor:

One would think that all is well in the City's Public Utilities Department, but this is surely not the case. George Webb, who is the current Administrator of Public Utilities, has been working for the City for more than forty years and has lost total control of certain departments he oversees.

Racial unrest is flourishing throughout his water, sewer and stormwater departments. Unfair and unjust treatment of minorities seems to be the order of the day under Webb's watch.

Supervisors and directors are reported to be active and known racists who intimidate employees who speak out against this unfair and unjust treatment,

therefore leaving employees afraid to speak out about this mistreatment for fear of their jobs and unjust reprisals.

The Mayor, who vowed to help the inner-city communities with his Challenge 2001 Initiative, has failed to look in the most obvious place within his own employment structure. Many requests by public utilities employees have been made to Fischer's administration without avail.

I have simply one question: How can the Mayor help citizens in our communities and cannot eradicate racism within the City? A workforce he oversees as its Chief Executive? He doesn't want to rock or change the good old boy system which exists within

Public Utilities.

Council member Frank Peterman has been the only Councilperson to try to intervene on behalf of these City employees, but his requests fell on the deaf ears of an already tone-deaf administration.

Well, fellow taxpayers and citizens, it just goes to show you that racism and discrimination is alive and well in the City of St. Petersburg.

Sincerely,

Edward L. 'Pop' Kirkland

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Help Available

TAMPA — Volunteer Bill Paying Program is a new program of Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay, Inc. It's part of the ElderLink Consortium and funded by United Way of Hillsborough County.

Trained and bonded volunteers assist elderly and disabled adults in organizing and paying their bills.

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The Pinellas County Urban League's Nulites Youth On The Move



ST. PETERSBURG - The Pinellas County Urban League's Youth Crime Prevention & Intervention and Black-on-Black Crime Prevention Programs sponsored eight (8) youth at the 10th Annual National Urban League Youth Summit. This year's event was held on the campus of Texas Southern University, in Houston, Texas August 4th-9th. The youth who attended earned this trip

by being a part of the Pinellas County Urban League NULITES (National Urban League Incentive to Excel and Succeed) youth club for high school students. The youth between the ages of 15-17 who attended were: Natasha Scott, Y'Desha Alsop, Rennair Baker, Kenya Payton, Leonard Roberts II, T. Ramsey, Reginald Jordan and Lance Boyd. All of the youth were selected using a merit system which

recognized their dedication to and participation in community issues.

Over 300 students from 32 states had the opportunity to "speak-out" and to hear from successful African American corporate presidents, educators, business owners and judicial officials. This year's youth summit theme: "Put Your Future Where Your Eyes Can See" challenged all in attendance to strive for success and to prepare themselves to

become leaders in the new millennium. NULITES youth participants discussed topics such as: personal responsibility, educational achievements, the importance of setting short and long-term goals, how to seek out success and how to gain self-empowerment through higher education. Students also participated in leadership and educational workshops, attended business tours, received college scholarships, were treated to Astro World (a



Six Flags Theme Park) and visited the NASA Space Center. Upon returning to St. Petersburg, the youth participants expressed their sincere appreciation to Mr. James O. Simmons, President/CEO of the Pinellas County Urban League, and his staff for providing this outstanding opportunity to visit the state of Texas and to better plan and prepare for their futures. The Pinellas County Urban League continues to offer outstanding oppor-

tunities for our youth to grow, explore, learn and experience positive life-styles and behaviors.

For more information about the NULITES youth program, contact the Pinellas County Urban League's Youth Crime Prevention and Intervention Program at (727) 327-2081 Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm. church

KIDS CORNER

by Khana A. Riley



Hello Readers, my article this week is about one of my classmates, Jonathan C. Bonner.

Twelve years old Jonathan C. Bonner of Florida has a bright future ahead of him. He is smart, intelligent, kind, and has a good heart. It is always nice to know that boys these days still have soft spots. I would say that one of Jonathan's possessions is that he cares about his teddy bear. At home, he enjoys the company of his parents and his pets.

Jonathan is a hard-working person who follows the leadership and guidance of his father and Pete Sampros. His future

dreams are to become a tennis player.

Our school is Shorecrest. There, he and his father built a nice father-and-son momento. I guess you can also see an architect as well as a tennis player in his future.

Let me share some comments received when I went undercover to see how some of Jonathan's closest friends viewed him. One person said, "I like having J. B. around. He sort of livens up the place." Another person said, "I like having someone that's 5'10 around." I guess you can see there is a lot of potential in Jonathan. Good luck Jonathan in the future!

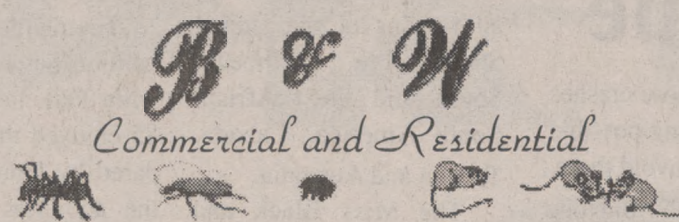
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Ocala News

by James Thorpe



ANNUAL COMMUNITY REVIVAL

First Bethel Baptist of Dunnellon, where the Rev. Michael D. Warren is host pastor, is holding their Annual Community Revival, Aug. 30th-Sept. 3rd, 7:30pm nightly. Pastor James W. Ramsey, of Nolan Baptist Church, Raleigh, FL, is guest pastor.

Participating churches and pastors are: New Second Bethel Baptist Church with Pastor J. B. Adams; Beulah Baptist Church with Pastor Warren Hardaway; Mount Olive A.M.E. Church with Pastor David Edmond; Union Baptist Church with Pastor T. Batts; and First Bethel Baptist Church with Pastor Michael D. Warren.

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For more information, call Sons of David Lodge #21, (352) 629-5433 or 629-3514.

GREATER HOPEWELL

The month of August was appreciation time for Pastor Rev. Dr. George W. Lee and wife, Sis. Vivian Lee.

This year makes 33 years of service with us, and we love them!

On the 2nd Sunday, we enjoyed a musical skit. Visiting churches were: on the 3rd Sunday, Rev. T. L. Brooks and New St. John Baptist; on the 4th Sunday, Elder Dennis Hagins, Sr. and Greater New Bethel Baptist Church; and on the 5th Sunday, was Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Edwards and Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

Truck Safety A Local And National Issue

by Peggy Conrad

GAINESVILLE - This summer, several thousand families are going to be devastated by deaths or serious injuries in truck crashes.

My family has an intense personal interest in this extremely important but long ignored safety issue. My eighteen year-old niece, Amy Elizabeth Corbin, was killed on a dark highway on August 18, 1997 because the car carrier straddling both lanes of the roadway did not have reflective tape, an inexpensive item in the truck safety equipment arsenal that was not mandated for trucks manufactured before 1993 until June 1, 1999, even though it's use has been recommended for approximately 30 years.

The number of people being killed and injured in these crashes is on the rise. In 1997 alone, the year my niece was killed, 5,355 people were killed in collisions with large trucks, 650 of them were children and 717 were truck drivers; that's a 16 percent increase in truck driver fatalities, making truck driving one of the most dangerous occupations. This fact alone should make truck drivers very interested in

the causes of these crashes so that everything possible can be done to avoid them.

Why in 1997, did one out of every eight fatalities result from a collision with a large truck and why is this epidemic getting worse? Why is it that trucks accounted for only 3 percent of registered vehicles, but 12 percent of highway fatalities involved big trucks? It's partly because increasingly bigger and heavier trucks are being driven by increasingly exhausted drivers, and because the Office of Motor Carriers (OMC), the U. S. Department of Transportation government body that is supposed to regulate the trucking industry, has failed to implement safety standards to combat the problem of tired drivers and dangerous big rigs.

Truckers already can be required to drive 10 hours straight and work up to 15 hours, yet the industry wants to increase continuous driving hours from 10 to 12. A 1992 study of truckers found that 20 percent interviewed admitted to having fallen asleep at the wheel at least once in the previous month, and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) found 30 percent of truck

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Society In Ocala

by
Florence Williams Ray

OCALANS ATTEND FRATERNITY CONVENTION IN TEXAS

Epsilon Pi Lambda Chapter brothers William E. Jackson, Roland Smith and wife Zenobi Smith of Ocala attended the 93rd Anniversary Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. held in Dallas, TX recently.

Events included public program with featured speaker Brother Dr. Charles Wesley Turnbull who was elected Governor of the United States Virgin Islands in November 1998, and the Ecumenical Worship Service with Bishop Vinton Randolph Anderson as messenger. He has preached and lectured internationally, including all regions of the United States, the Caribbean, South and West Africa, South America, Canada, Taiwan and Australia.

The Miss Black and Gold Pageant was held at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel in Dallas. The theme for the 93rd Convention was, "Vision 2000: The

Light Of A New Day." BIENNIAL FAMILY REUNION HELD

Descendants of Arthur McKinnon held their 6th family reunion in Ocala from July 22-25, 1999. Early arrivals met at the home of Maxine Gaynes and Douglas Smith, III on Thursday night with Tyesha Smith as assistant hostess.

The reunion officially got underway with a traditional fish fry at the home of Margaret and Charles Spivey where Johnnie Mae Jones and Mamie Frazier assisted. T-shirts and souvenir booklets were given to family members. The theme for the reunion was, "We Are Family Together Again Through Love and Prayer."

The reunion picnic was held on Saturday at Tusculum Park in Ocala. Over 85 enjoyed the repass prepared by Douglas, Sr. and the activities planned by Eric and Everette Gaines. A banquet was held on Saturday evening at the Holiday Inn West with Everette Gaines as MC. Greetings

came from Margaret Spivey and a letter from Major Foster's office was read by Annie Gaines. The reunion address was given by Veronica D. Greene-Smith.

Certificates were given to Everette, Annie, Everette Gaines, Jr. for having traveled the farthest; Margaret Spivey and Curtis McKinnon for never missing a reunion; Lee McKinnon for being the oldest living McKinnon; Johnnie Jones, Maxine Frazier and Jymmie Vereen for assistance to family.

On Sunday, the family worshipped at Welcome Stranger Baptist Church. Family came from California, Las Vegas, Louisiana, Kansas, South Carolina, New Jersey, Washington State, Hawaii and Florida.

The next reunion will

be held in San Francisco, CA in July, 2001.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Birthday greetings go out to Lillian McDonald, Aug. 2nd; Nora Shelton, Aug. 5th; Michelle Williams, Aug. 6th; Abraham Shelton, Aug. 9th; Jean Cole, Aug. 10th; Roberta McCoy, Aug. 12th; Joyce Saunder, Aug. 13th; Lawrence Williams and Gail Edwards, Aug. 14th; Annie Laura Williams, Aug. 16th; Katie Cannon, Aug. 20th; Cheryl Owens, Aug. 23rd; Ozie Lean Brown, Aug. 27th; Rudolph Jacobs, Aug. 28th; and Lawrence Shelton, Aug. 30th.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary greetings go out to Mr. and Mrs. Trent L. Mount, Aug. 16th.

National Museum Of African Art

WASHINGTON - This calendar lists public programs offered by the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art from October through December. The museum, located at 950 Independence Ave., SW, is open daily from 10am to 5:30pm. Programs are held in the museum's lecture hall on level two unless otherwise noted. Sign-language and oral interpreters for tours and other programs are available and should be requested in advance. The National Museum of African Art TTY number is (202) 357-4814.

"Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity" will be on view Sept. 12th, 1999-Jan. 2nd, 2000, in the gallery located on level two. Asante strip-woven cloth, or kente, is the most popular and best known of all African textiles. This exhibition examines the history and use of traditional kente cloth and explores the impact contemporary kente production has had in Ghana and the United States.

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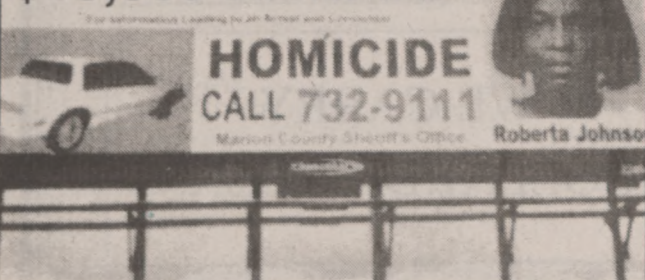
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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By DANIEL BANKS

"And they said one to another, 'Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, 'Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.' So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth." Gen. 11:3-9.

The story of the Tower of Babel captures the heart and the imagination of the reader or listener in a very unique way. It explains to us the manner in which the diversity of languages, tongues, and dialects came about. The people of that time were of one language and one speech. (Genesis 11:1) They devised amongst themselves a plan to build a tower to heaven! (NASA and its space exploration has nothing on them!) God saw their potential success and conferred with the rest of the God-head, deciding to go down and confound the language of everyone on earth. When this happened, the tower builders could no longer understand each other in the giving and receiving of orders, so the construction of the tower immediately came to a screeching halt and the project was subsequently abandoned! No doubt the French couldn't understand the Germans, who couldn't understand the Spanish nor the Italian or Portuguese, so everyone went home, back to his own land! They never made it to heaven that way! You must come in at the door!

Nonetheless, the language barrier can be overcome through study and practice! Florida is becoming more and more Hispanic each day, as is the whole nation. It's been predicted that by the year 2020, Hispanics will make up two-thirds of the country's minority population. The number of Spanish-speaking people is multiplying much faster than any other group, including black people who are not Hispanic. The number of Lati-

no families that I work with on a daily basis has increased markedly over the past three years.

Communities that were once predominantly white or black are now heavily Spanish. Take a look at Marion Oaks, Silver Springs Shores, Village Green and even Parkside Gardens! They are all Spanish meccas! Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, and Miami all have great Spanish populations and influences. The best jobs in many industries are going to those who are bi-lingual and able to serve as interpreters for speakers of other languages! Even though many say that immigrants coming into this country should learn English, it's official language; many do not and fare well in their own communities and circles right here in the United States.

New York, Los Angeles, Boston, Dallas, San Antonio and many other metropolitan cities boast a prominent Spanish presence! It would behoove us socially and spiritually to learn Spanish and other languages to effectively witness the love of Jesus to those we might otherwise not be able to!

If you're interested in a three-week course entitled, "Introduction to Spanish," please give me a call at (352) 680-0283. I will personally instruct you in the course at St. Paul AME Church in Ocala, if the interest is there. The course would run two hours on the same night of the week for three consecutive weeks. There is no fee. (A free-will offering for the church is all that is asked.) I would provide materials!

I'm also tentatively scheduled to do a three-week introductory course in Spanish at the Howard Academy Community Center in Ocala, on October 2nd, 9th, and 16th, from 12noon-2pm. These classes are free of charge and open to the public. For more information, please contact Jade Hagans at (352) 629-7082.

From Arnold Schwarzenegger's memorable line, "Hasta la vista, baby," to Taco Bell's Spanish-speaking Chihuahua, to hip-hop's "Bodiquas" and Morenas" (which partly refers to Puerto Rico's Indian heritage, but most often the beautiful brown females that hail from there), plus the songs that ask questions like, "Jque tu quieres, Mami? Jque tu quieres, Papi?" (meaning, "What do you want, Mommy? Papa?, etc.); our culture is evidently becoming saturated in the Spanish culture! So, let's dive in head first! After all, our country is a melting pot! Pray for me!

Truck Safety from pg. 8

crashes result from tired drivers. Why shouldn't truck drivers be covered under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and be given an eight-hour day like everyone else on the job? It would be safer for them, and safer for us.

The OMC has also failed to enforce proper safety inspections for trucks, so trucks with dangerous defects are careening around our highway unchecked. A driver for U. S. Xpress, speaking recently about the issue of faulty equipment stated, "If you're a company driver, you don't have a lot of say about what/where/when something gets repaired," and "refusing to drive an unsafe rig means you lose your income." Drivers realize that in reporting safety violations they are also in danger of losing their jobs.

The OMC has cozed up to the trucking companies for decades, and has utterly failed in its duty to offer proper oversight of the industry. The industry has legally bribed many powerful friends in Congress to ensure that the OMC is kept weak. It is time for the OMC to be moved out of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the highway-building agency that gives states billions each year, and put into the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the vehicle and highway safety organization which has a strong culture of safety and enforcement.

Thousands of families over the next few weeks will see their loved ones injured or lost forever in a truck crash. Be careful on the roads. These tragedies can happen to anyone.



Rosetta Cohen Forshee

DINNER BANQUET
Ramah Baptist Church of Belleview, Florida will sponsor a Senior Testimonial Dinner Banquet to honor area senior citizens. This lavish affair will be held at the Hilton-Ocala Inn located at 3600 SW 36th Ave. in Ocala at 7pm on Saturday, Sept. 11th.

A Souvenir Booklet of all the honorees will also be made available at the dinner. If you are interested in honoring a senior

member of your family or business, ads may be purchased. This is a great way to honor your senior loved one. Do it now, while they live!

To purchase tickets for the banquet or an ad for the souvenir booklet, please contact Banquet Chairperson, Sis. Faye Gordon at 687-8653; Sis. Erma Bailey at 347-5187 or the First Lady of Ramah, Sis. Rosa Adams at 873-1002.

We welcome your letters to the editor.

Summer Program Encourages Minority Students To Pursue Health Care Careers

GAINESVILLE — Twenty-nine North Florida rising high school seniors explored health care fields and acquainted themselves with the college experience this summer through the Health Care Summer Institute. This summer marked the program's fifth year.

The institute introduces minority students interested in health care to various professional opportunities in the field and helps prepare them to be successful college students.

The program was created in 1995 by Dr. Dwayne Thomas and the North Florida Area Health Education Centers, which help to extend academic health resources to North Florida's underserved communities.

Dr. Donna Parker, assistant dean for the College of Medicine's Office of Minority Affairs, said shadowing opportunities in areas such as medicine, pharmacy, dentistry and nursing are a key component of the program. Parker emphasized that during the two three-week sessions the institute offers, students become familiar with the resources on a college campus and are taught study, reading and test-taking skills that are vital to their future success. Students also participate in an introductory course in which health professionals discuss health careers.

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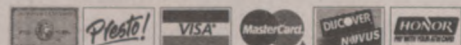
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Congress Women Carrie Meeks

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Meek, and welcomed her as more than just their guest speaker - she was in fact a member of the family, a member of the community, a woman everyone felt very comfortable being in the presence of. She was a 'balm of Gilead' when addressing the audience dealing with sensitive areas and issues we all should be assertive in.

Congresswoman Meek was introduced by her son, State Senator Kendrick B. Meek, who spoke delicately about his mother and shared his love for her as well. Senator Meek is the first African American promoted to rank of Captain for the Florida Highway Patrol Special and Operational Support Troop Q in the state of Florida, traveling with Lieutenant Governor Buddy McKay.

A wonderfully successful program was coordinated and organized by members of Moore's Chapel Planning Committee, which included Rev. Quintin Parker, Keith George, Nancy Harrell, Beverly Jackson, Charles Smith, Jr. and Genorice White.

More than 200 gathered in a very pleasant setting to enjoy the banquet which will help in their endeavor to build a Living and Learning Center for their church family and the community. Entertainment was provided by the Freedom Singers, E. Rochelle Jones, Michael Melvin and Joye Watkins, as well as creative spiritual dancing in a way to give praises to God by the Inspirational Dancers, directed by Sidney Johnson.

On behalf of Councilwoman Renee Flowers, Councilman Frank Peterman, Jr. presented Mrs. Meek with a Proclamation signed by Mayor David Fischer, and she and her son were given keys to the city of St. Petersburg.

More highlights of Congresswoman Meek's platform speech and the banquet will be given in the next issue of The Weekly Challenger.



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CHURCH NEWS



Mt. Zion A.M.E.

The men of Mt. Zion were full of smiles and heartfelt thanks as they enjoyed an evening of sports entertainment while exercising their many talents through their various sports attire and performance. The fellowship hall was appropriately decorated with various sports equipment to fit the event.

Chairpersons Louis Landers and Jessie Wells extend a special thanks to everyone who played any part in this joyous occasion.

Rev. Williams and the Mt. Zion family extend a special invitation to all who will, to come out on Sunday and enjoy a spiritual uplift in Jesus' name.

Sunday, Sept. 26th will be observed as our Dual Day Observance. Please mark your calendar for this special occasion.



Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

1800 18th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL
Reg. Bragg L. Turner, Pastor

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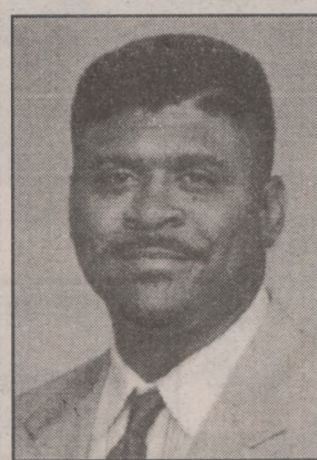


1045 - 16th Street S., St. Pete, FL 33712
PHONE: 896-6722

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.

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

"To God Be The Glory"



Rev. Calvin Hopkins

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

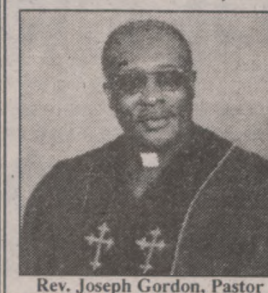
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

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.

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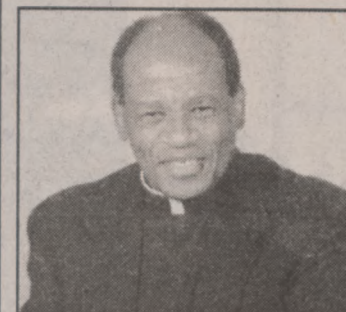


Rev. Joseph Gordon, Pastor

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

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



Father Callist Nyambo, Pastor

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.

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All Nations Church of God By Faith

3000 - 4th Avenue S. • St. Petersburg, FL
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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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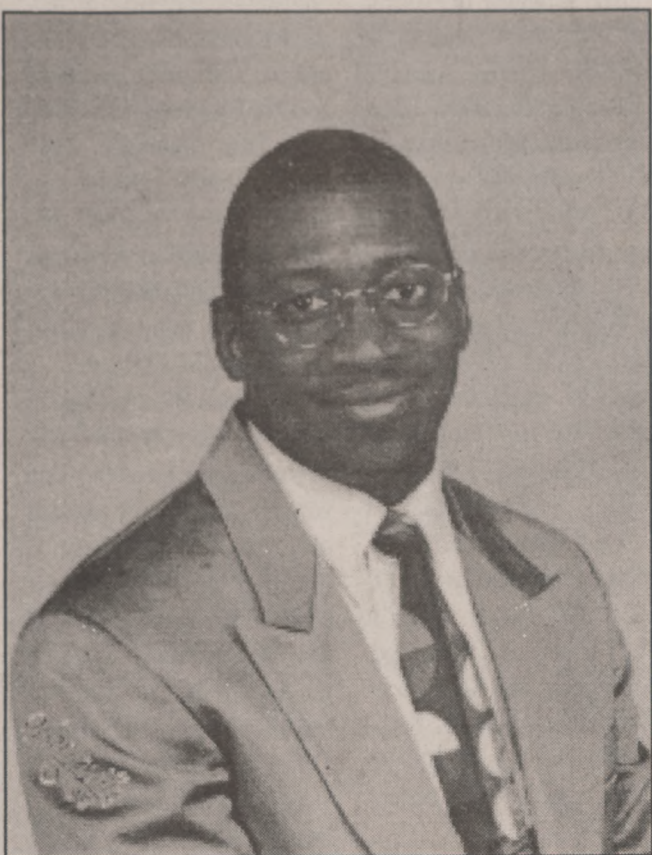
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CHURCH NEWS



All Nations Bethel A.M.E. Breakthrough Ministries Travelers' Rest



Elder Phil Porter

Revival Services with Elder Phil Porter, Holy Ghost Church of God PWHB, Inc. will be held nightly Sept. 6th-10th at All Nations Prayer & Faith Worship Center, 2850 Freemont Terr. S., in St. Petersburg.

burg, where Elder Barbara Watts is Pastor.

Whatever you want the Lord to do -- miracles, salvation, deliverance, healing -- come on out!

Sacredheart Catholic

Sacred Heart's Catholic Church's New Life Ministry, a group for divorced, separated, widowed and remarried persons will have its first monthly meeting of the 1999-2000 year on Wednesday, Sept. 22nd at the Community Hall on 80th Ave. and 46th St. at 7pm. We

have lots of new and exciting activities planned for this year so come join in the fun and make some new friends.

Call Jerry for more information at 541-3970. Nominal donation for refreshments, etc. requested.

Pastor Dawkins and the Bethel family invite all members and friends to join us this Sunday as we break bread together. Pastor Dawkins will deliver the spoken word as given to him by God.

We invite you to join us for our church school. Sis. Watts will award those persons with perfect attendance for the month of August.

Love Feast will be held this Friday at 7pm. All are welcome.

We invite you to tune in each Sunday at 10:40am to WTAMP 1150 radio for our radio outreach ministry.

Join the Board of Christian Education for Christian education - date: the third Sunday morning. The Harrisites will present Rev. James D. Sykes for their anniversary program at 4pm the third Sunday.

Weekly activities:
Monday, Labor Day holiday.

Tuesday, New Member Class, 6:15pm; Official Board, 7pm.

Wednesday, Noonday Bible Study; Male Choir practice, 7pm.

Thursday, Youth Church, 6pm.

Friendship MB

Pastor John A. Evans, Sr. and the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family welcome you to our Sunday worship services Sept. 5th and the forthcoming week. Beginning at 8am, the Deacons will lead in devotional prayer and praise service. The Senior Choir will render the song service. Our ushers will greet and seat you, and Pastor Evans will preach the unadulterated word of God. Church School is held at 9:30am and a second service is held at 10:45am opening with the Minister of Music and Praise Team. BTU is at 4:30pm.

Senior Recognition and Musical Dinner Banquet, 6pm.

Sunday, September 12th, Senior Recognition continues with Pastor Bell Smith of Akron, Ohio.

Tuesday, September 14th, 6:30pm, Youth Usher's Ministry Meeting.

Wednesday, September 15th, 12noon, Bible Study; 2pm, Bread of Life Ministry serving free lunch for those in need.

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Saturday, September 11th,

Ministries

Thursday, September 2nd at 7:30pm will be the conclusion of our five-part series entitled, "Unlocking the Mysteries of the Endtime." Tonight's messages are called, "The Great White Throne Judgment" and "Eternity." Don't miss these very informative teachings.

Friday the 3rd from 7:30pm to 8:30pm will be an hour of prayer for the unsaved (only). Bring pictures of unsaved loved ones or their names. This is the sole purpose for this prayer meeting - LOST SOULS TO BE SAVED!

Sunday School will commence at 9:30am with Dea. / Min. Nathaniel Hearn, Jr. If you like powerful anointed teaching - get there. Power Breakthrough service with Pastor Glenn will be held at 11am. Come expecting a breakthrough! Sunday night at 7:30 will be a special "Night of Prophecy" with Pastor Glenn ministering prophetically. Our special musical guest for Sunday night is Ms. Sheila Upshaw of Tampa, FL. She is a recording artist and has ministered in song in the national

play, "Wicked Ways." She's a powerful, anointed vessel of God.

Tuesday the 7th at 7:30pm will be a powerful word explosion. Starting Sept. 9th-12th at 7:30pm nightly, revival will be held with Evangelist Ella Mae Warren of Tarpon Springs, FL. She is a dynamic preacher / teacher and operates powerfully in the prophetic gift. She has a heart for winning lost souls to Christ. Come and be blessed. Tune in to her broadcast 1340 AM Radio from 4-4:30pm every Sunday, and Pastor Glenn from 4:30-5pm.

Every Saturday in the months of September and October, from 6:05-6:35pm, Pastor Glenn will be teaching on Time Warner local access programming, "Families Overcoming Through the Word." It's also on GTE cable (Channel 21), same time. Each month has the same program.

See you at Breakthrough, 1940 49th Street South, St. Petersburg. Phone us at (727) 321-4986 or (727) 343-5452, or send us a fax at (727) 321-3937.

Moore's Chapel

Rev. Parker, the United Effort Day Committee and Moore's Chapel Church family appreciate everyone, especially Congresswoman Carrie Meek, the Chamber of Commerce, and everyone who helped to make their United

Effort Day Banquet a success, both spiritually and financially.

Appreciation is extended by Rev. Parker, the United Effort Day Committee and Moore's Chapel Church family to everyone who helped

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Pastor Browne and the Travelers' Rest Church family extend a warm welcome to all visitors who will worship with us this Sunday, Sept. 5th. Sunday School begins at 9:30am. Morning Worship will begin at 10:45am. Pastor Browne will preach God's words. The Mass Choir will render ministry in songs, and Usher Board No. 1 will perform doorkeeping duties.

The church family is reminded of our worship service with the Turner's Chapel A.M.E. Church at 4pm in Palmetto, FL. All members are requested to please fellowship with us.

Sisters Laura Anderson and Carrie Hames are planning for the Pastor's third anniversary which will be celebrated Sept. 24th-26th, 1999. The entire membership's support is requested in this endeavor.

Are you serious about Lay Ministry and using your spiritual gifts? Beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 8th at 7pm, Pastor Browne will be teaching a series of lessons on Spiritual Gifts. The entire congregation is invited and encouraged to attend. All members are asked to please register for these classes.

If you need a ride to church, please call 822-4869, or Mr. Turner Brooks, our Bus Ministry chairperson.

Travelers' Rest Missionary Baptist Church is the Church Where Christ Is The Center of Attraction and the Word of God is Preached.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 6th, 1999.

NEWS DEADLINE IS 12:00NOON SATURDAY



John A. Evans, Sr.

Friendship Missionary Baptist

3300 - 31st Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(813) 906-8300
Pastor John A. Evans, Sr.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays 8 AM and 11 AM Worship
Sunday School 9:30 AM

Baptist Training Union 4:30 PM

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Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Church

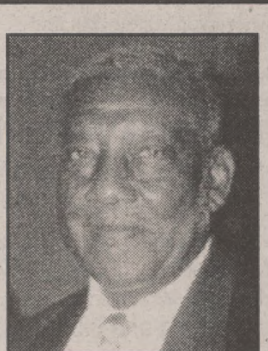
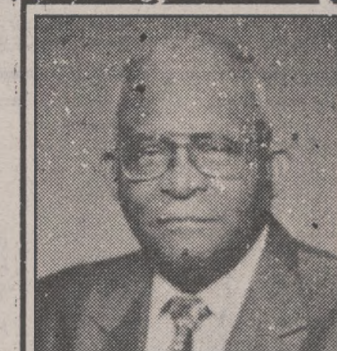
Rev. Quinton Parker, Pastor
321-3545

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.

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2700 - 5th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL
Reverend L.P. Davis, Pastor
Home Phone: 345-3121

Sunday Worship
Sunday School 10:00 am Baptist Training Union 4:30 pm
Morning Worship 11:30 am Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:00 pm
Friday Evening - Youth Meeting 6:30 pm
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Rev. F.G. Jackson, Pastor
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Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
B.T.U. 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
Thursday Prayer & Church School Study 7:30 p.m.
1st & 2nd Saturdays SR. Choir Rehearsal 11:00 a.m.

The Church Where Christ Is The HEAD

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.

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

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Dr. Frederick D. Terry



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The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor

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

Deacon Ministry Deacon Edward Nesbitt
Finance Ministry James Robinson
Children & Youth Ministry Joyce Robinson
Clerk Ministry Wyonna McGee
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Rev. P.D.H. Leonard
Pastor



SUNDAY
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Morning Worship 11:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

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(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

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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.

TRAVELERS REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2183 - 22nd Avenue South

St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Church Phone: 822-4869

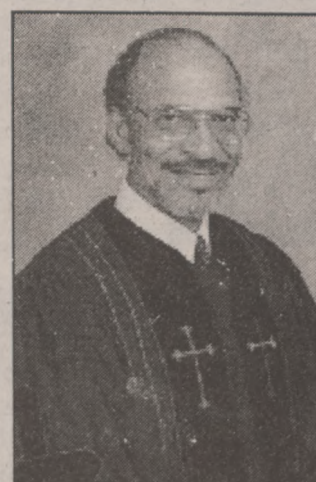
Residence: 894-5094

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



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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."

More Church News

Pleasant Grove M.B. Church

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to worship with them on Sunday, September 5th. The Angelic Choir and Usher Board No. 1 will serve in the 7am early morning worship.

Sunday School begins at 9:30am with Superintendent Philip Carter in charge.

Choir No. 1 and Usher Board No. 1 will serve in the mid-morning worship. (Please see church's ad for all other

special services.)

Rev. Fred Cooley and the Friendship Baptist Church of Pinellas Park will worship with us on Sunday, September 19th at 6pm.

District and Auxiliary Day will be observed on Sunday, September 26th. Brother Willie Crandle, Sisters Thelma Ferguson and Vivian Hadley Alexander are chairs for this event. Further information will be announced when received.

National Baptist Convention Annual Session

MAULDIN, SC - Our 119th Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., is only weeks away. My hopes are that you have made arrangements to be in Tampa, Florida, on September 6th-10th, 1999 for this great occasion. I am prayerful that we will experience one of the finest sessions ever held in the history of the Convention.

Registration will begin on Sunday, Sept. 5th at 2pm.

The Annual Board Meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 6th at 2pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Tampa Convention Center.

The President's Banquet will be held on Monday, Sept. 6th, 7:30pm at the Hyatt

Regency Hotel. The speaker is Dr. Luns C. Richardson, President of Morris College, Sumter, South Carolina.

Late Night Services will be held Monday - Thursday, 10pm nightly, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in the Regency Ballroom. Dr. E. J. Jones, Chairman.

Official Opening of the 119th Annual Session will be Tuesday, Sept. 7th. The parent body, all departments and auxiliaries will convene.

I humbly ask that we all be in prayer that God will give us a great Convention.

Yours in Christ,
Dr. S. C. Cureton, President, N.B.C., U.S.A., Inc.

Moore's Chapel From Page 14

make their United Effort Day a success, both spiritually and financially. Special thanks are given to Rev. A. J. Davis, Pastor of Greater Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church, Hallandale, FL.

Rev. Quintin Parker and Moore's Chapel Church family welcome you to their services this first Sunday in September (the 6th). During both 8am and 11am services, the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Parker during both services. Holy Communion will be administered by the Pastor assisted by Associate Ministers, Rev. Delores Scoiners, Rev. Geraldine Gray, Rev. Ira Whitson, and the Stewardess Board. Music will be provided by the Inspirational Choir directed and accompanied by Minister of Music Michael

Edwards. For transportation to church, please contact the Transportation Ministry: Bro. Anthony Macon, 328-0022; Bro. Willie F. Bryant, 894-6067; or Bro. Robert Golden, 867-0156 by 9pm Saturdays.

Church School will begin at 9:30am with Superintendent Mose Phillip Bell in charge. Everyone is invited to attend. For transportation to Church School, please contact the Transportation Committee.

The Area W.M.S./Y.P.D. Meeting will be held Saturday, September 11th at Moore's Chapel, 10am.

Moore's Chapel Jr. Church presents Saturday Night Live, Sept. 11th, at 7pm. Guests will be: Rev. Elam Wilson, evange-

list-singer Jennifer Wilson, minister Michael Melvin, soloist Jada Melvin, soloist Chrystal Douse, and the Remnant Singers.

Also, Moore's Chapel Y.P.D. will be sponsoring bar-be-que chicken and bar-be-que rib dinners. The top three Y.P.D. ticket sellers will receive 15%, 10%, and 5% respectively of ticket sales.

Rev. Parker and Moore's Chapel Church family will host the St. Petersburg District Annual Conference Report Service Thursday evening, September 30th, at 7pm.

Services / Meetings / Rehearsals:

Noonday prayer service, 12noon.

Bible Study/Prayer Service, Wednesday, 7pm.

Drill Team Practice, 1st and 3rd Saturday, 11am-12noon.

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

Inspirational Dance Group rehearsal, Mondays, 6pm.

African Freedom Singers rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7pm and Saturdays, 10am.

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

Mass Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays before the 1st and 2nd Sundays.

Male Chorus Rehearsal, Thursday before the 3rd and 4th Sundays.

For information regarding Moore's Chapel Century Faith Builders Program, please contact Amos Leonard and/or Issac Grant.

Alicia Preston Saunders To Give Concert

KANSAS CITY, KS - Persons attending the National Baptist Convention in Tampa, FL will have a very rare opportunity. Delegates will have the opportunity to hear Mrs. Alicia Preston Saunders, a native Kansas City, Kansas, as she is featured in a concert sponsored by the Women's Dept. Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., where Dr. Cynthia Perry Ray serves as president. Mrs. Saunders will sing at the concert on Wednesday evening, Sept. 8th and again on Thursday morning, Sept. 9th, just prior to Dr. Ray's Annual Address to the Parent Body.

Mrs. Saunders is a member of the Eighth Street Baptist Church, Kansas City, KS, the Rev. Larry B. Williams, pastor. She is a very gifted soloist and carries a wide range of vocal ability. Her charm and sophistication coupled with her maturity and signature style of singing are crystallizing flavors that will surely influence the gospel genre of musical talents.

It was at the National Baptist Convention in Kansas City, MO last year that Dr. Ray first heard Ms. Saunders sing. "I enjoyed her singing so much," Dr. Ray says. "I feel she is so gifted and that she will add tremendously to the overall Convention in Tampa," Dr.

Ray says.

"We at the Eighth Street Baptist Church are very proud of Sis. Alicia," Rev. Williams says. "She has a God-given talent and she is utilizing it to God's Glory," he says.

At her church, Alicia serves as a member of the Deaconess Board, with husband Paul Saunders; a Vacation Bible School teacher; Praise, Prayer and Worship leader; member of the Combined Choirs; Co-Director of the Combined Choirs; Co-Director of the Women's Chorus; Director/Pianist of the Youth Choir; Co-Director / Pianist of the Teenage Choir; former Co-Youth Ministry Director; member, Scholarship Committee; member, Christian Academy Task Force.

She has sung with the late Rev. James Cleveland and Salem Baptist Church Inspirational Choir of Omaha, NE ("I Don't Feel No Ways Tired"); Mrs. Doretha Wade-Wilkinson, Mrs. Betty Griffin-Keller, Minister Darryl Coley and the Rev. Armond Brown of DFW Mass Choir.

Saunders and her husband Paul have been married nearly 20 years and together are the proud parents of five children: daughters Reina and Paula, and sons Anthony, Michael and Jonathan.

FKQ Brings One More On Board



Sarah Copper

CLEARWATER - FKQ Advertising and Marketing announces the addition of Sarah E. Copper as its newest Account Coordinator.

She is responsible for the effective communication between the client and FKQ's Creative Department and follows numerous projects from conception to finished product.

Ms. Copper's work experience includes: Event Planning, Marketing and Design for University of Central Florida's Office of Constituent Relations and the Orlando Humane Society. Ms. Copper is a graduate of the University of

Central Florida with a Bachelor's degree in Advertising.

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Elks 100th Anniversary From Page 1

white suits, dresses and gowns. What a beautiful sight to see 3000 plus men and women of color standing together in a unified effort representing the cause of Elksdom. It was truly a wonderful occasion.

We were graced by the Mardi Gras Zulu Queen and King, given a beautiful oration by our oratorical contest first place winner from Virginia, who in turn received a donation towards her continuing education.

Beauty was bestowed upon us at the Beauty and Talent Pageant where young ladies from throughout the U.S. patrolled the runway with their grace and finesse.

As always, the National Elk Choir presented a repertoire of music which is second to none. A magnificent parade was promoted through the downtown area of New Orleans with the different departments of Elk promoting their various colors such as these ladies wearing their pink and white.

The Antler Guard Department continues to a strong area of Elksdom matched by none other in their militaristic style. Delegations from throughout Florida were will represented, e.g., Clearwater, Pensacola, Miami, Winter Haven, St. Petersburg, Tampa and Brooksville, to name a few.

There were so many positive things occurring during the week of brotherly and sisterly love that it would take this whole publication to portray all the genuine and positive occurrences. Watch us grow!

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Docent Classes At Dali

ST. PETERSBURG—The Salvador Dali Museum is looking for individuals who enjoy cultural exchanges and have an interest in art to serve as docents. A comprehensive four-month training course for docents focusing on Dali, Surrealism and the museum's history begins September 1st.

Salvador Dali Museum docents, also known as tour guides, give approximately 2,000 tours each year of the museum's collection to its over 225,000 annual visitors. Museum visitors from all 50 states and over 100 different countries speak highly of their experience at the Dali, which often is enhanced by a tour from a volunteer docent.

Fall classes will be held on Wednesdays beginning on September 1st through

December 15th. Participants may register for either the afternoon session to be held from 1:30 until 3:30pm, or the evening session from 6:30 until 8:30pm.

Requirements include an interest, but not necessarily a background, in art; a one-year commitment to the museum upon completion of the program to give tours regularly; attendance at all classes; and joining the museum's membership organization. There is a course fee, which covers the cost of all materials including the 'Dali Museum Docent Manual,' and the 'Salvador Dali Museum Collection.'

Applications for the course may be obtained by calling the Dali Museum at (727) 823-3767, ext. 3029. Class size is limited.

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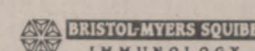
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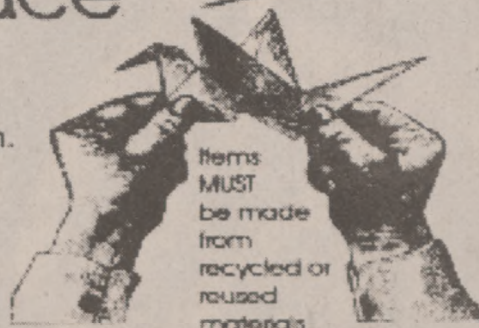
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UPPER PINELLAS HEADLINES



by Marilyn Buckner

A 'Supreme' Performance

Morton Plant Mease Foundation knows how to throw a fundraiser that will result in a sell-out — feature a world renowned singing group, which is exactly what they did. Mary Wilson and the Supremes were the headliner for the foundation's benefit, "Baby Love Concert," held at the Belleview Biltmore Resort & Spa, last Saturday evening. Proceeds for this benefit will benefit the Mother and Child Care of Clearwater, a non-profit clinic at 400 N. Ft. Harrison Ave., that provides obstetric, prenatal care and pediatric care for low-income families.

The 650+ patrons didn't disappoint the foundation's objective. The fundraiser was a complete sell-out. Maybe, just maybe, the patrons also wanted to get out their 60's garments which included bell-bottomed pants, peace emblems, beads and other essential "hippie" accessories — as they danced for almost two hours to such Supremes hits as the infamous "Baby Love," "Stop In the Name of Love," "Reflections," "Set Me Free," "Can't Hurry Love," "Come See About Me," as well as at least a dozen more of the Supremes hits; and of course, the perfect song for the occasion, "Love Child." Mary Wilson and her back-up singers,

Iris Parker and Karen Newman, also added a little rock-n-roll, such as "Brown Sugar" and "I Can't Get No Satisfaction" by the Rolling Stones; "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" by Stevie Wonder to Donna Summer's "Last Dance Tonight." Mary also took requests from the patrons and surprised many of them by having them join her on stage for more dancing and rock-n-roll.

Backstage, Mary shared with me that it was an honor to perform for such a worthwhile foundation in the community, and wanted to remind Tampa Bay that this year is the 40th anniversary of the Supremes. Ms. Wilson still have the youth and energy as she did in the late 60's. She changed costumes on stage so fast, that if you blinked, you missed it while it happened.

Dancing, eating and reminiscing were enjoyed by all. A special thanks to staff members of the foundation, which includes Maggie Talbot, Heather Moore, Catherine Orstrander, Meredith Taylor, and Marsha Wiseman, Director of Women and Children Services.

Have a happy and safe Labor Day weekend!

Send your 'Headlines' to me at P. O. Box 6941, Clearwater, FL 33758.



NSS To Hold Fashion Show Sept. 11th To Sept. 18th

CLEARWATER — Due to a scheduling conflict, Neighborly Senior Services "Fall Fashions for the Generations" scheduled date has been changed from Sept. 11th to Sept. 18th, 1999.

On Saturday, Sept. 18th, Neighborly Senior Services will be holding a "Fall Fashions for the Generations" Fashion Show / Luncheon & Silent Auction. This event will take place at the Harborview Center on Cleveland St. in Clearwater. The fun begins at

10:45 with registration and the opening of a silent auction displaying various items donated by area restaurants, salons, florists, jewelers and local attractions. At 11:45, Steinmart will reveal the newest fall colors and fashions followed by a luncheon provided by the Harborview Center. As dessert is served, door prizes will be given away and the silent auction will conclude. Daughters, mothers and granddaughters are encouraged to attend. Proceeds from ticket sales will

support the services that Neighborly Senior Services provides everyday to thousands of seniors within our community.

For more information, contact Anne Symons, Community Events Manager at (727) 573-9444, ext. 285.

Seminar On Computers And Writing

TAMPA — The Division of Lifelong Learning at USF presents "A Writer's Guide to Computers" on Saturday, Sept. 18th, 11am-1pm on the Tampa campus. Veteran journalist Sara Kennedy offers practical advice about the hardware and software freelance writers need to get jobs.

Topics include: What computer skills editors expect from freelance writers; How to find and get electronic writing jobs; and How to adapt your writing style to electronic media.

Call (813) 974-5201 to reserve your space and find out the USF Tampa campus location.

Youth Arts Corps Offers Free After-School And Weekend Arts

ST. PETERSBURG — Youth Arts Corps at Wildwood, located at 955 26th St. S. offers youth ages 13-17 free workshops with area professional artists five evenings per week.

Days and times are as follows:

Drawing, Monday, 6-8pm.
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Clay Sculpture, Tuesday and Thursday, 6-8pm.
Percussion, Wednesday, 6-

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Printmaking, Friday, 6-8pm.

The Youth Arts Corps also participates in community performances and includes field trips to local cultural centers and events while learning about career options in the arts. No experience in the arts is necessary.

For more information, please contact Andrea Beane, Program Coordinator at Wildwood at (727) 893-2354.

PCUL Hosts 15th Annual Crime Prevention Run

The Pinellas County Urban League's Black-On-Black Crime Prevention Program will host its Fifteenth Annual Crime Prevention Run and Festival In the Park on Saturday, Sept. 18th. This event will be held in Campbell Park, 601 14th St. S. in St. Petersburg, located just south of Tropicana Field. Registration for the 3.5 mile run starts promptly at 9am and the run will begin at 10am, departing and ending at Campbell Park. The route will be secured by volunteer law enforcement officers and will wind through neighborhoods surrounding the park.

The first 1,000 participants to register will receive a free commemorative t-shirt which reinforces the theme of this family-oriented event, "Run Crime Out of the Black Com-

munity." Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place race finishers in various divisions. A festival in Campbell Park will immediately follow the run and include free refreshments and entertainment and raffle of fifteen (15) bicycles with helmets to youth participants of this event. The entire family is invited to participate in this exciting event which carries the very serious message, "Running Crime Out of the Black Community."

Anyone interested in participating in this "fun run" can pre-register at the Urban League Headquarters, 333 31st St. N., St. Petersburg or the Urban League Omni Center, 1801 119th St. N., Largo or on the day of the event. For additional information, contact Gina M. Wilson at 327-2081.

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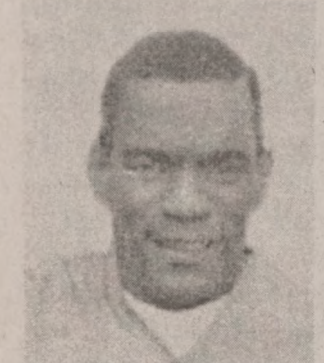
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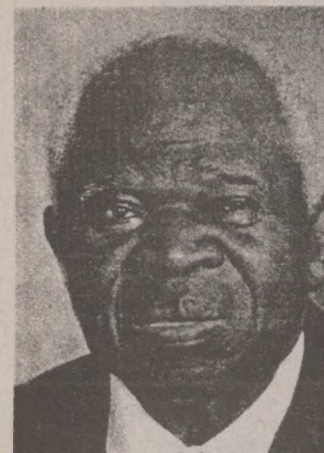
St. Pete Final Rites



ABRAMS, MARGUERITE, died August 19, 1999. Survivors include a sister, Willie Annie Wright; a nephew, Willie B. Atkins; three generations of nieces and nephews, including her niece Janice Gaines; and several family members, friends and godchildren. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



CHANCE, TIMOTHY MANFRED, died August 22, 1999. Survivors include his parents, Perry and Viola Change; two daughters, Maleisa Chance and Thomesa Sutton; two sisters; two brothers; several aunts and uncles; his great grandmother, Julia Chance; several cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



COUTRYER, GUSSIE, died August 25, 1999. He was pre-deceased in death by his wife, Margaret, and three of their children. Survivors include seven daughters; six sons; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



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GIBSON, SYLVESTER, died August 23, 1999. Survivors include four brothers, Otis Gibson, Valdosta, GA; Spencer Gibson, Jr., Atlanta, GA; Leon Gibson, Rochester, NY; and Timothy Wright, Madison, FL; six sisters, Gertrude Morgan, Vonnelle Brown, Addie Josey and Decenia Brown, St. Petersburg; Mary Gibson, New York; and Nora Williams, Los Angeles; his stepmother, Louise Stone, St. Petersburg; a special nephew, Riley Anderson, St. Petersburg; and several relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



HURT, CORA L., died August 24, 1999. Survivors include two sons, George McMullen, St. Petersburg; Lovett McMullen, Camilla, GA; two daughters, Dora Baynard, St. Petersburg; Alene James, Miami; three brothers; three sisters; 13 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; her

companion, Daniel James, St. Petersburg; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

LINDSEY, GEORGIA WHEELER, died recently. She was predeceased by her husband Lawrence 'Chief' Lindsey. Survivors include three daughters, Gwendolyn, Deloris and Dr. Barbara Oguntade, St. Petersburg; her sister, Annie, Wabasso, FL; her brother, Frank Wheeler, Tallahassee; four grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

MCCANTS, ANNIE LEE, died August 21, 1999. Survivors include her son, Larry McCants, Ft. Worth, TX; her daughter, Paulette McCants, Tampa; two sisters, Gladys Simmons, Tampa; Susie Miller, Wildwood, FL; seven grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



NEWKIRK, ALTHEA M., died recently. Survivors include her son, Fred Richardson; her sister, Estella Drake; four stepdaughters, Mary and Martha Newkirk, St. Petersburg; Colenda and Patricia Newkirk, Orlando; three grandsons; one granddaughter; four great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

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DAY, FLORINE, died August 16, 1999. Survivors include three daughters, Bessie Jones, Essie M. Jamerson and Ethel Robinson; her daughter Daisy Bradshaw preceded her in death; one sister, Flora Belle Hammonds; 21 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; 21 great, great-grandchildren; one devoted grandson, Willie George Harris; and several other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

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- Psalm 33*

Ocala Final Rites

ALLEN, ESTHER MAE, died August 22, 1999. Survivors include three sons, James Jackson Allen, Philadelphia, PA; Raymond Allen, Ocala; and Dennis Edward Allen, Philadelphia, PA; one sister; two brothers; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Cunningham's Funeral Home, Ocala.



LANG, IRA PHELMITA, died August 18, 1999. Survivors include her adopted daughter, Ruth M. Cox, Hialeah; two sisters, Elouise Jackson, McKee City, NJ; and Lucille Swindell, NYC; several nieces, grand nieces, grand nephews, great-grand nieces, great-grand nephews, cousins and friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

MARS, ERNEST, SR., died August 22, 1999. Survivors include his wife, Juanita Williams Mars; one daughter, Thomasina Jackson, Ocala; her sons, Ernest Mars, Orlando; Thomas J. Williams, Jr., Atlanta; and Jeremiah E. Williams, Gainesville; one

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RICHARDSON, BOBBIE T., died August 17, 1999. Survivors include her son, Col. (Ret.) Wilbur Jenkins, Alexandria, VA; her daughter, Bobbie Williams, Ft. Lauderdale; one brother, Leslie Snoddy, McIntosh, FL; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews; several cousins, friends, foster children, Godchildren and friends. Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala.

VERNONE, WILLIAM, died recently. Survivors include his wife, Agnes L. Vernon, Ocala; his son, William V. Vernon, Ocala; his sister, Lorne V. Perry, Tampa; his brother, Charlie Vernon, Tampa; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.



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- September 15, 1999 - Pre-Submittal Conference
- September 15, 1999 - Pre-Submittal Site Visit
- October 15, 1999 - Written Proposals due by 2:00 p.m.
- November 18, 1999 - Award of Contract
- December 1, 1999 - Commencement of Services

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Suncoast Girl Scout Council, serving four counties in west-central Florida, seeks innovative leader to manage rapid growth. The successful candidate will possess a 3-5 year track record managing over 50 paid as well as 6600 volunteer staff and a \$3.4 million operating budget. Proven personnel admin., communications, community relations, financial mgt., and computer skills required, experience with a youth oriented not-for-profit desirable. Bachelor's degree with MBA or equiv. preferred. Competitive compensation package. Qualified candidates send resume and salary history to: Executive Search Center, Girl Scouts of the USA, Council Code 318, 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018-2798. Fax 212-852-6514.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - General clerical duties & computer literacy. HS/GED req'd. AA & 3-5 yrs. exp. preferred. Job code - 11019. Reply to Operation PAR 6720 54th Ave. N. St. Pete, FL 33709 or fax 272-545-7561. EOE/DFWP

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Jordan Park Unit Turnover Construction Services

The Housing Authority of the City of St. Petersburg, (SPHA), St. Petersburg, Florida is requesting Proposals from qualified, responsible, licensed contractors interested in providing unit turnover construction services for approximately seventy-five units. The scope of the work includes cleaning, checking/repair/replacement of unit fixtures and components, painting, flooring, electrical, plumbing, mechanical work, cabinet work etc. to make vacant units ready for tenant relocations within Jordan Park.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

- 28 August and 4 September 1999 - Advertise Request For Proposals
- 30 August 1999 - Request for Proposals ready for pick-up
- 8 September 1999 - Pre-Proposal Conference, walk through of units at Jordan Park.

A walk through of the units will be held at the Jordan Park Development in the 1100 Block of 25th Street South St. Petersburg, Florida, 33713 at 9:00 a.m. Although not mandatory, it is strongly recommended that all interested Offerors attend.

- 17 September 1999 - Request for Proposals are due by 10:00 a.m.
- 23 September 1999 - Approval of Proposal
- 1 October 1999 - Commencement of services

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, Please fax your request to (813) 893-1304 Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. You may also pick-up a copy, in person at 3250 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33713 from Erica Landers during the same days and hours.

SPHA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS IF SUCH ACTION IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL INFORMALITIES AND MINOR IRREGULARITIES

Darrell Irions, Executive Director

Advertisement for Bidders

Pinellas Affordable Living, Inc. of Pinellas County, Florida will receive sealed bids from qualified bidders at the office of the Architect:

WEDDING, STEPHENSON & IBARGUEN, ARCHITECTS, INC.
300 First Avenue South, Suite 402
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Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., September 13, 1999, for the purpose of selecting a Licensed General Contractor for supplying all labor, material and ancillary services in the rehabilitation of Lakeside Colony Apartments, 601 18th Avenue S., 33705.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, September 7, at 3:00 P.M. at the following location:

Mary Koenig Center
647 34th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Bids will be only accepted from General Contractors who can provide the required bonds and who attend the pre-bid conference. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is mandatory to submit a bid.

Plans and Specifications may be examined at or obtained from the office of Wedding, Stephenson & Ibarguen, Architects, Inc. 300 First Avenue South, Suite 402, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

General Contractors may obtain up to three sets of these drawings and specifications upon deposit of \$40.00 per set. Additional sets may be purchased. Checks shall be made payable to the architect as described above.

All construction contracts or subcontracts over \$100,000 let as a result of this agreement shall include the following requirements: a) a bid guarantee, such as a bid bond or certified check, from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price; b) a performance bond for 100% of the contract price; and c) a payment bond for 100% of the contract price. All such bonds obtained must be from companies listed in Treasury Circular 570.

Pursuant to Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u, Contractor and any subcontractor shall, to the greatest extent feasible, give opportunities for training and employment arising in connection with this Agreement to low-income persons residing within the Tampa - St. Petersburg metropolitan area, and award contracts for work to be performed in connection with this Agreement to eligible business concerns which are located in or owned in substantial part by persons residing in said metropolitan area.

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YOUR HOROSCOPE



Aries

March 21 to April 19

Entertaining at your home is favored on the 4th and 5th. Feeling lucky? Taking a gamble on the 6th or 7th might prove your hunch correct! By the 9th, a troubling health concern will become a thing of the past.



Taurus

April 20 to May 20

Your career could skyrocket on the 9th when others see you as a sort of living lucky charm. Take advantage of Jupiter and Saturn's retrograde to take stock of your life direction; adjustments made now will lead to future prosperity.



Gemini

May 21 to June 21

You may be known more for your practical jokes than your practicality—but under a Mercury-Saturn trine, you'll be common sense personified. Your smart money-managing could pay off with a handsome dividend as early as the 10th.



Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Get out and about on the 4th and 5th—a Cancer moon will make you the star of any gathering! If fabulous financial news doesn't arrive by the 7th, never fear, you'll get another chance at a windfall on the 10th.



Leo

July 23 to August 22

Take heart, Leo! Thanks to Venus finally moving direct in your sign, your love life is about to be transformed for the better. Your search for a travel bargain has the best chance of succeeding on the 9th or 10th.



Virgo

August 23 to September 22

While Pluto and Mars challenge your home sector, you could be faced with a tough real-estate decision. Luckily, brain-boosting stars will help you cut through red tape and find a workable solution. Love glows on the 8th and 9th.



Libra

September 23 to October 22

Whoosh! Welcome back to the fast lane—thanks to Venus in Leo, a round of nonstop networking is about to put you in the professional driver's seat. A long-awaited message or invitation will brighten your day on the 10th.



Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

Over the next few weeks, stimulating Venus aspects will make you a man-magnet; enjoy all the attention! Under career-boosting stars, your suave maneuver at an office function could bump your name to the top of the promotion list.



Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

Now that Mars and Pluto are in your sign, others will see you as the powerhouse you are. Just remember, even achievers like you wipe out—get some rest! You could discover a profitable opportunity while traveling.



Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

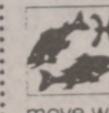
Thanks to Jupiter and Saturn energizing your creativity zone, you'll have all the information you need to make far-reaching career decisions and move personal projects forward. Hold out for the best! Give love the go-ahead on the 9th.



Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

While Saturn and Jupiter challenge you to keep your feet on the ground and exercise financial caution, avoid risky business of any kind. A thrilling man you meet at a party could turn out to be Mr. Right.



Pisces

February 19 to March 20

Feel like you can't make a move without asking someone else first? Get used to it—over the next two weeks, coordinating plans and schedules will try your patience. A new moon in Virgo on the 9th favors get-togethers.

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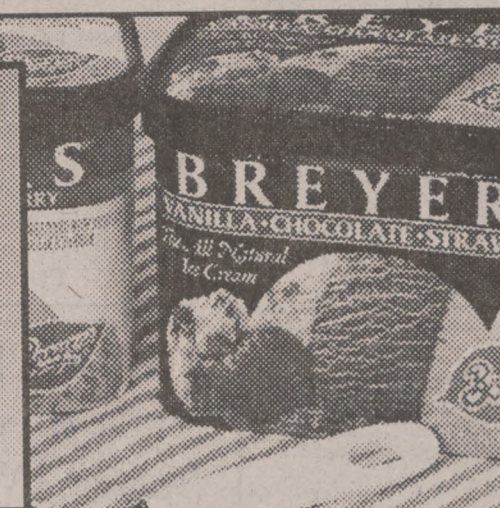
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