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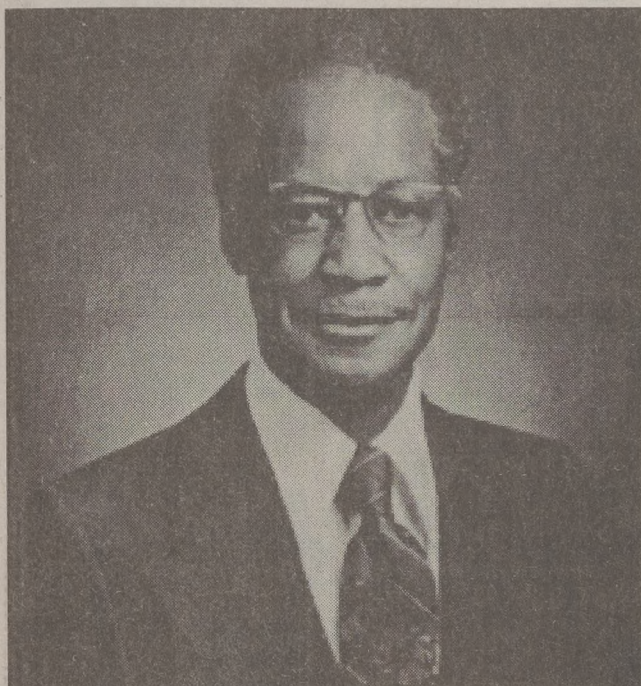
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Black History Pageant - 4 PM January 30th, 2000



Dr. Fred Alsup

ST. PETERSBURG — All roads are leading to Bayfront Center's Mahaffey Theater this Sunday as families make plans to attend the 22nd Annual Black History Pageant at 4pm on Jan. 30th. And what a treat is in store for them as they witness the enthusiastic singing of the Westcoast Boys Choir of Henry Porter Ministries from Sarasota and watch some 55 young people perform the history of African Americans. The performance is free to the public and is sponsored by the Black History Pageant Committee of Bethel Community Baptist Church. Rev. Manuel L. Sykes is the pastor. The performance

is free to the public.

This year's theme is: "Is Any Sick Among You? A Salute to African Americans in the Medical Profession." And these young people, ranging in age from 10 to 19, will be portraying this medical history in music, narration, poetry and dance. During the past 22 years, more than 600 young people have performed in the pageant.

Through the dramatic presentation of these children and teenagers, the public will learn about the history of black physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists, from African to the present. The history of the medical profession

in the Tampa Bay area, and especially in St. Petersburg, will be narrated, with a special emphasis on the contributions of Dr. Fred Alsup, a pioneer among the original black physicians who came to St. Petersburg; and Mrs. Marie Yopp, who became the first black registered nurse hired by the Pinellas County Health Department. The cast will also talk about the history of Mercy Hospital.

The Black History Pageant Committee of Bethel Community Baptist Church honors all of those African Americans in the Medical Profession from ancient times in Africa to the present. We are especially

grateful to God for our medical pioneers in the Tampa Bay area. That is why during the 22nd Annual Black History Pageant, we are especially excited about honoring two medical pioneers who contributed mightily to the healthy development of the St. Petersburg community. They are Dr. Fred W. Alsup and Marie Yopp.

Dr. Alsup has not only been a healer, since moving here in 1950, but has been at the forefront of many Civil Rights battles fought for African Americans in the Tampa Bay area. Alsup is a graduate of Fisk University. Please see pg. 16



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Protest Leads To Affirmative Action Hearings

Lack Of Public Input In One Florida Criticized By Black Officials Statewide

ST. PETERSBURG — The sit-in at the governor's office last week by two black legislators was a "shot heard around the world to expose the secret plan Jeb Bush has concocted to dismantle affirmative action" in Florida, according to Doug Jamerson, former legislator and state Secretary of Labor and Employment Security.

"This plan did not get a fair hearing to determine its real impact on the people it will affect," Jamerson said Tuesday from Tallahassee where he's a consultant.

He characterized as a "heroic effort" the actions of State Sen. Kendrick Meek of Miami and Rep. Tony Hill of Jacksonville who occupied a section of the governor's office suite for 25 hours beginning last Tuesday. The act irritated Gov. Bush who at first ordered his aides to "throw their asses out," but later said he meant the reporters who had gathered to witness the event.

The act of civil disobedience

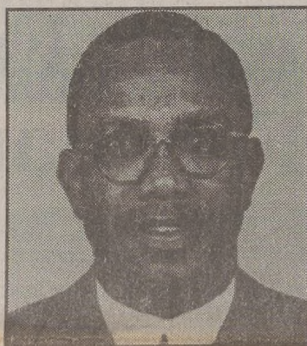


Doug Jamerson

ended late Wednesday afternoon when Bush met with members of the legislative black caucus and agreed to appoint a committee to hold a series of public hearings on One Florida.

A panel of 15 legislators, led by Pinellas Republican Rep. Jack Latvala, will hear the public's views on Bush's bid to dump affirmative action. The first of those meetings is scheduled from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday at Hillsborough Community College's Dale Mabry Campus. Hearings are set Feb. 3 in Miami and Feb. 10 in Tallahassee.

"The sit-in was the most important thing to have hap-



Les Miller

pened in a long time in Tallahassee to try to get the governor's attention on seeking input in the plan," said Leon Russell, the past immediate president of the state NAACP and head of FREE, an organization opposed to ending affirmative action.

House Minority Leader Rep. Les Miller of Tampa said the governor invited the protest when he told Meek and Hill on Tuesday that he was not about to rescind his executive order for One Florida.

"He basically told them that if they thought he would change his mind, they'd better get their blankets and spend the night, which is what they

did," Miller said.

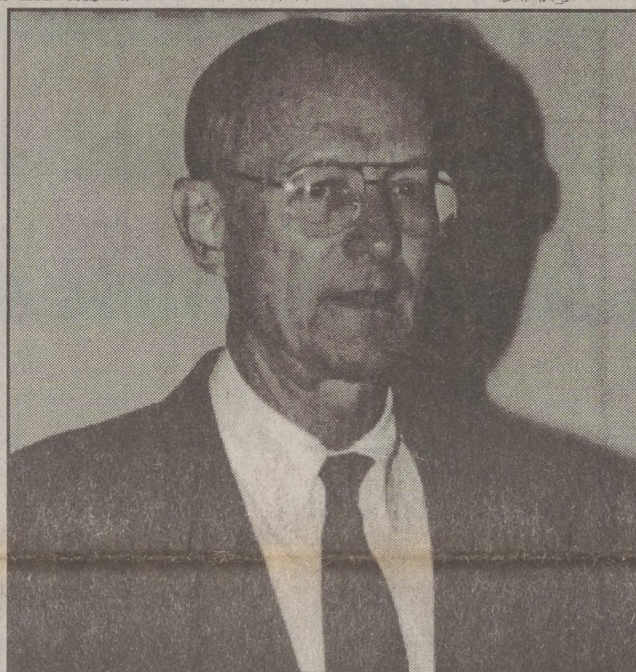
That form of peaceful protest would have been avoided if the governor had earlier sought input from the public on his plan to end affirmative action, Miller said.

"He's operating in a vacuum on a lot of issues," Miller said. "And this peaceful demonstration was a way to get his attention."

As far as One Florida is concerned, Sen. Meek said: "the best thing I can say about (it) is that the title is appropriate because it seems to have been developed by one man. Our goal is to engage the people of Florida in this discussion, learn about the plan and then provide feedback from the people who will be affected by it. That's the way a democratic government is supposed to work."

Meek and Hill said it would have been unfair for Bush to have pursued his plan without having public input.

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Mayor David Fischer

Mayor David Fischer Addresses Black Business Roundtable

by Allene Gammage-Ahmed

ST. PETERSBURG — The Black Business Roundtable held its monthly meeting last Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 2000 in the heart of the 16th Street Business District, SPOTLIGHTS Lounge, 1536 16th St. South, where Leroy Williams is business owner.

Mayor Fischer addressed the progress of the areas south of Central Avenue where many members of the Black Business Roundtable are located and encompasses the Challenge 2001 area.

Emphasis was placed on the success of various changes Please see pg. 16

Bradley Sponsors Bill To Attack Racial & Ethnic Health Disparities



Rep. Rudy Bradley

TALLAHASSEE — Representative Rudy Bradley (R-St. Petersburg) has filed legislation to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities within the state of Florida. The bill (which provides \$10 million to be used for funding through the competitive grant process) was crafted by the Florida Department of Health and filed by Bradley and Senator Alex Diaz de la Portilla (R-Miami) at the request of Health Secretary Robert G. Brooks, M.D.

The proposed legislation provides for the creation and administration of the "Reducing Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities: Closing the Gap Grant Program." These grants will target programs that work toward awareness, reduction and/or prevention of the following:

- infant mortality rates
- immunization for children and adults
- HIV/AIDS
- diabetes
- cardiovascular disease, and
- cancer

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) currently has almost \$3.6 million dedicated to programs that are specifically designed to improve the

health of racial and ethnic minority populations. However, no funding is currently available to reduce the two leading causes of minority deaths: cancer and cardiovascular disease. About three-fourths of DOH's current funding for minority health improvement is targeted to three programs: refugee health, sickle-cell education and HIV prevention.

"To originate good health among its members, a community must empower its citizens and develop systems that promote healthy behaviors and address the root causes of disease and death," said Bradley. "Because I am keenly aware that communities are positively impacted by organizations that are committed to the empowerment of its residents, I am honored to work to provide community- and neighborhood-based organizations with the resources needed to promote good health and a positive quality of life for all the residents of our wonderfully diverse state."

Upon review by the Legislature's Bill Drafting office, the legislation will be assigned a number and referred to legislative committees in the House and Senate.

See Pg. 18 for Tampa News

One Florida Initiative Holds Meeting in Tampa

TAMPA — This is to officially notice a public meeting of the Select Committee on the One Florida Initiative to be held in Tampa on Friday, Jan. 28th from 2-6pm.

The Select Committee consists of 15 members of the Legislature and will be the first public meeting in a series of three to be held throughout the state to review the One Florida Initiative.

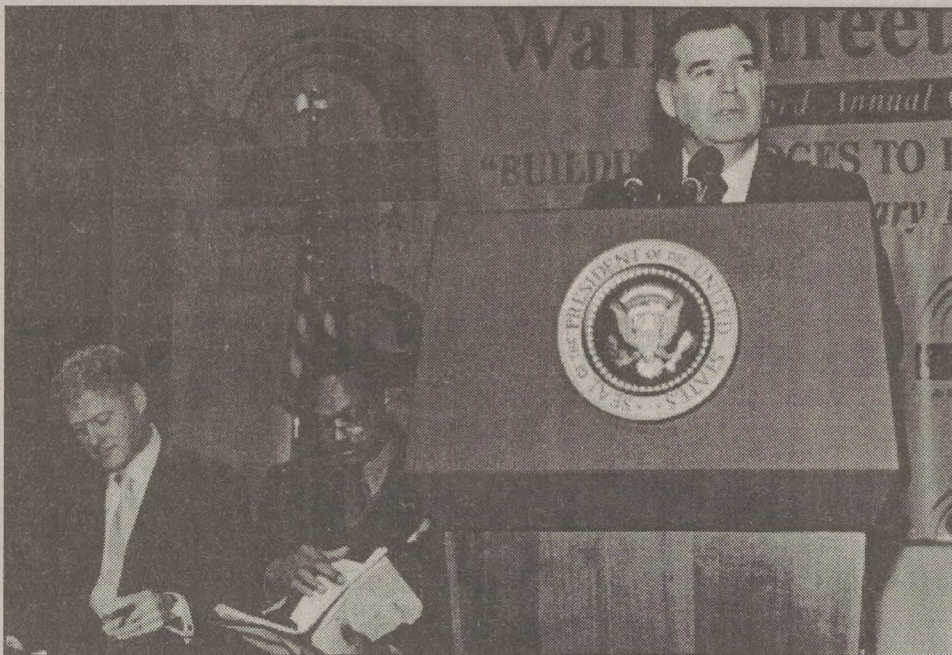
This meeting will be held at Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus, in the Student Services Auditorium (corner of Dale Mabry Highway and Tampa Bay Boulevard, across from the Raymond James Stadium).

The other meetings will take place on Feb. 3rd in Miami, and Feb. 10th in Tallahassee. Exact locations and times will be announced later.

Wall Street Project 2000 Conferences Focus On Expanding Community Investment

NEW YORK — President William Jefferson Clinton and other distinguished government, community and business leaders participated in the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition's third annual Wall Street Project Conference held Jan. 12th-14th, at New York City's Sheraton Towers. Key topics addressed at the Conference included expanding community investment under the new Financial Modernization laws, and broadening access to financial education through schools and churches. Conference workshops and job fairs also focused on increasing employment and business opportunities in the food market, entertainment, technology and other industries.

Other government participants of "Wall Street Project Conference 2000" included, in



L-R: President Bill Clinton, Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., and M. Douglas Ivester

addition to President Clinton: Secretary of the Treasury Lawrence H. Summers, SEC Chairman Arthur Levitt, National Economic Council Chairman Gene Sperling and

Small Business Administrator Aida Alvarez. Business leaders in attendance: M. Douglas Ivester, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Coca-Cola, C. Michael Armstrong,

AT&T Chairman and Chief Executive, Citigroup co-Chairman and co-Chief Executive Officer Sanford I. Weill, Dennis Rivers, President of the

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Weekly Challenger Special Millennium Black History Tabloid

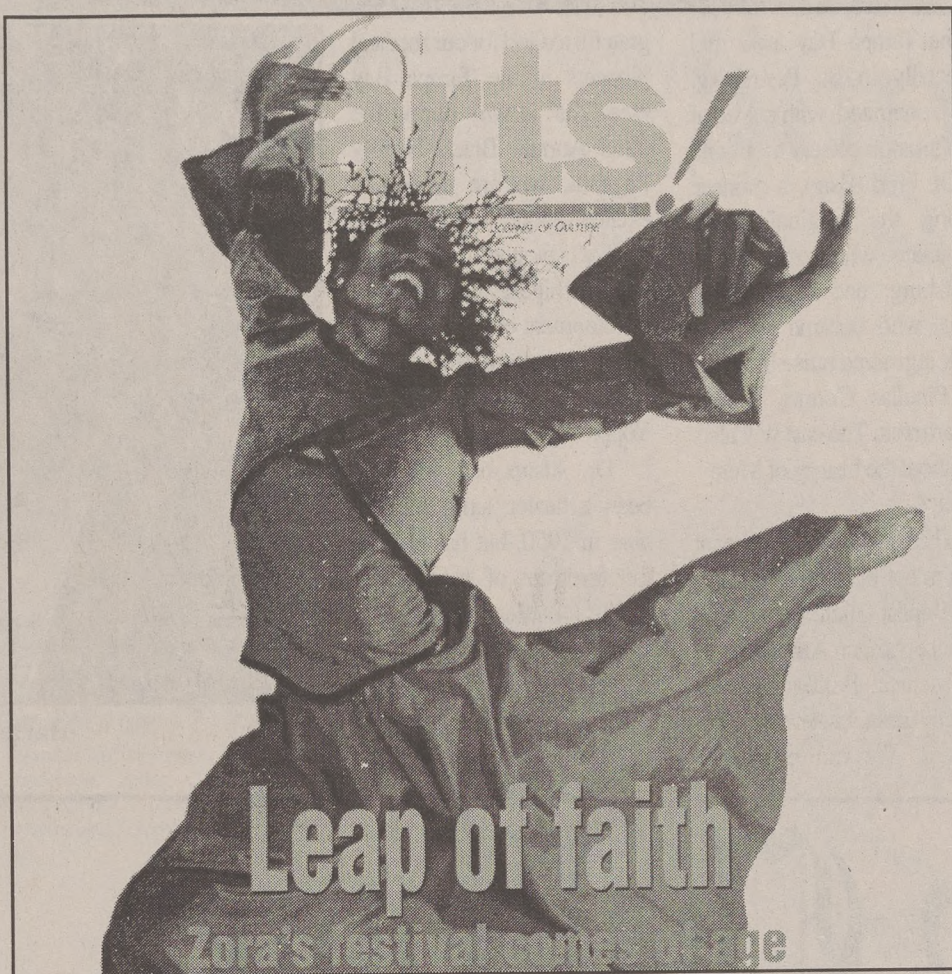
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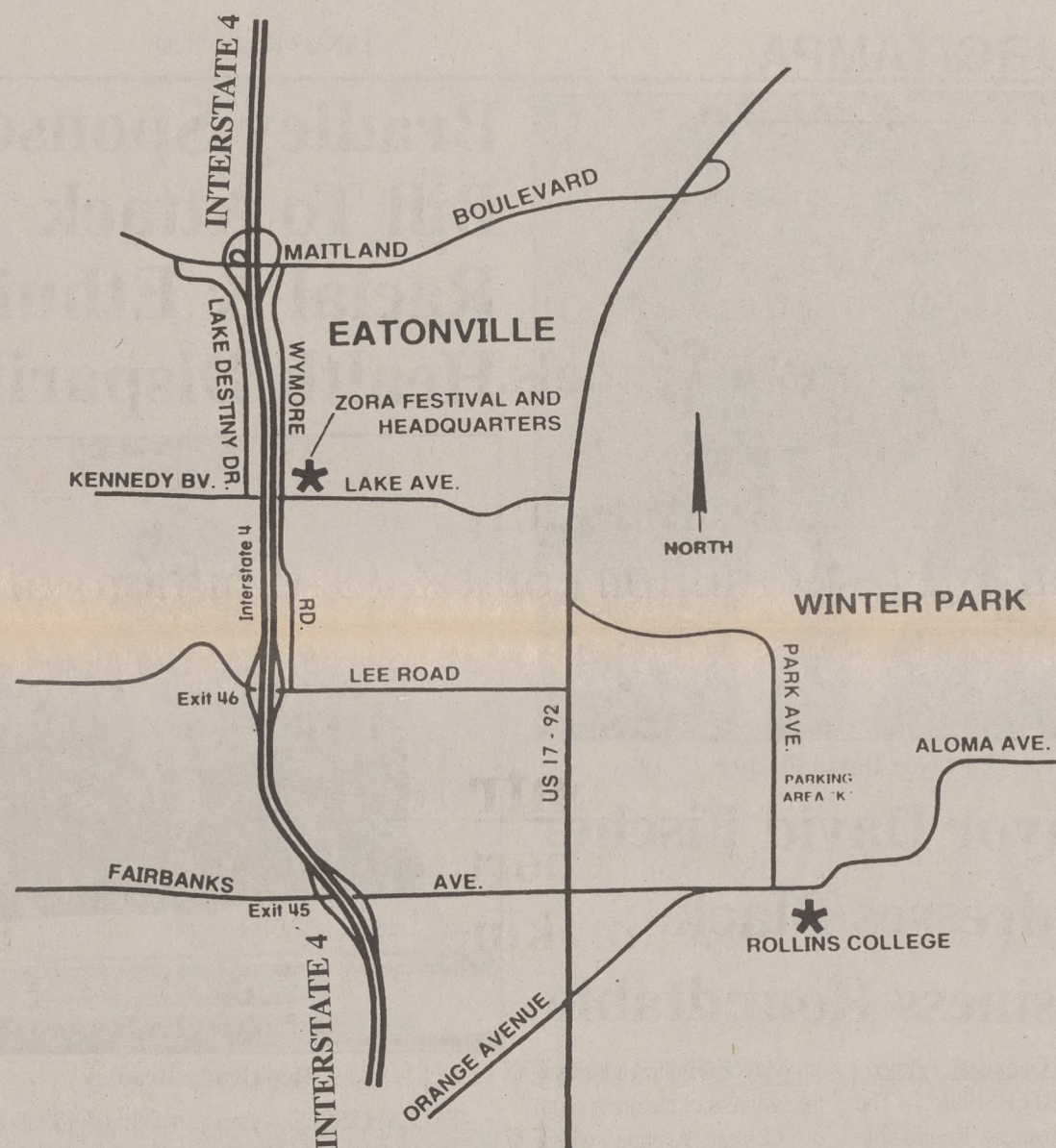
The 11th Annual Zora Neale Hurston Street Festival

EATONVILLE — The Zora Neale Hurston Festival for the Arts and Humanities, the largest cultural arts festival in the southeast, is proud to celebrate 11 years of street festivals. The street festival will begin on Friday, Jan. 29th and continue through Sunday, Jan. 31st. The festival hours will be 9am-5pm on Friday and Saturday; and 11am-5pm on Sunday.

The street festival will kick off with "Education Day" on Friday. A myriad of age appropriate cultural arts programming for students from preschool through high school will be presented. The street festival will showcase music, dance, drama visual arts, folk arts and ethnic cuisine. Local and national artists will display their talents while competing in the juried arts exhibition.



LOCATION MAP TOWN OF EATONVILLE



Cash prizes are awarded to the artist with the most impressive talent. This year's theme, Movement and Dances, marks the beginning of a third 5-year cycle of celebrations. Festivals 2000-2004, titled "Creativity in the Zora Neale Hurston Tradition," will

encourage emerging artists to contribute to the body of culture by composing and presenting original works worthy of publication, replication, and reproduction.

Established in 1990, the Zora Neale Hurston Festival is one of America's premier cul-

tural events, presenting a multidisciplinary arts and humanities program. The festival celebrates the life and work of charismatic 20th Century writer, folklorist, and anthropologist, Zora Neale Hurston. It also celebrates the historic significance of her hometown, Eatonville, popularly known as the "oldest, incorporated municipality in the United States to be founded by African American;" and the cultural contributions made to the United States and the world by people of African descent.

NEWS DEADLINE IS 4PM MONDAY

10th Annual Ethel Holmes - Marie Yopp Education/ Scholarship Banquet

ST. PETERSBURG — The St. Petersburg Chapter of the National Black Nurses' Association, Inc. is sponsoring the Tenth Annual Ethel Holmes - Marie Yopp Education/Scholarship Banquet on Friday, Feb. 4th, 7pm at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, 6800 Sunshine Skyway Lane.

This event is held annually to offer financial and educational support to one entering a registered nurse program, a licensed practical nurse program and a nurses' aid program.

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2000 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest

ST. PETERSBURG — Pinellas County High School students were invited to submit an essay for the 2000 MLK Essay Contest. One hundred and sixty-two entries were received. The youth had to share their opinions on whether they felt that, "In spite of the 1999 summer of hate, hostility, violence, bigotry and aggression, is Peace only a Dream?"

Six finalists had to present their essays to a panel of three judges on Jan. 14th, 2000. Shelly Burch, a Lakewood Senior High School student, was the first place winner; second place went to Angela Persons, of Gibbs High; and third place winner was Sara Tippins, also of Lakewood High School. Receiving honorable mention were Shannon Craddock, of Gibbs High School, and Tracey Fender, of Lakewood High School. The judges that devoted untold time and effort in the scoring process were Winnie Foster, community activist; Vincent Russell, retired educator; and Charles Wims, retired manager, UPS.

The MC for the evening event was Diane Speights, retired educator, currently Community Program Devel-



oper, Resource Center for Women. Entertainment was provided by the talented Starlight Performers, directed by Ms. Delores Foster.

The finale to the event was closing comments made by Mrs. Sharon Thomas, newly appointed supervisor at the Enoch D. Davis Center. Elder J. Hardy, Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc., gave the benediction.

First Annual African-American Men's Health Forum To Be Held In February

TAMPA — The Florida Cancer Education Network presents the 1st Annual African-American Men's Health Forum to be held on Saturday, Feb. 26th from 7:30am - 3pm at the Hillsborough Community College campus. The campus is located at the corner of N. Dale Mabry Highway and Tampa Bay Boulevard, directly across from Raymond James Stadium. This forum is specifically designed to increase awareness and education about prostate cancer, hypertension, diabetes and cholesterol among African-American men.

Prostate cancer is the leading cancer among men. According to the American

Cancer Society, more than 174,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed this year in the United States and more than 37,000 men will die from the disease. African-American men have almost a 40% higher incidence rate of prostate cancer than white males and they are twice as likely to die. Several factors are thought to play a role in the differences in incidence and mortality among African-American men including dietary and fat intake, hormones, heredity and delayed diagnosis.

Les Brown, an internationally recognized motivational speaker, author and television personality will deliver the keynote speech. Brown, a

prostate cancer survivor and Florida native, has risen to national prominence by delivering a high-energy message that tells people to shake off mediocrity and live up to their greatness. This message is one that Brown has learned from his own life and one he helps others to apply to their lives.

Local physicians and medical professionals will speak to the Forum attendees about prostate cancer, diet, hypertension and diabetes. Free prostate screenings, blood pressure checks, cholesterol testing and diabetes tests will be available during this event.

The First Annual African-American Men's Health Forum is a community outreach program of The Florida

Cancer Education Network. This Forum is sponsored by an educational grant from Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and co-sponsored by H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, St. Joseph's Hospital, University Community Hospital and Hillsborough Community College.

This Forum is FREE of charge to all participants and open to the public. For more information about the event, please call the Florida Cancer Education Network at (813) 806-2800. For registration information, please call: (813) 554-8900 or toll-free 1-800-339-8486.

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- **\$10 million for tutoring and mentoring** programs in public schools graded D and F.
- **Task Force to evaluate inequities in Florida's K-12 public schools.**

Fact: The State's current Affirmative Action policy is a dismal failure.

- African American vendors received less than 1/2 (\$49 million) of 1% (\$12 billion) of all State goods and service contracts.

Governor Bush's One Florida Plan for Equity in Contracting:

- **Ends "Good Old Boy" system - State Purchasing Agents report to Governor**
- **Minority Business Advocacy Office focused on "matchmaking" minority vendors with State Contracting Officers**
- **More financial and technical assistance for emerging minority businesses**
- **Targets \$8 billion Everglades Restoration Project for minority vendors**

What Governor Bush has done:

- **30% of Senior Management hires are minorities**
- **40% of the Governor's judicial appointments are African American and Hispanic**
- **22% of all appointments to boards and commissions are minorities**
- **Graded 'A' on Diversity Report Card issued by "The Capitol Outlook"**

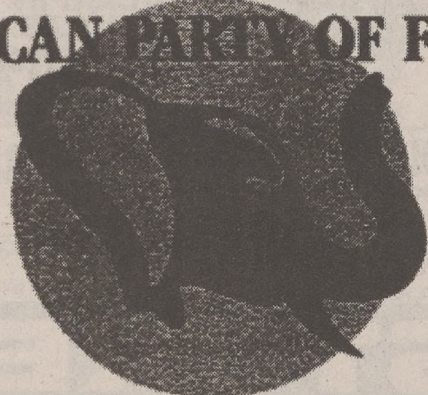
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The Weekly Challenger Begins Black History At Its Finest

Duke Ellington's Washington, hour-long special celebrating vibrant past and present of overlooked community in nation's capital, to premiere Monday, Feb. 7th, on PBS

Duke Ellington's Washington, a new PBS documentary, tells the often overlooked but significant history of the influential African-American community that flourished in Washington, DC, in the early 20th Century, nurturing such shining talents as hometown jazz legend Duke Ellington, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, poets Paul Laurence Dunbar and Langston Hughes, civil rights activist Mary Church Terrell and pioneering surgeon Charles Drew.

This dynamic community, less than a mile from the White House, is cited by historians as the cultural capital of black America before the Harlem Renaissance. Over time, with its famed Howard Theater and many other nightspots, Washington's Uptown area became a mecca for jazz giants like Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and Pearl Bailey, who called Washington's U Street "the black Broadway."

Although Uptown, now known as Shaw, fell into decline in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s, it is now enjoying a comeback by drawing upon its illustrious past.

Duke Ellington's Washington, which tells both the past and present of this African American community, will premiere nationwide on PBS on Monday, Feb. 7th, 2000 at 10pm ET (check local listings) as a feature of Black History Month. The hour-long program was created by award-winners Hedrick Smith, as executive producer and correspondent, and Stanley Nelson, as producer and director.

"Washington's Uptown community sent a stream of talented African Americans into the nation at large and thus had a far-flung influence for decades," says Hedrick Smith. "It's a cultural center with a special and important history—not far off the well-beaten tourist path along Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House to Congress—but few people know about it because its story has not been well-told. Now, thanks to a coalition of private and government efforts, most of its fabled past is being revitalized and restored for all to see."

Duke Ellington's Washington is illuminated by the memories of Washingtonians who grew up in the middle and upper classes of the community, as well as historians who have studied its people and places. Woven throughout the story of the neighborhood are stories of Duke Ellington's early years—his birth in 1899, his parents, his education, and his first success as a local bandleader.

Featured are jazz pianist Billy Taylor, historians James O. Horton and Edward C. Smith, Charles and Virginia Williams (who fell in love over one of Duke Ellington's compositions, "I Let A Song Go Out of My Heart"), Alice Spraggins (daughter of Henry Grant, Ellington's first music teacher), photographer Robert H. McNeill, architect Paul Devroux, and many others. The film also features rare photographs of the community

residents and businesses by photographers Addison Scurlock and Mr. McNeill.

Anchored by the founding of Howard University in 1867, Washington's black community was a magnet to the nation's African American intellectuals and political leaders, including Frederick Douglass. Even by 1900, historian James Horton reports, Washington's blacks had already enjoyed several generations of freedom, forging a society of strong churches, businesses, schools, newspapers, theaters, and social institutions. Ellington biographer John Haase says in the broadcast that this Washington neighborhood developed "a climate of discipline, decorum, of putting your best foot forward in public and in private, and of getting ahead."

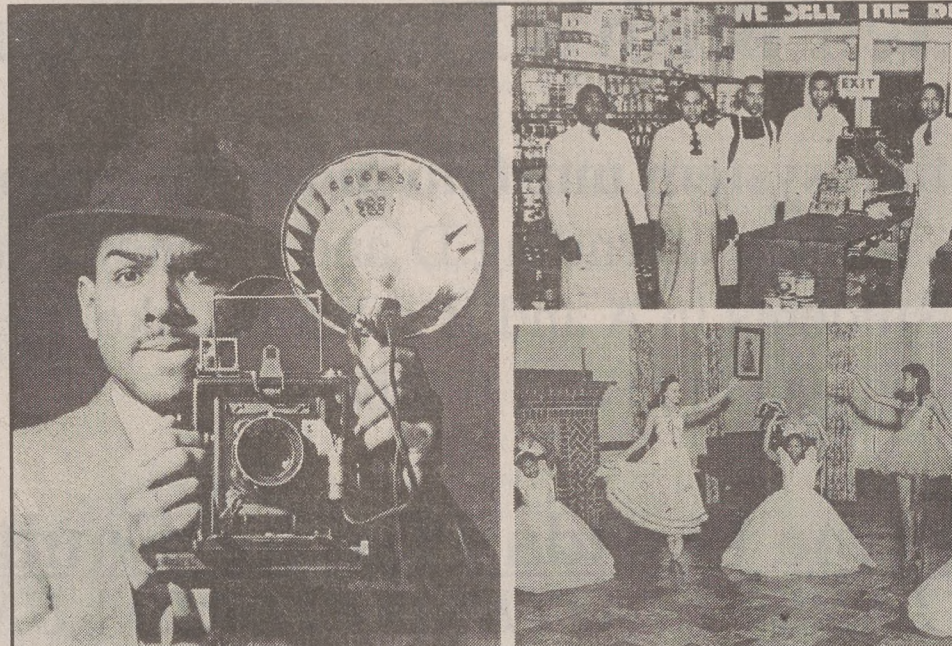
What from 1900 to 1920 was the nation's largest African American community—almost as large as all of Los Angeles—came to be dominated by U Street, clustered with successful black-owned businesses and buildings designed by, and for, the black community. Featured in Duke Ellington's Washington are the grand Whitelaw Hotel, the preferred lodging for African-American dignitaries; the 12th Street YMCA, the first Y for blacks; True Reformers' Hall, built in 1903 and the area's oldest major landmark; and the Howard and Lincoln theaters which featured both films and live entertainment.

Ironically, it was forced segregation that initially created a cohesive black community and gave Uptown its special drive and dynamism. As one resident reveals in the film, "The black community was complete within itself." It was

the end of legal segregation in the 1950s that began to unravel the fabric of Uptown. And riots after the 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. destroyed the neighborhood. The once-grand Whitelaw Hotel, like many other notable buildings, became a murder- and fire-plagued drug den. The darkest period, says historian Edward Smith in the broadcast, "came four or five years after the riots. It wasn't the physical deterioration of the community (that) was darkest. It was that sense of forlornness on the part of long-time residents, who felt that the world they knew, that made them what they were, had gone and would never be brought back."

The city government provided little support during the bleakest times, but efforts to redevelop the U Street area were later given a boost with the construction of a \$50 million office building, designed by architect Paul Devroux, in 1986. Today, Shaw's glorious past is being restored, and the vibrant neighborhood features restaurants, jazz clubs, shops, and residents of all races. The historic area has now become a new and distinctive destination for tourists visiting the nation's capital.

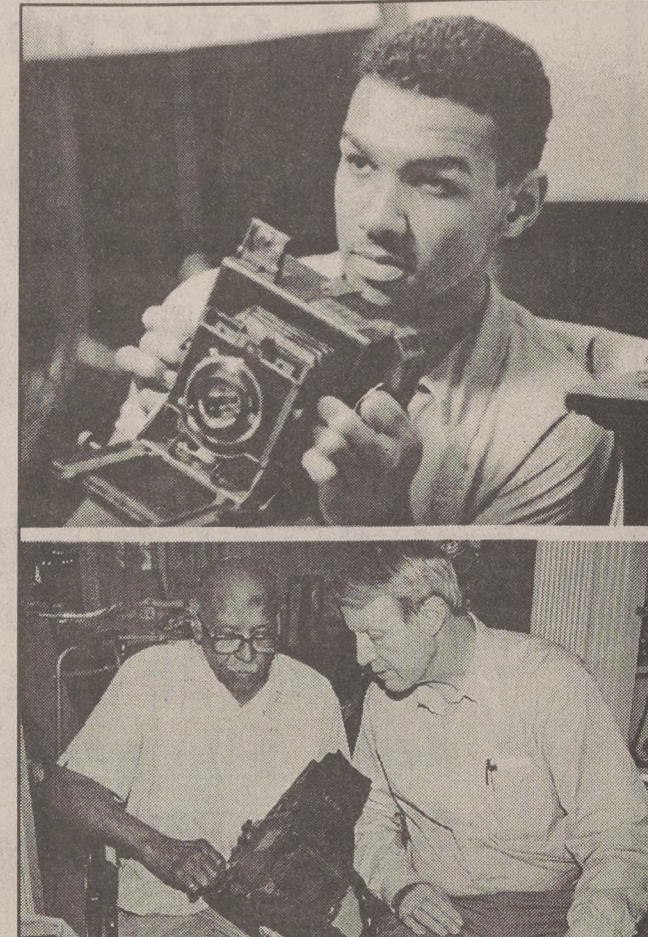
One special modern legacy of Ellington and his Washington connection is the Ellington School for the Arts, which is creating a new generation of dancers, musicians, actors, and artists of all types. The film concludes with a profile of the New Washingtonians—the school's orchestra named after Ellington's old band—and its drummer, Shannon Browne.



Photographer Robert H. McNeill (right) documented the daily life of an influential African-American community that flourished in Washington, D.C. in the early 20th Century. (Upper right: employees of a grocery store; and lower right, young ladies in a dance class). The past and present story of the community is illuminated in **DUKE ELLINGTON'S WASHINGTON**, a new PBS documentary premiering Monday, February 7, 2000 at 10p.m. ET (check local listings) as a feature of Black History Month. The neighborhood nurtured such shining talents as hometown jazz legend Duke Ellington, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, and many other luminaries. Woven throughout its story are details of Ellington's early life. (Photos courtesy of Robert H. McNeill).



DUKE ELLINGTON'S WASHINGTON illuminates both past and present of an influential African-American community that flourished in Washington, D.C. in the early 20th Century, nurturing such shining talents as hometown jazz legend Duke Ellington, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, and many other luminaries. Created by award-winners Hedrick Smith, as executive producer and correspondent (shown with Mr. McNeill, below) and Stanley Nelson, as producer and director, **DUKE ELLINGTON'S WASHINGTON** premieres Monday, February 7, 2000 @ 10p.m. ET (check local listings) as a feature of Black History Month. The hour-long program also tells of present-day efforts that have revived the community, featuring (clockwise from top left) architect Paul Devroux and Hedrick Smith; historians James O. Horton and Edward C. Smith; Ellington School for the Arts teacher Davey Yarbrough and student Shannon Browne; and jazz pianist Billy Taylor. (Photos: Susan Zox).



Photographer Robert H. McNeill (top) documented Washington, D.C.'s African-American community in the early 20th Century. In **DUKE ELLINGTON'S WASHINGTON**, a new PBS documentary premiering Monday, February 7, 2000 @ 10p.m. ET (check local listings) as a feature of Black History Month - this community is illuminated by historians and oral histories of residents in their 80s and 90s. Created by award-winners Hedrick Smith, as executive producer and correspondent (with Mr. McNeill, below) and Stanley Nelson, as producer and director, **DUKE ELLINGTON'S WASHINGTON** also tells of the present-day revival of the community. (Robert H. McNeill photo courtesy of Mr. McNeill. Photo of Hedrick Smith and McNeill: Susan Zox).

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DUKE ELLINGTON'S WASHINGTON, a new PBS documentary premiering Monday, February 7, 2000 @ 10p.m. ET (check local listings) as a feature of Black History Month, tells the story of an influential African-American community that flourished in Washington, D.C. in the early 20th Century, nurturing such shining talents as hometown jazz legend Duke Ellington, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, and many other luminaries. Woven throughout are details of Ellington's life - including his early years (top left) as a local bandleader (bottom left) is his first advertisement in the D.C. Yellow Pages) and his triumphant return engagements to the community (right; here in 1942). Created by award-winners Hedrick Smith, as executive producer and correspondent, and Stanley Nelson, as producer and director, **DUKE ELLINGTON'S WASHINGTON** also tells of the successful present-day efforts that have revived the community.

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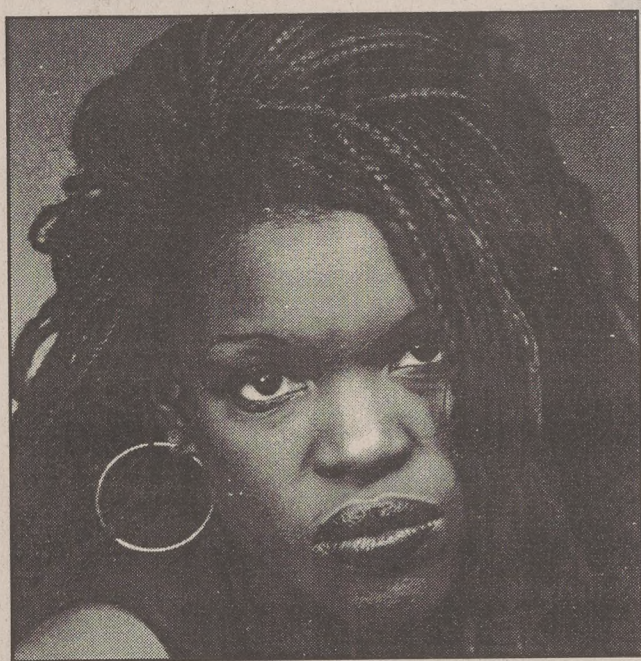


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WOMAN'S WORLD

Gibbs/Julliard Grad. Performs With Ailey Company At Ruth Eckerd Hall



Briana Reed

ST. PETERSBURG—Briana Reed is a 1993 graduate of Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs High School. After graduation, Briana received a scholarship to study at The Julliard School in New York City. Four years later, Briana received a bachelor's degree in dance and began her career as a member of the Alvin Ailey Repertory Company. At the end of that year, Briana was officially notified of her acceptance into the acclaimed Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Company. This notification made her dream of becoming an Ailey dancer a reality.

Membership in the companies has afforded Briana the unique opportunity to travel abroad to places like South Africa, France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Germany, Japan, Central America, and

South American countries Brazil, Rio, and Chile. While in South Africa, Briana was deeply saddened by the extreme poverty, yet mesmerized by the chance to observe lions up close while on a safari. Travels in the United States include several cities in upstate New York; Pittsburgh; San Francisco; Los Angeles; Gary, Indiana; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Madison, Wisconsin; Atlanta; Fort Worth, and Florida cities, Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Naples, and Clearwater.

Briana has also enjoyed meeting celebrities each December at the Ailey Gala at City Center in New York. Notables have included Jesse Jackson, Harry Belafonte, Sydney Poitier, Angela Bassett, Janet Jackson, Danny Glover and Susan Serrandon. Briana especially enjoyed meeting Geoffrey "Uncola"



Briana Reed-Gibbs/Julliard Grad.

Holder. In addition to dancing a lead role in his piece "Prodigal Prince," she sat at his home as he sketched her image.

The Ailey Company performs Thursday, Feb. 17th and Friday, Feb. 18th at Ruth Eckerd Hall at 8pm. You will be able to identify Briana Thursday night in the duo "Fix Me;" Friday night, Briana elegantly dances with the "signature white umbrella" in "Revelations," and does the lead role in Judith Jameson's latest piece, "Divining."

Briana is daughter of Deloris Albritton Graves, Rudolph Reed, and Ralph Graves. Her proud grandparents are James and Flossie Boyd. Briana's teacher/mentors are Suzanne Pomerantzeff and Reginald Yates.

Miss "Fashionetta" 2000 Contestant Diamond Group Renee Michele Jackson

Renee is the daughter of Mr. Kenneth and Mrs. Sharon Jackson. She is an 11th grade student at St. Petersburg High School and plans to attend Clark Atlanta University or Spelman College. She is also a member of First Baptist Institutional Church.

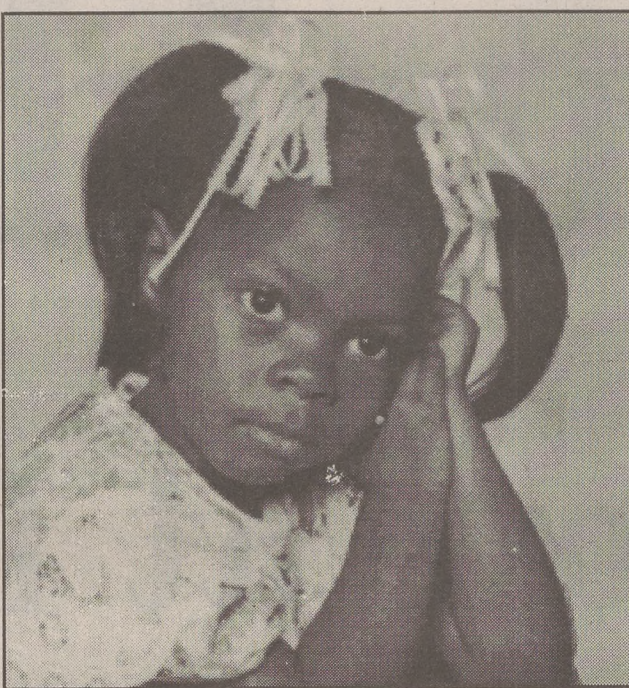
After graduating from college, Renee plans to continue her studies in medical school and her ambition is to become



Renee Michele Jackson a pediatrician. Her activities include cheerleader, soccer, Tampa Bay Sound Interdenominational Gospel Choir, volunteer at All Children's Hospital, Vice-President of Jack and Jill of America and a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Exquisite Gems Program. Her hobbies include socializing with her friends, shopping, and talking on the telephone.

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AKA's To Sponsor 'Little Miss Diamond 2000' Pageant



Keomi Hicks

ST. PETERSBURG—The women of the Zeta Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Diamond Group are hosting the Little Miss Diamond 2000 pageant on Saturday, Feb. 5th. This event is the culmination of a four-month fund-raising effort held in conjunction with the sorority's Miss Fashionetta 2000 Contest. All funds raised from these events will go to help support Alpha Kappa Alpha's various community programs. The sorors actively work with the homeless and prepare high school students for the ACT examination. They serve on the Health and Human Service Board, the Pinellas WAGES Coalition, participate in the Alpha Leadership Program, and work with middle and high school students in their GEMS Program. They contribute and participate in the Pinellas Sickle Cell Disease Foundation and the Christmas Toy Shop, along with numerous other local organizations.

The four contestants participating in the Little Miss Diamond 2000 pageant will be officially recognized and awarded at the crowning ceremony. The program starts at 5pm on Feb. 5th and will be

held at Christ Gospel Church, 2512 22nd Ave. South in St. Petersburg. This event is free and open to the public.

Following are two of the young women, Demetria Bizell and Keomi Hicks, participating in the contest. The other two contestants will be introduced next week.

Demetria Deneen Bizell, age 11, is the daughter of Dharvette Reid and Rubin Bizell. Demetria was born October 9th, 1988 in St. Petersburg, Florida and is currently enrolled in the 5th grade at Lakewood Elementary School. Demetria is very active in her school as well as her community. She is a member of Student Council, Safety Patrol and she was selected as a participant in the STEP (Students Targeted for Educational Performance) program. While Demetria remains involved in extra curricular activities, she still manages to be an honor roll and principal's list student. Demetria loves to read, and writing is her favorite subject. She has been a cheerleader for Gibbs Junior Gladiators for six years and her plans are to cheer all through her middle and high school years. Demetria is a member of Wheeler's Temple COGIC, where she is a



Demetria Bizell

participant in the Youth Choir. She is also a member of the Pinellas County chapter of Jack-n-Jill of America, and she is a proud member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Exquisite Gems. She has participated in several community service projects with the Exquisite Gems and the Jack-n-Jill Youth Group. Demetria's hobbies include playing the piano, shopping, reading, and spending quality time with her family and friends. Her future educational goals are to graduate from college and attend law school to someday become an outstanding criminal defense attorney. Demetria has strong determination and several unique qualities. She is an intelligent individual who will succeed in all of her future endeavors.

Keomi Janae Hicks is the daughter of Tammie Albritton

and Kevin Hicks. She is five years old and will be celebrating her 6th birthday in February. She attends Bay Vista Fundamental Elementary, where her favorite subject is reading. Keomi also attends Christ Gospel Church, where she enjoys participating in Sunday School. When not attending school, church or her weekly tutoring sessions, she enjoys playing with her brother, Charles, and her friends. Keomi's hobbies are singing, dancing and drawing. She loves to sing for her family and has also performed in church and at school. When she grows up, Keomi would like to be a policewoman. She enjoys learning new things and when asked what she would like to learn to do next, she says, "I would like to learn how to jump rope because my legs always get caught when I try."

We must welcome the future, remembering that soon it will be the past; and we must respect the past, remembering that once it was all that was humanly possible.

-George Santayana

Soroptimist International Of Upper Pinellas County Accepting Women Honoring Women Nominations

Soroptimists International of Upper Pinellas County will be accepting nominations for its 25th annual Women Honoring Women awards from now until Feb. 5th, 2000. Five Pinellas County women are honored annually for outstanding contributions in their field. Categories change each year depending on those honored. In recent years, tribute has been paid to women in health care, law, business, community volunteer, education, and human resources. Anyone may nominate a Pinellas County woman for this award by submitting a cover letter detailing your reasons for nomination, along with a Nomination Form which can

be obtained by calling Cathy Wagner at (727) 789-3691.

A banquet, open to the public, will be held on March 18th, 2000 at the Carlouel Yacht Club to honor selected

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UPPER PINELLAS HEADLINES



by Marilyn Buckner

A Bitter Ending To An Incredible Season!

Fans stood up, beer shook in hands, eyes glazed at the television, silence prevailed - waiting for the official replay ruling, with 44 seconds left in the game - a touchdown is the only score that will suffice, not only to win this game, but a reserved space in Atlanta for Super Bowl XXXIV (34). The official told QB Shaun King the ruling first, then the nation - an incomplete pass! Pandemonium erupted. "IS THAT YOUR FINAL ANSWER?" We didn't mean the quiz show, "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" Businesswise, millions were at stake last Sunday, so was a football game.

With 22 yards and two attempts left to come up with the "Big One," prayers were whispered. In some areas, buffalo wings and chips flew in the air. In other areas, 22 yards from history for this franchise, it wasn't to be...our spot reserved in Atlanta went to the Rams. The season was over. Disappointment was heard all over Tampa Bay.

Rain didn't stop over 100 fans from cheering the boys back to town. Chants "We Still Believe" and "NFL SHAM" along with other signs that I cannot print here... At 1:30am, four busloads of Bucs arrived to a cheering crowd drenched by the down pour of rain. Bucs Safety John Lynch was the only Buc to speak to the

media, as the remaining Bucs dashed to their cars and sped away, all under five minutes. "Our emotions and efforts were put into this. The fellows played their hearts out," stated Lynch. Bucs part owner Joel Glazier thanked the crowd for coming out stating, "I can't say anything negative about the official ruling, but you guys can say anything you like" when asked to comment on the official ruling of the infamous play. "We were one step short, but next year we'll take that final step." That was Joel's final answer.

My final thought is, this team instilled pride back to Buc fans, even non-Buc fans. St. Petersburg's own Shaun King has become one of our own brothers, son, cousin, friend. It was a thrilling ending to a thrilling season! To lose under a controversial ruling is now in the book under ironic.

Thanks Bucs, for this year you not only gave fans something to cheer and talk about; they came back to the games and for two hours each weekend, you brought a positive spin on race relations, communities coming together for a common cause, and families spending time together. That in and of itself was a victory for Tampa Bay! A football game is proof that we can come together as ONE - and that's my final answer.

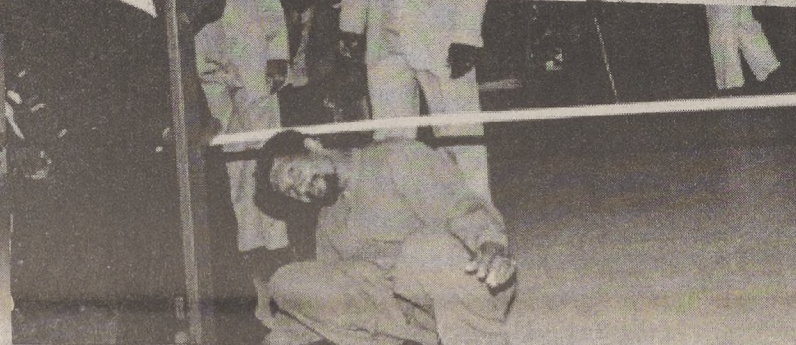
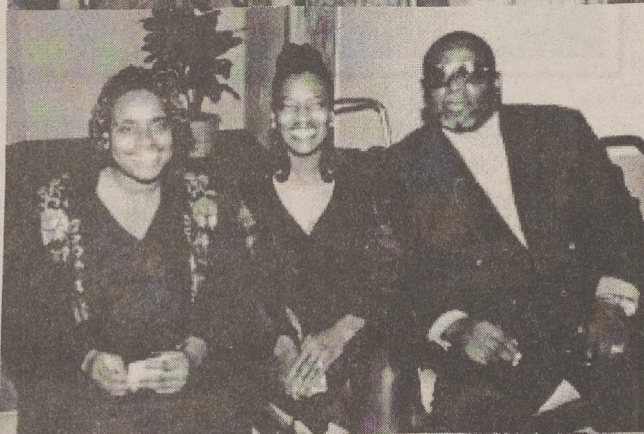
Birthday/Retirement Celebration For Levi Fleming

TAMPA - As many as 200 or more friends, relatives and well wishers were in attendance recently for a Birthday/Retirement Celebration in honor of Mr. Levi Fleming, given by his wife, Ruth, and daughter, Denise Fleming. Theme for the occasion was, "Hats Off To Levi!" and was reflected in the decor for the evening, which featured many hats.

Mr. Fleming has retired after 34 years of working at Reynolds. DJ of the evening was Freeman Cotton. The dance that stole the show was the "old dance," the limbo, and the "Chubby Checker." The winner was Aaron McGhee.

In addition to being showered with love and well wishes, Levi received many nice gifts.

The main course of food served for this special affair was Spanish-style chicken, black beans, fried rice, Cuban bread, and different finger foods.



Vincent Sims & The Sidewinders To Be In Concert

ST. PETERSBURG - The Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association will host a "Tribute To Blue Note Records" with Vincent Sims and The Sidewinders playing music recorded by Blue Note, the premier label in jazz. The concert, on Sunday, Feb. 6th from 3-5:30pm, will be at the Palladium Theater, 235 Fifth Ave. North, St. Petersburg (corner of 3rd Street and Fifth Ave. North). The City of St. Petersburg is a co-host.

Musicians are: Vincent Sims, guitar; Kenny Walker, bass; Kevin Wilder, keyboard; Ron Gregg, drums; Tim Eddy, tenor saxophone; Dwayne

White, trumpet; Robert Griffin, trombone; Edsel Van de Wall, Amenann, percussion. Featured will be Ernie Calhoun, tenor saxophonist.

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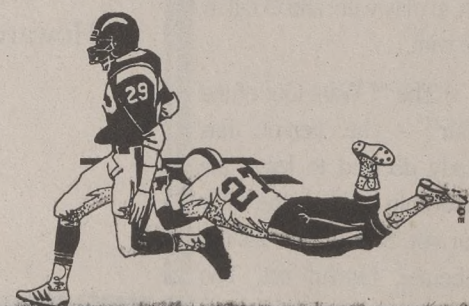
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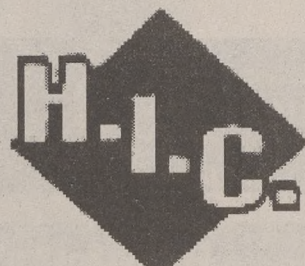
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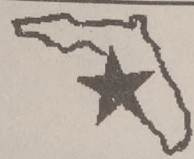
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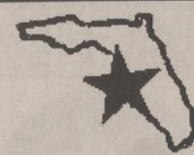
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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By DANIEL BANKS

We're all familiar with the seventh commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." (See Exodus 20:14 and Romans 13:9). We know all too well how painful infidelity can be to all parties involved, especially the injured party. We understand clearly the spiritual ramifications of unfaithfulness to one's partner and to God. Yet, when it actually happens to us when we thought it never would or never could, what should our posture be, in terms of saving the marriage? I've done some practical research on "Surviving Your Husband's Affair" (What You Must Do and What He Must Do).

The top reasons men have affairs, according to psychologist Joel Block, Ph.D. of Huntington, NY, and author of *Secrets of Better Sex*, are: Sexual experimentation, sexual compulsivity, a sense of loss of youth, or the void after the loss of a loved one. Sometimes a husband reaches out to another woman in a futile attempt to create an anti-depressant. Also, to avoid intimacy or conflict, a man will have an affair, as opposed to revealing feelings he thinks his wife may not like or understand. He adds the third person to diffuse the intensity. Ann Langley, California senior clinician at the San Jose Marital and Sexuality Centre, says that these affairs are survivable, even if they've gone on for awhile.

Men basically involve themselves in three types of affairs:

- 1) The one-night stand has a low emotional attachment and typically occurs when he's away on a trip. The affair meets a momentary need with no further commitment or consequence. (Willard F. Harley, Jr., Ph.D. and co-author of *Surviving An Affair*) Some men and women seize the opportunity to be unfaithful. One indiscretion is conquerable, but a philanderer with multiple one-night stands cannot be trusted. If you want to save the marriage, be honest with your wife, even if it is uncomfortable.

- 2) The Mistress - This type relationship can continue for years. Love is possible in this relationship. The husband seeks relief from routine, drudgery, and predictability of daily life. It's very difficult to recover from this type of affair. The husband must accept responsibility for the pain caused. The wife must be willing to forgive. Both must be totally open and honest. If the affair has gone on for three years, the husband must not say it was only six months. A measure of prevention is to be your husband's favorite person! (To talk to, to have sex with, to play with, and to fall in love with.)

- 3) The "I Want Out of the Affair" - the person has already decided to leave the relationship and uses the affair as an exit. Sometimes, this is a deliberate, hurtful act. The message it sends is, "I don't

care. My investment here is over." This kind of affair has the worst prognosis. But nothing is impossible with God. The prescribed method of prevention is to talk, have sex, play, fight, talk some more, do anything to avoid the point of no return.

In this day and age of the hip-hop sub-culture, talk shows like Jerry Springer and Ricki Lake, it's evident that there are a lot of hurt and bruised feelings out there. On every socio-economic level, adultery rears its ugly head and it must be dealt with by the Christian, both spiritually, physically and psychologically, in that we're both human and divine.

The conclusion of our study on *Surviving Affairs* covers what MUST be done by the husband and wife individually, in order to save the marriage.

If the couple wants to get past the affair, both parties have to understand that healing takes as long as the wife needs it to. The wife has to get to a place where she feels emotionally safe again and the husband must allow her the time to get there (according to Joel Block, Ph.D., a New York psychologist and author of *Secrets of Better Sex*). The affair was not about how much more desirable the other woman was than you are. (Shirley Glass, Ph.D. - an infidelity research specialist in Baltimore) The affair was about how much he liked WHO HE GOT TO BE WHILE HE WAS DOING IT! The recriminations of the wife cannot go on forever, if the marriage is to get past it. Don't give him a guilt trip indefinitely. Not letting go of the issue could provoke another affair.

"And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, 'Let not the wife depart from her husband: but and if she departs, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.'" - I Corinthians 7:10,11.

After her husband's affair, the wife must work at her confidence and self-esteem from sources other than just her

marriage.

On the other hand, the husband must begin with a sincere apology, regardless to the reasons for his wanderings. He caused the pain. He must work to fix the pain, without excuses. The wife must understand that she has NO RESPONSIBILITY in the husband's affair. One apology on his part, may not be enough. He must do whatever it takes to win back his wife's heart! Sometimes, the wife may want to talk about it and the husband doesn't want to. However, whenever it's discussed, he must tell the truth to rebuild trust. If the affair was three years long, don't say it was six months.

Some wives want to know every little trifle and may even want to hear it repeatedly. The husband, though, should use broad generalities as opposed to lurid details. At the same time, he must allow the wife to ask any question she wants to about the affair. After the affair has become common knowledge, the husband has to be more emotionally supportive than he was in the past. He must become more affectionate and more attentive to the wife. He should bring gifts, help around the house, accept his wife's anger, and really listen to her.

In rebuilding trust, it's paramount that he call if he's going to be late, let her check his travel receipts, let her see his cell phone bill, etc. In doing so, the husband is being open and honest and is helping his wife heal from a hurt he caused.

Pray for me.

Announcements:

On Saturday, Feb. 5th, St. Paul AME Church presents its annual Red & White Banquet at 7pm in the John Clinton Doctor Fellowship Hall. Ticket information is available by calling 622-8921.

On Feb. 12th, at 7pm, the Music Ministry of St. Paul AME Church presents the "Black Family In Concert," featuring Kemo Blunt. The public is invited.

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Family and friends of Rodrick V. Snow extend hearty 'Welcome Home!' greetings to him. It is their wish that everything goes well for him on his return.

Prayers and well-wishes were given at a Welcome Home Dinner held in Summerfield on Wednesday, Jan. 26th.

REVIVAL REMINDER

Rev. Samuel Franklin and the congregation of Universal Liberty Prayer House in Ocala is inviting the public to come share in God's anointings at a Revival to be held Thursday, Jan. 27th thru Sunday, Feb. 6th. In charge of services will be Prophet Vincent Turpin of Turpin's Prophetic Ministries, whose headquarters are located in Newfoundland, PA.

Come and hear the "Glad Tidings" of the Lord be preached. Every effort of this Revival will be to magnify our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Hearts will be thrilled, spirits will be lifted and souls will be saved. Come and be blessed!

Services are to begin 7:30pm nightly. Universal Liberty Prayer House is located at 2111 SW 2nd Street. For directions or more info, please phone one of the following numbers: 351-8424, 732-7693 or 732-4057.

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Idella Parker To Speak About Race And Friendship

GAINESVILLE - Idella Parker, cook, housekeeper, and companion to Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings from 1940 to 1950, will speak about her years with the famous author and her own life growing up as an African-American woman in early-20th century Florida, at the Vero Beach Book Center, 2145 Indian River Blvd., on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at 1pm.

The event is the first of several speaking engagements during Black History Month for Parker, who also will sign copies of her new book, *Idella*

Parker: From Reddick to Cross Creek, published recently by University Press of Florida. For more information on this event, please call (561) 569-2050.

Parker also will be speaking and signing books at a special Black History Month event at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville on Monday, Feb. 7th, at 12noon. The event, sponsored by SFCC's Black Student Union, will take place in Room R01 in the administration building.

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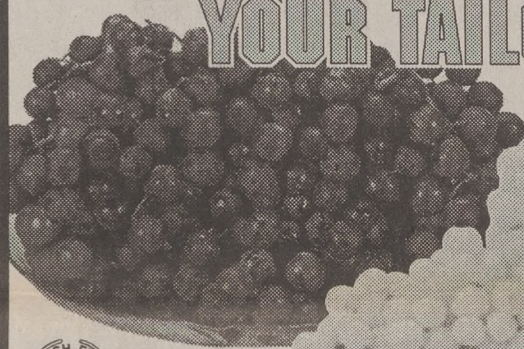
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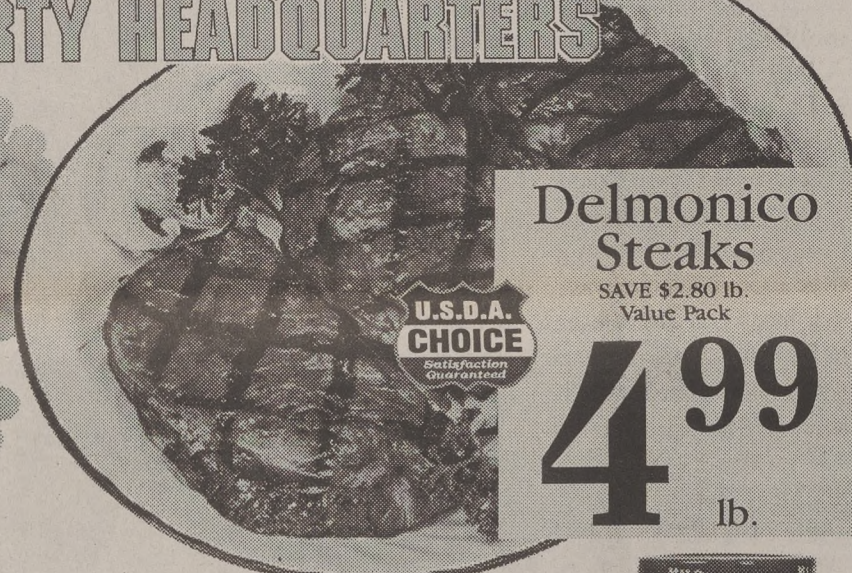


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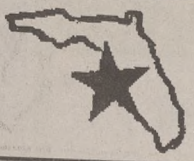
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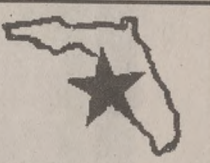
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JAMES ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Bobby James, principal at Dunnellon High School, has thrown his hat in the ring for Marion County Superintendent of Schools. James joins three other Republicans vying for the position.

James said, "Our plan is to be inclusive. One teacher, one classroom, one school, one community." James supports Gov. Jeb Bush's 'A+ School Grading System' and feels the community must come together to make sure qualified teachers and resources are spread throughout the school district.

Of his 29 years of experience in education, James has spent the last six as principal of Dunnellon High. He was also principal of Fessenden Elementary and the Phoenix Alternative Education Center. James has been married to Veronica for 25 years and they have one son, Bevon.

GAMBLE SELECTED AS CONTINUING EDUCATION MANAGER

The Rev. Jerone Gamble has been selected as Manager of Continuing Education at Central Florida Community College in Ocala. Gamble was the Continuing Education Coordinator for Business and Industry and Health Occupations.

OPTIMIST CLUB HONORS FOUR SENIORS

At its annual Youth Appreciation Awards gathering, the Optimist Club of Ocala honored four seniors of Marion County Schools for their community, church and school achievements.

Awards were given to Brian Coski and Lilly Nelson of Ocala Christian Academy and members of Central Baptist Church: Amanda Smith, who attends Belleview High School and is a member of Living Waters Worship Center, and David White, who attends Forest High and is a member of Silver Springs Shores Presbyterian Church.

The honorees were recognized for courage, compassion and community service.

TWO STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Tia Robinson and Kevin Guy have each been awarded a \$1,000 Chick-fil-A Leadership Scholarship, bringing Florida's Chick-fil-A employee scholarship money to more than \$1.2 million.

Paddock Mall Chick-fil-A Restaurant Operator Megan Cochran nominated Robinson. College Road Chick-fil-A

Restaurant Operator Bruce Nottke nominated Guy. Both students plan to attend Central Florida Community College. Robinson plans to study fashion design. Guy plans to study computer technology.

REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR SET

The Big Sun Regional Science Fair will be held at the City Auditorium in Ocala. Students from 6th-12th grades will have their high-technology exhibits, based on sound scientific principles, judged on Feb. 3rd. The exhibits can be viewed Feb. 4th from 9am-2pm with an award ceremony at 7:30pm at Forest High School Auditorium.

Over 250 student finalists from Marion, Levy and Sumter counties will compete. The top 32 projects are entered in the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair in April at the University of Florida. Four high school projects from the regional fair will be entered in the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in May at Detroit. For more information, call Thomas Dann at 237-7480 or 237-2147.

WORKERS NEEDED FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The Historic Preservation Society of Ocala is seeking volunteers to aid the organization in cleaning the grounds of Evergreen Cemetery, located on Northeast Magnolia and Northwest Eighth Street.

The cemetery will be featured during the HOPS Heritage Tour 2000 on March 4th-5th.

Work days are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5th-6th, and Feb. 27th, 2000.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

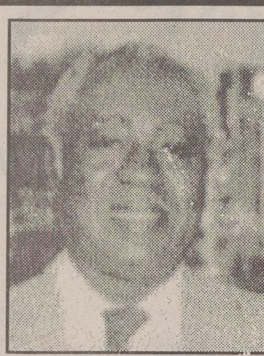
Birthday greetings go out to Kemesha Reynolds, Jan. 7th; Dr. Fred Maeweathers and Shenita Hickenbottom, Jan. 8th; LaTiffany Owens and Torre Crockett, Jan. 9th; Treasure Leach, Jan. 13th; Andre Boyd and William Vernon, Jr., Jan. 16th; Loretha Rogers Walker, Jan. 17th; Delores Irving and Cloteria Mattox, Jan. 20th; Lula Parker, Jan. 22nd; Earline Pridgeon, Jan. 23rd; Gloria Jean Mount, Jan. 24th; Twila Leach, Jan. 27th; Georgia Jackson, Jan. 26th; and Rashard Bell, Jan. 30th.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Happy Wedding Anniversary wishes go out to Edna and Earl English, Jan. 26th; also, LaVerne and Isaiah Cogdell, Jan. 28th.

Ocala News

by James Thorpe



SPECIAL DEDICATION OF MLK PAINTING

The Appleton Museum of Art celebrated the extraordinary life of Martin Luther King with a special ceremony Saturday, Jan. 15th at 2:30pm. This special occasion commemorated the life and times of the late Dr. King by officially unveiling a painting of the slain civil rights leader, by prominent British artist Joe Tilson.

Welcoming remarks were given by Jeffrey Spalding, Museum Director, and inspirational messages came from community leader Eugene Poole, President, State Voters League; County Judge Sandra Edwards-Stephens; Vern Crumbly, Jacksonville Division of Publix Supermarkets, Inc.; and State Representative

Cynthia Moore-Chestnut, 23rd District.

Commemorative speakers for the occasion included: Eugene Poole, Sandra Edwards-Stephens, Vern Crumbly, and Cynthia Moore-Chestnut, and The Honorable Mary Rich.

Music performed by members of the CFCC Gospel Choir accentuated the ceremony. This official event of the MLK Commission Committee was free to the public, through generous coordination by Candace Lewis-Khufia, *Mahogany Review* and Tina Greene, City of Ocala. James Thorpe was Chairman.

MLK COMMEMORATIVE PRAYER BREAKFAST

Many thanks to Loretta Jenkins for this Prayer Break-

Idella Parker

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and is free and open to the public. Please call Tia Thomas at (352) 336-2826 for more information on this event.

Parker also will appear at Books-A-Million in Ocala for a book signing on Friday, Feb. 18th, from 10am-2pm. Please call the bookstore (located at Gateway Plaza, 2701 SW College Road, in Ocala) at (352) 237-6618 for more information on this event.

Recently published by University Press of Florida, *Idella Parker: From Reddick to Cross Creek* is the book Parker's fans begged her to write—the illustrated story that tells what happens before and after she worked for Florida's Pulitzer-Prize winning author *The Yearling* and *Cross Creek*. Continuing the account

she began in her 1992 memoir (*Idella: Marjorie Rawlings' "Perfect Maid"*), Parker adds frank details about their decade together and includes new stories about Rawlings' beloved second husband, St. Augustine hotel owner Norton Baskin.

Baskin and Parker stayed in close contact even after Rawlings' death, regularly exchanging letters, phone calls, and Christmas gifts.

Parker said she hopes her new book illustrates "changes that I've lived to see." In it, she discussed the types of prejudices she's faced during her life and she gives a homespun account of what it was like to grow up in a poor family before blacks were given equal rights.

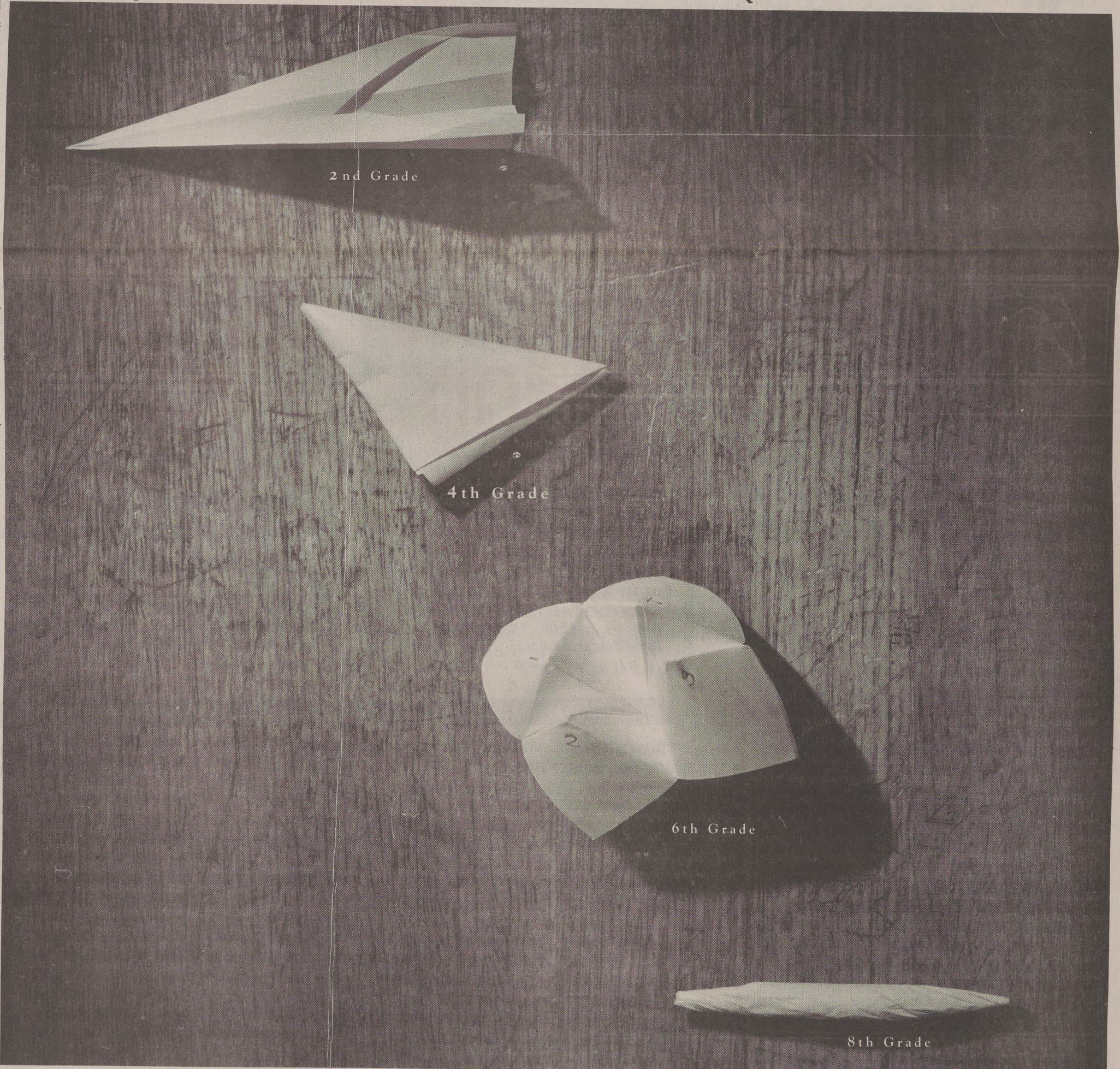
Parker also talks fondly about Reddick, her small, rural hometown between Ocala and Gainesville, and retells stories passed down from her ancestors about events both before and after the Civil War. She

includes family legends about Nat Turner, leader of the 1831 slave revolt known as Turner's Rebellion and reportedly one of her ancestors.

Parker also describes the disappointment she felt years ago after reading racist remarks in Rawlings' letters. Today, however, she attributes Rawlings' attitudes to the times they were living in and holds no grudges. She wishes the author would have lived to see integration and said she thinks they would be "the best of friends" if Rawlings were alive.

What results in *From Reddick to Cross Creek* is a revealing and personal memoir. Parker explained that when she wrote the first book she knew people would want to hear about Rawlings, but didn't feel confident enough to write her own story. Today, at age 85, she said she thrives on sharing her experiences.

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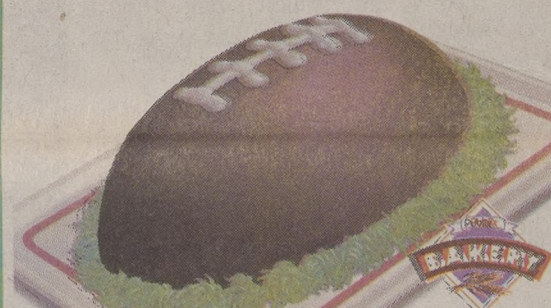
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Successful 107th Anniversary Masonic Lodge #109

ST. PETERSBURG — Masonic Lodge #109 of St. Petersburg held its banquet at the Masonic Hall. It was a gala affair and well-attended. The theme for the banquet was, "Christ's Love Is Forever."

Past Master Charlie Byrd was presented a card from Bro. Theodis C. Wright from the group for being the oldest member in the Lodge, and also celebrating his 98th birthday. There were guests from all parts of Florida attending the observance.

Guest speaker was Rev. Dr. A. Leon Lowry, 33rd

degree Mason of P.H.A.. There was a message for everyone who attended. Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Douglas "Tim" Jamerson. Occasion was given by Past Councilman Bro. Ernest Fillyau, with Greetings from the City of St. Petersburg by Councilman Frank Peterman. Invocation was by Bro. Walter Barnes. A solo was rendered by Norreo Williams, who is a student at South Florida. Grand Officer Freddie L. Whitehead introduced the Masonic family from around the Bay area.



(L to R): Dr. A. Leon Lowry, 33°, Councilman Frank Peterman, Jr. & W.M., Eddie Pringle



(L to R): Members from Lakeland Masonic Lodge



Mr. Douglas "Tim" Jamerson



Rev. Dr. A. Leon Lowry



(L to R): Mrs. & Mr. Charlie Bryd & Theodis C. Wright, Standing

Homestead Exemption Filing

CLEARWATER — Jim Smith, Pinellas County Property Appraiser, would like to remind the citizens of Pinellas County that it is time to file for a 2000 homestead exemption. Office hours are 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.

A homestead exemption is a constitutional benefit of a \$25,000 property tax exemption and results in a property tax savings of approximately \$500. The homestead exemption is granted to those applicants who are bonafide Florida residents, who own and occupy their dwelling and make it their permanent home on January 1st.

Mr. Smith urges all new residents to Pinellas County to file prior to the March 1st deadline. Residents who moved within the county last

year, or those who qualify for additional exemptions (such as a disability or widow's/widower's), must file a new application by the March 1st deadline.

These Property Appraiser locations are accepting homestead applications:

North County Office, Northside Square, 29269 US 19 N., Clearwater, 464-8780.

South County Office, Government Services Center, 1800 66th St. N., St. Petersburg, 582-7652.

Pinellas County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, 464-3294.

To file for a new homestead exemption, the following evidence of residence and qualification for all owners, including spouses, is required:

• Florida Driver's License and Automobile Registration.

- Voter's Registration.
- Permanent Alien Registration Card and Declaration of Domicile.
- A copy of your recorded deed or the notification card supplied by the Property Appraiser's Office, if available.
- The social security numbers of all applicants and their spouses.

When filing for a widow's/widower's exemption, please bring a death certificate or obituary notice; or when filing for a disability exemption, please bring proper certification of total and permanent disability.

For additional information on exemptions, Mr. Smith stated citizens should call the Personal Exemption Division at 464-3294 or visit one of the above-listed offices.

TASCO Teen Volleyball League

ST. PETERSBURG — Join the TASCO (Teen Arts, Social and Cultural Opportunities) volleyball league starting Feb. 14th. Male and female divisions are offered for teens in grades 6 through 8 and 9 through 12. Teens play Monday or Wednesday nights at

Willis S. Johns Recreation for 8 weeks. There are 6 player teams with 12 person roster. There is a cost per player to be placed on teams and/or to form your own team, which includes game shirts, referees and trophies. Register now by calling 892-5060.

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The Pinellas County Dental Association and the Pinellas County Health Department invite parents to bring their elementary school aged children to our Dental Health Fair. The fair is on Saturday, February 12th, at the Science Center of Pinellas County, 7701 22nd Ave. N., St. Petersburg, from 10am to 2pm.

A free bicycle will be given to the child that wins our poster contest using the theme "Healthy smiles are out of this world". During the event, the following activities are scheduled:

- Play carnival type games for prizes.
- Free food and drinks for children.
- Old toothbrush exchange.
- Meet local dentists and their staff.
- Meet local celebrities.
- Learn about oral hygiene with hygiene students from SPJC.
- Learn about nutrition with the WIC program of Pinellas.
- Learn about your county water.
- Relax to a story-telling session from Goodwill.
- Lots of fun, fun, fun and meet new friends.

Attitudes and habits established at an early age are critical in maintaining good oral health throughout life. By participating in the annual celebration of National Children's Dental Health Month, the dental team, parents, teachers and others can help keep children's smiles beautiful now and for years to come.

For additional information, contact Dr. Hayshell Saraydar at 727-547-7780, ext. 103, or Dr. Carl A. Wright at 727-469-5800, ext. 120.



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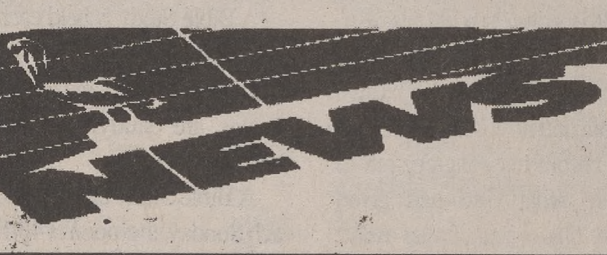


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Drop by and say hi to city staff at City Hall in the Mall, located adjacent to the courtyard in front of J.C. Penny. It's open Monday through Friday, 11am to 7pm, Saturday from 11am to 8pm, and Sunday noon to 5pm. Contact: 892-5304.

Drive Through Reading:

Did you know the Mirror Lake Library, 280 Fifth St. N., in downtown St. Petersburg offers a drive-through window for convenient retrieval of books, CDs and other materials? Pick up items on reserve or return books without getting out of your car. The window is open when the library is: Weekdays from 9am to 6pm, Saturdays from 9am to 5pm, and closed on Sundays. Contact: 893-7268.

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Church News



Elim Seventh Day Adventist Church

Pastor Edwards and the Elim Seventh Day Adventist Church invite you to worship with us this Saturday starting at 9am. Our Sabbath School lesson is entitled "Christ-Assurance of Justification by Faith." The memory text is "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:17, NKJV.

Worship service starts at 11am. Please come join us this Sabbath as we will be having a guest speaker, Bishop David Hill. This former Baptist minister is going to give his testimony on how God opened his eyes to truths he hadn't known about and how he boldly stood up before his congregation to share what God had given him. This is a can't miss event! Our church is located at 801 6th Ave. South in St. Petersburg. For questions, information or transportation, please call 894-5246.

AYS is every Sabbath 1 1/2 hour before sunset.

If you have kids and would

like them to be involved in a club that teaches Christian values, please have them join the Adventurers (ages 5-9) or the Orion Pathfinders club (ages 10-above). For more information, please contact our church at 822-0034.

Elim Junior Academy: training the hands, the head, and the heart. All kids grades kindergarten through eighth grade are welcome.

The Community Service Center is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-4pm, and on Tuesday evenings from 5-6pm.

A Bible Study is held each Friday evening at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend and join us as we are studying "The Desire of Ages."

A Bible Study class is held each Sunday afternoon at 4pm. We are in the midst of a study of the Holy Spirit. All are invited to come!

Thought for the week: If you think you are going through hell, keep going, for JOY is on the other side. May God bless you!

Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Church

The Pastors and members of Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Church invite all of our many family members as well as our friends to worship with us on Sunday, Jan. 30th, at 9:30 for Sunday School. Morning Worship starts at 11:15am with the Praise Team in charge of the devotional services. There will be no service

on Sunday evening.

Share with a family member or friend, the love of Jesus Christ.

All weekly services remain the same.

Our prayers are with the sick and shut-ins, and the bereaved families as well. Continue to hold on to God's unchanging hand!

Friendship Missionary Baptist

Pastor John A. Evans, Sr. and the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family welcome you to our Sunday Worship Services, Sunday, Jan. 30th and the forthcoming week. Services begin at 8am with the Deacons in charge of Devotion Prayer/Praise Service. The Special Chorus will render the song service, our ushers will greet you, and Pastor Evans will preach the divine word of God. Church School is held at 9:30am, and a second service begins at 10:45am, opening with the Minister of Music and the Praise Team.

"Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you, one of a city, and two, of a family, and I will bring you to Zion." Jeremiah 3:14.

Weekly Events:
Thursday, Feb. 3rd, 7-8:45pm, Prayer/Praise Service and Bible Study; also, Youth Enrichment Hour.

Friday, Feb. 4th, 7pm, Church Conference.

Wednesday, Feb. 9th, 12noon, Noon Day Bible Study; 12noon-2pm, Bread of Life Ministry serving lunch to all needy in the community.

Bethel A.M.E.

Pastor Dawkins and the members of Bethel welcome all to our Church School at 9am, followed by our Morning Worship Service at 10:30am. This Sunday is Missionary Day and the Mary Ann Jones Missionary Society will be in charge of the service. Rev. Gwendolyn Williams of Bethel will be the speaker for the day.

The Lay Organization will feed the less fortunate this Sunday 4-6pm. Come out and lend a hand and fellowship with those that are in need.

Pastor Dawkins wishes to

urge all officers and members to join us Friday, Feb. 4th, 2000 for our Love Feast. Come out and share in this experience. It will do your soul good to hear how the Lord has blessed others.

Weekly Calendar
Jan. 31st-Feb. 4th:
Monday, Youth Training, 6pm; Boy Scouts, 6:30pm.

Tuesday, Prayer and Class Meeting, 6:30pm; Bible Study, 7pm.

Wednesday, Noon Day Bible Study; Choir Practice; Mid-Week Service.

Friday, Love Feast, 7pm.

Dear Father,
You have
given so much;
give one thing
more - a
grateful heart.
Amen.

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YEAR TO
KNEEL

The Joy of Unselfish Giving

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

Helen Steiner Rice

PEOPLE OF CHRIST-CHURCH



Pastor Tony B. Young, Sr.

"Where Jesus is First"
2137 - 9th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 821-5444
Sunday School 9:30
Sunday Morn 11:45
Monday Prayer 6:00
Tuesday Bible Study 7:30
Friday Service 7:30

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

2120 19th St. S., St. Pete • 896-5228

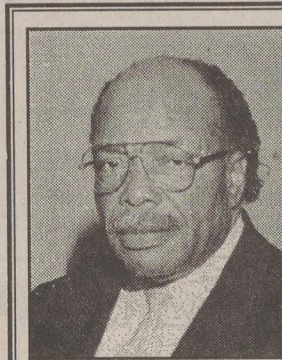
10:30 AM.....PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICES.....SUNDAY
9:00 AM.....CHURCH SCHOOL.....SUNDAY
5:00 PM.....FELLOWSHIP & DINNER.....TUESDAY
7:00 PM.....BIBLE STUDY.....TUESDAY
6:00 PM.....PRAYER SERVICES.....TUESDAY
7:30 PM.....MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL.....THURSDAY
Join us for any of our services where you will always find
"JESUS BEING PREACHED AND TAUGHT"



Rev. Alvin Moore, Pastor

Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church

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



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

Communion is observed quarterly
the first Sunday after every 5th Sunday.
For transportation to the church, call 327-8196 or 327-2391.
The Church Where Everyone Is Welcome

FIRST BAPTIST INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH

3144 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH
ST. PETERSBURG, FL
PHONE: 323-7518

REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

COME WORSHIP WITH
THE FIRST BAPTIST FAMILY

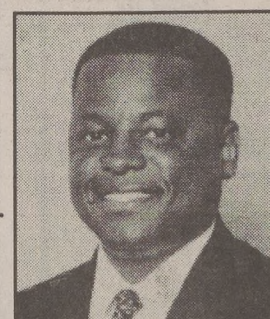


Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

955 - 20th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Phone: 894-4311

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Bible Study: 8:00-9:00 p.m.
(Adult and Youth)

Also offering free lunch, day care,
after school care, private school.



Pastor Louis M. Murphy, Sr.

Travelers' Rest

Sunday, Jan. 30th is Mission Sunday and Prayer Partner Sunday. Pastor Browne and the church family extend a warm Christian welcome to all who will worship with us on Sunday. Sunday School begins at 9:30am, followed by Morning Worship at 10:45. Partners are reminded to sit together during this special service.

The re-organization of the Youth Department will take place on Saturday, Jan. 29th from 10:30-11:30am. Brother Parrish and Sister Hope Wallace are asking all youth interested in being a part of the Youth Program as well as parents and other individuals interested in working with the Youth Department to please attend this most vital meeting, which will be held at the church.

Other Activities:
Thursday, Jan. 27th, Mid-Day Bible Study, 11am. Bible Study teacher is Minister Betty

Andrews. Mass Choir

Rehearsal, 7pm.
Saturday, Jan. 29th, Youth Dept. Mtg., 10:30-11:30am.
Monday, Jan. 31st, Deacon Board Mtg., 7pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, Prayer and Praise, 7pm, led by Christian Education Ministry; Bible Study, 7:30-8:30pm; Bible Study teacher is Pastor Browne.

Members are asked to be supportive of all meetings and events of the church.

Members are requested to continue to pray for all our sick and shut-in members. Remember them in prayer daily.

The Bus Ministry is available to transport members to church. If you need a ride, contact the church at 822-4869 on Saturday by 12noon.

At Travelers Rest, Christ is the center of attention and the word of God is preached.

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

Earth Mission Miracle Temple of Deliverance

2611 5th Avenue S. * St. Petersburg, FL
(727) 895 - 9591

Sunday School.....9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship.....10:00 A. M.
Thursday Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.
Saturday Morning Prayer...7:00 A.M.

Rev. Constance D. Samuels, Pastor



St. John Missionary Baptist Church

1500 N. Pennsylvania Avenue
Clearwater, Florida 33516
Church Phone: 443-1945 Parsonage: 446-6056

Rev. Fleming Tarver, Pastor
Sunday Services

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

Weekly Services

Bible Class Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

The church where everybody is somebody and Christ is all.

New Faith Free Methodist Church

2427 Irving Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL
Phone: 824-2814, Pastor • 323-1290, Church

THEME: Looking Upward, Searching Inward, Striving Onward
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

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



Rev. Curtiss L. Long, Pastor

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

912 - 3rd Avenue North • Phone: 822-2089



The Rev. Harry L. Dawkins, M. Div., Pastor

Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Prayer Service/Bible Study.....Tues. 7:00 p.m.
Junior Church Fellowship.....Thurs. 6:00 p.m.
Tutoring.....Mon. & Thurs. 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Welcome... This church opens wide the door -
and in the name of Christ and Our Lord says: "COME!"

TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE

GREATER MT. ZION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REV. CLARENCE WILLIAMS, PASTOR
919 - 20th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Early Morning Worship 7:30 a.m. • Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. • All Male Bible Study Weds. 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study Monday 6:00 p.m.
Vintage Bible Study Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Live Broadcast WRXB (Every Sunday 8:30 a.m.)
Tape Ministry • Bus Ministry

Need a tape of a service or transportation - Dial 894-1393
("The church with a heart in the heart of the city")

Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

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

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Membership Training 5 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer
Meeting Tuesday 7 p.m.



"The Church That's Moving Forward Together"

Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

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

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



Rev. Clyde Williams

Evening Worship.....6 p.m.
Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.

Tuesday Night
General Bible Study

Thursday Night Prayer
Meeting & Teachers Meeting

We welcome you at all times.

Bible Holiness Church of God in Christ

419 - 5th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: 898-3838

The members would like to invite you and your family to worship with us. Our services are:
Tuesday Morning Prayer 9:00am
Weds.-Family Worship 7:00pm
Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Morning Worship 11:15am
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00pm

Pastor: Elder B.O. Walker



Prayer Tower Church Of God In Christ

1135 37th Street South, St. Pete, FL

Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11:30 a.m.
YPWW 5:30 p.m. Sunday
Church Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday
Night Services 7:30 p.m.





Church News



Breakthrough Ministries



Evangelist Bea McCloud

Be here tonight (Thursday, the 27th) and Friday at 7:30pm to climax our last week of Covenant Revival Month with Pastor/Evangelist Bea McCloud of Palmetto, Florida. She'll be preaching like a woman from another world. She has a dynamic deliverance and soul-winning ministry, and she's an anointed singer. She has travelled all over the country proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Don't miss it! Three great nights!

Check out our ad for our weekend schedule, including radio.

Join Prophet Glenn Miller in a "Miracle Millennium Celebration 2000 BreakThrough Revival," Feb. 1st-4th, 2000 at Faith Interdenominational Church of Christ, 2111 Oakley Ave. South, St. Petersburg, Bishop Franklin C. Bennett, Pastor. Services start promptly each night at 7:30. For info or directions, call (727) 550-9061. Come expecting change! God has a word for you! This is the year of miracles!

See you at BreakThrough, 1940 49th St. South, St. Pete. Call us at (727) 321-4986/888-447-PRAY. Fax us at (727) 321-3937. Come as you are; no dress code!

EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE: HE IS A SHIELD UNTO THEM THAT PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM.
Proverbs 30:5

Christ Gospel Church

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

Rev. P.D.H. Leonard
Pastor



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

ELIM Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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

SATURDAYS

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

WEDNESDAY

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



ELIM Junior Academy & Day Care Center

20th Street Church Of Christ

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



Bro. Robert Smith

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

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to worship with them on Sunday, Jan. 30th. The Deaconesses will be in charge of the 7am Early Morning Worship. The Senior Male Chorus and the Adult Male Ushers will serve. The topic for this service is "Women Of Faith." Speakers are Sisters Sarah Anderson, Annie Sawyer, Kay Curry, Ella Haynes and Lillie Morris. Summary will be given by President, Mildred Jackson.

Sunday School begins at 9:30am with Superintendent, Deacon Philip Carter, presiding.

The General Mission Hour

will be observed in the 10:50am Mid-Morning Worship Service. The speaker will be Sister Dorothea Miller. The Senior Male Chorus will render song service and Usher Board No. Two will serve. Please see church ad for all other special services.

Don't forget the Grand Canyon Tour 2000. Please contact Sister Kay Curry at 864-2937 after 7pm for details. Payments are being accepted now and final payment due June 4th, 2000.

Thought for the week: "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last."

**When Life Knocks
You To Your
Knees, You're In
The Perfect
Position To Pray!**

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

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

PEACEFUL ZION M.B. CHURCH

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

Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
B.T.U. 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 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.

International Headquarters, Anderson, Indiana

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

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



Dr. Frederick D. Terry

New Philadelphia Community Church

The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor

2335 - 22nd Avenue South
P. O. Box 15935 • St. Petersburg, FL 33733

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

Deacon Ministry Deacon Edward Nesbitt
Finance Ministry James Robinson
Children & Youth Ministry Joyce Robinson
Clerk Ministry Wyonna McGee
"A Church With Passion For God and Compassion For People"

Good Samaritan Baptist Fellowship

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

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

• Wholistic Ministry (Physical, Mental, and Emotional)

• Bible Based Fellowship Considering the Biblical Commands in Light of Contemporary Problems

• Promoting the Self-Worth and Equality of All Persons

• Non-Sexist Participation • Youth Ministry

NATHANIEL W. TINDALL, II, PASTOR

Stewart-Isom Memorial

The Director of the Christian Board of Education, Sis. Earline Demps, along with Director of Children, Sis. Darlene Hopkins, and Director of Youth, Sis. Mary Wright, are making final plans for our Y2Kids for Jesus Day on Saturday, Feb. 5th, 2000 from 11am-1pm at the church.

This day will kick off the expansion of our Children and Youth ministries. A variety of activities are planned, including puppet shows, storytelling,

rappers, a clown, and a ventriloquist will also be on hand. There will be refreshments, of course. Please plan to attend and bring your children.

Weekly Reminders:

Sunday, Early Bible Study & Prayer, 9am; Church School, 9:30; Praise Service, 10:45; Worship, 11am.

Wednesday, Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm.

Thursday, Bible Study & Prayer, Noon and 6:45pm.

Venezuela Flood Victims Need Our Help



TAMPA - Caribbean World Missions, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. C.C.

Cariman, is calling on churches, pastors, business people and all others to assist in efforts to send relief funds to Venezuela flood victims who are desperately in need of assistance. All donations should be sent to CWM, P.O. Box 82456, Tampa, FL 33612. All checks should be marked for Venezuela.

Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Inc.

1948 49th St. S. • St. Pete, FL 33707
Church: 327-8072

Pastor: Elder. Franklin Evans

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:15 a.m.
Bible Study (Monday) 7:00 p.m.
Prayer & New Comers Class (Wednesday) 6:30 p.m.
Daily Prayer (Tu & Th) 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.
"All Are Welcome" • "Bring A Friend"



The Holy Ghost Church of God Purchased With His Blood

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

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.
Y.P.W.W. 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

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

New Philadelphia Community

New Philadelphia will theologically focus on biblical millennial prophecy. End time events and recent lunar eclipse, will be discussed in Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. The prophet Joel will be primary source book in Old Testament. New Testament references will be St. Matthew, Acts, I & II Thessalonians, and Revelation. Specific scripture references will be given out on Sunday at conclusion of mid-morning worship.

Worship service for Mission Sunday will be coordinated by Missionary ministry under leadership of the Reverend Mary Thompson. A review of missionary circles will be done during worship. Pastor will hold an evaluation session at end of service to ascertain progress of edifice construction ministry. Members

are reminded to wear Mission Sunday T-shirts.

Commendations and congratulations to Y'Desha Alsop of church family. She was recipient of NCNW scholarship at recent breakfast honoring memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Y'Desha will also serve as page in Florida House of Senate in upcoming legislative session. She is daughter of Wyonna McGee and Fred Alsop, Jr.

The Pastoral, Prayer, and Deliverance ministries will conduct a prayer vigil during first weekend in February. Members will commune, pray, and fellowship together on Friday evening through midnight and a.m. Saturday morning. Pastor will give additional information on Sunday at worship.



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

"Where strangers meet with friends and sinners find their God."



Moore's Chapel AME Church

Rev. M. Mason Walker, 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.

FIRST MT. PILGRIM EVANGELIST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

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
The Church That Welcomes Everyone!



TRAVELERS REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2183 - 22nd Avenue South

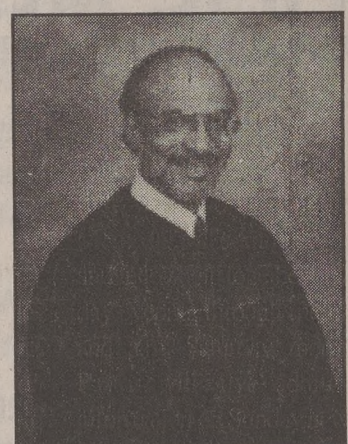
St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Church Phone: 822-4869

Residence: 824-6021

Mid-Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Prayer/Praise Service (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Donald
F. Browne



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

ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

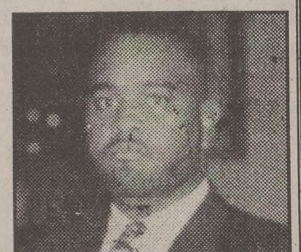
1301 - 37th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

Schedule of Services

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

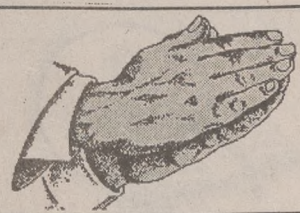
Prayer Meeting

Thursday 7 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

"One week from church makes one weak."



Church News



Bethel Metropolitan



Patricia Williams

The Official Board, ministerial staff and church family invite you to worship with us during the 8 and 11am services and Sunday School at 9:30am. The Praise Team, Combined Choirs and No. 1 Ushers will serve. Our Mission Sunday services will be observed during the 11am worship hour. President Agnes M. Howard, Captains Bertha Williams, Laura Johnson and Ruth Smith along with the members of Dollie Smith Circle No. 1, Callie Lester Circle No. 2, and Pearl Haden Circle No. 3 will lend leadership for the worship hour.

The Mission speaker is our own Patricia Brown Williams, who has worked in church ministries for the past 25 years. Presently, she is active in the Deaconess and Youth Ministries, Concord Choir, Sunday School, Board of Christian Education, NBC and Married Couples Ministry. Mrs. Williams has been led to a per-

sonal ministry of building strong families. She has facilitated workshops on "The Christian Working Woman" and "The Vision and Joy of Youth Ministry." Mrs. Williams' training consists of Marriage and Family, Discipline, Youth and Women Ministry, Christian Leadership and Teaching. She is a faculty member of the National Congress of Christian Education, NBCUSA. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Behavior Disorders, and is a teacher of EH and SLD for the Pinellas County School Board. She is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Child's Park Outreach Board and Director of Christian Summer Camp, grades K-5, Angel Tree and SHARE Food Ministries. She is the 20-year wife of Deacon Alfred Williams and the mother of their two daughters, Crystal and Chrystenn.

Our mid-week Bible Study (NBC) and Prayer Ser-

vice at 7pm are designed for the spiritual enrichment of the entire family. Transportation is available; call the church office (327-0554) if you have a need.

Our Noon Day Bible Study continues its exciting study. Join them for an intense and interesting study of the Word.

The Official Board of Bethel Metropolitan has instituted 40 days of prayer and meditation that continues through Feb. 25th. During the 40 days, the church members are asked to pray for the following 7 specific areas: Healing, Unity, Pastor, Community, Official Board, Leadership and God's Guidance. The church is open daily from 6am-6pm, for those persons who wish to pray in the sanctuary. On the 40th day, the 24-hour prayer vigil begins at 8am and ends Saturday morning at 8am with breakfast. We are encouraged to fast as often as we are led by the Spirit. We invite the community to join us in prayer and meditation.

Deacon Jerome and Lynda Smith, along with Deacon Lannis and Gwendolyn Thomas are actively planning the annual Married Couples Ministry Workshop, scheduled for Feb. 10th-11th at 7pm. The facilitators for the workshop will be Reverend Manuel and Belinda Sykes of Bethel Community Baptist Church. The culminating activity is their annual Sweetheart Banquet, this year being held at Saffron's on Park Street. Registration has begun; call church office for additional information.

Moore's Chapel

Presiding Elder J. L. Denmark and the Moore's Chapel Church family welcome you to their services this 5th Sunday in January (the 30th). During both 8 and 11am services, the sermon will be delivered by Presiding Elder J. L. Denmark. During both services, music will be provided by the African Freedom Singers directed and accompanied by Minister of Music Michael Melvin. The Stewardess Board and the youth ushers will serve. For transportation to church, please contact the Transportation Ministry: Bro. Willie F. Bryant, 894-6067; Bro. Robert Golden, 867-0156; or Bro. Anthony Macon, 328-0022 on or before 9pm Saturday.

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

Services/Meetings:
Noon Day Prayer Service, Wednesday, 12noon.

Bible Study/Prayer Service, Wednesday, 7pm.

Steward Board Meeting (date to be announced), 7pm.

Trustee Board Meeting (date to be announced), 7pm.

W.M.S. Meeting, Wednesday after the 1st Sunday, 6pm.

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, Thursdays before the 3rd and 4th Sundays.

YPD Meeting, 3rd Sunday at 4:30pm.

Moore's Chapel Church family would like to welcome our new Pastor, Rev. Marcus Burke!

All Nations Church

The All Nations Church of God By Faith is celebrating our 5th Anniversary at 3000 4th Ave. South, St. Petersburg. With three nights of praising, preaching and a hallelujah good time in Jesus, Jan. 26th-28th. Wednesday night, Bishop L. Carr is in charge. Thursday night, Elder Jim Blair is in

charge; and on Friday night, Elder Roosevelt Watkins is in charge.

We will celebrate on Saturday night, Jan. 29th with a banquet at Lakewood Country Clubhouse, 2001 Country Club Drive, Lakewood Estates.

We will be burning our

church mortgage on Sunday, Jan. 30th immediately after our 5th Sunday Union Service.

For any information, you may call or contact any of the committees involved. Senior Pastors James and Johnnie Lee Williams may be reached at 327-2656, 327-5926 or 864-9912.

For Those Who love the Word Of God: Every Word Of God Is Pure: He Is A Shield Unto Them That Put Their Trust In Him. Proverbs 30:5



Faith is a gift bestowed by the Lord, joyfully illuminating your path in a way no other light can. It enables you to overcome obstacles, to endure hardships and to persevere until you reach your goal. Would you like to walk by faith? God is eager to grant His priceless gift to you, if you will only ask for it.

The Lord Is With Us.



Antioch Church

Ph # 866-3842
4601 34th Street South
(Howard Johnson's)

Rev. Michael A. Hawkins, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 AM
Morning Worship11:00 AM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

.....Tuesday 7:30 PM
Church Theme: "Rise Up And Walk"

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.

"THE LITTLE CHURCH WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY"

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CENTER INTERDENOMINATIONAL

4240 Central Avenue • St. Petersburg, FL 33711 • (813) 328-9412

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CENTRAL

F E L L O W S H I P

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

GRACE

CENTER

SERVICE
Sunday School
9:30 - 10:30
Morning Worship 10:30
Evening Worship 6:30
Wed. - Pray 7:00
Bible Study 7:30

Phone
(813) 328-9412
NURSERY AND
CHILDREN'S
CHURCH
AVAILABLE

Pastor Leonard Wilson • Phone: 536-1890

STEWART-ISOM MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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

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

"To God Be The Glory"

BREAKTHROUGH MINISTRIES

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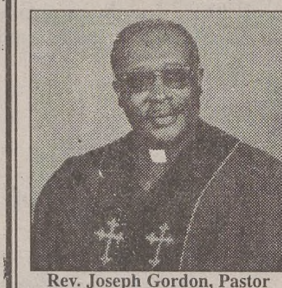
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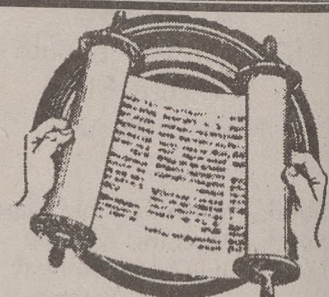
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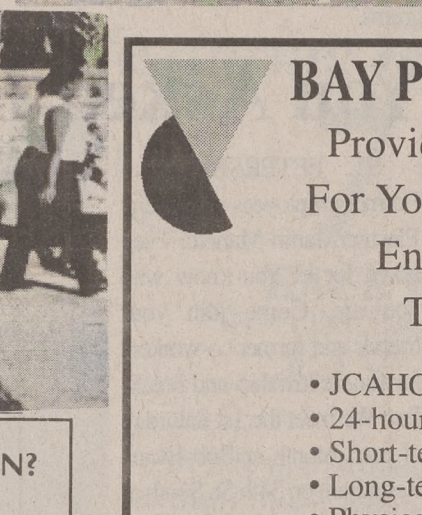
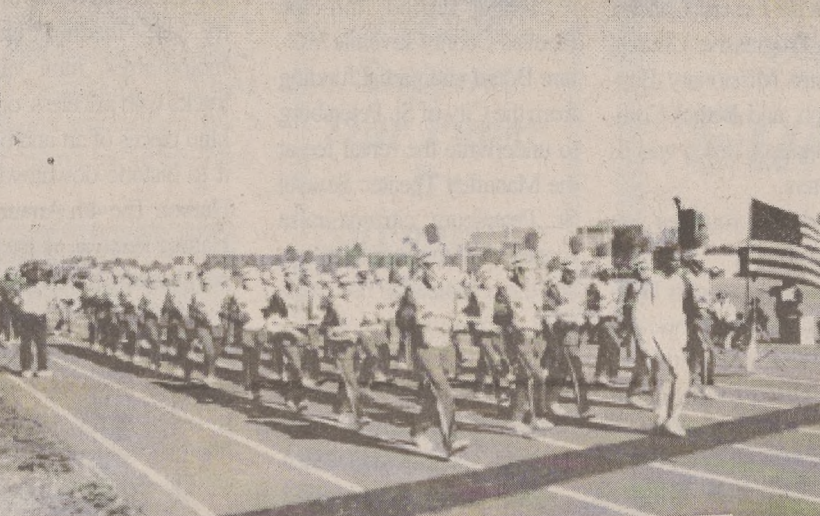
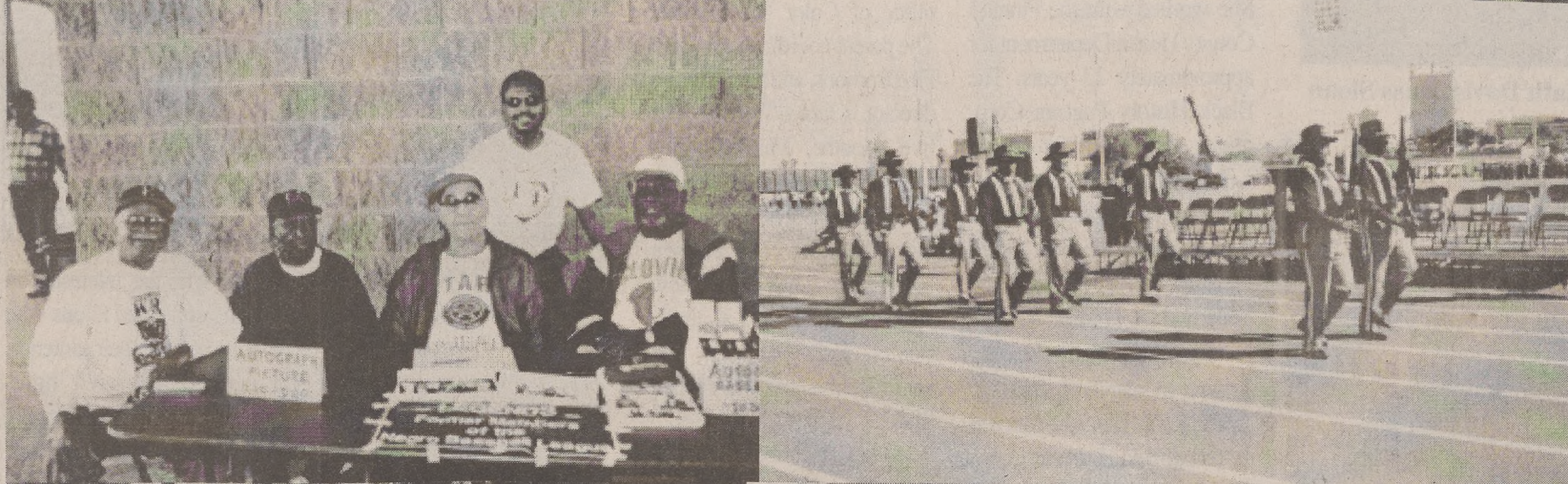
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TAMPA — The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade was held on Monday, Jan. 17th, 2000. The parade began at Harrison between Marion and Morgan. The Parade Marshals were Dr. Roy Kaplan and Rev. A. Leon Lowry. The parade was watched by many along the parade routes. Some participants were: motorcycle units from the Tampa Police Department, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Highway Patrol, Police Chief Bennie Holder, Sheriff Cal Henderson, HCS Fire Chief Pete Botto, District Chief Charles L. Brown, Ms. Florida (1998-1999) Lillian Lima, Tampa Mayor Dick Greco, Hillsborough High School Band, Williams Middle School Band, Pierce Middle School Band, Leto High School Band, Tampa Bay Tech High School Band, King High School Band, Howard W. Blake High School Band, Albany State University Band of Albany, GA, WTMP Radio 1150, and many other organizations, city officers, county officers, marching units, various church high steppers, and the Negro League Baseball Buffalo Soldiers.



Speaking To The People

by W.F. Allen



The St. Petersburg Police Department and Florida Highway Patrol had a field day on 34th Street South, in St. Petersburg, Florida. They were giving out tickets for speeding, checking for drunk drivers, and to see if motorists were using their seat belts. They demonstrated to city residents that they can get the job done. That was just one job that they have done well; but the real job they forgot to do. We need to be careful and be protected by the police from ride-by shooters, rapes, drugs, robbery and many more very harmful, deadly crimes. That should be taken care of like the 34th Street 'scan,' that caught people off guard. The police department should understand that speeding is not the major problem in any city. You have never seen such well-trained

police and highway patrol officers doing their job; catching speeders. Many people asked, "Is this all they're trained for - to sit back, hidden, to catch speeders? What about the real crimes being committed while hidden, parked police are waiting for their speeders? Is this what they can do best?"

There is a lot of talk about this, but if all major crimes are solved, they will be out of a job. Crime is the product. Get rid of the product, then there will be a decrease of employees; therefore, their position will be in jeopardy. When a crime is committed, no one wants to give the police any information because there may be a time that a police problem becomes a public problem, and the person does not want to be a victim too.

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Mayor David Fischer

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through the city's 1998 Annual Report of Neighborhood Associations, Parks and Recreation, Dome District, Property Values and Economic Development.

The Mayor was introduced by Chief Goliath Davis,

who expressed how great it was to bring the Mayor home to his own community. Chief Davis was also available to answer questions from those in attendance and to speak specifically towards street-side communities/individuals doing

business.

Others represented at this month's Black Business Roundtable supporting initiatives of Mayor Fischer and Chief Davis included the St. Petersburg Business Development Center staff.

Protest Leads

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The governor this week said he contacted at least three black caucus members for their comments on the plan. Sen. Daryl Jones of Miami had signed on last year as a supporter of One Florida, but abruptly abandoned Bush when he realized his joining with the governor had raised the hackles of other caucus members and black power brokers statewide.

One Florida is being proposed as a way to blunt constitutional amendments for the November ballot offered by Ward Connerly, a black California businessman who was successful in eliminating state government race and gender preference policies in California and Washington state. Bush's One Florida ends certification and goals for minority-owned businesses and promises to guarantee that the top 20 percent of high school graduates would gain entry into state colleges.

Asked whether the sit-in was a political ploy at legislative Republicans who hold the majority in both chambers, Jamerson said the issue of affirmative action "transcends politics. It's a people issue. White women who are Republicans, and Hispanics, many in Miami, who are Republicans have benefitted from affirmative action."

Jamerson added: "We can't allow the governor to do away with laws that give people an opportunity to participate in the economic life of

Florida."

The governor's agreement to allow a committee to hear the public's views on his One Florida plan got off to a controversial start last week when Miller complained that House Speaker John Thrasher violated the spirit of the agreement.

Under the agreement the panel would comprise 15 members, seven from the Senate and eight from the House, named by the Senate President, the House Speaker and the minority leaders in both chambers. One of Miller's four appointees was rejected by Thrasher, Miller said, because the speaker exercised his power by rules to make appointments.

Bush's One Florida plan has drawn opposition from groups such as FREE that say it was a hurried effort conceived without the public's input.

Russell said he was pleased that the plan's implementation was delayed but added that FREE is still working to get 43,500 petitions by next week for its Florida Equal Opportunity Initiative.

That initiative is designed to oppose the amendments Connerly's group is proposing to end affirmative action in hiring, education and the awarding of contracts.

"It is the alternative amendment language which would authorize the state to take affirmative action when it was necessary," Russell said.

Wall Street

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National Health and Human Services Employees Union and Percy Sutton, Chairman of ACTEL, Ltd., and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, among others.

Rev. Jackson announced that a "One Thousand Churches Connected" economic literacy initiative would be launched in January, 2000, in cooperation with the New York Stock Exchange. Each quarter, 35 ministers from community churches will be brought to the New York Stock Exchange for a one-week education program designed to help them initiate "Financial Ministries" within their congregations. Attendees will also obtain the technological tools necessary to help their congregations monitor and participate in the financial markets.

"We want more people to have stocks, rather than just stockings, by their Christmas trees during the next holiday season," said Jackson. "The 1000 Churches campaign will also include support of various industry initiatives directed at youth and the schools, including the Securities Industry Association Stock Market Game and other, similar programs."

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Black History Pageant

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and the University of Michigan. He received his medical degree from Howard University School of Medicine. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Marie Yopp is a graduate of Florida A&M's Nursing School. She studied supervisory nursing at Columbia University in New York City and earned a master of public health degree from the Teacher's College in 1961. She worked with the Pinellas County Health Department for approximately 23 years. The Black History Pageant Committee prays that their history will inspire some young person to enter the medical profession. And we ask God's blessings on the lives of Marie Yopp and Dr. Fred W. Alsop.

From the first physician known to mankind, Imhotep, to Dr. Keith Black, a nationally-recognized neurosurgeon at Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles, the contributions of African Americans' medical professions will be highlighted by a highly-talented group of young people. These young people have spent five months learning their history so that they can be the griots of the community. Because the pageant has grown and was in need of space, the young actors were cordially welcomed for rehearsals by Eckerd College, Mt. Zion Progressive Church, Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, and Bethel Community Baptist Church was its headquarters.

The dance routines are coordinated by Andrea Hosey, a teacher at John Hopkins Magnet School, and the artistic director is Donald Jackson, who works for the Pinellas County School System. Teresa Riggs, a paraprofessional at Clearview Elementary, is his assistant. The assistant coordinator is Frances Williams, a retired Pinellas

County teacher. The coaches, who help the participants learn and deliver their parts effectively include Mary Calloway, long time teacher at Immaculate Conception School; Donald Polk, a retired law professor; Andrea Peaten, who works for the YWCA of Tampa Bay; James Pleasant of Clearwater, a computer analyst and specialist; and Shelby Jiggetts-Tvony, who heads the office of Color Me Human. The parent coordinator is Janet Fitzsimmons, and the activities director is Janice Wiggins. For five months, Mrs. Wiggins prepares refreshments for the young people. The treasurer is Janet Andrews. The pageant committee has a new wardrobe mistress, LaLaunda Baxter. For 21 years, the wardrobe mistress was Flonell Myles.

Other members of the committee include Frank W. Peterman, Jr., assistant director and Janice Hughes, assistant activities director. The spiritual advisors include: Rev. and Mrs. Manuel Sykes, and Rev. Clarice Pennington. Nancy Walker is the corporate fundraiser and Eula Bennett is the community fund-raiser. Peggy Peterman is the founder/director.

The Black History Pageant receives a stipend from the Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board and partial funding from the City of St. Petersburg to underwrite the rental fee at the Mahaffey Theater. Several St. Petersburg citizens raise money for the organization, and the organization has gratefully named them - Angels. They are: Opal Biggs, Lula McFarley, Evelyn Thompson, Cheryl Johnson-Tindall, Gloria Peeler and Elnora Florence.

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AAVREC To Hold Restoration Of Civil Rights Workshop



ST. PETERSBURG — Perkins T. Shelton, Public Relations Chairman of the African-American Voters Registration and Education Committee, announced that the organization will hold a Restoration of Civil Rights workshop at the Enoch Davis Center on Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, 2000 at 3pm.

The workshop is to train

persons who are interested in assisting convicted felons who have completed their sentence, in getting their civil rights restored. AAVREC Chairman, Vyrle Davis, stated Felix Ruiz, Parole Examiner Supervisor, will conduct the workshop.

Fred Burnes, who is the chairman of this all important committee, stated that interviews will begin on Wednesday,

day, 2nd, 2000, 3pm at the Enoch Davis Center, and continue on every Wednesday thereafter until further notice. Burnes is asking members of the organization as well as non-members who are interested to attend the workshop and help with the training program.

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Artists Converge On Florida Avenue

PALM HARBOR — Right now over 150 award-winning artists from all across the country are loading up their motorhomes, mini vans and trucks with priceless, one-of-a-kind pieces of art and bringing it to historic downtown Palm Harbor. The 4th Annual Palm Harbor Festival of the Arts is being held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5th and 6th on scenic Florida Avenue. This free family event also provides live musical entertainment and international food pavilions.

On display will be a wide variety of mediums including hand-made jewelry, stained glass, wildlife photography, acrylic and watercolor paintings, fine ceramics and sculptures. Hsing-hua Chang is one of the participating artists in this year's show. Chang stud-

ied calligraphy and watercolor painting in China and has been working as a full-time fine artist for over 15 years. Her work has been displayed at many professional exhibitions and private collections throughout the United States and abroad.

Keith Bradley is a highly-recognized and acclaimed sculptor who will also be exhibiting at this year's festival. Keith's metal creations of horses, bulls and other animals were inspired by the rusty roof of a burnt-out barn in northern Florida. His work has been exhibited in several museums in Ft. Lauderdale and he has been featured in numerous popular art publications.

Another well-known sculptor, Mauro Possobon, will be at this festival with his

unique clay creations. His current work includes images inspired by Greek and Egyptian mythological characters. Possobon has also created three-dimensional portraits and bronze and marble sculptures for celebrities like Jay Leno, Michael Bolton, Sammy Davis, Jr., Reba McEntire, Liberace and Smokey Robinson.

The 4th Annual Historic Downtown Palm Harbor Festival of the Arts will take place on Feb. 5th and 6th from 10am to 5pm daily. The show is located on historic Florida Avenue just off U.S. 19 and Alternate 19. For more information on this free family event, call our Tampa office at (813) 962-0388 or our main office at (954) 472-3755.

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Denver Broncos Terrell Davis Tackles Hip-Hop With Help From Buddy, 'Legit'



JERSEY CITY, NJ — "I'm not a rapper," Terrell Davis says as he laughs, shaking his head slightly. "I'm a ball player, man." And while the latter is certainly true, the NFL's 1998 MVP may wish to reconsider the former.

Some of today's bigger-than-life stars of the sports world have recently been moonlighting on their multi-million-dollar day jobs for a chance to pursue an outside passion: rapping. Names like Shaquille O'Neal, Chris Webber, Allen Iverson, Kobe

Bryant, all fans of Hip-Hop, have jumped at the opportunity to add their own interpretation to the music that scores their generation.

But while the other sports stars are actually active pursuing rap careers, a rap career may begin to pursue Terrell. "Lyrically, he's better than anybody," Jeff Cunningham who raps under the alias 'Legit', says of the Denver Broncos star who makes two guest appearances on Cunningham's album, *It's All in the Game*.

The album also includes an all-star roster of Denver

area talent. Rappers Turbo and Kek Dawg appear, as does former Earth, Wind & Fire saxophonist Andrew Wolfolk.

"The songs hit on the parallels of being a football player and being a soldier," Davis says. "(In both) You go out to combat." And if there's anything Terrell Davis knows anything about, it's combat.

And until we see Ice Cube breaking tackles and heading down the sidelines for a Super Bowl touchdown, we'll have to imagine that rappers have a lot of respect for Terrell Davis.

Universal Studios Captures Major NAACP Image Awards —

UNIVERSAL CITY, CA — In a major sweep of the NAACP Image Award nominations, Universal Pictures emerged as the most nominated motion picture company. Universal Music Group was the second most nominated music company, and Universal Studios Network Programming's *The Steve Harvey Show* was the most nominated television show.

In motion pictures, Universal Pictures leads with a total of 14 nominations, including three of the five Outstanding Motion Picture nominees.

The Universal Music Group is in second place with a total of 10 nominations.

Universal Studios Network Programming's *The Steve Harvey Show* received a total of five nominations.

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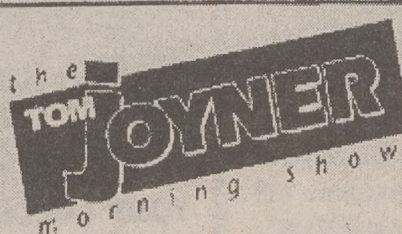
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Jamerson - Democratic Club Speaker

PINELLAS PARK — On Thursday, Jan. 13th, 2000 life-long resident, former Democratic Party State Representative from Dist. 55/State Education Commissioner/State Labor Secretary Douglas Jamerson was the keynote speaker for the monthly gathering of the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club, chartered in 1928, making it the oldest club in Pinellas County. All in attendance listened intently as Mr. Jamerson expressed why he is a Democratic candidate for State Senate District 21. The district, he explained, involved several counties including the predominantly African-American community in St. Petersburg, where several club members reside, and the belief by many is that he is in the unique position of having the possibility of a Pinellas County person represent constituents in this predominantly Democratic district.

The club held its Awards Night for members selected by the board for making special contributions to Democratic goals in Pinellas County. Awards this year were presented to Mr. Perkins T. Shelton and Ms. Doris Swingles for their work in getting single-member districts, approved by voters in a recent special election. Also, awards went to



Enrique Escarraz and Roger Plata, the attorneys for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, for their legal work on fighting

for quality education for all students in the Pinellas County School System.

The club encourages all

registered to join them now and work toward the goal of Victory 2000 for Democratic, and join the winning team. For

more information, contact Harvey Morgenstein at (727) 360-3971.

FAMU Student Selected To Compete In Jeopardy College Championship

TAMPA — Natalie Tindall, senior print management major at Florida A&M University, will compete in the 12th Annual Jeopardy College Championship scheduled to air Feb. 7th-18th, 2000.

More than 10,000 students across the country sent in requests to audition for the show. Tindall is one of only 15 students invited to appear in the series of shows that will be taped at Sony Picture Studios in Culver City, California on Jan. 15th and 16th.

"Natalie has a natural curiosity that keeps her reading and the key to success is reading," said Vivian Hobbs, coach of FAMU's Honda All-Star Challenge Team, winners of four national brain bowl championships. Tindall has been a member of FAMU's brain bowl team for two years. "I know that her chances are great to do extremely well."

In addition, the cash prizes of the first, second and third place winners will be matched by Volvo and earmarked for student scholarships at their respective schools.

At the very least, she stands to win \$2,500. If Tindall becomes the College Champion, she will receive a \$50,000 cash prize, a 2000 Volvo and a space to compete in the Jeop-



Natalie Tindall

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"I knew that I had the ability and the knowledge-base to compete," said Tindall. "It has always been my dream. I knew that it was now or never. It feels great to be chosen for such a prestigious show. I am thankful for the opportunity."

Tindall first became interested in Jeopardy while in elementary school, but it wasn't until college that she actually started applying to be a contestant on the show. Concerned that she was at a disadvantage because she was a senior, Tindall said she knew she would have to do more than just

apply once and wait on a response.

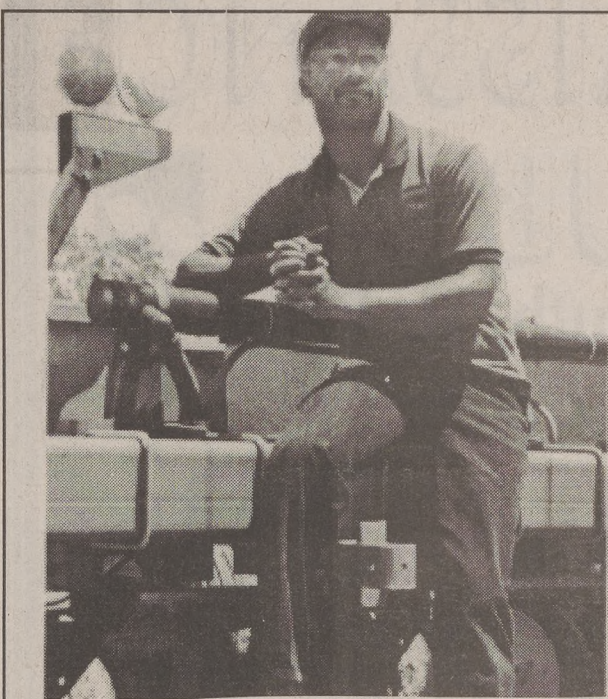
"I sent e-mails, called them four or five times a week and I sent several batches of post-cards," said Tindall. "I was always trying to put my name out there. Everyone has been supportive and I'm really blessed for that."

"I've done brain bowl all my life and playing in college has heightened my awareness and broadened my base of knowledge. I can answer questions that four years ago I know I couldn't. Jeopardy is the culmination of years of work."

Sometimes I Am Haunted By Memories Of Red Dirt & Clay



L-R: Gilbert's grandfather, Fred H. Mathis, Sr., displaying his farm goods at a county fair. Archival photo of an African-American farm family in the rural South.



Top: Gilbert's cousin, Warren James, sitting on the back of a tractor in Montezuma, GA.



Bottom: Archival photo of African-American farmer and child.

Tampa Bay Political Seminar-2000

CLEARWATER — Thinking of running for political office on the local, state or national level? You won't want to miss The Tampa Bay Political Seminar-2000, scheduled for Jan. 29th, from 8:30am-5pm, at The Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater. Presented by Leadership Pinellas, the seminar is open to the public and covers such topics as: an overview of a political campaign, campaign mechanics, building a campaign, ethics of campaigning, and use of the internet.

The goal of The Tampa Bay Political Seminar-2000 is to give potential candidates, community leaders, campaign workers and volunteers a realistic look at the campaign process. Speakers include a combination of elected officials, professional political consultants and members of the local media.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling (727) 585-8889. Registration fee includes breakfast and lunch.

Free SWAT Training Available For Local Youth

ST. PETERSBURG — Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) is holding a New Member Orientation and Training on Saturday, February 12th, from 10am to 3pm at the U.S. Coast Guard Station, 15100 Rescue Way, Clearwater (near the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport).

This free event will pro-

vide Pinellas County youth between the ages of 11 and 17 an opportunity to learn about the SWAT organization and their fight against Big Tobacco.

Breakout sessions will include workshops on youth empowerment, media relations and planning of future SWAT events. Participants can win free prizes by answering ques-

tions and playing games. Everyone will receive lunch and SWAT gear to take home.

For a registration packet or more information, please call Kimothly Warren at (727) 825-1229 or Megan Proplesch at (727) 347-6133. Registrations must be completed and mailed to the Pinellas County Health Department by February 5th.

Rotary Club Sells GTE Classic Tickets To Benefit Bay Area Literacy Programs

TAMPA — The Rotary Club of Tampa is selling tickets to the GTE Classic to raise awareness and funds for local literacy programs. One hundred percent of proceeds generated through GTE Classic ticket sales will go directly to Tampa Bay Reads to fund Bay area literacy programs, such as

the Tampa Rotary sponsored Reading Is Fundamental. The GTE Classic will take place at the Tournament Players Club of Tampa Bay, Feb. 14th-20th. One day tickets and multi-day passes are available by calling the Rotary Club of Tampa at (813) 223-3394.



SAN FRANCISCO — Independent Television Service (ITVS) presents Homecoming...Sometimes I Am Haunted By Memories Of Red Dirt and Clay, the story of African American land loss and a chronicle of black farmers from the Civil War to the present. Homecoming features archival footage and audio tracks including the voices of Malcolm X, Fannie Lou Hamer and Julian Bond. The film also features text excerpted from the testimony of freed slaves, Toni Morrison's Song of Solomon and the writings of August Wilson. It will premiere Thursday, Feb. 3rd at 10pm.

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Shaun King Guest At Tom Thumb Talent And Fashion Show

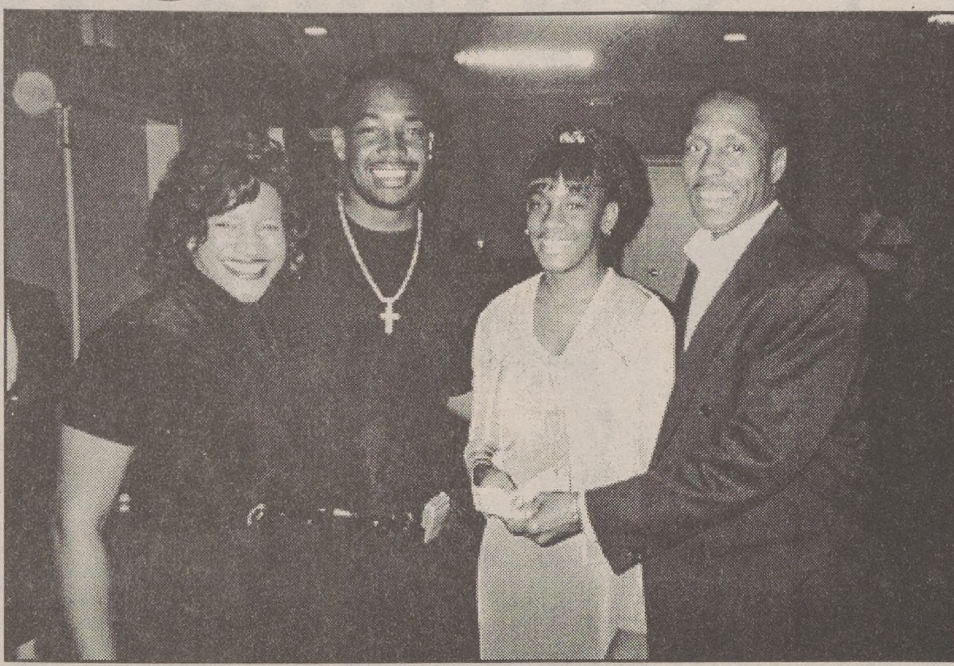
TAMPA - On Friday, Jan. 7th at 7pm, Community Benefit Network, Inc. celebrated it's second annual Tom Thumb Wedding Talent and Fashion Show. Guest appearance for the show this year was Shaun King, quarterback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Also, our MC guests were Susan Casper of Bay 9 News and Mikeel Haneef, owner of Tru-Coat Painting and Tampa Bay Stream Team.

The community fund-raiser was an effort to provide, at reduced cost, tickets to the UniverSoul Circus. This year's circus will take place under the Big Top and will be held in Tampa in February. Last year, we provided tickets for children to go to Miami. The UniverSoul Circus is the only African American circus in the world. The children expressed that the circus is "totally awesome." This year's circus promises to be one of the best with all new acts.

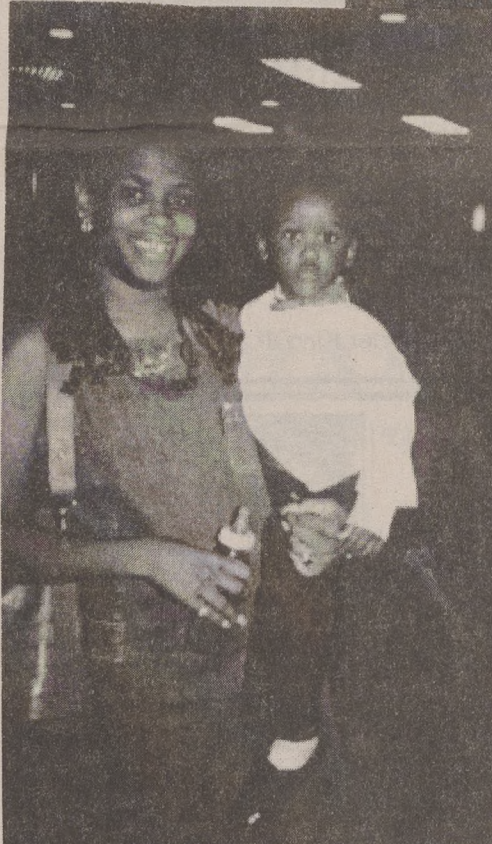
The winner of the talent show was Nojala Idolette. Shaun King was among the judges. Guest performers were the Mime Dancers, under the direction of Adriene Douglas. Music was provided by Richard Guess. The event was held at the Holiday Inn Sunspree.

A special thanks to Leila Wilson for her dedicated service in working with Attorney Rouson to make this event a continued success.

For information on becoming a sponsor of Community Benefit Network, Inc., contact Eric Green, 502-0818.

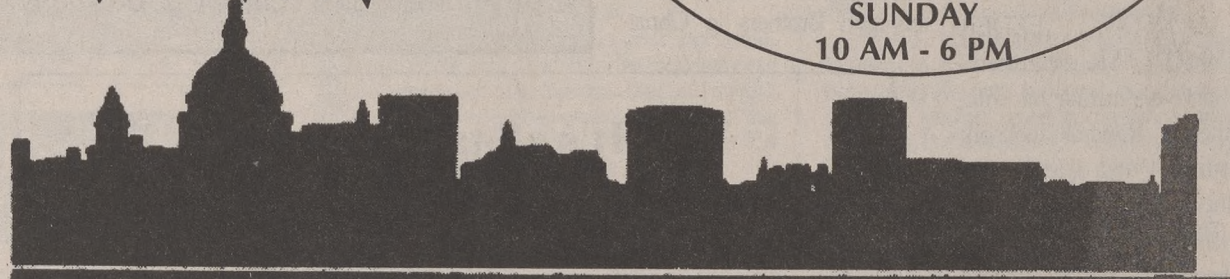


(From L to R): Susan Casper, Shaun King, Najala Idolette & Attorney Darryl Rouson



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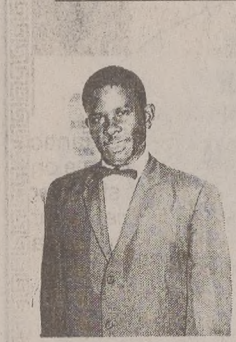


BEAN, DENNIS
ROLAND died January 15, 2000. Survivors include his wife, Joan Bean; daughters, April Bean-Pearson and Joden Bean-Pinkney; one sister; two grandchildren and a host of other relatives, friends and saints in Christ. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



CANNIDA, RONALD E.
SR. died January 16, 2000. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Cannida; one son, Ronald E. Cannida, Jr.; his father, Marshall Cannida; two brothers; four sisters; and a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, and a host of other relatives and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

HOUSTON, OSSIE
MAE died recently. Survivors include two sisters; one brother; one daughter, Juanita Harris; two grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, other relatives and sorrowing friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



JACKSON, ELDER
RAYMOND SR. died recently. Survivors include his wife, Catherine Randall Jackson; daughters, Viola Daniels and Catherine Miley; sons, Henry Jackson, Deacon Raymond Jackson, Jr., Pastor Richard Jackson; Elder Michael Jackson, and Terry Jackson; two aunts; 26 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives, friends and loved ones. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

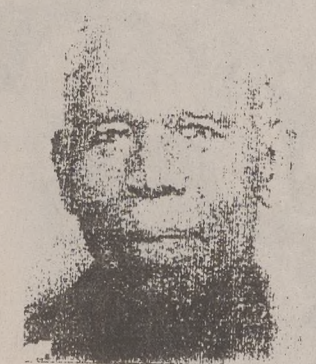


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MORAGNE, SONJA
DEJUAN died January 14, 2000. Survivors include four sons, Marquel, Delvanta and Ahmad Moragne, and Johnny Robinson, Jr.; three brothers; two sisters; one aunt; eight uncles; one niece, and a host of nephews, cousins, other relatives and devoted friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



MYRICK, HOWARD
died January 17, 2000. Survivors include his companion of 38 years, Ms. Lula Mae Chance; two daughters, Melinda Graham and Sandra Roberts; three sons, Robert Myrick, Carl Lee Myrick, and Lanard Chance; one sister; two brothers; 14 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

PRESLEY, ROBERT
EARL died January 15, 2000. Survivors include his wife, Alvinia Presley; sons, Robert Presley, Jr., Adrian Presley; and Nigel Cosey; one daughter, Noelle Conrad; three brothers; four sisters; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

SMITH, ELLAWESE
died January 13, 2000. Survivors include her husband, John Smith, Sr.; children, Christine Clark, John Smith, Jr., and Janie L. Smith; three brothers; five sisters; three grandsons; five granddaughters; 21 great grands, 7 great-great grands, and a host of nieces, nephews, Christian Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Jesus and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



THOMAS, HAZEL M.
died January 15, 2000. Survivors include one son, Antonio Lamar Fudge; her mother, Mrs. Maudine Walton; and a host of aunts, uncles, great uncles, cousins and sorrowing friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

TRAVIS, MARY ANN
died January 11, 2000. Survivors include a daughter, Dessie Travis Williams; 8 grandchildren; one 28 great grandchildren; and a host of cousins, nieces, great great grandchildren, nephews and sorrowing friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

WILLIAMS, ORCEOLA
died January 19, 2000. Survivors include one daughter, Marjorie Fleming; one son, John A. Williams; one brother; four sisters; 14 grandchildren, and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater.



WRIGHT, MARY M.
LOVETTE died January 15, 2000. Survivors include two sons, Earl and Jeffrey Wright; one daughter, Sheila Wright; six brothers; four sisters; one granddaughter; two great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and other sorrowing friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

Clearwater Final Rites

BUTLER, DOLLIE
MAE died recently. Survivors include four daughters, Theresa Butler, Debbie Butler, Helen Butler, and Mary Butler-Denson; five sons, Ronnie Butler, Michael Butler, Alfred Butler, Charlie W. Butler, and Charles Butler; two sisters, Oreatha Carter and Urinea Collins; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater.



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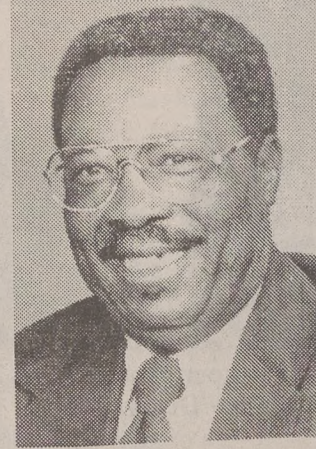


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EVANS, FLORA LEE
died January 12, 2000. Survivors include two sons, Jerome Evans and Tyler Lovette; one daughter, Jacqueline Evans; six grandchildren; two brothers; five sisters; one great aunt; four uncles; four aunts; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater.



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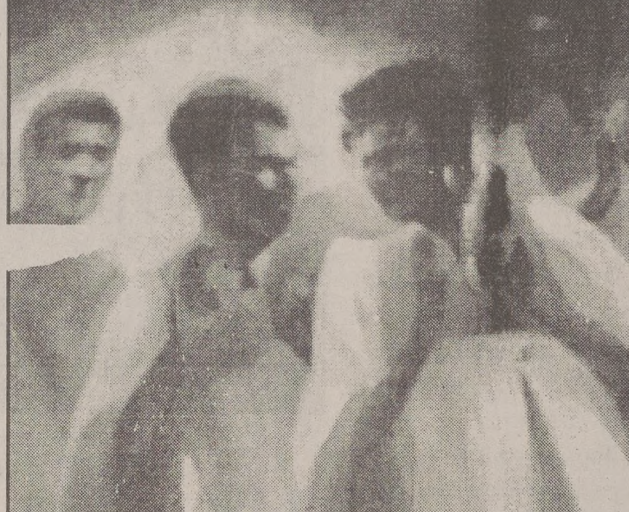
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Notice is given that the Agency Action was Approved on December 8, 1999, Lorenzo Reed (Agent for SPHA), 401 S. Florida Avenue, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33602. Permit/Application No. 65878. The project is located in Pinellas County, Section(s) 26, Township 31 South, Range 16 East. The Agency Action, No permit required, a Surface water management system on 4.77 acres to serve Jordan Park Senior Village Comprehensive Revitalization known as Jordan Park Senior Village.

The file(s) containing the Agency Action referred to above is available for inspection Monday through Friday except for legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's agency action may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes (F.S.). Petitions must comply with the requirements of Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. and Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and be filed with (received by) the District Clerk located at District Headquarters, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34609-6899. Petitions for administrative hearing on the above agency action(s) must be filed within 21 days of publication of this notice (or within 14 days for an Environmental Resource Permit with proprietary authorization for the use of Sovereign Submerged Lands). Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right(s) such person(s) may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., concerning the subject agency action. Petitions which are not filed in accordance with the above provisions are subject to dismissal.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice of agency action. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

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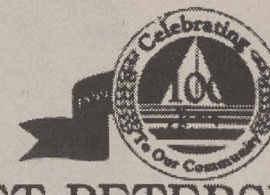
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Taurus

April 20 to May 20

With Saturn in your sign challenging the sun, you're more focused now than ever—so use this star-blessed insight to achieve long-held goals. A matter of the heart is decided on the 2nd; whatever the outcome, it's the right one for you.



Gemini

May 21 to June 21

You're a whirlwind of activity this week, but don't overextend yourself—it could lead to hurt feelings. At home, open a new cookbook and it'll inspire you to create some culinary masterpieces; invite friends over and voilà—instant party!



Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Does your purse feel heavier than usual? Blame it on the sun lighting up your financial zone. In love matters, the stars help smooth the edges off a long-smoldering conflict, reinstating romantic bliss; celebrate with a candlelight dinner.



Leo

July 23 to August 22

The solar emphasis on relationships will give you increased understanding when dealing with loved ones. Remain open and the bonds of family and friendship will grow stronger than ever! Exercise caution when requesting a raise.



Virgo

August 23 to September 22

Romance is extra sweet this week, thanks to the double charms of Venus and the moon. At work, problems resolve themselves as if by magic on the 4th, so relax and concentrate on a job well done; it'll earn you kudos from higher-ups!



Libra

September 23 to October 22

Lucky you, Libra! Romantic stars provide the glimmer of new love on the 4th; a quiet dinner will set the stage for sensual fireworks later on. Review your 1999 finances now and you may get a bigger refund come tax time.



Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

Romance brightens your week thanks to the Mars/Pisces conjunction breathing life into a faded love. In work matters, you've been considering some changes, but are scared to take the plunge. Don't be—you'll make the right decision.



Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

Family demands will make you feel like you're being pulled in 10 directions, but a firm "no" will help keep the peace—and your sanity! Longing to travel? Shop around now and the stars promise you'll find some fabulous vacation bargains.



Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

You've worked hard to get where you are and now you'll finally reap the benefits. Will your reward be financial or romantic? Maybe both, which could account for the extra rosy mood you'll enjoy from the 1st to the 3rd.



Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

With a quartet of powerful planets gracing your sign this week, your birth month promises to be memorable, indeed! First up: romance, and plenty of it. Next: a startling insight that leads to financial security and spiritual fulfillment.



Pisces

February 19 to March 20

Mars' lucky transit through your sign won't happen again for another two years, so if you've been dreaming of changing jobs or making a big move, now is the perfect time to do it! Friends will lend a much-needed helping hand on the 2nd.

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